



2020 Interfaith Service
Sunday, November 22, 2020

4:00 PM

With Guest Speaker Cori Mackey
"To know grief is to know gratitude"

More information can be found on page 6

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Services

Monday through Thursday: 7:00 PM

Friday: 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM

All service times are as listed above unless otherwise noted in the calendar.
 The entire community is welcome to attend any of our services. Services are virtual. Zoom information will be included in emails.

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Call the Rabbi!

Rabbi Konigsburg visits the local hospitals on a regular basis. An important part of his duties is to bring comfort and healing to those who are sick. Due to privacy laws, the hospitals can't tell him if one of our members has been admitted. He could be just down the hall, but if he doesn't know someone is there, he will not know to make a visit.

Please call the Rabbi if you or someone you know is in the hospital so a timely visit can be made: **860-643-9563**

Upcoming Events!

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

Please visit www.myshul.org for all updates on upcoming events.

We appreciate your understanding during this unprecedented time.

Sunday, November 1

10:15 am: Brotherhood Speaker

Monday, November 2

7:30 pm: Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

Tuesday, November 3

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

Sunday, November 8

10:30 am: A Virtual Discussion about Leket Israel

Tuesday, November 10

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, November 11

7:00 pm: Hadassah Special Gifts-virtual

Thursday, November 12

7:30 pm: Death & Mourning in the Jewish Tradition

Friday, November 13

6:00 pm: Family Shabbat Service

Tuesday, November 17

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, November 18

7:30 pm: BSBI Board Meeting

Thursday, November 19

7:30 pm: Death & Mourning in the Jewish Tradition

Sunday, November 22

4:00 pm: Virtual Interfaith Service

Tuesday, November 24

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, November 26

7:30 pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 29

9:45 am: Sisterhood Adventure Walk

Condolences to:

- Gayle Block, Ed Reilly, Michael & Deb Block and their entire family on the loss of father, Zelle Bernard Block
- Stanley Cohen, Dr. Diane & John Whitaker-Worth, Douglass & Mimi Whitaker, David & Jean Whitaker and Dwight & Tracy Whitaker and their entire family on the loss of wife and mother, Mary Whitaker
- Joseph Kristan, Ariel Kristan & Suzanne Adamczak, Eliot & Christina Kristan and Neil & Sandi Brooks on the loss of wife, mother and sister Rhona Kristan
- Gail Heimann and Shulamit Kaplan and their entire family on the loss of father and brother Walter Heimann

Hineni Society 2020/2021 תשפ"א 5781

For our Jewish community, our families, and ourselves, a strong, vibrant synagogue is of vital importance. We are fortunate to have just such a synagogue here, one with a full array of quality Jewish religious, educational, social and supportive programs.

One reason for our success has been the *Hineni* Society. When these members are asked to come forward and do more than their fair share, they say, "*Hineni!*" ("*Here I am!*"). Through their generous contributions, every part of our synagogue community has prospered. *Hineni* members see the wonderful things we offer. They feel our Temple has proven itself *worthy* of their generous support.

In fact, 43 families contributed about \$45,000 to *Hineni* last year. Won't you please join them to ensure the continued strength of our beloved synagogue? I invite all congregants to join us in *Hineni*, and proudly say

"Here I Am, Ready To Do My Part!"

There are two levels of contribution: \$1,000 (*Hineni*) and \$1,800 (*Hineni Chai*). I look forward to your participation. Please contact Judy Sawtelle with any questions at the Temple office, 860-643-9563 ext. 103.

*My best wishes to you and yours for a happy and healthy New Year,
Barry Baron, Chairman, Hineni Society*

Hineni Society

2020-2021 5781

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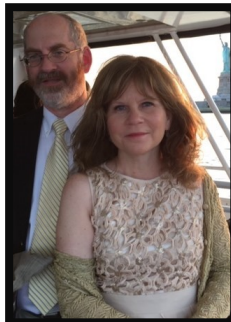
The days of autumn are coming to a close, and winter will soon be upon us. I don't say this to make you depressed or sad. The fact is that since last March, the year has, overall, been sad. We are still in isolation. We were isolated for Pesach, and we were isolated for Rosh Hashana. Slowly we are getting accustomed to face masks and distancing. Some of us have learned to Zoom or to Facetime. Now the real test will come. Winter, especially in New England, is a time of isolation. It is a time when the weather turns bad and travel, even for short distances, becomes harder. The fact that because of COVID there will be no place to go even if we wanted to leave home will make this winter harder. It is looking like a long, cold, lonely winter.

There is, however, a bright spot in this winter gloom. No matter how cold the wind may blow, no matter if a treatment or vaccine will be available soon, we still have each other. Our synagogue is always there for you. Our Zoom services allow for time before and after to catch up with our BSBI friends. We still will make time to study together, to expand our Jewish horizons. I am still putting up, every day, a short new video with something to think about every day (except Shabbat and Jewish Holidays). And while we still can't have lunch together, we still can connect and share our celebrations with each other.

The Rabbi is still there to talk to, by phone, Zoom, Google Hangouts, Whatsapp, text and voicemail. I still want to know what is new in your life, what is new with your family and to know how I can be of help to you in case there are any challenges over the winter and beyond. And if you find you are getting lonely, or if you know someone who may need a call, let me know. I have been calling our most isolated members every week just to let them know they are not forgotten.

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Words from the Co-Presidents



The secular holiday of Thanksgiving, like our recent Sukkot holiday, traditionally provided a means of expressing thankfulness for the harvest, the bounty of the earth that we are blessed to receive. Our thankfulness today extends beyond our crops to all aspects of our lives, which is a good thing, since the Steigelfest crops barely feed the chipmunks that live in the stone wall behind our house.

