

# Shabbat Across America



**Friday,**

**February 28, 2020**

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

**Join us at a BSBI for a Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:00 pm  
Followed by a Shabbat dinner at 7:00 pm**

**Be a participant in this opportunity to share Shabbat with thousands of Jews across North America! All are welcome.**

See flyer insert for more information

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**Services**

**Sunday: 9:00 AM**  
**Monday through Thursday: 7:00 AM; 7:00 PM**  
**Friday: 7:00 AM; 6:30 PM**  
**Saturday: 10:00 AM**

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

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**Upcoming Events!**

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

**Saturday, February 1**

10:00 am: Brotherhood Shabbat Service

**Sunday, February 2**

9:00 am: World Wide Wrap

9:30 am: Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

**Tuesday, February 4**

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

7:30 pm: BSBI Academy

**Sunday, February 9**

9:00 am: Family Tu B'Shevat program

**Tuesday, February 11**

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

1:30 pm: Knit & Kvetch

7:30 pm: BSBI Academy

**Sunday, February 16**

9:45 am: Gentle Yoga

**Monday, February 17**

**Office Closed for Presidents Day**

7:30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, February 18**

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

7:30 pm: BSBI Academy

**Wednesday, February 19**

7:30 pm: BSBI Board Meeting

**Sunday, February 23**

9:00 am: Brotherhood-in-Action Community Breakfast

9:30 am: Sisterhood Adventure Walk

**Monday, February 24**

7:30 pm: Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

**Tuesday, February 25**

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

7:30 pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

**Friday, February 28**

6:00 pm: Shabbat Across America

**Looking Ahead:**

Sunday, March 1: Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

Sunday, March 8: Family Purim Program

Monday, March 9: Community Purim Celebration

**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:**

**Robert Parnes, Laurie Bain and  
their entire family on the loss of  
Ruth Parnes**

## Faithcraft



When it comes to Social Action, we have a very active congregation. We are involved with both MACC and HVCC to help them provide services to the homeless and the hungry. We plant a “Jessie’s Garden” each year to grow food for the food pantries. We have an ongoing collection of food for the hungry in our lobby. We often collect books, clothing and personal items on behalf of those who must go without the basics in life. We are a very active congregation when it comes to helping those in need.

One of our local clergy noted however, that we keep rescuing people who are in danger of drowning in the river, but we never go upriver to see why so many people are falling into the water and into danger. We help those who are suffering from poverty and hunger, but what do we do to address the problems of poverty and hunger in our community?

When it comes to issues like affordable housing, a living wage, universal healthcare, refugee resettlement and safety net programs, we have largely remained silent. Why? Mostly because we view these issues as basically political issues. Candidates for political office speak of these issues. Opinion writers in print and online comment on what our political representatives are doing about these issues, and we often bemoan that these critical issues are subject to the political deadlocks that plague our government these days. To speak up about these social issues is to walk into a minefield of political arguments that spoil any attempt to find meaningful solutions.

Let me quote Psalm 146; *“God keeps faith forever, brings justice to the oppressed, and provides food for the hungry. Adonai frees the bound, Adonai gives sight to the blind, Adonai raises up those who are bowed down and loves the just. Adonai protects the stranger and supports the orphan and the widow, but frustrates the designs of the wicked...”*

Since the Psalms predate any political party, we see that social issues are specifically Jewish religious issues. They are not Political (with a capital P) but political (small p) in the sense that the prophets spoke out about these issues and called all people to speak out to help make society better for all people. We cannot let Political divisions in our society keep us from our religious duties. We have Jewish commandments that speak to raising the minimum wage, welcoming all strangers from other countries and healing the sick. We have obligations to work for a social net that will prevent all people from falling into poverty, to work for a justice system that works equally for all people, that ensures that families have enough food for those sitting around their tables.

Nothing can be done to resolve these issues as long as we are still waiting for our political leadership to do something. When we act, we can begin to make a big difference in the world. There is a new religious movement in our community, GHIAA – The Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance. Its mission is to amplify the religious voices in our community to move community leaders to work on the important work that might benefit those most in need in our community. We are looking for our own members who might join in this work, not out of political feelings but out of a sense of what is just and what is right. We are looking for those who would like to be trained as community organizers, to help our congregation organize over the social issues that give us the most concern. If this sounds like something you feel might make a difference in the world, we invite you to call me and find out how you can begin to bring about the change that is so needed. This is not a call to donate, but a call to arms, and legs and voices, to learn how to speak up and make our voices heard.

Call the Rabbi, and together we can make a difference ... upstream.

*Rabbi Randall Konigsburg*

### This Month in Jewish History By Rabbi Konigsburg

6 Shevat – 4 Adar

**8 Shevat** - The first invocation by an American rabbi to open a session of the United States Congress was delivered by Rabbi Morris Raphall on this date in 1860. Also, on this date in 1918 the Women’s League of the United Synagogue was organized.

**12 Shevat** – Yahrzeit of Rabbi Joseph Herman Hertz, author of the Soncino Humash and Chief Rabbi of the British Empire (also in the first graduating class of the Jewish Theological Seminary)

**18 Shevat** – Chaim Weizmann was elected first president of Israel in 1949. Also, on this day the Egyptian parliament voted to end their boycott of Israel in 1980

**1 Adar** – The infamous Damascus ritual affair begins with the disappearance of Father Thomas of Damascus. Thirteen Jews are arrested and tortured, and 4 will die of their injuries.

## *Words from the President*

Please feel free to contact me directly at [philipmargolis@icloud.com](mailto:philipmargolis@icloud.com) or at 860-657-9951.



From the shootings at a Jersey City supermarket to the stabbings at a Hanukkah party in Monsey, New York, anti-Semitic incidents are not only appearing more frequently, but they seem to be getting closer to home.

My wife Sue and I joined the Rabbi and Michelle Konigsburg at an event organized quickly by the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford following the Monsey attack.

The event reminded me of one just over a year earlier on the steps of Beth Israel Temple in Hartford where dozens of BSBI congregants joined hundreds of others to mourn and express unity against hate after the killings at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Some of the very same speakers joined us on this snowy evening. Senator Blumenthal and Congressman Larson were there. State officers Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and Treasure Shawn Wooden spoke, and interfaith leaders, including Connecticut State Senator Saud Anwar and the president of the Hartford Seminary Joel Lohr, provided some of the most passionate remarks.

