

BETH SHOLOM B'NAI ISRAEL
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Join us for the Hanukkiyah Lighting on the front lawn of BSBI each night of Hanukkah 5780!

All candle lightings are at 6:30 pm
*unless otherwise noted

- Sunday, December 22: BSBI Congregation
- Monday, December 23: Social Action
- Tuesday, December 24: BSBI Sisterhood
- Wednesday, December 25: Board of Directors
- Thursday, December 26: RLWRS
- Friday, December 27 *3:45 pm*: Early Birds
- Saturday, December 28: Continuing Education
- Sunday, December 29: BSBI Brotherhood

Kosher-Chinese Hanukkah Celebration

Wednesday, December 25

Join us for lighting the hanukkiyah on the front lawn of BSBI at 6:30 pm with a kosher Chinese dinner to follow

see enclosed flyer for more details and registration information



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Services

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.

You may contact us via e-mail at:

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Upcoming Events!

*For full service and program schedules, see
calendar on page 19*

Saturday, December 7

7:00 pm: 4th Annual Jazz Festival

Sunday, December 8

9:30 am: Brotherhood Breakfast and Speaker

9:30 am: Sisterhood Gentle Yoga

12:00 pm: Gift Wrapping at Buckland Hills Mall

Tuesday, December 10

1:30 pm: Knit & Kvetch

Sunday, December 15

10:45 am: Family Hanukkah Program

12:00 pm: Gift Wrapping at Buckland Hills Mall

7:00 pm: JHS Cooking Demo at Temple Beth Hillel

Monday, December 16

7:30 pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 pm: BSBI Board Meeting

Sunday, December 22

First night of Hanukkah

6:30 pm: Hanukkiyah Lighting-BSBI Congregation

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6:30 pm: Hanukkiyah Lighting-Social Action

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Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Looking Ahead:

Wisdom in Winter Lecture Series, January 13, 20, 27

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: **860-643-9563**

Condolences to:

Arlene Bonilla, Joel Lang and their families on the loss of daughter and niece, Isabel Pamela Grey

Faithcraft



My father had a saying that he used to help guide me through life. I still think of it from time to time when I have many choices that need to be decided. He would say, “If you don’t know where you are going, how will you know when you get there?”

My father also taught me about daily prayer. About a week before my Bar Mitzvah, he gave me a pair of tefillin and a siddur; he sat me down next to him, and we davened together. Our synagogue did not have a daily minyan, so we just sat together in our dining room, and every morning we prayed. Through all the rebellions of my teenage years, we always had our time of prayer each morning.

I know that there are lots of reasons not to pray daily. The day is short, and there are many things that call to us needing to be done. Morning prayer, though, has always been one way I organize my day. It sets the priority of the tasks ahead. It provides perspective on what is really important and what is basically unimportant. Morning prayer keeps us focused on where we want our life to go and keeps us on that path, so that we know what we want from life and how we are going to get there. There are many people who skip prayer because they are too busy, and some try it for a while but “don’t get into it.” But if you find someone who reliably prays every day, you will discover that they can’t start their day until they spend some time in prayer.

Judaism teaches us that there is a value in praying together. Morning Minyan is a special place. After a while the prayers come easily, and there is time to promote friendship and community. You get to know the lives of those whom you pray with, their hopes and dreams of life. You know who is struggling, and helping them comes naturally and honestly. The people of Morning Minyan learn to laugh together, cry with each other, support each other and celebrate with each other. The first minyan I ever attended as a 20 year-old rabbinical student was made up of mostly men in their seventies. They accepted me as one of their own and easily shared their wisdom.

I like to think of minyan as an example of a daily miracle. People who attend minyan know that the minyan is impossible if ten Jewish adults don’t walk through that door. Sometimes you think we will never make it, and suddenly a tenth person appears. My Rabbinical school teachers called this “Normal Mysticism,” learning to see the Divine in simple daily activities. We see them because we learn, in minyan, to look for them.

We are starting a Morning Minyan on January 5th. We are going for every day. We will need everyone’s help. Can you spare 30 -45 minutes one or two days a week to help us get this started? The difference in your life can be profound, and the difference you can make in the lives of others can also be extraordinary. And most important, you will come to discover where it is that you want to go, and you will be setting out on the path to getting there.

There is a lot to discover at Morning Minyan. Discover the mystery and discover yourself. I hope I will see you there.

Rabbi Randall Konigsburg

This Month in Jewish History By Rabbi Konigsburg 3 Kislev – 3 Tevet

4 Kislev – *Yahrzeit* of Dr. Louis Ginzberg, the great bible scholar of the Jewish Theological Seminary

13 Kislev – New schools in Palestine open on this date with Hebrew as the official language, establishing the Hebrew Language as the official language of Jewish Palestine in 1913

26 Kislev – Second Day of Hanukkah

Beginning of the First Crusade that decimated the Jews of Europe -1095

Dedication of the Touro Synagogue in Newport, RI in 1763

Yahrzeit of Eliezer ben Yehuda, leader of the movement to revive the

Hebrew Language in Palestine (*Thank you David Burstein for this date*)

Israel’s army crosses border into Egypt during War of Independence in 1948

World Council of Churches meeting in New Delhi, India, calls upon their 198 denominations to “resist any form of Anti-Semitism in 1961

Peace conference between Israel, Egypt and Jordan opens under UN auspices and is sponsored by the United States and the Soviet Union in Geneva in 1973

Morning Minyan

We believe that a full-service synagogue includes a daily Morning Minyan as well as a daily evening minyan. While our evening minyan has become a staple of our congregation, it is time to extend our minyan to include the morning as well.

Please take a moment to fill out the form in the flyers and let us know how we can make Morning Minyan work for you.

Notes from the Cantor

Cantor Wayne Krieger

My daughter Kochava wrote a beautiful reflection on the Shema prayer:

"I had no established evening ritual before going to bed. I had the negative tendency to re-think all of the actions of my day and then analyze what I could have done better. It would take me a long time to fall asleep, as my overactive imagination would continue running through scenarios. I slowly got into the habit of saying the Shema as I lay down in bed (I suppose I am following Beit Shammai in my reclining method)! I really want to embody the idea of directing my heart towards God and being fully present while saying the Shema. Therefore, after I lie down, I do some deep breathing for 2-3 minutes.

Breathing is a wonderful way to clear the mind and relax muscle tension. Once I feel truly present in the moment, I say the Shema aloud. I came to the realization that there are likely hundreds of Jews around the world who are doing the same prayer ritual. I have the sense of being strongly connected to other people, even though I am engaging in solitary



The Sapphire

Once there was a king who owned a most beautiful sparkling sapphire. It was perfect, flawless. He would take it out to share its beauty with everybody.

