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## Celebrate Purim at BSBI!

**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 pm**

Put on your best costume and join us for a *Ma'ariv* service and full *Megillah* reading!

Please note: There will be no 7:00 pm service that evening.



**Thursday,  
March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**8:00 am**

Join us for an abbreviated morning *Megillah* reading!  
Costumes optional, just come and celebrate Purim with us.

## BETH SHOLOM B'NAI ISRAEL

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**Monday through Thursday: 7:00 PM**

**Friday: 6:30 PM**

**Saturday: 10:00 AM**

All service times are as listed above unless otherwise noted in the calendar. The entire community is welcome to attend any of our services. Our Saturday morning service is followed by a community *Kiddush*. This would be an excellent opportunity to meet our congregation and clergy.

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*Thinking  
of you*

## Condolences to:

Ron Buckman and his entire family on the death of his father, Martin Buckman.

Lori, Mark, and Scott Gottlieb and their entire family on the death of their father, Joseph Myron Gottlieb.

Bernie Krutt on the death of his wife, and Sam, Joel, and Danny Krutt on the death of their mother, and the entire family on the death of Judy Krutt.

Teresa Lloyd and her entire family on the death of her father, Walter Solomon.

Stan Pearlson and his entire family on the death of his brother, Melvin Pearlson.

Sherry Shamash and her entire family on the death of her mother, Aileen Porter.

Dottie Snider and her entire family on the death of her husband, Henry Snider.

Micki Starr and her entire family on the death of her father, Jack Weg.

Jane Zimmerman and Dane Petrucelli and his entire family on the death of his father Anthony Petrucelli.

Alan Zitomer, Shari Zitomer, and their entire family on the death of their mother Joan Zitomer.

## Upcoming Events!

*These are just some of the highlights! For full service and program schedules, see calendar on page 20.*

### Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

**10:00 am:** Brotherhood Shabbat Service and Kiddush Luncheon

### Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am:** World Wide Wrap  
*See page 6 and back cover*

**9:30-11:30 am:** Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting and Speaker from JNF  
*See page 6*

### Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

**7:30 pm:** Lecture Series – Topic: The Idea(s) of Zionism

### Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

**12:00 pm:** Lunch & Learn

**6:00 pm:** Cantillation Workshop

**7:30 pm:** BSBI Academy-Why Can't You Pray and What You Can Do About It  
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### Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

**10:00 am:** Shabbat Services

**10:00 am:** *Shirat HaLev*

**7:00 pm:** Movie Night: *The Women's Balcony*  
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### Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

**12:00 pm:** Lunch & Learn

**1:30 pm:** Knit & Kvetch

*See page 5*

**6:00 pm:** Cantillation Workshop

**7:30 pm:** BSBI Academy-Why Can't You Pray and What You Can Do About It

### Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

**9:30 am:** Meditation Service

**10:00 am:** Shabbat Services

### Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

**12:00 pm:** Lunch & Learn

**1:30 pm:** Knit & Kvetch

**6:00 pm:** Cantillation Workshop

### Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

**10:00 am:** Shabbat Services

### Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am:** Brotherhood in Action Breakfast

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**9:30 am:** Sisterhood Adventure walk

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**10:45 am:** RLWRS Purim Program

### Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

**12:00 pm:** Lunch & Learn

**6:00 pm:** Cantillation Workshop

### Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

**6:00 pm:** Purim Evening Service & *Megillah* reading

## Faithcraft



One of the big topics in Jewish circles is the drop in affiliation rates for synagogues. If you read the news, one would think that this marks the beginning of the end for the most basic organization in the Jewish world. Synagogues have been around since the second century CE. They say that in this age of social networking, synagogues

have reached the end of their useful lives. I don't agree. Like everything else in the world, synagogues will have to grow and change, but that is how synagogues survive. I think the mistake that we make is that we forget what the basic job of a synagogue is, and we try to make it into something it cannot be.

At a recent seminar, the instructor started off talking about what he called a "Judgement Spectrum;" these are the questions that a new person who enters a synagogue will be asked. They will be asked about affiliation, involvement, their religious practices, and intermarriage. Almost as soon as they walk in the door we are asking about them spending money and time as well as asking very personal and intimate questions. And, as the instructor noticed, not one of these judgments is related to a mitzvah. There is no mitzvah of affiliation or involvement, or of how religious a person is, nor about who they are married to. These are not the questions we should be asking when someone new visits our congregation.

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## Words from the President



Consider the following story, *The Mud Hole*, by Yanki Tauber:

*A wealthy businessman and his coachman arrived in a city one Friday afternoon. The rich man was settled at the best hotel in town, and the coachman went off to his humble lodgings. Both washed and dressed for the Shabbat, and then set out for the synagogue for the evening prayers. On his way to shul, the businessman came across a large wagon which had swerved off the road and was stuck in a ditch. Rushing to help a fellow in need, the businessman climbed down into the ditch and began pushing and pulling at the wagon together with its hapless driver. But for all his finesse at handling the most challenging of business deals, when it came to extracting a wagon and a team of horses from a muddy ditch, our businessman was hopelessly out of his depth. After struggling for an hour in the knee-deep mud, he succeeded only in ruining his best suit of Shabbat clothes, amassing a most impressive collection of cuts and bruises, and getting the wagon even more impossibly embedded in the mud. Finally, he dragged his limping body to the synagogue, arriving a scant minute before the start of Shabbat.*

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## Notes from the Cantor



With February comes the month of Adar, which means that Purim can't be far behind. Purim has many parallels to Chanukah, the most significant being that

neither holiday appears in the Torah, here meaning the Five Books of Moses. Chanukah first appears in the Talmud, Purim in a later book of the *Tanach*. Both holidays recount historical events; neither is considered to be *yom tov*. But there is one interesting liturgical difference between the two holidays. We recite a full *Hallel* on Chanukah mornings, but no *Hallel* at all on Purim. Why not?

To answer this question, we have to understand a bit more about the history of *Hallel*. *Hallel* is one of the oldest pieces of liturgy that we have in our siddurim today. It has existed as a liturgical unit since at least the time of the second Temple, and was likely recited responsively as part of a procession in the Temple. This procession originally took place on the three pilgrimage festivals: Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot. In other words, *Hallel* was a special ritual for days when there was a public assembly at the Temple.

Given this link with the pilgrimage festivals, the question more accurately becomes not "Why don't we say *Hallel* on Purim?" but "Why *do* we say *Hallel* on Chanukah?" Chanukah isn't a pilgrimage festival; as we've said, it isn't even mentioned in the *Tanach*.

It turns out that although Chanukah isn't a pilgrimage festival, it does have a link to the pilgrimage festivals. During the war with the Greeks that is recounted in the Chanukah story, the Temple was defiled by the Greeks. Because of this, the Jewish people missed Sukkot that year; they couldn't hold their usual pilgrimage festival.

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## Sisterhood Speaks

Mimi Kalman, Editor



### SAVE THE DATE!

## Annual George and Lillian Sandals Memorial Dinner and Lecture

**Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Guest speaker, Dr. Barry Holtz, Theodore and Florence Baumritter Professor of Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary and author of *Rabbi Akiva: Sage of the Talmud*

### Pesach Project Enters Its Third Year

Last Pesach with your generous support the Pesach Project netted an incredible \$7,250. As you may recall this initiative allows you to greet your fellow members with wishes for a sweet and joyous holiday. We will be asking you to continue this tradition and later this month will be soliciting your participation online and via the mail. All the details will once again be explained both in an email and in a letter to you.

