



BSBI Annual Meeting-Wednesday, May 13, 2020



Plan to join us on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 for the BSBI Annual Meeting. Minyan will be held at 7:00 p.m. followed by the annual meeting beginning approximately 7:30 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend the Annual Meeting. During this meeting, we will vote on a by-law change and elect our new board of directors. Please watch for an email with the proposed language for the by-law change and the slate of directors.

Shavuot is the most "forgotten" holiday on the calendar, hiding behind Pesach and Summer vacation. Still BSBI will celebrate this festival of First Fruits and the anniversary of the Giving of the Torah with holiday services on the first and second night and with a Yizkor service on the morning before the holiday. We invite all who wish to join us at any of these services. Watch your email for a link to our service.



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Services

Monday through Thursday: 7:00 PM

Friday: 6:00 PM

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. Our Saturday morning service is followed by a community *Kiddush*. This would be an excellent opportunity to meet our congregation and clergy.

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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 for all updates on upcoming events.

We appreciate your understanding during this unprecedented time.

All events are virtual. Events may be added and Zoom information will be included in emails

Minyan: Monday – Thursday 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 5

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, May 6

6:00 pm: Whine Bar Hang Out

Wednesday, May 13

7:30 pm: BSBI Virtual Annual Meeting

Monday, May 18

6:30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 19

7:45 pm: Torah Fund Virtual Event

Monday, May 25

Office Closed, Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

7:30 pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, May 28

10:00 am: Shavuot Service/Yizkor

Friday, May 29

6:30 pm: Shavuot Evening Service

Sunday, May 31

7:00 pm: Comedy Night

Condolences to:

- ♦ **Susie and Jeff Pitler and their family on the loss of Susie's brother, Leonard Langman**
- ♦ **Peter & Vicki Krupp, Larry Krupp, Susan Krupp & Eric Brown, Karen Cheyney & Scott Rebhun, and their entire family on the loss of their father, Alan Krupp**
- ♦ **Carol & David Hatch, Amy & Jody Price, Fern & Charles Nesson, Bruce & Ellen Leicher and their entire family on the loss of their mother, Bernice Leicher**

Faithcraft



It is always those three little words that get us all messed up. Three words that leave us hanging, our life stalled. We are without direction and without an idea of where we are going. They are frustrating everything we want to accomplish with our lives.

Those three little words: “We Don’t Know.”

When will the social distancing end? When will the threat of the virus end? When can we visit our family again? When can we travel safely again? When will there be a cure/treatment/vaccine? When can we get our haircut again? Go to the gym again? Go to the grocery store again? Go out to eat again? When can we stop wearing masks? When can we touch others? When can we celebrate with our friends and family again? When can we mourn our loved ones again? When can we visit mom in her adult living facility? When can

we visit someone in the hospital again? When can we safely go to the doctor, the dentist or a clinic again?

The answer is always the same, those three pesky little words.

In religion we know these words well. Who is God? Does God listen to my prayers? What happens when we die? Does God change the course of history? Does God still do miracles? And the answer is just as frustrating in our religious life.

We like to be in charge. We like to know where we are going. We like to be able to plan our days and weeks and months. We like the freedom to go and do as we please. All that has now stopped. When will we get back to normal? We don’t know.

But we are not without a course of action when we are stymied by this three-word answer. Natan Sharansky, who lived in solitary confinement in a Soviet prison without knowing if or when he might be released, made a video about how to survive our separation. You can find it at this web address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdyHIYpRvko> , and it is worth watching.

He gives us five tips to survive a quarantine. I like the advice. First, we must always keep in mind that we are part of the fight against this virus. What we are doing is making a difference. Second, since the end does not depend on anything we can do, we should do things that we can control. If there is something you have always wanted to do, learn, or master, give yourself a few weeks, or a month to get it done. Now you certainly will have the time. Third, never lose your sense of humor. Look for funny things especially jokes that come over the internet. Fourth, concentrate on your hobbies, do what you enjoy; and finally, remember that you are not alone. There are people all over the world you can connect with. Beth Sholom B’nai Israel is looking for ways to keep us all connected. Watch your email for all kinds of new things we are trying. If you have a good idea about what you would like to see, send me an email, and I will see what we can do. We are all in this together, and together we will see it through to the end.

