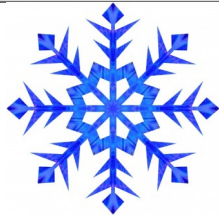




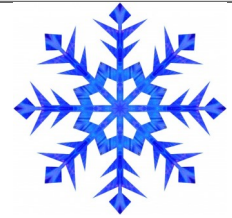
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# BSBI'S Chai Lights

January 2020



## Wisdom in Winter January Mini Lecture Series With Dr. Mark Silk



Professor of Religion in Public Life at Trinity College



**All Lectures begin at 7:30 PM**

**January 13, 2020**

*Religion and American Politics*

*B.T.E (Before Trump Era)*

**January 20, 2020**

*How Donald Trump became the  
Religious Right's Favorite President*

**January 27, 2020**

*The Religious Aims of the Trump  
Administration*

***Snow Date: February 4, 2020***

For more information and to register, see enclosed flyer  
or go to <https://www.myshul.org/event/wisdom-in-the-winter.html>

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**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.

You may contact us via e-mail at:

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**Upcoming Events!**

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

**Morning Minyan starts Sunday, January 5th**  
**Sunday @ 9:00 am, Monday-Friday @ 7 pm**

**Wednesday, January 1**

New Year's Day, OFFICE CLOSED

**Sunday, January 5**

9:30 am: Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

**Monday, January 6**

7:30 pm: Sisterhood/Haddassah Book Club

**Sunday, January 12**

9:30 am: Sisterhood Gentle Yoga

**Monday, January 13**

7:30 pm: Wisdom in Winter

**Tuesday, January 14**

1:30 pm: Knit & Kvetch

**Wednesday, January 15**

7:30 pm: Board Meeting

**Saturday, January 18**

10:00 am: Sisterhood Shabbat & Luncheon

**Sunday, January 19**

11:00 am: Social Action Meeting

**Monday, January 20**

7:30 pm: Wisdom in Winter

**Sunday, January 26**

9:30 am: Sisterhood Adventure Walk

**Monday, January 27**

7:30 pm: Wisdom in Winter

**Tuesday, January 28**

7:30 pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

**Looking Ahead:**

**Saturday, February 1:**

Brotherhood Shabbat

**Sunday, February 2:**

World Wide Wrap

Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

**Friday, February 28:**

Shabbat Across America

**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:**

- \* Barbara and Ted Zupnik and their entire family on the loss of Barbara's sister Sophie Delaney Silver
- \* Arlene Bonilla, Joel Lang and their entire family on the loss of daughter and niece, Isabel Pamela Grey

## Faithcraft



When are services not services?

The Yiddish American comedian Myron Cohen would tell a story of his father, an atheist who went to shul every Shabbat. When his son asked him, “Pop, you are an atheist; why are you going to shul?” the father answered, “People go to shul for many reasons. My friend Ginzberg goes to shul to talk to God. I go to shul to talk to Ginzberg.”

The joke is funny because we know we are not supposed to go to shul to talk to our neighbor; we go to shul to pray to God. ... or do we?? We can probably count the times our parents would bring us to shul and tell us to sit quietly. We would have to sneak out to spend some time with our friends. But what if the real reason to be in shul was to be with our friends? What if prayer was designed to promote our friendships?

Rabbi Harold Kushner once said that the way we talk to others when we are in shul is different than the way we talk to others at the gym, on the street and when we are working. It is true that the Amidah is recited individually, each of us standing before God to express our most ultimate concerns. But it is also true that we recite the Shema, our declaration of faith in God, together with every other person in the community at that moment. We share prayer, and the concerns in life that prayer gives expression to, with every other person in the synagogue.

This is most evident at daily minyan. Those who start and end their day together with the community in prayer have the most interesting bonds with their fellow pray-ers, with the people they attend minyan with. When we share prayers, we can also share much of what is on our minds as we head out into the day. It is not about baring our souls to others but sharing our joys and concerns. Life is more joyful when we share what makes us happy, and life is less stressful if we know that others know what concerns us. I know it is a New England thing to be self-sufficient, but Judaism teaches that we are connected as a community, and each of us must be responsible for each other. We see that most clearly at minyan, our daily connecting to what is important in our lives.

Morning or Evening Minyan is not about how much Hebrew you can read or translate. It is about how you can connect to God and to the people with whom you pray. It is not that everyone there can pray better than you; it is about them waiting for you to join them, and the minyan team, to share all that life can be and to thank God for all the blessings we enjoy, especially the blessing of good friends.

Join us at our new morning minyan. It is not about how much we know, but what we are willing to learn about ourselves and about the others surrounding us at minyan. I hope to see you there.

*Rabbi Randall Konigsburg*

### This Month in Jewish History By Rabbi Konigsburg

#### 4 Tevet – 5 Shevat

**6 Tevet** – A seminary for the training of American Rabbis and teachers was opened in New York City by Dr. Sabato Morais in 1887. The school met at Congregation Shearith Israel. It would eventually become the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The first class had eight students including one who would go on to become the chief rabbi of the British Empire

**18 Tevet** – Yahrzeit of Abraham Joshua Heschel- important American Jewish philosopher

**19 Tevet** – The Jewish National Fund was established on this date by the 5<sup>th</sup> Zionist World Congress in Basel Switzerland in 1901

**27 Tevet** – Yahrzeit of Robert Gordis, rabbi in New York and author of many books helping to define Conservative Judaism

**29 Tevet** – Recife, Brazil fell to the Portuguese in 1654. The Jewish community had prospered under Dutch rule since 1631. Most of the Jews, after the conquest, were sent back to Holland, but 22 caught a ship to New Amsterdam and became the founders of the first Jewish community in North America.

## Words from the President

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



A lot is going on at BSBI right now. In addition to being in the middle of a busy programming season, BSBI as an organization is busy moving us forward on a variety of fronts. Here are a few updates:

HVAC: This was discussed in more detail in last month's bulletin. We are currently forming a capital campaign committee and exploring what we hope/expect to be short-term financing options. We also hope to begin phase one of this project soon, which includes installing heating and cooling in the Silverstein Center and adjoining offices.

