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BSBI'S Chai Lights

April 2020



Due to COVID-19, all BSBI events are subject to change. Many events \*if you see colorful heart displays, this is what they represent: will be conducted via virtual meetings. Please check your emails and our website at www.myshul.org for all updates. While the office staff will be checking their voicemails remotely. if you need to contact us please email Judy at admin@myshul.org or Tova at programming@myshul.org.

As always, Rabbi Konigsburg is also available at rabbenu@myshul.org. We appreciate your patience and

understanding during this unprecedented time and we hope to be back to normal operations soon.

Thank you to the following groups for all you are doing to keep us running during this time.

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**First** Responders

Military

Grocery, Retail Maintenance,

Restaurant & Food Service

Educators, Bankers Social Service,

Elder Services

Construction. Truck Drivers, etc.

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#### **Services**

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Monday through Thursday: 7:00 AM; 7:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 AM; 6:30 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM

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

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#### 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.

Many events have been converted to a virtual format. Please visit www.myshul.org for all updates on upcoming events.
We appreciate your understanding during this unprecedented time.

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

Minyan: Monday - Thursday 7:00 pm

April 1:

7:30 pm: Whine Bar Hang Out

April 2:

11:00 am: Coffee Bar Hang Out

April 3:

6:00 pm: Friday Night Services

April 5:

7:00 pm: Passover Recipe Exchange

April 8:

8:00 am: First Born Service

6:00 pm: Virtual Community Seder

April 10:

6:00pm: Friday Night Services

April 14:

10:00 am: Yizkor Service

April 17:

6:00pm: Friday Night Services

April 22:

7:30: Board meeting

April 24:

6:00pm: Friday Night Services

April 27:

7:30 pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

#### Condolences to:

- Herbert Koenig, Dana & Dan Dionne, Jeffrey & Barbara Koenig, David & Mariela Koenig, Michael & Daniela Koenig, and their entire families on the loss of wife and mother, Janet Koenig
- Susan & Seth Mosler, Deborah & Mark Leijen Katz and their entire families on the loss of mother, Shirley Katz
- Elise & Richard Carlton and their entire family on the loss of father, David Kravetz
- Wendy & Roy Videll and their entire family on the loss of mother, Gloria Weiss

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.

# Pesach Pages

#### **Prepare for Pesach**

A copy of the Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide, detailing what foods are permitted and prohibited, and how to prepare your kitchen may be found at:

https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/2020-02/Pesah%20Guide%205780.pdf

#### B'dikat Hametz, The Search for Leaven

#### Tuesday night, April 7<sup>th</sup> at your home

After the house has been thoroughly cleaned and prepared for Pesach, we search again for any crumbs that may have been missed. This search is actually an educational ritual. Several pieces of hametz are "planted" around the house and then "found." This is done in a very ritualistic manner utilizing a feather, a wooden spoon and a candle. The prayers to precede and follow the search may be found in your Haggadah. Be sure to include your children or grandchildren in this fun ritual.

#### **Pesach Services and Events**

\*Due to COVID-19, all services and events will be done via zoom meeting \*\*Please check your email for all updates including zoom meeting IDs and links to join meetings

#### **Passover Workshop**

At 7 pm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting ID 453 549 284 to join us for a Passover information and recipe exchange. Rabbi Konigsburg will be there to answer your questions about food and Pesach, how to attend a virtual seder and about how to put your Seder Plate together. He will also answer questions about how to create a meaningful and interesting Seder in your home. Join us for the conversation on how to "do" Pesach. Zoom Meeting ID: 453 549 284

#### **BSBI's Virtual Community Seder** April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

Rabbi and Michelle cordially invite everyone (well, the first 100 cameras anyway) to virtually join us for our Passover Seder. Put a video or audio device on your Seder Table and join us on the Zoom meeting ID 962 673 849 as we together retell the Passover story taking us from slavery to freedom.