Don’t let those three terrifying words leave you afraid and angry. Now is the time for faith. We will beat this virus, but while we are waiting, there are things that can be done. Don’t let a quarantine stop you. Don’t concentrate on what we can’t do. Focus on what is possible, so we will have a lot to talk about when the end finally arrives. We may not be able to see each other, but we are never alone.

Rabbi Randall Konigsburg

This Month in Jewish History By Rabbi Konigsburg 7 Iyar to 7 Sivan

7 Iyar – Chaim Weizmann was elected first President of Israel in 1948

12 Iyar – Egypt blocks the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli shipping, setting the stage for the Six Day War in 1967

22 Iyar – First printed Humash with the commentary of Ibn Ezra was published in Naples, Italy in 1488

28 Iyar – The “Road of Valor,” sometimes called “The Burma Road,” was completed by Israel, and it broke the Arab siege of the city, securing West Jerusalem for Israel in 1948

1 Sivan – The discovery by Rabbi Solomon Schechter of an original Hebrew fragment from the apocryphal book of Ben Sira turned scholars’ attention to the Cairo Geniza in 1896

Words from the President

Please feel free to contact me directly at philipmargolis@icloud.com or at 860-657-9951.



The Grateful Dead have a song named Trunkin with a well-known line “What a long strange trip it’s been.” The song has been popping in my mind a lot lately with so much activity that we all take for granted coming to a halt, and most of us hunkering down in our homes for months.

One could also say that, in some ways, it describes the two years in which I’ve served as president of the congregation -- a time that was bookended with historic events, for both our nation and our congregation: the Pittsburgh synagogue shootings and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the darkness of those events, we have learned and become stronger from them.

Pittsburgh focused us on sharpening our security, an ongoing effort that includes hardening our property and improving our response. The COVID-19 period, which I hope we’re exiting as you’re reading this, has shown us the importance of community and our ability to work around barriers. In the middle of those bookends, our heating and air conditioning repair costs shot up, and we began the process to replace our antiquated system. As if to say “what took you so long” (i.e., giving us a little Jewish guilt) the system that heats and cools the Silverstein Center and the adjoining offices broke beyond repair. Fortunately, we are nearing the stage, albeit slower than many of us would have liked, when we can possibly move forward. As I write this, we are soliciting the last request for bids on the project. We’re also hopeful that Eversource may provide us with grant money to subsidize the effort. Lastly, but certainly not least, a handful of members and the Endowment Foundation stepped forward to offer generous gifts to get our HVAC fundraising effort off to a good start. Look for more on the larger effort soon.

During the past few months we learned a new verb (“to zoom”) as we video conferenced a lecture, study sessions, group chats and prayer services. We’ve also performed one of the most important – but often less visible – functions of a congregation, the caring for one another. In addition to the Rabbi’s regular calls to ill congregants and those marking a *yahrzeit*, he and the board did our best to reach out to members across the congregation. I know that there were also many members who reached out to other members to offer food and shopping assistance.

This caring for our synagogue and the larger community is not new to the COVID-19 pandemic; it occurs throughout the year, often without fanfare. It happens when people die and our *chevra kadisha* members care for those who have passed, and individuals who support *nichum avaylim* provide a Shabbat dinner for the family. It happens when our Sisterhood knit scarves and blankets for people who could use a little cheer or our Brotherhood raises money for families who have critically ill children. And it happens when our Rabbi counsels members facing difficult situations and supports them in a variety of ways.

This sense of community -- this caring for one another -- is a key reason I belong to a congregation, more specifically, it is the reason I belong to our congregation.

As I’ve said before, we all belong to BSBI for different reasons. No matter your reason, collectively we sustain this community and this caring for others.