Cantor: As mentioned in my email to the congregation, Cantor Krieger has decided to retire. While he may teach part-time in the region in the future, his focus now is on his health, and we wish him a refuah schlema. The board is currently reviewing the cantor role, and we

expect to make some decisions quickly, so we can determine the next steps.

Future planning: The Medium-Term Planning Committee is coming up with a three-year projected budget along with recommendations for the board. They should be concluding their work in January. Shortly thereafter, we will begin a long-term strategic planning process. This will be a longer effort, involve many congregants, and most importantly, bringing outside perspectives and opinions on the strategic direction of BSBI. There probably has not been a planning effort any more important in the history of the congregation.

Outreach: The Education Committee along with others gathered to develop an outreach plan for activities outside the building that would appeal to families with children during the next nine or so months. Activities include reading, cooking and other activity programs throughout our area.

Website: Two years ago, we migrated our website to a platform run by a vendor named ShulCloud, which the congregation also uses for database management, the calendar, email and announcements, donation management and online event processing. At that time, the effort was essentially a "lift and shift" into one of the templates that somewhat matched our format. We believe that we'd be better served on a variety of levels by upgrading the look and refreshing the content of our site, which serves as a front door for the congregation. Also, as we engage in electronic marketing, we need a site that better supports these efforts. Look for a new look in the coming months.

Chavurot: Creating community is an important part of making our congregation a warm and welcoming one, and it is important to attracting and retaining members. The Grinspoon Foundation, through the Jewish Federation, has money available to support activities of newly formed chavurot – groups of Jewish people with a common interest that meet regularly. We've had a few discussions of facilitating the formation of some of these groups – including young families and LGBTQ chavurot. Members of these chavurot need not be BSBI members. If you're interested in forming or being part of one, please let me know.

B'shalom,

*Phil Margolis, President*

### **Important: Update Your Contact Information!**

- \* Have a new cell number or gave up your landline?
- \* Want to be added to our e-mail list to get our bi-weekly announcements, sad news notifications and other important information related to the congregation?
- \* Think you signed up to get e-mails but haven't received any?
- \* Planning on moving or getting a new e-mail address?
- \* Have a child who has gone off to college and would like to keep up to date with life at BSBI?

Please notify Tova Haley directly regarding **ANY** changes or issues by calling 860-643-9563 ext. 100 or by sending an e-mail to [programming@myshul.org](mailto:programming@myshul.org).

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

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



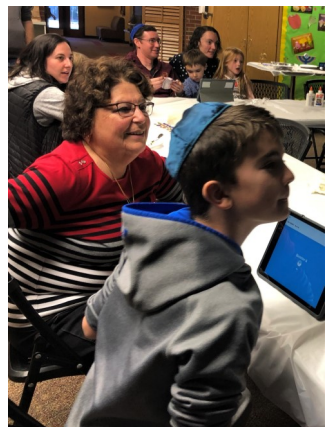
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# RLWRS Update

We wish Cantor Krieger refuah schlema. He did an exemplary job as a storyteller in the short time he was able to work with our students, and we know that he had big plans to direct a play and teach a trope. The students will truly miss his wisdom and sense of humor. In the meantime we are fortunate that Morah Zimmerman will extend the time she is teaching Hebrew, prayer and music. Carol Hatch will work with our b'nei mitzvah class, sharing her wealth of knowledge and beautiful voice. A hearty yasher koach to Carl Mandell, who was able to step in to help our b'nai mitzvah students in the interim as well as subbing for Morah Zimmerman.

Students also enjoyed Hannah Partney helping students learn to debate the pros and cons of giving federal aid to Israel. They read an article to help develop background knowledge to support the side they had to defend. Then they planned their strategy to argue and debate their point of view while helping to understand an important weighty topic in the news.



Judaica students continue our growing and learning thanks to Morah Cohen. In K-2, our ze'reim have learned about Cain and Abel and how we each have our own accomplishments about which to be proud. We discussed how anger and jealousy can interfere in our lives and how to use the story of Cain and Abel to help us in our everyday life. To go along with our secular holiday of Thanksgiving, we learned about the concept of Hakarat Hatov, which is a concept in Judaism which means "recognizing the good around us." We thought of all the things we are grateful for and created a fun turkey for the holiday table with feathers of gratitude!

Our grades 5-7 Judaica students, bogrim, began learning about Nevi'im (Prophets), the Jewish definition of what a prophet is and that prophets can be women as well as men. They shared prophets they knew about and identified ones they want to research further. We also cultivated an "attitude of gratitude" and learned that Jews are commanded to say 100 blessings a day! They generated their own list of 100 blessings in their own lives to see how that is possible. Try and see if you can fulfill that mitzvah.

Students and parents enjoyed a family Hanukkah program.

Many thanks to Steve Cohen for making delicious latkes. So, do you prefer applesauce or sour cream? We hope our students enjoy lighting their own handmade menorahs for many years to come and reflect on the lights of our religious school. Of course no celebration would be complete without Morah Zimmerman leading a rousing singalong.



While writing this bulletin article we are in the midst of planning for:

- ◆ a family Hanukkah program at BSBI
- ◆ a candle lighting ceremony and craft event at Buckland Hills Mall
- ◆ RLWRS candle lighting at BSBI

We hope that you were able to share the glowing lights and miracles of these special events with your community.

## Upcoming Events:

February 2: World Wide Wrap

February 9: Tu B'Shevat Family Program

Ellen Frankel, Education Director

## Scholarship Opportunities for BSBI Youth

Beth Sholom B'nai Israel is fortunate to have a number of scholarships to support a broad range of activities that enhance and support Jewish activities of young people in our synagogue. These scholarships provide our youngsters with opportunities for exciting summer programs in a Jewish setting.

