



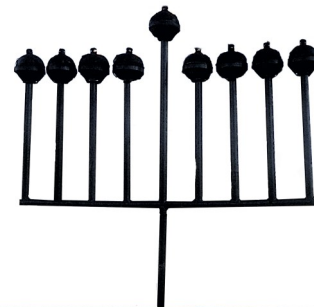
*Register to attend the  
Virtual Jazz Festival at  
[myshul.org/jazzfest2020](http://myshul.org/jazzfest2020)*

### Hanukkiyah Lighting 5781

We will have the Hanukkiyah Lighting outside (socially distanced, with masks) on the front lawn. These groups are hosting the lighting, everyone is welcome to attend.

**\*Please note the times for each night.**

Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM.....RLWRS  
Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:45 PM\* ..... Early Birds  
Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM\* ..... BSBI Congregation  
Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM\* ..... Brotherhood  
Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM ..... Social Action  
Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM ..... Board of Directors  
Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM ..... Sisterhood  
Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM..... Adult Education



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**Services**

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

**Friday: 6:00 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. Services are virtual. Zoom information will be included in emails.

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**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**

**Upcoming Events!**

**Due to COVID-19, all events are subject to change.**

**Please visit [www.myshul.org](http://www.myshul.org) for all updates on upcoming events.**

**We appreciate your understanding during this unprecedented time.**

**Tuesday, December 1**

12:00 PM: Lunch & Learn

**Saturday, December 5**

7:30 PM: 5th Annual Jazz Festival

**Sunday, December 6**

9:30 AM: Brotherhood Meeting & Speaker

7:00 PM: NAR WLCJ

Successful Aging

**Monday, December 7**

7:30 PM: Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

**Tuesday, December 8**

12:00 PM: Lunch & Learn

**Thursday, December 10**

5:30 PM: Hanukkiyah

Lighting-RLWRS

**Friday, December 11**

3:45 pm: Hanukkiyah

Lighting-Early Birds

**Saturday December 12**

6:30 PM: Hanukkiyah

Lighting-BSBI

Congregation

**Sunday, December 13**

4:30 PM: Virtual

Hanukkah Program

6:30 PM: Hanukkiyah

Lighting-Brotherhood

**Monday, December 14**

5:30 PM: Hanukkiyah

Lighting-Social Action

**Tuesday, December 15**

12:00 PM: Lunch & Learn

5:30 PM: Hanukkiyah

Lighting-Board of Directors

7:30 PM: Sisterhood

Board Meeting

**Wednesday, December 16**

5:30 PM: Hanukkiyah

Lighting-Sisterhood

7:30 PM BSBI Board

Meeting

**Thursday, December 17**

5:30 PM: Hanukkiyah

Lighting-Adult Education

**Thursday, December 24**

6:30 PM: Kosher-Chinese

Dinner & Game Night

**Friday, December 25**

**Office Closed**

**Sunday, December 27**

9:45 AM: Sisterhood

Adventure Walk

**Condolences to:**

- Mark Naftali, Joel & Lee Naftali, Paula & Pat Guioce and their entire families on the loss of their wife and mother, Helen Ross.
- Teri Norman and her entire family on the loss of her sister, Jennifer Holbrook.
- Marilyn Lassow and her entire family on the loss of her daughter-in-law, Laura Lassow.
- Joan Baron, Jeremy & Debbie Baron, Elaine & Brett Garber and Eric Baron and their entire family on the loss of husband and father, Barry Baron.

## Faithcraft

The great rabbi Harold Kushner wrote the following poem in our Siddur Lev Shalem:



*Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations.  
Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect.  
Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows.  
Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken.  
Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly.  
Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness so that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbors.  
And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbors.  
Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with beauty.  
And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven. Amen*

We have been through a lot over the past months, a pandemic, racial injustice protests and an election season, all of which served to point out how different we all are from others in our society. Each of these issues has broken apart families, friendships and coworkers. Our country and our own communities are splintered by disagreements. It is hard to know who is right or wrong when there is agreement with over 70 million other people in this country.

Our world is changing. For some this is exciting and wondrous. For others the change is scary and upsetting. We are being asked to accept things about which we are still not sure what they are and what they will bring.

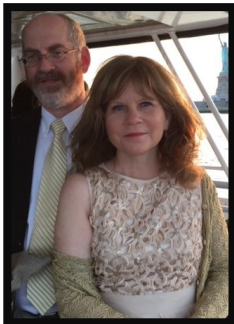
This is why we are part of an ancient faith. We have endured change, and yet we remained attached to our traditions. The world may change, but God is eternal. Through the prism of our faith we believe that people can act with kindness, compassion and strength. We follow the advice of the prophet Micah that we should “Love justice, act with kindness and walk humbly with God.” We can face whatever the future may hold, because we are firmly tied to our religion, our traditions and our God. These have served Jews from ancient time to these modern times through all the changes and problems the world has faced, and they will be here for us in these crazy, difficult times.

Let us be healed, let us see each other clearly, let us love our neighbors and let us appreciate the beauty of the world that God has given us.

May this be our prayer as we face a secular new year and a new federal government. And may we all say... Amen

**Rabbi Randall Konigsburg**

## Words from the Co-Presidents



Hanukkah is a celebration of miracles. The Jewish people defeated a formidable foe and, upon reclaiming the Temple, found that one day's worth of oil could provide light for the eight days needed to create a sustainable supply.

Our challenges here at BSBI are nothing compared to the struggles of the Jewish people in those times. But we cannot help finding some parallels as we watch our own minor miracle unfold. Faced with a daunting challenge to fund a capital campaign to supply heat and cooling for our building, we have seen an outpouring of support that will permit us to complete that project and create a fund to sustain us into the future. We could not be more grateful to the many people who have stepped forward in ways big and small to achieve this miraculous result. There is still time to feel the worth and satisfaction that comes with joining your fellow congregants. We have a community of which we all can and should be proud. The miracle here comes from you.

