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PRIDE Shabbat

Friday, June 5
6:15 PM

Join us for a special service and inspirational *drash* with guest speaker Joy Ladin *The Soul of the Stranger*.

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Mazal tov to Karen Gerton!

After more than three decades with the B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School, Karen is retiring from her post on June 30 and will become Nursery School Director Emerita. She has educated the minds and filled the hearts of B'nai families for generations.

See our full tribute to Karen and a personal Q&A with her on page 10.

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Annual Campaign
2019-2020

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We honor and recognize those who supported the 2019-2020 Hineini Annual Campaign

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B'NAI MITZVAH

בני מצוה

The following students are becoming b'nai mitzvah in June. Although their services and celebrations will not be as originally planned, these dates in June will always be "theirs." We acknowledge and applaud all the hard work that went into preparing for the b'nai mitzvah as they were supposed to be.

Lucy Madison Bobb

June 6 Live via Zoom

Lucy Bobb, daughter of Beth and Daryle Bobb, granddaughter of Karol and Harvey Ostrager, and Sandy and Stanley Bobb (z"l), is a sixth-grade student at Tilden Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Lucy has teamed up with the head chef at Nada, and she is raising money for donations of meals to doctors, nurses, and hospital staff.



Skylar Grace Cohen

June 6 Live via Zoom

Skylar Cohen, daughter of Marjorie and Jamie Cohen, granddaughter of Myra and Richard Cohen, and Linda and Dr. Mitchell Strumpf, and great-granddaughter of Jerry and Joanne Cohen, is a seventh-grade student at Cabin John Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Skylar spent every Sunday morning for the last six months at the Smith-Kogod house at the Hebrew Home. She spends time visiting residents and keeping them company. She plays Scrabble, card games, and does crafts with senior citizens to help keep them mentally stimulated.



Evan Samuel Gorodetzky

June 13 (Rescheduled for the Fall)

Evan Gorodetzky, son of Tamara and Mark Gorodetzky, grandson of Sharyn and Arthur Fuchs, and Barbara and Dr. Charles Gorodetzky, is a seventh-grade student at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. For his *mitzvah* project, Evan donated to and has been volunteering at Bikes for the World, an organization that sends used bikes to developing countries. These donated bikes provide better transport to work, education, and health care. Evan learned how to prepare bikes to be shipped, and he disassembled older bikes to donate their parts.



Theodore Jared Gittleson

June 20 Live via Zoom

Theo Gittleson, son of Laura and Matthew Gittleson, grandson of Bunny Witten, and Nancy and Dr. Richard Gittleson, and great-grandson of Geraldine Gittleson, is a sixth-grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. For his *mitzvah* project, before COVID-19 Theo volunteered at A Wider Circle. He helped haul boxes, sort items, and make book bundles. He created a team of family members called "Theo's Talented Tornadoes" to participate in the organization's Virtual Race to End Poverty, which helps raise money to help families transition into new lives from homelessness.



SHABBAT

Candlelighting & Havdalah

JUNE

5/6	8:14 PM/9:02 PM
12/13	8:17 PM/9:06 PM
19/20	8:20 PM/9:09 PM
26/27	8:21 PM/9:10 PM

JULY

3/4	8:20 PM/9:08 PM
10/11	8:18 PM/9:06 PM
17/18	8:14 PM/9:01 PM
24/25	8:09 PM/8:57 PM
31/August 1	8:03 PM/8:51 PM

High Holidays Information

Our Roadmap to Reopening Task Force is working diligently to ensure our community's safety given the evolving situation. This early in the planning stage, there are really only two things we know for sure: Rosh Hashanah will begin on the 1st of Tishrei (Friday evening September 18); and things are going to be different this year.

We recently sent a letter via email, which included a brief survey. Please complete the survey before June 5, so we can use your input to create a meaningful menu of holiday experiences to serve the unique circumstances of this year.

Visit www.bnaiisraelcong.org/highholidays2020 to complete the survey.



RABBI'S MESSAGE

by RABBI MITCHELL BERKOWITZ

“Is COVID-19 a divine punishment? Has God abandoned us?” More than one person has asked me some version of this question over the past few months. It is natural for us to seek answers to complicated questions like these, the “whys” of our present reality. Perhaps we will eventually know the precise source of the virus and why it spread so quickly, but science cannot answer the deeper *why* questions. *Why* would God permit this suffering and devastation? That is not a question that any doctor or scientist is equipped to answer. Nor is it a question that Judaism, or any religion, can truthfully answer.

Questions of this sort abound during times of crisis. Many Jews asked themselves how God could have allowed the horrors of the Shoah to be perpetrated against innocent human beings. Why are there natural disasters? How can we explain tragic accidents? It is human nature to seek answers to questions like these, and for millennia people have turned to their religion as a source of solace and comfort.

Throughout our history, the Sages of our tradition have tried to explain horrific events in theological terms: The First Temple was destroyed as punishment for spurning God’s divine instructions; the Second Temple was destroyed as punishment for baseless hatred against one another. But those theological arguments were not made by contemporaries of the tragedies—they were applied by individuals in later generations who did not experience the trauma and who were not directly impacted by it.

Perhaps in a few generations some distant relatives of ours will make some theological

claim about our present situation, but I do not believe that it is the task of Judaism, or any religion for that matter, to make those claims today. They are not helpful, they are not verifiable, and they do not contribute positively to our ability to navigate this situation.

None of this is to say that religion is not deeply valuable in this moment. In fact, Judaism and other faith traditions are vital at times like these not because they tell us *why*, but because they tell us *how*. Judaism cannot tell me *why* we face this pandemic, but Judaism has a lot to say about *how* we should face it. When lives are at risk, Judaism reminds us of the value of *pikuach nefesh*, whereby we are obligated to set aside other priorities to protect human life. When vulnerable members of our community are isolated, Judaism reminds us of *bikkur cholim*, being present (albeit not physically) to support the sick and the suffering. When a loved one is lost, Judaism provides a rich scaffold of rituals to help us mourn (even if those rituals must be observed in unconventional ways).

One of the greatest projects of Judaism is its ability to make us better people, better human beings. Especially in the midst of a global pandemic, Judaism offers a rich source of inspiration and support. The values of our tradition and the *mitzvot* of the Torah empower us to see beyond the fear and uncertainty, not to disregard it, but to find ways to care for one another without allowing the fear to cripple us and hold us back.

I have seen such an outpouring of love and support from our community during this time. Community members donate household essentials to refugees settling in our community. They call each other just to check in and say hi. They log on to Zoom *shiva* minyanim to extend condolences and send strength to those who mourn.

So where is God in all of this? God is in those moments of connection, when we treat one another kindly, when we perform acts of lovingkindness. As long as we do not abandon one another, God cannot abandon us.

Membership Dues 2020-2021

Even in these trying and unprecedented times, B’nai Israel remains a thriving synagogue. In the last few months, we have learned the true power of the B’nai Israel community to come together in a time of unprecedented need. We continue to educate our children; worship and celebrate holidays together in new ways; learn virtually through adult education classes; serve the pastoral needs of our congregation; and find connections through holiday workshops, office hours, book clubs, and more. This is what community is all about; and we thank you for being a part of ours, now and into the future.

As we do every May, we wrote to invite you to renew your membership commitment to B’nai Israel. As costs rise and uncertainties abound, we must ask for your commitment to remain operational.

I make this request from a place of understanding, as I know that the current health crisis touches members of this congregation in different ways. For some people, the thought of paying your membership dues right now is difficult. We want to be flexible and responsive to your situation, and to work with you to stay members of the synagogue. If, on the other hand, you are able to pay your dues in their entirety now, you can imagine how beneficial that would be.

If you did not receive your dues information or have additional questions, please contact Hal Ossman, Executive Director, at hossman@bnaisraelcong.org. The past months have shown us what being part of a community is all about. Thank you for being a part of ours.

Steve Rothenberg, President
B’nai Israel Congregation

We are excited to be back in print!

After two months of a digital-only *Scroll*, we are glad to be able to reach your home again.

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NOTES

by CANTOR SARAH BOLTS

Although this year's Capital Pride events have been postponed due to the ongoing pandemic, here at B'nai Israel we will still be holding our first-ever LGBTQ Pride Shabbat virtually on Friday night, June 5. I'm very excited that Joy Ladin will be joining us as our speaker.

Joy Ladin is an English professor at Stern College at Yeshiva University, as well as a nationally recognized writer, speaker, and scholar on transgender issues. I first met her in Boston in 2013, when she spoke about the theology of feminism and transgender identity at Hebrew College's Winter Seminar on Feminism. The session was so powerful that when my classmates and I split up into discussion groups later that day to reflect on what we'd learned, one of the groups was entitled "Joy Ladin Just Blew My Mind."

Joy Ladin will speak during our Friday night service, which will also incorporate themes of welcoming and inclusion. Her talk is entitled "The Soul of the Stranger" and will focus on why it is so important for us to actively welcome LGBTQ people into our midst. I hope you will join us to hear her Torah of welcome, and to celebrate the diversity within our community.

Tish'a B'Av The Ninth of Av

On this day we commemorate the destruction of the Temples and other tragedies of Jewish history.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

8:00 PM *Minha/Ma'ariv* and
Reading of *Eikhah-Book of Lamentations*

THURSDAY, JULY 30

7:15 AM *Shaharit*
2:00 PM *Minha*
8:00 PM *Ma'ariv*

Fast ends at 8:51 PM.

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

by MARC S. LEVINE
Parliamentarian

Writing a *Scroll* column was never an ambition of mine. Certainly when I was asked to serve as Parliamentarian it never occurred to me that I would have to. Who really wants to know about *Robert's Rules of Order*, after all. But Steve Rothenberg suggested that I did need to write a column, and that I should talk about my own history with B'nai Israel.

My first memories of B'nai Israel go back to my earliest memories—at the building at 16th & Crittenden, with my grandfather, Buck Pascal, taking me up on the *bimah* with him—“services” in the chapel—playing on those front steps. I remember my first rabbi, Henry Segal, who, for no good reason, I was terrified of.

I have memories of nursery school at the building on Georgia Avenue, and many memories of growing up in our current building, or at least the first half of our current building. I remember my sister, Nancy, becoming a bat mitzvah in 1976—the first girl with a Saturday bat mitzvah. I remember numerous High Holiday services. Attending them, escaping them, rejoining them. I remember watching my grandfather and father, Sheldon Levine, walk with the Torah on Kol Nidre, and my mother, Paula Levine, sit on the *bimah* as a Board member and Vice-President.

I had my bar mitzvah in 1979, with Rabbi Simon and Cantors Friedman and Keival present, and thought I was, at last, free of B'nai Israel. Alas I was brought back by Diane Schilit and USY, giving a speech

on Shabbat morning when I came back from USY Pilgrimage to talk about my experiences.

When my father's parents died and he started attending the morning *minyan* to say *Kaddish*, I joined him at times, with his friend Arnold Cooper, *z"l*, who became a lifetime member of that *minyan*. When my father died, after I returned from college, I attended the *minyan*, at times, sitting next to Arnold as he had sat next to my father.

I met my wife and had an *auf ruf* at B'nai, and when my daughters were born, they were all named here. A bright and shiny memory was the birth of my oldest daughter, Shelby, and delivering her to my grandfather Buck, who scooped her from me and walked the length and breadth of the shul, showing off his new great-granddaughter, as he told me he had once showed me off at 16th & Crittenden.

Sometime after that, after 30–35 years of attending B'nai Israel and being a part of the community, Susan and I finally joined B'nai Israel. We had been riding the coattails of my parents this whole time, and I remember the first Shabbat *Kiddush* after we joined—Rabbi Schnitzer rushed across the room to welcome us as new congregants.