Thankfulness is a state of mind. Consider two people in exactly the same situation. One feels that he deserves better and is angry and disappointed. The other feels blessed to have the simple things that make life bearable. One is depressed because he cannot run a marathon. The other is grateful to be able to walk a few blocks to visit with friends. It is tempting to dwell on the things that we have lost or never were able to obtain. It is a lot healthier to appreciate the things we have and the joy we experienced even with those things that have now passed beyond our grasp.

Thanksgiving is an opportunity to turn around our thinking by focusing, not on all of the things we want or think we need, but on the many blessings in our lives. We do not mean to minimize the real loss that some of us have experienced and continue to experience every day. It is not realistic to put a positive spin on a pandemic, and we all face many other challenges. We try to process the bad things and move on; it is not always easy. But we are still here. We can cherish the memories, carry them with us, and look forward to making more in the future.

Bubbe, who is holed up alone in an apartment in New York, called to suggest that the Steigelfest family get together for a virtual Thanksgiving this year. Ideas are being batted around about a topic for discussion, perhaps a movie. There is talk about the extended family starting a book club. If we are short on things to talk about, we could send them a short clip of one of those chipmunks sitting on the back stoop. It looks content. We can be thankful for the small things as well as the big ones.

We hope you will join us this time of year in focusing on the many blessings in our lives. We include this community in our list, and are thankful for all of the support so many of you have provided to us as your presidents.

Jack & Dawn Steigelfest, Co-Presidents

What are we learning in Religious school and why do I do that?

Through our Torah learning we learn how to be; what is it that makes us different, what is it to be human and how do we live so that we are daily reminded about those things that we can choose to do or choose not to do. But the greatest mitzvah is to "Be holy," with the ongoing question: "How do we do that?"

We begin with our Sunday prayer, where we are reminded that we Jews take nothing for granted. While our prayers have been around for a long time, we are discovering how we take that word and make it relevant for our times. We take a moment to acknowledge our breathing; we are alive as we do our breathing exercises. Many times when I am asked: "Where is God" my usual reply is, "Breathe." Let us acknowledge the fantastic being that we are, that that has been created. We also acknowledge our homes and appreciate the places that keep us warm and safe. We acknowledge the gift of our bodies, and soul. We look at how we create ourselves by how we speak and the language we use. How we present ourselves, as our reputation is set by the words we use. We also look at how we listen, as the Shema, is that which reminds us to be good listeners.

As we learn the finer aspects of our tradition, Hebrew, our holy language, reading, writing, and speaking is how we bring holiness to ourselves. The word 'holy' in Hebrew is "kadosh," but how do we define the word holy in practical terms? Perhaps, the concept of kadosh, regarding definition, can be seen in terms of commitment and dedication. God desires, so to speak, that we be committed to God's program and goals for the Jewish people and for humanity generally. And I want to acknowledge our parents, who are committed to the ongoing study of our people, our language and culture. The rabbis have told us that "All holiness begins at the dinner table." It all starts at home!

The story is told of the Baal Shem Tov, the great cabbalist, who looked out the window and saw his neighbor sitting at the dinner table. In the eyes of the Baal Shem Tov, the neighbor appeared not as a human, but as an ox. The neighbor was eating for purely physical reasons, just as would an ox (and the Baal Shem Tov, according to his students, was able to perceive this). Although the neighbor was acting in a permitted manner, it was not a holy one.

Sometimes a child will do something that demonstrates particular self-discipline, and the parent will say: "You're an angel!" But in actuality, the child is greater than an angel. An angel is a purely spiritual being, with no sense of "free will" to choose spirituality over the mundane world of animalism. But we humans - every time we make such a choice, we refine our soul, and achieve a level higher and holier than even that of angels.

I have experienced some heart-warming moments as many of our parents have been sitting with their child, studying our holy language right along side of them. That is holiness.

RLWRS Education Director
Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz

BSBI Community

Interfaith Service 2020

Sunday, November 22, 2020 4:00 PM



Keynote Speaker: Cori Mackey, Executive Director, Center for Leadership and Justice
"To know grief is to know gratitude"



Register online at myshul.org to attend this free virtual service

* This annual event is also a food drive for the local food pantry.

Please make your donation this year directly to
 MACC Charities at macc-ct.org

Mazel Tov to
 Carol Hatch on
 the birth of her
 first
 grandchild,
 Simon!



Count Your Blessings



Thanksgiving is around the corner. Every year we have provided either funds or

Thanksgiving groceries for families in Manchester and Vernon through MACC and HVCC. We will be collecting donations over the next few weeks. Look for the Count Your Blessings flyer attached to this edition of Chai Lights and in the weekly email announcements.

Social Action Update

Thank you for your generous food contributions these High Holidays. We will continue to collect food for the local food pantries, as our communities are greatly in need of this assistance. We are going to be participating in the Count Your Blessings program. In the past we have made contributions to HVCC, and our contribution to MACC has been in the Thanksgiving meal shopping for particular Manchester families. As much as we enjoy this mitzvah, the COVID pandemic makes this type of personal contact less safe for all concerned. We will instead be giving MACC a financial contribution. Please consider supporting to the Count Your Blessing Fund. There will be a flyer in your weekly announcements with the necessary information. I would like to increase the amount of money that we give this year, if possible. I thank you in advance for your generosity. Our congregation has been a steadfast supporter of our communities.

Carol Hatch, Social Action Chair

Adult Education

It is time to begin our new round of Adult Education programs. We will still be learning on Zoom because of the pandemic, so we welcome all new and returning learners.

Lunch and Learn: with Rabbi Konigsburg -- Our most popular class begins this year by continuing our study of the book of Leviticus. We will learn a chapter a week as we try to understand what the Torah has to teach us. We join together for lunch at noon on Tuesdays, beginning on Oct. 20th, and our study session begins at 12:30. Join us as we untangle the Bible's knottiest problems. New learners are invited to join us for both the lunch and the learning, and will be made to feel welcome.