We offer need-based scholarships to applicants who might otherwise be unable to participate in these experiences. In addition, we offer incentive scholarships to encourage all of our young people to participate in such programs. We encourage everyone who might be interested to apply, especially those who have not previously received such support.

Our scholarships provide funding for a number of programs within the Conservative movement that offer invaluable experiences in Jewish living and education. These programs include Camp Ramah, other Jewish overnight camps, USY Summer Programs, summer courses at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and the USY Year Course in Israel.

We can also support programs outside the Conservative movement that have a daily prayer component, provide Jewish education, are governed by the laws of Shabbat and kashrut, and meet the other guidelines set by the synagogue's Scholarship Committee. These programs must offer living experiences away from home; day camp programs, for example, do not currently qualify for support. The Scholarship Committee also selects the recipients of the Cantor Israel and Irene Tabatsky Scholarship, which provides two merit-based annual awards to college undergraduates who are furthering their Jewish education. We also partner with the Federation-sponsored Hartford Passport to Israel Program.



Any temple member in good standing may apply for scholarship funding. Please get your applications in by Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. For those attending Camp Ramah, the camp is pushing to get all scholarship information from us as soon as possible, so we're accelerating our timetable.

The Scholarship Committee will meet soon thereafter to review all applications and make decisions. You can get a scholarship application from the synagogue office. You can also download an application form from the synagogue's web site at this link: <http://www.myshul.org/resources/forms/>.

Finally, I'd like to call to your attention the Jewish Federation program called "One Happy Camper," which awards grants (up to \$1,000) for first-time campers entering grades 1-12 (after camp), who attend a non-profit Jewish overnight summer camp for at least 19 consecutive days. You can find a list of the eligible camps and additional information at the following web site – <http://www.jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper>.

Sincerely,  
Aaron S. Bayer, Scholarship Chair,  
[asbbayer@gmail.com](mailto:asbbayer@gmail.com), 860-716-5336



*Dear BSBI Friends,*

*A very big Thank You to all who helped make November 9th, The Joe Davis Award Ceremony, memorable for me.*

*It was a wonderful day and I certainly appreciated all the accolades.*

*My day was just perfect from having good friends and family around, to a great luncheon that was delicious.*

*Thank you again,  
Sally Ivaldi  
2019 Joe Davis Recipient*

## Save the Date!

**Hartford Yard Goats  
Jewish Heritage Night 2020  
Sunday, August 9, 2020**

*BSBI Brotherhood  
has reserved 40  
tickets at a group  
rate of \$15 each.*

*Registration forms  
and information  
will be made available soon*



## Social Action

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our book collection for children in the Greater Hartford area. This collection is done yearly to benefit children up to high school age. We also made a Hanukkah donation to the Kosher Food Bank.

We are holding our Spring planning meeting, set for Sunday January 19 at 11 am. We will be discussing Mitzvah Day, our vegetable garden, and other projects. This meeting is open to anyone in our congregation who is interested.

**Carol Hatch**



Thank you for your recent donation of hats and blankets. These items will be put to use immediately, helping to keep our clients warm as winter settles in. We appreciate that you continue to meet the needs of HVCC through your charitable giving. Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission to provide health, healing, and hope for our neighbors.

Best wishes,

*David M. O'Rourke  
Chief Executive Officer*

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



Gabriel Allon is back in Daniel Silva's new book, *the New Girl*. Allon, the legendary chief of Israeli intelligence, has spent most of his life fighting terrorists, including the murderous jihadists financed by Saudi Arabia. Prince Khalid—or KBM, as he is known—has pledged to finally break the bond between the Kingdom and radical Islam. For that reason alone, Gabriel regards him as a valuable if flawed partner. Together they will become unlikely allies in a deadly secret war for control of the Middle East. The life of a child, and the throne of Saudi Arabia, hang in the balance. Both men have made their share of enemies. And both have everything to lose.



## **To Wrap up another Jazz Festival**



The 2019 Manchester Jazz Festival was a resounding success! The house was packed! Hardly a seat left to be found! The musicians were absolutely phenomenal! The crowd was excited! Standing ovations abounded! Comments were made comparing the festival to the Newport Jazz Festival! A great evening of live music to say the least.

I wish to thank my committee and all who volunteered to help on the night of the festival. Special thanks to Risa and Roy Filkoff, who were instrumental in arranging for Ray Hardman to be our emcee. Also, to Russ Benblatt for his help in raising awareness of the festival through marketing skills. This event would not have been possible without the support of our office staff, Judy Sawtelle and Tova Haley. Much thanks to



Glenn and Tiffany Blumenstein for designing and printing the play bills as well as to our bakers Brina Abrahams, Sally Ivaldi and Rebecca Rumbo. Thanks to Sandi Phair for organizing the raffle baskets and silent auction. Lastly, to our Artistic Director, Alex Nakhimovsky for his help and guidance in acquiring quality performers and working through the maze necessary to present the festival in the best manner possible. Of



course, a special Thank You goes out to all of our advertisers and sponsors, who are vital to the continuing success of the Festival. We look forward to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Manchester Jazz Festival on December 5, 2020!

**Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year**

**Ken Wichman**

**Vice President of Fundraising**

Photography by Harold Bernstein





## Sisterhood Speaks

Mimi Kalman, Editor



### What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

Tuesday, January 6, 7:30 pm  
Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Discussion

Sunday, January 12, 9:30 am  
Gentle Yoga Class

Tuesday, January 14, 1:30 pm  
Knit & Kvetch

Saturday, January 18, 10:00 am  
Sisterhood Shabbat

Tuesday, January 28, 7:30 pm  
Sisterhood Board Meeting

Sunday, January 26, 9:30 am - 11:00 am  
Adventure Walk

### Gentle Yoga Class

**What:** Yoga – a 1 hour gentle yoga class; led by a certified Yoga Instructor  
**When:** Sunday January 12th at 9:30AM  
**Where:** BSBI  
**Who:** Everyone. All ages. If you've never done yoga before – try it!!!!  
**Cost:** only \$6/person  
**Bring:** yourself! Comfortable clothes. Yoga mat or a towel if you don't have a mat



### Knit and Kvetch

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, January 14 at 1:30 pm, in the BSBI library.