The words were comforting, and the event was moving.

That said, I've had enough of going to events like this! I'm not saying that they shouldn't be organized, or if they occur in the future that I will not attend. I'm saying that it is unfathomable to me that individuals carry so much prejudice and hate in them that they are moved to kill people.

I've tried to use this column to highlight synagogue activities. As I have mentioned recently, we've taken security seriously and have stepped up our efforts in the past year. As I have also mentioned, we applied and were turned down for a Homeland Security grant because of the finite amount of funds and suburban Connecticut not being the highest priority.

If there is good news to come out of the rise of these recent anti-Semitic activities, it is that state and federal officials recognize that more help is needed, and they are beefing up grants available to help secure synagogues and other buildings.

The recently passed federal spending bill included \$90 million in additional funding nationwide for such upgrades, and the state bond commission is expected to approve additional state funding for these efforts in the coming month.

We will certainly be looking to reapply for a grant and combine it with funds from generous members to harden our property.

The Federation will also be creating an effort to elevate the security of synagogues and other Jewish institutions, providing training and intelligence sharing, organize crisis communications and help secure funding for further security improvements.

As I've mentioned previously, we have cultivated a strong relationship with the Manchester Police Department. This effort continues. In January, Rabbi Konigsburg met with the Manchester Police Chief William Darby.

Speaking of the Manchester Police, we are scheduling an active shooter training with them at BSBI. While securing the building is important, knowing what to do if there was an incident is equally as important. There may be nothing that can completely stop someone who wants to do harm. However, by working together, we can certainly make BSBI a safe environment for all who enter our doors.

*Phil Margolis, President*

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

*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.*

## RLWRS Update

On behalf of the students and staff of the religious school, I would like to extend our deepest thanks to the family of David Sherman Foster. Their funding helps to support our wonderful family programs. So far this year, we have had fun learning from programs on Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Shabbat, and Hanukkah.

**Mark your calendars for:**

**Tu B'Shevat on Sunday, February 9th**

**Purim on Sunday, March 8th**

This is a good way to bring in new families and see the active growth taking place with our students and their families.

The school will be participating in World Wide Wrap on Sunday, February 2nd. Brotherhood is generous in providing tefillin kits for all our students. Rabbi Konigsburg met with the students to help understand why and how we use tefillin. Students will be inscribing their Hebrew names and the first line of the Shema to include in their own decorated tefillin.

Morah Zimmerman is glad to report that all the students have gotten right back into the swing of things for the New Year 2020. Our new format for morning prayers has been changed to a more personal and discussion conducive setting. We say a few prayers, discuss their meanings and try to see the relevance in each of our lives. This brings the concepts of prayer, faith and God to a more realistic and understandable level, and I think the students feel more interested and involved.

Our K-grade 2 students are making steady progress on their Hebrew reading, and have already begun combining letter sounds with vowels. It's quite amazing to witness! They also enjoy the Hebrew and holiday songs we sing during every class. The singing of many of these songs has increased their Hebrew language vocabulary, as they are given the English translation of key words.

The grade 4 to 7 students have become quite proficient Hebrew readers. We now only read from the Siddur or Chumash, which, in many cases, is no easy task. We work on some of the prayers from the daily minyan, Friday night service and Shabbat service. Lately, I have been concentrating on the Shabbat morning Torah and Musaph service. They chant the beginning of the Torah service and the end of the Musaph service beautifully. I have begun bringing the class into the Sanctuary so that they can practice reading and chanting prayers on the bimah, individually. Beginning in January, we have taken on the challenge of learning the entire Ashrei prayer! It should be noted that the more Hebrew prayers and songs the students learn, the more translating I do and the larger their vocabulary grows. Along with prayer chanting, during Music, we sing Holiday songs, Israeli songs and Hebrew rounds.

Morah Cohen reported that students are excited to start the new year. The younger students learned about the Tower of Babel and how those building the tower began to feel more powerful than God. They discussed the meaning of the story and the importance of not looking down on others. The idea that God makes each of us special, and everyone is important was emphasized. They even got to create their own 3-dimensional tower.

In addition, we began learning about the covenant between God and Abraham and why Abraham was chosen for that covenant. Students got to imagine how it might feel if they were asked to do what Abraham was asked to do and leave their homes and trust in God. This exercise helped them to really understand the level of trust needed to do what he was asked to do. We also began looking at how God's promise to Abraham was fulfilled and learning about Abraham's descendants.

Students in grades 4-7 identified particular prophets they wanted to learn more about, which included some of the female prophets, particularly Abigail and Deborah, as well as Ezekiel and Jonah. We focused on the historical context as well as the predictions they made on behalf of God. They were also encouraged to think about how their character traits might relate to contemporary real or fictitious characters they can relate to in their own lives.



**Ellen Frankel, RLWRS Education Director**

# BSBI Community

## GIFT WRAPPING AT BUCKLAND MALL

Thank you to everyone who helped with the holiday gift wrapping fundraiser at Buckland Mall. The mall gave us two dates in December to wrap and accept donations. We netted over \$400, and since they provided all the supplies, it was all profit. We are very grateful to the Buckland Mall Management for giving us this opportunity, and we hope to be invited back next year. Not only is it an easy way to fundraise, but it's also fun, and the shoppers are always very grateful for our help. Some of the volunteers not only wrapped, but also help to direct customers to our location, which was very helpful.

Thank you to: Elise Carlton, Debbie Cinquemani, Renny Resnick, Carol and Dave Alter, Susan Rubin, Sue Pitler, Lisa Plavin, Lea Schmerler, Judy Meyer, Rebecca Rumbo, Steve Dunn, Brina and Ron Abrahams, Liza Mandel and Jeffrey Lassow, Susan and Jay Stoppelman, Maddy and Mike Turk, Rima Riedel, Diane and Arnie Keyser, and Ted Zupnik. Your time, your efforts and your good humor were greatly appreciated.

Bea Brodie

## Community Purim Celebration

Monday, March 9, 2020

Fun for All Ages!

Come in Costume!



6:00 pm: Pasta Dinner with trivia and mad libs

6:45 pm: Service & Engaging Megillah Reading

Then, Delicious Hamentashen!