Lastly, I’d like to thank the dozens of volunteers – particularly our hardworking board of directors -- and the staff members who keep this congregation running. Without their efforts, we also could not provide the support we provide.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the BSBI Annual Meeting (even if it is virtually).

B’shalom,
Phil Margolis, President

RLWRS Update

A huge thank you to Merle Cohen and Jane Zimmerman for stepping up to provide online learning for our students through Zoom. All families also received a comprehensive list of online learning that was thoughtfully compiled to cover many aspects of Jewish learning. While we know this is a difficult time for everyone our small, but mighty staff continue to work together for our students best interests in continuing to learn. Also, thanks go to Judy Sawtelle for being our tech wizard with tremendous patience.



Mrs. Cohen had the opportunity to talk with her grades 3-7 students prior to our time out and discussed with them what they would like to learn about for the rest of the year. There was some interest expressed in learning about the state of Israel, how it is governed and when and why the state of Israel was created.

We have very few Sundays left until the end of the school year for Hebrew School. So, they will use the time to discuss identity and how our identity is formed and influenced by society, the rise of antisemitism and the Holocaust and how this led to the of the state of Israel. Students will also discuss the modern state of Israel and its government.

The students were tasked with watching a video and printing an attachment ahead of class time so that they have time for discussion. Feel free to watch "The Bear That Wasn't" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXvRbV9czZk>

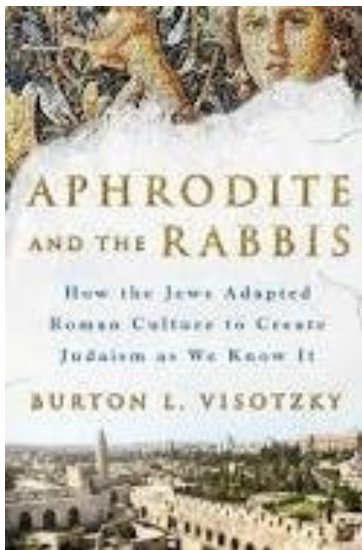


Mrs. Cohen discussed the meaning of Passover with Kindergarten to grade 3 and read a wonderful picture book.

Mrs. Zimmerman shared the Zoom screen with some great videos of Dayenu, the Four Questions, and Avadim Hayinu and had the students join in so they could see the words and hear the important songs and prayers. We really appreciate Bim Bam and the Maccabeats videos. Moving forward Grades 3-7 will focus on the Ashrei prayer. All the students will learn about and sing the songs of the upcoming holidays of Yom Haatmaut, Yom Yerushalayim and Yom Hazikaron.

Ellen Frankel
RLWRS Director

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



Judaism has been adaptable through the ages and able to bend and change in response to externally changing conditions.

Judaism-in-the-Bible and modern Judaism is pretty different. *APHRODITE and the RABBIS* explores the transition from Biblical to Rabbinic Judaism.

Rabbi Burton Visotzky presents Judaism as a distinctly Roman religion. Full of fascinating detail from the daily life and culture of Jewish communities across the Hellenistic world, *Aphrodite and the Rabbis* will appeal to anyone interested in the development of Judaism, religion, history, art and architecture.

The Greco-Roman culture in which rabbinic Judaism grew in the first five centuries of the Common Era nurtured the development of Judaism as we still know and celebrate it today.

Social Action Update

As you know the best of plans can be disrupted and the coronavirus certainly had that effect. The activities we had planned, including the *hametz* Food Drive and Mitzvah Day could not occur because of the need to avoid crowds and the inability to congregate at the Synagogue. The donation to the Kosher Food Pantry in honor of Pesach will take place.

Hopefully, by the time this bulletin reaches you, these restrictions will begin to ease up and we can be together again. At that time, we will reevaluate what needs to be done to prepare our grounds for summer.

We were supposed to participate in a Diaper Drive starting in May through early June to collect diapers for women's shelters. It is not clear at this time if this will take place, check your BSBI announcements for further information.