My three daughters had their bat mitzvahs here, and I have experienced the life cycle events we expect—the loss of my father, my grandparents, and other close family and friends. When I was sick, Rabbi Schnitzer prayed with us over the phone. We have developed bonds with other congregants that will never be broken and have brought joy and contentment to our lives.

I never sought to be a member of the Board, much less on the Executive Committee, but in my heart I always knew that if I was asked, I would serve. I am forever indebted to the history of B'nai Israel, and the history of my family's service to B'nai. My grandfather was President of the shul when the time came to migrate out of DC, and my grandmother was a President of the Sisterhood. My mother served many roles, the last of them historian, and it was a very proud day when she was honored for her lifetime of service to B'nai Israel. Their work and sacrifice had given me the very history and connections I cherish, and in my few years on the Board of Governors, and now on the Executive Committee as

Parliamentarian, I see an opportunity to sacrifice my time and effort, to ensure that B'nai Israel will be here, and thriving, for my children and their children.

Living in Covid-World has, for the first time separated my family from the physical building that houses B'nai Israel, but also strengthened our connection to the community. Recently when our family suffered a loss, we could feel the love and support pour out of the ether to us, to comfort us, and remind us that our community had not gone anywhere at all.

**We look forward to a
virtual gathering for our
ANNUAL
MEETING
&
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OF OFFICERS**

June 23 at 7:15 PM

Please check your email for
Zoom link information as the
date approaches.

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This Week in Jewish History

Tuesdays, June 2-23, 2:00 PM
 Join our *shlichah* Netta Asner-Minster to hear about the top 5 events that happenend in Jewish history during this week—from the bible until recently.
 Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85674990239>
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The People of the Book: Celebrating Israel's Book Month

4 Thursdays, June 4-25
 June 4 and 11, 4:00 PM
 June 18, and 25, 7:30 PM
 Join our *shlichah*, Netta Asner-Minster, for weekly discussions about Israel's special book month and Israeli literature. Cosponsored by the Blumberg-Zalis Family Library.
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The Six Day War, 53 Years Later

Tuesday June 9, 7:30 PM
 What is the lasting impact of the Six Day War for us today? Our *shlichah* Netta Asner-Minster will discuss the outcomes and impact of the Six Day War, and how it still influences Israel today.
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Summer Beit Midrash (Revised Format this Year)

Tuesday evenings, July 7-28, 7:30-8:30 PM
 The annual Summer Beit Midrash returns to B'nai Israel this summer in a virtual and revised format. Texts are shared with participants ahead of time (in both English and Hebrew) so that you can study them before each class. Feel free to learn with a family member, friend, or study partner. Take note of your observations and questions and bring them to our class, led each week by one of the clergy.
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SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

During the summer months, we invite members of our community to speak on Shabbat mornings and address the congregation about the interesting ways that they connect special experiences to their Jewish identities.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/788352437>

June 27
Sacred Untethering
with Rabbi Rami
Schwartz



An exploration into what happens when our norm unravels, or the holiness we might find in doing so ourselves.

Rabbi Rami Schwartz is a spiritual leader and social entrepreneur, and was the founding director of both Ramah Day Camp of Greater Washington, DC, and the Den Collective. He loves jazz music and long-distance biking, and currently resides in Arlington, VA.

July 4
The Thirteen
Attributes of My Gap
Year in Israel
with Lily Pollack



Nativ is the Conservative movement's gap year program, based in Jerusalem. The experience provides a unique opportunity for newly minted high school graduates to explore their connection to Judaism through educational, travel, and volunteer activities. Although my year abroad was cut short, I look forward to sharing my cultural and Jewish journey with the community.

Lily graduated from Richard Montgomery High School in 2019. She has been an engaged member of the B'nai Israel community, assisting with library services, volunteering with children's activities, and serving as both a madricha and a teacher in Talmud Torah. Lily was active in B'nai Israel's USY chapter and was the recipient of Seaboard USY's Claire Sodden Award for outstanding service to the region.

July 11
A Voice for the
Voiceless
with Sara Tennen



Sara Tennen will share what inspired her legal career, first as a prosecutor of sex crimes against children and more recently as the Executive Director of the DC Volunteer Lawyers Project, a non-profit organization that provides free legal and support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, and at risk children. With a focus on the power and privilege each of us has within, Sara will encourage us to use our voice for the voiceless among us.

Sara B. Tennen is the Executive Director for DC Volunteer Lawyers Project, a non-profit organization that provides free legal and support services to victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and to at-risk children. Sara has served as a court appointed guardian ad litem on behalf of numerous children and has represented hundreds of victims in DC Superior Court. She has extensive litigation experience questioning experts, and interviewing children, both inside and outside the courtroom. Sara is a trained mediator and forensic interviewer. She earned a law degree and a Master's degree in Social Work from Case Western Reserve University and a B.A. in Psychology and Women's Studies from the University of Rochester.

July 18
TikTok Trendy
Judaism: Jewish Life
is getting social and
wait wait...it's a good
thing!



with Marion Haberman
What if the Kardashians were Jewish? What if the people who fascinate and inspire us on social media also happened to have a little lox with their weekly bagel? Imagine an Instagram feed full of Pottery Barn styled Hanukkah decor and toddler lunches shaped like Shabbat candles. A lot of Jewish life online has been a victim of copy/paste—take what we're already doing in synagogues and JCCs and make it virtual. As caretakers and invested parties in the future of Judaism, if we want to truly appeal and interest Jewish people today, then we need to be where they already are, online.

Marion is a writer and content creator for her @MyJewishMommyLife YouTube channel and Instagram page. She shares her experiences as a mother to her preschooler and toddler, focused on living a meaning-FULL Jewish family life. Her first book, Expecting Jewish! A Millennial Mom's Practical Guide to How Judaism Can be a Blessing to New Moms and Moms-to-be is set for release later this year.

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IN HER OWN WORDS: AN INTERVIEW WITH KAREN GERTON

BY AVERY SUDOW
Communications & Development Director

Karen Gerton walked through the doors of B'nai Israel in 1989 with her then four-year-old daughter Lisa in tow. The connection was so instant that she was offered a teaching position on the spot. In Karen's words that moment became **"the start of an enduring love affair with B'nai."** Karen then went on to be a teacher for eight years and the director of the nursery school for 24 years. Upon her retirement on June 30, Karen will become the Early Childhood Director Emerita.

Recently, I sat with Karen (virtually) and invited her to reflect on her tenure and what has changed, and what hasn't, about raising children.

Q: What do you believe has changed the most since you started with BISNS?

Karen: My tenure mirrored many of the changes that have occurred in our society—for instance we've seen the rapid rise of technology immersion and the ever-quickening pace and stressful challenges of full-time working-parent households. But in the face of all those transformations, parents remained devoted to ensuring their children's happiness and a love for learning.

Q: You've touched on it, but what do you believe has changed the least in your impressive tenure?

Karen: The kids still come to us with ten fingers, ten toes and a big smile. That hasn't changed. All the dreams for their children's future that parents carry in their hearts. That hasn't changed. What also hasn't changed are the core elements and necessity of building relationships. We've been exceptional at teaching children, and at raising families too. It still just takes patience, individual attention, holding hands and the good fortune to be a part of a loving community.

Q: What are you the most proud of that you have been able to accomplish?

Karen: You know there are so many memories, but a few come to mind right now. I'm very proud when hearing about new family traditions that children bring into their homes from our school. Excited children lighting Shabbat candles or singing the four questions at *Seder* shows we've planted the seeds of significant joyous roots in being Jewish.

I also love hearing about relationships that families develop with each other. I'll never forget one day walking into Mykonos to find four former B'nai Nursery School families sharing a meal. They joyfully shouted out, "Look Karen, we're still best friends!" That affirming moment will stay with me forever.

And then I'm also very proud of my Open Door policy. If you ever needed me, I would always find a way to be there.

Q: What advice do you have for parents on raising happy and thriving young children?

Karen: It's difficult to generalize because every child and family is unique. But there are also so many common experiences that parents share. Parenting is less a verb and more a state of mind. We're constantly juggling mixed messages: Let them go... but don't take your eyes off them... Be carefree...set limits... Be kind to others... it's ok to be selfish. If every day a parent can juggle some of the following, they'll have a chance to enjoy a good day: Laugh. Cry. Jump. Think. Sing. Hold Hands. Make Mistakes. Ask for Help. Our children will be forever grateful for what we model.

Q: What do you have to say to all of the teachers who have worked for you during the last 30 years?

Karen: I'll always struggle to find enough words to express my affection, respect and appreciation for your devotion to our children. We all share a love of learning that is unlike any other passion in life. So many of us have enjoyed a lot of years together and I'm grateful and honored to have you as my friends. Together we've created a community of tenderness, joy, and wishes that come true for anyone fortunate enough to enter our school family. *Yasher Koach.*

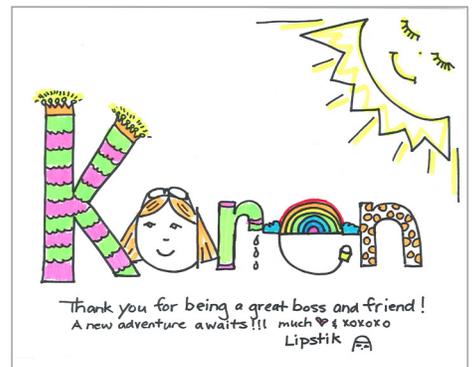


Karen Gerton and Lisa Gerton Jacobson
June 1990

Q: What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

Karen: As Carole King and James Taylor harmonized. "Just call out my name, and I'll come running." I'm excited to go running alongside my children and grandchildren and dream about my next chapters in our community. And just like any wide-eyed and uncertain child on the first day of school, I won't fully know what retirement is for me until I get there. And hopefully I'm not completely retiring until we all have one last chance to celebrate and hold hands again in person.

Karen, our community has much to say as we send you off with love and appreciation. Please enjoy some thoughts from our community:



"Start a child on the right road.... Proverbs 22:6" We join all the other families in thanking you for decades of devotion in starting our children and grandchildren on the right road. Your tireless efforts have made such a positive impact on thousands! We wish you much happiness and fulfillment in the next stage of your life. With love and appreciation for all the love you have poured into your years at B'nai Israel.

—Diane & Howard Schilit

◆ ◆ ◆ HONORING KAREN GERTON ◆ ◆ ◆

We first met in the summer of 2007. I was looking for a new teaching position and I had been told that the director of BISNS, you, were really wonderful to work for. We scheduled an interview and, from the moment I walked into your office, I felt at home. My interview led to a long conversation about home, family and values. And that conversation led to so, so many conversations and to a friendship that I cherish. I knew that I could discuss anything and everything with you, and you would listen and advise me if that is what I was looking for. We didn't always agree on everything, but I knew that you would listen. And remember. It astounded me that you would always remember what was happening with my family and ask about them with heartfelt concern. I wish you much happiness in your retirement. I hope that we continue our friendship over lunches and Mahjongg. Thank you for all that you have given me. You're the best! Xoxo

—Nancy Robins

From the moment of my tour with you, I knew that BISNS was a special place under your leadership. Thank you for caring for our most precious children. Your loving, kind, and thoughtful approach to learning will be missed greatly—we wish you the best of luck in the future!

—Avery, Noah, Hallie & Brody Sudow

Thank you, Karen, for your dedication to B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School. It has been a pleasure working with you both as a parent and a staff member.