#### You will need:

- Your own Seder plate ready for Seder and wine/ grape juice enough for everyone at your own table.
- A haggada for everyone in your house. (You can download one from the internet if necessary).
- Your own dinner Who are we to tell you what and how much to eat?
- The correct Zoom link to join us virtually We will lead the seder, invite discussion, and lead the singing. Zoom Meeting ID: 962 673 849 RSVP to Rabbi Konigsburg by email:rabbenu@myshul.org

#### **Shabbat Pesach Service**

There will be a Friday night service online via Zoom, April 10, 2020 beginning at 6:00 pm. Come early and feel free to hang around when the service is over.

Zoom Meeting ID: 962 673 849

#### CALLING ALL FIRST BORN!

Why fast when you don't have to? Attend the Siyum B'chorim service on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM

Special service for all first born children so they don't have to fast the day before Pesach. Open to all members regardless of birth order. There will be a Shacharit Service by Zoom followed by a Siyyum. Then you may eat your last Hametz meal (by 11am) before the start of the holiday.

Zoom Meeting ID: 942 488 867#.

#### **Yizkor Service**

A special Yizkor service will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 10 am. There will NOT be a Shacharit service; this will be only the service for Yizkor. Our Yizkor book can be found on the BSBI website in PDF form. You will be able to use the book to follow the service and to recite the prayers of Yizkor at home. After the service if you wish to make a donation in honor of your loved ones, you can do so on our Website by clicking the donation button. Online Kabbalat Shabbat services will be held on Friday

night April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Zoom Meeting ID: 962 673 849

# Pesach Pages

#### Ideas for Involving Children in the Seder

#### Involve children in the preparations.

- \* Have them help with the cleaning.
- \* Have them help make *charoset*, hard boiled eggs, and other simple foods (cutting greens for *karpas*, etc.).
- \* Have them help set the table, including the seder plate and cup of Elijah.

#### Things to do at the seder:

- \* Have them write and ask at the seder their own four questions about Judaism, the holiday, or family roots.
- \* Have them make and use their own seder plate. Use "paper food" and glue it in place on the plate. Then, laminate or simply cover with clear plastic wrap.
- \* More advanced students could put together their own *Haggadah*, with one page per item of the order of the seder (Draw pictures or paste cutouts) to use that evening, along with any parts they want to "perform"
- \* Find out what songs they know from religious or day school and make sure that those are sung at the seder.
- \* When discussing the ten plagues, ask them what they think God would choose today as the ten plagues.
- \* Be open to their versions of the story of the exodus from Egypt. Have them tell it as a part of the seder



On Passover we are forbidden to have hametz (leaven foodstuffs) in our possession. Therefore, we plan our shopping so as to have no hametz left by Pesach. If some does remain, we burn it on the morning before Pesach. Today, however, with canned goods, liquors, and well-sealed packages, it has become impractical to discard all unused hametz.



Alternatively, you may put it in a closed place you do not intend to use during the holiday. This hametz is then covered or locked. We then make arrangements for it to 'leave' our possession. To do this, you may designate the Rabbi to act as your agent to sell the remaining hametz to a non-Jew who makes a small down-payment and purchases it before Pesach. After the last day of Pesach, the Rabbi asks them for the balance. If they do not wish to pay the full amount they sell it back to us through the Rabbi.

This year your hametz will be extra safe as it will be sold to Manchester Mayor, Jay Moran. If you wish to observe this tradition, you may designate Rabbi Konigsburg as your agent for Mechirat *Hametz* by mailing the form on the next page to BSBI. All forms must be received by April 7th. Any donations made in conjunction with this tradition will go to the charity of Mayor Moran's choice.

#### Preparing for the Seder



- \* Do start your preparations early enough.
- \* Invite as a guest someone who is far from his or her home.
- \* Have uniform Haggadot for everyone at the table so all can participate in the seder without difficulty. These Haggadot are in addition to the decorative ones, or ones of special interest.
- \* Select, in advance, sections of the Haggadah to be assigned for individual reading in English by those who may not be able to follow the Hebrew.
- \* Rehearse mah nishtanah with the child who will ask the four questions.
- \* Suggest that one of the children prepare a talk for the seder on freedom in modern times. A token gift can be given in appreciation.
- \* A Jewish book or other Jewish item is an appropriate gift for the child finding the afikomen.



