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The Sisterhood of Beth Sholom B'nai Israel invites you to:

Torah Study Shabbat



April 20 & 21, 2018

With guest scholar

Dr. Pamela Nadell

Patrick Clendenen Chair in Women's and Gender History and Director of the Jewish Studies Program at American University

Friday, April 20th:

6:00 PM – Service

7:00 PM – Dinner (*Reservation only*)

8:15 PM – Saul M. and Rebecca B. Silverstein Lecture

"Meet the American Jewesses"

Saturday, April 21st:

10:00 AM – Shabbat Service

D'var Torah by Dr. Pamela Nadell:

"A New Kind of Jewess: Meet the Russian Immigrants"

Kiddush Luncheon Follows

No charge, but response is requested.

1:15 PM – Rabbi Jeshua and Hilde Schnitzer Memorial Lecture

"Two Worlds Converge"

To register, return the enclosed flier to Marilyn Lassow no later than April 13th.

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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:

Peter Buch and his entire family on the death of his uncle, Eric Teitz.

Richard Ketai and his entire family on the death of his father, Norbert Ketai.

Hedda Reichlin and her entire family on the death of her sister Hilda.

Barbara Zubrow and her entire family on the death of her father and our member, Abraham Zubrow.



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

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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Upcoming Events!

For full service and program schedules, see calendar on page 16.

Sunday, April 1st

10:00 am: Pesach 2 Service

Tuesday, April 3rd

7:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal
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Thursday, April 5th

6:30 pm: Pesach Evening Service

Friday, April 6th

10:00 am: Pesach 7 Service

6:30 pm: Pesach Evening Service

Saturday, April 7th

10:00 am: Pesach 8 Service & *Yizkor*

Sunday, April 8th

9:00 am: Morning Minyan

9:30 am: Brotherhood Breakfast meeting and Speaker Mike Zeller

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Tuesday, April 10th

1:30 pm: Knit & Kvetch, *See page 4*

6:00 pm: *Nusach* Workshop

7:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 11th

7:00 pm: Yom HaShoah Service and Program, *See page 6*

Saturday, April 14th

10:00 am: Shabbat Services

10:00 am: *Shirat HaLev*

Tuesday, April 17th

6:00 pm: *Nusach* Workshop

7:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 21st

Torah Study Shabbat

6:00 pm: *Kabbalat* Shabbat Service

7:00 pm: Dinner (Reservation only)

8:15 pm: Saul M. & Rebecca B.

Silverstein Lecture

See page 4 and enclosed flier.

Saturday, April 21st

Torah Study Shabbat

10:00 am: Shabbat Service & *Kiddush* Luncheon

1:15 pm: Rabbi Jeshai'a & Hilde

Schnitzer Memorial Lecture

Tuesday, April 24th

6:00 pm: *Nusach* Workshop

7:30 pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

Saturday, April 28th

10:00 am: Lily Gross Bat Mitzvah and Shabbat Services

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Sunday, April 29th

9:30 am: Sisterhood Adventure Walk

Faithcraft



An Eye that Sees and an Ear that Hears

Rabbi Wayne Dosick tells the story of the time he was walking down a crowded, noisy street with a friend when she said to him, “Listen to the chirping of the birds. Don’t they make a beautiful sound?”

He was amazed at what she was saying, and he replied, “Are you joking? There’s too much noise – all the cars and trucks, the blaring horns, the ambulance sirens, people shouting at each other above the din. It’s impossible to hear the sound of a tiny bird in all this racket.”

They walked a little further.

His friend opened her purse and took out a quarter and tossed it on the ground. The coin bounced on the sidewalk, plinking as it rolled. Half a dozen people-stopped by the sound of the quarter hitting the pavement – followed its rolling path and stooped to pick it up.

We hear what we want to hear.

I heard a story of a man who told his Rabbi that he lost his faith in a concentration camp. There was a man there who had a siddur and he charged the people some of their butter ration for the privilege to pray from his siddur. “If that is what religion is all about, I want nothing to do with it” he exclaimed.

The Rabbi replied, “Don’t look at one man who took advantage of others; look instead to all the others who lined up to give their precious ration for the privilege to be able to pray.”

We see what we want to see.

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Words from the President



Consider this selection from the Midrash:

A sly fox passed a lovely vineyard. A tall, thick fence surrounded the vineyard on all sides. As the fox circled around the fence, he found a small hole in the fence, barely large enough for him to push his head through. The fox could see what luscious grapes grew in the vineyard, and his mouth began to water. But the hole was too small for him. So what did the sly fox do? He fasted for

three days, until he became so thin that he managed to slip through the hole.

Inside the vineyard, the fox began to eat to his heart’s content. He grew bigger and fatter than ever before. Then he wanted to get out of the vineyard. But alas! The hole was too small again. So what did he do? He fasted for three days again, and then just about managed to slip through the hole and out again.

Turning his head towards the vineyard, the poor fox said: “Vineyard, O vineyard! How lovely you look, and how lovely are your fruits and vines. But what good are you to me? Just as I came to you, so I leave you...”

And so, our sages say, it is also with this world. It is a beautiful world, but—in the words of King Solomon, the wisest of all men—just as man comes into this world emptyhanded, so he leaves it. Only the Torah he studied, the *mitzvot* he performed, and the good deeds he practiced are the real fruits which he can take with him. It is inspiring to me to realize the overwhelming number of *mitzvot* practiced by our congregants each and every day. I also look forward to having a weekend to study Torah with Dr. Pamela Nadell at our Annual Torah Study Shabbat sponsored by our Sisterhood.

A hearty thank you to all who worked and participated to make Shabbat Across America, Brotherhood *Kabbalat Shabbat*, The Sandals Lecture and our Community Seder successful events.

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Notes from the Cantor



If you’ve ever been to shul on Shabbat morning, the process of getting an *aliyah* is probably at least somewhat familiar to you. The *oleh* or *olah* (honoree) goes up on the *bimah*, kisses the Torah, recites the blessing before the Torah reading, and

then a small section of the Torah is read. Afterwards, the *oleh/olah* repeats the process with the blessing after the Torah reading.