Festivities continue after service

\$5 per person; \$20 max per family

Children under 5 are free

RSVP to Sue Margolis no later than March 2.

See flyer insert

For details



I am writing to thank you for the generous support and assistance you have provided this holiday season. Your

donation contributed to help us bring a sense of joy and relief to hundreds of families. Without donors like you, HVCC and our community would not be where it is today.

Sincerely yours, David M. O'Rourke, CEO

**Building partnerships to break cycles of poverty in our community**

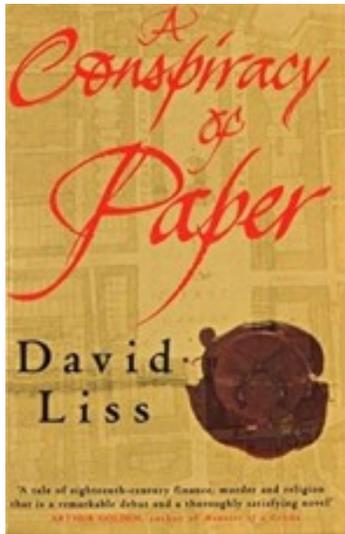
Thank you for your generous gift to MACC Charities Food Services., donated through the Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service. Your partnership in this good work makes a significant impact on the lives of those who are hungry, or in need of help with other basic needs.

Thank you

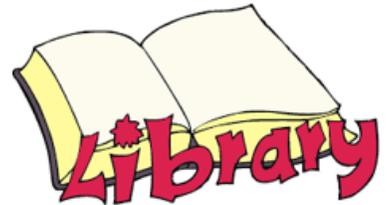
Beth Stafford, Executive Director/CEO



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



An Historical Novel set in 18<sup>th</sup> century London when Jews were not really welcomed in England, but were tolerated with open hostility and prejudice, and discrimination. Benjamin Weaver, born Benjamin Lienzo, an apostate Jew, is estranged from his wealthy family. A former boxer, he now makes his living tracking down debtors and felons for aristocratic clients.



Benjamin's family is of Sephardic decent who were expelled from Portugal and settled in Amsterdam. In 1655, Jews were allowed back in England. One of the reasons is that, based on the international trade and commercial connections of the Amsterdam Jewish community, it was known that a strong Jewish presence in London would be advantageous. With connections to the East and West Indies and to the New World, Jewish traders in London could make the city a commercial center.

Benjamin is asked to investigate the cause of his father's death, a wealthy stock broker. He has ambivalent feelings about the investigation due to his family estrangement and now must reunite with them to carry out his investigation. He finds that this involvement with his family pulls him back to the Jewish Community. His investigation leads him to visit the various coffee houses and gambling parlors of London where the stock trading is done. The more he uncovers, the darker the truth becomes, until he realizes that he is following too closely in his father's footsteps, which could lead to his own death. It results in the financial collapse of the South Seas Trading Company, the first stock market crash in history.

## Mitzvah Day is returning!!

**May 2, 2020**

### Donations:

We will be collecting small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, soap and personal care products for donation to local shelters, so please save these!

### Service Projects:

Participants will have a chance to work on a service project. Ideas for this are welcome!

Please contact Carol hatch at [cadahat@comcast.net](mailto:cadahat@comcast.net)



"*Todah Rabbah*" for your organization's 2019 gift to the Camp Ramah in New England Scholarship Fund. Thanks to your organization's support a Jewish child can have the opportunity to come to camp and experience a summer at Palmer. Thanks to your support, a Jewish child can welcome *Shabbat* in the grove. Thanks to your support, a Jewish child can create memories and friendships at Camp Ramah that will last a lifetime.

Your organization's support of our Scholarship Fund is helping to ensure that deserving children are able to experience a transformational summer at Camp Ramah. Campers return home to their families and communities at the end of each summer energized, with new outlooks and Jewish practices.

Thank you for your generous support and commitment

**Rabbi Ed Gelb, CEO, Palmer Overnight and Greater Washington Day Camps**

[www.campramahne.org](http://www.campramahne.org)



# BSBI Community Seder 5780

The second night of Passover, Thursday, April 9, 2020

Join the BSBI Community as we celebrate Passover together!

Seder will start at 6:00 pm Doors open at 5:45 pm



Gourmet Kosher Meal: Beef Brisket, Chicken, or Vegetarian.

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

Register and **pay by March 26th** to get \$36 per person price. VIP seating available – Reserve your actual seats in advance (on a first come, first served basis) for an additional \$5 per person. ALL reservations close on March 31, 2020.

To reserve your seat, register and pay online at [myshul.org](http://myshul.org) or complete the enclosed flyer and mail with a check payable to BSBI to:

Dawn Steigelfest, 26 Tamarac Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Questions? Contact Dawn Steigelfest at 860-659-4029

## **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!



# Sisterhood Speaks

Mimi Kalman, Editor



## What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

Tuesday, February 11, 1:30 pm  
Knit & Kvetch

Sunday, February 16, 9:45 am  
Gentle Yoga Class

Sunday, February 23, 9:30 am - 11:00 am  
Adventure Walk

Monday, February 24, 7:30 pm  
Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Discussion

Tuesday, February 25, 7:30 pm  
Sisterhood Board Meeting

### Knit & Kvetch

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 11 at 1:30 pm, in the BSBI library.

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 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 Feb 16 9:45-10:45:

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



### Pesach Project Kicking off for a Fifth Year

Pesach Project will launch at the very end of February. Last year with your generous support we were able to collect over \$9,000 while we greeted one another with sweet Pesach wishes. We will be asking you to continue this tradition and at the end of the month will solicit your participation online and via the mail. Once again all the details will be spelled out for you.

On your behalf we were able to fulfill the mitzvah of the feeding the hungry among us. We donated \$2900 to Mazon here in the United States and another \$2900 to Leket in Israel. The remaining third went to our Sisterhood to further all the good work we do for our congregation.

So we hope that if you have participated in the past you will continue that wonderful tradition and perhaps add a few more names to your list. If you have not yet participated, please consider joining this very worthwhile initiative. Stay tuned for more information.

Lisa Plavin

### Adventure Walk, February 23rd



Hi, Walkers: we'll be walking again on Sunday, February 23 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 more of those interesting icicles along the

trail that we usually see at this time of the year. We will definitely see especially lovely scenery and enjoy being out in the fresh air!