## Yes, I would like to be 100% Hametz Free During Passover!

Before Passover, we cleanse our homes of all hametz. However, some of us own too much hametz to get rid of it all. Jewish law allows us to keep the valuable hametz we are not willing to destroy or give away. You put it all away in a safe place in your home before Passover and sign a document giving Rabbi Konigsburg the authority to sell it to Manchester Mayor Jay Moran for the duration of the holiday. Since you want to be certain that your hametz will not be touched during Passover, Mayor Moran will personally guarantee the safety of your hametz. All this peace of mind is yours for a small donation that will be forwarded to one of Mayor Moran's favorite charities.

We <u>must</u> have your signature on this form in the synagogue office no later than Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

<u>Do not delay!</u> Mail the form to Beth Sholom B'nai Israel, 400 East Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06040. (Sorry, we cannot sign the contract on Shabbat.) Make checks out to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund marked for sale of *hametz* and Rabbi Konigsburg will forward them to the charity of Mayor Moran's choice.



## Yes, I would like to be 100% Hametz Free During Passover!

I am certain that Mayor Jay Moran will protect it faithfully.

I am proud to support the charity of Mayor Jay Moran's choice

I/We the undersigned, hereby authorize Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg to be my agent to sell all kinds of *hametz* (leavened food) which may be in my possession between April 8, 2020 and April 16, 2020. The Rabbi may sell this *hametz* to anyone he desires.

Signature:			
82-11-12			=
Address:			

#### **Faithcraft**



My teacher, Rabbi Elliot Dorff, told us the story of the first Passover he celebrated after he became a rabbi. Having learned all the laws of Pesach, he went shopping for the holiday to prepare for the seder. His wife looked through the bags of groceries when he got home.... She was appalled! "You can't use this stuff for Pesach; it is not Kosher for Passover!" she said. "Yes it is," the young rabbi said, "I learned that this is all appropriate for use on Pesach."

"Not in my kitchen," said his wife, "My mother never allowed such things and I don't either."

In that moment the rabbi discovered that he was not in charge of kashrut in his home.

The real mashgiach, the real supervisor of his own home, was his mother-in-law.

That is the way it is with tradition. We do what is familiar, what is comfortable, what is simple. If it worked well enough for my parents and for my grandparents, it is good enough for me. Why change anything? Tradition is important, but so is change. Change helps us understand our traditions better. It helps us feel and experience new ideas and new tastes. I know, everyone has chicken soup for seder; except in Italy, they serve minestrone soup. Some people replace the parsley on the seder plate with potatoes. The Talmud does not know that horseradish should be used for maror. The Talmud recommends romaine lettuce.

My family used the Maxwell House haggadah for as long as I had been alive. Only when we switched to a new haggadah did we discover that the Maxwell house Haggadah was good, but it was not great. There are many that are better. We always had our seder at the dining room table. One year we moved away from the table and just sat in the living room for seder. It was a very different experience. Nobody asked, "When do we eat?" - everyone participated. We had a great night.

One year I hid the afikomen and had all the children look for clues to where I hid it. The small children found the clues, the older ones unscrambled the letters to find the afikomen. Everyone had a role to play. One year, instead of the youngest doing the four questions, we had everyone who spoke a different language do them in their language. We had about six languages present including Hebrew, Yiddish, Spanish, Hungarian and English.

Some things worked, some things didn't. We have more than a few stories that are funny now but were not on the night we tried them. Once we left the tradition, everyone loosened up and opened up about seders of the past and asked questions about where we are today. Every night was different. Isn't that the point? One thing that does stay the same, the people around the table. There may be additions and sadly some will, in time, be missing, but as long as that tradition is alive, then whatever seder you decide to have, it will always be, for your family, traditional.

We wish you a happy, joyful and sweet Pesach. May your seder be filled with Tradition and Change.

Rabbi Randall Konigsburg

## This Month in Jewish History By Rabbi Konigsburg 7 Nisan – 6 Iyar

**10 Nisan** – Haganah captures Tiberias in 1948

20 Nisan – The City of Tel Aviv was founded in 1909

21 Nisan – Rev. Ferdinand Sarner became the first Jewish Chaplain for American Forces in 1863

29 Nisan – Buchenwald concentration camp and its 20,000 inmates is liberated by U.S forces in 1945

3 Iyar - Mordechai Anielewicz, commander-in-chief of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising is killed in action in 1943

**5 lyar** - The State of Israel is founded in 1948; eleven minutes later the United States gave it de facto recognition

#### Words from the President

Please feel free to contact me directly at <a href="mailto:philipmargolis@icloud.com">philipmargolis@icloud.com</a> or at 860-657-9951.





