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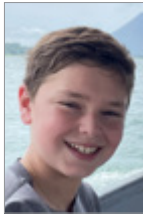
# B'NAI MITZVAH

## בני מצודה

### Andrew Jacob (AJ) Salz

October 14 | 9:00 AM

AJ Salz, son of Dr. Ron Salz and Gabrielle Annes, grandson of Dr. Arthur and Betty Salz, and Drs. Irma and Lawrence Annes, is a seventh-grade student at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. For his *mitzvah* project AJ is volunteering with KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now). KEEN is an organization that creates opportunities for children with special needs to participate in sports, recreation, and fitness.



at Wood Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Emily is collecting donations for her mother's second grade Title One classroom.

### Ariel Simon

November 11 | 9:00 AM

Ariel Simon, daughter of Tracy and Roger Simon, granddaughter of Susan Roberts Grodzinsky (z"l) and Bernard Grodzinsky, Joan B. Simon, and Joan and Joel N. Simon, is a seventh-grade student at Tilden Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Ariel is volunteering with some of the local food banks.



### Mahla Schwarz

October 21 | 9:00 AM

Mahla Schwarz, daughter of Putnimit and Joel Schwarz, granddaughter of Charlie Schwarz, Sarah Leftow (z"l), and Nookone Phommasack and Vankeo Phommasack is a seventh-grade student at North Bethesda Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Mahla is volunteering at the local Interfaith Works women's shelter.



### Chloe Muchnick

November 11 | 9:00 AM

Chloe Muchnick, daughter of Dr. Julia Katzen and Morgan Muchnick, granddaughter of Dr. Jay and Lynn Katzen, and Phoebe Muchnick and Dr. Carl Muchnick (z"l), is an eighth-grade student at Cabin John Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Chloe is helping to raise money for the music therapy program at Children's National Hospital in DC and is collecting "comfort" items to put together in bags to give to the children during their stay at the hospital. The Dr. Cyrus Katzen Foundation will match donations at <http://giving.childrensnational.org/goto/chloe>



### Leila Dylan Krauthamer

October 28 | 9:00 AM

Leila Krauthamer, daughter of Sheryl and Steven Krauthamer, granddaughter of Joan and Harold Krauthamer, and Helen Klatsky and Fred Schneyer (z"l) is a seventh-grade student at Cabin John Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Leila is working with local non-profit organizations and schools to donate lightly used sports equipment for those who cannot afford new equipment.



### Eli Hatwell

November 18 | 9:00 AM

Eli Hatwell, son of Katherine and David Hatwell, grandson of Ronald (z"l) and Rita Hatwell, Harold and Barbara Marks, and Eileen Katz Marks (z"l), is a seventh-grade student at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. For his *mitzvah* project Eli organized a collection drive of wishlist items for the Second Chance Wildlife Center to help them rehabilitate injured wildlife.



### Emily Holczer

November 4 | 9:00 AM

Emily Holczer, daughter of Meredith and Michael Holczer, granddaughter of Nancy (z"l) and Geoff Holczer, and Bernice (z"l) and Mitchell Perin, is a seventh-grade student



## Get Away with B'nai Three Opportunities!

View all details at  
[www.bnaisraelcong.org/  
specialevents](http://www.bnaisraelcong.org/specialevents)



### Congregational Tour to Buenos Aires, Argentina

with Rabbi Michael and  
Sharon Safra  
March 4-12, 2024

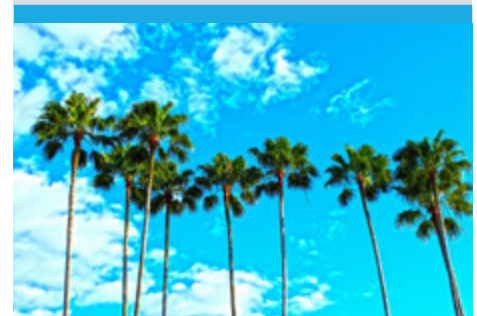
**In-Person Info Session  
with Larry Ritter of IT&W Tours  
November 15 at 7:30 PM**



### Congregational Civil Rights Trip to Georgia and Alabama

with Rabbi Michael Safra  
February 5-7, 2024

**Zoom Info Session  
with Billy Planer of Etgar36  
October 26 at 7:30 PM**



Save the Date!

### Florida Reunion

February 4, 2024

Details will be forthcoming  
via email and the next Scroll.



## RABBI'S MESSAGE

by RABBI MITCHELL BERKOWITZ

In the Talmud, Rabbi Hanina says: *I have learned much from my teachers, and even more from my colleagues, but from my students I have learned the most* (Bavli Ta'anit 7a).

I probably would not have believed Rabbi Hanina if I read this when I was only a student, but having experience now as a student, as a colleague, and as a teacher, I now know that he is absolutely correct. The best teachers give us the resources, skills, and tools that we need to succeed on our own. Supportive colleagues help to fill in the gaps in our learning and experiences, guiding us when we need the *hizuk*, the strength. And the best students are the ones that challenge us, make us think differently about our approach, and push us to reconsider the assumptions that we bring into the classroom.

I learned a great deal from my teachers over the years, especially the ones with whom I had the privilege of learning at the Jewish Theological Seminary. I have learned even more from the actual experience of working as a rabbi with cherished colleagues and friends. But what I have learned from my students is perhaps the most valuable and meaningful experience of all. (Of course, it is nearly impossible to teach well without the experience of being a student, so these layers build upon one another.)

Now that the High Holiday season has come to an end, the opportunities for learning and teaching at B'nai Israel are truly taking off. Barely a week goes by where there isn't at least one opportunity for meaningful

learning and ongoing education for adults at B'nai Israel. Some of these opportunities come from our L.I.F.E. Lecture Series, some from Hazak, some from the offerings of our Sisterhood and Men's Club, and others come from the Lessans Adult Education Institute, which operates based on a collaborative partnership between our Adult Education Committee and our clergy and staff.

One of my other great privileges is to teach classes in the Institute throughout the year. I teach a weekly Talmud class every Tuesday at 12:30 PM on Zoom. The class has met since I first arrived at B'nai Israel (but back then it was on Shabbat and met in my home), and we have studied two entire tractates of Talmud (Beitzah and Rosh Hashanah), and are now in the middle of a third (Berakhot). We study the text in English, referencing the Hebrew/Aramaic when necessary, and the class is comprised of diverse learners—everyone is welcome to join in, whether it is for one week or for one year. There are other reoccurring learning opportunities, such as Rabbi Jonathan Schnitzer's monthly Lunch & Learn and our frequent Shabbat Morning Torah Study group. Both are always open to newcomers, and learners of all backgrounds are welcome.

We offer courses and classes to jumpstart your Jewish learning or refresh you with the basic building blocks of Jewish learning. Our *shlichah*, Uriel Lin, will teach a Hebrew class for adults beginning on October 22, and B'nai Israel partners with area synagogues and the Haberman Institute to offer a robust "Introduction to Judaism" course, which meets at Temple Beth Ami. Both are excellent opportunities for self-identified beginners to wade into the sea of Jewish learning.

The learning opportunities never cease, with our Scholar in Residence program on October 20–21 featuring Dr. David Zvi Kalman, and various lectures and classes throughout the upcoming months. I encourage you to sift through the offerings and find something that is meaningful for you. If you are having trouble making a decision, call my office or send me an email and I would be more than happy to help you.

I cannot wait to learn from you.

## Welcome to the Newest Members of Our B'nai Israel Family

(August 15–September 26)

### NEW MEMBERS

CATHERINE & DAVID AXEL

SHARI & DAVID CARMEN

RACHEL & ERIC EDELMAN

HOLLY & FREDERIC GELFOND

SHIRA & ALEXANDER LANGER

ESTHER & PAUL LIDERMAN

JUDITH & JOSEPH MENSCHIK

RISA PAGE

RITA PAGENKOPF

ELLIOTT PRISSMAN

KRISTIN & MICHAEL SCHULMAN

LAUREN & COREY SCHWARTZ

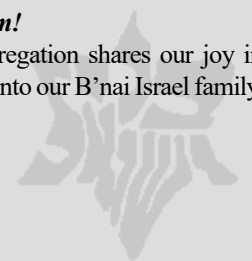
DR. RACHEL & KEVIN STOUT

### RETURNING MEMBERS

DR. MELISSA BLOCH-MENSCHIK & DR. DAVID MENSCHIK

#### *Bruchim habaim!*

The entire congregation shares our joy in welcoming you into our B'nai Israel family.