Our annual distribution was held on Tuesday, November 12th. This year we were able to donate 491 items to the following: Bowers School, Waddell School, Verplank School, Cornerstone for the Homeless, DeQuattro Cancer Center, Hartford Hospital Cancer Center, HVCC, Kids Safe, Head Start, Vernon Manor, Manchester Manor. We also gave afghans to the Rabbi to bring to our congregants who are ill.

I would like to thank Mimi Kalman, Sharon Chesler, Marilyn Lassow, Barbara Zupnik, Susan Rubin, Lynn Cohen, Carol Alter, Debbie Alter, Irma Carter, Anne Herman, Lea Schmerler, Sandi Phair, Cruz Mandell, Ellen Kloehn, Susan Stoppelman, Susan Gross and Susan Ellis in memory of her Mother Edith Goldschmidt.

It's hard to believe we are starting our 15th year, and with your help we will be able to continue this mitzvah.

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

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

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



Anne Fink

### Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group

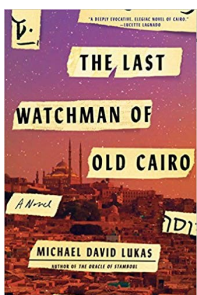
Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6 at 7:30 at BSBI.

We will discuss THE LAST WATCHMAN OF OLD CAIRO by Michael David Lukas.

Copies for the 'BSBI BOOK GROUP' will be placed on reserve in the reference room at the Mary Cheney Library and should be waiting for us.

Happy reading!

Maxine Lerman and Myrna Spector



## Sisterhood Speaks Continued

### Sisterhood Shabbat Service and Luncheon

On Shabbat, January 18, 2020, at 10:00 am, our Saturday morning service will be in honor of the women of Sisterhood and all that they do for BSBI. Our members will be conducting the service and sponsoring the luncheon.

In honor of the upcoming observance of Martin Luther King Day our guest speakers: David and Ann Brandwein will be sharing their experiences from the Interfaith Freedom and Justice Ride 2019, in which they retraced the footsteps of civil rights leaders in Montgomery, Birmingham and Selma, Alabama.

The idea for this trip began five years ago when David, immediate past chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), was asked by the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) to bring a representative of the Hartford African-American community to a three-day conference in Philadelphia dedicated to building Black-Jewish relationships. Brandwein invited Rev. Stephen W. Camp, senior pastor of Faith Congregational Church in the north end of Hartford.

Then Rev. Camp invited David and men from the Jewish community to attend his church's men's club. Half a dozen Jews began attending Faith's men's club events "infrequently but regularly," Brandwein said. The idea of the trip came from these events. Members of the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT); the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC); the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ; and Faith Congregational Church and Immanuel Congregational Church, both located in Hartford took part.

The Brandwein family were long-time members of our synagogue, and his mother was an active member of Sisterhood. Come hear David and Ann talk about this very interesting trip and its outcome.

### Adventure Walk, January 26th

Hi, Walkers, we'll be walking again on Sunday, January 26 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.

Ann Labb

### Share an Oneg

On Shabbat, January 18, the Kiddush luncheon and Pulpit flowers will be sponsored by Sisterhood in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat.

Stacey Poutre (860-432-7083), [stacey@poutres.com](mailto:stacey@poutres.com)

Kiddush (Desserts only) Chairperson

Mimi Kalman (860-649-3890), [mimrk524@gmail.com](mailto:mimrk524@gmail.com)

Pulpit Flowers Chairperson

### 10 Tony Awards winning "The Band's Visit"



"The Band's Visit," a musical based on the 2007 Israeli film about an Egyptian Band getting stranded in a small Israeli Negev town, became a huge Broadway hit that was nominated for ten

Tony Awards, including Best Musical!!! The "Band's Visit" rejoices in the way music makes us laugh, makes us cry, and ultimately, brings us together.

It is coming to the Bushnell in April. Sisterhood is organizing a theatre party for the Sunday, April 26th, matinee at 1:00 pm. The Bushnell has reserved mid-mezzanine seats at the discounted ticket prices of \$70.25, and they have waived all processing fees for us. These seats are one row behind seats that are \$96.

In order for us to get this price, we must have 10 or more people going. And we have to pay for our seats early. They have reserved 30 seats for us. **WE MUST SEND OUR CHECKS TO MADDY TURK NO LATER THAN JANUARY 20TH. UNSOLD SEATS WILL THEN BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC.** Please make out your check to BSBI Sisterhood and send it to Maddy Turk, 10 Valerie Drive, Vernon, CT 06066. For further information you can call her at 860-875-7323 or email her at [mikemaddy@aol.com](mailto:mikemaddy@aol.com)

We will carpool to the Bushnell. When you send in your check to Maddy, let her know if you wish to carpool.

### Torah Fund Cards

- ◇ Susan Goodwin; mazel tov and happy birthday to Sandi Phair and Diane Wasser, condolences to the Zupniks on the loss of Barbara's sister, Sophie Delaney Silver.
- ◇ Elaine and Cal Vinick; mazel tov to Sandi Phair and Diane Wasser on their special birthdays. We wish them many more years ahead to celebrate happy occasions.
- ◇ Mimi Kalman; mazel tov to Irene and Joel Milzoff on the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca, to Craig Silverstein.

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)

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

Say goodbye to Hanukkah and HELLO to a New Year!

Come and visit your BSBI Gift Shop to see what's new.

While you're at it, check out our Hanukkah Clearance: All items-- new and old,

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## Brotherhood Corner

Glenn Blumenstein, Brotherhood President

So here we are in a new year...again. As Jews, we get to say that twice each year, and I've always found that kind of special. New Year's is often seen as a time of "newness"; new chances to give up on our resolutions by February, new chances to start wishing winter would end already...and new chances to do something different. And when I say something different, I'm not talking about new soon-to-be-abandoned resolutions. What I'm referring to is the chance to look at everything around us...families, jobs, communities...and ask ourselves, "How will I make this year different, what contributions will I make to the world around me, how will I be a better person and a better Jew?". Join me this year, and instead of half-hearted resolutions, make a commitment to make "something" better. Pick a person and make their lives better, choose a community organization and help them do something better, just do...something.