If you've been to BSBI lately, you may have noticed that the doors are often locked or someone is letting you in. Perhaps you've noticed a necklace with a button around the greeter or a staff person's neck. When pressed, those buttons create an emergency call to the Manchester Police Department. Those are just a few of the steps we've taken to enhance our security procedures in the past year.

Unfortunately, the best security systems and procedures can't always protect you from someone who wants to do harm. That's why we held an active shooter training presented by the Manchester Police Department at the synagogue in late February.

If you're ever in an active aggressor situation -- active shooter or otherwise -- you need to remember three words: run, hide and fight.

The first and most highly recommended action is to **run** as fast and as far as you can. In order to escape from any building, the officers suggested taking notice of the exits. Fortunately, our synagogue was designed with an abundance of emergency exits. We will be preparing maps of the building showing the emergency exits and making them available in the BSBI lobby. (For security reasons, we don't want to publish it here.) However, the exits are easy to find if you take a walk around the sanctuary, auditorium, Silverstein and school wing, and I encourage you do to so.

As you're leaving the building, ask others to join you, but don't let another person's slow response delay you. Run far away; don't just stop behind a bush. Stop anyone you see approaching the building and send him or her away. As soon as you're safe, call or text 911, and don't assume others have done so.

If you can't run, try to **hide** in a place of true protection, recognizing that weapons will penetrate a desk or pew if you're hidden behind one. At BSBI, we have offices, a maintenance room and other places to hide. Make it difficult for someone to enter. Lock the door if there is a lock. Barricading a door with furniture, office equipment or anything else will likely cause the aggressor to turn to an easier alternative. Be sure to turn off your phone's ringer and vibration mode, so no noise will tip off your location.

In some situations, stopping the aggressor may be the only or best option. If you **fight**, be committed to it and fight as hard as you can. Throwing things and making lots of noise can stymie and confuse the aggressor. This can slow them down and save lives. Use available objects as weapons. For instance, spray a fire extinguisher to distract the person and when it's empty, use it to hit him or her. Keep hitting until the aggressor is incapacitated. It may be most effective to attack in a group. If you do, each take a limb and someone take the body to get the person down to the ground. then stay on him or her.

#### A few more helpful hints:

- Remember that police wear different uniforms, and you might not recognize them.
- The mission of first responders is finding and incapacitating the aggressor. They are not there to assist victims; that help will follow.
- If you're hiding, stay in place until the police come for you.

BSBI is fortunate to have a building that is easy to exit and is located less than a half-mile from the police station. Getting out of the building, hiding or slowing down an aggressor by confronting him or her will most certainly save lives until the police arrive. So remember, run, hide or fight.

We will be scheduling another training in the future to address what other steps congregants can take to save lives if there were to be such an attack.

Of course, the best prevention is to be aware of your situation at all times. Don't hesitate to engage a stranger on our property with friendly conversation while assessing if the individual is acting in good faith or in a suspicious manner. Pass suspicious feelings to whomever is charge or call 911. Always remember, if you see something, say something.

Phil Margolis, President

Questions, comments, concerns? Please contact RLWRSDirector@myshul.org

#### **Upcoming Events:**

\*Events are subject to change due to COVID-19

These are important parts of your child's learning experiences.

Sunday, May 3rd 10:45 Museum Display/Family BBQ

Saturday, May 16th 10:00 Family Shabbat/Luncheon



Exciting news from Mrs. Cohen that Grades 4-7 have been learning about monotheistic religions and how they are similar and different. Students also discussed the topic of ometz lev (translated as strength or heart-strength) and

how they display this in their own lives through examples of situations where they have stood up for their beliefs. We also drew parallels to how the main characters in the book of Esther and the Purim story took risks



and displayed ometz lev.