Phase I of the HVAC project is already underway, with heat to be restored to the parts of the building that have been without heat for over a year. BSBI is re-imagining Phase II, and we hope to complete the project in the Spring. Thanks to your pledges and initial donations, we will not have to borrow to fund any part of the project, which we were expecting would add to its total cost.

The Hanukkah lights remind us that even in the dark of winter, there is warmth and reason to be encouraged. Hanukkah is a joyous time and brings with it an opportunity relatively unique in recent months. It is our tradition to gather on the Temple lawn each night of Hanukkah to light the outdoor Hanukkiyah and celebrate the holiday with song. Although we must be careful to maintain safe distancing, this is one tradition that is not inhibited by the pandemic that has limited our ability to gather in person as a congregation. We know all cannot attend, but we hope to see some of you there. Hanukkah is also a time of gift-giving. Perhaps you will consider brightening the days of a friend with an unexpected call, card or gift, or lightening the load of someone in need with a holiday donation.

We wish everyone a Chag Sameach, and may you each be a source of light and joy to the world in dark days.

**Jack & Dawn Steigelfest, Co-Presidents**

# RLWRS Update

Shalom Chaverim- friends,

Hanukkah – the first post-biblical holiday – celebrates the Maccabees’ military and spiritual victory over the Seleucid Greeks who desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem and prohibited Jewish identity and practice.

The most obvious symbol of Hanukkah is the Menorah (really Hanukkiyah) and is referred to as the Festival of Light. Hanukkah is essentially a celebration of a military victory by a small non-professional army of Jews led by the Maccabees against a might Greek Empire. Judah the Maccabee is so revered for his military prowess that there is a statue of him at West Point. While his military tactics defeated the enemy, the Chanukiah still stands out as the most obvious Hanukkah symbol.

We have, I believe, a fascination with light. Light can be interpreted in many ways. Light can supplant darkness and show us the path. We can become enlightened through education, culture, and purposeful living. A flame until it dies can keep on giving; it does not lose its strength while doing so. The Rabbis teach us that we can be like those flames giving Tzedakah. We can give and never really lose our brightness as a flame continues to shine as brightly as before it lit another, so do we.

Today, when peace treaties have been signed and there is still violence that threatens Israel, we look to Hanukkah’s message of redemption as a source of hope that the forces of absolute evil will be defeated, and that the values of human freedom will prevail.

We, in our school, despite the challenges of technology, as the Maccabees did, we are persevering. Those who are learning to read our sacred language are mastering it in good fashion despite the ZOOM, and those who have been in our school are gaining a deeper understanding as to what our traditions are all about and how they can be applied to our everyday lives. On Sunday morning, we begin with Tefillah-prayer, but it’s much more than just reciting the prayers in a rote manner. We take our prayers to a deeper level as to what each means to us in our everyday living, and we bring a sense of our relationship with God to all the activities in our lives, such as sport, dance, music and art.

As we pray for an end to this pandemic, may we find our strength through it to connect even deeper with our Creator and be open to all that we are learning about our spiritual selves.

Our faculty of our school join Jody and me in wishing you and your loved ones a joyful Hanukkah blessed with peace.

Next month will feature introductions to our staff.

RLWRS Education Director  
Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz

## BSBI Adult Education

**Lunch and Learn: with Rabbi Konigsburg** -- Our most popular class begins this year by continuing our study of the book of Leviticus. We will learn a chapter a week as we try to understand what the Torah has to teach us. **We join together for lunch at noon on Tuesdays, and our study session begins at 12:30.** Join us as we untangle the Bible's knottiest problems. New learners are invited to join us for both the lunch and the learning, and will be made to feel welcome. \*No Class December 22<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>

**Tuesday Night Academy: with Rabbi Konigsburg** -- This year we will be studying Beyond Dispute: Debates That Shaped Jewish Life. It is a discussion group about the great debates of Jewish history and how they change the nature of Judaism. It will feature video presentations by scholars at the Jewish Theological Seminary, but the core questions will be for us to answer. Everyone at every level of learning is welcome to join us. **Tuesday evenings, continuing on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.** You are welcome to join us for minyan at 7pm, and we will start as soon as minyan is over.



## Ever Cool Update

The Ever Cool campaign has really heated up this past month. We have still not reached our goal to totally fund the HVAC system and to create an endowed maintenance fund, but we are getting close. Send us your Hanukkah gelt with your pledge card by December 10th.

We wanted to share with you how many of you have given at the various giving levels and a list of congregants who have shown their support so far. Call Risa, 860-604-2540, if you have any questions. Thank you for your contributions.

**Risa, Jack, Dawn, Marshall and Jay**

<b>Community gifts under (\$500.00)</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Oseh Shalom (\$500-\$4,000)</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Ein Keloheinu (\$5,000-\$9,000)</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Adon Olam (\$10,000-\$24,000)</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Yigdal (\$25,000-\$49,900)</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Hine Ma Tov (\$50,000-\$99,000)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Havnagilah (\$100,000+)</b>	<b>1</b>

Thank you to those who have contributed so far:

Ronald & Brina Abrahams	Herb & Ellie Flink	Becky Murray
David & Carol Alter	Matthew & Randi Friedman	Gloria Naftali
Laurie Bain & Robert Parnes	Perry Frydman, DDS	Randall & Elaine Nelson
Craig & Barbara Banks	Alan & Carol Goldstein	Eric & Amie O'Brien
William & Barbara Bayer	Howard & Linda Grad	Ilene & Robert O'Neil
Aaron & Laurie Bayer	Marshall & Linda Grodofsky	Nelson & Stephanie Orringer
Bruce Beck	Ari & Sharon Hartstein	Philip & Marjorie Partney
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Linda Bernstein	Maxine Jaffe	Rabbi Richard & Lisa Plavin
Victor & Lieba Bernstein	Mimi Kalman	David & Donna Plen
Jay & Alison Bigman	Arnold & Diane Keyser	Connie Plepler
Susan & William Breslau	Philip Klein	Barry & Renette Resnick
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Neil & Sandi Brooks	Neil & Florence Kovensky	Paul Rubin
Peter & Emily Buch	Marilyn Lassow	Ronald & Susan Scherick
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Sylvia Cheerman	Carol Lewis & Saul Nesselroth	Marilyn Starr
Sharon Chesler	Cathy Ludlum	Jack & Dawn Steigelfest
Jack & Lynn Cohen	Milly Malkin	Julian & Susan Stoppelman
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Steven & Elly Cohen	Philip & Susan Margolis	Jeffrey & Diane Wasser
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Joel & Susan Ellis	Thomas & Ona Mastronarde	Diane & Mitchell Wurmbrand
David Engelson	Robert & Susan Mendelsohn	Arnold & Ruth Zackin
Roy & Risa Filkoff	Harold & Judy Meyer	Jane Zimmerman
Paula Finkelstein	Joel & Irene Milzoff	Spin & Lori Zucker

# BSBI Community



"On behalf of everyone at Hockanum Valley Community Council, thank you for your donation of Eggplant and Tomatoes to the Pantry. These vegetables will make a positive difference in people's lives by helping to alleviate food insecurity for individuals and families in crisis.

In Connecticut, one in nine people struggle with hunger and one in six are children. They could be your neighbors or the classmates of your children. Your commitment to helping for the past 15 years is truly appreciated.

Again, thank you for your generous support in helping us meet the needs of our local community."

Sincerely Yours,

David M. O'Rourke, Chief Executive Officer

*Mazel Tov to  
Stacey Poutre's daughter  
Rachel on her marriage to*



*Mazel Tov to  
Greg Booty and Avalon  
Taboada on their marriage*

## Social Action Update

Well, this has certainly been an eventful year! Despite our difficulties, we have continued to collect and provide food to the food pantries in our community and have participated in providing Thanksgiving meals to families in need. We have also contributed to the Kosher Food Pantry in West Hartford. Jessie's Garden was a success this year, which allowed us to provide fresh produce to the pantries as well. This was an especially good season for eggplants, but also tomatoes, kale and other items. There have been excellent educational activities through USCJ, which have addressed racial justice and relationships between Jews and other groups around these issues.

Thank you all for your support,  
Carol Hatch, Social Action Chair

## Jessie's Garden

This year's garden season has officially ended, and the garden has been weeded and fencing put away. We have had a very successful year, and our produce was donated to HVCC and MACC. The eggplant did spectacularly, and the kale and tomatoes were good. The cucumbers were a bit of a disappointment. Questionnaires were sent to those who tended the garden this year, and will be evaluated. All suggestions are appreciated. Thank you to all who gave their time this summer to weed, water, pick and distribute the produce. A huge thank you to Mannie and Maxine, who worked and acted as our advisors for our first year as garden chairpersons. We look forward to beginning another season in the spring.

Brina Abrahams  
Merle Cohen

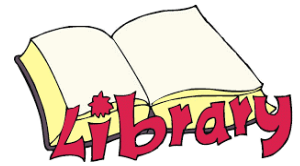


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**Rabbi Richard Plavin Library Corner**  
**David Alter, Librarian**



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 particularly 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:

MYJEWISHLARNING.COM and JEWISHVIRTUALLIBRARY.ORG.

Please note: The Library is not accepting book donations. Materials containing:

(a) God's name, (b) three consecutive words of a biblical verse, when written on one line with the intent to quote the verse, or (c) other written or printed Torah ideas or laws should be given to Rabbi Konigsburg for burial.



## Virtual Hanukkah Celebration

Sunday, December 13, 2020

4:30 PM-5:30 PM

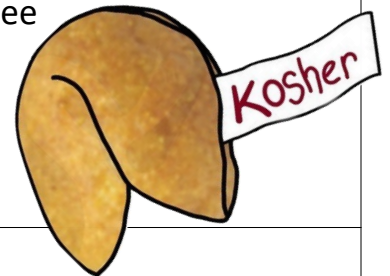
Music, Menorah Lighting, Trivia,  
Mad Libs

This event is free and open to the public but does require registration. See the flyer on page 13 for more information including how to register.

## **VIRTUAL KOSHER-CHINESE DINNER & GAME NIGHT** **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

Join us for a Kosher-Chinese dinner from the Crown which we will eat together on Zoom followed by virtual game night. Come for any or all parts of the evening!

\*Registration is required for all parts of the evening. See page 14 for more information including registration.



### **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](mailto: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.***





## Sisterhood Speaks

Mimi Kalman, Editor



### What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

#### Month of December

Virtual Bake Sale, continued - See Below

#### Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 pm

NAR Zoom series on Successful Aging, #3 of 3 monthly programs at New Bridge on the Charles.

#### Monday, December 7, 7:30 pm

Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group, Zoom

#### Tuesday, December 15, 7:45 pm

Sisterhood board meeting

#### Wednesday, December 16, 5:30 pm

Sisterhood's turn to be Socially Distanced at the Hanukkiyah Lighting at BSBI

#### Sunday, December 27, 9:45 am

Socially distanced Adventure Walk

Anytime: Yoga with Adriene on YouTube.

### Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group

Greetings, Fellow Readers,

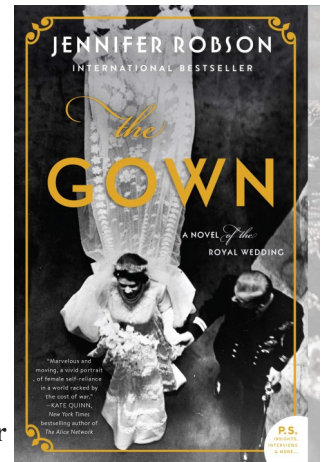
We hope you'll join us for our next zoom discussion on December 7 at 7:30.