There is something weird about this process, however, that those of us who are familiar with it probably wouldn’t even think to question. Think about the other times we say a blessing: making *kiddush* on Shabbat, saying the *hamotzi* over bread, lighting the Shabbat or Chanukah candles. In all of these cases, the person saying the blessing is also the one drinking the wine, eating the bread, or lighting the candles. Even when we all say the blessing together, it’s usually because we are all going to be eating the bread or drinking the wine. In the case of an *aliyah*, however, the person making the blessing is generally *not* the one reading from the Torah. What’s going on here?

It turns out that the practice of inviting many different people up to recite the blessings over the Torah is a relatively recent one in Jewish history. The original practice was that the person reading the Torah would recite the blessings before and after the Torah reading. Thus, in its original form, this blessing was exactly like the other blessings I’ve mentioned: the person saying the blessing would be the one doing the associated action, in this case reading the Torah.

Compare this with the reading of the haftarah, which still follows this original form. In the case of the haftarah, the reader goes up, recites a blessing, reads the haftarah, and then recites the blessings before and after by themselves. Since the reader is the one doing the reading, they are the only one who recites the blessings; we don’t call up any other people to do it.

So what changed in the case of the Torah reading? The practice of *aliyot* as we know them today emerged as a way of giving more members of the community a way to participate in reading from the Torah, including those who have not yet developed the skill of chanting it. This is why the *oleh/olah* says a blessing over an action that they are not themselves performing. By saying that blessing, they are appointing the Torah reader as their proxy, to read the Torah on their behalf. Thus everyone can have the honor of reading from the Torah, whether or not they know how to *leyn*.

Cantor Sarah Bolts



Sisterhood Speaks

Mimi Kalman, Editor



What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

Tuesday, April 10th, 1:30 - 3:30 pm: Knit & Kvetch

Sunday, April 15th, 8:30 am - 5:15 pm: Women's League North Atlantic Region Conference in Sharon, MA

Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st: Annual Torah Study Shabbat

Tuesday, April 24th, 7:30 pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

Sunday, April 29th, 9:30 - 11:30 am: "Adventure" Walk

Thursday, May 3rd, 7:15 pm: Campership Supper, Manchester Country Club

Monday, May 7th, 7:30 pm: Sisterhood /Hadassah Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 15th: Torah Fund Dessert

Annual Torah Study Shabbat April 20 & 21



Plan to join us as Sisterhood presents our Annual Torah Study Shabbat on Friday evening, April 20th at 6:00 pm and Saturday, April 21st at 10:00 am.

Our guest scholar will be Dr. Pamela Nadell.

Dr. Nadell holds the Patrick Clendenen Chair in Women's and Gender History and is Director of the Jewish Studies Program at American University in Washington, DC. Dr. Nadell's subject for Shabbat will be "Two Worlds of America's Jewish Women." On New York's Lower East Side in 1909, 20,000 immigrant Jewish women sewing shirtwaists went on strike against intolerable working conditions, spawning a decade of unrest in the American labor movement. On Purim, three years later, a small group of American Jewish women gathered to establish a women's Zionist organization named Hadassah.

Living in New York, and in cities like Hartford, Connecticut, two groups of Jewish women, who proudly called themselves American Jewesses, and their distant cousins from Poland and Russia, lived parallel lives. Making homes just miles apart, they inhabit two different worlds. Why their worlds diverged and where they met are the themes for this Torah Study Shabbat.

For the full schedule, see the enclosed flier. If you are joining us for the dinner, please register in advance. The Saul M.

and Rebecca B. Silverstein Lecture will follow, which all are welcome to attend. Dr. Nadell will speak on the topic of "Meet the American Jewesses," explaining how these American Jewesses read and discussed the Torah and rabbinic literature at the 1893 Congress of Jewish women.

On Saturday morning Dr. Nadell will present "A New Kind of Jewess: Meet the Russian Immigrants" at the 10:00 am service. A *Kiddush* luncheon will be followed the Rabbi Jeshua and Hilde Schnitzer Memorial Lecture on the topic of "Two Worlds Converge" (with a chance for questions and answers).

To make your reservation for the Friday evening dinner send your check, payable to **BSBI Sisterhood**, to Marilyn Lassow, 102 Hollister Street, Manchester, CT 06042 by April 13th. Specify whether your choice is chicken or vegetarian dinner. The cost is \$22.00 for adults, \$10.00 for youths under 18. **Also, please let us know if you intend to come for the luncheon.** There is no cost for it but we would like to make sure that we have enough for everybody. For further information, contact Rima Riedel at 860-649-8507 or rimarainbow@cox.net.

Knit & Kvetch

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 10th at 1:30 pm in the temple library. We'd 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 x 6 inches. You can bring them to BSBI, mark the bags for Knit & Kvetch and we will pick them up. 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, call me at [860-649-6551](tel:860-649-6551) or at IRANNEFINK@AOL.COM.

Anne Fink

Women's League North Atlantic Region (NAR) Conference

The Annual NAR Spring Conference will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2018, at Temple Israel, 125 Pond Street, Sharon, MA. The theme for the day is "*Ma Tovv* — Feeling Good about Yourself: How Good It Is to Be Healthy." There are two ways to attend: The whole day option is 8:30 am to 5:15 pm, and includes a light breakfast, lunch, and dessert reception, and Chai Tea will be served. There will be speakers, a panel, workshops on women's health, a choral group, and more. The afternoon-only option, is from 3:00 pm to 5:15 pm. There will be a *Mincha/Rosh Chodesh* Service, NAR board installation, presentation of the Woman of Distinction awards, and the Chai Tea.

Our Woman of Distinction is Mimi Kalman. Judy Meyer will be leading *Mincha* at 3:30 pm. Rima Riedel will be leading workshops on movement, Aerobic Israeli Style Belly dance, and also taking part on the panel on women's health.

Our Sisterhood will have two carpools: the morning carpool leaving at 7:00 am, and the afternoon carpool will leave at 1:00 pm from BSBI. If you plan to join us, please let Judy Meyer know by phone at 860-644-9271 or by email at jgm06074@yahoo.com.

Thursday, May 3, Campership Supper

Come one, come all to our event supporting our campers on Thursday, May 3rd at the Manchester Country Club, at 7:15 pm.

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Sisterhood Corner, cont.