The majority of last year's proceeds went to feed the hungry in our midst. We were able to donate \$2,400 to *Mazon* and another \$2,400 to *Leket*. The remaining third went to our Sisterhood to further all the good work they do for our congregation.

*Mazon* is "the Jewish Response to Hunger," a national nonprofit that works to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds. *Mazon*, which means "food" in Hebrew employs advocacy and education to raise awareness about the prevalence of hunger and gives grants to anti-hunger organizations working on behalf of hungry people

throughout America and Israel including our own local food banks.

*Leket* is the largest food bank in Israel. It sources, collects and redistributes fresh quality perishables from farms, hotels, military bases and catering halls. *Leket* works with 195 nonprofits to provide nutritious food to over 175,000 Israelis weekly. Our contributions to these anti-hunger organizations at Pesach fulfill the commandment of *Maot Hittim*, literally "wheat money," which demands that we attend to the needs of the hungry at this time of our celebration of freedom. In the words of the Haggadah, "let all who are hungry come and eat." Please participate generously.

Lisa Plavin

### Film Night, *The Women's Balcony*

We are hosting a screening of the movie, *The Women's Balcony* on Saturday evening, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. This Israeli box office sensation focuses on a congregation dealing with both the physical and emotional fallout after their synagogue's balcony collapses, leaving the women

### *What's Ahead for Sisterhood?*

**Saturday, February 10, 7:00 pm:**  
Film Night, *The Women's Balcony*

**Tuesday, February 13, 1:30 pm:**  
Knit and Kvetch

**Sunday, February 25, 9:30 am:**  
"Adventure" Walk

**Tuesday, February 27, 7:30 pm:**  
Sisterhood Board Meeting

**Monday, March 12, 7:30 pm:**  
Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Club

**Tuesday, March 20:**  
Annual George and Lillian Sandals Memorial Dinner and Lecture

without any appropriate place to worship. When a charismatic rabbi enters their lives, some women in this Jerusalem congregation attempt to unite their neighborhood and preserve their traditions. While the mood is that of a gentle and affectionate comedy, the film makes some extremely sharp points about fanaticism, sexism masked as holiness, and tolerance among the faithful.

### Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Club

The Hadassah/Sisterhood book club will meet in the Silverstein Center on Monday, March 12, at 7:30 pm. The book under discussion will be *Snow in August* by Pete Hamill.

It's Christmastime, 1946. A blizzard has hit Brooklyn, but altar boy Michael Devlin, 12, is determined to be on time to serve the eight o'clock mass. On his way, he passes the local synagogue, where he sees old Rabbi Hirsch gesturing to him. It is the Jewish Sabbath, and the rabbi needs a non-Jew to switch on the light.

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Michael does, and is rewarded with a nickel. The boy lives with his Belfast-born mother in a tenement – his father was killed during WWI – and dreams winter dreams of Captain Marvel and of the new Dodgers rookie, Jackie Robinson. Michael becomes Rabbi Hirsch's *Shabbos goy*, the gentile who does the needed work on the Sabbath.

Soon he is teaching the rabbi, a war refugee, English and baseball. In turn, the rabbi teaches Michael Yiddish, about Prague, and the golem. It's also a story of an unlikely friendship, anti-Semitism, and racial prejudice in the mid- forties.

We have asked the library to obtain the book, and multiple copies will be available at Mary Cheney Library in the reference room. Please plan to join us for a discussion of this book and to help choose books for future discussions.

Our book club will meet on the second Monday of every other month; our next meeting will be May 7 (**first Monday. Note change of date**).

Happy reading!

*Myrna Spector and Maxine Lerman, Co-Chairs*

### **Knit & Kvetch**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 13th at 1:30 pm in the Temple Library. We would love to have some new participants.

After doing our distribution we have decided to concentrate on afghans, hats and mittens. At this time we are going to hold off making scarves. All the people who have received donations appreciate everyone's hard work.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you are making an afghan for us please make it at least 36 x 48 inches. If you feel that is too much for you, then consider making squares 6 x6 inches. You can bring them to BSBI, mark the bags for Knit & Kvetch and we will pick them up and when we have enough of them, we will put them together into a larger afghan. Also, please**

**do not store your knitted items in your basements. It is hard to donate those items when they have a musty odor.**

Any questions, contact me at 860-649-6551 or [irannefind@aol.com](mailto:irannefind@aol.com).

*Anne Fink*

### **Come Walk With Us, Again and Again!**

Join us for some fresh air and some invigorating exercise together. Meet us in the BSBI parking lot on February 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am, and we'll decide where to go. We will be back about 11:00 am.

*Ann Labb and Margie Partney, Co-Chairs*

### **Torah Fund Cards**

Mimi Kalman; *mazal tov* to Victor and Lieba Bernstein on the birth of their grandson, Joseph David, son of Robert and Esther Bernstein; get well to Sally Ivaldi; and get well to Paula Finkelstein.

Susan and Ronald Scherick; get well and best wishes for a speedy recovery to Sally Ivaldi.

Harold and Judy Meyer; *mazal tov* to Susan Goodwin on the birth of her granddaughter.

Barbara and Steve Leshin; get well to Sissy Seader and *mazel tov* to Susan Goodwin on the birth of her granddaughter.

**To order cards for all occasions** contact our Torah Fund Chairperson Lynn Cohen at 860-298-0457 or [lynnbcohen@att.net](mailto:lynnbcohen@att.net).

### **Share an Oneg**

Want to enhance our service or *Kiddush*? Call either Stacey or Mimi (**please note our new addresses**), and we will be happy to help.

Stacey Poutre  
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For detailed instructions for how to sign up, visit our website at: <https://www.myshul.org/support-bsbi/shopping/>.

## Brotherhood Corner

*Carl Mandell, Brotherhood President*

As I write this update, we are in the middle off a truly frigid winter. Hopefully, our warm bagels, blintzes, and other taste treats will help us to maintain the great turnouts for our Monthly Breakfast Meetings. January's attendance, simply stated, was outstanding. Our speaker was Jay Bigman who discussed Investing in Israel. It was an extremely informative session.

On January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, we held our Clothing and Tshotchke Drive. Many thanks to so many of you who brought your items to BSBI for this initiative. What a great way to clear the clutter in our homes, and the funds we receive will, of course, go back to serve our synagogue and community.

We hope that you will join us for a Shabbat service led by the BSBI Brotherhood on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, followed by a *Kiddush* luncheon. Come celebrate all that the Brotherhood does for our congregation.

The next day, Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, will be the annual World Wide Wrap program. We are partnering with the RLWRS to help teach the next generation about laying *tefillin*. We welcome anyone who would like to daven with us that morning, and we are very happy to assist in putting on your *tefillin*. Following the breakfast and meeting, join us for our speaker, a representative from JNF, the Jewish National Fund.

February 25<sup>th</sup> is the Brotherhood In Action Breakfast, which will be held at the East Center St. Masonic Temple. Brotherhood supports this both financially and with person-power. This annual event raises funds to support area families of children with life-altering diseases or disabilities. In the past, the BSBI community has strongly supported this effort through member contributions and attendance at the breakfast.

Try to stay warm, and please make a New Year's Resolution to join us regularly for our meetings and other events.