Tuesday Night Academy: with Rabbi Konigsburg -- This year we will be studying *Beyond Dispute: Debates That Shaped Jewish Life*. It is a discussion group about the great debates of Jewish history and how they change the nature of Judaism. It will feature video presentations by scholars at the Jewish Theological Seminary, but the core questions will be for us to answer. Everyone at every level of learning is welcome to join us. Tuesday evenings, beginning Oct. 20th at 7:30 pm. You are welcome to join us for minyan at 7pm, and we will start as soon as minyan is over.

Death and Mourning in the Jewish Tradition: with Rabbi Plavin

Two sessions on the rituals and meaning of the way Judaism looks at death. From the moment of death to the first *yahrzeit*, a look into the customs and halacha to honor the dead and support the mourners. Nov. 12th and 19th at 7:30 pm (after minyan)

EVER COOL Update

We are making excellent progress on our Ever Cool Campaign!

We have so far 48 donors to thank and more to come. Remember we are striving for 100% participation.

<u># Member Gifts</u>	<u>Gift Level</u>	
1	Havanagilah!!!!	\$100,000 and up
2	Yigdal	\$25,000-\$49,000
6	Adon Olam	\$10,000- \$24,000
7	Ein Keloheinu	\$5,000 - \$10,000
18	Oseh Shalom	\$500 - \$4,000
14	Other Gifts	



- ◇ We will celebrate all our donors just by name in next month's bulletin.
- ◇ Be included! Please send your pledge card to Judy in the office.
- ◇ Still to come: Endowment match and outright gift.
- ◇ It is in our best interest to raise as much as we can! All money above the HVAC system will go directly into our endowment *Building, Upkeep and Maintenance (BUM) Fund which we will utilize for synagogue capital needs as they arise.

A HUGE Thank you to all the volunteer committee members for their dedication of time and talent: Jack and Dawn Steigelfest, Risa and Roy Filkoff, Jay Bigman, Marshall Grodofsky, Phil Margolis, Carl Mandell, Victor Bernstein, and Jeff Wasser.



Sisterhood Speaks

Mimi Kalman, Editor



What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

Month of November

Virtual Bake Sale

Monday, November 2, Zoom at 7:30 pm

Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group

Sunday, November 8, 10:30 am.

Leket Virtual Program

Tuesday, November 17,

NAR Zoom series on Successful Aging, #2 of 3 monthly programs at New Bridge on the Charles

Tuesday, November 24, 7:45 pm

Sisterhood dial-in board meeting

Sunday, November 29, 9:45 am

Socially distanced Adventure Walk

Anytime: Yoga with Adriene on YouTube.

Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group

Greetings Fellow Readers,

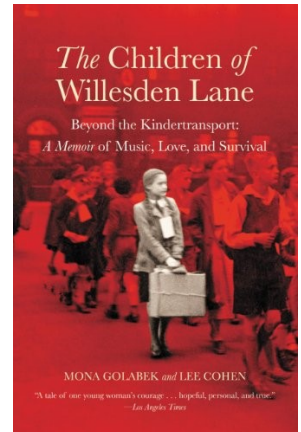
At our recent zoom gathering the group decided to meet next on

November 2 at 7:30 PM. We'll send a zoom link closer to the date.

Our book choice is *THE CHILDREN OF WILLESSEN LANE* by Lee Cohen and Mona Golabek.

The reference desk at Mary Cheney library will try to obtain a few books to hold for our group (BSBI Book Group). Plan to check in at the desk, as the books will not be held out on a shelf.

Maxine Lerman and Myrna Spector



Knit & Kvetch

We Invite You All to Watch Leket With Sisterhood Sunday, November 8, 2020, at 10:30 am

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

Coming on November 8, 2020, at 10:30 am we will have a virtual program featuring Mr. Gitler, Founder and Voluntary Chairman of Leket Israel.

Leket Israel, the National Food Bank, is the leading food rescue organization in Israel. Unique among all other organizations that serve the poor in Israel and food banks worldwide, Leket Israel's sole focus is rescuing healthy, surplus food and delivering it to those in need through partner nonprofit organizations.

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

And we will hear from BSBI members who want to share their experience picking produce for Leket while in Israel. Please contact Susan

at smargolis28@gmail.com if you are one of the people who have been one of our "harvesters."

There will also be time for a question and answer session. Do all join us.

Watch for more information and the link to the program in the bulletin and email updates.

Susan Margolis and Brina Abrahams, Programming

To our Knit and Kvetch group, unfortunately this year we will not be able to do our annual donations due to the pandemic. If you have things ready, keep them until next year. Meanwhile please continue to work from home on hats, mittens and afghans. If you need yarn, get in touch with me, as I have some at my house, and we can make arrangements for pick up.

If all is well, our next distribution will be on Tuesday, November 9th, 2021.

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

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

If you have any questions, you can call me at 860-649-6551 or email me at irannefink@gmail.com. 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 accept only 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.

Anne Fink

Successful Aging During a Pandemic

The North Atlantic Region (NAR) of Womens League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ) has joined with Hebrew Senior Life to produce a series on Successful Aging. The first session was on October 18th. The second session will be online on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm. The third session will be in December, date yet to be determined.

To register for the program email Harriet Merkowitz

at hmerkowitz@wlcj.org including your name, sisterhood/brotherhood, email and phone number. She will send you the Zoom link closer to the event.

Sisterhood Speaks Continued

Are You Saving Those Soda Can Tabs?

We hope that you are. Sisterhood and BSBI USY-ers are collecting them for Ronald McDonald House fundraising. You can bring all that you have saved in sandwich bags to any of our meetings, or you can put them in the box on the bookcase in the BSBI lobby. At least let's hope that we will be able to do that one of these days, but do keep saving them. Please note: tabs ONLY, no bottle caps.

The tabs are delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, MA. The aluminum tabs are sold, and the money received is used to buy items for the house which provides free overnight stays for families of sick children.

Adventure Walk

Join us on Sunday, November 29, at 9:45 am in the BSBI parking lot, and we'll decide where to go for our "socially distant Adventure Walk."