Although Sisterhood does support BSBI's scholarship program and does give scholarships for summer activities, this is different. Scholarships help pay for our campers programs. The monies raised from this dinner are divided among all our participants and given directly to them to help with incidental expenses connected with their programs. It does not matter if the child is going to Ramah, USY or Hadassah programs; **all** are included.

So help support all our Jewish campers and join us for the supper on Thursday, May 3, at the Manchester Country Club, 305 South Main Street, Manchester, CT 06040. Cost: \$28 per person. Additional donations are greatly appreciated. Seating is limited—RSVP by April 26th.

Questions? Contact Susan Ellis at 860-633-6255 or Susanne Pearlson 860-646-5044. **RSVP by April 26th to Susan Ellis.** Give her a call ASAP at 860-633-6255, then send your check to her at 46 Deerfield Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033. Please make checks out to BSBI Sisterhood. Thank you for supporting Jewish camp scholarships!

Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Club

The Hadassah/Sisterhood book club will meet in the Silverstein Center on Monday, May 7th, 2018 at 7:30. The book under discussion will be *Day After Night* by Anita Diamant. 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.

Day After Night is based on the extraordinary true story of the October 1945 rescue of more than two hundred prisoners from the Atlit internment camp, a prison for "illegal" immigrants run by the British military near the Mediterranean coast south of Haifa. The story is told through the eyes of four young women at the camp who survived the Holocaust: Shayndel, a Polish Zionist; Leonie, a Parisian beauty; Tedi, a

hidden Dutch Jew; and Zorah, a concentration camp survivor. Haunted by unspeakable memories and losses, afraid to hope, the four of them find salvation in the bonds of friendship and shared experience even as they confront the challenge of re-creating themselves in a strange new country.

Happy reading!

*Myrna Spector and Maxine Lerman,
Co-Chairs*

Tuesday, May 15, Torah Fund Dessert, program on Israel's Lone Soldiers, Silverstein Center

Our Torah Fund Dessert will be on Tuesday, May 15th, at 7:30, in the Silverstein Center. Sylvia Cheerman is planning a program about Israel's lone soldiers. A lone soldier is a member of the IDF who does not have family living in Israel. She will show a short film, and also hopes to include statements from Hannah Partney and her grandson, Ari Zackin, who are currently serving there.

A donation in **any amount** payable to "Torah Fund" serves as admission. A donation of \$180 or more earns you a pin saying *Ma Tovu*—how good. It also says "100" in honor of this year's centennial celebration of Women's League. These funds support the Conservative seminaries in New York, Los Angeles, Jerusalem, Buenos Aires, and Frankfurt.

To contribute, please make out a check to "Torah Fund," and mail it by May 7th to Sylvia Cheerman, 31 Laurel Terrace, Manchester, CT 06040.

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 April 29th, 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

Susan and Ron Scherick; sympathy card to Jonathan and Linda Kaplan in memory of their son, David.

Lynn and Jack Cohen; sympathy card to Jonathan and Linda Kaplan in memory of their son, David.

To order cards for all occasions contact our Torah Fund Chairperson Lynn Cohen at 860-298-0457 or lynnbcohen@att.net.

Share an Oneg

On the first days of *Pesach*, March 30th the pulpit flowers were sponsored by Marilyn and Marvin Weil.

On the last days of *Pesach*, April 5th the pulpit flowers will be sponsored by Mimi Kalman in memory of her beloved father, Joseph I. Levitas.

On Shabbat, April 20th and 21st, the pulpit flowers and *Kiddush* Luncheon will be sponsored by Sisterhood in honor of Torah Study Shabbat.

On Shabbat, April 28th, the pulpit flowers and *Kiddush* Luncheon will be sponsored by Lisa and Jody Gross in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lily Gross.

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

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(Desserts only)
860-645-1575
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Mimi Kalman
Pulpit Flowers Chairperson
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The Women's League has an ongoing *chesed* project, named in honor of our founder, Mathilde Schecter. We are collecting new and gently worn – clean and looking new – bras of all kinds to donate to shelters or for natural disasters. All types of bras are welcome, including sports, nursing, and mastectomy bras. There is a bin for these in the synagogue's lobby. Please bring them in by April 15th so we can bring them to the collection at the Women's League Conference.

Sisterhood Gift Shop: Your Source for All Your Smachot

Come check us out! GIANT clearance sale continued! Discounts from 10% to 70%. Remember, revenue from all your purchases goes towards upkeep of the synagogue and other good works! For more info or to schedule an appointment call Rima.

As usual, we are still looking for volunteers to help run the gift shop from 20 minutes to 2 hours - dates and times up to you.

For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Rima at: rimarainbow@cox.net, 860-649-8507

Brotherhood Corner

Carl Mandell, Brotherhood President

February was a great month, which included our Brotherhood Shabbat on the 3rd and the World Wide Wrap on the 4th. Our speakers from the JNF shared with us about their programs in Israel. Later in the month, we joined our Brotherhood in Action partners to host another breakfast on February 25th to raise funds for the families of two children fighting leukemia. BSBI Brotherhood members participated by taking tickets, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. We thank all of you who bought tickets or attended.

March was off to a busy start with our March 4th Breakfast Meeting, which included a panel on Men's Health led by Dr. Gordon Brodie and Dr. Matt Friedman. We greatly enjoyed their informative presentation. On March 16th, we also hosted our second Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner which was catered by MACC charities.

Looking to our upcoming programs, our next Breakfast meeting will take place on April 8th. Our speaker will be Mike Zeller, who will speak on the Russian/Jewish roots of the fur trade. Then, on April 11th, we will hold our annual Yom HaShoah program at 7:00 pm. Our speaker this year is Barbara Bergren, who will discuss her father's compelling account of loss, survival, and determination to endure. Following his liberation, Martin made a brave decision to leave the displaced persons camp outside of Dachau after his belongings were stolen. That decision changed the course of his life. Mr. Weigen's harrowing journey through concentration camps, is also a story of racial harmony, where two men and their families are touched by war, discrimination, and—through acts of kindness—recovery.



Prepping food for our Brotherhood Shabbat.
All photos courtesy of Harold Bernstein.

We hope that all members of our synagogue have received their yellow bags (or a mailed box for those of you who live in warmer weather) which contains a yellow candle and a donation request letter and envelope. Please take time on the evening of Wednesday, April 11th to light the candle for those who may not have anyone left to light a *yahrzeit* candle in their memory. Your generous donations ensure that we can maintain this and other programs.