One day, the king noticed there was a scratch on the sapphire. He was so distressed he immediately called all the expert gem cutters to determine what could be done to bring it back to its original perfect state, but they all agreed nothing could be done.

They said, "Your Highness, if we apply any pressure, the scratch could crack, and if the scratch cracks, your sapphire could break into a million tiny pieces. We dare not even try."

But then, a young apprentice begged the king to entrust him with his precious gem and promised to turn the king's sapphire into the most beautiful gem in the whole world. The king had no other choice but to give the young man his sapphire. The young man worked every day for seven weeks, resting only on Shabbat. He returned to the palace, and the king smiled when he saw his work.

The young man had not removed the scratch at all. He did not see it as a flaw. He saw it as a stem and etched leaves on either side of the stem which went up and up until resting at the very top, he carved the most beautiful rose.

Words from the President

Please feel free to contact me directly at philipmargolis@icloud.com or at 860-657-9951. One of the very first messages you may have heard from me (nearly 18 months ago) was that we need a new heating, air conditioning and ventilation (HVAC) system. In general, our systems – and I say systems because there are quite a few pieces to it – are all well beyond their life expectancy (some – installed in 1962 – by nearly 30 years).



As you'd expect with such an old system, ours has been breaking down with increasing frequency. Our repair bills have been about \$15,000 so far this year! We've also found it difficult to get parts for needed repairs. Less quantifiable, but still important, is the fact that these problems have taken considerable staff time and affected the comfort of those who use the building through much of the year.

Most recently, you may have noticed that the Silverstein Center has been cold. The units supporting that area broke around the high holidays. While we were getting bids for electrical work, we were told that the system cracked and is no longer repairable. That's the bad news.

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RLWRS Update

Hanukkah Events: The next family program **Sunday, December 15th at 10:45 AM** will focus on our holiday of lights. This is open to non-members who would like to delve into the holiday and connect with our community. Hanukkah lights will be shining brightly as the school and friends light the fifth candle on the lawn of BSBI on **Thursday December 26th at 6:30 PM**. Bring your Hanukkah spirit as we gather together and sing some songs of the season.



Judaic Studies Spotlight: (Morah Cohen) We have been busy having

lots of fun learning in our k-2 classroom. Our students continue to learn stories from B'reishit including the story of creation and Noah's Ark. We discussed the relationship between the seventh day of creation, which was a day of rest, and a chance for G-d to appreciate the work of creation and its relationship to Shabbat. We learned about what happens in people's homes on Shabbat and what happens at synagogue. We acted out participating in a typical Shabbat meal together and practiced the blessing over the candles, wine and challah as well as the Birkat Hamazon and Havdalah to say good-bye to Shabbat. In addition, we learned about Simchat Torah and danced with our Torah scroll in the classroom to show



what we do in synagogue on Simchat Torah.

Our grades 4-7 students have been learning about the three T's (Teshuvah and Tzedakah which we have already covered), and now we focused specifically on Tefillah with a great discussion about prayer and what it means to each individual student. They also learned how the acronym of the Tanakh is derived from the names of the three divisions of the Hebrew Bible and the particular megillot that we will be reviewing this year. We focused specifically on Kohelet or Ecclesiastes, since it is read on Sukkot, and we were celebrating Sukkot. We looked at the relationship to Sukkot and focused on the section regarding how there is a season for everything in our lives. Simchat Torah was discussed, and students learned about what a Sofer does and how a Torah is written. They also practiced being a Sofer themselves!



Israeli Emissaries: We were fortunate to have Michal and Shaked share a program with our upper school and teens on what it is like to live on a kibbutz vs. living in an Israeli city. As you can see by the picture the students were all engaged and learned a great deal about an important culture.

Ellen Frankel, RLWRS Education Director

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 Tova Haley directly regarding **ANY** changes or issues by calling 860-643-9563 ext. 100 or by sending an e-mail to programming@myshul.org.

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

If you are planning an event, you MUST contact Judy to coordinate Dave and other staff. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will help alleviate confusion.



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Mazel Tov to
Joel & Irene Milzoff on
the engagement of
their daughter,
Rebecca, to Craig
Silverstein



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to you and your congregation for your ongoing support and your recent gift to the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center (JFC) for the Conservative Yeshiva.



Your support powers an innovative campus of egalitarian Jewish engagement in the heart of Jerusalem. FJC attracts upwards of 50,000 guests and students from nearly 50 countries each year, and our spiritual and intellectual programming give individuals-learners, seekers, rabbis, leaders, educators, and more-the knowledge, tools, and inspiration to deepen their Jewish selves and make a difference in the world. We thank you for your partnership and generosity in keeping our campus strong.

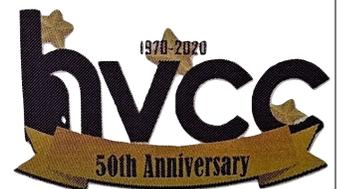
With Thanks and Appreciation,

Dr. Stephen Arnoff
Executive Director

Martin Werber
Chairperson

On behalf of everyone at Hockanum Valley Community Council we thank you for your generous donation to be used toward turkeys for our holiday meal baskets. We appreciate your continued support; you have made a difference in the lives of so many this Holiday Season.

In choosing to make HVCC a part of your charitable giving, you help us to provide health, healing, and hope to our neighbors in need. Thank you for helping us to continue our mission within our community.
Best Wishes,



David M. O'Rourke
Chief Executive Officer



4th annual manchester JAZZ FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 7, 2019
7:00-10:30 PM
DOORS OPEN HALF HOUR BEFORE PERFORMANCE

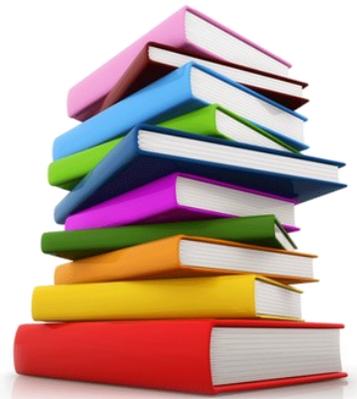
Social Action Committee
Carol Hatch

Thank you to all who contributed to Count Your Blessings. We were able to provide dinners for 8 Manchester families and contribute to HVCC toward their Thanksgiving baskets as well. Our efforts are truly appreciated by our communities.



We will be making a Hanukkah donation to the Kosher Food Pantry this month as well. Starting on December 2, we will once again be participating in the Greater Hartford Book Drive run by the Federation. We will be accepting books for children through High School age. These may be new or gently used. We have the opportunity to participate in a house repair

project in our area. An organization called Home Front will find the house and determine if it is eligible and provide the materials, tool and services, insurance and guidance. In order to make this work, we need two coordinators as well as at least 12 volunteers (people with carpentry/building skills particularly). If you have any interest in being one of the coordinators, please contact Carol Hatch at cadahat@comcast.net. Happy Hanukkah to all!



