



**“No One Has Ever Become  
Poor From **Giving.**”**

**~Anne Frank**

## **CHARITY, COMPASSION, HELPING OTHERS AND KINDNESS!**

These are the words that are tagged with Anne Frank's quote and this is who we are at BSBI. We are charitable and compassionate, we believe in helping our fellow congregants stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer and that demonstrates kindness!

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**In EverCool Spirit,  
Risa**

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**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.

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**Call the Rabbi!**

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

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

**Upcoming Events!**

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

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

We appreciate your understanding during this unprecedented time.

**Friday, October 2**

6:00 pm: Sukkot Service

**Saturday, October 3**

10:00 am: Sukkot Service

6:00 pm: Evening Sukkot Service

**Sunday, October 4**

10:00 am: Sukkot Service

10:00 am: Sukkot Family Service

**Friday, October 9**

**Office Closed**

7:00 am: Hoshana Rabba Service

11:30 am: Yizkor Service

6:00 pm: Shemini Atzeret Evening Service

**Saturday, October 10**

10:00 am: Shemini Atzeret Service

6:00 pm: Simchat Torah Service

**Sunday, October 11**

10:00 am: Simchat Torah Service

10:00 am: Simchat Torah Family Service

**Sunday, October 18**

10:00 am: Nathaniel Bundy Bar Mitzvah

**Monday, October 19**

5:30 pm: Finance Committee meeting

**Tuesday, October 20**

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

**Wednesday, October 21**

7:30 pm: BSBI Board Meeting

**Sunday, October 25**

9:45 am: Sisterhood Adventure Walk

7:30 pm: Mike Williams Live & Online

**Tuesday, October 27**

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

7:30 pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

**Condolences to:**

- Florence Cole, Marlene Cole and Steven & Robyn Cole and their entire family on the loss of husband and father, Daniel Cole.
- Bonnie Norman, Sam & Teri Norman, Larry Norman, Paul & Arlene Norman and their entire family on the loss of husband, father, brother and grandfather, Michael Norman.

# High Holiday Pages

## Hoshana Rabba

The last day of Sukkot is called Hoshana Rabba, The Great Pleading. On each day of Sukkot, we pray for abundant water as we circle the synagogue. On the last day of Sukkot, Hoshana Rabba, we circle the synagogue seven times as we pray that the rain will fall like the leaves of the willow trees that we beat on the floor. Willow branches will be available in advance at the synagogue, so call ahead to pick up your set. Then join us online, on Zoom at 7:00 am on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> for Shacharit as we finish the Sukkot holiday.

## Yizkor

There is a Yizkor service at the end of the Sukkot cycle of holidays as there is at the end of all the major holiday cycles on the Jewish calendar. Normally this Yizkor service is done after the Torah Service on Shemini Atzeret. Because we must do this online this year, and for the sake of those who do not use computers on Yom Tov, we will hold our Yizkor service on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Please bring your Yizkor book that was in your Rosh Hashana bags, and join us on our Zoom link for this annual memorial service.

## Shemini Atzeret with A Special Guest Hazzan

This special holiday that is added to the joyful days of Sukkot is a separate holiday of its own. While we consider Sukkot as an international festival, with special offerings for all the nations of the world, Shemini Atzeret is an additional day that we can spend celebrating with God, one extra day. The key moment of the service is the prayer for rain, called “Geshem” that marks the importance of rain in Israel. This prayer at the beginning of the Musaf service will be chanted this year by a guest cantor, **Hazzan Mitchel Kowitz**, who will be joining us by Zoom from his home in St. Paul, MN. We hope you will join us for this special treat. Shemini Atzeret morning Service will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>.



# High Holiday Pages

## Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah is “CRAZY HAT NIGHT.” We invite everyone to join us virtually wearing their craziest hat. It is a night of fun and celebration of Torah. Because of COVID, this year, Simchat Torah will be observed virtually over Zoom. We will transfer all our joy over finishing our Torah readings and over our beginning again into a special online service, featuring singing and a “tour” of the Torah. Join us for the exciting happening on Simchat Torah night, Saturday, October 10th. The service begins at 6:00 PM.

## Simchat Torah Honors

Come virtually celebrate with us on Simchat Torah morning as we complete the annual Torah reading cycle and hasten to begin the new cycle of reading. Our Zoom service will be a blend of tradition and silliness. A venerable tradition on Simchat Torah at the morning service is the special honor the person who has the *aliyah* with which we conclude the Torah cycle. This honor is called *chatan* (Groom) *Torah* and will be bestowed this year on Ron Abrahams, our past president and long-time volunteer both at BSBI and for other good causes in the community. The individual honored with the first Torah reading as we begin the Book of Genesis is called *kalat* (Bride) *B'reishit*. This honor will be bestowed upon Brina Abrahams. Brina is also a special volunteer on our board, in our office, as well as in the Kitchen. (There are many who have only come to shul if they know Brina is baking!!) Normally, on Simchat Torah we do seven processions with the Torah scrolls and dance with them to demonstrate our love of Torah. Because this year it will be a virtual service, we will have aliyot read from the Humash, and everyone will be invited to participate. The service, on Sunday, October 11th begins at 10 AM.