Looking ahead, our May Breakfast meeting is scheduled for May 11th and our presenter will be our own Calvin Vinick.

Hoping that everyone was able to participate in wonderful community seder!

Important: Update Your Contact Information!

- ✚ Have a new cell number or gave up your landline?
- ✚ 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?
- ✚ Think you signed up to get e-mails but haven't received any?
- ✚ Planning on moving or getting a new e-mail address?
- ✚ Have a child who has gone off to college and would like to keep up to date with life at BSBI?

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.

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



Hebrew Names Needed!

Cantor Bolts is collecting Hebrew names to make *aliyah* cards for the *gabbaim*. Please contact her at cantor@myshul.org to make sure that she has yours!

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.

Passover Schedule

Friday, March 30th

- 7:30 AM – Service for the First Born. At this service we will conclude a tractate of *Mishna* and thus are exempt from the fast. A light breakfast sponsored by will be provided.
- *Hametz* should not be eaten after 10:30 AM and the burning of *Hametz* should be done no later than 11:39 AM.
- **No Kabbalat Shabbat service at BSBI**
- Light candles by 6:55 PM
- In our homes, together with our friends and family, we participate in the centuries-old ritual of seder, the order of telling the tale of going forth from Egypt.

Saturday, March 31st

- 10:00 AM – Yom Tov morning service
- 7:30 PM – BSBI Community Seder.
- Light candles after 7:48 PM
- We observe the mitzvah of telling the story of our liberation from bondage at the second seder. We begin counting the Omer tonight.

Sunday, April 1st

- 10:00 AM – Yom Tov morning service
- Havdalah at 7:49 PM

Thursday, April 5th

- 6:00 PM – Mincha/Ma'ariv Service
- Light candles at 7:02 PM

Friday, April 6th

- 10:00 AM - Yom Tov morning service
- 6:30 PM – Yom Tov Kabbalat Shabbat Service
- Light candles at 8:03 PM

Saturday, April 7th

- 10:00 AM – Yom Tov Shabbat morning service, Yizkor prayers.
- Pesach ends at 7:56 PM
- *Hametz* that was sold to Chief Montminy can be eaten after the holiday is over.

Nusach: Chanting Liturgy

April 10, 17, 24, 2018 at 6pm

Join Cantor Bolts to explore the history and practice of *Nusach*, the traditional chanted melodies of the prayer service. This class will cover the basics of *Nusach* for weekdays and Shabbat morning. **Open to all levels!** Whether you've been leading services for years or are wondering what exactly *Nusach* means, there will be something here for you to learn.



Lily Gross Bat Mitzvah

April 28, 2018

10:00 AM

Lily Gross will become a Bat Mitzvah on April 28th. She is a 7th grade Inquiry Academy honors student at RHAM Middle School. Lily lives in Andover.

BSBI Annual Meeting – May 14, 2018



Save the date and plan to join us on May 14th for the BSBI Annual Meeting. Minyan will be held at 6:30 pm that evening and will be followed by a light deli dinner and the annual meeting. Please RSVP to Jeanne at programming@myshul.org by May 7th if you plan on coming for dinner and bring \$6 per person to cover the cost of the food.

Dear fellow congregants,

Our thanks to you for contributing to our Temple in memory of my brother, Dr. Melvin Pearlson. Sue and I are very appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

Stanley Pearlson

BSBI Choir Rehearsals Begin!



Due to snow in March, the BSBI Choir will begin rehearsals on April 3rd. Anyone interested in joining should contact Cantor Bolts at cantor@myshul.org.

This Month in Jewish History: Nisan 16 – Iyar 15

By Rabbi Konigsburg

20 Nisan: The city of Tel Aviv was founded on this date in 1909

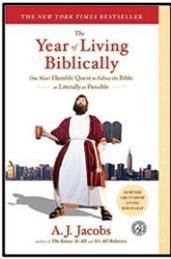
28 Nisan: The peace treaty between Israel and Egypt went into effect in 1979.

5 Iyar: The first act of the provisional government of the newly established State of Israel in 1948 was to repeal the British White Paper that had restricted Jewish immigration and acquisition of land in Palestine.

6 Iyar: The first English edition of Herzl's book, *The Jewish State* was published in 1896.

14 Iyar: Adolf Eichmann was captured in Buenos Aires and brought to Israel on this date in 1960 to face charges relating to his implementation of the Nazis' Final Solution.

Library Corner
David Alter, Librarian



The Year of Living Biblically is an autobiography of A.J. Jacobs' pursuit to live the ultimate biblical life. "To follow every single rule in the Bible as literally as possible. I obey the famous ones: The Ten Commandments, Love thy neighbor, Be fruitful and multiply. But also, the hundreds of oft-ignored ones: Do not wear clothes of mixed fibers. Do not shave your beard Stone adulterers."

A.J., raised in a secular Jewish family, became increasingly interested in the relevance of faith in the modern world, So, A.J. decides to attempt to obey the Bible as literally as possible for one full year. He vows to follow the Ten Commandments, be fruitful and multiply, and love his neighbor. But also to obey the hundreds of less publicized rules: to avoid wearing clothes made of mixed fibers; to play a ten-string harp; to stone adulterers. The resulting spiritual journey is at once funny and profound, reverent and irreverent, personal and universal and will make you see history's most influential book with new eyes. Jacobs's quest transforms his life. His beard grows so unruly that he is regularly mistaken for a member of ZZ Top. He immerses himself in prayer, tends sheep in the Israeli desert, battles idolatry, and tells the absolute truth in all situations—much to his wife's chagrin.

Throughout the book, Jacobs also embeds himself in a cross-section of communities that take the Bible literally. He tours a Kentucky-based creationist museum and sings hymns with Pennsylvania Amish. He dances with Hasidic Jews in Brooklyn and does Scripture study with Jehovah's Witnesses. He discovers ancient biblical wisdom of startling relevance. And he wrestles with seemingly archaic rules that baffle the twenty-first-century brain.