Ann Labb

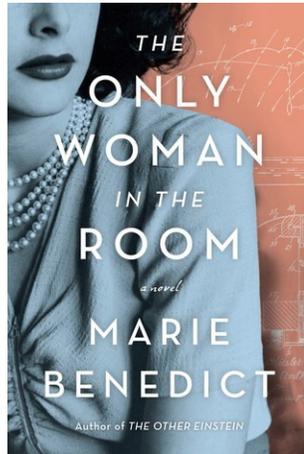
## Sisterhood Speaks Continued

### Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group,

Calling all readers!

Please join us for a discussion of Marie Benedict's novel, *THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM* at BSBI on Monday, February 24 at 7:30. Copies of the book will be placed on reserve for the 'BSBI Book Discussion' in the reference room at Manchester's Mary Cheney Library.

Our next discussion is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 7:30 at BSBI.



*The Only Woman in the Room*  
by Marie Benedict

She was beautiful. She was a genius. Could the world handle both? A powerful, illuminating novel about Hedy Lamarr.

Hedy Kiesler is lucky. Her beauty leads to a starring role in a controversial film and marriage to a powerful Austrian arms dealer, allowing her to evade Nazi persecution despite her Jewish heritage. But Hedy is also intelligent. At lavish Vienna dinner parties, she overhears the Third Reich's plans. One night in 1937, desperate to escape her controlling husband and the rise of the Nazis, she disguises herself and flees her husband's castle.

She lands in Hollywood, where she becomes Hedy Lamarr, screen star. But Hedy is keeping a secret even more shocking than her Jewish heritage: she is a scientist. She has an idea that might help the country and that might ease her guilt for escaping alone -- if anyone will listen to her. A powerful novel based on the incredible true story of the glamour icon and scientist whose groundbreaking invention revolutionized modern communication.

Happy reading!

**Maxine Lerman and Myrna Spector**

### 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**

### Torah Fund Cards

Mimi Kalman; sympathy card to Barbara and Ted Zupnik in memory of Barbara's sister Sophie Delaney Silver.

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

### Share an Oneg

Call either Stacey or Mimi to share your Simcha.  
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Kiddush (Desserts only) Chairperson  
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Pulpit Flowers Chairperson

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

The holidays have come and gone. Time for everyone to move on. B'nai/B'not Mitzvah are approaching as well as engagement parties, weddings and anniversaries--and don't forget those special birthdays for friends and family. We are still in the midst of our winter clearance sale. So stop by and see what's on offer.

Check out our new arrivals as well

As usual, don't see what you like? Call me and we'll talk. I can't get it for you wholesale, but I can order what you want or need at a reasonable price.

**Call or email me at: 860-649-8507 or email: [rimarainbow@cox.net](mailto:rimarainbow@cox.net)**

**Rima Riedel**

## Brotherhood Corner

*Glenn Blumenstein, Brotherhood President*

*Chazak, Chazak, V'nitchazek!*

Be strong, be strong, and we will be strong!

I write to you as we conclude the reading of the first books of Torah for the year. As we all have just made it through Thanksgiving, Chanukah and the New Year celebration, I think perhaps right now we all need a bit of strength. As many of you know, my kids and I spent eight nights playing together on the floor, eating latkes...and coughing. So, it goes without saying that we are glad for the strength. But it has in no small part been my community that has kept me strong as of late, and I am grateful to each of you who has been helpful to me. I have felt that with the call I made at the new year to help someone, many of you responded by helping me. Not the least of these was our wonderful Rabbi. I hope, as we all move through this new year, we find ways to continue to help each other and to give each other strength. And most importantly, appreciate what a wonderful community we have.

I was so glad to see such a great turnout at our last brotherhood meeting to hear Lisa Vaeth, Director of Jewish Cemeteries for the Jewish Federation. As some you may now know, the following morning, one of the 31 cemeteries under her care had been found terribly vandalized. If you are able, please send a donation to help with the repair of these broken Jewish monuments.

I hope we have an even greater turnout to hear David Waren, the new CEO of the Federation, speak on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Chazak!

Glen Blumenstein

On January 5, 2020, the BSBI Brotherhood had Lisa Vaeth, the Director of the Association of Jewish Cemeteries, from the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford as their speaker.

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. People were complaining that the cemeteries were in poor condition, and the grass was growing over the stones. That is when she went into action with the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. She organized security during the High Holidays and was grateful to the Hartford Police Chief for taking an active role providing security because of the vandalism. She gave a handout to all the members of all the Jewish cemeteries in Hartford.



Photographer:  
Harold  
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### February 7<sup>th</sup> Speaker

**David Waren, President & CEO**

**Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford**

David Waren is President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. David was previously with the Anti-Defamation League, where he served over the last 24 years in a variety of senior positions including Vice President of Regional Operations, Director of ADL's Education Division and Regional Director of ADL's St. Louis and Connecticut offices. He was previously in private legal practice, specializing in corporate law and bankruptcy.

David received his BA cum laude from Brandeis University. He received his JD, with honors, from the University of Connecticut School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review. David has also studied at Hebrew University and at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. David is the recipient of ADL's Milton A. Senn Award





**Brotherhood In Action  
February 23, 2020, 9:00am-noon  
Masonic Temple**



Beth Sholom B'nai Israel  
Brotherhood

Masons

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The BSBI Brotherhood works with other community organizations to hold the annual Brotherhood-in-Action (BIA) breakfast. For years, our BSBI community has strongly supported this annual event, which raises funds to support area families of children with life-altering diseases or disabilities. By now, we trust that you have already received our invitation letter and breakfast tickets with a description of this year's event and beneficiaries. Please consider supporting BIA through ticket purchase and/or other contributions and also through attendance at the breakfast. Please note, we gauge our food procurement based on past experience and tickets sold in advance. Please try to send all donations and tickets payments by mid February to help us better gauge our food and supplies order.

Thank you for your consideration, and a special thanks to those who have already sent in their tickets donations. We look forward to seeing you at the breakfast on February 23<sup>rd</sup>

BSBI Brotherhood Representatives to BIA: Steven D. Cohen, Harold Meyer, Calvin Vinick and Spin Zucker.