Wishing you and your family a healthy, a happy, and a meaningful new year...again.

Glenn Blumenstein  
BSBI Brotherhood President



**February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00  
a.m.**

**EVERYONE  
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Join thousands of Jewish Kids, Men & Women from all over the country as we come together on February 2nd, to learn about the mitzvah of tefillin!

Don't worry if you don't have a pair, we'll have lots of extras, and plenty of "Tefillin Trainers" on hand to help!

## January 5<sup>th</sup> Speaker

**Lisa Vaeth**

*Director - Association of Jewish  
Cemeteries*

*Jewish Federation of Greater  
Hartford*

## **Abandoned Jewish Cemeteries in Greater Hartford**



On Dec 8th, 2019 the BSBI Brotherhood had speaker Harry Weller provide his presentation to all the members.

For 32 years until his retirement at the end of 2018, Harry worked as an appellate prosecutor in the award-winning Appellate Bureau of the Chief State's Attorney's office handling many high-profile appeals for the state. He has an active role at the Beth David Synagogue in West Hartford.

He spoke about a nine-month program that will focus on self-defense in the form of Krav Maga and include First Aid training, lectures and discussions on issues that affect the security of the Jewish community. The program is called The Legion. The primary objective is to provide Jewish community members with the skills and confidence necessary to respond when confronted by threats of anti-Semitic violence.

Looking for volunteers to demonstrate the techniques of the Legion, BSBI Brotherhood Board of Directors President Phil Margolis stepped- up to the plate.



Photography by: Harold Bernstein



# Celebration Dates in January

## Birthdays



Linda Bernstein-1  
Kevin Cyr-1  
Bonnie Norman-1  
Carol Goldstein-1  
Annemarie Miller-5  
Ruth Miller-6  
Marna Kaye-8  
Allyson Benblatt-8  
Sharon Reichlin-8  
Jacob Bundy-11  
Flo Kovensky-11  
Dan Levine-12  
Paul Rubin-12  
Jake Gross-14

Barbara Mullins-14  
Dotty Foster-14  
Jennifer Bundy-15  
Sharon Hartstein-15  
Stacey Poutre-15  
Robert Hughes-20  
Wesley Videll-21  
Michael Norman-22  
Joyce Borgida-22  
Ben Pitler-22  
Ruth Zackin-23  
Lois Radding-23  
Troy Videll-25

Harold Bernstein-26  
Joanne Donn-26  
Barbara Zupnik-27  
Deanna Katz-28  
Holly Raymond-28  
Rachel Reindel-30  
Jay Stoppelman-31

## Anniversaries

Alan & Lea Schmerler-5  
Robert & Annmarie Hughes-13  
Steven & Judith Eckhouse-19  
Robert & Susan Mendelsohn-27



Have a *simcha* you want to share with the congregation?  
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so that we may celebrate it in the future.**

# Leave a Jewish Legacy



## IRA Assets and Qualified Charitable Distributions

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

## Donation of "Qualified Charitable Distributions" (QCD)

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

## What are QCDs?

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

## What are important things to know about QCDs?

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

## Examples of using QCDs for charitable giving

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

For further information, contact a member of the Endowment Committee. You may reach out to the BSBI Endowment at [BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](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:  
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# 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
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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
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Max Lundy Fund	Ruth Podrove Melton Fund	Aida S. Nesselroth Educational Enhancement Fund*	Plepler Family Fund	A. Elmer Diskan Fund
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Diane and Jeffrey Wasser Ramah Scholarship Fund	Nat N. and Gertrude Sturm Schwedel Fund	Saul and Rebecca Silverstein Fund	Eileen & Fred Stern Family Fund	Leo and Shirley Juran Fund
	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	
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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.

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In loving memory of Ellen's parents, Sylvia and Manus Eliasoff; in celebration of Sandi Phair's birthday; in honor of granddaughter Kennedy's birth and continued good health; in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary from Edward & Ellen Kloehn

Get Well wishes to Cantor Wayne Krieger from Alan & Lea Schmerler

## DIANE AND JEFFREY WASSER RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Happy birthday to Diane Wasser from Eileen and Fred Stern

In honor of Diane's 70th birthday from Harold & Judy Meyer

Mazel tov Dr. Jeffrey Wasser on receiving the Award of Excellence from the American Health Council from Eveleen Zimmerman

## EDITH GOTTLIEB FUND

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

## EILEEN AND FRED STERN FAMILY FUND

In memory of Belle Kaplan; in memory of Nathan Kaplan, from Eileen Stern

## GENERAL FUND

Happy special birthday to Diane Wasser and Sandi Phair from Drs. Peter & Emily Buch

A special Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to honor me at the Women of Distinction Award; mazel tov to Sally Ivaldi on receiving the Joe Davis Award from Ronald & Brina Abrahams For high holiday aliyah from Steven & Elly Cohen Get Well wishes to Cantor Krieger from Ronald & Brina Abrahams

Happy birthday to Sandi Phair and Diane Wasser from Carl & Cruz Mandell

Happy birthday to Diane Wasser and Sandi Phair from Joel & Irene Milzoff

In honor of Sally Ivaldi receiving the Joe Davis Award; in memory of Arlene Bonilla's daughter, Isabel Pamela Grey, from Carl & Cruz Mandell In honor of Sally Ivaldi receiving the Joe Davis Award; in honor of Brina Abrahams being named as a Woman of Distinction; in memory Howard Nitzberg on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from David & Ellen Neuhaus

In honor of Sally Ivaldi receiving the Joe Davis Award from Harold & Judy Meyer

In honor of Sally Ivaldi receiving the Joe Davis Award. Congratulations from Herb & Ellie Flink