The Year of Living Biblically has been *loosely adapted into a CBS sitcom. The show is on at 9:30 pm on Mondays.*

Words from the President, cont'd

We certainly are a busy and productive group. We are also grateful to the members of our congregation who donated to our AED fund. Training will be starting shortly, and the equipment will be purchased.

Our new office manager, Judy, has been working diligently towards upgrading our computerized management program as well as our Internet system.

Highlights from the Board:

- There will be a small increase in school snack and supply fees, but tuition and registration fees will remain the same.
- A new teen program will be implemented next year.
- An informational program for legacy planning is scheduled for May 2, 2018. Seep page 10 for more details.
- The Board will hold a strategic planning session on April 15, 2018.
- Rabbi Konigsburg will be replacing Rabbi Plavin as Manchester Police Chaplain.

As we put winter behind us, let us look forward to a joyful and productive spring.

Ron Abrahams, President

Faithcraft, cont'd

Rabbi Jack Reimer and Rabbi Harold Kushner wrote this poem:

Judaism begins with the commandment: Hear, O Israel! But what does it really mean to hear?

The person who attends a concert with a mind on business, hears-but does not really hear.

The person who walks amid the songs of the birds and thinks only of what will be served for dinner, hears-but does not really hear.

The one who listens to the words of a friend, or spouse, or child, and does not catch the note of urgency: "Notice me, help me, care about me," hears-but does not really hear.

The person who listens to the news and thinks only of how it will affect business, hears-but does not really hear.

The person who stifles the sound of conscience and thinks "I have done enough already," hears-but does not really hear.

The person who hears the hazzan pray and does not feel the call to join in prayer, hears-but does not really hear.

The person who listens to the rabbi's sermon and thinks that someone else is being addressed, hears - but does not really hear.

We hear what we want to hear and see what we want to see.

There is much that we don't want to hear and see. We close our eyes and ears to the news because, "what difference can I make anyway?" We close our eyes and ears to the homeless and destitute on our city streets because "they need more than I can give." We may not even come to pray at shul so very often because it reminds us of what we don't want to see and hear. It reminds us that we have a responsibility to others and a responsibility to God. We can however see what is being worn at the latest awards show, and we can hum the melody of the latest soundtrack to a movie.

The purpose of our faith, the purpose of all that we practice and teach, the meaning behind our belief in God, is to train us to really hear and to really see. We have the ability not only to see when someone is hurting, but we can help. We have the ability not only to hear someone's pain but to help make them feel better. There is so much noise in the world. Not just on city streets but blaring from all the video and audio players that fill our lives. We let our eyes and ears fill up with nonsense, and then we say we can't hear the sounds of others in need.

We must listen to the sounds of our family, the laughter and the tears, the hopes and the fears.

We must listen to the sounds of our friends who reach out to us in the loneliness of life.

We must listen to the sounds of those in our community and in our world who are in distress. We must see their plight and we must do what we can, no matter how small.

Because only if we hear and see others can we ever hope that they will, in turn, see and hear us in our hour of need. Because only if we can see and hear others can we find the true meaning of our lives.

To hear and to see are blessings in life. Let us make them blessings in our lives.

Rabbi Randall Konigsburg

RLWRS Update from Cantor Bolts

We had a great time celebrating Purim at RLWRS with a carnival run by the BSBI Teen Program! Students and parents had fun making hamantaschen, playing games, and singing songs together.

This month our kindergarten class acted out the Purim story and put together a comic book depicting the story. They also acted out the story of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel and drew a family tree of the patriarchs and matriarchs. Kindergarten is starting to prepare for Pesach by learning the *Ma Nishtana*.

2nd and 4th grades wrote their own versions of the Purim story and acted them out for each other. They also reviewed the Bible stories they have been learning, and discussed a Talmudic story about Honi and the carob tree.

6th and 7th grades wrapped up their Jewish identity unit by learning about the different Jewish denominations and reflecting on their own identities. They also discussed the weekly Torah portions, including the 13 attributes of God and the building of a sanctuary for God. 6th grade also prepared to present their Haftarah projects, while 7th grade discussed the texts of the Megillah and the Haggadah.

Registration is now open for the 2018-2019 school year at RLWRS!
Please pick up your registration forms in the shul lobby or download them from our website:
<https://www.myshul.org/education/religious-school/registration/>.

Early bird rates apply until May 15th.



Leave a Jewish Legacy

SAVE THE DATE

May 2, 2018 at 7:30 PM in the Silverstein Center

Between Shabbat Shekalim, in which the taking of the census is described, and Shabbat Zahor, in which we are asked to remember the attack of Amalek on the Jewish people during the Exodus, there is the reading of the *parasha T'rumah*. The word *T'rumah* comes from the Hebrew root meaning "to elevate" or the physical act of lifting. In the reading of *T'rumah* [contribution or my gifts] the building and construction of the *Mishkan* is described in great detail. All materials for the *Mishkan* are to be acquired by public donation.



The materials, shapes, sizes and assembly of the building are specified in the *parasha*. Among the specified materials are planks of acacia wood. Surprisingly, the acacia tree is not part of the usual flora of the Sinai Desert. Legend has it, that Jacob planted the acacia trees on his way to Egypt 200 years prior to the building of the *Mishkan*. He anticipated that his descendants would need them in the future. Just as Jacob had the foresight to plant trees for future generations we too should lay the ground work ["plant trees"] for a rich and vibrant Jewish life for future generations. To this end, the Endowment Committee of BSBI has been promoting the concept of legacy giving.

Since August 2017, the Endowment has included multiple articles in the monthly Bulletin describing different giving opportunities that may be optimized for both the donor and recipient of legacies. Some issues have been raised about the mechanism of leaving a legacy and additional details about specialized giving opportunities.

To address these questions, the Endowment of BSBI, in conjunction with the Jewish Community Foundation (JCF), will be sponsoring a discussion of charitable and legacy giving on **May 2, 2018 at 7:30 PM in the Silverstein Center**. Rabbi Konigsburg will offer a *D'var Torah*, and we have invited two guest speakers to join us at this information session. Hollis Dorman of the Jewish Community Foundation will discuss giving opportunities, some of which may offer unique benefits to the donor and BSBI in partnership with JCF. Monique Polidoro, a Partner at Rogin Nassau, LLC the law firm used by the BSBI Endowment, will discuss the "ins and outs" of legacy giving. A *pareve* dessert, coffee and tea will be provided. There will be ample time for questions. This session is for informational purposes only and to answer some of the questions that have been raised by BSBI members who have expressed an interest in legacy giving.