**The Manchester Brotherhood in Action (BIA) proudly announces that our annual community breakfast will benefit the families of Jayden Szkirka of East Hartford and Icek Dejesus of Manchester.**

**Jayden Szkirka**



**Icek Dejesus**



In March 2019, 10-year old Jayden was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma, a serious type of bone cancer. Jayden had limb saving surgery on his left leg, just below the knee to remove the tumor and has been in a wheel chair until recently when he started using crutches. Additionally, he struggled with a bacterial infection and challenges from negative reactions to medicine. Jayden just finished his 29<sup>th</sup> chemotherapy treatment and will begin 6 weeks of radiation therapy after the new year. Now, 11 years old, Jayden is feeling better and is remaining positive with the support of his mother, father, 3 sisters, and his friends from the middle school where he is enrolled in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Six year old Icek suffered a traumatic brain injury when he was just 3 months old and now suffers from cerebral palsy as a result. He is confined to a wheel chair, is legally blind, and has limited speech. The right side of his body is impacted the most, requiring special braces for both his arm and leg in addition to modifications to his wheel chair as he grows. Even with these challenges, his mother says he remains a very sweet boy. Icek attends school in Manchester where he is enrolled in the first grade. He loves music and is happiest when his brother and sister read to him as he turns the pages.

# Celebration Dates in February

## Birthdays

Debra Carlson-1  
 Renette Resnick-2  
 Herbert Koenig-3  
 Alan Feir-3  
 Joseph Howell-4  
 Manuel Lerman-5  
 Jay Bigman-6  
 Ted Lloyd-6  
 Miriam Schwartz-7  
 Lawrence Marks-9  
 Maxine Lerman-9  
 Edward Reilly-9  
 Sarah Cinquemani-10  
 Neil Ellis-10  
 Wendy Videll-12  
 Andrea Tardif-13



Phil Stein-15  
 Lisa Plavin-16  
 Ira Fink-17  
 Donna Caplin-17  
 David Riedel-17  
 Susan Mendelsohn-17  
 Joel Lang-17  
 Thomas Mastronarde-18  
 Susan Goodwin-18  
 Adam Zimmerman-20  
 Anne Herman-20  
 Kristen Hauer-21  
 Barbara Bayer-22  
 Matthew Torff-22  
 Jody Gross-22  
 Michelle Konigsburg-23

Trudy Singer-24  
 Elijah Blumenstein-25  
 Robert Caplin-26  
 Barry Haight-28  
 Ruth Heller-28  
 Linda Howell-28  
 Zachary Aaron Filkoff-28  
 Andrew Benjamin Filkoff-28  
 Doris Adler-29

## Anniversaries

Harvey & Elaine Kahaner ..... 2  
 James & Marcia McGee..... 7  
 Mr. Alexander Feinstein & Mrs Cara Taback Feinstein.. 8  
 Lorin Pasternak & Scott Brennan ..... 17  
 Drs. Peter & Emily Buch ..... 17



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!



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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](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)

# Endowment Foundation

Scholarships	Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School	Adult Education	Community	General Endowment Fund
Ann and Emanuel Hirth Fund	Bayer/Davison Fund	Sylvia A. Cheikin Fund	Berkman Family Fund	Israel and Lillian Abramovitz Fund
Maxine & Efrem Jaffe Fund	David Sherman Foster Fund	Clare-Kramer Fund	Klemens-Wiener Fund	Sheldon and Doris Adler Fund
Seymour B. Kaplan Fund	Hochberg Family Fund	Ruth and Sidney Cohen Fund	Gordon Barshay Lassow and Jay Joshua Lassow Fund	Louis and Sadye Apter Family Fund
Sonia and Max Karp and Anita Karp Treston Fund	Jacobs Family Fund	Jack Goldberg Fund*	Esther Margulies Lessner and George C. Lessner Fund	Clare and Herbert Bernstein Fund
Joseph Kopman Fund	Rose Jaffe Fund	F. Ruth and S. I. Kummer Fund	Jerome and Louise Nathan Fund	Raymond Bernstein Fund
Anne and Leon Kramer Fund	Katz-Robbins Fund	Fay and Benjamin Levy and Max Mandel Fund*	Ella and Herman Plavin Fund	Nathan Chesler Fund
Max Lundy Fund	Ruth Podrove Melton Fund	Aida S. Nesselroth Educational Enhancement Fund*	Plepler Family Fund	A. Elmer Diskan Fund
Laurie Margolis Fund	Barney, Jean, Rachel, and Sarah Moses Education Fund	Saul and Carol Nesselroth Fund for Israel Advocacy	Jay E. Rubinow Fund	Ruben Fialkoff Fund
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	Berdine Spector Stoltz Fund	Weil-Braunsberg Fund*	Blanche and Robert Stone Fund	Kahaner Family Fund
		Elliott and Eveleen Zimmerman Library Fund	Continuity Fund	Ethel and Nathan Kasowitz Fund
			Program Enhancement	Marcus Family and Bula Family Fund
			Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Operating Fund	Irving and Ethel Mehlman Rose Fund
Religious	Youth	Maintenance/Capital Improvements	Memorial Park	
Max and Sally Glaiber and Joseph and Gertrude Snider Fund	Anna Brita Chilberg Fund	Bayer-Marlow Fund	Temple Beth Sholom Memorial Park Fund	Irma and Merwin Meridy Fund
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Bernard and May Kahn and Eli and Rose Lerman Fund	Murray H. and Celia D. Novins Fund	David S. and Norma C. Garber Fund		Phair Family Fund
Rubinow-Schwolsky Fund		Miriam Barshay Lassow and Herman Lassow Fund		Reichlin Family Fund
Rebecca Ann and Herman Seidman Fund		Capital Improvement Fund		Pauline and Nathan Rubin Fund
Irene and Henry Springer Fund				Israel and Shirley Snyder Family Fund
Diane and Barry Weinbaum Fund				Gloria and Robert Weiss Fund
Rabbi Leon Wind Fund				Edythe and Abraham Zubrow Fund
Irene and Abraham Zimmerman Fund				Max Zucker Fund