—The Needleman Family

Since the first day we met Karen she made us feel like a part of the BISNS family. We feel fortunate to have gotten a piece of her for as long as we have (6 years). Karen always greets you with a smile on her face. She will always be a part of our BISNS journey and will be missed greatly. Thanks for all the Hershey Kisses! It's not goodbye but see you soon!

—Jenni, Matt, Jordan & Noah Weinstein

You have had such a valuable impact on so many children, their families, our community and the world that has received all the B'nai graduates. Your devotion has been inspiring. From the moment Amy began pretending that she was Mrs. Gerton, with glasses on her head, I knew how special you were. May the next part of your journey be filled with love and laughter. Enjoy every second! With so much love and gratitude.

—The Greenberg Family



Our memories of nursery school at B'nai are only wonderful. Karen was the comfort, safety, guidance and always reassuring smiles for me when Adam & Jenna started in the 2's, and all the way through to Gesher. In our years at B'nai during Nursery School and for all the years following, I don't recall ever seeing Karen without her warm, welcoming smile each and every time. We are thankful to have enjoyed the very special fun learning experience that Karen and her team created at B'nai. Wishing you all the very best, Karen.

—Eileen, Jenna & Adam Shatzman



Your dedication, hard work and above all, your love, made an enduring impact on the school and all the families who have joined. I enjoyed working with you at B'nai Israel and wish you all the best in your new adventure.

—Penina Alexander

Our world needs more Karen Gertons! Your character, perspective, and wisdom are second to none. From the day that Rachel entered the 2s, to the day that Ben graduated from the 4s, we counted our blessings that you were their leader, their teacher, and without a doubt, our teacher. We all learned so much from you—many things that we still think of so often today, many years later. Thank you for being you and for sharing your knowledge, and your kindness, with all of us. We adore you. With love and good health in the years ahead.

—Meg, Marc, Rachel & Ben Gold

I have had the pleasure of working and sharing offices with you over the last four years. Karen, you are a good friend & colleague who I can always talk to. You created an amazing Nursery school where families and preschoolers feel special because they know that you love and care for every child. Your big heart and passion will be missed. enjoy a well-earned retirement.

—Moshe Ben-Lev

I remember meeting you in 1997 when we had moved to Rockville. I had put my children in another preschool and was miserable. I knew once we spoke that you would provide the loving, caring environment I was searching for. My oldest was in Kindergarten but fast forward 21 years and my other two still have, not only wonderful memories of BSNS, but lasting friendships as well. Thanks to you welcoming us to B'nai Israel, we discovered a wonderful community that we continue to remain a part of today. In fact, I joined the staff 14 years ago. I will miss our talks but mostly, I will just miss you. I wish you health and happiness as you transition to the next phase of your life. Looking forward to lunches out.

—Jill Gendelman

Thank you for the privilege of working with you to help enrich the minds and hearts of the children at B'nai Israel nursery school. I am so blessed to have met you and pray that you continue your calling to be a light for young minds. God bless.

—Loretta Wright

I have really appreciated how our work relationship has evolved. You are quick to forgive and understand, and you have shown great concern and willingness to understand things that don't always make sense (Netclockin) Smiles. So many things will be missed about you, and for me, it will be our discussions about your kids, grandkids, raising kids, and most of all... *musicals!* So, in that vein, while it is not quite a musical, let me say, "I am so glad we had this time together, just to have a laugh or sing a song, seems we just get started and before you know it.... comes the time to say..." I'll leave that last part out, because I do hope to see you for visits and such. (tugging on my ear). Wishing you all the best in this next phase of your life.

—Gail d'Almeida

I appreciate all your guidance and caring ways. I will miss our interesting discussions on family and students. I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable retirement. One quote I would like to share with you, "The Object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives"- Robert Hutchins. I feel that you have touched many lives. Best Wishes!

—Monique Israel

My children and grandchildren were way past nursery school age when Karen Gerton joined the school. I heard good things about her over the years. But the letter she wrote announcing her retirement was so heartfelt, gracious and warm it made me wish I had known her. I could tell from her thoughts and words that B'nai Israel and all the children who passed through the school were privileged to know her. I wish her all good things in the future. *Kol HaKavod* Karen Gerton.

—Paula Pascal Levine

As the former Geshet teacher at B'nai, and a very long-time congregant, I'd like to thank you for the 32 years of service that you've given to our shul. Enjoy the next chapter of your life, when I'm sure you'll be having a blast with your own grandchildren. *Mazel tov!*

—Sharon Glickman

Karen, seven years ago I walked into your office to introduce myself and start working as a substitute teacher. Shortly after, I was lucky enough to become a full-time employee. Thank you so much for trusting me to become part of B'nai staff. It has been a pleasure and honor working with you and calling you my director. I wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life. Enjoy your retirement and grandchildren. There is nothing more precious than the bond between grandmother and grandchildren.

—Jackie Somekhian

Although we are only in our first year at BISNS, Karen has made us feel welcomed from day 1. Her warm and loving demeanor is what makes her so lovable. We are truly going to miss her but wish her well in this next chapter. Thanks for all you've done for us and all of BISNS Karen, you have left quite the legacy!

—The Kramer Family

Family. Family is everything to you. You chose B'nai Israel for Lisa's nursery school education, and this led to many special relationships. Manny, Michael (with Jennifer and Cole) and Lisa (with Evan and Remy) watched with pride as you developed and nurtured strong ties of friendship with the BISNS family over three decades. Allie, Bonnie, and I are fortunate to share connections with your B'nai Israel family and privileged to share our lives as part of your extended family.

—Nancy Goldberg

We first met Karen when she was the teacher for both of our sons during their 3-year old nursery school classes back in the early 90's. She was always so wonderful with the children—very calm and relatable—and a terrific teacher! Over the years since nursery school, we have enjoyed keeping in touch with Karen, and we wish her all the best during this next phase of her life. With love and best wishes.

—Debbie, Danny, Eric & Todd Glazer

My favorite thing about Mrs. Karen is that she gives the best hugs!

—Abby Watson

Karen has meant so much to our family, even before we became a BISNS family. We love the sense of community she has fostered for the children, families and teachers here at B'nai. It is her biggest legacy!

—Stacey & Andrew Watson

My first professional interaction with Karen was in the mid-90s. The Ivymount CORE program trained teachers in understanding children with special needs. Because of Karen's foresight, training by Ivymount was arranged for BISNS teachers. Fast forward to 2019–20. As the Youth and Education VP, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Karen and BISNS teachers and staff. B'nai Israel has been fortunate to have Karen as our nursery school director. In addition to having a strong understanding of all of our children, she has created and nurtured a welcoming and loving community where our children and families have thrived. *Todah raba!*

—Fonda Lowe

From the moment we met you, we knew that BISNS would become our new home. Thank you for getting to know our kids and providing valuable advice throughout the years. You always knew what was best for them and made us all feel so comfortable at B'nai. We wish you all the best on your next journey. We love you!

—The Freishtat Family

So happy I have gotten to work with you for the past 2 years. Thank you for everything you have done for the community!

—Sarah Jarvis

Karen Gerton changed lives. Day in day out she showed up for the kids and her staff. She was loving, insightful and unflappable and we will be grateful forever for what she did for our kids, Molly and Zeke Simon, and for us as parents. She was always willing to take the time and always had something important to share. To this day, we think about the wisdom she shared and are grateful.

—Sandy Katz & Ethan Simon

Back in 2005 I began this totally unexpected and most enjoyable chapter of my life, becoming part of BISNS. Over the years you, Karen, have become much more than my valued boss who has enabled and supported me year after year to be in the classroom doing what I love. You have also become a trusted and valued friend. ||Your leadership and positive impact will be greatly missed at B'nai but I could not be happier for you to be able to relax and spend more time with your own precious, growing family! XO.

—Brenda Friedman

You have been a constant warm and loving presence for our grandchildren. Because of you and your wonderful staff, the children's love of school is cemented. Thank you for building a strong program and giving our grands a love of school and B'nai Israel. Enjoy your next chapter.

—Debby & Gary Bortnick

It's hard to believe that I met you 30 years ago. You were first my friend, then Adam and Alex's teacher and finally my boss and colleague. You have been a huge part of the Greenfest family's lives. We have shared so many ups and downs. You are a true friend who I have the utmost respect for. Enjoy your time with your family. You will be missed!

—Jaye Greenfest

We love Karen! From the moment we met her when we were looking at preschools, we knew BISNS was the right place for our family. Karen is warm and loving with an open-door policy. We always looked forward to seeing Karen in the morning at drop off with her warm smile and big hugs, and I know the kids also loved when she visited them in the classroom. We wish Karen all the best in retirement and thank her for all she has done for our family and the BISNS community.

—Stephanie, Aaron, Emily & Shayne Udler

Thank you for all your love and support. Best wishes in retirement!

—The Neuringer Family

Since our children had already graduated from B'nai Israel's nursery school when you arrived, they never had the privilege of benefiting from your teaching talents. However, as presidents of our congregation, we were both fortunate to work with you as a director and in so doing, we always admired your caring and empathetic nature, work ethic, and ongoing dedication to the children and their parents as you led our school in such a positive direction. Now that you are retiring, we hope that you (and Manny) will seize the opportunity to relax and enjoy more time with your own children—and especially those precious grandchildren! We truly appreciate our special friendship and your steadfast devotion to our synagogue for so many years. What a blessing it has been for us to know and work with you!

—Sherry & Larry Wachtel

We are a new family to BINS. While searching for a preschool for our son, we knew we felt at home at BINS after meeting with Karen for the first time. Our instincts were right, and our son is thriving in Gan Nahar. When we walk into the building, Karen greets us like family. She has created a warm and accepting environment for both students and parents. We wish Karen the best as she enters this next exciting (and hopefully more relaxing) chapter in her life. Mazel tov!

—Hayley, Sam, & Adam Cooper

A hug with the soft Hebrew greeting of Shalom are treasures that will be part of lives for generations to come. This was Karen Gerton's "special gift" to hundreds of nursery school students as they entered the B'nai Israel school building. This will be passed on as these children become parents themselves and define their world. Karen helped shape that. The Schilit Nursery School won awards. Its teachers were well trained, and Karen's loving eye was always present. How blessed we have been to have her loving care present for decade after decade.

—Rabbi Matthew Simon

Best of luck in the next chapter of your life. It is certainly well-deserved after such a great career. Thank you for caring for each child as your own.

—The Robinson Family

Thank you for all the love you have given to the entire B'nai Israel family, but especially to ours! We will miss your smiling face every time we drop off or pick up our grandchildren! Wishing you all the best always!

—Roz & Rob Black

Karen has been the teacher of my children and the director I have worked alongside for many years. She has been a warm and caring friend and ambassador of the nursery school. Her door is open, and she is always ready to listen and share. Her ability to make others feel welcome has been invaluable to making our school a place of love and connection.

—Renee Lessans



We'll never forget the first day of preschool. We were like deer in headlights and so anxious. We had an excited two-year old, but it was us that needed the hug and comforting words—and that's exactly what you gave us! You have always been there for our family, providing a safe, nurturing community for our children. Your office was a place to receive valuable parenting advice, share good news and count on a hug when needed. We are grateful for your leadership, expertise and friendship. We are so excited for you to embark on your next adventure with your children and grandchildren. Thank you for treating our three children as your own and for always being there for our family. Mazel tov!

—Michelle, Mike, Jacob, Sara & Aaron Logsdon

You have built a nursery school filled with meaning and love for so many. It is felt by all who enter your doors. May your future hold beautiful memories and good health in the days ahead! Mazel Tov.