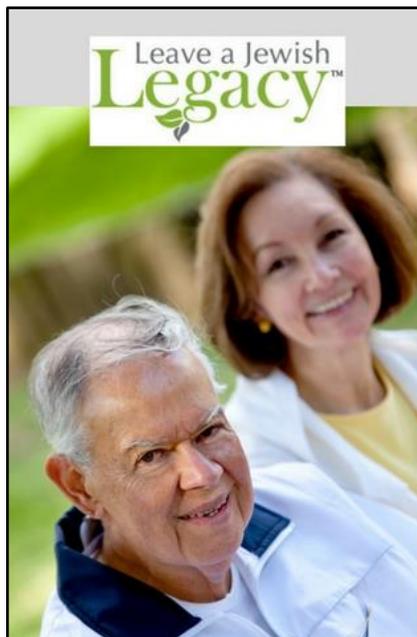
All congregants are invited to attend. This will be a great opportunity to learn how we may plant our own "acacia trees" and Leave a Jewish Legacy for future generations.

Jeffrey Wasser
President
BSBI Endowment Foundation
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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

The Endowment Foundation

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*The
Endowment
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*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 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.

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Marshall Kramer, to provide scholarships to students attending Camp Ramah.

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William and Rachel Spector, in memory of Ron Buckman's father, Martin Buckman.

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Joyce and Ed Epstein, in memory of Joyce's beloved father, David Seidner, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

BERNARD AND MAY KAHN AND ELI AND ROSE LERMAN FUND

Maxine and Manny Lerman, in memory of Rose Lerman on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; and in memory of Sherry Shamash's beloved mother, Aileen Porter.

EDITH GOTTLIEB FUND

Barbara and Bill Bayer, in memory of Joseph Gottlieb.

F. RUTH AND S.I. KUMMER FUND

Mara Lavitt, in memory of Sandra Lavitt.

GENERAL FUND

Bruce Beck, in loving memory of Kathy Eldergill, to support the upgrade of the synagogue's computer system.

Emily and Peter Buch, *mazal tov* to Stephen and Rachel Donnell on the birth of their grandson, William David Zimmerman.

Sharon Burde, with appreciation to Sandi and Neil Brooks for their support to Jon and Linda Kaplan and family; and *mazal tov* to Sandi and Neil Brooks and their family on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter.

Norma Bursack, in memory of her sister, Beatrice Snyder.

Elise and Richard Carlton, in memory of Randy Nelson's beloved father, Samuel Nelson.

Sylvia Cheerman, in memory of Susan Goodwin's beloved father, Marshall Ruff.

Susan Cohen, in memory of Harold Cohen on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

Stephan Cooper, in memory of William Cooper on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

Randi and Matthew Friedman, in memory of Elinor Friedman on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

William Gamzon, in loving memory of Celia Sholovitz on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; and in loving memory of David Gamzon on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

Maxine and Bob Greenberg, in memory of Linda and Jon Kaplan's son, David Kaplan.

Marilyn Greenwald, in memory of Anna Graber on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

Werner Hirsch, in memory of Lothar and Elsa Hirsch.

Sally Ivaldi, in memory of her mother, Harriet Susnitzky, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

Mimi Kalman, in memory of Susan Goodwin's beloved father, Marshall Ruff.

David Keyser, in memory of Samuel Keyser on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

Liza Mandel and Jeffrey Lassow, in memory of Mischa Mandel, a contribution to the AED fund.

Merle and Art Lassow, in memory of Susan Goodwin's beloved father, Marshall Ruff.

Mary Leon, in memory of Judy Krutt; and in memory of Ruth Harrison.

Cruz and Carl Mandell, *mazal tov* to Debbie Cinquemani for receiving the Florence Nightingale Award for excellence in nursing.

Hanna Perlstein Marcus, in memory of Judy Krutt; in memory of Ron Buckman's father, Martin Buckman; in memory of Susan Goodwin's beloved father, Marshall Ruff; and in memory of Tillie Sheptoff, beloved mother of Kenneth Sheptoff.

Irma Menschell, in memory of Susan Goodwin's beloved father, Marshall Ruff.

Ellen, David and Rachel Neuhaus, in memory of Randy Nelson's beloved father, Samuel Nelson.

Laurie Bain and Robert Parnes.

Joanna and Dean Rapoza, in memory of Rita Oshinsky.

Renny and Barry Resnick, in loving memory of Renny's mother, Esther Z. Brody, with joyful memories of a wonderful woman, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

Susan and Ron Scherick, in memory of Susan's mother, Sylvia Jacobs, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

Blanche and Robert Stone, in memory of Doris Packer on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; and in memory of Joseph Gottlieb.

Robert Tucker, in memory of Barbara Goldberg on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

Maddy and Mike Turk, in memory of Alan Zitomer's beloved mother, Joan Zitomer; in memory of Irving Turk on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*; in memory of Judy Krutt; in memory of Micki Starr's beloved father, Jack Weg; in memory of Randy Nelson's beloved father, Samuel Nelson.

Rose Joy Ulan, in memory of Lillian Fendell on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

Diane and Jeff Wasser, in memory of Susan Goodwin's beloved father, Marshall Ruff.

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Deborah and Ken Wasser, *mazal tov* to Jeff Wasser on his special birthday.

Susan and Neil Wasser, *mazal tov* to Jeff Wasser on his special birthday.

Eric Wasser, *mazal tov* to Jeff Wasser on his special birthday from his favorite brother.

Ruth and Arnold Zackin, in memory of Vivienne Levin on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

JOSEPH KOPMAN FUND

Judy and Michael Kopman, in memory of Hellen Kopman on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

LEONARD SEADER FUND

Beverly Russo and Herbert Byk, happy birthday to Marilyn Greenwald; in memory of Paula Olenberg Greenblatt on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; and in memory of Stanley Pearlson's beloved brother, Melvin Pearlson.

Andrea Seader and Samuel Harrison, in memory of Joseph Gottlieb.