In honor of Ted Zupnik's "patriotism" from Jeffrey & Diane Wasser

In honor of Sally Ivaldi for all she does from Joel & Irene Milzoff

In honor of the birthday of Sandi Phair; in honor of the birthday of Diane Wasser; in memory of Sophie Delaney Silver from Manuel & Maxine Lerman

In honor of Sally Ivaldi receiving the Joe Davis Award; in memory of Isabel Pamela Grey from Michael & Madeline Turk

In honor of Brina Abrahams for receiving the Sisterhood Women of Distinction Award; in honor of Sandi Phair on her birthday; in honor of Diane Wasser; in honor of Sally Ivaldi for receiving the Joe Davis Distinguished Service Award; mazel tov to Marshall & Linda Grodofsky on the birth of their grandson from Philip & Susan Margolis

In honor of Ellen & Ed Kloehn's 50th Anniversary from Sandi Phair and Ken Wichman

In honor of Matt and Randi Friedman's grandchild from Steven & Elly Cohen

In honor of Brina Abrahams receiving the Woman of Distinction Award; in honor of Sally Ivaldi receiving the Joe Davis Award from Victor & Lieba Bernstein

In memory of Merle Lassow's parents from Mrs. Merle Lassow

In memory of my beloved husband Albert Donn on his birthday from Ms. Joanne Donn

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Mazel tov to Ellen Neuhaus on her retirement from Ms. Trudy Singer

In memory Jeanette Bennett on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Barbara & Monroe Moses

In memory Anna Goober on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in memory Samuel Wurmbrand on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Diane & Mitchell Wurmbrand

In memory Pearl Miner, Judy's mother, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in memory Abe Meyer, Harold's father, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*; in memory Rose Miner, Judy's grandmother, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Harold & Judy Meyer  
In loving memory of Bill's father-in-law Herman Sholovitz on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Mr. William Gamzon

In memory Samuel Greenwald, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Mrs. Marilyn Greenwald

In memory of Milly Malkin's beloved mother, Pauline Cutler, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Mrs. Milly Malkin

In memory Manning Fendell on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Rose Ulan

In memory Beryl Cantor on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Yale Cantor

#### **JOE DAVIS FUND**

In honor of Brina Abrahams' Woman of Distinction Award from Susan and Bill Breslau

In memory of Joe's beloved brother, Bernard Davis, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Mrs. Audrey Davis

#### **JOSEPH KOPMAN FUND**

In memory of Joseph Kopman on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Judy Kopman-Fried

#### **KAHN -LERMAN TRUST FUND**

In memory of Arlene Bonilla's Daughter and Joel Lang's niece, Isabel Pamela Grey; in memory of May H. Kahn from Manuel & Maxine Lerman

#### **LEONARD SEADER FUND**

In celebration of Andrew Plepler's birthday; many more happy anniversaries to Steve and Marsha Roth; in celebration of Richard Plepler's birthday;

in celebration of Beverly Gelfond's goth birthday; happy anniversary Mike & Laurie; happy anniversary to Fran & Sid Keller; happy birthday to Steve Byk; happy birthday to Blanche Stone; happy birthday to Paula Thomas; in honor of Sally Ivaldi on receiving the Joe Davis Award; in memory of beloved husband Lenny; mazel tov to Steve & Marsha Roth on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Max from Sissy Seader

#### **LIBRARY FUND**

In honor of Sandi Phair's birthday from Richard & Lisa Plavin

In memory of our parents Sadie and Saul Cohen, Lillian and Ira Flink, on the occasion of their *yahrzeits* from Herb & Ellie Flink

#### **NATHAN CHESLER FUND**

In memory of Martin Goldstein, beloved husband of Diane Goldstein from Mrs. Sharon Chesler

In memory of Sadie Chesler on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Mrs. Sharon Chesler

#### **NELLIE KATZ COHEN FUND**

In celebration of the anniversary of Robin & Tony Zelle; in memory of dad, Dr. A Benjamin Cohen, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Sissy Seader

#### **NICHUM AVAYLIM FUND**

In memory of Isabel Pamela Grey from Harold & Judy Meyer

#### **PHAIR FAMILY FUND**

Happy birthday to Sandi Phair from Carla and Michael Morrison

In honor of Sandi Phair on her 70th birthday from Harold & Judy Meyer

In honor of Sandi Phair's birthday from Michael Steinberg

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

Welcome to Cantor Wayne & Nancy Krieger into our BSBI community from Ms. Trudy Singer

In honor of Sally Ivaldi from Joel & Susan Ellis

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In honor of Sandi Phair's birthday; in honor of the baby naming of Susan Goodwin's granddaughter; in honor of Diane Wasser's birthday from Marilyn Lassow

In honor of Cantor Steven Bernstein's beautiful and inspirational voice during High Holiday services from Ms. Trudy Singer

#### **REICHLIN FAMILY FUND**

Best wishes to Loren Reichlin on his 70th birthday!  
Best wishes and love to Alan Reichlin for his birthday from Mrs. Hedda Reichlin

#### **RITA & DAVID SCHMERLER FUND**

Condolences to Arlene Bonilla and Joel Lang on the passing of Arlene's daughter, Isabel Pamela Grey; in honor of Sally Ivaldi receiving the Joe Davis Award. Yasher Koach! from Alan & Lea Schmerler

#### **SHABBAT LUNCHEON FUND**

Congratulations to Dr. & Mrs Grodofsky on the birth of their newest grandchild from Eveleen Zimmerman

*R'fuah sh'leimah* to Cantor Krieger from Philip & Susan Margolis

Happy 70th birthday to Sandi Phair and best wishes for continued good health; happy 70th birthday to Diane Wasser and best wishes for continued good health; in loving memory of Isabel Pamela Grey, daughter of Arlene Bonilla and niece of Joel Lang; best wishes to Susan & Bill Breslau on their new home; mazel tov Susan Goodwin on the birth of her granddaughter from Ronald & Brina Abrahams