## Brina & Ron Abrahams

Brina and Ron have been active members of BSBI since the merger of TBS and CBI. As CBI members for 40 years Brina taught first grade for 9 years, and Ron taught third grade for 10 years. Ron was chairman of the library, and Brina served on the board as Education Representative and was co-president of Sisterhood for two terms. As active BSBI members Ron and Brina have volunteered in a variety of ways. They are members of Social Action Committee, and Brina is co-chair of Jessie's Garden, as well as past co-VP of education, Sisterhood representative to the board, co-VP of programming in Sisterhood and representative for Beth Olam Cemetery. Ron has been a member of the Board as past Brotherhood Representative, past VP, past President and is currently VP of Administration.



Outside of Temple Activities Brina and Ron volunteer for Hockanum Valley Community Council (where Ron is a member of the board), Arts Center East, and both have recently retired as members of the Board of Community Child Guidance Clinic of Manchester

Brina and Ron have been together since dating in their teens, where they met in Youth Group, and have been married for 57 years. Both are graduates from UCONN. Ron has been a pharmacist in Community Practice for many years and spent the last 25 years of his career as a Clinical Pharmacist at Hartford Hospital. He continues to serve in the position as adjunct faculty at UCONN School of Pharmacy, assisting students' learning. Brina taught Special Education for the Vernon School System for 30 years. In retirement they enjoy cooking, baking, gardening, reading, traveling and spending time with family. They are the proud parents of Lisa (Dominic), Lori and Lynne (Ryan), grandparents to Joshua and Elisabeth and the great-grandparents to Zyon.



## Faithcraft



Moshe Daniel Levine, an educator and Rabbinic Fellow at Temple Beth Tikvah, wrote recently in an article entitled, “Synagogues Once Saved Judaism, Now They are Needed to Save Jews”, “A recent article by the Forward quotes an extensive survey delineating that individuals belonging to a religious community during this

time feel significantly less lonely than their nonreligious counterparts. It’s important to note that this is irrespective of one even attending any sort of events – whether in-person or virtual. Rather, just the sheer act of being a part of a wider mission-driven community – especially a community that exudes as much hope as the Jewish community – can have a positive effect on one’s well-being.”

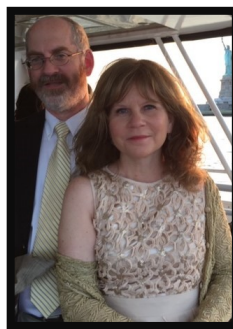
During the holiday of Sukkot, we leave our secure homes and eat our meals in the sukkah, a temporary shelter that is often a bit flimsy. We are not architects or builders, but we try our hand and create a place that is “good enough” for the week of the holiday. When it is over, we are glad to be back in our secure homes before the worst of the winter. We appreciate what we have more when we have to do without it for a while. Those of us who lost power during the last storm certainly do not take our electricity for granted anymore.

Some of us may feel similar feelings about BSBI. Our synagogue is always nearby; we can stop by when we need to in order to care for our spiritual needs. Most times we don’t think about it much at all. We are proud, when we drive by, that this is “our” synagogue, but many days BSBI never really comes to mind. But during this pandemic, our need to be attached to this community is all the more important. Not just for those who were severely hurt by this plague; through loss of jobs, inability to pay rent, and the family crises that arise when money is tight, and feelings are on edge. But for all of us, isolated in our homes, unable to visit friends, our connection to the synagogue has been a life saver. It is in uncertain times like these that the constant support of our Jewish community can really make a big difference.

I know that at times, BSBI is not always in the front of your mind, but rest assured, you are on the forefront of our minds, you are the reason we keep these doors open, physically and virtually, to be there for you. The support you give us enables us to continue our holy work, to serve, in good times and bad, our Jewish community.

**Rabbi Randall Konigsburg**

## Words from the Co-Presidents



As we sat in the synagogue for High Holiday services last month, we could not help but think of the 12 feet around each of those present as a metaphor for the space between us all during this coronavirus epidemic.

For the majority of those participating over the internet, the space between us was considerable. We were in different neighborhoods, in different towns, and, in some cases, in different states. By contrast, the space between us sitting in the shul was small, a matter of a few yards.

Yes, both involved an unnatural separation. Ordinarily, we would be standing in a reception line along with the Rabbi at the end of services, shaking hands with everyone and sharing our personal wishes for the New Year with each of you. In neither case was that possible.

At the same time, in many ways, the space between us when we cannot gather physically is not all that different from the small space between us at shul. We could see familiar faces, hold conversations, and wish each other well. We can do all that through virtual space as well. The major difference is one of routine and convenience. It is familiar and easy to see everyone at the shul over the holidays or through the usual events we like to attend. It can seem awkward and takes effort to connect without the usual structures that bring us together.

We are not all that outgoing. But because of our role as your presidents, we have found ourselves on the phone or the computer with many of you, for one reason or another. We are much better for it. We have never felt isolated from this community. You all share the same connections and people who care for you, but if you have not made that extra effort, not necessary during normal times, you may not feel the sense of community that we do.

Although the pandemic enforces a space between us, for many, that forced separation may only add to an existing issue. Whether it is physical distance, or limited mobility or even just an inability to drive in bad weather, some of the adjustments we have been forced into by the pandemic help to shrink that space between us under any circumstances and will continue to do so in the future.