—Mincy Neil

We came to B'nai because of Karen. As a first-time anxious mom trying to find the right preschool for our son, we visited BISNS and met with Karen who gave us a tour. She was kind, she listened, and she made us feel that warm connection we love about this school. From our first day until our (unexpected!) last one this year Karen greeted us every day at the door, and made Max smile each time knowing he was walking into a safe happy place.

—The Haberman Family



We have been a BISNS family for four years, and our daughter Sophie started in Toddler Time. We were familiar with the school and program but had not worked with Karen and the team before. What struck us about Karen was her ability and effort in getting to know each family at the school. She understands the importance of building a strong relationship foundation between families and the synagogue at large. Karen will greet your child by name, remember your family (even extended!) and know your child. Karen takes time to go into the classrooms and read with the children, and is there for exciting days (celebrating holidays, birthdays, etc.). While many administrators may be in their offices—Karen is happy to be part of our community. After so many years shaping and growing BISNS into what it is today, we are sad to see Karen go. But we know her lasting legacy will be one of a strong community and of lasting friendships, and we thank her for her giving of her time and herself.

—Josh, Larissa, & Sophie Schimel

We have so much appreciation for you! Thank you for your dedication and commitment to providing a highly nurturing nursery environment that has supported our children's love of learning, growth, exploration and independence. We will all miss your warm hellos, hugs and chats. May you continue to go from strength to strength always.

—The Aleskow Family

We were instantly sold on the BISNS when we first met Karen over a decade ago. Our daughters had such amazing experiences in the preschool much of which was due to the dedication and direction of your leadership. We are thankful we got to know you through many formative years for our girls and hope you enjoy what lies ahead during your retirement.

—The Feuerstein Family



It has been a pleasure working with you these past four years and knowing you since my daughter attended the preschool. I wish you the best in your retirement. Enjoy life, relax, do something fun and eventually when the world opens up, travel. Live life to its fullest. You will be missed around the halls of B'nai.

—Ruth Kresloff

Karen welcomed our whole family into the BISNS Community with open arms. As a Mom of 3 young children, her warm smile and post drop-off talks were always something I looked forward to. More importantly, she was a constant guide, helping us navigate through those tough early years. Her office door was always open, and she was always available to listen and help. I know she will truly be missed the halls of the preschool.

—The Hausfeld Family

Thank you for so many years of dedication to the Nursery School. Sophie and Lizzie spent so many wonderful years there, and that is where we met many of our closest B'nai Israel Friends. And most of all, thank you for introducing our girls to Camp Louise, their favorite place in the world. Enjoy your retirement, and we hope to see you soon!

—Sarah, Doug, Sophie & Lizzie Kotlove



I first met Karen in 2015 when we were shopping for preschools. For the past five years, she has been a sounding board, a voice of reason and advice, and a shoulder to cry on! In particular she was a huge help when picking an elementary school for our older son. I'm so happy both of my children have been able to experience preschool at B'nai Israel under her tenure. We will miss you Karen!

—Kelly Paul, Yisroel, Noah, & Gabriel Juskowicz

The first day I arrived at preschool in 2005 you greeted Addie and I by name and you made us feel cared for and at home. On the last day in 2013 at Brielle's preschool graduation you hugged me as I cried that our time at the preschool was complete. You reassured me that we always had a home at B'nai. It's always been apparent that you have given your heart and soul to this school. We have personally shared many moments together—working together when I was VP of Education, and also the "Karen Gerton 25 Years" event. I was so honored to be a part of planning that event for you. You will always be a shining star at B'nai. You will always walk the hall and be greeted with smiles and adoration- because you are loved by your B'nai family. As you start this new chapter in life, remember that we will always greet you by name and always have a hug for you as you did for us. Sending love to you and Manny and your beautiful, growing family! Xoxo

—Tobi, Stuart, Addie, Jonah & Brielle Bassin

I am profoundly grateful for the joy that has been mine in “tracking” together with Karen Gerton since our arrival on the B’nai Israel staff in the same year—1989. Over the decades, we worked closely together and shared so many significant personal and communal moments. Throughout that “journey”, there has been an enduring motif: Karen’s unequivocal commitment and dedication to our Schilit Nursery School—students, teachers and parents. An entire generation here at B’nai Israel has been nurtured by Karen’s love, empathy, energy and presence. Karen’s legacy of influence for all of us is the vitality of our Schilit Nursery School and the strong Jewish values which it has consistently projected. Beverly and I deeply cherish our friendship with you, Karen. We hope that you have deep pride in all your accomplishments and in knowing how you have helped and guided so many. For us, you will always be a star!

—Beverly & Rabbi Jonathan Schnitzer

There are not enough words to describe the impact Karen has had on our family. Our family has always had a connection to B’nai Israel, but Karen Gerton made it our home. All you have to do is take one look at her and you immediately feel an overwhelming love and warmth. Thanks to Karen, our *mishpacha* has grown exponentially, and our family has found friends for life. Our children have the foundational skills to excel in life, and we have Karen to thank. We will very much miss seeing you every morning, Karen, as your smile sets the tone for our day. Thank you for everything.

—The Maiers

Thank you for all that you have done to educate B’nai Israel families for decades. Your dedication to the children, to their families, and to our community is beyond measure. You have inspired generations to love learning and to love Judaism. *Mazel tov.*

—Mitch, Rebecca, & Ruby Berkowitz

It has been a privilege to be your colleagues for the past 18 years as you built and supported our outstanding Schilit Nursery School. But more than that, we are so grateful for all you have done for our children. Thank you for always being there with a suggestion for class placement, supportive ideas to help each child thrive, loving moments in the office at your computer or sharing a Hershey Kiss, and SO MANY friendly smiles. Rebecca, Ethan, and Gila would not be the people they are today without the amazing start you provided. And thank you for sharing Manny, Lisa and Evan, Michael and Jennifer and making them a part of our lives too. We will miss seeing you around the synagogue every day, but we are grateful to know you will never be far away.

—Sharon & Rabbi Mickey Safra, Rebecca, Ethan & Gila

When we visited BISNS for the first time, we immediately felt Karen’s warmth. Karen is the perfect mix of kind, nurturing and accessible. She spends time in every classroom, truly taking the opportunity to get to know the needs of every child so that she can act in their best interests. As a parent, it is comforting to know that your child is treated as an individual. It is also comforting to know that Karen’s door is always open to discuss concerns. No issue is too small for Karen to devote her energy towards. We will miss her greatly!

—The Schor Family

Congratulations on your retirement. May this next chapter of life bring you endless time to do the things you love! Very few people dedicate themselves to their job the way you have. Now, it’s time to take some time for yourself. ||Thank you for treating me so well. Although I’m new, you treated me like family and for that, I will always be grateful! Wishing you all the happiness, good health and joy retirement can bring. Happy Retirement!! You will be missed but never forgotten.

—Trice Kersner

I met Karen during a transitional time in my life and in an instant, we bonded. She nurtured my family and welcomed us to BISNS with open arms and a caring heart. Her commitment to the school and my own children has been a gift. While we haven’t known each other long, we are cut from a similar thread and our friendship will continue to grow outside the walls of B’nai. Thank you, Karen! We will miss you at BISNS!

—Dana Goldberg

Our relationship with B’nai began more than 15 years ago due to a phone call with Karen Gerton. Her expertise, kindness and calm manner led us to enroll our daughter, and then our two sons, in the amazing nursery school. While there, our children received a solid foundation for their education, socialization, and Jewish life and we all made life-long friends. Karen was always available to reassure and comfort us. Even now, when she sees us, she is quick with a warm smile, a hello, and an engaging conversation. We are forever grateful to her for giving all of us this wonderful beginning. Wishing Karen all the best in her retirement. She will surely be missed!

—The Lieberman Family

We were so glad that our kids were able to be a part of the BISNS during Karen’s tenure. Her warm and loving nature is evident in the way that she provides individual attention to make sure each child’s educational and emotional needs are met. *Todah rabah* Karen, and best wishes for all of your future adventures.

—The Willchers

You have touched so many lives in such a wonderful and inspiring way, mine included. Over 25 years ago, I walked into your classroom and introduced myself as your new assistant teacher. You taught me everything! And I kept it all with me for the next 20 plus years at B’nai Israel. So, my friend, my teacher, I wish you all the joy, love and laughter in retirement, that you have brought to my life throughout the many years.

—Brenda Speisman

Karen has always been a beacon of wisdom with a calm, reassuring and loving demeanor. When our oldest daughter was in nursery school and our youngest was a baby, I was visiting with her one day in her office and I told her how upset I was that I had left the stroller in a parking lot a few days ago. The girls were safely in my car, but I had left the stroller behind. Ever so calmly, with a slight smile on her face, she very matter-of-factly admitted that it most likely won't be the last time that happens. She made me feel better laughing about it, reminding me that I was a good mom and the important part was that the girls were safe in the car. (she was right, I did leave the stroller behind a second time, and we never saw it again!).

–Stephanie, Jon, Chloe & Sydney Weiss

One of our first experiences with Karen's dedication to the BISNS children was when our oldest daughter, Eliana, injured herself at school and had to be taken immediately to the hospital. Karen took it upon herself to ride with Eliana in the ambulance and sat with her in the ER until we were able to meet them. We were so thankful Ellie had a friendly, comforting face with her at all times during what was otherwise a fairly traumatic event and got to see, first-hand, how much Karen cares about the well-being of the children in her program. Thank you, Karen; *mazel tov* on 32 years of service and wishing you all the best in retirement!

–Jason & Jaime Froehlich

Seventeen years ago, we stepped into the doors of the B'nai Schilit Nursery school dropping off our baby to begin her first school experience. You turned what seemed very scary into one of the most amazing experiences. We thank you for your love, dedication, warm smile, and always having your door open. You will be very missed at the nursery school, but we know this next adventure in your life is going to be just as rewarding as all the wonderful years you gave to the B'nai.

–Jen, Joel, Madeline, Hannah, & Molly Eisenfeld

I view myself as extremely lucky to have found you and B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School. You are the best at making both children and moms feel safe and loved. You always valued play and making learning fun and interesting as it should be for our little ones! Thank you so much for making Hayley and Zach's nursery school journey a special one. How can I express my gratitude to someone who has given so much of their time and energy to paying attention to my children's early childhood growth and education? I'll always be thankful to have had you in my life during those ever so important years. I love seeing you at B'nai, giving you a hug and a smile. Thank you for being there for me and my kiddos even as they have grown up. Thank you for providing a safe environment for toddlers to learn and have fun! You are one in a million!

–Lisa, Mike, Hayley & Zachary Miller

We are so thankful that Jonah, Aaron, and Shira all spent their pre-school years in your nurturing school. From the moment we met you, we felt that our kids would be safe and happy under your watchful eye, and they always were. Thank you for always being there for our kids, for us, and for all the other families you've touched. Enjoy your retirement!

–Rachel & Steve Kerchner

You have been a wonderful friend, colleague, and mentor. I have been friends with you for 16 years. You always had great advice when I was dealing with Sydney or about life. Enjoy the second chapter of your life!

–Laura Fingerhood

Mazel tov on this special accomplishment! Thank you for your dedication, compassion and hard work to the B'nai Israel community. I remember nearly 20 years ago your kindness, and welcoming assurance when I first dropped Sarah off at nursery school. Wishing you all the best in your retirement with many healthy and happy years. *Todah Rabah!*

–Rene Schecker

Karen made us feel like family the second we met and before enrolling our oldest in nursery school. She put us at ease from the get-go and has been a wonderful sounding board and a great smiling face see each morning. We have had a great six years at BISNS and thank Karen for waiting until our youngest graduated before retiring! Best wishes and enjoy your quality time with your grandkids!