Rabbi Richard Plavin Library Corner
David Alter, Librarian



Hanukkah, the eight day festival of lights, is one of the more joyous holidays in the Jewish calendar and has become among the more widely celebrated. It is particular a favorite of children. It commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt. Unlike many Jewish holidays, Hanukkah is not mentioned in the Torah. The historical events upon which the celebration is based are recorded in Maccabees I and II, two books contained within a later collection of writings known as the Apocrypha. If you want to learn more about why the Maccabees are not in the Torah, check out the following two websites: MYJEWISHLEARNING.COM and JEWISHVIRTUALLIBRARY.ORG.



Our adult and children's libraries have a plethora of books about Hanukkah. Examples are:

Adult Library

1. The Hanukkah Anthology 244.1 - The history, activities, and significance of the eight-day Feast of Lights are conveyed in writings produced during the past two thousand years, from the Book of Daniel to contemporary commentaries and poems.
2. The Lights of Hanukkah 244.1 - 60 full-color photographs of particularly striking, beautiful or historic menorahs (including one in which eight Liberty Bells represent the independence of the Maccabees).

Children's Library

1. One Yellow Daffodil: a Hanukkah Story J244.1 - A Holocaust survivor shares Hanukkah with a loving family that gives him the courage to remember.
2. Light Another Candle: The Story and Meaning of Hanukkah J244.1 - Retells the story of Hanukkah and explains its symbols by describing high points in Jewish history, worship, and culture.
3. Potato Pancakes All Around: A Hanukkah Tale JE244.1 - While Grandma Yetta and Grandma Sophie bicker over the best recipe for potato pancakes, a wandering peddler shows them how to make the Hanukkah treat from a crust of bread.



Words from the President Continued

Here's the good news. We've been working towards getting a plan to move forward and replace the HVAC system. With the support of a member with related professional experience, we now have an engineering report in hand. The report is the result of several visits to our building by the engineer and associates during the summer months. After the holidays, a report was delivered.

Let me give you some specifics of the recommendations:

- Replace the outdated equipment with energy-efficient units.
- Keep the general configuration of our current system – with a few exceptions that would improve comfort and efficiency.
- An example of one of the changes calls for installing a high-efficiency mini-split system in the Rabbi's and Cantor's offices. (We currently cannot control the heating or cooling in those offices.)
- Replace the current energy management system with an up-to-date building automation system.

As I write this (in early November), we are moving this project forward by soliciting bids from at least three vendors. At the same time, we are discussing how we can pay for such a system. It is estimated that this system will cost the congregation more than \$400,000. This figure is not entirely surprising based on numbers that we discussed a decade ago.

One piece of the financial equation will most certainly be a capital campaign. However, to expedite the replacement of the system in order to save money and not spend on additional repairs, we are looking at opportunities to finance the system for the short-term. We hope to have the system in place this winter. While we will need everyone's support for a capital campaign, we particularly need the support of several leadership givers – ideally for \$100,000 or more (which can be broken up over multiple years). If you are able to provide a leadership gift, please contact me or the Rabbi. Happy Hanukkah to everyone. We hope to see you at our menorah lightings later this month!

B'shalom,

Phil Margolis, President



Sisterhood Speaks

Mimi Kalman, Editor



What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

Sunday, December 8, 9:30 am
Gentle Yoga Class

Tuesday, December 10, 1:30 pm
Knit & Kvetch

Sunday, December 15, 7:00 pm
Jewish Historical Society joint program
at Temple Beth Hillel, So. Windsor,
Chef Jeffrey Yoskowitz,
"The Gefilte Manifesto"

Monday, December 16, 7:30 pm
(Note change of date!)
Sisterhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 pm
Sisterhood lighting Menorah, 3rd candle

Sunday, December 29, 9:30 am - 11:00 am
Adventure Walk

SAVE THE DATE!

Sisterhood Shabbat Service and Luncheon

January 18, 2020

Guest speakers: David and Ann Brandwein will be sharing their experiences from the Interfaith Freedom and Justice Ride 2019, in which they retraced the footsteps of civil rights leaders in Montgomery, Birmingham and Selma Alabama

Adventure Walk, December 29th

Hi Walkers, we'll be walking again on Sunday, December 29 at 9:30 am and we will be back before Hebrew school is over so that you can pick up your children. So come with us and see if we can find some of those interesting icicles along the trail that we usually see at this time of the year.

An Labb

Knit & Kvetch

Our meeting this month will be on December 10th at 1:30 pm. We will tell more about our November distribution in the January bulletin.

We are in need of people who can work on afghans. The average size should be approx. 36 x 48. Besides the afghans, we are also in need of people to knit or crochet mittens and hats.

If you would like to help us out and are in need of yarn, please get in touch with me.



Remember we can always use yarn or monetary donations to continue our mitzvah. It doesn't have to be a huge amount, \$5.00 goes a long way towards buying yarn. We do appreciate all donations of yarn, however please no wool. Our items need to be machine washable so we can only accept 100% acrylic..

Please make sure that all donation checks are made out to BSBI Sisterhood and marked "Knit and Kvetch" on the memo line. If they are be left in the BSBI office please ask for them to put the checks in the Sisterhood box.

Any questions, call me at 860-649-6551 or at IRANNEFINK@AOL.COM.

Anne Fink

Gentle Yoga Class

What: Yoga – a 1 hour gentle yoga class; led by a certified Yoga Instructor

When: Sunday December 8th at 9:30AM

Where: BSBI

Who: Everyone. All ages. If you've never done yoga before – try it!!!!

Cost: only \$6/person

Bring: Yourself! Comfortable clothes. Yoga mat or a towel if you don't have a mat



Sisterhood Speaks Continued

Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group

At our last gathering we had a very interesting discussion of Dani Shapiro's memoir, *INHERITANCE*.

We hope you'll join us at our next meeting at BSBI on January 6 at 7:30 for a discussion of *THE LAST WATCHMAN OF OLD CAIRO*, by Michael David Lucas. Copies will be on reserve for the 'BSBI Book Group' in the reference room at the Mary Cheney Library.

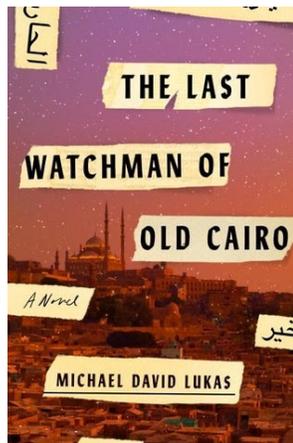
The Last Watchman of Old Cairo
by Michael David Lukas (Goodreads Author)

In this spellbinding novel, a young man journeys from California to Cairo to unravel centuries-old family secrets.