**MICHAEL J. SAFRA**

Senior Rabbi

**MITCHELL H. BERKOWITZ**

Associate Rabbi

**CHERYL STONE**

Assistant Rabbi

**JONATHAN A. SCHNITZER**

Rabbi Emeritus

**MATTHEW H. SIMON**

Rabbi Emeritus

**JOSH C. PERLMAN**

Hazzan

**SARAH BOLTS**

Associate Hazzan

**HAL OSSMAN**

Executive Director

**DAFNA SPEAR**

Lessans Talmud Torah Principal

**REBECCA RAVSKI**

Interim Early Childhood Director

**ELIZABETH CARPENTER**

Schilit Nursery School Assistant Director

**KAREN GERTON**

Early Childhood Director Emerita

**LILY POLLACK**

Youth Coordinator

**RABBI CHAVA EVANS**

Family Engagement Coordinator

**JILL GENDELMAN**

Librarian

**URIEL LIN**

Congregational Shlichah

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Men's Club Co-Presidents

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**ALAN ISENBERG**

**DR. FRED MESSING**

**DR. STEPHEN B. ROBBINS**

**JOEL SHANKMAN**

**JAY WECHSLER**

Gabbaim



## NOTES

by CANTOR JOSH C. PERLMAN

As we reflect on the completion of our High Holiday season, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your participation and dedication. The spiritual enlightenment we experienced during this sacred time serves as a guiding light for the rest of the year.

I urge each of you to remain engaged in our congregation beyond the High Holidays. While attending services regularly is important, there are countless other ways to actively contribute to our community. For instance, consider joining our social action committee and getting involved in ongoing projects aimed at making a positive impact in our local area. By participating in the activities of our Sisterhood and Men's Club, we further strengthen the bonds that hold us together as a united community.

Remember, unity as a congregation has a broader impact that extends far beyond our spiritual home. By staying connected and involved, we amplify our strength as a community, fostering positive change not only within our congregation but also in the larger community.

May this year ahead be one of good health, productivity, and spiritual growth for all of us. Let us carry the enlightenment we gained during the High Holidays in our hearts throughout the year, always striving to deepen our connection to our faith and its teachings.

Wishing you peace, blessings, and a year filled with spiritual fulfillment.

## SAVE THE DATE



*Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything. –Plato*

### **George Frederick Handel Israel in Egypt**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

*with the*

Bach in Baltimore Choir and Orchestra,  
and the Richard Montgomery High  
School Choir

*featuring*

**Cantor Josh C. Perlman**

with a Cameo Role Baritone

*This performance is co-hosted  
by B'nai Israel Congregation.*

*More information to come.*

## THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS & MINYAN

The B'nai Israel administrative  
offices will be closed on  
Thursday, November 23,  
and  
Friday, November 24.

Thursday *minyan* will take place  
at 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

Friday *minyan* will take place  
at 7:15 AM and 6:15 PM.



## LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

by DANIEL FISHER  
Parliamentarian

Fall is my favorite season and I know I am not alone. Sure, Spring is recognized as Earth's rebirth from a cold, dark winter. But I have found that Fall represents a more profound rebirth—a rebirth of the mind and soul. As a student, Fall meant returning to the educational opportunities of the classroom; as a Jew, Fall means observing the spiritual opportunities of the High Holidays; and as an individual, Fall represents the peaceful joy that comes with relaxing outside with friends and family on a crisp day.

This Fall brings me yet another new beginning as I return to B'nai Israel's Executive Committee after a short hiatus. By the end of the pandemic, the radical lifestyle upheaval brought on by Covid left me emotionally drained. I simply did not have the energy to devote to anything outside of work, friends and family, and wellbeing. Thankfully, after getting unstuck, I am happy to be back as Parliamentarian, responsible for the application of the rules governing meetings, amendments to the by-laws and constitution, and board governance.

The B'nai Board of Governors is a diverse group of individuals with a common objective to help improve the congregation's relationship with B'nai, whether religious, scholastic, or social. Yet despite the presence of so many caring people, when I first joined the board I did not immediately feel like I belonged. I didn't know how the meetings functioned; I had no knowledge of B'nai's organizational documents; and I

didn't know the people. But over the months that followed that changed. We decreased the size of the board, created mentoring opportunities for new board members, and generally helped make serving a more welcome and rewarding experience. It was that feeling of being a part of such an effective group of smart caring people that brought me back. And after the first couple meetings, I was reminded of the healing benefits that come with expanded horizons.

If you would like to expand your world, there are no shortages of opportunities. You do not need to be B'nai president to make a difference. In fact, the greatest change typically takes place at a committee level. So if you ever had the inclination to dip your toe into the B'nai waters, Fall is a great time to rekindle that thought. Please reach out to me with any questions about serving.

### B'nai Israel Welcomes Rabbi Chava Evans as our New Family Engagement Coordinator!



Please join us in extending a warm B'nai Israel welcome to Rabbi Chava Evans, our new Family Engagement Coordinator. In this position, Rabbi Chava coordinates programs and experiences to engage our families with young children in meaningful and fun ways.

Rabbi Chava received ordination from Yeshivat Maharat, after working as a freelance illustrator for a decade. She has served as the Director of Jewish Life at the Bender JCC and as Chaplain at various institutions in the Baltimore/DC area, including Holy Cross Hospital, Georgetown, NIH and JSSA.

In addition to working as Family Engagement Coordinator, she will be teaching 5th and 6th grade at the Lessans Talmud Torah. She is very excited to be back in the classroom and to be working with families.

Rabbi Chava can be reached at [chava@bnaisraelcong.org](mailto:chava@bnaisraelcong.org). Please feel free to send her an email and introduce yourself. Welcome, Rabbi Chava!

## B'nai Israel Congregation



Our Hineini Annual Campaign provides B'nai Israel with much-needed support. It's a call, and an opportunity to respond, "Hineini, I am here," and I want to help. Membership dues, education tuition, and all other resources combined do not fully support the budget necessary to provide for our B'nai Israel community's needs. We rely on our Hineini Campaign to close the gap and hope you will take this opportunity to be counted. This is our one fundraising ask of the year.

If you have not already, would you consider supporting B'nai Israel's Hineini Campaign to ensure the success and strength of our synagogue?

Please visit our website to pay online at [www.bnaisraelcong.org/Hineini](http://www.bnaisraelcong.org/Hineini) or you can email a pledge to [Hineini@bnaisraelcong.org](mailto:Hineini@bnaisraelcong.org) to have your gift billed directly to your account. It is that easy.

We feel well-situated for exciting things in the coming year and beyond. We hope you will pledge to be part of all that is yet to come.

Thank you so much.

Jessica Lieberman  
VP Development

Susan and Rob Loewy  
2023-24 Hineini Campaign Chairs

Avery Sudow  
Communications and Development Director



# SARA & SAMUEL J. LESSANS ADULT LEARNING INSTITUTE

## SHABBAT

### Shabbat Morning Torah Study

9:00-10:00 AM

Join us on selected Saturday mornings for discussions about the weekly *parsha*. Interested in leading a session? Contact Wendy Fanaroff (wfanaroff@gmail.com).

- October 14 - *Breshit*
- October 28 - *Lech Lecha*
- November 4 - *Vayera*
- November 11 - *Chaye Sarah*

Please check the website for the latest updates regarding these events.

To REGISTER or for more information on any of our learning opportunities, go to [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/adulteducation](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/adulteducation).

QUESTIONS? Contact Rabbi Mitchell Berkowitz (301-816-5575, mhberkowitz@bnaiisraelcong.org).



Happy Thanksgiving!  
from Your B'nai Israel Family

## WEEKDAY LEARNING

### Introduction to Judaism: The Nuts and Bolts of Jewish Life

Wednesday, October 11  
(continuing 14 more weeks concluding January 31)  
7:30-9:00 PM

Classes are in-person only at Temple Beth Ami  
\$150 (Registration fee includes a hard copy of the textbook and a class Shabbat dinner at Temple Beth Ami)  
Back by popular demand! This is an excellent course for those interested in converting to Judaism, non-Jewish family members wanting to learn more to support their Jewish loved ones, and Jewish adults interested in learning (or relearning!) the basics.

A multi-denominational journey into the heart of Judaism taught by Metro DC-area rabbis representing a variety of Jewish affiliations. No matter your background, this course is here to guide you on your Jewish journey. Whether you're soul-searching or seeking your community, the program will walk you through Judaism's big ideas and the nuts and bolts of daily Jewish living. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/introtojudaismoctober2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/introtojudaismoctober2023).

Presented by The Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies.