BSBI Brotherhood member Jay E. Bigman, of the Bigman Consulting Services LLC, talked about investing in Israel on January 7, 2018, at the Brotherhood meeting. *Photo credit: Harold Bernstein*

## Sisterhood Gift Shop: Your Source for All Your *Smachot*



Big Post Chanukah Clearance and check us out for Purim and Passover. There is something for everyone from mom and dad, grandma and grandpa to kids and grandkids. And don't forget to check out our wonderful wedding, birthday and B'nai Mitzvah gifts!

Remember this is your gift shop and all the proceeds go toward the many programs sponsored by our BSBI Sisterhood. We are still looking for several willing individual to help us keep our gift shop going and viable.

For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Rima and Sally at:

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**Sally:** [Pinehurst16@cox.net](mailto:Pinehurst16@cox.net), 860-647-8186



## Welcome to BSBI, Judy!

We hope that you have had the opportunity to meet our new office manager, Judy Sawtelle. She has hit the ground running and is settling in nicely. We are thrilled to have her on our team as we go into the coming year. Judy comes to us from Manchester Adult Education, where she helped people obtain their high school diploma and improve their English. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. Judy has lived and worked in Manchester and Vernon for all her life. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her husband and three children.



**Friday, March 9, 2018**

Jews across the U.S. and Canada will come together in celebration of Shabbat. Join us at BSBI for a Kabbalat Shabbat service at **6:00 pm**. Our students in grades 2 – 7 will participate in leading prayers. The service will be followed by a Kosher Shabbat dinner at **6:45 pm**. Return the enclosed flier to Dawn Steigelfest no later than **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

## Looking for Volunteers!



The Fundraising Committee and the Jazz Festival Committee are looking for volunteers! If you'd like to get involved in this critical part of our temple community, contact Ken Wichman at 860-324-8658 or [kwentp@m-p-c.necoxmail.com](mailto:kwentp@m-p-c.necoxmail.com).

## Save the Date!

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Seder  
March 31, 2018**



Join us for joyous celebration and stimulating conversation as we mix traditional rituals with discussion of themes of the holiday at our second night seder. Delicious food, wine, and camaraderie! Details are found on the flyer inserted into this Bulletin. Contact Dawn or Jack Steigelfest with any questions.

This year's seder will be held in memory of Judy Krutt, who, together with her husband Bernie, helped arrange our seder for many years.

A heartfelt thank you from the congregant whose apartment was destroyed in a recent fire. She wants to thank everyone who so thoughtfully donated items, money, or time to help her get back on her feet. At the time of this writing, a search for new housing is still in process. Everyone's generosity is much appreciated.

## Social Action Collecting Food for Hurricane Relief Through February 9, 2018



Thousands of Puerto Rican and other Caribbean refugees are expected to arrive in Hartford fleeing the devastation of Hurricane Maria. Hundreds have already arrived – and they need our help to start a new life.

Please donate the following unopened, unexpired food items:

- Grace or Goya brand products including bags of rice, bags of beans, and cans of tomato sauce or tomato paste
- Spices and seasonings including sugar, salt, adobo, sazón and garlic powder
- Cereal: all Kellogg's brand cereals, Cheerios, Cream of Wheat and Quaker Oats
- Coffee or juice including Bustelo, Pilon or Maxwell brand coffee and Capri Sun brand juice drink

Donations will be distributed by the Centro de Ayuda Para Nuestros Amigos Caribeños (Relief Center for our Caribbean Friends) in Hartford, managed by the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC).

To the people from Beth Sholom B'nai Israel,

Thank you so much for remembering our Dad, Anthony Petrucelli, at his passing. Your prayers and expressions of sympathy are truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Dane Petrucelli and the entire Petrucelli family.**

### Correction to the January Bulletin:



In last month's recap of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BSBI Jazz Festival, we inadvertently missed two of our volunteers, Bea and Gordon Brodie, in our thanks. Our apologies, and with grateful thanks for their help!

## Sign up for BSBI Continuing Education!



Our Continuing Education classes continue until the spring! We have an excellent line-up available on a wide range of topics at various times throughout the week. For more information on all of our courses, or to register, visit:

<https://www.myshul.org/education/continuing-education/>.

### February Courses

#### **Workshops in Synagogue Music – Cantillation: Chanting Sacred Text:**

February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018

*The theory and practice of cantillation, the chanted melodies for Torah, Haftarah, and megillot. This class will cover the basics of Torah cantillation. All levels are welcome to attend.*

#### **Lunch & Learn:**

Noon – 1:30 pm, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018

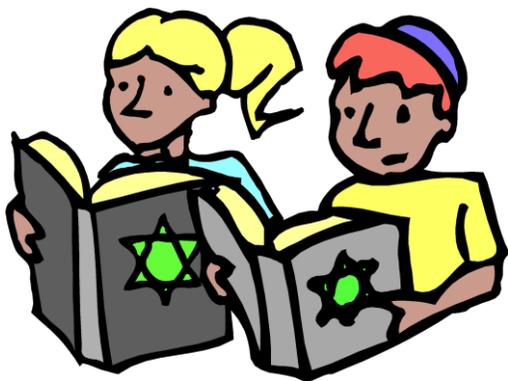
*Starting with Genesis, a weekly chance to explore the plain and hidden lessons of the Bible. Bring your own kosher dairy lunch*

#### **BSBI Academy – Why You Can't Pray and What You Can Do About It**

7:30 – 8:30 pm January 30, February, 6, 13, 20, 2018

*Making prayer personal and meaningful. Creating your own spiritual experience.*

## RLWRS Update from Cantor Bolts



Our students were on winter break for part of December and January, but we've still had the chance to do some great learning here at RLWRS. The Kindergarten has been practicing their Hebrew letters and numbers, and have now learned the Shema well enough to help lead it at our Sunday morning *tefillah* time. They also learned about the stories of Rebecca and Isaac and of Jacob and Esau, and discussed the importance of *gemilut chasadim* (acts of kindness).

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades studied the many stories of Abraham's life, including Sodom and Gomorrah and the Binding of Isaac. They, too, have been discussing the importance of kindness, and segued from Chanukah to Tu Bishvat in their holidays unit.

In their history unit, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades learned about the Enlightenment and about Jewish immigration to America. They also created and performed a theatrical production of the Exodus story in three acts. In addition, 6<sup>th</sup> graders undertook individual research projects focusing on a single haftarah portion.

During the month of January, 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents participated in a three week b'nai mitzvah class with Rabbi Konigsburg. They discussed together what becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah means to them and to their families, and what aspects of Jewish life each of them values and would like to pass on.

## School Snow Reminder:



Generally speaking, when Manchester schools cancel for snow, so will RLWRS. However, because we have very limited school days to accomplish many educational goals, this rule will not always apply.

Information on RLWRS school cancelations will be available by:

1. Our website [www.myshul.org](http://www.myshul.org) -- religious school (Sunday and Thursday)
2. An e-mail will be sent out to families
3. Television WFSB – Channel 3. Name of the school will appear as BSBI Religious School

## Library Corner David Alter, Librarian

Almost everybody knows who James Bond is. He is the premier British Secret Service agent known as 007, licensed to kill! Few people however, know who Gabriel Allon is.