Joseph, a literature student at Berkeley, is the son of a Jewish mother and a Muslim father. One day, a mysterious package arrives on his doorstep, pulling him into a mesmerizing adventure to uncover the tangled history that binds the two sides of his family. For generations, the men of the al-Raqb family have served as watchmen of the storied Ibn Ezra Synagogue in Old Cairo, built at the site where the infant Moses was taken from the Nile. Joseph learns of his ancestor Ali, a Muslim orphan who nearly a thousand years earlier was entrusted as the first watchman of the synagogue and became enchanted by its legendary--perhaps magical--Ezra Scroll. The story of Joseph's family is entwined with that of the British twin sisters Agnes and Margaret, who in 1897 depart their hallowed Cambridge halls on a mission to rescue sacred texts that have begun to disappear from the synagogue.

The Last Watchman of Old Cairo is a moving page-turner of a novel from acclaimed storyteller Michael David Lukas. This tightly woven multigenerational tale illuminates the tensions that have torn communities apart and the unlikely forces--potent magic, forbidden love--that boldly attempt to bridge that divide.

Happy reading!
Maxine Lerman and Myrna Spector



10 Tony Awards winning "The Band's Visit"

"The Band's Visit" a musical based on the 2007 Israeli film about an Egyptian Band getting stranded in a small Israeli Negev town became a huge Broadway hit that was nominated for ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical!!! The "Band's Visit" rejoices in the way music makes us laugh, makes us cry, and ultimately, brings us together.

It is coming to the Bushnell in April. Sisterhood is organizing a theatre party for the Sunday, April 26th, matinee at 1:00 pm. The Bushnell has reserved mid-mezzanine seats at the discounted ticket prices at \$70.25 and they have waived all processing fees for us. These seats are one row behind seats that are \$96. In order for us to get this price, we must have 10 or more people going. And we have to pay for our seats early. They have reserved 20 seats for us, WE MUST SEND OUR CHECKS TO MADDY TURK NO LATER THAN JANUARY 20TH. UNSOLD SEATS WILL THEN BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC. Please make out your check to BSBI Sisterhood and send it to Maddy Turk, 10 Valerie Drive, Vernon, CT 06066. For further information you can call her at 860-875-7323 or email her at mikemaddy@aol.com.

Torah Fund Pins

Torah Fund General Campaign is the annual campaign that raises money for scholarships and programming at all five degree-granting seminaries of the Conservative/Masorti movement: JTS, Zeigler, Schechter, Seminario, and Frankel.



Creating New Spaces is our newest special project, which benefits JTS and Ziegler. It launched on July 1st. It supports the new Crossroads Campaign at JTS, dedicating a Women's League Study Space in the new JTS Undergraduate Residence Hall, and it supports endowing the new Women's League Institute on Gender Bias and Harassment at Ziegler.

Each year a special pin is designed to be given to anyone who donates \$180.00 to the fund. This year's pin is emphasizing the wonderful trait of 'Chesed'. There are three ways you can donate to get a pin of your own. You can donate the \$180.00 in one payment, or \$36.00 for 5 months, or \$18.00 for ten months. I have been trusted with several pins. If you would like one, just call me and tell me how you would like to schedule your donation. Mimi Kalman, 860-649-3890, mimrk524@gmail.com

Sisterhood Speaks Continued

NAR Day at The Emanuel Synagogue

On October 27th, Sisterhood women from the North Atlantic Region of Women's League gathered for its Annual Meeting and Women of Distinction Awards. Our well-deserved nominee was Brina Abrahams, and because we have such a warm and friendly congregation, 27 congregants (and friends) showed up to support her and wish her a special mazel tov!



Not everybody is pictured.

Share an Oneg

- * On Shabbat, November 16, the Kiddush luncheon and Pulpit flowers were sponsored by Sandy Phair and Diane and Jeff Wasser in honor of the birthdays of Sandy and Diane.

Stacey Poutre (860-432-7083), stacey@poutres.com

Kiddush (Desserts only) Chairperson

Mimi Kalman (860-649-3890), mimirk524@gmail.com

Pulpit Flowers Chairperson

Torah Fund Cards

- * Cal and Elaine Vinick; mazel tov to Jeff Wasser for being named one of the best doctors in America. What a wonderful honor.
- * Mimi Kalman; birthday wishes to Sandi Phair and Diane Wasser and hopes for many more and mazel tov to Sally Ivaldi in honor of her being the well-deserved recipient of the Joe Davis Award.
- * Susan Goodwin; mazel tov to Sally Ivaldi in honor of her being the recipient of the Joe Davis Award from BSBI

To order cards for all occasions contact our Torah Fund Card Chairperson

Lynn Cohen at (860-298-0457) or lynnbcohen@att.net

Sisterhood Gift Shop - Your Source for All Your Simchot

Leaves are falling, the nights are longer and cold weather is here. A sure sign that Hanukkah is just around the corner and with it all the excitement and preparation that goes with it!

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Jewish Historical Society East of the River Program

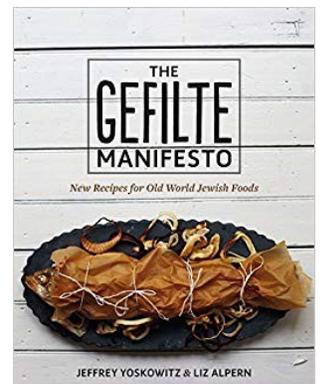
On Sunday, December 15, at 7:00 pm the Jewish Historical Society will be having a special joint East of the River program at Temple Beth Hillel, 20 Baker Lane, So. Windsor.

“Back to the Old Country: the Jewish Food Renaissance”,
A conversation with Chef Jeffrey Yoskowitz,
co-writer of the new cookbook *The Gefilte Manifesto*.

Advance tickets are \$7, at the door \$10.

For tickets or more info call 860-727-6170

or www.jhsg.org/jeffrey-yoskowitz-cookbook-lecture



Brotherhood Corner

Glenn Blumenstein, Brotherhood President

We're well into autumn, winter is closing in, and it's the time for sweaters and the re-growing of beards. The Brotherhood recently celebrated the end of Sukkot with an afternoon of Steak & Schnapps at our annual Hearing Men's Voices, but it's the words of our November speaker, Simon Luxemburg, that fill my thoughts these days. Simon and his friends open their South Boston apartment to their Jewish peers – offering Shabbat dinners, Sukkot gatherings, and many other Jewish activities each year.