### Out of the Ruins: Jewish Wisdom on Resilience

with Rabbi Mitchell Berkowitz

Tuesday, October 17  
(continuing for 3 more weeks: 10/24, 10/31, 11/7)  
7:45-9:00 PM

Throughout Jewish history, the Jewish people faced a number of situations that demanded resilience in the face of great difficulty. From our beginnings as a people enslaved in Egypt to years spent wandering in the wilderness, from the destruction of not only one but two of our spiritual homes, to exile after exile under foreign rule, much of Jewish history has required the ability to persevere in the face of uncertainty and loss. In our four sessions together, we're going to focus on four specific moments in Jewish history that demanded resilience. This course, designed by Rabbi Avi Strausberg, is presented by Hadar's Project Zug, with which B'nai Israel is a partner group. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/jewishwisdom2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/jewishwisdom2023).



### Aleph Isn't Tough

Sunday, October 22  
(continuing for 9 more weeks)

9:30-10:30 AM  
\$36/members; \$50/nonmembers

The registration fee includes the cost of the textbook for this class.

This is a beginner's course to help you learn to read Hebrew, with a focus on the Hebrew of the *siddur*, or prayer book. The course will also explore aspects of Israeli history and culture. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/alephoctober2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/alephoctober2023).



### Talmud on Tuesdays

with Rabbi Mitchell Berkowitz  
Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30 PM  
Zoom Event

Join us as we continue our study of *Berakhot*, which includes a comprehensive discussion of the *Shema* and *Amidah*, the essential components of the prayer service. Newcomers are more than welcome to join us. No prior knowledge is necessary. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/talmudtuesdays](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/talmudtuesdays).



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

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

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## Mashgiach Training Class

with Rabbi Mitchell Berkowitz  
Sunday, November 5  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

We invite members of the community to train to become B'nai Israel *Mashgichim*, certified overseers of the kosher status of our kitchen. Those who choose to participate are committing to attend the entire session, and may be called upon throughout the year to oversee the kitchen when it is in use and for synagogue events. This training session will include an advanced exploration of *kashrut*, with an emphasis on the core *halakhic* concepts, as well as a review of B'nai Israel's kitchen and *kashrut* policies, a tour of the kitchen, and an interactive learning session about what to do when mistakes are made. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/mashgiachtraining2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/mashgiachtraining2023).



## HAZAK

### A View From the Ground: Israeli-Palestinian Peacebuilding in a Moment of Crisis

with Avi Meyerstein  
Thursday, October 12  
12:00 PM BYO Dairy Lunch

12:30-1:30 PM Program  
Israelis and Palestinians are sinking further into crisis. Extremism is on the rise. Despite this grim and worsening reality, another story is playing out on the ground in parallel. Thousands are working together to chart a different course. A network of organizations—the Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP)—is strengthening their efforts. How does their work have an impact? What opportunities exist? Avi Meyerstein, a B'nai Israel member and ALLMEP's founder and president, will explore these questions and another dimension of reality on the ground. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/HAZAKOctober2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/HAZAKOctober2023).



## L.I.F.E. LECTURE SERIES

### The American Jewish Immigrant Experience in Song: From the Old World to the New

with Robert Cohen  
Sunday, October 29  
7:30-9:00 PM

For Eastern European Jewish immigrants to this country, wrote one historian, "America was a promise, at once dream and reality, and in the manner of dreams a bundle of contradictions." In this lecture/presentation, contemporaneous readings as well as musical recordings make up a journey in sound: from life in the "Old Country" to ships bound for America, to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and into the New World. This is music as social history: from lullabies and laments to rollicking songs of the Yiddish theater; from songs of the sweatshops to patriotic anthems and distinctly American religious and popular music. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/lifetober2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/lifetober2023).



## The Torah & Beyond: Lunch and Learn

with Rabbi Jonathan Schnitzer  
Monday, November 6  
12:30 PM

In-Person & Zoom Event  
Each year, our Lunch and Learn group explores a compelling Biblical text—not only "unpacking" the more obvious meaning of the words and ideas but also how they interface with our own personal concerns and challenges. During 2023-2024, we will continue our study of excerpts from the Book of Samuel. Our focus will be on three pivotal characters: Saul, first king of ancient Israel; his son, Jonathan, caught in tragic crossfires beyond his control; and David, the boy-shepherd of many talents, who changes the trajectory of Israelite history. As our regulars will attest, our class is participatory and our conversations are lively. Newcomers are always welcome. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/lunchandlearn5784](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/lunchandlearn5784).



## Recent Developments at the Supreme Court

with Ian Gershengorn  
Thursday, November 9  
12:00 PM BYO Dairy Lunch

12:30-1:30 PM Program  
Former Acting Solicitor General Ian Gershengorn will return to lead us in another lively and informative discussion of the Supreme Court. He will discuss recent developments at the Court, including public debate about judicial ethics, Justice Jackson's first term, and the overall direction of the Court. He will also discuss high-profile cases regarding college admissions, election law, the First Amendment, abortion, religion, elections and associated voting issues, the Second Amendment, and Affirmative Action. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/hazaknovember2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/hazaknovember2023).



*This program is made possible by the generosity of the Edith Black Endowment for Yiddish and Jewish Culture.*

## J'Accuse! The Dreyfus Affair and Its Aftermath

with Ralph Nurnberger  
Sunday, November 12  
7:30 PM

Historian Ralph Nurnberger highlights the trial when Captain Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason and the subsequent trials over the course of the next dozen years. Nurnberger will discuss how this event had far reaching ramifications, including the most recent presidential election in France, and how this set the stage for the expansion of antisemitism in Europe and the difficulties faced by minorities seeking justice today. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/lifenovember2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/lifenovember2023).





# SARA & SAMUEL J. LESSANS ADULT LEARNING INSTITUTE

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

with

DR. DAVID ZVI KALMAN

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20-21**



David Zvi Kalman is a scholar and entrepreneur who works at the intersection of religion, technology and ethics. Since 2019 he has served as Scholar in Residence and Director of New Media at the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America. He is the owner of Print-O-Craft Press and the KLMNOPS art house. He has been quoted in the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal*, and his writing has appeared in many outlets, including *Slate*, the *LA Times*, *JTA*, *Haaretz*, *Tablet*, and the *Forward*. His work can be found at [www.davidzvi.com](http://www.davidzvi.com) and he blogs at Jello Menorah.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

**6:15 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat Services**

**7:15 PM – Shabbat Dinner**

**Registration for the Shabbat dinner is due by Monday, October 16.**

Early bird by October 10: \$23/adult; \$13/child (ages 3-12); under 2, free.

After October 10: \$28/adult; \$18/child (ages 3-12); under 2, free.

**8:15 PM – Learning Session, *The Future of Shabbat***

Shabbat is a day on which one is not supposed to do work, but work and the way we relate to it are constantly changing. The boundaries between work and recreation are blurrier than ever, and we often use the same technologies, like smartphones, for both. This session will explore how our understanding of Shabbat has evolved over time and how we might expect it to evolve in the future.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

**9:00 AM – Shabbat Morning Services with Sermon by Dr. David Zvi Kalman, *The Potential for Jewish Creativity***

**12:30 PM – Lunch and Learn, *Artificial Intelligence and Jewish Thought***

Artificial intelligence has reached a critical breakthrough both in its abilities and its availability to the public. As the world grapples with this new technology, we will consider what Jewish thought has to offer the AI conversation and how AI will influence Jewish thought and practice in turn.

### SATURDAY EVENING LEARNING SESSION, JEWS & CANNABIS

**7:30 PM Light bites and drinks (beer, wine, soda, and juice) will be served at this learning session.**

**Register online at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/scholarsaturdayevening2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/scholarsaturdayevening2023) by Wednesday, October 18.**

The laws and culture around cannabis have changed rapidly over the last decade. As of this year, 75% of American Jews live in states where it is fully legal, and 95% live in states where it is legal for medical purposes. While many Jews use cannabis, the Jewish conversation around the substance has not caught up with this new reality. This session will examine what a Jewish perspective on cannabis might look like.

*This program is made possible by the Dollye and I. Wolford Berman Educational Initiative Grant.*

**REGISTER AT [WWW.BNAIISRAELCONG.ORG/SCHOLARS](http://WWW.BNAIISRAELCONG.ORG/SCHOLARS)**





### Israel: Challenges and Breakthroughs with Uriel Lin, Congregational Shlichah

Through 4 sessions, participants will go on a journey covering modern day challenges faced by the State of Israel.