–Scott, Amy, Darren, & Harlow Goff

Thank you for guiding our school (and my grandchildren!) in such a loving and educationally exciting manner. Your devotion to the school and the children is so appreciated. Wishing you all good things as you move forward. Enjoy!

–Wendy Fanaroff

As a new family to the area, Karen welcomed us with open arms. There isn't a specific moment but the feeling we got dropping off our little ones - it's the warm community she has built, fostered and grown that has helped our kids flourish and made us feel at home. We will miss her and want to thank her for everything!

–Bonnie & Greg Minoff

I have known you for over ten years since Sam started preschool at B'nai Israel. You have always been kind to me and my family. You always ask about Josh and Sam and genuinely care about their well-being. I will miss sharing their accomplishments with you but know the connection will remain long after your retirement. We have shared happy and sad times over these years. I have come to know Manny, Lisa, Evan, Michael and Jennifer and more recently Remy and Cole. I wish you the best of everything as you begin a new chapter in your life. *Mazel tov* to you!

–Debra, Allen, Josh and Sam Diewald

This is my first year at B'nai. I have not had the chance to work with you very long and for that I am truly sad. You have shown me nothing but utter kindness. I wish you much happiness in the road ahead and hope to see your face at school sometimes. Enjoy your precious grandchildren.

–Robin Lubin

We were lucky to have started at BISNS the year you began as director...it was David's year in the 2's. Brian and Aaron followed. You immediately became a part of our family as we wandered in and out of the school. Then, I transitioned from being a parent to becoming a part of BISNS. I consider myself so fortunate that I have had the opportunity and pleasure to work with you as a Jewish preschool teacher—in many different roles. I also enjoyed visiting in your office and schmoozing (and discussing school). All of us always looked forward to Nursery School Dinners because we knew that we would see you and Manny (and we would have a chance to visit). Through all this you became a dear friend. We are excited for you to begin this new chapter. Take a breath, do what YOU would like and enjoy your family! Thank you for everything you have done for me/us and our community.

—Suzanne, Josh, David, Brian & Aaron
Schonfeld

I can't say enough good things about Karen. From our first tour of BISNS to now she has been so kind, warm, and friendly. Her leadership and guidance of the nursery school has enriched our children's lives indescribably. Karen is a gift both as an educator and as a person. She knows all the kids by name and is out there with a "hello" and a smile every day. Thank you Karen for your years of service and enjoy your retirement!

—The Milzman Family

We first met Karen when she taught our daughter Marla in the three-day 3-year-old class. Karen was always so welcoming to the children as they entered with trepidation in their first days of school, and made them feel comfortable and loved so quickly. Karen's warmth and care continued as she took over leadership of the Nursery School, and we feel fortunate that our children enjoyed such a loving environment.

—Joel and Audrey Goldberg

Leich L'cha Karen Gerton Version
L'chi lach to a new journey you will enjoy
Leich l'cha to a place of wonder
L'chi lach on your journey we will miss you
L'chi lach and you will be with your family
Leich l'cha with Cole and Remy
L'chi lach to being all together
You have been a blessing! You have made a great name for yourself at B'nai Israel. We wish you lots of luck and joy in your new adventures!

—Allyson Taylor, Cindy Singman, Debra
Diewald, & Hava Anderson

Thank you, Karen, for welcoming us with open arms into the Nursery School three years ago and for continuing to be a source of warmth and comfort for Eleanor and our family throughout the years. We know that you have formed a special bond with Eleanor, and she will miss seeing you at school every day. We hope that you enjoy your well-deserved retirement and we hope that we will continue to see you through the years at the synagogue. *Mazel tov* on a wonderful career and thank you for everything you have done for our family, the Nursery School, and the synagogue!

—The Rappaport/Tulin Family

Best wishes to you on your retirement! We hope that your retirement is filled with much relaxation and fun. Enjoy the time with your family. Thanks for all the years of helping our kids in their earliest school experiences. They loved every minute. Those years gave us many wonderful memories! All our best wishes.

—Craig, Marcie, Jacob, Emily, &
Jessica Peters



You've been an ever-present smiling face for the past 5 straight years we have been at BISNS! We will miss that smile and those warm hugs, but we know you always have us in your heart, and we'll look forward to seeing you around at shul! *Mazel tov* on an incredible & dedicated career to making our children thrive.

—Abigail, Kelyn, & Brody Kopstein



Karen introduced me to the B'nai Israel community and was a huge part of why we enrolled our daughter in the pre-school and joined the congregation. She made our family feel right at home. Thank you for creating a wonderful learning environment for our children!

—Ryan Daniels

Thank you for all the love you have shown to all of us—especially Addie and Jordyn since they first met you. They both have always enjoyed thousands of Hershey kisses in your office and we have always enjoyed that special time to visit with you. Your love of BISNS and all the children shown in everything you did each and every day. Thank you for all you gave to our family over the years. We love you and will miss you tremendously!

—The Robbins Family

Mazel tov, Karen! We are lucky to have had your leadership for more than three decades. Best wishes on your retirement and next chapter!



EARLY CHILDHOOD

by KAREN GERTON
Director



Gever Tulley, co-founder of the Tinkering School, said, “Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems.” This is a lesson that we need to remember when we watch a child struggle to put on their own coat or listen to their cries when their building collapses. We must be confident that children are capable of working through challenges. It’s not something that children either have or don’t have; it’s a skill that they develop as they grow. When children have the confidence to work through their problems, they learn that they can handle difficult situations. The more opportunities they have to rebound on their own, the more they internalize the message that they are strong and capable. This is a gift we can begin giving to our children at a very early age.



This year, we were the role models of persistence and resilience. Our administrators, teachers, and parents gathered their courage and strength to navigate the world of distance learning, companionship and support for one another. Our children followed this positive

lead, adapting to a new way of being with one another and learning. Robin Lubin, our Two-year-old teaching assistant told us, “I’m not fond of Zoom at all. I don’t even get on it with friends. When I had to wake up for a zoom class I was not in the best of moods, until I saw the happy faces of my students.”



Teachers quickly learned new technology, created Zoom classrooms and videos with stories, science experiments, nature and art lessons. Their time and efforts were heroic. Jewish content and values continued to be visible. There was learning about Passover, Yom Ha’Atzmaut and other holidays. Parents and grandparents joined Friday online classes to celebrate Shabbat. Teachers creatively devised plans to help children engage from home. They had Meeting Time, sang songs, read stories, played games, built and drew together. They found ways to honor the moms for Mother’s Day. Parents payed tribute to the teachers with notes, cards, videos and a drive by parade. Our parent association still held their Wine and Dine gathering using Zoom. Webinar learning took place for teachers and parents alike. Nancy Goldberg, our Assistant Director beautifully expressed the essence of our school even in these times. “Our strength is that we don’t just educate the children. We have a community that cares about the entire family.”



children. They adapted to this new version of school. They drew strength from the adults in their lives, putting it into words that gave them comfort. “When the Corona Virus is over, I can come to school and stay with you all day,” a three-year-old child told her teachers. On Shabbat, chicken soup continued to be made with the children “throwing” their vegetables into the pot. Some children figured out that they could “play” catch with their teacher. Our students listened, sang, held up their drawings, showed their accomplishments and most of all shared their ideas with each other. After drawing a picture of her mother, one child proclaimed, “I did a great job with the heart!”

“We did gather our courage and strength



but BEFORE we did that, we made a choice: Be overwhelmed by the situation of Coronavirus and quarantine OR find out how we can show resilience and share that with our children and families. By choosing to continue to make connections with our families through Zoom, FaceTime and videos, we demonstrated resilience in action,” said Glenda Koby one of our Aftercare teachers. B’nai Israel Nursery School showed that at all times we are a strong community dedicated to the families we serve.



YOUTH & EDUCATION

by RABBI PENINA ALEXANDER
Assistant Principal

“When despair for the world grows in me
And I wake in the night at the least sounds
In fear of what my life and my children’s
lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
Rests in his beauty on the water and the great
heron feeds.”

From *The Peace of Wild Things*
by Wendell Berry

Every day, when I wake up, before I can appreciate and show gratefulness for the blessing of a new day, I sometimes feel the crushing weight of anxiety at another day of struggling to balance work and caring for our three kids in a world that has shrunk to the size of our home and our immediate neighborhood. Having a schedule and a structure for the day has helped tremendously, and I’m so appreciative of the hard work of our educators and camp professionals who are providing content and opportunities for connection, entertainment and learning. But how do we help ourselves, how do we give ourselves a break, a chance to lie down in peace and wake up again renewed, as our liturgy offers in the Haskivenu prayer?

The Talmud in tractate Berakhot teaches: Three matters provide one peace of mind and they are: voice, sight and smell. Three matters raise a person’s spirit and they are: a beautiful residence, a beautiful person and beautiful vessels.

We can all think of a time when something we experienced with our senses brought us a tremendous amount of comfort: listening to

an old message from a loved one or hearing loving words whispered into our ears, seeing something awesome like a sunset or when someone comes into view who you have been yearning to see, or smelling a favorite dessert baking in the oven. We take a deep breath and our muscles start to relax. Our kids need all of this too to help ease the anxiety they too feel as we continue on this path.

It’s interesting to me that taste was not included here because so many people have been coping with quarantine by cooking and baking, but during this time, as parents, we have had to dig deep into our recesses of patience and creativity to make life possible for our families with all that it requires. As the school year comes to a close in a way that we never imagined, we find ourselves needing peace as much now as ever.

The second part of the Talmudic passage offers more hope. Not only can we find peace but we also something approximating joy. Our homes have become our whole worlds now and if we find ways to make it or certain parts of it feel special, it will help lift our spirits. Perhaps we can create special nooks, hiding places, feelings corners where our kids can contribute to making the home feel more than just home/school/gym etc. Perhaps we can find a way to bring each other joy or maybe we need to find new ways of connecting to those special people who help us feel whole and loved.

And lastly, the vessels. Marie Kondo would say that when you pick up something that brings you joy, you can feel it in your body. Take the time to reconnect with those items and if you already know what they are, take advantage of the joy they bring. Or even get something new.

As we end one chapter of the year and enter a new one, my blessing for us is that we do what we can to find peace and expansiveness during a time of stress and constriction. Be extra kind to yourself and breathe deeply.

Talmud Torah REGISTRATION 2020–2021

Online Talmud Torah
registration will open on May 26.
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June 30.*

[www.bnaiisraelcong.org/
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If you have any questions, please
contact Jennifer (240-221-2508,
jenniferc@bnaiisraelcong.org).

Schilit Nursery School

Registration is now open for the
2020–2021 school year!

[www.bnaiisraelcong.org/
nurseryschoolregistration](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/nurseryschoolregistration)

*We have every intention and are
diligently making plans to open this fall,
with certain restrictions, but with hopes
for open classrooms, open hearts, and
even open arms.*

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YOUTH EVENTS

by SARAH JARVIS
Director of Youth Engagement

In this time at home, I have taken on a few new hobbies and found some new interests. I have enjoyed baking, making jewelry, adult coloring books, and Zumba. But the one thing that has become the favorite of my new activities is walking. I find myself excited to go on walks and even counting down the hours until I get to go outside. Everyone seems to have taken to walking during these difficult times. While it is a simple and easy thing for most to do, I find that it helps with some of the hardest moments and feelings. I also find that it has given me a new appreciation for nature and how beautiful our world really is.

I encourage all of you to get outside, even if you just sit in your driveway. Get outside and meditate on how beautiful the trees are with all the green coming back into view, the breeze that helps you on a humid day, the sun shining as you see kids riding bikes or other families taking walks. These are the things that are going to help us through these next few months of uncertainty and what we will miss the most when life slowly starts picking up again.