**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 honor of the 50th anniversary of Marshall & Hannah Kramer; in honor of the bat mitzvah of Noa Sweet, granddaughter of Marshall and Hannah Kramer; in honor of the bat mitzvah of the daughter of Rachel Kramer and Scott Sweet, Noa Sweet from Carol & Paul Leiman & Family

## BERDINE SPECTOR STOLTZ FUND

In loving memory of "Diney" on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in loving memory of Robert Wyman on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Kenneth & Myrna Spector

In memory of Berdine Stoltz, sister of Bill Spector and his wife Rachael from William & Randy Spector

## CANTOR ISRAEL & IRENE H. TABATSKY FUND

The Haftarah "Vayetze" was chanted in memory of my sister Rose Bernadette Delaney from Theodore & Barbara Zupnik

## DAVID SHERMAN FOSTER MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of Dorothy Foster's son, David from Dorothy Foster

## GENERAL FUND

In celebration of Debbie; to celebrate Sandi's 70th birthday from Cheryl Weisman & Michael Cohen

In celebration of the birth of the Breslau's new grandson, Jack from David & Ellen Neuhaus

In appreciation of Ron and Brina Abrahams from Joshua Warren

In honor of Phil & Sue Margolis, to help with the HVAC system from Aviva Brandes

In honor of Brina Abrahams, congratulations on receiving the Woman of Distinction award; in honor of Sally Ivaldi, congratulations on receiving the Joe Davis Award from Sandi Phair

In memory of Candy Soloman from Elaine & Pam Charendoff

In memory of Sophie Delaney Silver from Barbara & Bill Bayer

In memory of Philip & Dorothy Menchel from Arnold Menchel

In memory of Barbara Zupnik's sister, Sophie Delaney Silver from Carl & Cruz Mandell

In memory of Barbara Zupnik's sister, Sophie Delaney Silver from Gordon & Beatrice Brodie

In memory of my husband, Arnold Bogatz from Judy Bogatz

In memory of Sophie Delaney Silver from Michael & Madeline Turk

In memory of Sophie Delaney Silver from Mrs. Pearl Podrove

In memory of Judy-Arin Krupp from Peter Krupp, Karen Cheyne, Susan Krupp and Larry Krupp

In memory of Stanley Levett from Stanley Israel

In memory of Stan Rimler on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Barry & Merle Rimler

In memory of Irving Zaret, father of Blanche Ross, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Blanche Ross

In memory of Ester Neuhaus on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in memory of Misza Neuhaus on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from David & Ellen Neuhaus

In memory of Sylvia Haight on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Dr. & Mrs. Barry Haight

In memory of Robert Brodie on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Gordon & Beatrice Brodie

In memory of Julius Friedman on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Matthew & Randi Friedman

In loving memory of my husband, Simon Lipton, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Ms. Eleanor Lipton

In memory of Samuel Fisher, father of Norman Fisher on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Norman & Corinne Fisher

In memory of Benjamin Norman. Sending heartfelt condolences to his family. I am a new friend to Bonnie & Michael Norman but know tragedies like the loss of your grandson require support from all your friends both new and old. Sincerely, from Rhonda Dannehy

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In memory of Sidney Scherick, father of Ron Scherick on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Ronald & Susan Scherick

In memory of Benjamin Cohen on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Rosanna Solomon

**JEROME & LOUISE NATHAN FUND**

In memory of Lilyan Nathan on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Mrs. Louise Nathan

**LIBRARY FUND**

In honor of Sandi Phair's 70th birthday from Linda and Norman Hecht

**MAX ZUCKER FUND**

In loving memory of Belle Zucker, Haftarah "Shemini Atzeret" chanted in her memory from Theodore & Barbara Zupnik

**NATHAN CHESLER FUND**

In memory of my grandmother, Sadie Chesler, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Holly Gwyn Zabitz

**NICHUM AVAYLIM FUND**

In loving memory of my father, Marvin D. Zimmerman on his 18th *yahrzeit* from Ms. Jane Zimmerman

**PHAIR FAMILY FUND**

In memory of my beloved mother, Shirley L. Chaet, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Sandi Phair

**PLEPLER FAMILY FUND**

In memory of Edythe Jacobs on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in memory of my brother, Burton, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Connie Plepler

**RABBI JESHAIA & HILDE SCHNITZER FUND**

In appreciation of Rabbi Richard and Lisa Plavin. Thank you for your special kindness shown from Theodore & Barbara Zupnik

**RITA & DAVID SCHMERLER FUND**

Congratulations to Jeff Wasser on being acknowledged for medical excellence from the American Health Council from Alan & Lea Schmerler

Mazel tov to Jerry Creem on the marriage of his son Elliot from Alan & Lea Schmerler

Mazel tov to our dear friend Laura Levine on her special birthday from Alan & Lea Schmerler

**SHABBAT LUNCHEON FUND**

Congratulations to Brina Abrahams for receiving the Woman of Distinction award; congratulations to Jeff Wasser for his award from the American Health Council; in memory of Belle Zucker; in memory of Joe Nesselroth; Mazel tov to the Grodofskys on the birth of their grandson from Alan & Carol Goldstein

Congratulations to Brina Abrahams for receiving the Woman of Distinction Award from Alan & Lea Schmerler

In honor of Susan Goodwin's granddaughter Ehlana's baby naming; in honor of Diane Wasser's special birthday celebrating life from Sandi Phair

In memory of Barbara's sister, Sophie Delaney Silver, from Jack & Lynn Cohen

In memory of Sophie Delaney Silver from Lewis & Shirley Segal

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**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)**.