### Inside the Middle East: Entering A New Era with Avi Melamed (Session 1 of 4)

Thursday, October 19  
7:30 PM



We are honored to host Avi Melamed—a specialist in Middle East geopolitics and a veteran of the Israeli Intelligence force—as he will brief us on the ever-changing reality of the Middle East. This briefing will explore the new geopolitical era in the Middle East, challenging Western concepts and highlighting regional perspectives. This briefing provides insights on the way these dynamic forces shape modern-day Israel.

Avi Melamed is a Middle East expert and former Israeli Intelligence Official fluent in Arabic, English, and Hebrew. He founded "Inside the Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives" (ITME), an independent non-profit institute offering Middle East education. As an author, speaker, and media contributor, he's highly regarded and a permanent contributor to *USA Today*. Melamed's work includes books, articles, and a documentary series on Middle East complexities. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/israelchallengesoctober2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/israelchallengesoctober2023).

### Bagels & Banter: Women's Rights in Israel in the 21st Century (Session 2 of 4)

Sunday, November 12  
10:00 AM

Our *shlichah*, Uriel Lin, will discuss topics such as maternal health, violence against women, abortion, and workforce issues. Bring your questions! This event is cosponsored with Sisterhood. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/womensrightsnovember2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/womensrightsnovember2023).

# WORSHIP

### Singing Circle Potluck

Friday, October 13  
Friday, November 17  
7:15-9:00 PM



Celebrate Shabbat with a community of song! Join us for a potluck Shabbat dinner followed by soulful singing led by Cantor Sarah Bolts. All attendees are expected to contribute a vegetarian (*parve* or dairy) dish for the potluck dinner. Register here for October 13 [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/singingcirclepotluckoctober2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/singingcirclepotluckoctober2023). Register here for November 17 [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/singingcirclepotlucknovember2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/singingcirclepotlucknovember2023).

### Conscious Connections Contemplative Shabbat

Saturday, October 14 at 10:15 AM  
Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 AM



Experience a different approach to Shabbat morning prayers. Led by Rabbi Cheryl Stone, we will explore an intentional path to enhance your prayer service with a mixture of song, meditation, and discussion. Mindfulness Meditation helps us to connect to our Jewish values, creating greater perception in our minds for a connection to the Divine. Adults of all ages are welcome.



### Inaugural Shabbuddies Breakfast

Saturday, October 14 at 9:45 AM

Join us for breakfast before Gold Kippah/Shabbuddies. B'nai Israel's Gold Kippah Honor Society recognizes students for their proficiency in various prayers. New this year: Pre-*b'nai mitzvah* students will be "buddied" up with a post-*b'nai mitzvah* student. Older students will mentor younger students to build stronger *tefillah* skills while fostering friendships across grades, role modeling, and building an integrated community.



## EPIC Shabbat LEGO!

### Saturday, November 4

10:00 AM Brunch  
10:30 AM Programs begins for Tots-Teens (with parallel parent program)  
11:30 AM Program concludes with November Birthday Shabbat & Youth *Kiddush*

"Everything is awesome" in the world of Lego, where the possibilities are as open-ended as your imagination. Join us for a morning of meaningful brainstorming and building.

Celebrate Shabbat with our friends from Camp Ramah! There will be activities for children of all ages, with a special program for grownups, too!



Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/epicshabbatnovember2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/epicshabbatnovember2023).

## SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH



### October

13/14 6:16 PM/6:56 PM  
20/21 6:06 PM/6:46 PM  
27/28 5:57 PM/6:36 PM

### November

3/4 5:48 PM/6:28 PM  
10/11 4:41 PM/5:20 PM  
17/18 4:35 PM/5:14 PM  
24/25 4:31 PM/5:10 PM



# EARLY CHILDHOOD

by ELIZABETH CARPENTER  
Nursery School Assistant  
Director/Curriculum Specialist

## Garden of Miracles and Wonder

The children hovered over the bright green plant, pointing to the leaves and the small, prickly cucumber hiding under them. “It’s a cucumber!” exclaimed one friend. “Can we pick and eat it?” inquired another child.



The Nursery School children and their teachers worked together this spring to design, plant, and care for a bountiful community garden. Each class selected vegetables, herbs and flowers for their own garden bed and planted seeds and seedlings in the spring. They took turns filling brightly colored watering cans and sprinkled the small plants every day, observing the changes as the plants grew. Delicate yellow blossoms suddenly appeared on the tomato plants, and then dropped to the ground to reveal tiny green tomatoes. And the four’s children named this new special space, “The Garden of Miracles and Wonder.”

Now the children are benefiting from all their work. Harvesting ripe cucumbers, lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, basil, parsley, and zucchini, the children are enjoying the fruits of their labor to the fullest. Building a community garden boasts a myriad of benefits, from the experience of growing some of your own food to understanding the life cycle of plants, as well as the scientific processes of evaporation, metamorphosis, and decomposition.



Lessons in literacy and math are explored as the children write the plants’ names on craft sticks and count the number of tomatoes on a vine, and we weave Jewish values into these experiences through exploring how we are celebrating the Miracle of Creation—*Ma’aseh B’reishit*, by growing food and creating *Keshet*—connections, through working together to water, weed, and harvest. Composting will be added to the garden curriculum in the coming months to teach the children the importance of reducing food waste as well as how to transform their leftovers into fertilizer for the plants.



The garden is a living vessel of our curriculum work to develop social/emotional skills such as empathy through caring for the plants, and cognitive skills are flexed as the children ask questions, form theories, and make predictions about what might happen next in the garden. And the hands-on activity of gardening is a concrete way to make the Jewish holidays come alive. Growing parsley

and horseradish and harvesting vegetables tangibly connect children to Passover and Sukkot.



We are actively working to develop a garden curriculum that incorporates Jewish values into the garden through lessons and activities. One such activity is finding and observing insects in the garden. The values to be taught through this exercise include *Bal Tashit*—Do Not Destroy and *Hoda’ah*—Appreciation. Other values like *Hiddur Mitzvah*—Beautifying a *Mitzvah* and *Sever Panim Yafot*—Cheerfulness or Pleasant Demeanor, can be explored through children observing flowers, discussing what their purpose is and how they lift people’s spirits when they are given to loved ones as presents.

The garden demonstrates our preschool’s philosophy of “process over product” because raising vegetables, herbs and flowers extends over the course of several months, with the children observing the plants’ life cycle over time. Even after harvesting the produce in the garden, the children witness continued growth and change throughout the summer months and into autumn. For three seasons of the year, spring, summer, and fall, the community garden actively enhances our children’s nursery school experience. And in the winter while the garden rests, the children will have time to dream, imagine, and plan the renewal of this special space for the upcoming year.





## YOUTH & EDUCATION

by DAFNA SPEAR

Lessans Talmud Torah Principal

### Creation and New Beginnings

As I reflected on the first weeks of school at Lessans Talmud Torah and looked forward to this week's Torah portion, *Breishit* (Genesis), I considered creation and new beginnings. In *Breishit*, we read about the creation of the world, an act of new beginnings. Over the past few weeks, we experienced both new beginnings for Talmud Torah and also opportunities to create new meaningful learning experiences with our students. In so many ways, the first weeks of school were an amazing work of creation.



For me, as the new Talmud Torah Principal, everything at Talmud Torah was new, and I was not alone. In addition to welcoming new students, families, and teachers, we created new lessons, structures, and curricula.

In Judaic Studies, we implemented a dynamic new curriculum, the *Beverly*

*Goldstick Curriculum for 21st-Century Jewish Learning*. Our Judaics teachers modeled their creative spirit and vision of learning in the first weeks of school by crafting original and meaningful lessons for our students as they set out on a shared learning journey. In addition, our Hebrew teachers brought their positive energy and creativity to their teaching, and they sought new ways to engage the students in learning and develop their love of Hebrew.

In *Breishit*, we see the meticulous order and structure in the creation story and how space and time are divided into parts and organized with care. Similarly, in the first lessons of the year, Talmud Torah staff, teachers, and students partnered to establish new schedules, routines, and class rules to provide structure and facilitate learning.

We recognized that along with an organized learning environment, students benefitted from a welcoming and inclusive classroom culture with flexibility and differentiation to maximize learning. As teachers created lessons and provided structures, they also modified what and how students learned so the children could actively engage in their learning and participate in enrichment opportunities.



Just as God recognized that it was not good for a person to be alone and provided Adam with a partner, our Talmud Torah teachers focused on building connections between students. The teachers promoted community building throughout the day, and they partnered with the children to create a warm classroom environment. Great cognitive growth occurs through social interactions, and student collaboration is an important component of learning at Talmud Torah. To nurture both academic learning and social skills, students will continue to work in *hevruta* (partnership) and in small groups as they deepen their knowledge of Hebrew, Judaics, and Prayer.