BSBI offers religious and social programming that provides the opportunity to reduce that sense of space between us. We hope you find something that interests you. If you do not, we'd love to hear your ideas on other things we can offer. Rabbi Konigsburg speaks to people regularly who feel isolated. And you should not hesitate to reach out to any of your Temple friends; you may find that they feel the same as you do. As the old saying goes, to have a friend, be a friend. Nothing is better at reducing that space between us.

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

# RLWRS Update

The RLWRS religious school year began on Sunday, September 13, with 1½ hours on Zoom. Attendance was very good the first day.

We had a meet and greet the previous Thursday, September 10; books were handed out as I got to meet the parents and some of the students. I was pleased to meet several of the parents whom I knew from years ago when they were students.

The teachers have either worked with me before or were students of mine in previous synagogue settings.

We look forward to a good year, a year when academia and a seriousness of learning is part of the curriculum. We will do our best despite using Zoom.

As I write this, I look forward to sharing the bimah for the High Holy Days for the scheduled family services on the first day of Rosh Hashana, the morning of Yom Kippur and the morning of the second day of Sukkot.

My gratitude to Judy, Shari and Tova, Rabbi, Bea, and Rebecca for helping me adjust to this significant position.

Shana Tova to the BSBI community!

**Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz**  
RLWRS Education Director

## **This Month in Jewish History By Rabbi Konigsburg** **13 Tishre – 13 Heshvan**

**13 Tishre** – The transfer of all the Jews in Yemen to Israel during operation Magic Carpet, was completed on this date in 1950

**20 Tishre** – The turning point of what would be called the “Yom Kippur War” occurred on this day as Israeli forces crossed to the western side of the Suez Canal in 1973

**4 Heshvan** – Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and four cabinet ministers were wounded when a bomb was thrown in the Knesset on this date in 1957

**10 Heshvan** – Theodor Herzl arrives in Jaffa, Palestine, on his only visit to the area on this date in 1898

## **Save the Date!**

**Joe Davis Award**

**Saturday, November 7, 2020**

**10:00 AM**



**Mazel Tov to Ron & Brina Abrahams**  
**who are this year's recipients of the**  
**Joe Davis Award**

**\*more information will be available soon**  
**by email**

# BSBI Community

## Bar Mitzvah Nathaniel Bundy October 18, 2020 10 AM via ZOOM

Nathaniel Bundy will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 18, 2020. His parents, Eric and Jennifer, along with proud big brother, Jacob, are looking forward to celebrating Nathaniel's milestone with family, friends, and the congregation via Zoom. Nathaniel's Torah portion deals with sacrifice, and due to the current pandemic, he is sacrificing a "traditional" Bar Mitzvah to keep himself and others safe. Nathaniel is currently an 8<sup>th</sup> grade honor roll student at Vernon Center Middle School. He has been part of the BSBI community since preschool. Nathaniel is proud to call himself a Jew and learn more about his culture. He is an athletic, kind, and hard-working young man. Nathaniel enjoys meeting professional athletes, vacationing, and playing football. As many of you already know, Nathaniel is an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan. Go Chiefs!!



### Social Action Update

Thank you, everyone who brought groceries when you returned your Mahzorim after the holidays. We would like to continue our food drive through the fall. The food pantries in our area are experiencing an increase in clients at these difficult times. In these times of Covid we will have our shopping cart outside the front door from 10am-1pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Please bring food if you can in these trying times.

There will be information coming soon about our Count Your Blessings

Thanksgiving donations. The format will likely be altered because of Covid, but we can still provide funds/gift card to make this Thanksgiving brighter.

Carol Hatch



### Jessie's Garden Update

Jessie's Garden has done well this year. We planted eggplant, kale, cucumbers and cherry tomatoes. Much produce has been taken to MACC and HVCC food pantries. We continue to harvest eggplant, cukes and kale. The tomatoes are pretty much done for the season.

A sincere thank you to all who planted, watered, weeded and collected the produce. We could not have done it without your help. We will soon clean up the area and remove the fencing. A fall ZOOM meeting will be held to discuss and review the garden, and plan for next spring.

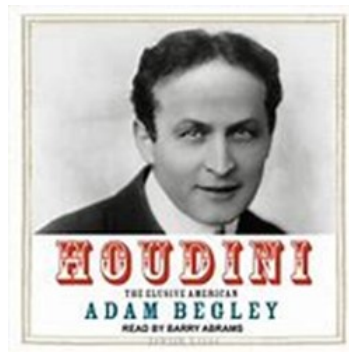
THANK YOU!

Brina Abrahams & Merle Cohen



## Rabbi Richard Plavin Library

Dave Alter



In his biography, author Adam Begley explores the life of Houdini, the world's greatest escape artist. It is the remarkable story of how an impoverished Hungarian-born rabbi's son achieved global fame as the world's greatest magician and the master of "self liberation."



Harry Houdini was born Ehrich Weiss on March 24, 1874 and died on October 31, 1926. To help support his family, he dropped out of high school, left home, and started a career as a magician. He felt show business would be his ticket out of poverty.

He first attracted notice in vaudeville and then on a tour of Europe, where he challenged police forces to keep him locked up. Soon he extended his repertoire to include chains, ropes slung from skyscrapers, straitjackets under water, and having to escape from and hold his breath inside a sealed milk can with water in it.

Houdini was often booed by Jew haters on his European tours. He was never ashamed to acknowledge that he was a Jew.