On a different note, I want to congratulate the high school and college seniors on finishing your journey. Your graduation might not look exactly like you thought but it is no less important. You all deserve to celebrate yourselves and look forward to all the amazing things you will accomplish in the future. If you are a graduating high school senior, please email me (sarahj@bnaiisraelcong.org) your mailing address so that I can send you some fun things during the year from your friends at B'nai Israel!

I wish everyone an amazing summer filled with many walks, time with family, and enjoying the little things in life.

Carl & Doris Lane YOUTH DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Be sure to check out our latest events and resources at

www.bnaiisraelcong.org/joinvirtually



Be a Part of the B'nai Israel Cookbook

Do you LOVE to bake and cook? Even if you don't, send your favorite recipes (up to three) for our new B'nai Israel Cookbook. During this difficult time, we can share our favorite recipes with each other and with our families.

Once completed, this cookbook will be sold as a fundraiser and will make a great gift and addition to your kitchen! We'd also appreciate any photos of your food, your family enjoying your food, or your family cooking your food, that you'd be willing to allow to be published in the cookbook.

Send your recipes to either [Lynn Rayman](mailto:LynnRayman) (alrayman@verizon.net) or [Jeff Fredman](mailto:JeffFredman) (jnfpotent@msn.com).

Support B'nai Israel's PROJECT MANNA

Urgently Needed Food Items
(though we take all nonperishable food items)

- Instant Oatmeal Packets (Original Flavor)
- Brown Rice
- Whole Grain Pasta
- Tuna/Salmon/Chicken (in Water)
- Dry/Canned Beans (Low Sodium)
- Natural Nut Butters
- Canned Vegetables (Low Sodium)
- Canned Fruit (in Juice)
- Fruit Cups
- Shelf-stable Individual Milk Boxes
- Cooking Oils & Spices



Thank you for your commitment to this life-giving mitzvah! All food items will be directed to the Manna Food Center.

SHANA FRENKEL, LCSW-C Synagogue Liaison



The JSSA Synagogue Liaison program is a partnership between JSSA and local congregations as an additional support to families. Shana Frenkel, LCSW-C, is available to discuss a whole range of issues—from parenting to aging, communicating to stress-relief. If Shana is not the right person to help, she will make the connection to other professionals from JSSA and beyond.

Shana can be reached at (sfrenkel@jssa.org, 301-610-8396).





ISRAEL CORNER

by **NETTA ASNER**

Congregational *Shlichah*

Reading has been a very big part of my life. I learned how to read at age 3 with the help of “Hooked on Phonics” and my wonderful parents. As a result, I skipped kindergarten and that completely altered my life. It changed the year I was to graduate and the people I was to be with throughout school. It made me the girl who was always the youngest in the class, which I didn’t like, but it also taught me that I could reach my goals and realize my dreams.

It might not be a surprise then that my first serious job in 2013 was at a bookstore of the chain ‘Tzomet Sfarim’ in Israel. I got the job at the end of May, being trained and prepared for the madness of June, Israel’s book month, which is known to have the best deals for books than any other time of the year. 2013 also happened to be one of the last years that ‘Tzomet Sfarim’ promised a flight to the workers of their stores that achieved their goal of the month. I received an extra special present before drafting into the IDF in April 2014 when a few months later I flew to Rome for a short but very memorable weekend.

Since 2013, the national book week (שבוע הספר = *shavua ha’sefer*) as it is known nationwide or the book month for bookstores, has become very important to me. For those who decide to not go to bookstores, they have the option of going to book fairs that are set up in central locations in cities all over Israel for ten days. Well-known Israeli authors travel between cities to promote their books, to read to children, to offer autographs and photo-ops with the nation that is ‘the people of the book.’

I have been reading Hebrew books since I moved to Israel in 2004 and always have made sure to read a book in Hebrew and then in English, always improving and maintaining a good level in both. My personal favorites are historical novels but I enjoy non-fiction as well. I very much like to imagine the characters and people I am reading about, so it might take me more time to read, but I let the stories and the content I read completely surround me.

In honor of the book month, my experiences in ‘Tzomet Sfarim,’ and my personal love for reading, I decided to host weekly sessions throughout the month of June highlighting this special month in Israel.

Since Israel’s national days I have been thinking a lot more about my family, about Israel, Jerusalem and my home. It has been awhile since I have last been there and with all that is going on, I have definitely been missing it more. Israel’s ‘Shavua Ha’sefer’ has reminded me of one more thing that I miss but I am so honored to share and bring to B’nai Israel. ‘Shavua Ha’sefer’ also reminds me that I am approaching my visit to Israel in July before returning to B’nai in early August to begin my second year of Shlichut.

As the summer approaches and the weather gets warmer, what a wonderful thing it is to have books to help us learn new things and explore new worlds while we social distance from the comfort of our own homes.



The congregational shlichah program is made possible by a partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

UPCOMING ISRAEL PROGRAMS

This Week in Jewish History

*The People of the Book:
Celebrating Israel’s Book
Month*

*The Six Day War, 53 Years
Later*

See page 8 for details.

MEN’S CLUB

Service to B’nai Israel & Community Strengthening Jewish Values Building Friendships

Unfortunately, as of the writing of this article, the Men’s Club has canceled all of its face-to-face contact programs for June and July, due to the ongoing Corona Virus Pandemic and resulting restrictions on crowds and gatherings. We do plan to embark on a series of periodic Zoom online sessions throughout June and July. Topics and potential speakers are being determined at this point. So stay tuned to the B’nai Israel Homepage for announcements of future programming by the Men’s Club in June and July as well as over the summer.

On May 7th, the Men’s Club and the Sisterhood did host a joint Zoom session that featured Rabbi Jonathan Schnitzer discussing Anti-Semitism from a Historical and Theological Perspective. Over 80 people joined on this Zoom session. We want to thank Rabbi Schnitzer for doing this fascinating and engaging session for us.

We also want to thank Signe Wetrogan of the Social Action Committee and all the Sisterhood members who made or bought food for us to deliver at dinnertime to the Interfaith Works Women’s Homeless Shelter on Sunday, May 4th. It is always terrific to work with these ladies. We will again be delivering lunch to the Shelter on Sunday, June 7th, so anyone wanting to help is welcome. Please contact Wayne Berman to help.

For questions about the Men’s Club and/or to get involved, please contact our Co-Presidents, Wayne Berman (wayneb4me@aol.com) or Lewis Gertz (lewger1643@gmail.com). For more information on Men’s Club programming, please visit our website at www.bnaiisraelcong.org/mensclub.

We look forward to seeing you again soon!

www.bnaiisraelcong.org/mensclub



BLUMBERG-ZALIS FAMILY LIBRARY

by JILL GENDELMAN
Librarian

I hope everyone is remaining safe and healthy. We have two upcoming programs planned for the coming months. If the synagogue building is still closed, we will hold these programs by Zoom. If you have not yet joined a Zoom synagogue program, please consider doing so. Our May book discussion was wonderful! With summer upon us I will be sending out some additional reading lists via email.

Suggested Reading

***The First Mrs. Rothchild* by Sara Aharoni**

In this award-winning historical saga, passionate young lovers in a Jewish ghetto rise to become the foremost financial dynasty in the world.



***The Traitor* by V.S. Alexander**

Drawing on the true story of the White Rose, the resistance movement of young Germans against the Nazi regime, *The Traitor* tells of one woman who offers her life in the ultimate battle against tyranny, during one of history's darkest hours.



***The Last Bathing Beauty* by Sue Nathan**

A former beauty queen faces the secrets of her past. A heartfelt novel about fate, choices, and second chances. In the summer of 1951, Betty Stern was an eighteen-year-old knockout working at her grandparents' lakeside resort. On the



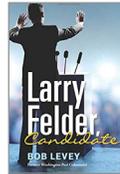
precipice of a well-planned life, Betty's future was limitless. Decades later, the choices of that long-ago season still reverberate for Betty, now known as Boop. By reconciling the life she's lived, Boop will discover it's never too late for a second chance.

Upcoming Programs

Book Discussion Group

***Larry Felder, Candidate* by Bob Levy**

Wednesday, June 3
11:30 AM-12:30 PM
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/9100347732>



Discussion Leader: Tema Sternberg
When a successful Washington journalist Larry Felder, who's in his 50's seizing on the opportunity to run for Congress, abandoning his usual caution and his longtime career as a columnist. Meanwhile, his campaign manager (a smitten young lady named Charlie) is running for something else—Felder's heart. It doesn't take long for sparks and complications to start flying. Larry Felder, Candidate is a close-up look at big-time newspaper and contemporary Washington-area politics and shows how difficult it can be to attain a lifelong dream—and to leave others behind.

Book Discussion Group

***The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict**

Wednesday, July 1
11:30 AM-12:30 PM
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/93622251101>



Discussion Leader: Jill Gendelman
A marriage of geniuses: In a time when most twenty-year-old women were wives, or trying to be, Mileva Maric was studying physics at an elite university in Zurich. Her rise from the relative backwater of misogynistic Serbia to all-male university classrooms in Switzerland was nothing short of meteoric. For Mileva, math was an easier path than marriage. Then, fellow student Albert Einstein took an interest in her and the world turned sideways. But could there be room for more than one genius in a marriage?

If you prefer call-in only information for these library events, please contact B'nai Israel at (301-881-6550).

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We are all touched by B'nai Israel.

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—Talmud Ta'anit 23a

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SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood is excited to receive the **Jewels in the Crown Award**. This award is presented to individual Sisterhoods in recognition of outstanding programming, devotion to social action and commitment to Women's League for Conservative Judaism and will be presented during our Virtual 2020 Convention on Sunday, July 12 via Zoom.

Drop-In Mah Jongg and **Chicks Who Stitch** have been cancelled until further notice.

Sisterhood Installation & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner scheduled for June 10, 2020 has been cancelled. More information will be sent out if we are able to reschedule at a later time.

Bingo at the Hebrew Home at both the Wasserman and Smith-Kogod homes has been cancelled until further notice.

Torah Fund Chesed 2019-2020 Support JTS with a donation to Torah Fund. This year's pin is CHESSED (Kindness). Contact Debra Fredman, Torah Fund Chair (jnfpntent@msn.com) or Cheryl Rod (bcrod@verizon.net) with any questions. Donations in any amount are gratefully appreciated.

2020 Mah Jongg Cards If you ordered your new card prior to the deadline, you should have already received it at home. If you ordered your card and haven't received it, please contact Harriet Levi (301-598-3957).

Washington Jewish Week Linda Reisner continues to take orders for the Washington Jewish Week. Please contact her directly (reisner@me.com, 301-519-1776).

Women's League Convention scheduled for July, 2020 in Schaumburg, Illinois has been changed to a one day virtual convention on Sunday, July 12, 2020. Anyone who has already registered will get a full refund. Information as to how to "attend" will be forthcoming.

Meals to Interfaith Works Women's Shelter

Sisterhood, Men's Club and Social Action continue to provide meals to Interfaith Works Women's Shelter. The next date is lunch on Sunday, June 7. Volunteers are asked to make a vegetarian entrée (i.e. tuna casserole) or a dessert that would serve 8 to 10. To volunteer to cook or for questions please contact either Signe Wetrogan (signe0420@verizon.net) or Wayne Berman (wayneb4me@aol.com).

Meals on Wheels Sisterhood continues to deliver Meals on Wheels every Friday morning. There are new guidelines for how to obtain the meals to deliver. Please contact Alice Harris (alicemetrotbug@gmail.com) or Lynn Rayman (alrayman@verizon.net) for information.

The Judaica Shop is currently closed. Please contact Debbie Anolik (kilona613@gmail.com) for information.