Gabriel Allon is the main protagonist in Daniel Silva's thriller and espionage series that focuses on Israeli intelligence. Gabriel works for the 'the Office.' While not stated, the inference is that it could be the Mossad. After serving his mandatory service in the army, Allon decided to pursue his artistic talents by attending Israel's national school of art, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design. While at the academy, Gabriel was recruited by 'the Office.' Under cover as an Italian art restorer, Gabriel carries out his assignments for the Israeli intelligence.

Follow Gabriel's exploits as a master art restorer and Israeli secret service agent. The following books in the Gabriel Allon series are in the library:

*The Kill Artist, Prince of Fire, The Rembrandt Affair, The Secret Servant, A Death in Vienna, The Defector, The English Assassin, The English Girl, The English Spy, The Fallen Angel, The Messenger, Moscow Rules, Portrait of a Spy.*



**Have a *simcha* you want to share with the congregation?  
Make sure to notify Jeanne at [programming@myshul.org](mailto:programming@myshul.org) so she can include it in the bulletin!**

### Words from the President, continued

*Meanwhile, the coachman arrived early to the synagogue and sat down to recite a few chapters of Psalms. At the synagogue, he found a group of wandering paupers and, being blessed with a most generous nature, the coachman invited them all to share his Shabbat meal*

*When the synagogue sexton approached the poor and homeless to arrange meal placements for them with the town's householders—as is customary in Jewish communities—he received the same reply from them all: “Thank you, but I have already been invited for the Shabbat meal.”*

*Unfortunately, however, the coachman's budget was hardly equal to his generous heart. It would be most difficult to believe that his dozen guests left his table with more than a shadow of a meal in their hungry stomachs.*

*Thus, the coachman, with his twenty years of experience in pulling wagons out of mudholes, took it upon himself to feed a small army, while the wealthy businessman, whose Shabbat meal leftovers could easily have fed every hungry man within a ten-mile radius, floundered about in a ditch...*

*Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak of Lubavitch told this story, and explained its lesson: “Every soul is entrusted with a mission unique to his or her alone, and is granted the specific aptitudes, talents and resources necessary to excel in his or her ordained role.*

*One must take care not to become one of those lost souls who wander haplessly through life, trying their hand at every field of endeavor except for what is truly and inherently their own.”*

Our congregation is blessed to have so many people with so many diverse talents and abilities, that it is no wonder our committees and our organization function so well. We rise to the occasion when others are in distress providing both physical and monetary assistance. I am truly excited, as a member and as President to be involved with such a dynamic organization.

Finally, I want to welcome Judy Sawtelle to our staff and encourage you all to drop in to the office to meet and say hello.

February will usher in Purim, so *Hag Sameach* to all.

**Ron Abrahams, President**

### Notes from the Cantor, con't

So when the war was over and the Temple was purified and rededicated, they decided to hold Sukkot two months late, in the month of Kislev. And historically speaking, that is where Chanukah comes from, and why Chanukah is eight days long – the same as Sukkot.

So in the end, it is Chanukah that is the anomaly here, not Purim. Neither holiday is really a *Hallel*-saying occasion, but Chanukah was grandfathered in by virtue of its historical connection with Sukkot.

*Cantor Sarah Bolts*

***Shirat HaLev***  
**February 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:00 AM**  
*Led by Cantor Bolts*



Awaken your soul with a musical, contemplative interpretation of the Shabbat morning service.

**Meditation service**  
**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-10:30 AM**  
*Led by Rabbi Konigsburg*



Prepare for prayer with chanting of prayers and mindful meditation.

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## Donation Submission Request

Please make sure to print or type the following information and enclose it when you send in your donation payment:

- Your name and address as you want it to be printed on the acknowledgement
- Which fund(s) you would like your donation applied to
- The purpose of the donation, including the full name of the person you are honoring and your relation to them, if applicable. (For example, we won't necessarily know if someone is your sibling or parent unless you tell us!)
- The name and address of who you would like to receive the acknowledgement

All checks should be made out to BSBI and sent to the synagogue at **400 East Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06040**. Please allow some time for the donations to be processed. If you have any questions regarding donations, please contact Jeanne Lowrey at [programming@myshul.org](mailto:programming@myshul.org).

### This Month in Jewish History:

#### 16 Shevat – 13 Adar

By Rabbi Konigsburg

**18 Shevat:** Chaim Weizmann was elected the first President (*Nasi*) of Israel in 1949. Also, on this date in 1980 the Egyptian parliament voted to end their boycott of Israel setting the stage for full diplomatic relations with Israel.

**25 Shevat:** The first ship to break through the British naval blockade of Palestine landed its illegal immigrants on this date in 1934. This illegal immigration would be a factor in England's giving up their mandate in Palestine.

**8 Adar:** Yahrzeit of Zechariah Frankel – Founder of the Jewish Theological Seminary of Breslau and philosopher of Positive-Historical Judaism, the pre-cursor of Conservative Judaism. Also on this date, the Jews of Barbados were the first Jews to take an oath on the Jewish Bible in 1674. They were the first Jews in the Americas to be given that right. The last remaining restriction on Jews in the United States, also to take an oath of office without reference to Christ, was also on this date in Maryland in 1825.

**10 Adar:** Israel and Egypt exchange ambassadors in 1980.

Dear Rabbi Konigsburg,

*Thank you for the gift of \$150 towards The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Conservative Yeshiva at the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center from the Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Minyan Attendees...Through your gracious support, our Yeshiva continues to innovate and expand its spiritual, intellectual, and managerial network, providing meaningful Jewish learning opportunities for adults of all ages...Together, we are positively impacting those seeking to make Jewish life, learning and community relevant and meaningful. Todah Rabbah.*

Warmly,

*Rabbi Steven Wernick, USCJ Chief Executive Officer  
Margo Gold, USCJ International President*

### Important: Update Your Contact Information!

- ✚ Think you signed up to get e-mails but haven't received any lately?
- ✚ Planning on moving or getting a new e-mail address?
- ✚ Want to be added to our e-mail list to get our bi-weekly announcements, sad news notifications and other important information related to the congregation?
- ✚ Have a child who has gone off to college and would like to keep up to date with life at BSBI?
- ✚ Have a new cell number or gave up your landline?



Please notify Jeanne Lowrey directly regarding **ANY** changes or issues by calling 860-643-9563 ext. 103 or by sending an e-mail to [programming@myshul.org](mailto:programming@myshul.org).

**REMEMBER:** We cannot reach you if our records are not up to date!

### ***Faithcraft, continued***

We should first be asking ourselves the following questions every time that we gather together: “Why are we getting people together?” “What do we want Jews to experience here?”

Synagogues were started as a place for Jews to meet, a place to study and a place to pray. We are a school of Jews of all ages and a sanctuary where we can reach inside and touch our souls. When we want to share the joys of life or when we seek comfort in our time of pain, we can gather in a synagogue to find people who understand who we are and who know how to speak to our needs.

I do understand that we need to raise money to pay our bills and to provide the teachers and spiritual guides that are required to do our work. But as important as fundraising is, and it is important, it is not one of our core businesses. We raise money for a purpose, to advance the kind of Judaism we believe in.

Similarly, synagogue programming is a means to an end, not the end itself. What is important is not how many people are in attendance but what we get out of the time we are together. There are thousands of ways we can find entertainment outside the synagogue. When we gather together as Jews we need to join hands to do Jewish things, things we cannot do anywhere else in our community.