In his later years Houdini campaigned against mind readers, mediums, and others who claimed supernatural powers. He argued that they were charlatans who produced all of their effects through natural means and various tricks. He wrote *Miracle Mongers and Their Methods* (1920) and *A Magician Among the Spirits* (1924). Houdini and his wife, however, agreed to conduct an experiment in spiritualism: the first to die was to try to communicate with the survivor. His widow declared the experiment a failure before her death in 1943.



Adam Begley is the author of *Updike* and *The Great Nadar*. He was a Guggenheim Fellow, a Fellow at the Leon Levy Center for Biography, and for many years the books editor of the *New York Observer*.

### 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!



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

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





## Sisterhood Speaks

Mimi Kalman, Editor



### What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

Week of Oct. 18, on a week night, to be announced:  
NAR Zoom series on Responsible Aging, #1 of 3  
monthly programs at New Bridge on the Charles.

Sunday, October 25, 9:45 am  
Socially distanced Adventure Walk

Tuesday, October 27, 7:45 pm  
Sisterhood dial-in board meeting

Monday, November 2, 7:30 pm  
Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group

Sunday November 8, 10:30 am.  
Leket Virtual Program

Week of Nov 8, on a week night, to be announced:  
NAR Zoom series on Responsible 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

### 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.

### Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group

Greetings Fellow Readers,

At our recent zoom gathering the group decided to skip October and 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 they will not be held out on a shelf.

Wishing you and yours a Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year!

Maxine and Myrna

### Knit & Kvetch

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

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

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

Anne Fink

## **Sisterhood Speaks Continued**

### **We Invite You All to Watch With Sisterhood**

**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.

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**

### **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**

Mimi Kalman; Mazel tov to Stacey Poutre in honor of the engagement of her daughter Rachel to Michael and Mazel tov to the Benblatt family in honor of Allyson's bat mitzvah.

**To order cards for all occasions contact our Torah**

**Fund Card Chairperson**

**Lynn Cohen at (860-298-0457) or**

**[cohenlynn334@gmail.com](mailto:cohenlynn334@gmail.com)**

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

Shalom, Temple BSBI Family!

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](mailto:rimarainbow@cox.net)

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

**Rima Riedel**

**Brotherhood Corner**  
*Glenn Blumenstein, Brotherhood President*

## **Gam Zeh Ya'avor**

### ***This Too Shall Pass***

Growing up I remember my mother often telling me, *"This Too Shall Pass."* As a young man I always heard it, whether it was meant that way or not, as a mocking to the gravity of my youthful woes. But now, as an adult with children of my own, it's become an important part of how I deal with the challenges that, in the moment, may seem unsurmountable.

As we step forward into the new year, many, myself included, are reminded of the passage of time. And as we do each year, we've stopped and considered our transgressions, and we've resolved to do better. I don't know about you, but this has always been one of my personal habits and traditions that help me mark the new year.

However, this year it's different. So many habits and traditions have been left unfulfilled that it hardly seems like a new year at all. Covid-19 has stolen our celebrations together... *But this, too, shall pass.* We've all had to drastically change our lives...*But this, too, shall pass.*

But even as I wait for all of this to pass...I've found a little hope, and it's my wish that you have too. I've found a renewed appreciation for the importance of my friends, my family and my community. I've found a renewed appreciation for the roles these people play in my life, and for the deep ties that we have. I've found an appreciation for the realization that these bonds go deeper than our ability to "get together."

As we all begin this new year, I pray that these new appreciations...*Will Not Soon Pass.*

**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, December 5, 2020**

**7:30 PM**

**\*The festival this year will be presented  
virtually with groups performing LIVE from  
Nashville and New York City**



# Celebration Dates in October

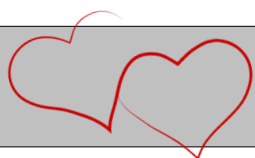
## Birthdays

Barnet Baron-10/3  
Mathew O'Neil-10/6  
Joel Krutt-10/6  
Adam Rosenberg-10/6  
Gail Freedman-10/7  
Linda Kaplan-10/8  
Lynn Cohen-10/9  
Kayla O'Brien-10/9  
Alexander O'Neil-10/9  
Iris Ostrom-10/10  
William Gamzon-10/11

Gabriel O'Neil-10/13  
Joshua Rumbo Stern-10/13  
Rhoda Grossman-10/15  
Hope Igdalsky-10/16  
Harold Meyer-10/17  
Leon Silverman-10/17  
Barbara Banks-10/18  
Hans Laufer-10/18  
Nathaniel Bundy-10/19  
Michael Bula-10/19  
Avalon Taboada-10/19



David Engelson-10/22  
Gordon Brodie-10/22  
Stanley Cohen-10/26  
Marcia Cyr-10/26  
Arnie Keyser-10/28  
Louis Beck-10/28  
Wendy Glatt-10/28  
Bill Bayer-10/30



## Anniversaries

Steven & Barbara Leshin-10/9  
Glenn & Tiffany Blumenstein-10/10  
Rima & David Riedel-10/12  
Ted & Teresa Lloyd-10/15  
Neil & Florence Kovensky-10/18  
Craig & Debra Cinquemani-10/18  
William & Randy Spector-10/29  
Joel & Susan Ellis-10/31



Have a simcha you want to share with the congregation?  
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# Leave a Jewish Legacy



## IRA Assets and Qualified Charitable Distributions

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

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

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

## What are QCDs?

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

## What are important things to know about QCDs?

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

## Examples of using QCDs for charitable giving

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

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

Sincerely,  
Jeff Wasser, MD  
President of the BSBI Endowment

Will this be the year to leave YOUR Jewish legacy?