Brotherhood - Yard

Goats Notice: *In the interest of safety, and in light of the uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19 situation, prudence dictates that we cancel the plans for the August 9th, Brotherhood-sponsored BSBI outing with the Yard Goats at DD Park. Fortunately, we had not yet begun selling tickets. Though disappointed, we look forward and hope to be able to reinstitute this BSBI event at next year's Jewish Heritage night with the Yard Goats. Thank you for understanding and your past support of this event. Stay Distanced = Stay Healthy.*



Social Action in a Crisis

As you know, we are asked to stay at home and our synagogue is closed for the duration of this crisis. Several social action activities have been disrupted by these events, however, I would like to offer you an opportunity.

The CDC has recommended that we wear masks when we leave our houses for necessary trips. There is a shortage of masks all over our country and professionally produced masks should be reserved for the first responders and medical/nursing providers who are putting their lives on the line every day. It is possible to make our own masks, and if we have sufficient material, masks for others. Making a mask for yourself is a mitzvah, because not only does it provide some protection for you, but it also may prevent you from spreading an infection to others.

There are many articles and Youtube videos that will provide instructions on how to make a mask. The challenge is getting materials to make these items, and here we can be creative.

Cotton, particularly fine woven cotton is excellent and T-shirt cotton is considered effective as well. You can use old (clean) sheets, pillowcases, cloth napkins or t-shirts. Mask instructions usually call for three layers of fabric and can be cotton or lining material. If you are fortunate to have elastic ribbon, it is excellent for straps to hold the mask in place. This is not readily available in stores at this time, or Amazon. In it's place you can use bias tape (for the well stocked sewers among you) or shoelaces.

I recommend a Youtube video called How to Sew a Medical Face Mask by Erica Arendt. Her instructions are clear and simple.

If you have question you can contact me at cadahat@comcast.net. Stay in and Stay Healthy!



Sisterhood Speaks

Mimi Kalman, Editor



What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

Tuesday, May 19, 7:45 pm
Torah Fund Dessert, ZOOM

Tuesday, May 26, 7:30 pm
Sisterhood Board Meeting, Phone

Torah Fund Dessert Virtual Event
We invite all to attend this year's Torah Fund event at Beth Sholom Bnai Israel:

**Celebrating Yom Yerushalayim
Jerusalem of Gold
Yerushalayim Shel Zahav
Tuesday May 19, 2020, 7:45 pm**



Torah Fund Cards

Judy and Harold Meyer; Well wishes to Alysia Bator on her tour of duty in Afghanistan as a respiratory therapist.

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

Now that Passover has "passed over", it's clearance time.

Hopefully, all of you are safe and well!

However, if you need to send a gift or get something for yourself, please think about patronizing Your BSBI Sisterhood Gift Shop. Call or email me and I will put in a special order which will be sent directly to your door!

When BSBI reopens, so will the gift shop so...

Stop by and check out the great items on sale. Discounts range from 10% to 60%.

Got a Bar/Bat Mitzvah coming up, new baby, wedding or even graduation?

Check us out!

Still looking for a few willing volunteers to help man the gift shop, evenings from Sunday through Thursdays. Also Sundays between 10:30 and 12:30.

As always you can contact me by Email or for an appointment at: 860-649-8507 or email: [rimarayrainbow@cox.net](mailto:rimaryrainbow@cox.net)

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.



**Find us on
Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/myshul/>

**We invite all to attend this year's
Torah Fund Virtual Event
Tuesday May 19, 2020, 7:45 pm**



***Commemorating Yom Yerushalayim
The reunification of Jerusalem (53 years ago)
Jerusalem of Gold-Yerushalayim Shel Zahav***

Join us for a virtual community gathering to commemorate Yom Yerushalayim. View historical and other footage, share your recollections and stories of this historical event and sing together.

If you would like to participate in the virtual Zoom event by sharing your memories and/or stories, **email Sue Margolis**, smargolis28@gmail.com, by May 12, so we can plan for the sharing segment.

Watch the synagogue email for Zoom link details.