I often ask people to share their “Jewish Story” with me. What brought them into a synagogue and why do they keep coming back? It almost always comes down to relationships. People tell me that they made friends at shul; they shared special moments with family and friends at shul.

The fact is that people who are looking for a synagogue don’t really know what they are looking for. They feel a need in their soul and are trying to find a place in the world where they can speak of spiritual things, even if they don’t know what spiritual things they want to talk about. There are lots of things to do in the world but not very many places they can be valued for who they are. The synagogue can be such a place. We need to welcome their searching and not judge them when they walk in the door.

To be really welcoming to strangers, we need to stay away from personal questions; we should invite them to join with us as we continue our Jewish Journey. If we can open our hearts to the stranger, they may be able to open their hearts to us and to God, and that could make, in their lives, and ours, all the difference.

We are not just welcoming strangers to BSBI, we are welcoming them home.

***Rabbi Randall Konigsburg***

### **Call the Rabbi!**



Rabbi Konigsburg visits the local hospitals on a regular basis. An important part of his duties is to bring comfort and healing to those who are sick. Due to privacy laws, the hospitals can’t tell him if one of our members has been admitted. He could be just down the hall, but if he doesn’t know someone is there, he will not know to make a visit. Please call the Rabbi if you or someone you know is in the hospital so a timely visit can be made.

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### **Don’t Forget to Check Out MyShul.org!**



Our website has all the latest information on upcoming events, class and event registration, secure online donations, and shopping opportunities that support BSBI! If you would like to send in any pictures, videos, or upcoming event information, please email [\*\*programming@myshul.org\*\*](mailto:programming@myshul.org).

# Leave a Jewish Legacy

The **BSBI Endowment Foundation (Tax ID 05 0540805)** continues to encourage legacy giving in collaboration with the Jewish Community Foundation. As the tax laws have recently changed some vehicles for charitable giving have become more attractive.

Since the recently approved tax plan nearly doubles the standard deduction, the ability to deduct charitable contributions may be limited unless the charitable deduction is greater than the standard deduction. In order to overcome the threshold of the standard deduction, one can pool charitable gifts in certain years in order to exceed the standard deduction and maximize the tax savings. Although bunching the charitable contributions may optimize deductions for the donor, the charitable recipient may depend upon a steady flow of donations to sustain their mission.

A potential solution which may meet both your needs and those of the charitable organizations you wish to support is the “Donor Advised Fund” or DAF.

## What is a Donor Advised Fund?

A DAF is a charitable vehicle established at a public charity that can serve as your “philanthropic checkbook.” It provides an opportunity for you to make charitable donations to your DAF, receive an income tax deduction in the year that donation is made to the DAF, and then make charitable donations to organizations of importance to you, such as BSBI, from your DAF at any time in the future. DAFs are available through the Jewish Community Foundation, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, and major brokerage and mutual fund organizations such as Fidelity, Schwab, T Rowe Price and Vanguard. Individuals may fund their DAFs with cash, life insurance, or appreciated securities including stocks, bonds and mutual funds. You may also name a

DAF as a beneficiary of your estate through your will. At the time of death, DAFs can accept retirement assets or the remainder of a charitable remainder trust

## Mechanics of DAF Accounts

Creating a DAF may enable you to maximize your giving, fulfill your philanthropic goals and provide an opportunity to engage another generation in philanthropy. By making an irrevocable contribution to the DAF, you receive the maximum allowable charitable deduction in the year that gift is made, regardless of when you distribute the funds to organizations about which you care. The donor may name the DAF, the advisors, charitable successors and charitable beneficiaries. The contribution is placed into the DAF where it is invested. Within the DAF, earnings and capital gains are tax free. Any time after the initial contribution, the donor or named advisors may recommend a grant to a qualified charitable organization, such as the BSBI Endowment Foundation. Presently, there are no laws that require the DAF assets be distributed in a specific amount of time. Current minimums for opening a DAF are \$5000 at Fidelity and Schwab, \$10,000 at the Jewish

Community Foundation and \$25,000 at Vanguard.

## DAFs and Legacy Giving

DAFs differ in their policies on succession planning. Many DAFs permit donors to appoint successor advisors such as adult children. The original donor may also recommend that some or all of the assets remaining in the DAF go the BSBI Endowment Foundation as part of the Leave a Jewish Legacy Program and as a final gesture of charity. Donors who decide to bequest their donor advised fund assets to the BSBI Endowment, a qualified 501(c)(3) organization, will be honored in perpetuity as a member of our *Etz Hayim* Legacy Society.

The tax regulations are complex and in constant flux. If you are considering establishing a Donor Advised Fund or leaving Donor Advised Fund assets to the Endowment Foundation of BSBI, please reach out to me at [jeffreywasser@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeffreywasser@sbcglobal.net) or Roy Filkoff at [royfilkoff@altmanandco.com](mailto:royfilkoff@altmanandco.com) or [BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org).

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Wasser, MD  
President BSBI Endowment



Leave a Jewish Legacy™

What will YOUR Legacy be?

There is something you can do right now to help preserve the BSBI community for generations to come. By leaving a bequest, you create a permanent legacy. It is a way to keep the traditions and values that we cherish alive and to ensure they will continue to be there for the BSBI community in perpetuity - now and whenever help is needed.

For a confidential discussion, please contact us  
[BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org)

# Community Announcements

## Make a Friend, Do a Mitzvah!



## Volunteer with the Caring Community Friendly Visitor Program

The Caring Community Friendly Visitor Program pairs Jewish volunteers with older Jewish Adults to provide meaningful companionship and social interaction.

As a volunteer, you'll work with a partner to:

- Create a Jewish connection with a homebound senior through regular visits
- Have the option to purchase and deliver groceries for the home-bound senior using pre-paid store gift cards.

Clients will:

- Receive companionship and support from a Jewish adult or Student
- Enjoy a stronger connection to their Jewish community
- Have the option to fill out a shopping list for the volunteer and pay for groceries by pre-purchasing store gift cards through Federation

A background check and a brief training session are required for all volunteers. Anyone over age 12 is eligible to volunteer with an adult. Families are welcome! To learn more, contact Alana Butler at 860-727-6152 or [abutler@jewishhartford.org](mailto:abutler@jewishhartford.org).

## Help a child learn to read!

### Become a Preschool PALS Reading Mentor!

Each year, more than 1 in 3 American children starts kindergarten without the language skills they need in order to learn to read. You can help by becoming a Preschool Pals Reading Mentor! Attend a training session, then select a 30-minute-per-week time slot to read to a preschooler in Bloomfield or Hartford. You can meet during the school day or after school. Anyone age 12 or older can be a mentor. Spring mentorships last 10 weeks; six-week summer mentorships are also available.

### Preschool Pals Volunteer Training Sessions

- Thursday, February 22, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 27, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Snow Date: Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Community Services Building, 333 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT

RSVP to Ronni Breiter by February 20, 2018 at 860.727.6129

or [rbreiter@jewishhartford.org](mailto:rbreiter@jewishhartford.org).

Preschool Pals is a program of Children's Reading Partners. For more information, please call 860.236.READ (7323) or email [READ@jewishhartford.org](mailto:READ@jewishhartford.org).