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

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



For more information, please email:  
[BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org)

# Endowment Foundation

Scholarships	Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School	Adult Education	Community	General Endowment Fund	<b>The Time is Now, The Need is Great!</b>  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.  <i>The Endowment Foundation</i>  *These funds can also be used in Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School
Gloria Byk Fund	Bayer/Davison Fund	Sylvia A. Cheikin Fund	Berkman Family Fund	Israel and Lillian Abramovitz Fund	
Ann and Emanuel Hirth Fund	David Sherman Foster Fund	Clare-Kramer Fund	Klemens-Wiener Fund	Sheldon and Doris Adler Fund	
Maxine & Efrem Jaffe Fund	Hochberg Family Fund	Ruth and Sidney Cohen Fund	Gordon Barshay Lassow and Jay Joshua Lassow Fund	Louis and Sadye Apter Family Fund	
Seymour B. Kaplan Fund	Jacobs Family Fund	Jack Goldberg Fund*	Esther Margulies Lessner and George C. Lessner Fund	Clare and Herbert Bernstein Fund	
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Laurie Margolis Fund	Gertrude and Abraham Podrove Fund	George and Lillian Sandals Fund	Rita and David Schmerler Fund	Morris and Ann Firestone Fund	
Cantor Israel and Irene Tabatsky Fund	Podrove - Resnick Fund	Ruth and Jack Sandals Fund	Leonard Seader Fund	Rhoda Goldstein Fund	
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Pauline and Isadore Zackin Fund	Nat N. and Gertrude Sturm Schwedel Fund	Saul and Rebecca Silverstein Fund	Eileen & Fred Stern Family Fund	Leo and Shirley Juran Fund	
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		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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Howard Gold Fund	Nellie Katz Cohen Fund	Elaine and Leo Charendoff Fund	Congregation B'nai Israel Memorial Park Fund	Rita Oshinsky Fund	
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Rebecca Ann and Herman Seidman Fund		Capital Improvement Fund		Pauline and Nathan Rubin Fund	
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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	

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.

For information



# Contributions from Thoughtful People

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

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

## ANNE & LEON KRAMER FUND

In memory of Leon Kramer, father of Marshall Kramer and Carol Leiman, for the benefit of the Camp Ramah Scholarship fund from Marshall and Hannah Kramer  
In memory of Leon Kramer, beloved father and grandfather on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*; in memory of Bella Clare, beloved grandmother, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in memory of Annie Lander Kramer, beloved grandmother, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Carol & Paul Leiman & Family

## EDITH GOTTLIEB FUND

In memory of Edith Gottlieb from Lori Gottlieb

## GENERAL FUND

A donation from the Lavitt Family  
In appreciation of Judy Sawtelle for her help during these difficult times from Drs. David & Ellen Neuhaus  
In memory of William Ludlum from Carl & Cruz Mandell  
In memory of William Ludlum from Cathy Ludlum  
In memory of Cathy Ludlum's brother from Elly and Steve Cohen  
In memory of Jerrold Abell from Eveleen Zimmerman  
In memory of Sonia Ginsburg; in memory of Benson Ginsburg; in memory of Tillie Schimmel from Harold & Judy Meyer  
In memory of Leonard Seader from Lori Seader  
In memory of William Ludlum; in memory of Milton Krasne on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Michael & Madeline Turk  
In memory of William Ludlum; in memory of Jerry Abell, beloved father and grandfather of Ron, Brenda & Chelsea Abell; in memory of Jerry Abell, beloved father and grandfather of Lisa, Dan and Ivy Krell; in memory of Jerry Abell, beloved partner of Barbara Gordis; in memory of Elfriede Bernstein from Mimi Kalman  
In memory of Sidney Keller; in memory of Elfriede Bernstein; in memory of William Ludlum from Rahim & Sherry Shamash  
Thank you to the Scherick's for tickets to the show at the Bushnell; we enjoyed it very much; in memory of beloved mother & grandmother Ruth on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Stacey Poutre

In memory of Pauline Fracht and Rita Roth on the occasion of their *yahrzeits* from Dr. & Mrs. Barry Haight

In memory of Rose Milzoff on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Joel & Irene Milzoff

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

## GLORIA BYK FUND

In memory of Gloria Byk on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Florence Hodes

## GORDON BARSHAY LASSOW & JAY JOSHUA LASSOW FUND

In memory of Gordon Lassow, Jay Lassow, Esther Frankel, Carl Frankel from Marilyn Lassow

## JOE DAVIS FUND

Remembering Joe Davis on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Mrs. Audrey Davis

## KAHN -LERMAN TRUST FUND

In memory of Bernard Kahn on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Judith Kahn

## LEONARD SEADER FUND

Happy Anniversary Herb & Bev Byk; Happy Birthday to Bev Byk; Happy Birthday to Margo Cramer; Happy Birthday to Lea Schmerler; in memory of Joe Gottlieb; in memory of beloved husband Lenny on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Sissy Seader  
In memory of Leonard Seader on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Michael Seader