The Mary Cheney Library will have copies of Jennifer Robson's novel *THE GOWN* on reserve at the reference desk for the BSBI Book Group.

We'll send a link a few days before the meeting.

Happy reading!

Maxine Lerman and Myrna Spector



### Our Visit With Leket

We hope that you remember that one of the charities that we donated to from our Pesach Project was Leket, Israel's answer to hunger. We received very lovely Thank You letters from its founder, Joseph Gitler.

On November 8, 2020, at 10:30 am we had a virtual program featuring Mr. Joseph Gitler, Founder and Voluntary Chairman of Leket Israel.

Joe gave us a brief history of Leket and how Leket is handling its operations during the pandemic. He told us how Leket's experience is helping around the world. Leket is helping organizations in S.Florida, London, Australia, Turkey.

And we also heard from BSBI members who shared their experiences picking produce for Leket while on a trip with Rabbi Richard and Lisa Plavin, in Israel. And thank you, Dr. Steve Cohen, who shared great pictures of our "pickers."

Shira Woolf, Leket PR and Marketing Coordinator, emailed back to us. "Thank you, Sue. It was so wonderful meeting you and hearing all those great stories about volunteering with Leket! I was tearing up. I'll be looking forward to welcoming you all into our fields again soon!"

Shira also included some links to share:  
<https://www.leket.org/en> - this is the English site  
<https://www.jgive.com/new/en/ils/donation-targets/36516/about?hc=071931&bnc=24ecf0/> - our restaurant campaign  
<https://bit.ly/3lebeiK> to donate

If you would like to see the recording of the Zoom meeting here's the link to that:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/EpcNSKIQNr6ABt17d-48yQaMfJvKTzWZPSMFmWpeHBnuKkg4GWlk7ovbu6NxJW6qHv4\\_ZS58W4m8AZVh.PwlrXrIEQYHBxxvD](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/EpcNSKIQNr6ABt17d-48yQaMfJvKTzWZPSMFmWpeHBnuKkg4GWlk7ovbu6NxJW6qHv4_ZS58W4m8AZVh.PwlrXrIEQYHBxxvD)

Susan Margolis and Brina Abrahams, Programming

### Sisterhood Bake Sale - Virtual Style!

#### Did you participate in our Virtual Bake Sale last month? There is still time.

Instead of offering home baked goods this year, we asked you to send in your favorite dessert recipe. With each recipe we hope you would also send in a small donation (checks made out to BSBI Sisterhood).

When our "Bake Sale" is over, we will take all the recipes and put them into a book and give it out to all.

Please mail all recipes and donations to BSBI Sisterhood at the temple or email to [programming@myshul.org](mailto:programming@myshul.org).

Sally Ivaldi, Chair

### Successful Aging During a Pandemic

The North Atlantic Region (NAR) of Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ) has joined with Hebrew Senior Life of Massachusetts to produce a series of three programs (October, November and December) on Successful Aging. The last session will be on Sunday, December 6, 7:00 pm.

Watch your email for the time and how to register for the link.



## Sisterhood Speaks Continued

### Knit & Kvetch

To our Knit and Kvetch group, please continue to work from home on hats, mittens and afghans. If you need yarn, get in touch with me as I have some at my house, and we can make arrangements for pick up.

If anyone would like to start knitting or crocheting for us, please do. It's a mitzvah!

When we can safely meet in person for our monthly meetings, we will be in touch.

If you have any questions, you can call me at 860-649-6551 or email me at [Irannefink@gmail.com](mailto:Irannefink@gmail.com). 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 them to put the checks in the Sisterhood box.

Any questions, call me at 860-649-6551 or at [IRANNEFINK@AOL.COM](mailto:IRANNEFINK@AOL.COM).

Anne Fink

### YOGA ON YOUR OWN

What: Yoga (no cost to you)

When: Anytime

Where: In your home

Why: A 10-40 minute session can help with anxiety, calming, feeling rejuvenated

How:

-Access YouTube on your Computer, IPAD. Phone (you can also download the YouTube app to your phone\*)

-Search "Yoga" or "Yoga with Adriene" (I recommend that instructor)

- There will be a multitude of results to choose from:

Yoga for Stress Relief

Wake up Yoga

Flexibility

Yoga for Kids

- Have fun and relax!!

\*if you have a SMART TV, Google Chromecast can be used to display the YouTube Video from your phone to TV.

Margie Partney



### Adventure Walk

Join us on Sunday, December 27, at 9:45 am in the BSBI



parking lot, and we'll decide where to go for our "socially distant Adventure Walk."

We are usually back around 11:00 am.

An Labb

### Torah Fund Cards

- \* Condolence card to Neil Brooks and family in memory of Neil's sister, Rhona Kristan, from Judy and Harold Meyer.
- \* Mazel tov to Joan Baron in honor of her birthday from Ron and Susan Scherick.
- \* Condolence card to Marilyn Lassow and family in memory of Marilyn's daughter-in-law, Laura Lassow, from Lynn and Jack Cohen.

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

**Lynn Cohen at (860-298-0457) or**  
**[cohenlynn334@gmail.com](mailto:cohenlynn334@gmail.com)**

### Sisterhood Gift Shop - Your Source for All Your Simchot

Shalom, Temple BSBI Family!

*Hanukkah is Coming!* Need any gifts?

Although you still cannot visit the gift shop, you can still help keep it afloat, We can still take care of your special occasion needs. Just contact me, and I can place your order by phone. It will then be sent directly to your home for a minimal charge or whenever possible--No Charge at all!