As I consider the importance of new beginnings, I look forward to the opportunity to build connections and partner with our school community and congregation to create, nurture, and learn together!

### B'nai Mitzvah Parents' Field Guide: 4-part Series with B'nai Israel Clergy

Sundays, October 22, 29;  
November 5, 12  
10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Although the *b'nai mitzvah* process involves a great deal of effort on the part of *b'nai mitzvah* students themselves, parents are a crucial part of the experience, too. Whether you are going through the process for the first time, or you feel like you have it all under control, the B'nai Mitzvah Parents' Field Guide is designed to engage all parents of 5th-7th graders in conversations and learning sessions with one another, facilitated by our clergy.

Please register for the series at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/bnaimitzvahfieldguide2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/bnaimitzvahfieldguide2023).

#### October 22

The Outline of the Prayer Service  
with Rabbi Michael Safra

#### October 29

The Meaning of B'nai Mitzvah  
with Rabbi Cheryl Stone

#### November 5

D'var Torah Workshop  
with Rabbi Michael Safra

#### November 12

B'nai Mitzvah and the  
Next New Beginning  
with Rabbi Mitchell Berkowitz



## YOUTH EXPERIENCES

by LILY POLLACK  
Youth Coordinator



This past month has been a whirlwind of non-stop action as we prepared for the High Holidays, and I settled into a new role here at B'nai Israel.

As part of my transition into the role of Youth Coordinator I have taken on the task of going through files we have amassed over the last few decades. There were *Shabbaton* and *Kallah* itineraries, college student directories, vintage copies of the Scroll, youth group registration forms (I even found ones my mom filled out for me and my sister in Bonim), and a never-ending supply of event flyers.

While sorting through all of this I came across so many names of people who had a large impact on my identity in the Jewish community, both inside our building and out. I learned that one of my favorite Hebrew School teachers had not only been our USY Chapter President, but also served on Board with the Regional Assistant Director of Seaboard USY when I was a USYer. I got to read a letter from someone I worked with a few years ago talking about how a scholarship had allowed them to enjoy their first summer at Camp Ramah.

Finding these pieces of Youth Department history, traced back to 1979 and through 9 previous Youth Directors (many of whom are still members here!) I can't help but look forward to the future to carry on this

amazing legacy of inspiring the youth in our community, just as I was inspired by previous youth directors.

Make sure to register your child for our October Youth events!

- Bonim (K-2) is going to Skyzone, Sunday, October 29.
- Machar (3-5) is going to Climbzone, Sunday, October 22.
- Gesher (6-8) is going Ice Skating, Sunday, October 22.
- Teens (9-12) have a Movie Night, Saturday, October 28.

Don't forget to check our calendar for all of the upcoming youth programming at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/youthdepartment](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/youthdepartment), or reach out to me with any questions at [lilyp@bnaiisraelcong.org](mailto:lilyp@bnaiisraelcong.org)!

## B'NAI ISRAEL COLLEGE CONNECTION!

If you are a college student or the parent of one, sign up for College Connection today.

Packages have included Starbucks gift cards, holiday gifts, candy, and more.

**Send your address in by November 13 to receive a Hanukkah gift. Don't miss out!**

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

## UPCOMING SCROLL SCHEDULE 2023

### Hanukkah Issue

(mid-November-December)  
Received by November 15

You can always visit [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/calendar](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/calendar) for a full listing of upcoming events.

## YOUTH & FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES

### Gold Kippah Honor Society & Shabbuddies

NEW Time

Weekly

9:45-10:15 AM

B'nai Israel's Gold Kippah Honor Society recognizes students for their proficiency in various prayers. New this year: Pre-*b'nai mitzvah* students will be "buddied" up with a post-*b'nai mitzvah* student. Older students will mentor younger students to build stronger *tefillah* skills while fostering friendships across grades, role modeling, and building an integrated community.

### Family Minyan

Weekly

10:15-11:30 AM

Family Minyan includes spirited prayer, an engaging Torah reading, and lively conversation about the weekly Torah portion. There is no better way to prepare your child for their *bar mitzvah* or *bat mitzvah*, and build community connections than regular Shabbat attendance. This service is led by clergy and staff, including Rabbi Mitchell Berkowitz and Rabbi Cheryl Stone.

### Tot Shabbat

(Ages 5 and under with a parent)

Weekly

10:45-11:30 AM

Designed for the youngest members of our congregational family, Tot Shabbat meets weekly to sing, learn, and pray together with Tot Shabbat leaders, Morah Juliann Goldman and Morah Lily Pollack.

### Teen Minyan

October 14, 28 & November 4, 18

10:30-11:30 AM

These services are for the post-*b'nai mitzvah* teens of B'nai Israel. Our teens help to organize the service and lead it, often including *tefillah* and discussion, with support from staff and clergy.

### Birthday Shabbat

October 14 & November 4

Celebrate each month's birthdays at the end of Youth and Family services with songs and treats!

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



## ISRAEL CORNER

by Uriel Lin  
Congregational Shlichah

The last couple of months were (and continue to be) turbulent and chaotic back home in Israel. Between ongoing protests that become increasingly violent, an outrageous wave of bloodshed as assassinations and murders within the Arab community leave the police helpless, and yet another escalation of terror attacks, it is painful to stay updated and connected to what is happening in Israel.

And together with those complicated and challenging realities, I also hold the excitement of my family as we are prepare to welcome the first baby girl in our extended family, after 5 little boys!

And so, in that bittersweet period, I like to resort to good old escapism and introduce you to one of every Israeli child's most nostalgic pieces of newspaper (drum roll, please): "The Weekly Drawing for the Children" –*Hatziyur Hashvui'i Laveled*.

The Weekly Drawing for the Children was a permanent weekly section in the *Yedioth Achronot* newspaper, where each week a busy, mesmerizing sketch would be presented, bearing a riddle: Will you be able to find the character hiding within the scene? And every week we would wait for the adults to get the newspaper so we can quickly leaf through the busy pages until our eyes rested on these pictures, depicting strange worlds where the impossible occurs, and off we went for the mission of spotting Nachum the lost dog, Dafna the crying girl, and more and more.

This section has been a permanent part of the newspaper since 1962, and so entire generations of Israeli children grew up recognizing the unique style of Jackie (Yehuda Jackson).

Jackie passed away on July 3, 2023, and so this article is in his honor. And for all of you who made it to this point, here is a dose of The Weekly Drawing for the Children, especially for you:

*"Dr. Maya and Eran Gas from Tel Aviv, together with Grandpa Moshe and grandchildren Naama and Itamar, went for a Shabbat stroll when they suddenly encountered an enormous duck! As the kids climbed on his back, Grandpa suddenly vanished. Please help the family find him!"*



*Adapted from Yedioth Aharonot, The Weekly Drawing for the Children, Digital Version - <http://mediadownload.yedioth.co.il/Yedioth/yedigital0102a/jacky.html>. All rights reserved.*



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



### Aleph Isn't Tough

Sunday, October 22  
(continuing for 9 more weeks)  
9:30-10:30 AM  
See page 6 for details.

### Israel Challenges and Breakthroughs

*Through 4 sessions, participants will go on a journey covering modern day challenges faced by the State of Israel.*

### Inside the Middle East: Entering A New Era with Avi Melamed

(Session 1 of 4)  
Thursday, October 19  
7:30 PM

### Bagels & Banter: Women's Rights in Israel in the 21st Century (Session 2 of 4)

Sunday, November 12  
10:00 AM

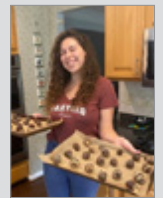
See page 9 for more information.

### Coffee with Uri

Let's grab a coffee and get to know each other! Whether you want to talk about Israel, baking and hiking, or are simply eager to connect, I would love to meet you!

### Cooking or Baking with Uri

Want to throw a special event with your friends? Have a special meal with your family? Or always dreamt of the perfect *shakshuka*? Schedule a cooking or baking workshop with me and we will make your dreams come true! In the comfort of your kitchen, we will learn something new about Israeli cuisine. Looking forward to meeting you!



To schedule a coffee meeting or a cooking session, please visit <https://calendly.com/urielshlichah/45min> or email me ([uriel@bnaiisraelcong.org](mailto:uriel@bnaiisraelcong.org)).