## MAX ZUCKER FUND

In honor of Spin Zucker from Ms. Sharon Woodley

## NELLIE KATZ COHEN FUND

In celebration of granddaughter's return to NYC; Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday to Judie and Bruce Zundell; in memory of Cliff Pullman from Sissy Seader



**NICHUM AVAYLIM FUND**

In memory of William Ludlum from Alan & Lea Schmerler

In memory of Cathy Ludlum's brother William Ludlum; in memory of Ron Scherick's mother Sylvia Scherick; in memory of Victor Bernstein's mother Elfriede Bernstein from Ronald & Brina Abrahams

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

In memory of Rebecca Hausknecht on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Joel & Irene Milzoff

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

from Matthew & Randi Friedman

In memory of William Ludlum from Herb & Ellie Flink  
Speedy recovery of Rabbi Marshal Press; in memory of Lewis Medin, of William Abrahams, Larry Medin, Edith Abrahams, Bernice Medin on the occasion of their *yahrzeits*; Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Michelle Konigsburg on the occasion of the birth of their granddaughter Ilana Tamar from Ronald & Brina Abrahams

Mazel tov Rabbi & Michelle Konigsburg, to celebrate their newest granddaughter from Drs. David & Ellen Neuhaus

In memory of Miriam Nitzberg on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Drs. David & Ellen Neuhaus

**RUTH & SIDNEY COHEN FUND**

Happy 45th Wedding Anniversary to Rachel and Stephen Donnell! Thank you for being such great role models, parents, and examples of everlasting love. Mazel Tov! Much love, Leah, Adam, and Devorah

**SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

In Memory of Bernice Leicher from Mel and Elyse Spielberg

In memory of William Ludlum from Mrs. Sharon Chesler

Thank you to Debbie Cinquemani and Bonnie Norman for the car donations through Vehicles for Charity. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated.



*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).

# October 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 – 10/5</u></b> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Schmerler, Alan & Lea  <div>People Needed</div>	<b><u>First Tuesday – 10/6</u></b> Banks, Craig Baron, Barry & Joan Bayer, Aaron & Laurie Schiller, Richard & Amy Vinick, Cal	<b><u>First Wednesday – 10/7</u></b> Brodie, Gordon & Bea Creem, Jerry* Karasik, Gail Lerman, Manny & Maxine Pasternak, Lorin*	<b><u>First Thursday – 10/1</u></b> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Luxemburg, Maury Mandell, Carl & Cruz Poutre, Stacey Riedel, Rima  <div>People Needed</div>
<b><u>Second Monday – 10/12</u></b> Bayer, Bill & Barbara Beck, Bruce Delaney, Bill & Deb* Flink, Herb & Ellie* Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Partney, Philip & Margery	<b><u>Second Tuesday – 10/13</u></b> Grad, Howard & Linda Kalman, Mimi* Lerner, Brenda Norman, Mike & Bonnie Phair, Sandi*	<b><u>Second Wednesday – 10/14</u></b> Creem, Jerry* Leshin, Steven & Barbara Pasternak, Lorin* Resnick, Barry & Renny Zucker, Spin	<b><u>Second Thursday – 10/8</u></b> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Finkelstein, Paula Norman, Sam & Teri Zupnik, Ted & Barbara*
<b><u>Third Monday – 10/19</u></b> Delaney, Bill & Deb* Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Linner, Abe & Iris Ludlum, Cathy Milzoff, Joel & Irene	<b><u>Third Tuesday – 10/20</u></b> Abrahams, Richard & Leslie Gross, Michael & Susan Ivaldi, Sally Orringer, Nelson & Stephanie	<b><u>Third Wednesday – 10/21</u></b> Creem, Jerry* Gamzon, Bill* Igdalsky, Alan & Hope Pasternak, Lorin* Plen, Donna Stoppelman, Julian & Susan	<b><u>Third Thursday – 10/15</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 – 10/26</u></b> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Pasternak, Lorin* Rubin, Susan Zimmerman, Eveleen*  <div>People Needed</div>	<b><u>Fourth Tuesday – 10/27</u></b> Beede, Harriet Kalman, Mimi* Lassow, Jeff & Liza Mandel Turk, Mike or Maddy* Zimmerman, Eveleen*  <div>People Needed</div>	<b><u>Fourth Wednesday – 10/28</u></b> Creem, Jerry* Margolis, Phil & Susan Meyer, Harold Meyer, Judy Murray, Becky* Pasternak, Lorin* Shamash, Rahim & Sherry Zucker, Spin	<b><u>Fourth Thursday – 10/22</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> Thank you			<b><u>Fifth Thursday – 10/29</u></b> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Lerman, Manny Leshin, Steve Zupnik, Ted & Barbara*