# February 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)
<p><b><u>First Monday – 2-3</u></b>                      Bloostein, Saul &amp; Susan*                      Delaney, Bill &amp; Deb*                      Schmerler, Alan &amp; Lea</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People Needed</b></p>	<p><b><u>First Tuesday – 2/4</u></b>                      Banks, Craig                      Baron, Barry &amp; Joan                      Bayer, Aaron &amp; Laurie                      Schiller, Richard &amp; Amy                      Vinick, Cal</p>	<p><b><u>First Wednesday – 2/5</u></b>                      Brodie, Gordon &amp; Bea                      Creem, Jerry*                      Karasik, Gail                      Lerman, Manny &amp; Maxine                      Pasternak, Lorin*</p>	<p><b><u>First Thursday – 2/6</u></b>                      Caplin, Bob &amp; Donna*                      Luxemburg, Maury                      Mandell, Carl &amp; Cruz                      Poutre, Stacey                      Riedel, Rima</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People Needed</b></p>
<p><b><u>Second Monday – 2/10</u></b>                      Bayer, Bill &amp; Barbara                      Beck, Bruce                      Delaney, Bill &amp; Deb*                      Flink, Herb &amp; Ellie*                      Keyser, Arnold &amp; Diane*                      Partney, Philip &amp; Margery</p>	<p><b><u>Second Tuesday – 2/11</u></b>                      Grad, Howard &amp; Linda                      Kalman, Mimi*                      Lerner, Brenda                      Norman, Mike &amp; Bonnie                      Phair, Sandi*</p>	<p><b><u>Second Wednesday – 2/12</u></b>                      Creem, Jerry*                      Leshin, Steven &amp; Barbara                      Pasternak, Lorin*                      Resnick, Barry &amp; Renny                      Zucker, Spin</p>	<p><b><u>Second Thursday – 2/13</u></b>                      Caplin, Bob &amp; Donna*                      Finkelstein, Paula                      Norman, Sam &amp; Teri                      Zupnik, Ted &amp; Barbara*</p>
<p><b><u>Third Monday – 2/17</u></b>                      Delaney, Bill &amp; Deb*                      Keyser, Arnold &amp; Diane*                      Linner, Abe &amp; Iris                      Ludlum, Cathy                      Milzoff, Joel &amp; Irene</p>	<p><b><u>Third Tuesday – 2/18</u></b>                      Abrahams, Richard &amp; Leslie                      Gross, Michael &amp; Susan                      Ivaldi, Sally                      Orringer, Nelson &amp; Stephanie</p>	<p><b><u>Third Wednesday – 2/19</u></b>                      Creem, Jerry*                      Gamzon, Bill*                      Igdalsky, Alan &amp; Hope                      Pasternak, Lorin*                      Plen, Donna                      Stoppelman, Julian &amp; Susan</p>	<p><b><u>Third Thursday – 2/20</u></b>                      Borgida, Edward                      Caplin, Bob &amp; Donna*                      Klein, Phil                      Kovensky, Neil                      McGee, Marcia                      Murray, Becky*                      Phair, Sandi*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People Needed</b></p>
<p><b><u>Fourth Monday – 2/24</u></b>                      Bloostein, Saul &amp; Susan*                      Delaney, Bill &amp; Deb*                      Pasternak, Lorin*                      Rubin, Susan                      Zimmerman, Eveleen*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People Needed</b></p>	<p><b><u>Fourth Tuesday – 2/25</u></b>                      Beede, Harriet                      Kalman, Mimi*                      Lassow, Jeff &amp; Liza Mandel                      Turk, Mike or Maddy*                      Zimmerman, Eveleen*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People Needed</b></p>	<p><b><u>Fourth Wednesday – 2/26</u></b>                      Creem, Jerry*                      Margolis, Phil &amp; Susan                      Meyer, Harold                      Meyer, Judy                      Murray, Becky*                      Pasternak, Lorin*                      Shamash, Rahim &amp; Sherry                      Zucker, Spin</p>	<p><b><u>Fourth Thursday – 2/27</u></b>                      Burstein, David                      Caplin, Bob &amp; Donna*                      Frankel, Ellen                      Lassow, Marilyn                      Pearlson, Stan &amp; Sue                      Zimmerman, Jane</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People Needed</b></p>

## 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

# February 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 (6 Shevat) 10:00a Brotherhood Shabbat  5:39p Havdalah  Sunset: 5:05p
2 (7 Shevat) 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 9:00a Morning Minyan 9:00a World Wide Wrap 9:30a Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker	3 (8 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv  7:30p Wisdom in the Winter - Make up day	4 (9 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan 12:00p Lunch & Learn  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv  7:30p BSBI Academy	5 (10 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	6 (11 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 4:30p Teen Program 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	7 (12 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan  4:55p Candle Lighting  6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat  Sunset: 5:13p	8 (13 Shevat) 10:00a Shabbat Services  5:48p Havdalah  Sunset: 5:14p
9 (14 Shevat) 9:00a Morning Minyan 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 9:00a Family Tu B'Shevat Program	10 (15 Shevat) Tu B'Shevat 7:00a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	11 (16 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan 12:00p Lunch & Learn 1:30p Knit & Kvetch  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv 7:30p BSBI Academy	12 (17 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	13 (18 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	14 (19 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan  5:04p Candle Lighting 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat  Sunset: 5:22p	15 (20 Shevat) 10:00a Shabbat Services  5:57p Havdalah  Sunset: 5:23p
16 (21 Shevat) 9:00a Morning Minyan  9:45a Yoga Class	17 (22 Shevat) Presidents' Day Office Closed 7:00a Morning Minyan 6:30p Finance Committee 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	18 (23 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan  12:00p Lunch & Learn  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv 7:30p BSBI Academy	19 (24 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv 7:30p Board Meeting	20 (25 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 4:30p Teen Program 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	21 (26 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan  5:13p Candle Lighting  6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat  Sunset: 5:31p	22 (27 Shevat) Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Shekalim 10:00a Shabbat Services 6:06p Havdalah  Sunset: 5:32p
23 (28 Shevat) 9:00a Morning Minyan 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 9:00a Brotherhood in Action Community Breakfast  9:30a Sisterhood Adventure Walk	24 (29 Shevat) 7:00a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv  7:30p Sisterhood/ Haddassah Book Club	25 (30 Shevat) Rosh Chodesh Adar 7:00a Morning Minyan 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv  7:30p Sisterhood Board Meeting	26 (1 Adar) Rosh Chodesh Adar 7:00a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	27 (2 Adar) 7:00a Morning Minyan  4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	28 (3 Adar) 7:00a Morning Minyan  5:21p Candle Lighting  6:00p Shabbat Across America Service and Dinner  Sunset: 5:39p	29 (4 Adar) 10:00a Shabbat Services  6:14p Havdalah  Sunset: 5:40p

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.