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



## BLUMBERG-ZALIS FAMILY LIBRARY

by JILL GENDELMAN  
Librarian

On November 6th, exactly thirty days before Hanukkah, we celebrate Jewish Book Month, an annual tradition dedicated to promoting Jewish literature; a tradition which originated in 1925 through the efforts of a Boston librarian. My responsibility, as your librarian, is to continue this tradition. Reading allows us to see through the lens of others, to open our minds up to new ideas and new cultures and become more informed about our world. Please join us for the following programs to celebrate reading and diversity.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### B'nai Israel Book Discussion Group

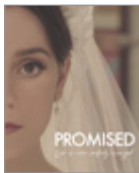
Tuesday, November 7  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM  
*The Wrong Kind of Jew: A Mizrahi Manifesto* by Hen Mazzig



Passionate about, Judaism, Hen is from Israel; his family comes from Tunisia, and Iraq and they are Mizrahi: a culture that shatters stereotypes. "we fail to meet expectations of what Jewish looks like, sounds like, thinks like. We are bad Jews."

#### Monday Night at the Movies

Monday, November 13  
7:00-8:45 PM  
*Promised* (1 hr., 33 min.; English)



In 1953, two young Italian children are promised in marriage by their fathers. Twenty-one years later, the pair are expected to marry, or face the consequences. Based on a true story about negotiating social complexities and expectations of family and self.

### READING RECOMMENDATIONS

(available in the library)

#### *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin

Embarking on a legendary collaboration launching them to stardom, two childhood friends, have the world at their feet until they discover that their success, brilliance, and money won't protect them from their own creative ambitions or the betrayals of the heart.

#### *The Matchmaker's Gift* by Lynda Cohen Loigman

After her beloved grandmother passes away, leaving behind a collection of handwritten journals recording the details of her matches, Abby, discovers she also has the unique gift of seeing soulmates in the most unexpected places.

#### *The Art of Leaving* by Ayelet Tsabari

An intimate memoir in essays by an award-winning Israeli writer who travels the world, from New York to India, searching for love, belonging, and an escape from grief following the death of her father when she was a young girl.

#### *The Latecomer* by Jean Hanff Korelitz

A family plagued by tragedy and its emotional repercussions. Phoebe, the last of four children, must navigate the fallout from the web of lies and secrets her parents and siblings have created over the years in order to understand the past and bring peace to her family.

#### *Tough Jews: Fathers, Sons, and Gangster Dreams* by Rich Cohen

In 1930s Brooklyn, there lived a breed of men who now exist only in legend and in the memories of a few old-timers: Jewish gangsters. *Tough Jews* is a thrilling glimpse at the muscle that made possible the success of gangster statesmen such as Bugsy Siegel, Meyer Lansky, and Lucky Luciano.

#### *Hotel Cuba* by Aaron Hamburger

Set in Havana in the 1920s this historical novel follows a pair of Jewish sisters who flee their shtetl on the Russian-Polish border in the hopes of immigrating to America. Instead, they are diverted to Cuba.

#### *To Die Beautiful* by Buzzy Jackson

A gripping novel by award-winning nonfiction writer Buzzy Jackson based on a true story of the life of the heroic Hannie Schaft: a young Dutch woman who joined the Resistance in Holland during World War II and became one of the Nazis' most lethal adversaries.

### LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday 9:00 AM-12:30 PM  
Monday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Tuesday 11:00 AM-6:30 PM  
By appointment Wednesday,  
Thursday and Friday  
Send an email to:  
bnailibrary@bnaiisraelcong.org

To access our on-line catalog:  
<https://bnaiisrael.library.site/>

The Blumberg-Zalis Family Library was awarded the **Advanced Accreditation Degree** by the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) in June 2014\* and again in June 2019\*.

*\*This award is for a five-year time period.*

## Shabbat Morning With US Senator Ben Cardin: Reflections on My Years of Service in the US Senate



Saturday, November 4  
9:00 AM

Retiring U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin will address the congregation during Shabbat services on Saturday, Nov. 4, and reflect on his three terms on Capitol Hill. He is not seeking re-election next year and is leaving elective office at the end of his current term. As a first-time candidate for the Senate, then-Rep. Cardin spoke at the B'nai Israel Men's Club's biennial political forum in 2006. He was elected for the first time that fall after 20 years in the U.S. House. Before then, he served in the Maryland General Assembly. He currently chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and sits on the Finance, Environment and Public Works, and Small Business committees.

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

# SOCIAL ACTION

## Meals for Interfaith Works Women's Shelter

Sunday, October 15

5:30 PM (Taft Court Dinner)

Sunday, November 5

5:30 PM (Crabbs Branch Dinner)

Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 23

5:30 PM (Taft Court Dinner)

B'nai Israel will be providing and helping to serve dinner for the residents of the Interfaith Works Women's Shelters. We need your help in supplying various parts of the meal. The meal items can be purchased or prepared in your home. There will be various options to drop-off your items. The meal items should serve 6–8 people and be in disposable pans. For more information, contact Signe Wetrogan (signe0420@verizon.net), Randi Poli (randipoli@gmail.com), or Wayne Berman (wayneb4me@aol.com).

## Holiday Snowflake Project

November through December

B'nai Israel will again be participating in the Holiday Snowflake Project for families at the Weller Road Elementary School. We will be receiving a wish list and posting the list as a signup genius in early November. For information, contact Signe Wetrogan (signe0420@verizon.net) or Randi Poli (randipoli@gmail.com).



**Thank you to our volunteers** who helped serve lunch to the women at the Interfaith Works Women's Shelter at Taft Court on August 20. Pictured: Anne Jarrett, Shelley Honikman, Lance Hersh, Eytan Edelman and not pictured Aylin Edelman.

## MITZVAH DAY Sunday, December 17



Abigail Bortnick & Yvonne Klinger  
Chairs

Start this special day of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) with morning minyan at 9:00 AM.

Collections and projects will take place from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM. There will be grade-specific projects for our Talmud Torah students, as well as projects for community members of all ages.

*Sponsored by the Mildred & William Kaplan Social Action Endowment*

## 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.



## 703-J-CARING

*A partnership between The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, JSSA, and our network of human service organizations.*

When you feel overwhelmed or uncertain about your options for support, there is help.

With one call to (703) J-CARING (703-522-7464), you will be connected to the resources and support services you need from our robust network of human service organizations.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT LINE

A resource coordinator provides referrals to community resources to help you access the support you need, when you need it.

## COMMUNITY CARE NAVIGATION

When you need more hands-on support accessing resources, a care navigator will work with you to assess your needs, create a care plan, and help you implement it.

All calls are confidential. Resource and Navigation services are free to those needing support.

Visit [jearing.org](http://jearing.org) for a full list of available resources provided by the 703-J-CARING Support Line Partner Network.

Support is available  
Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM.

# SISTERHOOD



## Bagels & Banter: Anti-Semitism on Campus

Sunday, October 15  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

More than a third of Jewish college students felt uncomfortable or unsafe at a campus event, avoided wearing items that identified them as Jewish, or had trouble taking time off for Jewish holidays, according to a recent American Jewish Committee survey. Todd Silberglied from the Israel on Campus Coalition and Micah Gritz, a B'nai Israel congregant attending Tufts University, will discuss the rise in antisemitism on college campuses, and what is being done to address the issue. RSVP to [gailrav@yahoo.com](mailto:gailrav@yahoo.com).

## Fall Member Dinner

Wednesday, October 25  
6:30 PM

We welcome Kolot HaLev, a community choir that finds joy in learning, studying, and performing rarely heard Jewish choral music. Registration form available at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/sisterhooddinneroctober2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/sisterhooddinneroctober2023). \$30 for paid-up members, \$30+\$40 for dinner and Sisterhood dues. **Paid up registration required by Friday, October 13.**



## What's Jewish About Breast Cancer?

Sunday, October 29  
10:00 AM-11:00 AM

In conjunction with the Men's Club Health Fair and Breast Cancer Awareness Month, breast cancer survivor Amy Albalah will discuss "What's Jewish About Breast Cancer," including how breast cancer affects the Jewish community, what you should know about genetics, and the support available for Jewish families dealing with breast cancer. Amy will share information about Sharsheret, a non-profit Jewish breast cancer support organization that was instrumental in supporting Amy and her family during her battle with breast cancer. RSVP to [gailrav@yahoo.com](mailto:gailrav@yahoo.com).



## Ladies Game Day

Thursday, November 2  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Come play mah jongg, canasta, bridge or other games. Cost is \$36 per person and includes a dairy lunch. Registration form at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/sisterhoodgamedaynovember2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/sisterhoodgamedaynovember2023). RSVP by October 25 to Sue Edwards ([suzied25@gmail.com](mailto:suzied25@gmail.com)) or Beverly Markowitz ([beverly.markowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:beverly.markowitz@yahoo.com)).