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Sisterhood Fundraiser



What better way to wish family, friends and business associates a "Sweet and Healthy New Year" than sending a jar of honey?

Each Honey from The Heart gift contains an 8 oz. jar of pure clover honey, certified Kosher by the Orthodox Union. It is accompanied by a personalized gift card reading "L'Shana Tova—Wishing You a Healthy and Happy New Year," and is delivered in time for Rosh Hashanah. The card also lets the recipient know that a donation has been made in their honor to B'nai Israel Sisterhood.

The \$12 cost per jar includes free domestic shipping for orders placed by Wednesday, July 22. After July 22, the cost increases to \$17.50 per jar. Orders can also be mailed outside the United States for an additional fee. Orders received by September 4 are guaranteed delivery for Rosh Hashanah to domestic addresses.

To place an order, go to www.bnaiisraelcong.org/sisterhood. For more information, contact Debra Fredman (301-231-4866, jnfpntent@msn.com).

MAZAL TOV מזל טוב

June Anniversaries

Leon and Suzanne Feuerstein – 1
Martin Needle and Barbara Wachter Needle – 1
Josh Schimel and Larissa Fair – 1
David and Lisa Aleskow – 2
Irwin and Ilene Barney – 2
David and Rhonda Falk – 2
Harry and Paula Harrison – 2
Benjamin and Hannah Margolis – 3
Marc and Audrey Solomon – 3
Steven and Hollee Gritz – 4
Ethan and Ilene Lish – 4
Scott and Rachel Lanman – 5
Howard and Sharon Metro – 5
Irwin and Sylvia Rosenthal – 5
Robert and Brenda Sandler – 5
Steve and Susan Fanaroff – 6
Mike and Johanna Leshner – 6
Joseph and Susan Milzman – 6
Yashar and Gail Shirazi – 6
Andy and Rochelle Iserson – 7
Ryan and Staci Sisco – 7
Andrew Doane and Marcy Schwab – 8
Mike and Marlyn Heiserman – 9
Jonathan and Alison Karpa – 9
Larry and Marjorie Kravitz – 9
Barry and Amanda Modlin – 9
Lee and Lori Peckarsky – 9
Rusty and Sarit Scott – 9
Larry and Fern Bensignor – 10
Michael and Penelope Bustin – 10
Stanley and Bonnie Favin – 10
Donald and Bernice Fingeret – 10
Steven and Susanne Greenberg – 10
Randy and Cheri Holmes – 10
Richard and Naomi Resnick – 10
Gary and Lora Byala – 11
Andrew and Lisa Goodman – 11
Herbert and Ruby Halperin – 11
Sherwin and Carol Kevy – 11
Steven Kravitz and
Esther Kaleko-Kravitz – 11
Joseph Kullback and Toby Newman Kullback – 11
Matt and Laura Labovich – 11
Alan and Denese Margolius – 11
Sylvan and Rina Mintz – 11
Yossi and Rhona Shemesh – 11
Gary and Debby Bortnick – 12
Stuart Metro and Paula Levine – 12
Ted and Gayle Kaplan – 13
Jules and Marcia Levine – 13
Alan and Dina Lipschultz – 13
Gene and Gail Rubinson – 13

Bradley and Sheryl Schwartz – 13
Harvey and Harriet Stein – 13
Milton and Susan Koch – 14
Ernest and Cynthia Oser – 14
Alan and Harriet Cohen – 15
Susan and Eric Lawrence – 15
Michael and Meredith Holczer – 16
JD and Jackie Levandez – 16
Neal and Marilyn Chaikin – 17
Martin and Joanne Severe – 17
Steven and Mindy Tevlowitz – 17
Aaron Brickman and Anne Seymour – 18
Jeff and Debra Fredman – 18
Philip and Susan-Lisa Gvinter – 18
Melvyn and Ellyn Leshinsky – 18
Ricky and Jodi Reff – 18
David and Roberta Senzel – 18
Marc Wish and Amy Hackmyer Wish – 18
Scott and Aylin Edelman – 19
Robert and Marjorie Gertner – 19
Joel and Audrey Goldberg – 19
Larry and Paula Iskow – 19
Jonathan and Gayle Elster – 20
Seth Berger and
Allison Goldstein-Berger – 20
Steve and Judy Kerbel – 20
Jason and Cheryl Sheer – 20
Kenneth and Sarit Sichel – 20
Kevin and Stephanie Feig – 21
Randy and Susan Klueger – 21
Mark and Ellen Lobel – 21
Herb and Sheila Rosenblum – 21
Matthew and Beth Dorman – 22
Paul and Leslie Gnatt – 22
David and Katherine Hatwell – 22
Roy and Adele Igersheim – 22
David and Terry Irwin – 22
Michael and Allison Katcher – 22
Moshe and Dori Kimchy – 22
Michael and Cathi Kletz – 22
Jay and Ruth Silberg – 22
Andy and Julie Steenberge – 22
Robert and Debra Abramowitz – 23
Mark and Jessica Goldstein – 23
Brett and Susan Lazerus – 23
Bert and Nancy Silver – 23
Paul and Sandra Carton – 24
Joel and Karen Goozh – 24
Barry and Andrea Gropman – 24
Andy and Sandra Landis – 24
Craig and Jennifer Meyers – 24
Barry and Natalie Rosen – 24
Jonathan Scott and
Shoshanna Schechter – 24
Andy and Dale Singer – 24
Morty and Cynthia Zetlin – 24

Arthur and Ronnie Chantker – 25
David and Elaine Goodman – 25
David and Anita Gross – 25
Brian and Nancy Paul – 25
Joel and Beverly Reiskin – 25
Jonathan and Beverly Schnitzer – 25
Robert and Phyllis Snider – 25
Gerry and Brenda Wolf – 25
Russ and Janice Kupersmith – 26
Paul Slovin and Efrat Tala – 26
Jeremy and Deedee Jacobsohn – 27
Stanley and Carol Sachar – 27
Richie and Sue Taffet – 27
Stuart and Marlene Aiken – 28
Michael and Heather Kalish – 28
Stuart and Ellen Lessans – 28
Roger and Tracy Simon – 28
Larry and Lisa Cines – 29
Sylvan and Maxine Diatz – 29
Jerry and Joan Goldstein – 29
Jonathan and Jacqueline Helman – 29
Les and Ruth Heltzer – 29
Robert and Marcia Kerchner – 29
Owen and Daniella Schwartz – 29
Ron and Tema Sternberg – 29
Jeffrey and Bluma Sussman – 29
Todd and Michelle Chaikin – 30
Steven and Judith Goozh – 30
Larry and Susan Lesser – 30
Avi and Clara Margolis – 30
Seth and Brittany Shapiro – 30

July Anniversaries

Sam and Julie Gallo – 1
Kenny and Janis Lefkowitz – 1
Keith and Emily Unger – 1
David and Rachel Weinstein – 1
Rob and Bonnie Altneu – 2
Don Amodeo and Ilana Jolson – 2
Fred and Stefanie Langsam – 2
Ariel and Jennifer Lavinbuk – 3
Josh and Leah Lipsky – 3
Victor Schneider and Wilma Braun – 3
Lawrence and Allee Burka – 4
David and Shelly Freishtat – 4
Bob Kaplan and Mona Chase – 4
David and Marilyn Levine – 4
Michael Silverstein and
Stacey Cooperman – 4
Michael and Ellen Glazer – 5
Hal and Rachel Ossman – 5
David and Pam Rothenstein – 5
Shlomit Daniel and Isaias Tesfalidet – 7
Dean and Natalie Levitan – 7
Richard and Barbara Daumit – 8

MAZAL TOV מזל טוב

Noah and Alicia Gottesman – 9
Ricardo and Rebecca Vasquez – 9
Michael Chernicoff and Sarah Bolts - 10
Seth Edlavitch and Melissa Segal – 10
Paul and Vicki Goldberg – 10
Brian and Julie Barke – 11
Ezra and Abby Cohen – 11
Paul Foldi and Bonnie Glick – 11
Adam and Stacy Isenberg – 12
Robert and Barbara Phillips – 12
Joel and Pam Zingesser – 12
Darren and Melissa Ash – 13
Barry and Dara Buchman – 13
Joseph and Elaine Potosky – 16
Richard and Beth Sheer – 16
Harris and Emily Trobman – 17
Bruce and Karen Main – 18
Bill and Ruth Oshinsky – 18
Steven and Elaine Keller – 20
Noel and Devon Kesterman – 20
Nimrod and Hannah Levy – 20
Daniel Press and Joyce Dubow – 20
Michael and Sharon Safra – 20
Jason and Jessica Neuringer – 21
John and Tracy Shefferman – 23
Aaron Oser and Liz Lauren-Oser – 25
Alan and Lisa Isenberg – 27
Barry and Sara Marcus – 30
Peter and Deede Schaumberg – 30
Bruce and Robin Bortnick – 31
Stanley and Joanne Milobsky – 31
Brian and Marni Zweig – 31

and Mazal Tov to...

Rebekah Lipsky and Benjamin Schor on the birth of their son, Isaak Akiva Schor.

Dr. Barbara and Dr. Tom Gluck on the birth of their granddaughter, Alana Estelle Seperson. Mazal tov to the proud parents, Melissa and Steve Seperson.

Mitchell Gross and Glynis Keith on the birth of their granddaughter, Eve Belle Gross. Mazal tov to the proud parents, Tracy Herman and Michael Gross.

Marjory and Alan Siegel on the birth of their grandson, Jayden Martin Siegel. Mazal tov to the proud parents, Lee and Melissa Siegel.

Mitchell Gross and Lisa Swartz on their marriage.

Mazal Tov to Our B'nai Israel Seniors!

We are so excited to follow your adventures ahead. Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of the following students:



(Intended colleges and universities listed for those whom we were notified)

Amy Ackerman

Judith Altneu University of Maryland
Emma Ash Muhlenberg College
Ray Ash University of Maryland
Ryan Bauman Vanderbilt University
Rachel Binder University of Maryland
Douglas Cantor
Will Cohen University of Michigan
Josh Diewald Ohio State University
Dana Edwards University of Pittsburgh
Sam Eig
Madeline Eisenfeld University of Maryland
Benjamin Feld
Alexa Goldstein Northwestern University
Micha Gritz
Charlotte Gruber Pace University
Benjamin Gumer University of Cincinnati
Maya Hersh Stetson University
Josie Levine University of Maryland
Sarit Luftman Pratt Institute
Ariel Margolis Duke University
Ellie Meyer Coastal Carolina University
Hannah Mikowski University of Virginia
Allyson Nalibotsky Chapman University
Jeremy Oblon Lehigh University
Aiden Oser McDaniel College
Jack Rothenberg University of Maryland
Sammy Schulman American University
Benjamin Slotkin University of Pennsylvania
Ava Solomon
Josie Stein University of Pittsburgh
Samuel Strent University of Miami
Danielle Tauber
Melanie Tommer Duquesne University
Jacqueline Vinokur George Washington University
Molly Zatman

We Continue to Gather

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IN SYMPATHY זכרונם לברכה

B'nai Israel Congregation mourns the loss of our beloved members:

ARNOLD GROSS

We also extend sympathies to our members:

Danny Abramowitz on the loss of his sister, **Beth Susan “Susie” Abramowitz.**

Rachel Gomberg on the loss of her grandmother, **Ruth Alpert.**

Ira Platt on the loss of his sister, **Judith Platt Bernhardt.**

Larry Brachfeld on the loss of his father, **Norman Brachfeld.**

Marjorie Goldberg on the loss of her sister, **Barbara Duchovnay.**

Dr. Joanne Crantz, Robin Bortnick and Dr. Michael Gittleson on the loss of their uncle **Ralph Gittleson.**

Hollee Gritz on the loss of her mother, **Karen Maged.**

Denise Leish on the loss of her sister, **Ava Sebastian.**

Dan Stillman on the loss of his mother, **Anita Stillman.**



Confirmation Class of 1988

The Fine Arts Committee Needs Your Historic B'nai Israel Photos!