## Film Screening: *Harvesting Stones*

March 11, 2:00 pm

*Beckish Senior Center, Route 66, Columbia, CT*

The Columbia Historical Society is hosting a screening of the film *Harvesting Stones*, a documentary about the Eastern European Jews who settled in Eastern Connecticut with the aid of the Baron de Hirsch Jewish Agricultural Society in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Under the guidance of Jerry Fisher, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut, the film mixes historic footage and live interviews to tell about the courage and determination of those who fled Russia to find Opportunities in Connecticut.

The film will be followed by a discussion and light refreshments. The program is open to the public at no cost. The Society welcomes any members of our congregation whose families may have come to Connecticut with the JAS to be recognized at a small panel discussion and reception after the screening. They would be delighted to share and display photos, recipes, or any other heritage items of people's immigrant ancestors. For more information, contact Joan Hill of the Columbia Historical Society at 860-228-2849 or [jhill003@charter.net](mailto:jhill003@charter.net).

## JTCares: Homemade Dog Treats for Israel



Teens from 7th-12th grade are invited to make homemade dog treats to be donated to a dog shelter in Israel! We will learn about how shelters are run in Israel, and about the special canine unit in the Israel Defense Forces. Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>; 1-4 pm at Temple Beth Hillel in South Windsor.

**Suggested donation:** \$10, includes lunch. Contact [office@jtconnect.org](mailto:office@jtconnect.org) with questions, or to RSVP by February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Plant a Tree, Win a Trip!

The Jewish National Fund is holding a special promotion through February 15<sup>th</sup> in honor of Tu BiShvat. For every tree you plant, you will be entered into a sweepstakes for a chance to win a trip to Israel.

For more information, visit their website at: <http://bit.ly/JNFTrip>

# The Endowment Foundation

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**The Time  
is Now,  
The Need  
is Great!**

Endowments are an opportunity for each of us to provide for our synagogue on a continuous basis by creating a permanent tribute to our values and principles.

Our synagogue is here for you as you experience life's greatest joys and greatest challenges.

*The  
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Foundation*

\*These funds can also be used in Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School

For information about establishing an Endowment Fund or leaving a bequest, contact Dr. Jeffrey Wasser [BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org) or Rabbi Konigsburg 860-643-9563 x101.

## Contributions from Thoughtful People

**Thank you to those who support BSBI by remembering and honoring friends and loved ones with generous contributions.**

Donations appearing in the newsletter may not reflect all donations received prior to publication. Listings are as current as the newsletter deadline allows.

### **BERNARD AND MAY KAHN AND ELI AND ROSE LERMAN FUND.**

Maxine & Manny Lerman, in memory of Arthur Abramson.

### **ELLIOTT AND EVELEEN ZIMMERMAN FUND.**

Eveleen Zimmerman, in gratitude.

### **GENERAL FUND.**

Richard Berkman, a contribution to the AED Fund.

Bea and Gordon Brodie, a contribution to the AED Fund.

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Joanne, Luis, and Anna Cordon, in appreciation of Rebecca Rumbo and David Stern for welcoming them into their home during a power outage and expressing kindness in a difficult time.

Joan Cushman, in memory of Yetta Osher on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

Joanne Donn, a contribution to the AED Fund.

Marsha DuBeau, in memory of Ira Turshen, father of Marsha DuBeau, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

Betty and Neil Ellis, in memory of Abraham Stone on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

Ellie and Herb Flink.

Randi and Matthew Friedman, in memory of Julius Friedman on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

Sharon and Barry Haight, in memory of Sylvia Haight on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

Eleanor Lipton, in loving memory of Simon Lipton on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

Terri Magee, in memory of Fred Horn and Esther Horn Kaplan.

Cruz and Carl Mandell, in memory of Ramona Dorbat on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

Cruz and Carl Mandell, *refuah shlema* to Lew Segal.

Arnold Menchel, in memory of Philip and Dorothy Menchel.

Susan and Robert Mendelsohn, a contribution to the AED Fund.

Judy and Harold Meyer, a contribution to the AED fund and in memory of Arthur Abramson.

Ellen and David Neuhaus, in memory of Samuel Wurmbrand, father of Mitchell Wurmbrand.

Iris Ostrom, a contribution to the AED fund in honor of the 80th birthday of Iris' beloved brother, Barry Kornfeld; a contribution to the AED fund in honor of the birthday and retirement of Iris' dear friend, Linda Rosen; and a contribution to the AED fund in memory of Iris' dear friend Ben Pessa, beloved husband of Barbara Pessa.

Barry Rimler, a *Yizkor* donation.

Laurie Ross.

Blanche Ross, in memory of Steven Ross on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

Susan and Ron Scherick, a contribution to the AED Fund.

Blanche and Robert Stone, in memory of Abraham Stone on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

Diane and Jeff Wasser, in memory of Arthur Abramson, and, *mazal tov* to Bea and Gordon Brodie on the birth of their new grandson.

Eveleen Zimmerman.

### **GORDON BARSHAY LASSOW AND JAY JOSHUA LASSOW FUND.**

Gail Freedman, in memory of Gail's sister, Marilyn Fried, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*, and in memory of Gail's uncle, Jack Lassow, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

### **JEROME AND LOUISE NATHAN FUND.**

Louise Nathan, in memory of Louise's mother, Ida Coddon, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

### **JOE DAVIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FUND.**

Audrey Davis, in memory of Audrey's dear mother, Anna Garber, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

## Contributions from Thoughtful People

### **LAURIE MARGOLIS FUND.**

Susan and Philip Margolis, in memory of Cantor Anita Schubert's beloved father, Joseph Schubert.

### **LEONARD SEADER FUND.**

Herbert Byk, in memory of Marta Byk Furstenberg on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

### **LIBRARY FUND.**

Lynn and Jack Cohen, *mazal tov* to Bea and Gordon Brodie on the birth of their grandson, Brodie Patrick.

### **LOUIS AND SADYE APTER.**

Sue and Bernie Apter, in loving memory of Bernie's parents, Louis and Sadye Apter, and Sue's loving parents Dewey and Edith Haas, and Bernie's beautiful sister, Marlene, who are always in their hearts.

### **NAT N. AND GERTRUDE STURM SCHWEDEL FUND.**

Alan, Marilyn, Andrew, and Erica Schwedel, for special programs for the children attending the RLWRS and for items not normally included in the school budget.

### **NELLIE KATZ COHEN FUND.**

Eveleen Zimmerman, wishing Sissy Seader a quick and complete recovery.

### **NICHUM AVAYLIM FUND**

Sharon Woodley.

### **PRAAYER BOOK FUND.**

Risa and Roy Filkoff, to support the purchase of new prayer books for the synagogue.

### **RABBI EMERITUS' DISCRETIONARY FUND.**

Gloria Naftali, *mazal tov* to Gloria's son Alan and daughter-in-law Emily on the birth of their first child, a son Paxton Levi Naftali.

### **RABBI JESHAIA AND HILDE SCHNITZER FUND.**

Cantor Anita Schubert and Reuven Perry, in memory of Joseph Friedfertig on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND.**

Rachel and Stephen Donnell, *mazal tov* to Lieba and Victor Bernstein on the birth of their new grandson.

Ellen and David Neuhaus, in loving memory of David's father, Misza Neuhaus, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*; in loving memory of David's mother, Ester Neuhaus, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in loving memory of Ellen's father, Howard Kitzberg, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*; *mazal tov* to Rabbi and Michelle Konigsburg on the birth of their grandson Natan; and *mazal tov* to Sandi and Jeff Garfield on the birth of their new grandson.