So give me a call or email me at: 860-649-8507  
or [rimarainbow@cox.net](mailto:rimarainbow@cox.net)

Thank you all for your support both Past, Present and hopefully Future.

Rima Riedel

## Brotherhood Corner

Glenn Blumenstein, Brotherhood President

### What's Happening

At the beginning of November, roughly a dozen of our Brotherhood members gathered in person, with about 20 more over Zoom, for our monthly breakfast meeting. We. Have. Adapted. It was too cold for us to meet outdoors, so we gathered in a large service space at one of my funeral homes, and if I do say so myself, everyone was quite comfortable and socially distant.

We were thrilled to be joined by our *Honorary Brother*, Simon Luxemburg. Aside from having a great time whenever Simon joins us, we got to learn about a new venture that he's undertaken with some of his colleagues called "JewBer". JewBer is a non-profit organization that delivers Kosher meals to those in need during the Covid pandemic. If you're saying "wow" ...we get it. We all had the same reaction. Here's an excerpt from jewishboston.com about JewBer.

*JewBer's mission is to bring Jewish experiences to your front door by being a Jewish delivery platform that provides everything you need to fulfill Jewish tradition, customs and connect to the larger Jewish community. JewBer is a platform that provides opportunities for individuals to celebrate Jewish ritual in their homes, connect to Jewish tradition and community and support local small businesses in the Boston area.*

*We are on a mission to bring the joy of Jewish life to the doorstep of not only Jewish frontline heroes but the entire Boston community. Through increased collaboration with kosher and Israeli small businesses in the Boston area, we are bringing communities together through a shared mission of support in these unprecedented times. By ordering a catered Shabbat meal through JewBer, you will be supporting our mission to bring hand-delivered meals to Jewish frontline professionals in the Boston area, all while ensuring the future of our community's small businesses.*

*-Borrowed from jewishboston.com*

### What's Coming Up

- ◆ We'll be meeting again on December 6<sup>th</sup> for another hybrid meeting. Our guest speaker will be David Tabatsky. And if that name sounds familiar...his father, Israel Tabatsky was our Cantor for many years. Watch your email for more information!
- ◆ And don't forget...on December 5<sup>th</sup>, The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Manchester-CT Jazz Festival will continue! Check out [myshul.org/jazzfest2020](https://myshul.org/jazzfest2020) for all of the information!

To learn more about them, visit them on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/jewberdelivery>.

The Brotherhood will be making a donation to this amazing new venture.

## This Month in Jewish History By Rabbi Konigsburg

### 15 Kislev – 16 Tevet

**22 Kislev** – *Yahrzeit* of Rabbi Louis Finkelstein – one of the great leaders of the Jewish Theological Seminary

**22 Kislev** – King Christian IV of Denmark invited the Jews of Amsterdam to settle in Norway, with the guarantee of freedom of religion. 1622

**1 Tevet** – A synagogue was dedicated in Madrid, Spain in 1949. The congregation had been meeting since 1917, and this was the first synagogue since the expulsion from Spain in 1492. The new Spanish Constitution was approved in 1966 and promised freedom of religion.

**6 Tevet** – Dr. Sabato Morais started a seminary to teach rabbis and teachers on this date in 1887. It had an enrollment of 8 students, one of whom was Joseph H. Hertz, who would later become the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire. It was the predecessor of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

**11 Tevet** – President Lincoln promised on this date in 1861 to pass an amendment to the chaplaincy law, which only provided for Christian clergy in the military. Shortly thereafter, Rabbi Arnold Fischel became the first Jewish military chaplain. This broke down the final discrimination against Judaism in this country as a matter of creed.

# Celebration Dates in December

## Birthdays

Jeffrey Tardif-12/1  
 Craig Banks-12/2  
 Ellen Neuhaus-12/2  
 Eleanor Lipton-12/3  
 Harvey Kahaner-12/6  
 Susan Luxemburg-12/7  
 Iris Schlank-12/7  
 Glenn Hauer-12/7  
 Abba Caspi-12/8  
 Rahim Shamash-12/8  
 Rochelle Levine-12/10  
 Laura Levine-12/10  
 Talia Zimmerman-12/12  
 Rebecca Steigelfest-12/14

Richard Schiller-12/14  
 Sally Ivaldi-12/16  
 Richard Carlton-12/16  
 Carol Hatch-12/17  
 Lauren Bula-12/18  
 Jeffrey Lassow-12/18  
 Richard Berkman-12/20  
 Alfred Stern-12/20  
 Gillian Cohen-12/20  
 Sue Pitler-12/20  
 Judy Meyer-12/22  
 Blanche Stone-12/22  
 Rachel Partney-12/22  
 Judith Eckhouse-12/22

Sandi Garfield-12/23  
 Richard Ketai-12/24  
 Jonah Mallett-12/26  
 Risa Filkoff-12/26  
 Terry Frimmet-12/28  
 Loren Reichlin-12/28  
 Hedda Reichlin-12/30

## Anniversaries

Victor & Lieba Bernstein-12/17  
 Saul Nesselroth & Carol Lewis-12/30



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

**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.**

# 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](mailto: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:  
[BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org)



# Virtual Hanukkah Celebration

Sunday, December 13, 2020

4:30-5:30 PM

All are welcome, registration required

Enjoy music with Religious School Director,  
Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz

Hanukkah Trivia

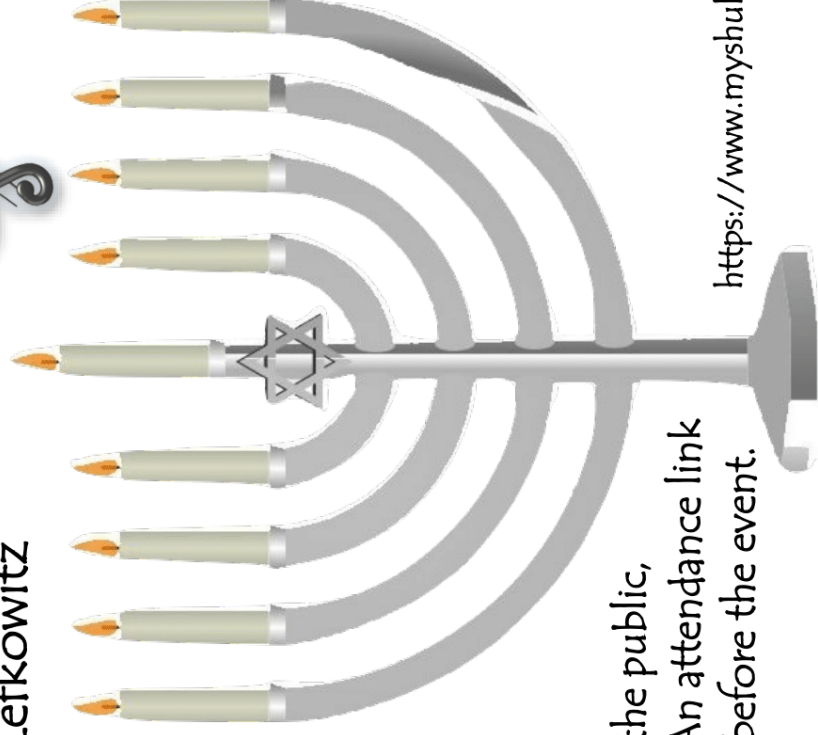
Hanukkah Mad Libs

Group Menorah Lighting

\*this event is free and open to the public,  
but does require registration. An attendance link  
will be emailed a couple days before the event.

Register at:

<https://www.myshul.org/event/hanukkah-program.html>



# VIRTUAL KOSHER-CHINESE DINNER & GAME NIGHT

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

Minyan: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Games Begin: 7:15 PM



Join us for a Kosher-Chinese dinner from the Crown which we will eat together on Zoom followed by virtual game night. Come for any or all parts of the evening!

RSVP is required for all parts of the evening

### MENU:

\*All dinners include two mini egg rolls (not gluten free)

Beef w/Broccoli & Fried Rice (gf)*	\$20
Chicken & Teriyaki Vegetables & Fried Rice (gf)*	\$20
Vegetable Lo Mein w/ Garlic Green Beans*	\$16

all meals will be packed separately as take-out to be picked up at bsbi on one of two scheduled times:  
wednesday, december 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:00-5:00 pm  
or thursday, december 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Please fill out and return the form below to the BSBI office or register online at [myshul.org](http://myshul.org). Registration deadline for food orders is December 9<sup>th</sup>

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### Kosher-Chinese Dinner & Game Night

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Please make checks out to BSBI-Final day to register for food orders is December 9<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Beef w/Broccoli: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 Chicken & Vegetables: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 Vegetable Lo Mein: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16

\*I will provide my own meal and attend the game night \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP is required for all parts of the evening

I (we) will pick up our meal(s) on: Wednesday, 12/23 between 3:00-5:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, 12/24 between 10:00 AM-12:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

*The 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](mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org) or Rabbi Konigsburg 860-643-9563 x101.



# Contributions from Thoughtful People

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

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

## ANNE & LEON KRAMER FUND

In memory of our uncle Malcolm Clare, the brother of our mother Anne Kramer and uncle of Marshall Kramer and Carol Leiman, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Marshall and Hannah Kramer

## CANTOR ISRAEL & IRENE H. TABATSKY FUND

In memory of our mother and grandmother, Irene Tabatsky, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*, from Maralyn Tabatsky

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In memory of Gayle Block's father from Aaron and Laurie Bayer

In memory of Rhona Brooks Kristan from Mrs. Audrey Davis

In memory of Beatrice and Samuel Axler from Phillip Axler

## DIANE & BARRY WEINBAUM FUND

In memory of Diane Weinbaum on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Martin Weinbaum

## EDITH GOTTLIEB FUND

In loving memory of Sydney Fineberg on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Lori Gottlieb

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In memory of Nathan Kaplan on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Eileen Stern

## F. RUTH & S. I. KUMMER FUND

In memory of Rhona Brooks Kristan from Corby Kummer

## GENERAL FUND

In appreciation of Judy & Alex Sawtelle's help during the High Holiday Zoom Services from Drs. Peter & Emily Buch  
In honor of the Goldstein's' new granddaughter, Varae Fenix; in memory of Pauline & Isadore Goldstein from Alan & Carol Goldstein

In memory of Stanley Lessoff from Alan & Mineke Lessoff

In memory of Dan Cole from Arnold & Ruth Zackin

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In memory of Zelle Bernard Block; in memory of Rhona Kristan from David & Carol Hatch

In memory of Rhona Kristan from Devra Baum

In memory of Rhona Kristan from Diane & Mitchell Wurmbrand

In memory of Michael Norman; in memory of Dan Cole from Diane and Jeff Wasser

In memory of Walter Heimann; in memory of Dan Cole; in memory of Mike Norman from Dr. Kenneth Wichman

In memory of Michael Norman from Dr. Walter Heimann

In honor of Barry Baron; in memory of Zelle Block; in memory of Rhona Kristan from Drs. David & Ellen Neuhaus

In memory of Rhona Kristan; in memory of Zelle Block from Elly and Steve Cohen

In memory of Chana Zahteky from Eva Libitzky

In memory of my Aunt & Uncle, Dorothy & Philip Menchel, from Frances Licht

In memory of Mary Whitaker; in memory of Zelle Block from Gordon & Beatrice Brodie