## DONATE YOUR CAR



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

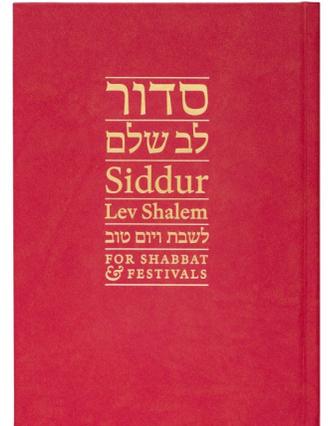
Consider donating your unwanted vehicle in support of BSBI. It is easier and faster than selling it on your own, and you may qualify for a tax deduction! Donors say it is a satisfying way to make a larger donation than they normally could.

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 *tehillot* (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.



Please 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

### Don't Forget to Check Out MyShul.org!

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



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## *Community Dinner & Celebration*

Monday, March 9, 2020

Fun for All Ages!

Come in Costume!

6:00 PM ..... Pasta Dinner with Trivia/Mad Libs

6:45 PM ..... Service & Engaging Megillah Reading

Then, ..... Delicious Hamentashen!

Festivities to continue after service

Dinner and program coordinated by BSBI Sisterhood

For more information, see flyer insert



# Shabbat Across America 2020

## Friday, February 28, 2020

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



Join us at BSBI for a  
Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:00 pm  
Followed by a Shabbat dinner at 7:00 pm

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

Send form & check, payable to BSBI, **by February 21** to:  
BSBI, 400 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester, CT 06040

Or register online at: <https://www.myshul.org/event/shabbat-across-america-service-and-dinner.html>  
If cost is a concern, please contact the Rabbi. Subsidies may be available.

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We will be coming to the Shabbat dinner on February 28<sup>th</sup>.  
A check payable to BSBI is enclosed.

Names \_\_\_\_\_

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



	# attending	cost
Adults	_____ @ \$ 12 =	\$ _____
Kids 5 & up	_____ @ \$ 6 =	\$ _____
Kids under 5	_____ @FREE	
Total	_____	\$ _____

Please indicate the number of  
vegetarian or gluten free  
meals required:

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian  
(adult or child)

\_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free  
(adult or child)

# Community Purim Celebration

Monday, March 9, 2020

Fun for All Ages! Come in Costume!



6:00 PM..... Pasta Dinner with Trivia/mad libs  
6:45 PM ..... Service & Engaging Megillah Reading  
Then, ..... Delicious Hamentashen!  
Festivities continue after service

Donations will be collected the night of Purim to send Mishloach Manot to Lone Soldiers in Israel who will not be home for Purim (cash, or check made out to BSBI). You can donate ahead of time by using the link: <https://lonesolder.us/donate/> (In the 'donation designation' field, put 'BSBI purim baskets'.) We have purchased ten baskets and are hoping to purchase as many as possible to show we care and are thinking of them.



\$5 per person; \$20 max per family. Children under 5 are free  
RSVP by returning the below form with your payment to S. Margolis at 23 Ruff Circle, Glastonbury, CT 06033 (phone: 860-918-2057)

**Payments must be received by March 2, 2020.**

Checks can be made out to "BSBI Sisterhood"

Dinner and program coordinated by BSBI Sisterhood

**Community Purim Celebration**



**Monday, March 9, 2020**

RSVP to S. Margolis, 23 Ruff Circle, Glastonbury, CT 06033 (phone: 860-918-2057)

Payment must be received by March 2

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

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

Adults : \_\_\_\_\_

Number @ \$5: \_\_\_\_\_

Children over 5: \_\_\_\_\_

OR family @ \$20: \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 5: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Brotherhood Sponsored Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**All Are Welcome!**

Service:  
6:30 PM

Dinner:  
approximately 7:30 PM



Ru'ach to follow a traditional "Shabbas" dinner

\*All meals are prepared gluten free

**Questions: Call Maury Luxemburg at 860-798-1869 or Dave Alter at 860-729-6803**  
Financial help is available. Contact Maury or Dave for more information

Reservation Form for Brotherhood Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner  
Return this form by March 6<sup>th</sup> along with a check made payable to **BSBI Brotherhood**.  
**Mail to Dave Alter, 5 Eleanor Street Extension, Vernon, CT 06066**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please indicate your meal selections:	Individuals _____	@ \$20 = _____
_____ Chicken      _____ Fish	Family (3+) _____	@ \$50 = _____
*All meals are prepared gluten free*		Total = _____

12<sup>th</sup> Annual

# BSBI Community Seder 5780

The second night of Passover, Saturday, April 9, 2020  
400 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester, CT

Gourmet Kosher Meal:  
Beef Brisket, Chicken,  
or Vegetarian



Seder begins at 6:00 pm  
Doors open at 5:45 pm

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

Register and **pay by March 26th** to get \$36 per person price. VIP seating available –  
Reserve your actual seats in advance (on a first come, first served basis) for an  
additional \$5 per person. ALL reservations close on March 31, 2020.

To reserve your seat, register and pay online at [myshul.org](http://myshul.org) or complete the form  
below and mail with a check payable to BSBI to:

Dawn Steigelfest, 26 Tamarac Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Questions? Contact Dawn Steigelfest at 860-659-4029  
If interested in babysitting, please call!

If cost is an obstacle, contact Rabbi Konigsburg 860-643-9563 x101 or [rabbenu@myshul.org](mailto:rabbenu@myshul.org)  
Donations to offset the cost of someone who needs financial assistance are welcome!

I/We will attend the Seder at BSBI on April 9th. A check is enclosed.

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate number of each:		VIP		Beef	Chick	Veg
Adults	_____	@ \$36	+5	= \$_____ before 3/26	_____	_____
Adults	_____	@ \$45	+5	= \$_____ after 3/26	_____	_____
Teens 13-19	_____	@ \$10	+5	= \$_____	_____	_____
Kids under 13	_____			FREE	_____	_____
				Total \$ _____		

## 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 [jeffreyywasser@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeffreyywasser@sbcglobal.net) or Roy Filkoff at [royfilkoff@altmanandco.com](mailto:royfilkoff@altmanandco.com). Both can also be reached at [BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](mailto: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.*

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### MY BEQUEST WILL BE:

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THE RESIDUE OF MY ESTATE

A SPECIFIC ITEM OF VALUE

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MY BEQUEST IS UNRESTRICTED

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

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### INFORMATION ABOUT YOU:

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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.

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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.**