While students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 learned about the

story of Esau and Jacob, the trick that

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was played on their father, and how siblings and families can argue and forgive one another, students made puppets to help them re-enact the story. We have been having lots of fun learning about the story of Purim. Students made masks and

noise makers and used those to do a Purim skit and act out the story of Purim. They especially enjoyed making lots of noise when they heard the evil name of

Haman. Students were encouraged to bring their noise makers to temple for the Megillah reading.



Ellen Frankel, RLWRS Director

#### **Social Action**

Friends! We have a busy spring schedule for Social Action. We will be making a contribution to the Kosher Food Pantry, to ensure that Jewish families in the area can have what is needed for Seder and Passover celebration. Contributions for this donation would be appreciated. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mitzvah Day will be held from 9-12 am. \*Some Mitzvah day activities may change\*. We will be doing cleanup of our grounds, working on Jessie's Garden and we will be making up toiletry kits to be distributed to shelter clients in Hartford and Vernon. Please bring in either small or large size toiletries and place them in the bin in the lobby. Anyone can participate in the Mitzvah Day activities, the more the merrier! We also hope to have a craft fair with booths from local artisans. Starting in the beginning of May, we will have a diaper drive, to collect diapers for Interval House, which is a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. This activity is being organized by the Jewish Federation. There will be a collection bin in the lobby starting early in May through June.

As always, thank you for all your generosity and help. If you have a project that you are interested in, please contact

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#### Jessie's Garden



A brief meeting was held on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 12:00. It was decided that Mitzvah Day, Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30, would be our garden clean-up day. At that time we will weed

and do any preparations necessary, and plant the peas. Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> will be our major planting date, with a rain date of May 24<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that the plants that did best in the past were cherry tomatoes, eggplant, cukes, curly kale and peas. Manny drew a diagram of where to place the plants. The fence will be put up after the plants are in. We are looking for volunteers to help with the weeding date, the planting date, and of course to help during the summer with weeding, watering and food distribution. The summer involves only volunteering one or two weeks and coming 2 or

3 days each week, depending on the weather. We hope that many will volunteer to join us. This is a wonderful social action



project, and the produce is divided between MACC and HVCC. Both food pantries are extremely grateful for fresh produce for their clients, and many cannot afford to purchase these items. Looking forward to many hands helping us on these dates. Please RSVP to Brina Abrahams <a href="mailto:brinaron@sbcglobal.net">brinaron@sbcglobal.net</a> or Merle Cohen at merlecohen@gmail.com.

Brina Abrahams, Merle Cohen

## Rabbi Richard Plavin Library Corner David Alter, Librarian

The eight-day festival of Passover is celebrated in the early spring, from the 15th through the 22nd of the Hebrew month of Nissan. It commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. It is observed by avoiding leaven and highlighted by the Seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and retelling the story of the Exodus.





In Hebrew it is known as Pesach (which means "to pass over"), because Ged passed over the Hebrew homes when killing the Egyptian firstborn on the very first Passover eve.

Stop in the library the next time you are at the synagogue and peruse our collection about Passover. There are books and CDs for both adults and children. Read the many commentaries and history, or how to create a lively Seder, or find a new Passover recipe,

or even learn a new song.

The Passover Sing-a-Long CDs are kept in the adult library. The adult books are in the Pilgrimage Festivals (Sukkot, Passover, Shavuot) section of the library, Section 243.2, and Passover cook books are in section 775. The Children's Passover books are kept in the Silverstein Center, and they have the same section as those in the adult collection, section 243.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy Passover.

#### Pesach Project —Year Five

Last Pesach with your generous support the Pesach Project netted an incredible \$8,776. On your behalf we were able to fulfill the Passover mandate to feed the hungry in our midst. We were able to donate \$2,900 to Mazon and another \$2,900 to Leket. The remaining third went to our Sisterhood to further all the good work they do for our congregation.

Mazon "the Jewish Response to Hunger," is a national nonprofit that works to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds. Mazon, which means "food" in Hebrew, employs advocacy and education to raise awareness about the prevalence of hunger and gives grants to anti-hunger organizations working on behalf of hungry people throughout America and Israel including our own local food banks.