Simon has a lot to teach us about what Jewish life will look like in the near future. Most importantly, and equally unsettling, Simon has learned that the congregations & synagogues we all grew up with don't hold the same appeal to the young adults. And yet they still want the community and attachment to Jewish life. I can't help but think that this young man has opened a window into a possible new direction for our community. A week ago, I was concerned with how we will deal our community's budget and facility maintenance issues, but now I feel ready to start a new conversation. A conversation that starts by asking *"What will the Jewish community of tomorrow look like? Where will my children and grandchildren go to be with other Jews and study Torah?"*

I feel certain that now is the time for our synagogue to start asking and debating that question. If we wait for tomorrow to come, if we wait for the next generation to ask, it may be too late. It's up to us to lead the way to a brighter tomorrow for our community, our synagogue, and our children.

January 5th Speaker

Lisa Vaeth, Director - Association of Jewish Cemeteries

**Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford
Abandoned Jewish Cemeteries in
Greater Hartford**

Lisa Vaeth has worked at the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford for 28 years; 16 of those years as the Cemetery Director – overseeing 30 small Jewish cemeteries in Hartford that were abandoned by their original owners. At the Federation, Lisa has also worked in General Campaign Development, Women's Philanthropy, Young Leadership, Event Management, Leadership Development, and Office Management, and was their Director of Office Operations for 10 years. For the past 11 years she has been one of Federation's top fundraisers.

In 2017, Lisa graduated from the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association at the University of Memphis. Currently, she is the Chair of the Jewish Cemetery Association of North America, sits on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Cemetery Association, and is an active member of the New England Cemetery Association. Outside of the Federation and various cemetery boards, she serves as Vice-President of a local dog rescue, and as a Board Member for her town's fuel bank. She currently lives in a farmhouse built in 1745 in northern Connecticut with her recently retired husband Bob, as well as her pets. She enjoys flower gardening and visiting cemeteries whenever possible.



On Nov 3rd, 2019, Simon Luxemburg the son of Dr. Maury Luxemburg, was the main speaker for the BSBI Brotherhood at their monthly annual meeting.

He was introduced by the President of the Brotherhood Glenn Blumenstein.

A graduate of Conn College magna cum laude, his topic was (Millennial Jewish Communities of 2019 and beyond). In 2018, Simon and a group of friends founded the Boston South End Moishe House. The Moishe house gives young people the tools and resources to create hospitable Jewish homes in a way that might not otherwise be possible for the 20-something crowd. He also spoke about the Table. He would envision a whole generation of Millennials slowing down and joining together, unplugging for the week, and creating intention

in their lives, and building meaningful communities.

Some of the challenges for the Millennials are that they live in urban areas, and they are hard to find. There were many questions and discussions afterward.



Celebration Dates in December

Birthdays

Jeff Tardif-1	Rebecca Steigelfest-14
Craig Banks-2	Sally Ivaldi-16
Ellen Neuhaus-2	Richard Carlton-16
Eleanor Lipton-3	Carol Hatch-17
Walter Heimann-4	Lauren Bula-18
Harvey Kahaner-6	Jeffrey Lassow-18
Glenn Hauer-7	Fred Stern-20
Susan Luxemburg-7	Richard Berkman-20
Iris Schlank-7	Gillian Cohen-20
Abba Caspi-8	Sue Pitler-20
Rahim Shamash-8	Judy Meyer-22
Shelley Levine-10	Rachel Partney-22
Laura Levine-10	Blanche Stone-22
Talia Zimmerman-12	Judith Eckhouse-22



Sandi Garfield-23
Richard Ketai-24
Risa Filkoff-26
Loren Reichlin-28
Terry Frimmet-28
Sydney Stevens-28
Michael Kaprove-30
Hedda Reichlin-30

Anniversaries

Victor & Lieba Bernstein-17
Saul Nesselroth & Carol Lewis-30



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so that we may celebrate it in the future.**

Leave a Jewish Legacy

IRA Assets and Qualified Charitable Distributions

BSBI would like to encourage charitable donations, to help our congregants optimize their charitable giving and to reach their charitable goals. On behalf of the Endowment Board of Trustees I would like to review some of the benefits of gifting Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) to the Endowment. The QCDs may also be used to pay Synagogue dues as well as contribute to the Hineni Society.

Donation of “Qualified Charitable Distributions” (QCD)

In legislation at year end 2016, Congress made permanent qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) from individual retirement accounts.

What are QCDs?

A QCD permits direct transfers to a qualified charity (or charities) totaling up to \$100,000 annually of tax-deferred IRA savings. QCDs offer advantages over taking a taxable IRA distribution and then contributing the proceeds of that distribution to a charity. That’s because taxable IRA distributions must be included in adjusted gross income. Importantly, QCDs automatically satisfy required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year when the QCD is made. That’s a real advantage for a charitably minded IRA owner who doesn’t depend on some or all of the RMD for living expenses.

What are important things to know about QCDs?

Only individuals who’ve attained age 70 ½ or older on the date of distribution may make QCDs. The charitable organization must be an organization that qualifies for a charitable income tax deduction of an individual. The Beth Sholom B’nai Israel Synagogue and the BSBI Endowment qualify as such organizations. The BSBI Endowment and Synagogue will be required to provide the same contribution acknowledgement to the owner of the IRA required claiming a charitable tax deduction. Failure to obtain the acknowledgement will quash the QCD. QCDs may be made from any IRA or individual retirement annuity, but not from a simplified employee pension, a simple retirement account, or an inherited IRA. Among other benefits, the use of QCDs for charity may reduce taxable income, reduce state and federal tax, reduce taxation of social security, reduce supplemental IRMMA payments to Medicare parts B and D. Individuals and couples with low as well as high incomes may benefit by contributing QCDs to charity.

Examples of using QCDs for charitable giving

There are several attractive options for the use of QCDs for charitable giving. For example one can use the QCD to pay Synagogue dues and contribute to Hineni. Another example of optimizing the use of QCD is to establish a **perpetual endowment** fund. By making a QCD donation to the Endowment of BSBI, the donor may create a \$25,000 endowment for BSBI. This endowment may be given over the course of a number of years to reach the level necessary to provide perpetual support of a \$1000 to **Hineni**. By adding to the donation annually the donor could reach a \$45,000 over a number of years. This amount would support a **perpetual Hineni donation at the \$1800** per year level. Details of further possibilities and arrangements for payment can be obtained from the Endowment members or via email noted below. Since the use of QCDs for charitable giving can have specific tax advantages the donor should consult their tax advisor prior to making a QCD contribution. Some plans require significant lead time to process the paper work, so advanced planning may be necessary.

For further information, contact a member of the Endowment Committee. You may reach out to the BSBI Endowment at BSBIEndowment@myshul.org or directly to Roy Filkoff or Jeff Wasser. Remember to discuss this and all other tax matters with your tax advisor before taking any action.

Sincerely,
Jeff Wasser, MD
President of the BSBI Endowment

Will this be the year to leave YOUR Jewish legacy?