Sissy Seader, happy birthday to Jeff Wasser; happy birthday to Ken Wichman; happy birthday to Leah Aronson; happy birthday to Maddy Turk; happy birthday to Marilyn Lassow; and happy birthday to Mona Kemp.

LIBRARY FUND

BSBI Brotherhood, for the purchase of new chairs in the library.

NATHAN CHESLER FUND.

Sharon Chesler, in memory of Abraham Chesler.

Holly Zabitz, in memory of her grandfather, Abraham Chesler.

NELLIE KATZ COHEN FUND

Sissy Seader, in memory of her mother, Nellie Cohen, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in memory of her mother-in-law, Sara Seader, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; and in memory of her sister, Dorothy C. Zundell, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

NICHUM AVAYLIM FUND

Sharon Chesler, in memory of Micki Starr's beloved father, Jack Weg.

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Gloria Naftali, in memory of Sherry Shamash's beloved mother, Aileen Porter.

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Barbara and Bill Bayer, in memory of Stanley Pearlson's beloved brother, Melvin Pearlson.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Steven Hirth, in memory of Ann Hirth on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in memory of Joseph Gottlieb; in memory of Judy Krutt; and in memory of Stanley Pearlson's beloved brother, Melvin Pearlson.

Randall Nelson, with gratitude for the Rabbi's leadership, teaching, and support to our family when Samuel Nelson passed away.

Lisa and Rabbi Richard Plavin, to subsidize the cost of the Community Seder.

REBECCA ANN AND HERMAN SEIDMAN FUND

Eveleen Zimmerman, in memory of her mother, Rebecca Seidman, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*.

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Lynn and Jack Cohen, in memory of Susan Goodwin's beloved father, Marshall Ruff.

Diane and Arnie Keyser, in memory of Samuel Keyser on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

Susan and Ron Scherick, *mazal tov* to Maddy Turk on her 75th birthday.

Elaine and Calvin Vinick, in memory of Elaine's parents, May Seltzer Ross and Henry Ross, on the occasion of their *yahrzeits*.

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Sharon Chesler, in memory of Micki Starr's beloved father, Jack Weg.

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- The purpose of the donation, including the full name of the person you are honoring and your relation to them (parents, siblings, etc.) , if applicable.
- The name and address of who you would like to receive the acknowledgement.

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Donation Deadlines

Donations received in the BSBI office by the dates below will appear in the corresponding bulletin. Donations received after the deadline will be processed for the following month's bulletin.

April: March 7th

May Bulletin: April 5th

June/July Bulletin: May 7th

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| Steven Wollins - 3 | Sissy Seader - 20 |
| Barbara Zubrow - 7 | Melvin Spielberg - 21 |
| Ona Mastronarde - 8 | Elyse Spielberg - 21 |
| Marilyn Starr - 8 | Sophie Finer - 22 |
| Aaron Sussman - 9 | Arthur Lassow - 22 |
| Sue Apter - 10 | Louis Saftler - 22 |
| Belle Zucker - 10 | Alan Schmerler - 22 |
| Leslie Abrahams - 11 | Debra Delaney - 23 |
| Marc Finer - 11 | Rachel Levine - 24 |
| Janet Koenig - 12 | Elly Cohen - 25 |
| Devra Baum - 13 | Irene Blumenthal - 26 |
| David Plen - 14 | Connie Plepler - 26 |
| Rima Riedel - 15 | Lewis Segal - 26 |
| Alan Goldstein - 16 | Roberta Silverman - 26 |
| Adam Schwartz - 16 | Robert Mendelsohn - 29 |
| David Alter - 17 | Charles Berger - 30 |
| Jane Darico - 17 | |



Anniversaries

- Roy & Risa Filkoff - 12
Shirley and Lew Segal - 12
Barbara and Bill Bayer - 17
Robert & Rosalyne Pingree - 23