Leket is the largest food bank in Israel. It sources, collects and redistributes fresh quality perishables from farms, hotels, military bases and catering halls to feed 175,000 people a week. If you want to be inspired and get some good tips on what you can do, look at their website at <a href="Leket.org">Leket.org</a>.

Our contributions to these anti-hunger organizations at Pesach fulfills the commandment to attend to the needs of the hungry at this time of our celebration of freedom. In the words of the Haggadah, "let all who are hungry come and eat."

Finally this initiative allows you to greet your fellow members with wishes for a sweet and joyous holiday. Please participate generously.

Lisa Plavin

#### **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 <a href="mailto:programming@myshul.org">programming@myshul.org</a>.

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



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



#### **Sisterhood Speaks**

Mimi Kalman, Editor



#### What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

\*subject to change due to COVID-19\*

Sunday, April 26, 9:30 am - 11:00 am \*
Adventure Walk

Tuesday, April 27, 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting-phone-in meeting

Monday, May 11, 7:30 pm \*
Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group

Tuesday, May 19 \*
Torah Fund Dessert

#### **Knit & Kvetch**

\*No in person meeting in April.

We are in need of people who can work on afghans. The average size should be approx. 36 x 48. Besides the afghans, we are also in need of people to knit or crochet mittens and hats. If you would like to help us out and are in need of yarn, please get in touch with me.

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

Please make sure that all donation checks are made out to BSBI Sisterhood and marked "Knit and Kvetch" on the memo line. If

they are left in the BSBI office please ask for them to put the checks in the Sisterhood box.

Any questions, call me at 860-649-6551 or at IRANNEFINK@AOL.COM.

**Anne Fink** 

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## SAVE THE DATE!

\*Subject to change

We invite all to attend this year's Torah Fund event at Beth Sholom B'nai Israel:

Celebrating Yom Yerushalayim

Jerusalem of Gold

Yerushalayim Shel Zahav

Tuesday May 19, 2020, 7:45 pm \*subject to change due to COVID-19\*

Program created with Tom Wainrich, the JCC Shlicah. She grew up on Kibbutz Beit-Hashita and studied at Oranim
 College where she majored in Art and Education. She worked at the Gesher Theatre, a bilingual Hebrew-Russian
 Theatre company in Jaffa where she was able to enjoy her passion for art, music and community.

The Torah Fund Event supports the Conservative/Masorti seminaries in New York, Los Angeles, Jerusalem, Buenos Aires and Potsdam, Germany. Your gift helps educate our future Conservative/Masorti clergy, educators and more. Your price of admission is a donation to the Torah Fund in any amount, from \$18 (suggested minimum) to \$180 or more. A gift of \$180 or more will earn you a special "Chesed" pin.

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#### **Sisterhood Speaks Continued**

Educated

#### Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group

Please join us at BSBI on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

\*subject to change due to COVID-19\*
We will discuss Tara Westover's memoir *EDUCATED*.

At our last meeting we spoke about reading either WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING or EDUCATED. Although the majority chose WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING, the library is not able to accommodate us at this time. Since Tara Westover's EDUCATED is available, copies are being placed on reserve for the BSBI Book Group at the Mary Cheney Library reference room. We look

forward to our discussion of EDUCATED on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 at BSBI.

#### **Educated**

by Tara Westover (Goodreads Author)

'Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned

peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag". In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged in her father's junkyard.

Her father forbade hospitals, so Tara never saw a doctor or nurse. Gashes and concussions, even burns from explosions, were all treated at home with herbalism. The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent.

Then, lacking any formal education, Tara began to educate herself. She taught herself enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she studied history, learning for the first time about important world events like the Holocaust and the civil rights movement. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

Educated is an account of the struggle for self-invention. It is a tale of fierce family loyalty and of the grief that comes with severing the closest of ties. With the acute insight that distinguishes all great writers, Westover has crafted a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes and the will to change it.'

**Maxine Lerman and Myrna Spector** 

#### Adventure Walk, April 26th.

\*subject to change due to COVID-19\*

Hi Walkers, we'll be walking again on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am, and we will be back before Hebrew school is over so that you can pick up your children on time.