Get well Cantor Wayne Krieger from Eveleen Zimmerman

In honor of Sally Ivaldi receiving the Joe Davis Award from David & Carol Alter

In honor of Susan & Jay Stoppelman on their special anniversary from Eveleen Zimmerman

In honor of the birthdays of Sandi Phair and Diane Wasser from Jeffrey & Diane Wasser

In honor of Brina Abrahams, recipient of the Sisterhood's Woman of Distinction award in October from Ms. Trudy Singer

In honor of Sandi Phair's birthday; in honor of Sally Ivaldi's Joe Davis Award; in honor of Diane Wasser's birthday; in memory of Arlene Bonilla's daughter from Steven & Elly Cohen

In honor of Brina Abraham's Woman of Distinction honor from Steven & Elly Cohen

In memory of Arlene Bonilla's daughter, Isabel Pamela Grey from Barnet & Joan Baron

Mazel tov Diane Wasser on her special birthday; mazel tov Sandi Phair on her special birthday from Alan & Lea Schmerler

#### **SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

In honor of the engagement of Joel and Irene Milzoff's daughter, Rebecca, to Craig Silverstein from Jay and Susan Stoppelman

*thank you*

#### **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).



# January 2020 Evening Minyan Schedule

Please Note: Services will begin at 7:00 PM except where noted.

**\* Special credit to our twice a month (or more) Jewry Duty members**

MONDAYS (7:00 PM)	TUESDAYS (7:00 PM)	WEDNESDAYS (7:00 PM)	THURSDAYS (7:00 PM)
<b><u>First Monday – 1/6</u></b> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Creem, Jerry* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Schmerler, Alan & Lea  <div>People Needed</div>	<b><u>First Tuesday – 1/7</u></b> Banks, Craig Baron, Barry & Joan Bayer, Aaron & Laurie Schiller, Richard & Amy Vinick, Cal	<b><u>First Wednesday – 1/1</u></b> Brodie, Gordon & Bea Karasik, Gail Lerman, Manny & Maxine Pasternak, Lorin*	<b><u>First Thursday – 1/2</u></b> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Luxemburg, Maury Mandell, Carl & Cruz Poutre, Stacey Riedel, Rima  <div>People Needed</div>
<b><u>Second Monday – 1/13</u></b> Bayer, Bill & Barbara Beck, Bruce Creem, Jerry* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Flink, Herb & Ellie* Partney, Philip & Margery	<b><u>Second Tuesday – 1/14</u></b> Breslau, Bill or Susan Grad, Howard & Linda Kalman, Mimi* Lerner, Brenda Norman, Mike & Bonnie Phair, Sandi*	<b><u>Second Wednesday – 1/8</u></b> Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Leshin, Steven & Barbara Pasternak, Lorin* Resnick, Barry & Renny* Zucker, Spin	<b><u>Second Thursday – 1/9</u></b> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Finkelstein, Paula Norman, Sam & Teri Resnick, Barry & Renny* Zupnik, Ted & Barbara*
<b><u>Third Monday – 1/20</u></b> Creem, Jerry* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Linner, Abe & Iris Ludlum, Cathy Milzoff, Joel & Irene	<b><u>Third Tuesday – 1/21</u></b> Abrahams, Richard & Leslie Gross, Michael & Susan Ivaldi, Sally Orringer, Nelson & Stephanie	<b><u>Third Wednesday – 1/15</u></b> Gamzon, Bill* Igdalsky, Alan & Hope Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Pasternak, Lorin* Plen, Donna Stoppelman, Julian & Susan	<b><u>Third Thursday – 1/16</u></b> Borgida, Edward Caplin, Bob & Donna* Klein, Phil Kovensky, Neil McGee, Marcia Murray, Becky* Phair, Sandi*  <div>People Needed</div>
<b><u>Fourth Monday – 1/27</u></b> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Creem, Jerry* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Pasternak, Lorin* Rubin, Susan Zimmerman, Eveleen*  <div>People Needed</div>	<b><u>Fourth Tuesday – 1/28</u></b> Beede, Harriet Kalman, Mimi* Lassow, Jeff & Liza Mandel Turk, Mike or Maddy* Zimmerman, Eveleen*  <div>People Needed</div>	<b><u>Fourth Wednesday – 1/22</u></b> Margolis, Phil & Susan Meyer, Harold Meyer, Judy Murray, Becky* Pasternak, Lorin* Shamash, Rahim & Sherry Zucker, Spin	<b><u>Fourth Thursday – 1/23</u></b> Burstein, David Caplin, Bob & Donna* Frankel, Ellen Lassow, Marilyn Pearlson, Stan & Sue Zimmerman, Jane  <div>People Needed</div>
<b><u>WE NEED YOUR HELP !</u></b> We are updating our sparse calling list for evening minyan. Our mourners count on all of us to provide the communal mourning requirement of a minyan to get through tough days. Can we count on you to add your name to the list in the chapel for evening minyan? It is not only the right thing to do, it's a mitzvah. If you can help out, especially if you live less than 10 minutes or 5 miles away, <b>Please call Rabbi Konigsburg at 860-643-9563 Ext. 101 or email rabbenu@myshul.org</b>		<b><u>Fifth Wednesday – 1/29</u></b> Abrahams, Ronald and Brina Cohen, Steve & Elly Feir, Alan & Donna Pasternak, Lorin* Turk, Mike & Maddy* Zubrow, Barbara	<b><u>Fifth Thursday – 1/30</u></b> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Lerman, Manny Leshin, Steve Zupnik, Ted & Barbara*