We are usually back around 11:00 am.

Ann Labb

YOGA ON YOUR OWN

What: Yoga (no cost to you)

When: Anytime

Where: In your home

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

How:

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

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

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

Yoga for Stress Relief

Wake up Yoga

Flexibility

Yoga for Kids

- Have fun and relax!!

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

Margie Partney



Torah Fund Cards

Condolences to Florence Cole in memory of her husband, Dan from Harriet and Mitchell Green.

Condolences to Florence Cole in memory of her husband, Dan from Lynn and Jack Cohen.

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

Lynn Cohen at (860-298-0457) or cohenlynn334@gmail.com

Share an Oneg

- On Yom Kippur the pulpit flowers were sponsored by Mimi Kalman in memory of her beloved mother, Judith A. Levitas and her 100 Simchat Torah birthdays.

Share your event with your friends at BSBI by calling either Stacey or Mimi.

Stacey Poutre (860-432-7083), stacey@poutres.com Kiddush (Desserts only) Chairperson

Mimi Kalman (860-649-3890), mimrk524@gmail.com
Pulpit Flowers Chairperson

Sisterhood Gift Shop - Your Source for All Your Simchat

Shalom, BSBI Family!

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

So give me a call or email me at: 860-649-8507
or rimarainbow@cox.net

Thank you all for your support past and present and hopefully Future.

Rima Riedel

Sisterhood Bake Sale - Virtual Style!

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

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

See the form on the next page for information on how to send donations and recipes to be included in the cook book.

Sally Ivaldi, Chair



Sisterhood Bake Sale 2020

As we all know, 2020 has been an exceptionally unusual year. However, the oddities of this year won't stop Sisterhood from holding their annual Bake Sale. In lieu of a physical bake sale this year, Sisterhood will be having a virtual "bake sale" and would like you to participate! We will be compiling a "Desserts of BSBI Cookbook" with your favorite recipes which will be given out at a later date.

Simply submit your favorite dessert recipe by either emailing it to programming@myshul.org with the subject line "Sisterhood Cook Book" or fill out the form insert and write in or attach your recipe and mail it to Sally Ivaldi at 26 Pine Hurst, Glastonbury, CT 06033.

While Sisterhood of BSBI usually holds many fundraisers throughout the year, this will be one of few this year. Your donation is appreciated. Any amount helps.



*donations should be made out to BSBI Sisterhood and mailed to Sally Ivaldi



Important: Update Your Contact Information!

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

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

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

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

Joe Davis Award

Date to be Announced

Mazel Tov to Ron & Brina Abrahams, who are this year's recipient of the Joe Davis Award. The Abrahamses will be honored at a later date.

More information will be available in weekly emails.



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Facebook

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

Brotherhood Corner

Glenn Blumenstein, Brotherhood President

A Little Change Among Friends

It's been an interesting start to the new year. Just before the High Holidays, the BSBI Brotherhood met ***IN PERSON*** for the first time since the Covid-19 outbreak began earlier this year. We had an outdoor brunch, properly distanced, and with all food being pre-prepared and packed for each of our members. We had just over a dozen members join us in person, and almost as many joined us via Zoom for our speaker. While it's not the usual room-filling events we usually hold, it went extremely well, and we're looking forward to holding another outdoor breakfast before the really cold weather sets in. *(But we're New Englanders...cold doesn't really bother us, right?)*

To be completely honest, it's been kind of fun for me to find new ways to get together with friends and chaverim during what I've been referring to as "The Dog Days of Covid." Yes, I understand that things are still bad out there, and I am certainly worried about the next flare-up...but there is so much of life that is still as good as it's ever been. And it's up to each of us to figure out how to keep moving forward safely in this "New Normal," and find a way to make room for those things that bring us joy and happiness, rather than lament those things that we just can't do right now. Change isn't easy, but when it works, it's oh so sweet.

Hoping that the new year has started sweetly for all of you.

This Month in Jewish History By Rabbi Konigsburg

14 Heshvan – 14 Kislev

16 Heshvan – General Ulysses Grant issues the first of a series of orders barring Jews from entering the territory he had recently won from the Confederate States. When he found out about these orders, President Lincoln immediately invalidated them. 1862

16 Heshvan – Operation Magic Carpet, designed to bring all the Jews in Yemen to Israel, begins in 1949

16 Heshvan – Yizhak Navon, President of Israel, becomes the first Israeli head of state to visit Egypt when he arrives in Cairo in 1980

16 Heshvan – *Yahrzeit* of Sabato Morias, the founder of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

28 Heshvan – The Jewish population of Israel hit one million Jews on this date in 1949

Faithcraft Continued

Winter can be a lonely time, or it can be a time to find the presence of God in the beauty of a world covered with snow. There is the warm feeling of gratitude for the food on our table and the shelter of our homes. There is the power of giving if we become concerned for the welfare of those who need food and shelter from the winter storms. The temperature may be down, but the presence of God and the feelings of friendship never disappear.

Don't let cabin fever set in, instead tune in to BSBI, **YOUR** synagogue, and watch your horizons open up before you.

Rabbi Randall Konigsburg

Dear BSBI Members:

The fundraising committee has been busy organizing for our 5th **Annual Manchester CT Jazz Festival**. Due to the pandemic, this year's festival will be presented virtually from 7:30-9:30 pm on Saturday, December 5th. Thanks to our artistic director, Alex Nakhimovsky, our current line-up includes 2 fantastic groups of musicians from Nashville, TN, and NYC. Due to the uncertainty of the times there exists a remote possibility that the performers listed could change.