*Do you have a will?
Have you considered a bequest to BSBI?*

Join those members of our Jewish community who have come together to build endowments and legacies to secure a bright Jewish future for BSBI.



For more information, please email:
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The Need is Great!**

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

The Endowment 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 or Rabbi Konigsburg 860-643-9563 x101.

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In memory of Carol & Stanley Runyon's beloved sister, Myra Green; in memory of Malcom Clare, beloved uncle and great uncle, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*; in memory of Maxwell Kramer, beloved uncle and great uncle, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*, from Carol & Paul Leiman & Family

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In memory of Robert Stone. Mr. Stone was an incorporator of the former Savings Bank of Manchester and served on its Board of Directors for many years, from SBM Charitable Foundation

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In memory of our mother and grandmother, Irene Tabatsky, from Maralyn and David Tabatsky and families

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In memory of Barry Weinbaum from Mrs. Mimi Kalman

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In honor of Jeffrey Wasser's award as "one of the best Physicians in America" from the American Health Council, from Victor & Lieba Bernstein

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In appreciation of Alan & Carol Goldstein for ushering on the High Holidays from Dr. Kenneth Wichman

In honor of Jack and Lynn Cohen from Ann Belzer

In honor of Brina Abrahams for being the honoree for the Woman of Distinction Award. Mazel Tov! from Herb & Ellie Flink

In honor of Brina Abrahams, congratulations on receiving the Woman of Distinction Award from Mrs. Susan Goodwin

In honor of Sandi Phair for her upcoming special birthday from Ms. Anne Herman

In honor of Brina Abrahams - Sisterhood Woman of Distinction from Sharon and Barry Haight

In honor of Carl Mandell's recognition as "Keeper of the Flame"; in honor of Edison Louis Adler, grandson of Carl & Cruz Mandell, from Victor & Lieba Bernstein

In honor of the marriage of Jerry Creem's son, Elliot, from Jay & Susan Stoppelman

In memory of Jeff's brother, Arthur Lassow, from Joel & Irene Milzoff

In memory of Eileen Kean's father, James Ryan; in memory of Timothy Sawtelle from Mrs. Mimi Kalman
In memory of Cleo & Bob Karns from Nancy Zaro
In memory of Samuel and Beatrice Axler from Phillip & Elaine Axler

In memory of Neil Abrahams and Amy Rubenstein from Richard & Leslie Abrahams

In memory of Kathy Eldergill from Robert Conner & Ilene Bloomstone

Mazel tov to Marshall & Linda Grodofsky on the birth of their grandson from Carl & Cruz Mandell

Thank you to Rabbi Konigsburg, Jeff & Diane Wasser- Your kindness after Bob died is greatly appreciated! from Mrs. Blanche Stone

In memory of Stanley Lessoff on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Alan Lessoff and Mineke Reinders

In memory of David Goober on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Diane & Mitchell Wurmbrand

In memory of Chana Gerszt on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Eva Libitzky

In memory of my aunt and uncle, Dorothy & Philip Menchel, on the occasion of their *yahrzeits*, from Frances Licht

In memory of Rebecca Levi on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Harold & Judy Meyer

In memory of Renee Sacksman on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Jeffrey & Sandi Garfield

In memory of Regina Fayman on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Judy Fayman

In memory of Max Resnick on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Mr. & Mrs. Barry Resnick

In memory of my grandmother, Elizabeth Susnitzky, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Mrs. Sally Ivaldi

KAHANER FAMILY FUND

In memory of Solomon Crasnick, father of Elaine Kahaner, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Harvey & Elaine Kahaner

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from Bruce Zundell

Best anniversary wishes to Margery & David Gussak; happy anniversary to Richard & Lisa Plepler; happy anniversary to Paula & James Thomas; happy birthday to Andrea Seader from Sissy Seader

In memory of Samuel Lewis on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Herbert & Beverly Byk

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In memory of Belle Zucker from Victor & Lieba Bernstein

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In memory of Arthur Lassow from Mrs. Mimi Kalman

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In memory of Ralph Marshall, beloved husband of Ellen Marshall, from Mrs. Sharon Chesler

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Happy birthday to Nyla Zundell; mazel tov to Joel Katz on the 70th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah from Sissy Seader

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In memory of all my loved ones; in memory of my beloved friend Belle Zucker; in memory of Lawrence Medin; from Mrs. Mimi Kalman

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In memory of Edward Chaet on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Mrs. Sandi Phair

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For my gratitude to Rabbi Konigsburg and Cantor Krieger for all their help in preparing Sydney for her Bat Mitzvah; mazel tov Carl & Cruz Mandell on the birth of their grandson, Edison, from Hanna Marcus In honor of the marriage of Emily Zoback; in honor of the retirement of Dr. Ellen Neuhaus from Randall & Elaine Nelson

In honor of Leo Shai Konigsburg, grandson of Rabbi Randall & Michelle Konigsburg from Victor & Lieba Bernstein Thank you Rabbi Konigsburg, for wonderful holiday services from Sissy Seader

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In gratitude to Stacey Poutre for her help at Sydney Bula's bat mitzvah from Hanna Marcus In honor of Rabbi and Michelle Konigsburg's Simchat Torah honors from Philip & Susan Margolis Phil Margolis' Ma'asim Tovim Award from the CT Valley Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs; In memory of Lawrence Medin, brother of Brina Abrahams, Harriet Beede & Trudy Singer from Victor & Lieba Bernstein In memory of Art Lassow; in memory of Belle Zucker; mazel tov to Jeff Wasser on receiving the "Award of Excellence" from Mrs. Sandi Phair

Thank you to Dawn & Jack Steigelfest for donating a car to Vehicles for Charity in support of BSBI

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November 2019 Evening Minyan Schedule