# January 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 (4 Tevet) New Year's Day Office Closed	2 (5 Tevet)  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	3 (6 Tevet)  4:14p Candle Lighting 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat  Sunset: 4:32p	4 (7 Tevet) 10:00a Shabbat Services  5:07p Havdalah  Sunset: 4:33p
5 (8 Tevet) 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 9:00a Morning Minyan  9:30a Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker	6 (9 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood/ Haddassah Book Club	7 (10 Tevet) Fast of Tevet 7:00 a Morning Minyan 12:00p Lunch & Learn  7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p BSBI Academy	8 (11 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	9 (12 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan 4:30p Teen Program 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	10 (13 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan  4:21p Candle Lighting 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat  Sunset: 4:39p	11 (14 Tevet) 10:00a Shabbat Services  5:14p Havdalah  Sunset: 4:40p
12 (15 Tevet) 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 9:00a Morning Minyan 9:30a Yoga Class	13 (16 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv 7:30p Wisdom in the Winter	14 (17 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan 12:00p Lunch & Learn 1:30p Knit & Kvetch 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p BSBI Academy	15 (18 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv 7:30p Board Meeting	16 (19 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan  4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	17 (20 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan  4:29p Candle Lighting 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat  Sunset: 4:47p	18 (21 Tevet) 10:00a Sisterhood Shabbat Luncheon 5:22p Havdalah  Sunset: 4:48p
19 (22 Tevet) 9:00 a Morning Minyan  11:00a Social Action Meeting	20 (23 Tevet) MLK Day 7:00 a Morning Minyan 6:30p Finance Committee 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv 7:30p Wisdom in the Winter	21 (24 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan 12:00p Lunch & Learn  7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p BSBI Academy	22 (25 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	23 (26 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan 4:30p Teen Program 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	24 (27 Tevet) 7:00 a Morning Minyan 4:37p Candle Lighting 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat  Sunset: 4:55p	25 (28 Tevet) Shabbat Mevarchim 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:30p Havdalah  Sunset: 4:56p
26 (29 Tevet) 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 9:00 a Morning Minyan 9:30a Sisterhood Adventure Walk	27 (1 Shevat) Rosh Chodesh Shevat 7:00 a Morning Minyan 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv 7:30p Wisdom in the Winter	28 (2 Shevat) 7:00 a Morning Minyan 12:00p Lunch & Learn  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood Board Meeting	29 (3 Shevat) 7:00 a Morning Minyan  7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	30 (4 Shevat) 7:00 a Morning Minyan 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 7:00p Mincha/ Maariv	31 (5 Shevat) 7:00 a Morning Minyan 4:46p Candle Lighting 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat  Sunset: 5:04p	

Please note that calendar times are listed as posted in the office as of the date *Chai Lights* goes to print. Any schedule changes after this time will be posted on the online calendar at <https://www.myshul.org> and included in the bi-weekly announcements. These sources will have the most up to date information on events.



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

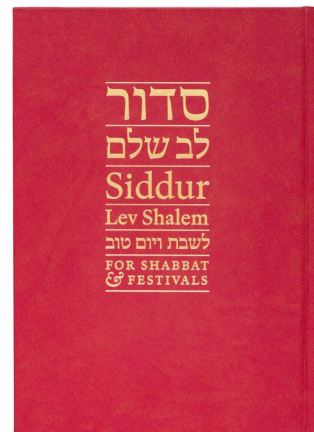
Consider donating your unwanted vehicle in support of BSBI. It is easier and faster than selling it on your own, and you may qualify for a tax deduction! Donors say it is a satisfying way to make a larger donation than they normally could.

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For more information go to:

<https://www.vehiclesforcharity.org>

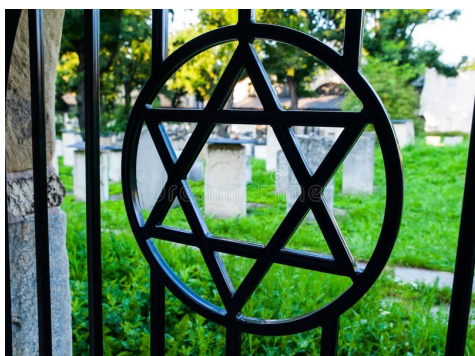
We have now made the switch to the new *Siddur Lev Shalem*! Similar to the *Machzor Lev Shalem* we use on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, *Siddur Lev Shalem* includes informational side notes and extra readings on each page to help everyone get more out of Shabbat *tehillot* (prayer). We are now offering 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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on hand to help!

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

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

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

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



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

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**Return this form to BSBI by January 20th**

## Founding a Morning Minyan

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

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

If you would like to participate in Morning Minyan, please return the form to BSBI at

400 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester, CT 06040

\*Morning Minyan will begin on Sunday, January 5th at 9:00 am and be Sundays at 9:00 am and Monday-Friday at 7:00 am\*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am interested in helping found our Morning Minyan

I am ready to be commit to \_\_\_\_ days/week

Every day: \_\_\_\_ Sun: \_\_\_\_

Mon(Torah reading day): \_\_\_\_ Tues: \_\_\_\_

Wed: \_\_\_\_ Thurs(Torah Reading Day): \_\_\_\_

Fri \_\_\_\_

The best time for me is:

7:00 \_\_\_\_ : 7:30 \_\_\_\_ : 8:00 \_\_\_\_

Minyan would have to end by \_\_\_\_am

It would be nice to have a bagel and coffee: each morning \_\_\_\_: one morning a week \_\_\_\_:

Monday/Thursday \_\_\_\_

Sunday/Wednesday \_\_\_\_

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Fee:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Study Partner 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Study Partner 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full Series @ \$30	# of attendees	\$
Student Full Series @ \$15	# of attendees	\$
Single Lecture @ \$12	# of attendees	\$
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Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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  
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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:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Fish

\*All meals are prepared gluten free\*

Individuals \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Family (3+) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 = \_\_\_\_\_

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 [jeffreywasser@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeffreywasser@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.*

### MY BEQUEST WILL BE:

☐ A PERCENTAGE OF MY ESTATE

☐ A SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT

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☐ A SPECIFIC ITEM OF VALUE

☐ LIFE INSURANCE

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THE APPROXIMATE VALUE OF MY BEQUEST WILL BE: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ MY BEQUEST IS UNRESTRICTED

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

### INFORMATION ABOUT YOU:

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

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

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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.**