The festival will begin with the **Max Dvorin Group** featuring **Max Dvorin**, saxophone, clarinet and more, **Sofia Goodman**, drums, **Al Janelle**, guitar, **Thomas Altman**, bass and **David Rodgers** on the keys. Max is a woodwind doubler who grew up in West Hartford and attended Hall High School, where he was a member of the Hall High Jazz Band. Upon graduation in 2014 he moved to Nashville and attended Belmont University on a music scholarship, graduating in 2018. Sophia is an accomplished drummer and composer, who moved to Nashville after attending Berklee College of Music. In 2020 she was nominated by the Nashville Music Industry Awards for best jazz instrumentalist. Al Janelle has been playing guitar since the age of 10 and has been recording and performing music for various groups for over 20 years. Thomas Altman has performed and recorded with numerous musical acts including Stephen Day, Beckah Shae and others. David Rodgers is considered to be one of the most exciting young talents in Nashville's jazz scene today. He is an active member of Keb Mo's Band, has toured with the likes of Taj Mahal and Kirk Whalum. Combining his classical training with deep improvisational roots in both jazz and blues, Rodgers has won numerous awards for his compositions and performances.

The New York All-Stars will be our headliner group featuring some of the top jazz musicians in the world. The group consists of **Eric Alexander**, tenor saxophone, **Peter Bernstein**, guitar, **Eddie Gomez**, bass and **Jonathan Barber** on drums. Eric Alexander's professional career was launched when he placed 2nd in the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Saxophone Competition competing against Joshua Redman and Chris Potter. He has made numerous recordings for multiple labels and in the 1990's cofounded the super group "One for All" with Steve Davis and others. Eric continues to tour the world and play to capacity audiences. Jonathan Barber, a Hartford area native, was voted the #1 Up-and-Coming Drummer in 2018 in Modern Drummer. He has toured and recorded with the likes of Pat Metheny, Nicholas Payton, Jimmy Greene and many more. In 2020 DownBeat Magazine gave Jonathan a 4.5 star review for his album "Legacy Holder." Peter Bernstein has participated in over 80 recordings and numerous festivals, concert and club performances. He has played with Joshua Redman's band, Diana Krall, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Nicholas Payton, Sonny Rollins, Lee Konitz, Eric Alexander and many other renowned musicians. Eddie Gomez, legendary bassist and 2-time Grammy Award winner, has been on the cutting edge of music for over 4 decades. He has performed with jazz giants such as Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Bill Evans, Gerry Mulligan and Benny Goodman. Eddie's unique sound can be heard on many Grammy winning records and hundreds of recordings spanning the worlds of jazz, rhythm & blues, popular and contemporary music.

Suggestions on ways that you can support this very important BSBI fundraiser are by purchasing an ad for your business or in honor of someone special, by making an outright financial donation and/or passing out information regarding the festival to **ALL** your contacts. As this is a virtual presentation, you can invite participants from all corners of the globe! And by all means, purchase your tickets at www.myshul.org/jazzfest2020.

Tickets for the festival and links to web sites for all performers can be found at www.myshul.org/jazzfest2020. Check out these outstanding musicians. Spread the word to all your friends, family, neighbors, contacts and everyone you meet!

Reserve the date, spread the word and join us for an extremely entertaining, fun-filled evening!

Ken Wichman

BSBI Jazz Festival Producer



Celebration Dates in November

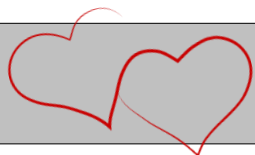
Birthdays

Ethan William Mallett-11/1
Marilyn Krutt-11/1
Milly Malkin-11/2
Daniel Norman-11/2
Jane Zimmerman-11/3
Andrea Zitomer-11/3
Joan Baron-11/4
Teri Norman-11/4
Robert O'Neil-11/5
Dvora Caspi-11/6
Cara Taback Feinstein-11/8
Nelson Orringer-11/9

Kristin Vyhnal-11/12
Tiffany Blumenstein-11/13
Richard Tardif-11/14
Gayle Block-11/14
Iris Linner-11/15
Maury Luxemburg-11/16
Monty Rackow-11/16
Casey Reilly Block-11/16
Sandi Phair-11/17
Isaac Abrams-11/18
Joel Rosenlicht-11/18
Steven Torff-11/20
Linda Grad-11/20



Steve Cohen-11/22
Marshall Grodofsky-11/22
Tali Friedman-11/23
Maxine Jaffe-11/25
Anita Rackow-11/25
Ronni Zoback-11/26
Rachel Neuhaus-11/26
Diane Wasser-11/26
Ilene O'Neil-11/27
Susan Scherick-11/28
Patricia Case-11/29



Anniversaries

Ken Goldberg & Patricia Case-11/2
Sidney & Miriam Schwartz-11/3
Richard & Andrea Tardif-11/3
Adam & Debra Rosenberg-11/5
Phyllis & Michael Winkler-11/7
Mark & Helen Ross-11/10
Bill Delaney & Deb Balogh-Delaney-11/21
Norm & Phyllis Greenstein-11/25
Ari & Sharon Hartstein-11/26
Dr. Richard Ketai & Dr. Laura Levine-11/26
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IRA Assets and Qualified Charitable Distributions

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

Donation of "Qualified Charitable Distributions" (QCD)

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

What are QCDs?

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

What are important things to know about QCDs?

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

Examples of using QCDs for charitable giving

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

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

Sincerely,
Jeff Wasser, MD
President of the BSBI Endowment

Will this be the year to leave YOUR Jewish legacy?