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><u>First Monday – 12/2</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 – 12/3</u> Banks, Craig Baron, Barry & Joan Bayer, Aaron & Laurie Schiller, Richard & Amy Vinick, Cal</p>	<p><u>First Wednesday – 12/4</u> Brodie, Gordon & Bea Karasik, Gail Lerman, Manny & Maxine Pasternak, Lorin*</p>	<p><u>First Thursday – 12/5</u> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Luxemburg, Maury Mandell, Carl & Cruz Poutre, Stacey Riedel, Rima</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People Needed</p>				
<p><u>Second Monday – 12/9</u> Bayer, Bill & Barbara Beck, Bruce Creem, Jerry* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Flink, Herb & Ellie* Partney, Philip & Margery</p>	<p><u>Second Tuesday – 12/10</u> Breslau, Bill or Susan Grad, Howard & Linda Kalman, Mimi* Lerner, Brenda Norman, Mike & Bonnie Phair, Sandi*</p>	<p><u>Second Wednesday – 12/11</u> Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Leshin, Steven & Barbara Pasternak, Lorin* Resnick, Barry & Renny* Zucker, Spin</p>	<p><u>Second Thursday – 12/12</u> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Finkelstein, Paula Norman, Sam & Teri Resnick, Barry & Renny* Zupnik, Ted & Barbara*</p>				
<p><u>Third Monday – 12/16</u> Creem, Jerry* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Linner, Abe & Iris Ludlum, Cathy Milzoff, Joel & Irene</p>	<p><u>Third Tuesday – 12/17</u> Abrahams, Richard & Leslie Gross, Michael & Susan Ivaldi, Sally Orringer, Nelson & Stephanie</p>	<p><u>Third Wednesday – 12/18</u> Gamzon, Bill* Igdalsky, Alan & Hope Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Pasternak, Lorin* Plen, Donna Stoppelman, Julian & Susan</p>	<p><u>Third Thursday – 12/19</u> Borgida, Edward 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 – 12/23</u> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Creem, Jerry* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Pasternak, Lorin* Rubin, Susan Zimmerman, Eveleen*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People Needed</p>	<p><u>*Please Note*</u> There will be no Minyan on the following days:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; width: 50%;"> Tuesday December 24 </td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 50%;"> Tuesday December 31 </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"> Wednesday December 25 </td> <td style="text-align: center;"> Wednesday January 1 </td> </tr> </table>		Tuesday December 24	Tuesday December 31	Wednesday December 25	Wednesday January 1	<p><u>Fourth Thursday – 12/26</u> Burstein, David Caplin, Bob & Donna* Frankel, Ellen Lassow, Marilyn Pearlson, Stan & Sue Zimmerman, Jane</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People Needed</p>
Tuesday December 24	Tuesday December 31						
Wednesday December 25	Wednesday January 1						

WE NEED YOUR HELP !

We are updating our sparse calling list for evening minyan. Our mourners count on all of us to provide the communal mourning requirement of a minyan to get through tough days. Can we count on you to add your name to the list in the chapel for evening minyan? It is not only the right thing to do, it's a mitzvah.

If you can help out, especially if you live less than 10 minutes or 5 miles away,

Please call Rabbi Konigsburg at 860-643-9563 Ext. 101 or email rabbenu@myshul.org

Thank you

December 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1 (3 Kislev) 10:00a Shabbat Services 4:53p Havdalah 7:00p 4th Annual Manchester Jazz Festival	2 (4 Kislev) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	3 (5 Kislev) 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p BSBI Academy	4 (6 Kislev) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	5 (7 Kislev) 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 4:30p Teen Program 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	6 (8 Kislev) 4:01p Candle Lighting 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat Sunset: 4:19p	7 (9 Kislev) 10:00a Shabbat Services 4:53p Havdalah 7:00p 4th Annual Manchester Jazz Festival Sunset: 4:19p		
8 (10 Kislev) 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 9:00a Morning Minyan 9:30a Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker 9:30a Yoga Class 12:00 Gift Wrapping at Buckland Hills	9 (11 Kislev) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	10 (12 Kislev) 12:00p Lunch & Learn 1:30p Knit & Kvetch 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p BSBI Academy	11 (13 Kislev) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	12 (14 Kislev) 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	13 (15 Kislev) 4:02p Candle Lighting 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat Sunset: 4:20p	14 (16 Kislev) 10:00a Shabbat Services 4:54p Havdalah Sunset: 4:20p		
15 (17 Kislev) 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 10:45a Family Hanukkah Program 12:00 Gift Wrapping at Buckland Hills 7:00p JHS Cooking Demo	16 (18 Kislev) 6:30p Finance Committee 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood Board Meeting	17 (19 Kislev) 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p BSBI Academy	18 (20 Kislev) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Board Meeting	19 (21 Kislev) 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 4:30p Teen Program 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	20 (22 Kislev) 4:04p Candle Lighting 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat Sunset: 4:22p	21 (23 Kislev) Shabbat Mevarchim 10:00a Shabbat Services 4:56p Havdalah Sunset: 4:22p		
22 (24 Kislev) Erev Hanukkah 6:30p Hanukkah 1st Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Congregation	23 (25 Kislev) Hanukkah 6:30p Hanukkah 2nd Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Social Action 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	24 (26 Kislev) Hanukkah Christmas Eve 6:30p Hanukkah 3rd Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Sisterhood	25 (27 Kislev) Hanukkah Christmas Day Office Closed 6:30p Hanukkah 4th Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Board of Directors 6:30p Kosher-Chinese Hanukkah Celebration	26 (28 Kislev) Hanukkah 6:30p Hanukkah 5th Candle Lighting @ BSBI - RLWRS 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	27 (29 Kislev) Hanukkah 3:45p Hanukkah 6th Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Early Birds 4:08p Candle Lighting 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat Sunset: 4:26p	28 (30 Kislev) Hanukkah Rosh Chodesh Tevet 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:01p Havdalah 6:30p Hanukkah 7th Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Adult Education Sunset: 4:27p		
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Please note that calendar times are listed as posted in the office as of the date *Chai Lights* 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.



BSBI has been given the opportunity to accept donations of vehicles through a partnership with Vehicles For Charity to process donated

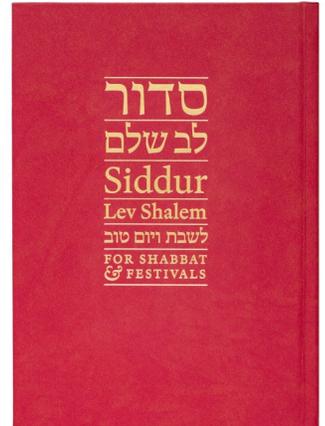
vehicles. Consider donating your unwanted vehicle in support of BSBI. It is easier and faster than selling it on your own, and you may qualify for a tax deduction! Donors say it is a satisfying way to make a larger donation than they normally could.

Other vehicles accepted by this program include: unwanted car, truck, boat, motorcycle, RV or recreational vehicles.

For more information go to:

<https://www.vehiclesforcharity.org>

We have now made the switch to the new *Siddur Lev Shalem*! Similar to the *Machzor Lev Shalem* we use on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, *Siddur Lev Shalem* includes informational side notes and extra readings on each page to help everyone get more out of Shabbat *te-phillot* (prayer). We are now offering opportunities to dedicate these siddurim in honor of people or events in our lives or in memory of loved ones. A siddur can be dedicated for just \$50 a book. If you would like to see a copy of the new siddur, they are available for inspection at the synagogue.



Beth Olam Cemetery

The lock at Beth Olam has been replaced and now no key is required. The combination is 1818.

There is a reminder near the lock in case you have forgotten the combination.