In memory of Rhona Kristan from Hirsch Roberts Weinstein LLP

In memory of Rhona Kristan from Jeffrey & Deborah Hirsch

In memory of Rhona Kristan from Jeffrey & Sandi Garfield

In memory of Daniel Cole from Lewis & Shirley Segal

In memory of Daniel Cole from Marc Giaquinto

In memory of Zelle Bernard Block; in memory of Rhona Kristan; in memory of Michael Norman; in memory of Mary Witaker from Michael & Madeline Turk

In memory of Isaac Snyder and Beatrice Snyder on the occasion of their *yahrzeits* from Michael Snyder

In memory of Rhona Kristan from Milly Malkin

In memory of Rhona Kristan from Mr. David Engelson

In memory of Walter Heimann from Mrs. Blanche Stone

In memory of Dan Cole, beloved husband of Florence Cole; in memory of Michael Norman, beloved husband of

Bonnie Norman; in memory of Betty Ellis, beloved wife of Neil Ellis, from Mrs. Pearl Podrove

In memory of Dan Cole; in memory of Mike Norman from Mrs. Rima Riedel

In memory of Daniel Cole, condolences to Florence and the entire family from Susan Goodwin

In memory of Rhona Kristan from Norman & Caron Alderman

In memory of Elfreide Bernstein; in memory of Michael Norman from Richard & Miriam Goldberg

In memory of Rhona Kristan from Richard & Patricia Dimock

In memory of Walter Heimann from Robyn Mewshaw & Ben Index



In memory of Rhona Kristan, wife of Joseph Kristan and sister of Neil Brooks from Ronald & Susan Scherick  
 In memory of Daniel Cole from Ruth & Ronald Van Winkle  
 In memory of Beryl Cantor, beloved wife for 67 years from Yale Cantor  
 In memory of Isabel Pamela Greig on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Arlene Bonilla & Joel Lang  
 In memory of David Goober on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Diane & Mitchell Wurmbrand  
 In loving memory of my mother Regina Fayman on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Gordon & Beatrice Brodie  
 In honor of Ron & Brina Abrahams for Chattan Torah & Kallat Breishet; in memory of Harold's aunt, 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 Bernard Weinberg, father of Phyllis Levy, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Richard Levy

#### **JOE DAVIS FUND**

In honor of Ron & Brina Abrahams from Harold & Judy Meyer

#### **LIBRARY FUND**

In memory of our parents Haskell & Henrietta Alter and Abraham & Pauline Nollman from David & Carol Alter

#### **RABBI LEON WIND RELIGIOUS SCHOOL-SPECIAL FUND FOR EDUCATION**

In memory of Dan Cole; in memory of Mike Norman from Alan & Carol Goldstein  
 In memory of Daniel Cole; in memory of Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz's aunt; in memory of Michael Norman from Arnold & Sandy Dashefsky  
 In memory of Neil Abrahams on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Richard & Leslie Abrahams

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

In honor of Barry Baron; in honor of Ron & Brina Abrahams' award; in memory of Mary Whitaker from Elly and Steve Cohen  
 In appreciation of Rabbi Konigsburg from Bonnie Norman  
 In honor of the birth of the first grandchild of Carol & David Hatch; in memory of Rhona Kristan from Randall & Elaine Nelson  
 In memory of Mary Whitaker Two songs to describe our love: "Thanks for the Memories" & "Love is Lovelier the Second Time Around" from Stanley Cohen

#### **SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

In memory of Daniel Cole from Calvin & Elaine Vinick  
 In memory of Rhona Kristan from Robert Rodner

#### **YIZKOR**

In memory of Rhona Kristan from Lynda Freshman

#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND**

In memory of my cousin Henry Fischer from Edward Borgida  
 In memory of Walter Heimann from Robyn Adelson



### **Donation Submission Guidelines**

**Clearly print or type the following information and enclose it when you send in your donation payment:**

Your name and address as you want it to be printed

Which fund(s) you would like your donation applied to

The purpose of the donation, including the full name of the person you are honoring and your relation to them (parents, siblings, etc.), if applicable

The name and address of who you would like to receive the acknowledgement

**Please note:** If you are including multiple dedications on one check, each dedication should be at least a minimum of \$10, and please specify how much you would like to go to each fund.

**All checks should be made out to BSBI** and sent to the synagogue at **400 East Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06040**. If you are donating to an Endowment fund, note the name of the fund on the memo line. Please allow some time for the donations to be processed and receipts sent out. If you have any questions regarding donations, please contact **Judy Sawtelle** at [admin@myshul.org](mailto:admin@myshul.org).