## Bagels & Banter: Women's Rights in Israel in the 21st Century

Sunday, November 12  
10:00 AM

Our *shlich*a, Uriel Lin, will discuss topics such as maternal health, violence against women, abortion, and workforce issues. Bring your questions! This event is cosponsored with B'nai Israel Israel Affairs. Register at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/womensrightsnovember2023](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/womensrightsnovember2023).



## Lunch with Makom

Sunday, November 19  
1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Volunteers needed for Sunday fun with residents of Makom (formerly Jewish Foundation for Group Homes). The afternoon will include a light lunch, ice cream sundaes, a raffle, and music! Contact Debbie Moss ([debmoss55@gmail.com](mailto:debmoss55@gmail.com)).

## Fiddler on the Roof

Olney Theatre  
Sunday, December 3  
1:30 PM

Limited seats! For more information, contact Rochelle Iserson ([rjiserson@gmail.com](mailto:rjiserson@gmail.com)).



## Drop-in Mah Jongg

Mondays from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (when the building is open). Questions? Sue Edwards ([suzied25@gmail.com](mailto:suzied25@gmail.com)) or Beverly Markowitz ([beverly.markowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:beverly.markowitz@yahoo.com)).

## Mah Jongg and Canasta Classes

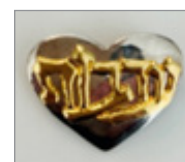
We are collecting names of people who want to learn how to play Mah Jongg and/or Canasta. We are also collecting names of those willing to teach. The plan is, for a nominal fee, to match a group of 4 students with an instructor. Meeting times would be flexible, based on the requirements of the group. (Those learning Mah Jongg will need to purchase a 2023 card.) If interested, contact Sue or Beverly at [suzied25@gmail.com](mailto:suzied25@gmail.com) or [beverly.markowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:beverly.markowitz@yahoo.com).



## Our 2023-2024 Campaign

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Zeh Ba'Zeh"**

**All of the people of  
Israel are responsible  
for one another**



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# MEN'S CLUB

## Service to B'nai Israel & Community Strengthening Jewish Values

Hope you had a wonderful Rosh Hashanah and a meaningful Yom Kippur.

By now, the busy September-October holiday season has come to an end and we will resume our regular programming.

Applications are now being accepted for the Men's Club's third annual Shamash Award, to be given out during Men's Club Shabbat next February.

The recipients or recipients are recognized for going beyond the call of duty to help out at the synagogue or in the community. Any congregant is welcome to nominate a member of our synagogue, and a committee will meet and recommend a person or persons for the award.

The deadline for nominations is November 17. To nominate someone, please go to <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/shamashaward>.

The Shamash Award is just one of the many activities the Men's Club will be involved in.

Atop the list is our award-winning Health Fair on Sunday, October 29. We will feature an Ask the Doctors panel and health screenings. The panel also will feature a representative from Sharsheret, the Jewish breast and ovarian cancer community, and is co-sponsored by the Sisterhood. Admission is free and no RSVP is required.

Then during the evening of Sunday, November 5, David Becker, executive director and founder of the Center for Election Innovation and Research; and Men's Club co-president Jonathan Salant, a veteran Washington reporter and new inductee in the Society of Professional Journalists D.C. pro chapter Journalism Hall of Fame, will discuss the Political Year in Review in a program co-sponsored by the Sisterhood.



**Jonathan Salant & Alan Isenberg**  
Men's Club Co-Presidents

They'll talk about the presidential and Maryland U.S. Senate race so far, and look ahead to 2024, when the action is sure to heat up. Dessert will be served. Admission is free but please go to the Men's Club page on the B'nai Israel website to register.

Our first Jews and Brews of the season is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, at the Lakewood Country Club. Please go to the website to register. Admission is free

And B'nai member Steve Cohen will discuss his memoir, "I'm Too Dumb To Be Friends With" over breakfast on Sunday, December 3. A former *gabbai* at the synagogue, Cohen will discuss his own comedic misadventures, cringe-worthy childhood moments, bizarre encounters and unforgettable mishaps as an adult. The event is free but, again, please register on the Men's Club section of the synagogue website.

We hope to see you at one, or many of our activities. If you'd love to help plan them, please attend one of our board meetings. The date and time of those meetings will be emailed to all Men's Club members and published in the weekly Rabbi's Message and in the Shabbat program.

Finally, remember that once a month, the Men's Club helps supply meals to those in need. If interested in participating, please contact past president Wayne Berman at [wayneb4me@aol.com](mailto:wayneb4me@aol.com).

## THE SHAMASH AWARD



The Men's Club has created this award to recognize members of the congregation who have contributed their time and abilities to help others or to support a meaningful cause.

Such mitzvot could include helping the homeless, supporting children's education, assisting the synagogue in a meaningful way, helping the elderly, supporting Israel, advocating for social, racial, or environmental justice, fighting anti-Semitism, or other activities. We encourage nominees of all ages. Just as the Shamash is the light that serves to kindle all the other lights of the menorah, the actions of The Shamash Award recipients bring light to the world and our B'nai Israel community.

Nominations for the 3rd Annual Shamash Award will be accepted through Friday, November 17. The Men's Club will present The Shamash Award(s) to the selected congregant or congregants during Men's Club Shabbat on Saturday, February 3, 2024. Although the Men's Club created this award, this is a congregational award and can be bestowed on any member of the congregation regardless of gender.

To make a nomination, go to [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/shamashaward](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/shamashaward).

For questions, please contact David Sotsky ([dsotsky1@gmail.com](mailto:dsotsky1@gmail.com)).

# IN SYMPATHY

## זכרונם לברכה

B'nai Israel Congregation  
mourns the loss of  
**RABBI MATTHEW H. SIMON**

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

**Marilyn Chaikin**  
**Hilde Hofmann**  
**Eleanor "Ellie" Kahan**  
**Steven Kerchner**  
**Rabbi Herbert Rosenblum**

*B'nai Israel Congregation extends sympathies to our members in mourning:*

Harriet Albersheim on the loss of her sister-in-law, **Ann Albersheim**.

Neal Chaikin, Cheri Holmes, and Todd Chaikin on the loss of their wife and mother, **Marilyn Chaikin**.

Tracy Simon on the loss of her mother, **Susan Grodzinsky**.

Emily Hofmann on the loss of her mother, **Hilde Hofmann**.

Dr. Steven Kahan, Sherri Greenbaum, and Jamie Alford on the loss of their wife, sister-in-law, and aunt, **Eleanor "Ellie" Kahan**.

Rachel Kerchner, Dr. Robert and Dr. Marcia Kerchner on the loss of their husband and son, **Steven Kerchner**.

Shelli Klein on the loss of her daughter, **Alissa Klein**.

Steve Mirman, Debbie Stillman, and Naomi Mirman on the loss of their mother, **Charlotte Mirman**.

Sue Taffet on the loss of her brother, **Ira Sigel**.

Dr. Sara Rubinow Simon, Ethan Simon, and Betsy Cowan on the loss of their husband and father, **Rabbi Matthew H. Simon**.

Michael Flyer on the loss of his sister, **Gloria Flyer Sterling**.

Dr. Rachel Stout on the loss of her mother, **Judith Walters**.

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose...  
...a time to be born, and a time to die..."*

## B'NAI ISRAEL CEMETERIES

B'nai Israel Congregation maintains three attractive cemetery locations.

**B'nai Israel Historic Cemetery**  
Oxon Hill, Maryland

**Judean Memorial Gardens**  
Olney, Maryland

**Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park**  
Clarksburg, Maryland

For information, please contact our executive director, Hal Ossman at the synagogue office (301-816-5563, [hossman@bnaiisraelcong.org](mailto:hossman@bnaiisraelcong.org)).

## Opportunities to Memorialize and Honor Your Loved Ones

Our beautiful Synagogue provides many meaningful opportunities to arrange dedications *in memory of or in honor of* loved ones. Memorial plaques, endowments, scholarships, capital gifts, fine arts, and educational programs are among the possibilities available at B'nai Israel Congregation.

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

## SUNDAY OPEN HOURS for B'nai Israel Cemetery at Oxon Hill

Our cemetery at Oxon Hill is open for visitors on the first Sunday of each month (November 5, and December 3), 9:00 AM–2:00 PM. No appointment is necessary.

## CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY

We are all touched by B'nai Israel.

It makes a difference in our lives. And it is our endeavor to ensure that it makes a difference in our community for many years to come.