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

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



For more information, please email:
BSBIEndowment@myshul.org

Endowment Foundation

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

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

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

The Endowment Foundation

*These funds can also be used in Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School

For information

about establishing an Endowment Fund or leaving a bequest,
contact Dr. Jeffrey Wasser BSBIEndowment@myshul.org 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

Yahrzeit of Annie Lander Kramer, paternal grandmother of Marshall Kramer and Carol Leiman, who died on the first of Tishrei 5720, from Marshall Kramer

BAYER/DAVISON FUND

In memory of Michael Norman; in memory of Sidney Keller; *mazel tov* to Arthur & Mallorie Ostrowitz on the engagement of their son, Andy Ostrowitz from Barbara & Bill Bayer

BERDINE SPECTOR STOLTZ FUND

In loving memory of Norman Spector on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Kenneth & Myrna Spector

DAVID SHERMAN FOSTER MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of my son David from Dorothy Foster

F. RUTH & S. I. KUMMER FUND

In memory of F. Ruth and S. I. Kummer from Corby Kummer

GENERAL FUND

In appreciation of the honor given to Jack and Lynn on Yom Kippur from Lynn & Jack Cohen

In memory of Michael Norman from Arnold & Ruth Zackin

In memory of Dan Cole from Brent Lassow & Paul Pierog

In memory of Florence Starkman (Aunt Feige) from Diane and Mitchell Wurmbrand

In memory of William Ludlum from Dr. Kenneth Wichman

In memory of Mike Norman from Gordon & Beatrice Brodie

In memory of Meish Ginsburg from Harold & Judy Meyer

In memory of our friend Dan Cole; in memory of Michael Norman from Harvey & Roberta Weiner

In memory of Daniel Cole from Ira B Fink

In memory of Mike Norman from Lewis & Shirley Segal

In memory of Michael Norman; in memory of Dan Cole from Marilyn Lassow

In memory of Michael Norman; in memory of Dan Cole from Merle Lassow

In memory of Michael Norman, beloved husband of Bonnie Norman and father of Sam and Larry; in memory of William Ludlum; in memory of Daniel Cole from Ms. Marilyn Starr

In memory of Mike Norman-may his memory be a blessing from Philip & Susan Margolis

In memory of mother of Sidney Werbner from Sidney Werbner

In memory of Dan Cole from Sylvia Cheerman

In memory of Michael Norman, beloved father and grandfather; in memory of William Ludlum from Victor & Lieba Bernstein

In memory of Kathryn Gamzon on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from William Gamzon

Mazel tov on the occasion of Allyson Benblatt's Bat Mitzvah from Steven & Elly Cohen

In memory of Gertrude Brodie on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Gordon & Beatrice Brodie

In memory of Rose Ellen Kronick on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Helen Kotler

In memory of Helen Krasne our loving mother on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Michael & Madeline Turk

In memory of Edith Gottlieb on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Scott Gottlieb

In memory of Lora Cooper on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Stephen M. Cooper MD.

GORDON BARSHAY LASSOW & JAY JOSHUA LASSOW FUND

In memory of Carl Frankel, my father, from Marilyn Lassow

KAHANER FAMILY FUND

In memory of Thelma Earnest Kahaner, mother of Harvey Kahaner, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in memory of Solomon Crasnick, Father of Elaine Kahaner, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Harvey & Elaine Kahaner

LAURIE MARGOLIS FUND

In memory of Laurie Margolis on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in memory of Maurice Margolis on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Philip & Susan Margolis

LEONARD SEADER FUND

Happy Anniversary, Beverly & Herb Byk; Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Pullman; in memory of Michael Norman from Sissy Seader

LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Michael Norman from Lynn and Jack Cohen

In memory of Daniel Cole; in memory of Michael Norman from Charles Berger

MEMORIAL FUND

This donation is made in honor and in memory of our dear friend and neighbor Daniel Cole from Lou and Lenora Sumsky

NATHAN CHESLER FUND

In memory of Michael Norman; in memory of Daniel Cole from Mrs. Sharon Chesler

NELLIE KATZ COHEN FUND

In memory of beloved Aunt Etta Buckman from Sissy Seader

NICHUM AVAYLIM FUND

In memory of Daniel Cole; in memory of Michael Norman from Harold & Judy Meyer

RABBI LEON WIND RELIGIOUS SCHOOL-SPECIAL FUND FOR EDUCATION

In memory of Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz's aunt from Gordon & Beatrice Brodie

In memory of Michael Norman from Harvey & Elaine Kahaner

In memory of Alice Lefkowitz-may her memory be a blessing from Philip & Susan Margolis

In memory of Roslyn Golding on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Richard & Leslie Abrahams

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Greetings for the New Year, L'Shana Tova from Paula Finkelstein

In appreciation of Rabbi Konigsburg's healing prayers from Joyce & George Hanna

In memory of Janet Koenig from Barbara and Jeff Koenig

In memory of Cynthia Gross from Joyce and Ed Epstein

RITA & DAVID SCHMERLER FUND

In memory of Shoshana Klein, beloved mother of Lea, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in memory of David Schmerler, father of Alan, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*; in memory of Yehuda Klein, beloved father of Lea, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Alan & Lea Schmerler

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In memory of Daniel Cole, beloved husband of Florence, father of Marlene and Steven, grandfather of Levi & Parker; in memory of Michael Norman, beloved husband of Bonnie and father of Sam & Larry and grandfather of Becca & Danny, from Jane Zimmerman

In memory of William Ludlum-may his memory be a blessing from Philip & Susan Margolis

In memory of Daniel Cole from Seth and Debbie Vinick

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In memory of Michael Norman from The Novitch Family

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.