Susan and Jay Stoppelman, in memory of Sharon Woodley's beloved father, George Woodley.

### **RITA AND DAVID SCHMERLER FUND.**

Lea and Alan Schmerler, in memory of Arthur Abramson; in memory of Cantor Anita Schubert's beloved father, Joseph Schubert; in memory of Sharon Woodley's beloved father, George Woodley; *mazal tov* to Bea and Gordon Brodie on the birth of their grandson, Brodie Dunn, son of Diane and Ryan Dunn.

### **RUBEN FIALKOFF FUND.**

Eveleen Zimmerman, in memory of Raquel Fialkoff, with recognition of the many things that she did for this community.

### **SHABBAT LUNCHEON FUND.**

Lynn and Jack Cohen, *mazal tov* to Lieba and Victor Bernstein on the birth of their grandson, Joseph David; and *mazal tov* to Susan Goodwin on the birth of her granddaughter, Adara.

Cheryl, Aaron, Hailey, Ryan, and Blake Gilman, *mazal tov* to Fran and Gene Spiegel on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Diane and Arnold Keyser, in honor of Sally Ivaldi's special birthday and wishing her a speedy recovery.

Susan and Philip Margolis, wishing good health to Sally Ivaldi and her son in 2018.

Shirley & Lew Segal, in memory of Arthur Abramson.

Eveleen Zimmerman, with get well wishes to Lew Segal; with get well wishes to Paula Finkelstein; with get well wishes to Sally Ivaldi for a full and speedy recovery.

### **WEIL/BRAUNSBURG FUND.**

Eveleen Zimmerman, with get well wishes to Marilyn Weil for a speedy and full recovery.

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Joseph Howell - 4  
Manuel Lerman - 5  
Jay Bigman - 6  
Ted Lloyd - 6  
Miriam Schwartz - 7  
Maxine Lerman - 9  
Lawrence Marks - 9  
Edward Reilly - 9  
Sarah Cinquemani - 10  
Neil Ellis - 10  
Ilana Plen - 10  
Devorah Ketai - 12  
Wendy Videll - 12  
Andrea Tardif - 13  
Phil Stein - 15  
Lisa Plavin - 16  
Donna Caplin - 17  
Ira Fink - 17  
Adam Grodofsky - 17  
Susan Mendelsohn - 17

David Riedel - 17  
Susan Goodwin - 18  
Thomas Mastronarde - 18  
Anne Herman - 20  
Anne Herman - 20  
Adam Zimmerman - 20  
Kristen Hauer - 21  
Barbara Bayer - 22  
Jody Gross - 22  
Matthew Torff - 22  
Benjamin Cyr - 23  
Rebecca Cyr - 23  
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Andrew Filkoff - 28  
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Ruth Heller - 28  
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Doris Adler - 29



## Anniversaries

Yale and Berle Cantor - 4  
Marcia and James McGee - 7  
Cara and Alex Feinstein - 8  
Emily and Peter Buch - 17  
Lorin and Scott Pasternak - 17



*If we have overlooked a special  
date please contact us at:  
860-643-9563 ext. 100  
so that we may celebrate it in the  
future.*

# February 2018 Evening Minyan Calendar

Please Note: Services will begin at 7:00 PM except where noted.  
 \* Special credit to our twice a month (or more) Jewry Duty members

MONDAYS (7:00 PM)	TUESDAYS (7:00 PM)	WEDNESDAYS (7:00 PM)	THURSDAYS (7:00 PM)
<p><b><u>First Monday – 2/5</u></b>                      Bloostein, Saul &amp; Susan*                      Creem, Jerry*                      Delaney, Bill &amp; Deb*                      Schmerler, Alan &amp; Lea</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People Needed</b></p>	<p><b><u>First Tuesday – 2/6</u></b>                      Banks, Craig                      Baron, Barry &amp; Joan                      Bayer, Aaron &amp; Laurie                      Dashefsky, Arnold &amp; Sandy                      Schiller, Richard &amp; Amy                      Stern, Alfred &amp; Eileen                      Vinick, Cal</p>	<p><b><u>First Wednesday – 2/7</u></b>                      Axler, Phil*                      Brodic, Gordon &amp; Bea                      Karasik, Gail                      Keyser, Arnold &amp; Diane*                      Lerman, Manny &amp; Maxine                      Pasternak, Lorin*                      Rubin, Donna</p>	<p><b><u>First Thursday – 2/1</u></b>                      Burstein, David*                      Caplin, Bob &amp; Donna*                      Luxemburg, Maury                      Mandell, Carl &amp; Cruz                      Poutre, Stacey                      Riedel, Rima</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People Needed</b></p>
<p><b><u>Second Monday – 2/12</u></b>                      Bayer, Bill &amp; Barbara                      Beck, Bruce                      Creem, Jerry*                      Delaney, Bill &amp; Deb*                      Flink, Herb &amp; Ellie*                      Ketai, Richard &amp; Levine, Laura                      Partney, Philip &amp; Margery</p>	<p><b><u>Second Tuesday – 2/13</u></b>                      Breslau, Bill or Susan                      Carter, Irma                      Cohen, Jack &amp; Lynn                      Grad, Howard &amp; Linda                      Kalman, Mimi*                      Lerner, Brenda                      Norman, Mike &amp; Bonnie                      Phair, Sandi*                      Singer, Trudy</p>	<p><b><u>Second Wednesday – 2/14</u></b>                      Axler, Phil*                      Gamzon, Bill*                      Gottlieb, Joe                      Keyser, Arnold &amp; Diane*                      Leshin, Steven &amp; Barbara                      Pasternak, Lorin*                      Resnick, Barry &amp; Renny*                      Sussman, Aaron*                      Zucker, Spin</p>	<p><b><u>Second Thursday – 2/8</u></b>                      Burstein, David*                      Caplin, Bob &amp; Donna *                      Finkelstein, Paula                      Goldstein, Alan &amp; Carol                      Norman, Sam &amp; Teri                      Resnick, Barry &amp; Renny*                      Sussman, Aaron*                      Zupnik, Ted &amp; Barbara*</p>
<p><b><u>Third Monday – 2/19</u></b>                      Creem, Jerry*                      Delaney, Bill &amp; Deb*                      Linner, Abe &amp; Iris                      Ludlum, Cathy                      Meyer, Harold                      Milzoff, Joel &amp; Irene                      Rubin, Paul</p>	<p><b><u>Third Tuesday – 2/20</u></b>                      Abrahams, Richard &amp; Leslie                      Gross, Michael &amp; Susan                      Ivaldi, Sally                      Kahaner, Harvey &amp; Elaine                      Meyer, Judy                      Orringer, Nelson &amp; Stephanie                      Wasser, Jeff &amp; Diane</p>	<p><b><u>Third Wednesday – 2/21</u></b>                      Axler, Phil*                      Filkoff, Roy                      Gamzon, Bill*                      Igdalsky, Alan &amp; Hope                      Kaplan, Jonathan &amp; Linda                      Keyser, Arnold &amp; Diane*                      Pasternak, Lorin*                      Plen, Donna                      Stoppelman, Julian &amp; Susan                      Sussman, Aaron*</p>	<p><b><u>Third Thursday – 2/15</u></b>                      Borgida, Edward                      Burstein, David*                      Caplin, Bob &amp; Donna*                      Klein, Phil                      Kovensky, Neil                      McGee, Marcia                      Murray, Becky*                      Phair, Sandi*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People Needed</b></p>
<p><b><u>Fourth Monday – 2/26</u></b>                      Bloostein, Saul &amp; Susan*                      Creem, Jerry*                      Delaney, Bill &amp; Deb*                      Pasternak, Lorin*                      Rubin, Susan                      Spiegel, Eugene                      Zimmerman, Eveleen*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People Needed</b></p>	<p><b><u>Fourth Tuesday – 2/27</u></b>                      Beede, Harriet                      Kalman, Mimi*                      Lassow, Jeff &amp; Liza Mandel                      Plavin, Lisa &amp; Rabbi Richard                      Turk, Mike or Maddy*                      Zimmerman, Eveleen*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People Needed</b></p>	<p><b><u>Fourth Wednesday – 2/28</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Purim Service</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>6:00 PM</i></b></p>	<p><b><u>Fourth Thursday – 2/22</u></b>                      Burstein, David*                      Caplin, Bob &amp; Donna*                      Krutt, Sam                      Lassow, Marilyn                      Pearlson, Stan &amp; Sue                      Sussman, Aaron*                      Zimmerman, Jane</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People Needed</b></p>