*As our parents planted for us, let us sow the seeds that will make a difference for our children and grandchildren.*

–Talmud Ta'anit 23a

## CREATE YOUR JEWISH LEGACY

[www.jewishlegacygw.org](http://www.jewishlegacygw.org)

As we celebrate our successes, we are grateful for the commitment and generosity of those who came before us. Dues and annual donations do not provide sufficient resources for all we must do to sustain Jewish life at B'nai Israel. And so we invite and encourage you to create your own legacy.

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Avery Sudow, Development Director  
301-816-5569  
[avery@bnaiisraelcong.org](mailto:avery@bnaiisraelcong.org)

## October Anniversaries

Ricky and Lisa Shofnos – 2  
 Brian and Margie Tommer – 2  
 Stephen and Sharon Levine – 4  
 Jonathan and Oren Shamay Draluck – 5  
 Harry Katz-Pollak and Shoshana Katz – 6  
 Daniel Cohen and Nikki Herson – 7  
 Norman and Anne Silberman – 7  
 Doug and Julie Braunstein – 8  
 Stuart and Marlene Schooler – 8  
 Steven and Sheri Schlafstein – 9  
 Mark and Jodi Shulimson – 9  
 Dan Fisher and Ellen Rice – 10  
 Brian and Rebecca Scarpelli – 10  
 Alexander and Anna Hughes – 11  
 Michael and Lisa Miller – 11  
 Barry and Audrey Suskind – 11  
 Gerald and Leslie Solomon – 12  
 Jeffrey and Julie Bethke – 13  
 Jared and Cindy Entin – 13  
 Bram and Gina Hass – 13  
 Joseph and Karen Krupsaw – 13  
 Sol and Suzy Levy – 14  
 Oran Tal and Michelle Rojas-Tal – 14  
 Stephen Hoffman and Kim Lee Sim – 16  
 Jared and Jamie Maier – 16  
 Matthew and Andrea Nadelman – 16  
 Scott and Barbara Sanford – 17  
 Eric and Rebecca Scherr – 17  
 Dan Hemmati and Amy Likoff – 18  
 Wayne and Terri Kramer – 18  
 William Horowitz and  
 Brooke Peloso-Horowitz – 18  
 Robert and Susan Kruger – 20  
 Richard and Diane Saltzman – 20  
 Michael and Regina Benjamin – 21  
 Ken and Lara Kaufmann – 21  
 Ken and Mona Levine – 21  
 Phil and Ellen Ratner – 21  
 Jonathon Nevett and Karen Post – 22  
 Robert and Anne Rubinovitz – 22  
 Charles and Diane Edwards – 23  
 Scott and Amy Goff – 23  
 Andrew and Phyllis Isaacson – 23  
 Kory and Amy Hankin – 24  
 Aaron and Beth Parker – 24  
 Doug and Rachel Sunshine – 25  
 Robert and Karen Epstein – 26  
 Harvey and Barbara Katzen – 26  
 James and Julie Rachlin – 26  
 Stuart and Pamela Shalloway – 26  
 Jeffrey Pollak and Karen Foxman – 28  
 William and Kathryn Segal – 28  
 Jason and Anna Zuckeman – 28

Adam and Susan Apatoff – 29  
 Darryl and Debra Feldman – 30  
 Joel and Nellie Grover – 30  
 Scott and Jill Needleman – 30  
 Grant and Ellen Ottenstein – 30  
 Michael and Lesley Schrier – 30  
 Mitch and Nicole Nydish – 31

## November Anniversaries

Jeffrey Fenster and Rachel Wollitzer – 1  
 Michael and Michelle Logsdon – 2  
 Joel Michaels and Jennifer Russel – 2  
 David and Carrie Stein – 4  
 Nancy Van Grack and Joe Feinsod – 4  
 David and Jennifer Leinwand – 5  
 Rebecca Levitt and Jeffrey Rubenstein – 5  
 Ronald and Gail Minsk – 5  
 Jeffrey and Stephanie Holtzman – 6  
 Doug and Sarah Kotlove – 6  
 Asher and Jill Gendelman – 7  
 Jonathan and Stephanie Weiss – 7  
 Zack and Jamie Kramer – 8  
 Craig and Robin Lenkin – 8  
 Michael and Dianne Michnick – 8  
 Andy and Faye Mitchell – 8  
 Andrew and Lesley Ziman – 8  
 Glen and Elise Goldstein – 9  
 Stuart and Sherry Kaswell – 9  
 Craig and Marcie Peters – 9  
 David and Catherine Axel – 10  
 Steve and Marjorie Goldberg – 10  
 Barry and Shari Golob – 10  
 Charles and Bonnie Harab – 10  
 David and Allie Berry – 11  
 Ronald and Gale Greenbaum – 11  
 Ben and Yvonne Klinger – 11  
 Jeff and Sally Lachin – 11  
 Andrew and Lisa Shulman – 11  
 Ron and Sharon Gross – 12  
 Evan and Sarah Milberg – 12  
 Joel and Aimee Plotkin – 12  
 Ernst and Nancy Billig – 13  
 Benjamin and Jacqueline Shapo – 13  
 Adam and Dawn Stern – 13  
 Myles Getlan and  
 Leah Schmulewitz Getlan – 14  
 Rob and Randi Poli – 14  
 Benjamin and Erin Willcher – 14  
 Steve and Kim Cohen – 16  
 Bryan and Amy Cole – 16  
 Howard and Sandy Arnold – 17  
 Dale Morton and Irma Goff-Morton – 17  
 Bernard and Cheryl Rod – 17  
 Joshua and Suzanne Schonfeld – 17

Leon and Ellen Taranto – 17  
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## and Mazal Tov to ...

**Abby and Dr. Phil Rogers** on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Reid Rogers. And *mazal tov* to the proud parents, Tamara and Jonathan Rogers.

**Sherri and Harold Berger** on the engagement of their daughter Marcy Berger to Brett Saunders.

**Suzanne and Joshua Schonfeld** on the engagement of their son Aaron to Allie Kaplan.

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Cantor Perlman leading the service for the unveiling of the stone for Lolly Shapero on Sunday, August 6 by Mike Chernikoff and Lisa, Paul, Stacie, and David

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Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Reisner on their upcoming August 24th wedding anniversary by their friend, DTM, Marshall Lewis

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Carol and Don Vogel  
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Harriet Stein's birthday by Harriet Levi

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*In Celebration Of:*

The special birthday of Harriet Stein, by Margie Hanerfeld

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Harriet and Ted Fredman

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Nancy Shapiro

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Ted Fredman's second bar mitzvah by Nancy Shapiro

Ted Fredman's special birthday and chanting

Haftarah by Sharyn and Art Fuchs

Harriet and Ted Fredman's 60th anniversary,

Harriet's special birthday and Ted's 70th bar mitzvah

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Don Vogel

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Harriet and Morris Altschuler

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We are so excited as we plan to celebrate our 100th anniversary beginning in the Fall of 2025! Since our founding in a modest Georgia Avenue, NW home in 1925, through locations at 14th and Emerson Streets, NW (1929) and 16th and Crittenden Streets, NW (1951), our congregation has grown and moved north, expanding to our current Rockville home in 1976.

Over the next few years, there will be many opportunities to celebrate our history, rejoice in our community, and envision the B'nai Israel experience for future generations. **We are honored to announce that Marla Schulman and Steve Rothenberg will Chair our Centennial Committee.** Both Marla and Steve have served as Past Presidents of the congregation and are excited to lead this effort. Our community is so fortunate that they said "yes" to the opportunity to lead this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. And, they are eager for you to join in the planning.

Over the next several months, be on the lookout for many ways you'll be able to engage in the Centennial Celebration. As a start, we will hold Town Hall sessions, where we will get to hear from you about what B'nai Israel has meant to you and what you think our next century should look like. If you have specific questions or thoughts in the meantime, please email [centennial@bnaiisraelcong.org](mailto:centennial@bnaiisraelcong.org).

Looking forward to celebrating 100 years of B'nai Israel together,

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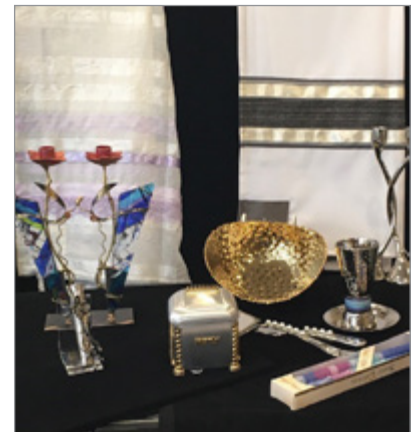
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