In February we explored downtown Manchester, especially the area around Center Memorial Park and the original building of Temple Beth Sholom.

Come see where we'll be going next.



Ann Labb



#### **Torah Fund Cards**

Judy and Harold Meyer; mazel tov to Stacey Poutre in honor of her bat mitzvah anniversary, condolences to Rick Berkman in memory of his aunt, Helen Becker and birthday wishes to Lisa Plavin.

Lynn and Jack Cohen; mazel tov to Judy and Harold Meyer on the occasion of the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Natan Sharf Meyer.

Cal and Elaine Vinick; condolences to Alan and Hope Igdalsky in memory of Hope's father, Sidney Mintzer.

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

Lynn Cohen at (860-298-0457) or lynnbcohen@att.net

#### **Brotherhood Corner**

Glenn Blumenstein, Brotherhood President

It's April again, and that means it's time to rid our homes of chametz and prepare for Pesach! I'm particularly excited because my wife will be making matza this year...and Tiffany makes THE BEST matza (my humble opinion). It reminds of me when we were first married, had just bought our first home, and I was working my way up in the funeral industry in San Antonio. Tiffany would spend hours baking and filling the house with the most wonderful smells, and we'd often talk about how we were doing 'OK'. But we also talked about starting a family, and what that would mean for the future.

And now that we have that wonderful family, and as I already said, it's April again, we're getting ready to have our Seders with our children and close friends. We'll teach our children about where we started as a people, what it means to be Jewish, and I could not be more grateful. And as we all eat those bitter herbs reminding us of where we came from, I hope that each of us remembers to be grateful for what we have, for our freedoms, and for the heavy price paid by so many, that we might be free.

OK...enough with the heavy stuff. Please don't forget that the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Abitz-Angel Golf Tournament is coming soon, and we need your help in finding both golfers and sponsors. Please help the Brotherhood make this the best tournament yet! Learn more at **aamgtgolf.com.** 





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Have a simcha you want to share with the congregation?

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so she can include it in the bulletin!

If we have overlooked a special date please contact us at: 860-643-9563 ext. 100 so that we may celebrate it in the future.



#### 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.

<u>Donation of "Qualified Charitable Distributions" (QCD)</u> 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 <a href="mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org">BSBIEndowment@myshul.org</a> 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

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Best wishes to Wayne Krieger on your recent birthday from Harold & Judy Meyer In loving memory of Celia Sholovitz on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Mr. William Gamzon

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In memory of Helen Kopman on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Judy Kopman-Fried

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In celebration of Michelle Konigsburg's birthday; happy birthday to Neil Ellis from Sissy Seader

#### **MAX ZUCKER FUND**

In memory of Eugene Borgida on the occasion of his yahrzeit from Mr & Mrs Charles Borgida

**NATHAN CHESLER FUND** 

In memory of my grandfather, Abraham Chesler, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Holly Gwyn Zabitz
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#### **NELLIE KATZ COHEN FUND**

Happy birthday to Jessica Belle; in memory of my beloved sister, Dorothy C. Zundell, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Sissy Seader

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In memory of Hope Igdalsky's father, Sidney Mintzer from Julian & Susan Stoppelman

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#### April 2020 Even g Minyan Schedule

Please Note: Services will begin at 7:00 PM except where noted. Minyan at 7pm Monday - Thursday on Zoom

To join this zoom meeting via computer or phone video chat: Friday Service and Weekday Minyanim go to https://zoom.us/j/962673849