*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.*

April 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) |
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| <p><u>First Monday – 4/2</u> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Creem, Jerry* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Schmerler, Alan & Lea</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People Needed</p> | <p><u>First Tuesday – 4/3</u> Banks, Craig Baron, Barry & Joan Bayer, Aaron & Laurie Dashofsky, Arnold & Sandy Schiller, Richard & Amy Stern, Alfred & Eileen Vinick, Cal</p> | <p><u>First Wednesday – 4/4</u> Axler, Phil* Brodie, Gordon & Bea Karasik, Gail Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Lerman, Manny & Maxine Pasternak, Lorin* Rubin, Donna</p> | <p><u>First Thursday – 4/5</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pesach</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evening Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM</p> |
| <p><u>Second Monday – 4/9</u> Bayer, Bill & Barbara Beck, Bruce Creem, Jerry* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Flink, Herb & Ellie* Ketai, Richard & Levine, Laura Partney, Philip & Margery</p> | <p><u>Second Tuesday – 4/10</u> Breslau, Bill or Susan Carter, Irma Cohen, Jack & Lynn Grad, Howard & Linda Kalman, Mimi* Lerner, Brenda Norman, Mike & Bonnie Phair, Sandi* Singer, Trudy</p> | <p><u>Second Wednesday – 4/11</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yom HaShoah Service and Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM</p> | <p><u>Second Thursday – 4/12</u> Burstein, David* Caplin, Bob & Donna * Finkelstein, Paula Goldstein, Alan & Carol Norman, Sam & Teri Resnick, Barry & Renny* Sussman, Aaron* Zupnik, Ted & Barbara*</p> |
| <p><u>Third Monday – 4/16</u> Creem, Jerry* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Linner, Abe & Iris Ludlum, Cathy Meyer, Harold Milzoff, Joel & Irene Rubin, Paul</p> | <p><u>Third Tuesday – 4/17</u> Abrahams, Richard & Leslie Gross, Michael & Susan Ivaldi, Sally Kahaner, Harvey & Elaine Meyer, Judy Orringer, Nelson & Stephanie Wasser, Jeff & Diane</p> | <p><u>Third Wednesday – 4/18</u> Axler, Phil* Filkoff, Roy Gamzon, Bill* Igdalsky, Alan & Hope Kaplan, Jonathan & Linda Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Pasternak, Lorin* Plen, Donna Stoppelman, Julian & Susan Sussman, Aaron*</p> | <p><u>Third Thursday – 4/19</u> Borgida, Edward Burstein, David* Caplin, Bob & Donna* Klein, Phil Kovensky, Neil McGee, Marcia Murray, Becky* Phair, Sandi*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People Needed</p> |
| <p><u>Fourth Monday – 4/23</u> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Creem, Jerry* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Pasternak, Lorin* Rubin, Susan Spiegel, Eugene Zimmerman, Eveleen*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People Needed</p> | <p><u>Fourth Tuesday – 4/24</u> Beede, Harriet Kalman, Mimi* Lassow, Jeff & Liza Mandel Plavin, Lisa & Rabbi Richard Turk, Mike or Maddy* Zimmerman, Eveleen*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People Needed</p> | <p><u>Fourth Wednesday – 4/25</u> Axler, Phil* Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Margolis, Phil & Susan Murray, Becky* Pasternak, Lorin* Shamash, Rahim & Sherry Sussman, Aaron* Zucker, Spin</p> | <p><u>Fourth Thursday – 4/26</u> Burstein, David* Caplin, Bob & Donna* Krutt, Sam Lassow, Marilyn Pearlson, Stan & Sue Sussman, Aaron* Zimmerman, Jane</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People Needed</p> |
| <p><u>Fifth Monday – 4/30</u> Creem, Jerry* Delaney, Bill & Deb * Flink, Herb & Ellie* Kovensky, Neil Ladue, Beverly Nesselroth, Saul & Carol Poutre, Stacey</p> | <p><u>We are looking for members to add to this Minyan List!</u></p> <p>If you have volunteered for one night, would you consider committing for two per month?</p> <p>Please call Rabbi Konigsburg at 860-643-9563 Ext. 101 or email rabbenu@myshul.org</p> | | |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 No Religious School 10:00 am Pesach 2 Service <i>Havdalah</i> 7:49 pm Nisan 16 | 2 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service | 3 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 4 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service | 5 No Religious School 6:30 pm Pesach Evening Service <i>Candle lighting</i> 7:02 pm | 6 10:00 am Pesach 7 Service 6:30 pm Pesach Evening Shabbat Service <i>Candle lighting</i> 7:03 pm | 7 10:00 am Pesach 8 Service & Yizkor <i>Havdalah</i> 7:56 pm |
| 8 No Religious School 9:00 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting & Speaker Mike Zeller Nisan 23 | 9 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service | 10 1:30 pm Knit & Kvetch 6:00 pm <i>Nusach</i> Workshop 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 11 7:00 pm Yom HaShoah Service & Program | 12 Yom HaShoah No Religious School 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service | 13 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat <i>Candle lighting</i> 7:11 pm | 14 10:00 am Shabbat Services 10:00 am <i>Shirat HaLev</i> with Cantor Bolts <i>Havdalah</i> 8:04 pm |
| 15 9:00 am RLWRS Grades Pre K-7 Nisan 30 | 16 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service Iyar 1 | 17 6:00 pm <i>Nusach</i> Workshop 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service with Yom Hazikaron Program 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 18 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service 7:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting | 19 Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day) 4:30 pm RLWRS Grades 2 - 7 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service | 20 6:00 pm Torah Study Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 pm Torah Study Shabbat Dinner 8:15 pm Saul M. and Rebecca B. Silverstein Lecture <i>Candle lighting</i> 7:18 pm | 21 10:00 am Torah Study Shabbat Services and <i>Kiddush</i> Luncheon 1:15 pm Rabbi Jeshaja and Hilde Schnitzer Memorial Lecture <i>Havdalah</i> 8:11 pm |
| 22 9:00 am RLWRS Grades Pre K-7 Iyar 7 | 23 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service | 24 6:00 pm <i>Nusach</i> Workshop 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting | 25 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service | 26 4:30 pm RLWRS Grades 2 - 7 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service | 27 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat <i>Candle lighting</i> 7:26 pm | 28 10:00 am Lily Gross Bat Mitzvah & Shabbat Services <i>Havdalah</i> 8:19 pm |
| 29 9:00 am RLWRS Grades Pre K-7 9:30 am Sisterhood Adventure Walk Iyar 14 | 30 7:00 pm <i>Mincha/Ma'ariv</i> Service | <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 https://www.myshul.org and included in the bi-weekly announcements. These sources will have the most up to date information on events.</p> | | | | |

Parashot for April
 April 7th: Pesach 8
 April 14th: Parashat Shmini
 April 21st: Parashat Tazria-Metzora
 April 28th: Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim

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Journeys will be co-taught by Teri Norman and Michael Chernicoff. The program is open to teens entering grades 8-11. The program will meet every other Thursday afternoon from 4:30-6:30pm, starting in September 2018. A complete list of dates will be forthcoming.

To register, please pick up a registration packet in the shul lobby or download it from our website:
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Torah Study Shabbat

April 20 & 21, 2018

With guest scholar **Dr. Pamela Nadell**

Patrick Clendenen Chair in Women's and Gender History and Director of the Jewish Studies Program at American University



A specialist in American Jewish history and women's history, Dr. Nadell teaches a variety of courses in Jewish civilization. Her awards include American University's highest faculty award, Scholar/Teacher of the Year and the American Jewish Historical Society's Lee Max Friedman Award for distinguished service to the profession. Her books include *Women Who Would Be Rabbis: A History of Women's Ordination, 1889-*

1985, which was a finalist for a National Jewish Book Award. Her most recent book, co-edited with AU Professor Kate Haulman, is *Making Women's Histories: Beyond National Perspectives*. She is past chair of the Academic Council of the American Jewish Historical Society and was deeply involved in the activities commemorating 350 years of Jewish life in America. Her consulting work for museums includes the Library of Congress and the National Museum of American Jewish History on Philadelphia's Independence Mall. She is currently president of the Association for Jewish Studies.

Schedule

Friday, April 20th:

6:00 PM Service

7:00 PM Dinner (Reservation only)

8:15 PM Saul M. and Rebecca B. Silverstein Lecture

"Meet the American Jewesses"

Saturday, April 21st:

10:00 AM Shabbat Service

*D'var Torah by Dr. Pamela Nadell:
"A New Kind of Jewess: Meet the Russian Immigrants"*

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June 7, 2018

Micha Biton Concert

7:30-8:30 PM

Social Gathering

8:30 - 9:00 PM

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