November 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)
<u>First Monday – 11/2</u> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Schmerler, Alan & Lea <div>People Needed</div>	<u>First Tuesday – 11/3</u> Banks, Craig Baron, Barry & Joan Bayer, Aaron & Laurie Schiller, Richard & Amy Vinick, Cal	<u>First Wednesday – 11/4</u> Brodie, Gordon & Bea Creem, Jerry* Karasik, Gail Lerman, Manny & Maxine Pasternak, Lorin*	<u>First Thursday – 11/5</u> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Luxemburg, Maury Mandell, Carl & Cruz Poutre, Stacey Riedel, Rima <div>People Needed</div>
<u>Second Monday – 11/9</u> Bayer, Bill & Barbara Beck, Bruce Delaney, Bill & Deb* Flink, Herb & Ellie* Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Partney, Philip & Margery	<u>Second Tuesday – 11/10</u> Grad, Howard & Linda Kalman, Mimi* Lerner, Brenda Norman, Mike & Bonnie Phair, Sandi*	<u>Second Wednesday – 11/11</u> Creem, Jerry* Leshin, Steven & Barbara Pasternak, Lorin* Resnick, Barry & Renny Zucker, Spin	<u>Second Thursday – 11/12</u> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Finkelstein, Paula Norman, Sam & Teri Zupnik, Ted & Barbara*
<u>Third Monday – 11/16</u> Delaney, Bill & Deb* Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Linner, Abe & Iris Ludlum, Cathy Milzoff, Joel & Irene	<u>Third Tuesday – 11/17</u> Abrahams, Richard & Leslie Gross, Michael & Susan Ivaldi, Sally Orringer, Nelson & Stephanie	<u>Third Wednesday – 11/18</u> Creem, Jerry* Gamzon, Bill* Igdalsky, Alan & Hope Pasternak, Lorin* Plen, Donna Stoppelman, Julian & Susan	<u>Third Thursday – 11/19</u> Borgida, Edward Caplin, Bob & Donna* Klein, Phil Kovensky, Neil McGee, Marcia Murray, Becky* Phair, Sandi* <div>People Needed</div>
<u>Fourth Monday – 11/23</u> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Pasternak, Lorin* Rubin, Susan Zimmerman, Eveleen* <div>People Needed</div>	<u>Fourth Tuesday – 11/24</u> Beede, Harriet Kalman, Mimi* Lassow, Jeff & Liza Mandel Turk, Mike or Maddy* Zimmerman, Eveleen*	<u>Fourth Wednesday – 11/25</u> Creem, Jerry* Margolis, Phil & Susan Meyer, Harold Meyer, Judy Murray, Becky* Pasternak, Lorin* Shamash, Rahim & Sherry Zucker, Spin	<u>Fourth Thursday – 11/26</u> Burstein, David Caplin, Bob & Donna* Frankel, Ellen Lassow, Marilyn Pearlson, Stan & Sue Zimmerman, Jane <div>People Needed</div>
<u>Fifth Monday – 11/30</u> Delaney, Bill & Deb* Flink, Herb & Ellie* Kovensky, Neil Nesselroth, Saul & Carol Poutre, Stacey*	<p align="center"><u>WE NEED YOUR HELP !</u></p> <p>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</p> <p align="center">Thank you</p>		

November 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 (14 Cheshvan) 9:00a Morning Minyan 9:00a Hebrew school K-7 9:30a Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker	2 (15 Cheshvan) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood/Haddassah Book Club	3 (16 Cheshvan) 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	4 (17 Cheshvan) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	5 (18 Cheshvan) 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	6 (19 Cheshvan) 4:20p Candle Lighting 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom	7 (20 Cheshvan) 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:19p Havdalah
					Sunset: 4:38p	Sunset: 4:37p
8 (21 Cheshvan) 9:00a Hebrew school K-7 10:30a Leket-a virtual discussion	9 (22 Cheshvan) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	10 (23 Cheshvan) 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	11 (24 Cheshvan) Veterans Day 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:00p Hadassah Special Gifts - virtual	12 (25 Cheshvan) 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Death and Mourning in the Jewish Tradition -with Rabbi Plavin	13 (26 Cheshvan) 4:13p Candle Lighting 5:30p Family Shabbat Service 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom	14 (27 Cheshvan) Shabbat Mevarchim 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:12p Havdalah
					Sunset: 4:31p	Sunset: 4:30p
15 (28 Cheshvan) 9:00a Hebrew school K-7	16 (29 Cheshvan) 5:30p Finance Committee 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	17 (1 Kislev) Rosh Chodesh Kislev 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	18 (2 Kislev) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Board Meeting	19 (3 Kislev) 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Death and Mourning in the Jewish Tradition -with Rabbi Plavin	20 (4 Kislev) 4:07p Candle Lighting 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom	21 (5 Kislev) 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:06p Havdalah
					Sunset: 4:25p	Sunset: 4:24p
22 (6 Kislev) 9:00a Hebrew school K-7 9:00a Virtual Sisterhood Bake Sale 4:00p Interfaith Service	23 (7 Kislev) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	24 (8 Kislev) 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood Board Meeting	25 (9 Kislev) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	26 (10 Kislev) Thanksgiving Day 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	27 (11 Kislev) 4:03p Candle Lighting 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom	28 (12 Kislev) 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:03p Havdalah
					Sunset: 4:21p	Sunset: 4:21p
29 (13 Kislev) 9:45a Sisterhood Adventure Walk	30 (14 Kislev) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv					

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 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

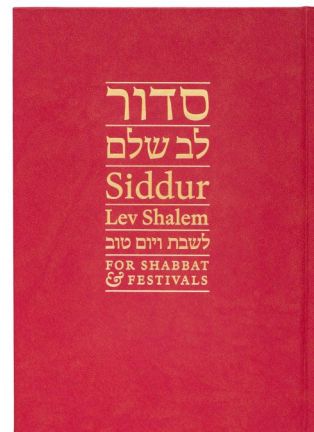
vehicles. Consider donating your unwanted vehicle in support of BSBI. It is easier and faster than selling it on your own, and you may qualify for a tax deduction! Donors say it is a satisfying way to make a larger donation than they normally could.

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

For more information go to:

<https://www.vehiclesforcharity.org>

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



Beth Olam Cemetery

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

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



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

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Save The Date!

Saturday, December 5th, 2020
7:30 PM

***All performances will be virtual this year in a combination of live broadcast and pre-recorded**

See flyer inserts and page 12 for more information including sponsorships and tickets



Sisterhood Bake Sale 2020

As we all know, 2020 has been an exceptionally unusual year. However, the oddities of this year won't stop Sisterhood from holding their annual Bake Sale. In lieu of a physical bake sale this year, Sisterhood will be having a virtual "bake sale" and would like you to participate! We will be compiling a "Desserts of BSBI Cookbook" with your favorite recipes which will be given out at a later date.