The Torah Fund supports our Conservative/Masorti seminaries in New York, Los Angeles, Jerusalem, Buenos Aires and Potsdam, Germany. Your gift helps educate our future Conservative/Masorti clergy, and educators.



To contribute, please make out a check to "Torah Fund," and mail it by May 18th to
Mimi Kalman 163 Scott Drive, Manchester, CT 06042



A donation in any amount (suggested minimum \$18) is appreciated; \$180 or more will earn you the special Chesed (kindness) pin shown above.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Amount \$ _____

Brotherhood Corner

Glenn Blumenstein, Brotherhood President

TogetherNESS During a Quarantine

Last night, Tiffany and I sat and had drinks with our friends, the Friedmans. Now this isn't a particularly unlikely occurrence, in fact, we often spend a good deal of our free time with them. What **was** unusual, is that we got together this time, via FaceTime. We each sat in our respective living rooms, cuddled on our individual sofas next to our spouses, we talked and laughed as much as we ever have...it was great to spend time with our friends.

But it was bitter-sweet. We couldn't have them over for a Seder this year, the sounds of our children playing together in the next room weren't carrying into the living room, and the evening didn't end with our usual warm hugs goodnight. We miss our friends, and so do our children.

I know that many people are experiencing these same emotions, missing what we've always thought of as "togetherness". But it's remarkable to be living in a time when we can be so physically disconnected, and yet stay so connected at the same time. If this has done anything for me, it's made me appreciate even more, how important our friends are in our lives. It has made me realize that even the smallest shift in what we see as *normal* or *usual*, can give us an entirely new view, and a new appreciation for those things we have.

Love, friendship, togetherness...they don't disappear in a quarantine...they just get stronger.

These last few weeks have taught me many things, but I think one of the most important is that we need to focus on **WHAT** we're doing and feeling, not **HOW** we do it, or how we used to do it. Our virtual evening with the Friedmans may have been at a distance, but the feelings and emotions were stronger than ever.

So when you find yourself saying "*I wish we could go and see so-and-so*"...**go and see so-and-so!** Don't lament over the fact that you can't actually go there – your physical presence isn't what's important. What's important is that you **want** to go see them, and you can! That longing for their company is what togetherness is all about. Togetherness is an emotion, not a location.

Brotherhood in Action 2020 – Thank You

The Manchester Brotherhood in Action Breakfast, held on February 23, 2020, was another huge success, thanks in large part to the generous support from the BSBI community. The breakfast is a long-standing, charitable effort that helps families of children within our community who experience life-altering illnesses. Representatives from BSBI Brotherhood help run this annual event in partnership with other Manchester fraternal organizations (Knights of Columbus, Masons and UNICO).

Well over 300 persons attended the breakfast, including many from BSBI. Several BSBI members were also volunteers at the event, and 83 members generously contributed a total of \$1,593 in response to our January tickets mailing. Many others contributed through advertising and on-site ticket purchases and other donations. On March 15, Brotherhood In Action presented the proceeds from the 2020 Breakfast event to the families of Icek DeJesus and Jayden Szkirka (\$3,700 each).

We, the BSBI representatives to Manchester Brotherhood In Action, say *Todah Rabbah* to all BSBI congregants who generously supported this year's Breakfast event.

Respectfully,
Steven Cohen, Glenn Hauer, Harold Meyer, Calvin Vinick, and
Spin Zucker.



Celebration Dates in May

Birthdays



Jayden Raymond-5/1
Robin Kohler-5/1
Stuart Horn-5/1
Lorin Pasternak-5/2
Mitchell Wurmbrand-5/2
Joshua Abrahams-5/3
Dustin Goldman-5/3
Richard Guttman-5/6
Linda Grodofsky-5/7
Corinne Fisher-5/7
Seth Marks-5/8
Carl Mandell-5/9
Evan Carlson-5/10
Beverly Ladue-5/10
Aaron Bayer-5/11
Alexander Shongut-5/12
Sherry Shamash-5/13