The Fine Arts Committee is working on a project to display the history of B'nai Israel through photographs. We are in need of the following:

Confirmation Class

photos for the following years:
any photos prior to 1954,
1958, 1959, 1964, 1967, 1970, 1972-1982,
1984-1986, 1994-2001, 2009-2013.

Historical photos

of B'nai Israel synagogue and/or events that have taken place throughout its long history—weddings, b'nai mitzvahs, programs, graduations, class photos, etc.

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Please contact Randy Sager
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for more information.

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B'nai Israel Congregation maintains three attractive cemetery locations.



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The new and expanding B'nai Israel Judaica Museum

is actively soliciting fine antique/
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If you have any items you would like
to donate or would consider lending
to B'nai Israel for display,
please contact Randy Sager,
Fine Arts Chairperson
(randysager@gmail.com).

ZICHRONAM LIVRACHA זכרונם לברכה

In "normal times," we would have had the privilege of dedicating memorial plaques in the Shirley and Stanley Hayman Chapel during *Yizkor* services on Pesah and Shavuot. Since it wasn't possible to be together in person this year, we decided to "dedicate" the plaques in print.

May their memory be a blessing.



SOCIAL ACTION

Although we cannot participate in serving meals to residents of the Interfaith Women's Shelter, we were able to provide dinners on April 19 and May 3, to the residents. Thank you to the Sisterhood and Men's Club and our volunteers (David Sotsky, Shira Kaplan, Alan Lipschultz, Cheryl Rod, Mickey Goldstein, Harriet Fredman, and Joel Schwartz) who participated in providing these meals.

On Sunday, June 7, and Sunday, August 2, we are again planning to honor our commitment to provide a meal to the shelter. We are asking volunteers to help us by making a vegetarian entrée or dessert to that would serve 8–10 people. We will arrange for pick up or provide a convenient drop off location.

If you are able to help or have questions, please contact either Signe Wetrogan (signe0420@verizon.net, 301-384-2994) or Wayne Berman (wayneb4me@aol.com, 240-888-0843).



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Covid-19 Donation Relief Drive on May 14. We donated 661 pounds of food to Manna Food Center along with many essentials to the National Diaper Diaper Bank and our adopted Refugee family through Lutheran Social Services.

Special thank you to the Social Action and Refugee Committees for organizing the event and reminding us once again that B'nai Israel is so much more than just a building.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO B'NAI ISRAEL

Our beautiful Synagogue provides many meaningful opportunities to arrange dedications *in memory of* or *in honor of* loved ones.

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For further information, please contact Allison Karasik (240-221-2507, allison@bnaiisraelcong.org).

B'nai Israel Congregation deeply appreciates all contributions directed to the various funds of our congregation.

DONATIONS



Due to increased printing and labor costs:

1. Each contribution will be acknowledged by mail to one designated recipient.
2. Only contributions of \$18 or more will be printed in the *Scroll*.
3. Donor acknowledgements will be sent by email and will also appear on year-end statements.

Please note:
Etz Hayim Humash
dedication: \$60,
Siddur Sim Shalom
dedication: \$30

Donations Made in April

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Arnold and Sylvia Heft Sustaining Endowment

In Memory Of:

Sylvia Heft by Barbara D Heft
Sam Abramson by Marty and Harriet Feldman
Sylvia Heft by Marty and Harriet Feldman
Harry Heft by Marty and Harriet Feldman

Beverly G. Schnitzer Tikun Olam Endowment

In Memory Of:

Howard Schlaetus, beloved father of David Schlaetus by Audrey and Barry Suskind
Toby Loewy by Robert and Susan Loewy
Leon Bercowitz by Robert and Susan Loewy
Marvin Loewy by Robert and Susan Loewy
Rosalind Kay by Robert and Susan Loewy
Samuel Kramer by Robert and Susan Loewy
Harvey Metro by Robert and Susan Loewy
Ida Albert by Robert and Susan Loewy
Marcia Jacobi by Robert and Susan Loewy
Mitzi Cutler by Robert and Susan Loewy
Susan Fonner by Robert and Susan Loewy
Robert Rosenthal by Robert and Susan Loewy
Howard Schlaetus by Robert and Susan Loewy
Danny Siegel's sister, Leslye by Suzy and Sol Levy
Robert Rosenthal, grandfather of Rebecca Ravski by The Taffet Family

Bruce R. Saypol Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of:

Samuel Kramer, beloved father of Judy Kerbel by Suzy and Sol Levy

David Easton Video Education Endowment

In Memory Of:

Samuel Kramer, Judy Kerbel's father by Cindy and Glen Easton
Raymond West by Glen and Cindy Easton
Leslye Siegel by Glenn and Cindy Easton

Elaine Zetlin Pollin Korn Sustaining Endowment Fund

In Memory Of:

Elaine Zetlin Pollin by Alan Pollin
Elaine Zetlin Pollin Korn, sister of Morty Zetlin by Cynthia and Morty Zetlin
Saul Brooks, father of Cynthia Zetlin by Cynthia and Morty Zetlin

Goldie and Henry Stein Endowment for Special Education

In Memory Of:

Robert Rosenthal by Rita and Chet Stein
Burton Reiner by Rita and Chet Stein

Susan Fonner by Rita and Chet Stein
Howard Schlaetus by Rita and Chet Stein
Iris Menseh by Rita and Chet Stein
Joseph Warren by Rita and Chet Stein
Mitzi Cutler by Rita and Chet Stein
Samuel Kramer by Rita and Chet Stein
Leslye Siegel by Rita and Chet Stein

Hayman Family Sustaining Endowment

A Speedy Recovery For:

Carolyn Hayman by Sharon and Steve Moss

Hazzan Deborah Togut Memorial Endowment Fund

In Memory Of:

Cantor Deborah Togut by Noam, Moshe, and Sam Zaremba

Hazzan Robert Kieval Music Library Fund

In Honor Of:

Cantor Josh for a fun seder by Lisa and Alan Isenberg

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A Donation Was Made By:

Anonymous

In Memory Of:

Abraham Joshua Doner by Sharon Doner-Feldman

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In Memory Of:

Liese Fischer by Wayne Berman
John Yazdi by Wayne and Denise Berman

Jonathan A. Schnitzer Rabbinic Chair Endowment

In Memory Of:

Robert Rosenthal beloved grandfather of Rebecca Ravski by Debra and Jeffrey Fredman

Jonathan, Suzanne and Amy Schilit Nursery School Endowment

In Memory Of:

Howard Schlaetus by Rhoda Ganz

Louis and Helyn Fanaroff Sustaining Endowment

In Memory Of:

Harvey Metro, beloved nephew of Howard Metro by Steve and Sharon Seidel Moss

Mandel and Stein Prayer Book Fund

In Memory Of:

Howard Dobnes, brother of Sheldon Dobnes by Arnold and Judith Westerman
Henry Stein by Rita and Chet Stein

Miriam Tommer Endowment for the Judaica Shop

In Appreciation Of:

Debra Kirsch for the many face masks by Miriam Tommer

Rabbi Joshua Rubinow Simon Memorial Endowment for Camp Ramah Tikvah Program

In Memory Of:

John Yazdi by Harriet and Morris Altschuler

Rabbi Michael Safra Adult Programming Endowment Fund

In Appreciation Of:

Rabbi Safra conducting Shiva for my brother, Richard Levy by Barbra and Howard Goldberg
The services B'nai Israel is providing to the greater Jewish Community during these challenging times by David Lowe
Rabbi Safra for reaching out during this challenging time by Joy and Bob Stromberg

In Honor Of:

All our clergy and staff who have been keeping us all connected so beautifully by Harriet Stein

In Memory Of:

Sandy Cohen by Beverly Cohen
Howard Schlaetus, beloved father of David Schlaetus by Suzy and Sol Levy

Toby Herman Memorial Educational Endowment Fund

In Memory Of:

Toby Herman by Robert and Karen Keats

Funds

Adult Education Fund

In Memory Of:

Susan Fonner, beloved wife of Robert Fonner by Marge and Larry Kravitz

Aliyot and Honors Fund

In Honor Of:

My birthday aliyah at Shabbat Mincha by Judith Gibel

General Fund

A Donation Was Made By:

Bert and Nancy Silver
Jay and Nadavidnci Wechsler

In Appreciation Of:

The clergy team and attendees of the daily morning minyan by Jacob Blumenthal and Marci Harris-Blumenthal

In Honor Of:

Jaye Greenfest's special birthday by Lisa and Ricky Shofnos
Stacy Immerman's davening on Sisterhood Shabbat by Deborah and Perry Immerman
In Memory Of:
Joseph Warren by Allan and Leah Zendel
Bernice Blumenthal z"l by Jacob Blumenthal and Marci Harris-Blumenthal
Robert Rosenthal by Larry Fishbein
Burton Reiner by Larry Fishbein and Kathy Watson
Robert Rosenthal by Lisa and Larry Cines
Harvey Metro by Lisa and Larry Cines
Mitzi Cutler, beloved grandmother of Kim Cohen and great-grandmother of
Emily and Daniel Cohen by Lisa, Mike, Hayley and Zachary Miller
Bertha Luchs by Lorin and Arleen Luchs

HAZAK

In Memory Of:

Robert Rosenthal, beloved grandfather of Rebecca Ravski and great-grandfather of Ruby by Harriet Stein
Susan Fonner, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother by Ted and Harriet Fredman
Robert Rosenthal, Rebecca Ravski's grandfather and Ruby's great grandfather by Harriet and Ted Fredman

HINEINI Campaign 2019–2020

In Honor Of:

Avery Sudow by Thomas Sudow

In Memory Of:

Hanoch ben Binyamin Meyer v' Mirka (Harley Felstein), by Nina Duker and Alan Lichtman
Howard Schlactus by Marsha and Sidney Tishler

Morning Minyan Fund

In Memory Of:

Mary Oshinsky, mother of Billy by William Oshinsky
Samuel Kramer by The Taffet Family

Sustaining Endowment Fund

In Memory Of:

Mitzi Cutler by Debra and Jeffrey Fredman

Tzedakah and Welfare Fund

A Donation Was Made By:

Jane and Joel Lubin

Joan Barr to assist the congregation during the pandemic

Mikael Redmon and Sela Grabiner in celebration of Pesach

In Appreciation Of:

Rabbi Safra for reaching out to my parents by Eileen Lenon

The rachmones shown to us by Rabbi Mickey by Jonina Duker, Alan D. Lichtman, and Jared Duker Lichtman

Rabbi Safra reaching out during this time by Robert and Joy Stromberg

Pesach Services by the clergy of B'nai Israel Congregation during the Covid-19 pandemic by Shaya, Beverly and Andrew Hillel Markowitz

My recovery from illness by Yvette Afrangui

In Honor Of:

Sherri Perlman, for the life-saving face mask handmade with love by Norma Krupenie

In Memory Of:

Martha Gross by Marcia and Robert Kerchner
Michael Altman by Marcia and Robert Kerchner
Leslye Siegel by Marcia and Robert Kerchner
Bruce Jacobsohn by Michael Jacobsohn
Ray (Ruth) Solomowitz, sister, by Norma Krupenie
Harvey Metro by Joel and Bonnie Rosenthal

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