# December 2020 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)
<b><u>First Monday – 12/7</u></b> Delaney, Bill & Deb* Schmerler, Alan & Lea  <div>People Needed</div>	<b><u>First Tuesday – 12/1</u></b> Banks, Craig Baron, Joan Bayer, Aaron & Laurie Schiller, Richard & Amy Vinick, Cal	<b><u>First Wednesday – 12/2</u></b> Brodie, Gordon & Bea Creem, Jerry* Karasik, Gail Lerman, Manny & Maxine Pasternak, Lorin*	<b><u>First Thursday – 12/3</u></b> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Luxemburg, Maury Mandell, Carl & Cruz Poutre, Stacey Riedel, Rima  <div>People Needed</div>
<b><u>Second Monday – 12/14</u></b> Bayer, Bill & Barbara Beck, Bruce Delaney, Bill & Deb* Flink, Herb & Ellie* Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Partney, Philip & Margie	<b><u>Second Tuesday – 12/8</u></b> Grad, Howard & Linda Kalman, Mimi* Lerner, Brenda Norman, Bonnie Phair, Sandi*	<b><u>Second Wednesday – 12/9</u></b> Creem, Jerry* Leshin, Steven & Barbara Pasternak, Lorin* Resnick, Barry & Renny Zucker, Spin	<b><u>Second Thursday – 12/10</u></b> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Finkelstein, Paula Norman, Sam & Teri Zupnik, Ted & Barbara*
<b><u>Third Monday – 12/21</u></b> Delaney, Bill & Deb* Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Linner, Abe & Iris Ludlum, Cathy Milzoff, Joel & Irene	<b><u>Third Tuesday – 12/15</u></b> Abrahams, Richard & Leslie Gross, Michael & Susan Ivaldi, Sally Orringer, Nelson & Stephanie	<b><u>Third Wednesday – 12/16</u></b> Creem, Jerry* Gamzon, Bill* Igdalsky, Alan & Hope Pasternak, Lorin* Plen, Donna Stoppelman, Julian & Susan	<b><u>Third Thursday – 12/17</u></b> Borgida, Edward Caplin, Bob & Donna* Klein, Phil Kovensky, Neil McGee, Marcia Murray, Becky* Phair, Sandi*  <div>People Needed</div>
<b><u>Fourth Monday – 12/28</u></b> Delaney, Bill & Deb* Pasternak, Lorin* Rubin, Susan Zimmerman, Eveleen*  <div>People Needed</div>	<b><u>Fourth Tuesday – 12/22</u></b> Beede, Harriet Kalman, Mimi* Lassow, Jeff & Liza Mandel Turk, Mike or Maddy* Zimmerman, Eveleen*  <div>People Needed</div>	<b><u>Fourth Wednesday – 12/23</u></b> Creem, Jerry* Margolis, Phil & Susan Meyer, Harold Meyer, Judy Murray, Becky* Pasternak, Lorin* Shamash, Rahim & Sherry Zucker, Spin	<b><u>Fourth Thursday – 12/24</u></b> Burstein, David Caplin, Bob & Donna* Frankel, Ellen Lassow, Marilyn Pearlson, Stan & Sue Zimmerman, Jane  <div>People Needed</div>
<b><u>WE NEED YOUR HELP !</u></b> 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	<b><u>Fifth Tuesday – 12/29</u></b> Axler, Phil Cole, Florence Ellis, Joel & Susan  minutes or 5 miles away, <b>Please call Rabbi Konigsburg at 860-643-9563 Ext. 101 or email rabbenu@myshul.org</b> Thank you		<b><u>Fifth Wednesday – 12/30</u></b> Abrahams, Ronald and Brina Cohen, Steve & Elly Creem, Jerry* Feir, Alan & Donna Pasternak, Lorin* Turk, Mike & Maddy* Zubrow, Barbara
			<b><u>Fifth Thursday – 12/31</u></b> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Lerman, Manny Leshin, Steve Zupnik, Ted & Barbara*

# December 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 (15 Kislev) 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	2 (16 Kislev) 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	3 (17 Kislev) 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	4 (18 Kislev) 4:01p Candle Lighting 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom	5 (19 Kislev) 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:01p Havdalah 5:05p Community Havdalah Service 7:30p Jazz Fest
					Sunset: 4:19p	Sunset: 4:19p
6 (20 Kislev) 9:30a Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker 7:00p Hebrew school K-7 NAR-WLCJ - Successful Aging	7 (21 Kislev) 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood/ Haddassah Book Club	8 (22 Kislev) 12:00p Lunch & Learn 1:30p Knit & Kvetch 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	9 (23 Kislev) 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	10 (24 Kislev) Erev Hanukkah 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 5:30p Hanukkah 1st Candle Lighting @ BSBI - RLWRS 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	11 (25 Kislev) Hanukkah 3:45p Hanukkah 2nd Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Early Bird 4:01p Candle Lighting 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom	12 (26 Kislev) Hanukkah Shabbat Mevarchim 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:02p Havdalah 5:05p Community Havdalah Service 6:30p Hanukkah 3rd Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Congregation
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13 (27 Kislev) Hanukkah 9:30a Hebrew school K-7 4:30p Hanukkah Program 6:30p Hanukkah 4th Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Brotherhood	14 (28 Kislev) Hanukkah 5:30p Hanukkah 5th Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Social Action 5:30p Finance Committee 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	15 (29 Kislev) Hanukkah 12:00p Lunch & Learn 5:30p Hanukkah 6th Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Board of Directors 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood Board Meeting	16 (1 Tevet) Hanukkah Rosh Chodesh Tevet 5:30p Hanukkah 7th Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Sisterhood 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv 7:30p Board Meeting	17 (2 Tevet) Hanukkah 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 5:30p Hanukkah 8th Candle Lighting @ BSBI - Adult Education 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	18 (3 Tevet) Hanukkah 4:03p Candle Lighting 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom	19 (4 Tevet) 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:04p Havdalah 5:10p Community Havdalah Service
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20 (5 Tevet) 9:30a Hebrew school K-7	21 (6 Tevet) 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	22 (7 Tevet) 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	23 (8 Tevet) 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	24 (9 Tevet) 6:00p Mincha/ Maariv 6:30p Kosher-Chinese Dinner & Game Night	25 (10 Tevet) Fast of Tevet Christmas Day 4:07p Candle Lighting 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom	26 (11 Tevet) 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:08p Havdalah 5:10p Community Havdalah Service
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27 (12 Tevet) 9:45a Sisterhood Adventure Walk	28 (13 Tevet) 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	29 (14 Tevet) 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	30 (15 Tevet) 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	31 (16 Tevet) 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv		

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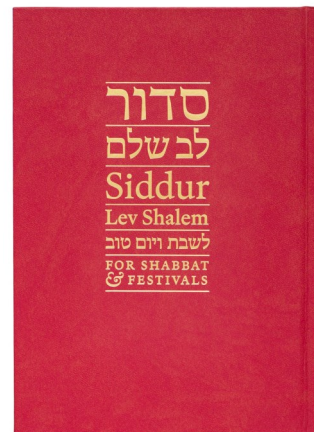
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The lock at Beth Olam has been replaced and now no key is required. The combination is 1818.

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



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