Delilah Miller-5/14
Tobi Krutt-5/15
Rabbi Richard Plavin-5/15
Daniel Cohen-5/16
Irma Menschell-5/17
Samuel Zwillich-5/17
Randi Friedman-5/19
Glenn Blumenstein-5/19
Abraham Bayer-5/20
Rabbi Randall Konigsburg-5/20
Samuel Krutt-5/20
Philip Bayer-5/20
David Abrams-5/22
Rebecca Rumbo-5/23
Norma Cantor-5/23
Sarah Poutre-5/23
Brenda Lerner-5/23

Sharon Woodley-5/24
Mimi Kalman-5/24
Scott Brennan-5/27
Bernard Krutt-5/28
Lois Falkenstein-5-/28
Susan Margolis-5/28
Daniel Kaye-5-/29
Cara Mallett-5/29
Susan Breslau-5/30
Elaine Charendoff-5/30
Bernard Apter-5/30
Anne Fink-5/31
Donna Plen-5/31

Anniversaries

Melvin & Elyse Spielberg-5/3
Barry & Renny Resnick-5/8
Richard & Carole Guttman-5/12
Stuart & Esther Horn-5/17
Robert & Ilene O'Neil-5/17
Jeffrey & Sandi Garfield-5/25
Loren & Sharon Reichlin-5/25
Russell & Deborah Benblatt-5/29
Herb & Ellie Flink-5/31



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



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**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 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

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MONDAYS (7:00 PM)	TUESDAYS (7:00 PM)	WEDNESDAYS (7:00 PM)	THURSDAYS (7:00 PM)
<u>First Monday – 5/4</u> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Schmerler, Alan & Lea <div>People Needed</div>	<u>First Tuesday – 5/5</u> Banks, Craig Baron, Barry & Joan Bayer, Aaron & Laurie Schiller, Richard & Amy Vinick, Cal	<u>First Wednesday – 5/6</u> Brodie, Gordon & Bea Creem, Jerry* Karasik, Gail Lerman, Manny & Maxine Pasternak, Lorin*	<u>First Thursday – 5/7</u> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Luxemburg, Maury Mandell, Carl & Cruz Poutre, Stacey Riedel, Rima
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<u>Fourth Monday – 5/25</u> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Pasternak, Lorin* Rubin, Susan Zimmerman, Eveleen* <div>People Needed</div>	<u>Fourth Tuesday – 5/26</u> Beede, Harriet Kalman, Mimi* Lassow, Jeff & Liza Mandel Turk, Mike or Maddy* Zimmerman, Eveleen*	<u>Fourth Wednesday – 5/27</u> Creem, Jerry* Margolis, Phil & Susan Meyer, Harold Meyer, Judy Murray, Becky* Pasternak, Lorin* Shamash, Rahim & Sherry Zucker, Spin	<u>Fourth Thursday – 5/28</u> Burstein, David Caplin, Bob & Donna* Frankel, Ellen Lassow, Marilyn Pearlson, Stan & Sue Zimmerman, Jane <div>People Needed</div>

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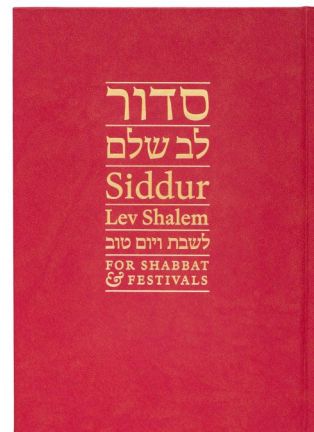
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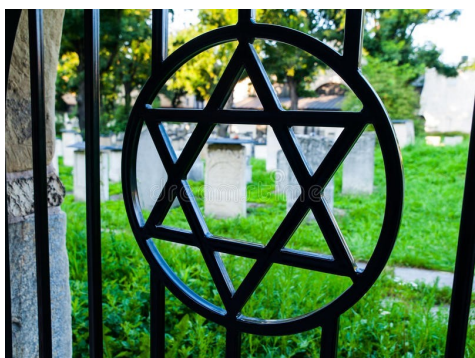
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