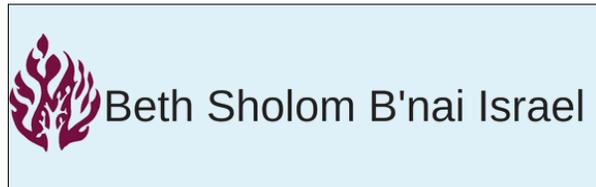
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follow the directions below to use the new lock:

- The lock is located under the black weatherproof cover
- Pull the lock over the black weatherproof cover
- Turn the number to 1818-line them up with the red line
- Lock will pull apart
- When done, reattach the cable to lock it
- Turn at least one number to secure lock
- Replace the lock under the black weatherproof cover

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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.



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B.T.E (Before Trump Era)

January 20, 2020

How Donald Trump became the
Religious Right's Favorite President

January 27, 2020

The Religious Aims of the Trump Administration

**See enclosed flyer for more information and
registration information**

Chai Lights (BSBI's Monthly Bulletin) is going Digital!

Beginning in February, Chai Lights will be going **DIGITAL**.

If you would like to continue to receive a physical copy of Chai Lights for \$20 per year, return the form to the BSBI office with a \$20 check made out to BSBI.

*Please make sure the office has an up to date email address for you so that you can receive the Chai Lights email each month. If you would like to update your email address, please fill out the form.



Everybody will receive the bulletin via email. We will begin sending Chai Lights emails beginning in December to help you see what it will look like

*If you do not return the form with \$20, you will automatically receive the bulletin only via email

To continue to receive a physical copy of Chai Lights each month, please fill out this form and return it to the BSBI office at 400 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester, CT 06040 with a \$20 check made out to BSBI

Name _____

- Please send me the monthly Chai Lights by mail for \$20/year
- Please send me the monthly Chai Lights by mail and email for \$20/year
- I would like to only receive Chai Lights by email (free)

Please update my email address to: _____

Return this form to BSBI by January 20th

Founding a Morning Minyan

We believe that a full-service synagogue includes a daily morning minyan as well as a daily evening minyan. While our evening minyan has become a staple of our congregation, it is time to extend our minyan to include the morning as well.

Please take a moment to let us know if you might be interested in a morning minyan, how often you could attend and what times work the best for you.

If you would like to participate in Morning Minyan, please return the form to BSBI at 400 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester, CT 06040



Name _____

- I am interested in helping found our Morning Minyan

I am ready to be commit to ____ days/week

Every day: ____ Sun: ____
Mon(Torah reading day): ____ Tues: ____
Wed: ____ Thurs(Torah Reading Day): ____
Fri ____

The best time for me is:
7:00 ____ : 7:30 ____ : 8:00 ____

Minyan would have to end by ____am

It would be nice to have a bagel and coffee:
each morning ____: one morning a week ____:
Monday/Thursday ____
Sunday/Wednesday ____



Kosher-Chinese Hanukkah Celebration

Wednesday, December 25

Join us for lighting the hanukkiyah
on the front lawn of BSBI
at 6:30 pm with a kosher chinese
dinner to follow.

cost:

adults: \$20

children under 13: \$10



Please fill out and return the form below to the BSBI office or register
online at myshul.org. **Registration deadline is December 18**

Kosher-Chinese Hanukkah Celebration

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Please make checks out to BSBI-Final day to register is December 18

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you have any food allergies we should be aware of? _____

Adults: _____ @ \$20 Children under 13: _____ @ \$10 Total: \$ _____

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Fee:

\$30 Full Series

\$15 Student Full Series

\$12 per lecture purchased at the door

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Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

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Full Series @ \$30	# of attendees	\$
Student Full Series @ \$15	# of attendees	\$
Single Lecture @ \$12	# of attendees	\$
Student Single Lecture @\$5	# of attendees	\$

Total Enclosed: _____

Bequest Intention Form Beth Sholom B'nai Israel

If it is your intention to provide Endowment Foundation of Beth Sholom B'nai Israel (BSBI) with a bequest or other future gift, we would like to include you in our *Etz Chaim* Society and properly thank you and acknowledge your gift during your lifetime.

Please complete this form and return it to the Endowment Committee of BSBI by mail at 400 East Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06040 or e-mail a copy to Jeff Wasser at jeffreywasser@sbcglobal.net or Roy Filkoff at royfilkoff@altmanandco.com. Both can also be reached at BSBIEndowment@myshul.org. This is a confidential record.

This Bequest Intention Form is not a legal document. It simply serves as a way for us to appreciate and recognize your generosity.

I have already included the Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Endowment in my estate plan.

I intend to include Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Endowment in my estate plan.

If you are willing to provide us with the details of your plans, we thank you.

MY BEQUEST WILL BE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A PERCENTAGE OF MY ESTATE | <input type="checkbox"/> A SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> THE RESIDUE OF MY ESTATE | <input type="checkbox"/> A SPECIFIC ITEM OF VALUE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE INSURANCE | <input type="checkbox"/> RETIREMENT PLAN PROCEEDS |

THE APPROXIMATE VALUE OF MY BEQUEST WILL BE: _____

MY BEQUEST IS UNRESTRICTED

IT IS MY INTENTION THAT MY BEQUEST BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT YOU:

YOUR NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SPOUSE NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

Unless you indicate otherwise, a member of committee will call you.

- I look forward to talking with you about this gift intention. I understand that listing this gift may be an incentive for others to give and I am willing to be publicly acknowledged.
- I understand you would like to contact me and I would be happy to discuss this with you, but I prefer not to be listed or acknowledged publicly.
- I understand you would like to contact me, but I prefer to remain anonymous and request no contact or acknowledgment.

SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



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LETTER OF LEGACY INTENT

I/We want to help ensure the continuity of Beth Sholom B'nai Israel (BSBI) and provide for future generations. Therefore, I/We have made a provision in our will or estate plan to leave a legacy for _____ through the Endowment Committee of BSBI in collaboration with the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford, Inc.

This letter of intent represents my/our commitment to leave a legacy for BSBI. It does not constitute a legacy obligation and may be altered by me/us at any time.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OPTIONAL

It is my/our intent to leave a legacy through my/our:

- Will Retirement Plan Assets Life Insurance Policy Living Trust
- Charitable Gift Annuity Charitable Remainder Trust Other _____

It is my/our intention to update our estate plan at the next available opportunity, with the following provisions:

- Provide a gift of ____ percent of the estate.
- Provide a gift of a specific dollar amount (\$_____ if known) to be specified in the estate plan.

I/We plan to designate my/our gift to support the following:

You may mention and/or print my (our) name where it may serve as an encouragement to others to make a similar commitment. If yes, please initial here: _____

Thank you for helping to secure a bright future for the Jewish community.