Simply submit your favorite dessert recipe by either emailing it to programming@myshul.org with the subject line "Sisterhood Cook Book" or fill out the form below and write in or attach your recipe and mail it to Sally Ivaldi at 16 Pine Hurst, Glastonbury, CT 06033.

While Sisterhood of BSBI usually holds many fundraisers throughout the year, this will be one of few this year. Your donation is appreciated. Any amount helps.

***donations should be made out to BSBI Sisterhood
and mailed to Sally Ivaldi**



Name (as you would like it to appear in the cook book)

Contact (email or phone so we can contact you if there are questions)

Donation amount

Thank you!

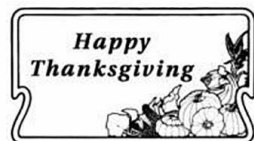
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Count Your Blessings

Please join us in supporting our synagogue's "Turkey Fund" so that Thanksgiving Baskets can be delivered to needy families in our community. Because people are hungry not only at holiday time but throughout the year, the funds we raise now give ongoing help to the MACC Food Pantry, HVCC, and the Jewish Services Food Pantry.

This year, while you are preparing for the holidays, we hope you are thinking about the many blessings in your own life and, in gratitude, donate to the "Turkey Fund." Think of family; a home, job, and vacation; trees, flowers, and music; good news, good health, good friends, and more.



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1-10

blessings



\$36

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\$54

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Count your blessings. Any thoughtful contribution is appreciated.

Please make your check out to BSBI and send it to Deborah Delaney at the following address:

12 Camp Avenue, Newington, CT 06111.

Please note Turkey Fund on the note line. Please send your checks by Nov. 15th.

And thank you very much!

The 5th Annual Manchester CT Jazz Festival Needs Your Support!

Hello BSBI Members!

The 5th Annual Manchester CT Jazz Festival is fast approaching! This is our major fundraising effort of the year. Due to the pandemic, this year's festival will be presented virtually from 7:30-9:30 pm on Saturday, December 5th. We have 2 fantastic groups of musicians from Nashville, TN and NYC. Their biographies can be viewed at www.myshul.org/jazzfest2020

The success of our festival is dependent on the support we receive from the surrounding business communities, generous sponsors, attendees and from the members of BSBI. We are in uncharted waters this year and there is uncertainty as to the amount of support we may receive. Therefore, the fundraising committee is asking our membership to do its part to help in any way possible to ensure the success of this year's festival!

How can you help? We're glad you asked...

- Place a personal ad in our virtual playbill offering well wishes, honoring someone special, acknowledging or supporting a group (see the "Sponsorship/Ticket Ordering Form").
- Purchase a larger ad shown on the "Sponsorship/Ticket Order form".
- When purchasing your ticket online please consider selecting a level of contribution greater than the suggested price/household of \$20.
- Place a business ad for your business or company.
- Help identify businesses and/or potential sponsors outside of our temple community that may be interested in placing an ad or supporting the festival.
- Pass on information regarding the festival to all of your contacts, friends, relatives, folks **anywhere around the globe**. **Suggested tickets price starts at only \$20.00/household!** (But you need provide your own refreshments.)

For your convenience, Sponsorship/Ticket Order Forms are available at
www.myshul.org/jazzfest2020

If you are unable to purchase online, you may purchase your tickets by mailing in your completed order form IN ADVANCE!

Please make checks out to BSBI and put "JAZZ" in the memo.

For questions or additional information please email: jazzfest@myshul.org or contact Ken Wichman @ kwentp@m-p-c.necoxmail.com or call 860-324-8658

**Thank you in advance for your support
The Jazz Festival Team!**



5th Annual Manchester-CT Jazz Festival

December 5, 2020

Sponsorship Form

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Business Name _____

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Phone _____ Email _____ Website _____

All ads will be placed in our professionally prepared playbill!

All display ads will also be featured on a special page on our website for approximately one year.

Please select a **SPONSORSHIP** level. **Note: All Ads Due by November 13th**

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\$2000 – Platinum Sponsor

- * Full-page ad in digital Playbill
- * Private Performance by the Alex Nakhimovsky Trio at a future mutually agreed upon date
More information at alexnakhimovsky.com
- * Content-exclusive email blast to BSBI subscriber database -
Date TBD
- * Content-exclusive social media posting/promotion through BSBI Facebook page – Date TBD
- * Logo prominently featured on sponsor page of BSBI website as Platinum Sponsor
- * Half-page ad in monthly BSBI Bulletin for 6 consecutive months of your choosing
- * One (1) complimentary link to the festival broadcast

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\$500 – Silver Sponsor

- * Half-page ad in digital Playbill
- * Inclusion in one (1) regular weekly email blast to BSBI subscriber database — Date TBD
- * Content-exclusive social media posting/promotion through BSBI Facebook page – Date TBD
- * Logo included on sponsor page of BSBI website
- * Quarter-page ad in monthly BSBI Bulletin during month of your choosing*
- * One (1) complimentary link to the festival broadcast

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\$100 – Festival Sponsor

- * Business and/or name listing in digital Playbill
- * Name recognition in one (1) regular weekly email blast to BSBI subscriber database — - Date TBD
- * Business and/or name listing on sponsor page of BSBI website
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Ad Source: ☐ use prior ad ☐ will provide electronic file

Please e-mail electronic ads to jazzfest@myshul.org

Method of Payment

To pay by credit card, visit: <https://www.myshul.org/jazzfest2020>.

**For orders by check, please make checks payable to: Beth Sholom B'nai Israel and return this order form to
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For further information, contact us at jazzfest@myshul.org or call 860-643-9563



5th Annual Manchester—CT Jazz Festival

December 5, 2020
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Please complete all contact information

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TICKET ORDERS

Admission prices are per household

*the performance link will be emailed to attendees 2 days before the performance
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Miles Davis: \$72 _____

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