**We are looking for members to add to this Minyan List!**

**If you have volunteered for one night, would you consider committing for two per month?**

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# February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Please note that calendar times are listed as posted in the office as of the date <i>Chai Lights</i> goes to print. Any schedule changes after this time will be posted on the online calendar at <a href="https://www.myshul.org">https://www.myshul.org</a> and included in the bi-weekly announcements. These sources will have the most up to date information on events.</p> </div>				<b>1</b> 4:30 pm BSBI Teen Program  4:30 pm RLWRS Grades 2 - 7  5:30 pm RLWRS Tu Bishvat Program  7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service  <b>Shevat 16</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat     <i>Candle lighting</i> 4:49 pm	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Brotherhood Shabbat Service & Luncheon     <i>Havdalah</i> 5:42 pm
<b>4</b> 9:00 am RLWRS Grades Pre K-7  9:00 am World Wide Wrap  9:30 am Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting & Speaker from JNF  <b>Shevat 19</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service  7:30 pm Lecture Series - Topic: The Idea(s) of Zionism	<b>6</b> 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn: Exploring the Many Facets of the Bible  6:00 pm Cantillation Workshop  7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service  7:30 pm BSBI Academy: Why You Can't Pray and What You Can Do About It	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service	<b>8</b> 4:30 pm RLWRS Grades 2 - 7  7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting  7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat     <i>Candle lighting</i> 4:58 pm	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Shabbat Services  10:00 am Shirat HaLev with Cantor Bolts  7:00 pm Movie Night: <i>The Women's Balcony</i>  <i>Havdalah</i> 5:51 pm
<b>11</b> 9:00 am RLWRS Grades Pre K-7     <b>Shevat 26</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service  7:30 pm Lecture Series: Snow Date	<b>13</b> 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn: Exploring the Many Facets of the Bible  1:30 pm Knit & Kvetch  6:00 pm Cantillation Workshop  7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service  7:30 pm BSBI Academy: Why You Can't Pray and What You Can Do About It	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service	<b>15</b> 4:30 pm BSBI Teen Program  4:30 pm RLWRS Grades 2 - 7  7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat     <i>Candle lighting</i> 5:07 pm  <b>Adar 1</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Meditation Service with Rabbi Konigsburg  10:00 am Shabbat Services     <i>Havdalah</i> 6:00 pm
<b>18</b>  <b>No Religious School</b>    <b>Adar 3</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b> 7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service	<b>20</b> 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn: Exploring the Many Facets of the Bible  6:00 pm Cantillation Workshop  7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service	<b>21</b> 7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service  7:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting	<b>22</b> 4:30 pm RLWRS Grades 2 - 7  7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat     <i>Candle lighting</i> 5:07 pm	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Shabbat Services & Kiddush Luncheon     <i>Havdalah</i> 6:09 pm
<b>25</b> 9:00 am RLWRS Grades Pre K-7  9:00 am Brotherhood In Action Breakfast  9:30 am Sisterhood Adventure Walk  10:45 am RLWRS Purim Program  <b>Adar 10</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service	<b>27</b> 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn: Exploring the Many Facets of the Bible  6:00 pm Cantillation Workshop  7:00 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> Service  7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>28</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Purim Evening Service	<b>February 3rd: Parashat Yitro</b> <b>February 10th: Parashat Mishpatim</b> <b>February 17th: Parashat Terumah</b> <b>February 24th: Parashat Tetzaveh</b>		

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# *World Wide Wrap*

*February 4th, 9:00 AM*



The RLWRS and the BSBI Brotherhood are partnering to bring us the World Wide Wrap on **February 4<sup>th</sup>**. All students and their parents, regardless of gender, are invited to attend. We will have some *tefillin* sets available, but feel free to bring your own. The program starts at 9:00 am to allow everyone to get *tefillin* on before the service. Breakfast will be served following the minyan.

# Shabbat Across America 2018



Friday, March 9, 2018

Jews across the U.S. and Canada will come together  
in celebration of Shabbat

Join us at BSBI for a  
Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:00 pm  
Our students in grades 2 – 7 will participate in leading prayers

Followed by a Kosher Shabbat dinner at 6:45 pm

Be a participant in this opportunity to share Shabbat with thousands of  
Jews across North America!

Send form & check, payable to BSBI, **by March 2nd** to:  
Dawn Steigelfest, 26 Tamarac Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033  
Questions? Contact Dawn 860-659-4029

We will be coming to the Shabbat dinner on March 9<sup>th</sup>. A check payable to BSBI is enclosed.

Names \_\_\_\_\_

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# Brotherhood Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner

Friday, March 16th



Service: 6:30 PM

Dinner: Approximately 7:30 PM

Ru'ach to follow a traditional  
"Shabbes" dinner

Gluten Free Option Available.

Questions? Call Maury Luxemburg at 860-798-1869 or Dave Alter at 860-729-6803



## Reservation Form for Brotherhood Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner

Return this form by **March 9th** along with a check made payable to **BSBI Brotherhood**.

Mail to Dave Alter, 5 Eleanor Street Extension, Vernon, CT, 06066

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone nos.: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  I have enclosed a check

Individuals \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family (3+) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your meal selections:

Chicken  Fish

Please let us know if you need a gluten free meal option.

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The second night of Passover, Saturday, March 31, 2018

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Gourmet Kosher Meal:  
Beef Brisket, Chicken, or  
Vegetarian



Seder begins at 7:30  
Babysitting available\*

Join us as we celebrate the second night of Passover together as a community!  
Traditional rituals, prayers, and contemporary discussion led by Rabbi Konigsburg.

This year's seder will be held in memory of Judy Krutt who, together with her husband Bernie, helped arrange the BSBI seder for many years.

Register and **pay by March 5<sup>th</sup>** to get \$36 per person price. ALL reservations close on March 15, 2018.

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I/We will attend the Seder at BSBI on March 31st. A check is enclosed.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate number of each:

Beef Chicken Veg.

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