# October 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	All services and events are via ZOOM unless otherwise listed			<b>1 (13 Tishrei)</b> 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7  7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>2 (14 Tishrei)</b> <b>Erev Sukkot</b> 6:00p Sukkot Service 6:11p Candle Lighting  Sunset: 6:29p	<b>3 (15 Tishrei)</b> <b>Sukkot</b> 10:00a Sukkot Service  6:00p Sukkot Evening Service 7:09p Candle Lighting Sunset: 6:27p
<b>4 (16 Tishrei)</b> <b>Sukkot</b> 10:00a Sukkot Service 10:00a Sukkot Family Service  7:07p Havdalah  Sunset: 6:25p	<b>5 (17 Tishrei)</b> 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>6 (18 Tishrei)</b> 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>7 (19 Tishrei)</b> 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>8 (20 Tishrei)</b> 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>9 (21 Tishrei)</b> <b>Hoshana Rabba</b> Office Closed 7:00a Hoshana Rabba Service 11:30a Yizkor Service  5:59p Candle Lighting 6:00p Shemini Atzeret Evening Service Sunset: 6:17p	<b>10 (22 Tishrei)</b> <b>Shemini Atzeret Yizkor</b> 10:00a Shemini Atzeret Service  6:00p Simchat Torah Evening Service 6:57p Candle Lighting  Sunset: 6:15p
<b>11 (23 Tishrei)</b> <b>Simchat Torah</b> 10:00a Simchat Torah Service 10:00a Simchat Torah Family Service  6:56p Havdalah Sunset: 6:14p	<b>12 (24 Tishrei)</b> Columbus Day 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>13 (25 Tishrei)</b> 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>14 (26 Tishrei)</b> 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>15 (27 Tishrei)</b> 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>16 (28 Tishrei)</b> 5:48p Candle Lighting  6:00p Friday Night Services  Sunset: 6:06p	<b>17 (29 Tishrei)</b> <b>Shabbat Mevarchim</b> 10:00a Shabbat Services 6:46p Havdala  Sunset: 6:04p
<b>18 (30 Tishrei)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</b> 9:00a Hebrew school K-7 10:00a Nathaniel Bundy Bar Mitzvah	<b>19 (1 Cheshvan)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</b> 5:30p Finance Committee 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>20 (2 Cheshvan)</b> 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>21 (3 Cheshvan)</b> 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Board Meeting	<b>22 (4 Cheshvan)</b> 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>23 (5 Cheshvan)</b> 5:37p Candle Lighting  6:00p Friday Night Services  Sunset: 5:55p	<b>24 (6 Cheshvan)</b> 10:00a Shabbat Services 6:36p Havdala  Sunset: 5:54p
<b>25 (7 Cheshvan)</b> 9:00a Hebrew school K-7 9:45a Sisterhood Adventure Walk  7:30p Mike Williams Magic & Comedy	<b>26 (8 Cheshvan)</b> 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>27 (9 Cheshvan)</b> 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>28 (10 Cheshvan)</b> 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>29 (11 Cheshvan)</b> 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>30 (12 Cheshvan)</b> 5:28p Candle Lighting 6:00p Friday Night Services  Sunset: 5:46p	<b>31 (13 Cheshvan)</b> 10:00a Shabbat Services 6:27p Havdala  Sunset: 5:45p

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](http://myshul.org) and included in the bi-weekly announcements. These sources will have the most up to date information on events.



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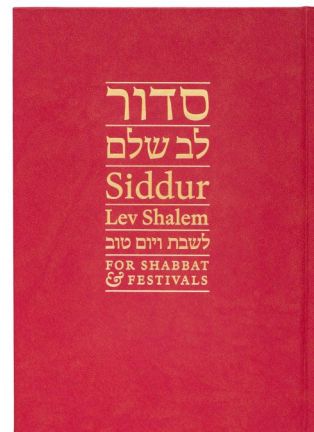
vehicles. Consider donating your unwanted vehicle in support of BSBI. It is easier and faster than selling it on your own, and you may qualify for a tax deduction! Donors say it is a satisfying way to make a larger donation than they normally could.

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

For more information go to:

<https://www.vehiclesforcharity.org>

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

#### 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).



Beth Sholom B'nai Israel

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### ***“Ever Cool”*** **Capital Campaign** **Goal: \$500,000**

Dear Friends,

Beth Sholom B'nai Israel is not a building. But if we have learned anything from our efforts to continue our spiritual, social and communal activities during the current pandemic, it is the importance of having a physical place to share our religious observances, the significant milestones in our lives, our charitable and social work, and our daily gatherings to break bread, share our interests and live as a community. We do the best we can in virtual space. Yet we yearn for the time when we can gather together, truly together, to learn, to pray, to share, to eat, and to laugh and cry. That time is coming soon.

When that time comes, we will need our facility to be functional and ready to fulfill our needs. As you have heard over the last year or more, the aging HVAC system in our building is in desperate need of replacement. Part of it is already broken, and its age prevents obtaining parts to continue its repair. The rest will soon follow. We must do something, and the time to do something is now.

The scope of the HVAC project has been defined, and we are in the process of taking bids. From all of this background work, we know that the cost of this project may approximate \$500,000. That is a very big number. Yet it is achievable if we, as a community, step forward to meet it.

We have established a capital campaign group to plan for the fund raising we need to accomplish this goal. Risa Filkoff, Marshall Grodofsky, and Jay Bigman have met and organized. Based on their exceptional work, we are now ready to move forward with the Ever Cool Campaign. The Ever Cool Campaign will fund this desperately needed project. Any monies received in excess of those needed to replace the HVAC system will go to a dedicated endowment fund for future building needs, including upkeep and maintenance of this system.

BSBI is exploring grants through our utility company, Eversource, to help defray some of the Project cost. But the vast majority of the funding will have to come from you, the members of our BSBI community. Fortunately, we do not start from scratch. Through the foresight of our community leaders decades ago, we have an Endowment Foundation that can provide substantial support. Many of the endowment funds are restricted to particular purposes, but the Endowment Trustees have determined that they can, consistent with their mission, make substantial funds available to help the Ever Cool Campaign, starting with an outright grant of \$50,000. That assistance continues with another \$100,000 matching challenge to all of us. Through this challenge, the Endowment Foundation will match the first \$100,000 in new monies actually received by the Ever Cool Campaign from our members.

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Some of you have already made significant donations to this Project, which will be rolled into the Ever Cool Campaign account. We cannot be more grateful for your generosity and leadership. We know of others waiting in the wings to step forward for the good of our community, and thank you for your encouragement. To accomplish our goal, BSBI will need the participation of all. We do not expect everyone to be in a position to give the same amount. But we hope everyone is in a position to give something, commensurate with their own situation, to aid this important project.

Enclosed with this letter is a pledge card. Please use the card to share with us your level of contribution to the Ever Cool Campaign. You may receive a call from a Campaign volunteer, to discuss the project and your consideration of a donation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Risa Filkoff 860-648-1233.

The strength of a community is measured, not in good times, but in those times that challenge and demand action. We are honored to lead this community and know that together we have the strength to meet this challenge.

Your BSBI Co-Presidents

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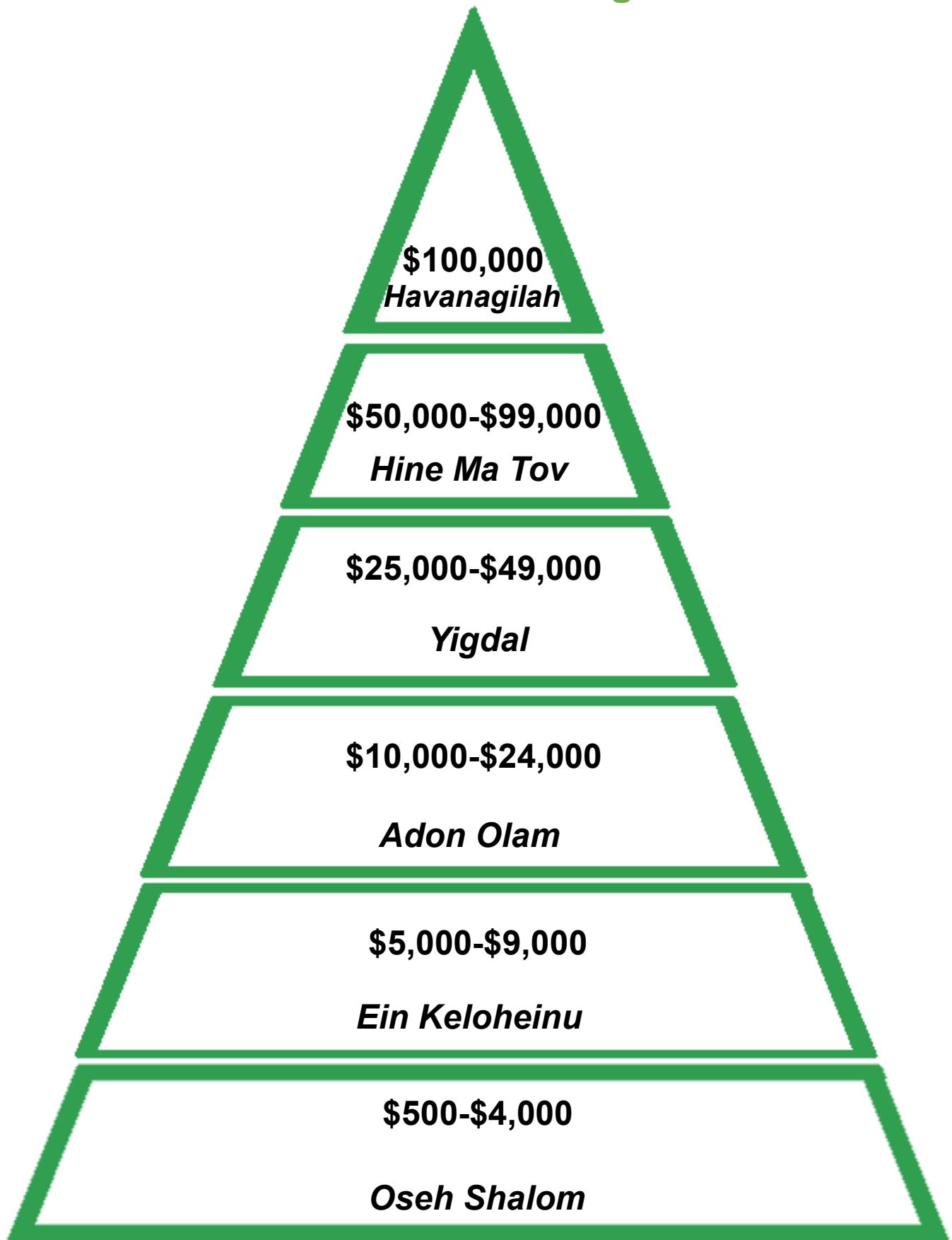
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