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First Monday –4/6 Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Schmerler, Alan & Lea  People Needed	First Tuesday – 4/7 Banks, Craig Baron, Barry & Joan Bayer, Aaron & Laurie Schiller, Richard & Amy Vinick, Cal	First Wednesday – 4/1 Brodie, Gordon & Bea Creem, Jerry* Karasik, Gail Lerman, Manny & Maxine Pasternak, Lorin*	First Thursday – 4/2 Caplin, Bob & Donna* Luxemburg, Maury Mandell, Carl & Cruz Poutre, Stacey Riedel, Rima  People Needed
Second Monday – 4/13 Bayer, Bill & Barbara Beck, Bruce Delaney, Bill & Deb* Flink, Herb & Ellie* Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Partney, Philip & Margery	Second Tuesday – 4/14 Grad, Howard & Linda Kalman, Mimi* Lerner, Brenda Norman, Mike & Bonnie Phair, Sandi*	Second Wednesday – 4/8 Creem, Jerry* Leshin, Steven & Barbara Pasternak, Lorin* Resnick, Barry & Renny Zucker, Spin	Second Thursday – 4/9 Caplin, Bob & Donna * Finkelstein, Paula Norman, Sam & Teri Zupnik, Ted & Barbara*
Third Monday – 4/20 Delaney, Bill & Deb* Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Linner, Abe & Iris Ludlum, Cathy Milzoff, Joel & Irene	Third Tuesday – 4/21 Abrahams, Richard & Leslie Gross, Michael & Susan Ivaldi, Sally Orringer, Nelson & Stephanie	Third Wednesday – 4/15 Creem, Jerry* Gamzon, Bill* Igdalsky, Alan & Hope Pasternak, Lorin* Plen, Donna Stoppelman, Julian & Susan	Third Thursday – 4/16 Borgida, Edward Caplin, Bob & Donna* Klein, Phil Kovensky, Neil McGee, Marcia Murray, Becky* Phair, Sandi*
Fourth Monday – 4/27 Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Pasternak, Lorin* Rubin, Susan Zimmerman, Eveleen*	Fourth Tuesday – 4/28 Beede, Harriet Kalman, Mimi* Lassow, Jeff & Liza Mandel Turk, Mike or Maddy* Zimmerman, Eveleen*	Fourth Wednesday – 4/22 Creem, Jerry* Margolis, Phil & Susan Meyer, Harold Meyer, Judy Murray, Becky* Pasternak, Lorin* Shamash, Rahim & Sherry Zucker, Spin	Fourth Thursday – 4/23 Burstein, David Caplin, Bob & Donna* Frankel, Ellen Lassow, Marilyn Pearlson, Stan & Sue Zimmerman, Jane  People Needed
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Other vehicles accepted by this program include: unwanted car, truck, boat, motorcycle, RV or recreational vehicles.

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#### **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.



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- 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

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 *tephillot* (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,

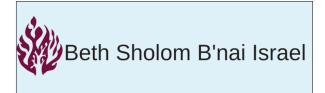


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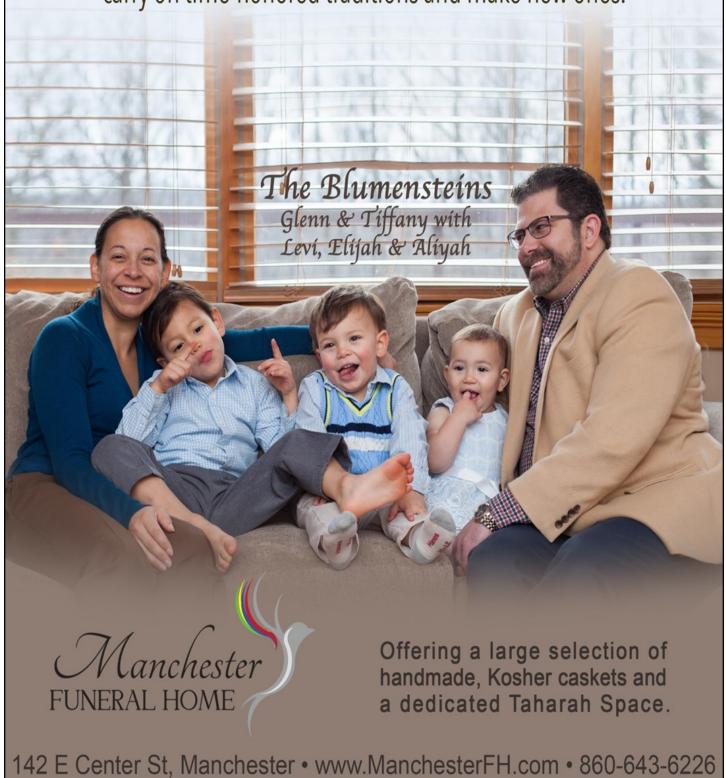
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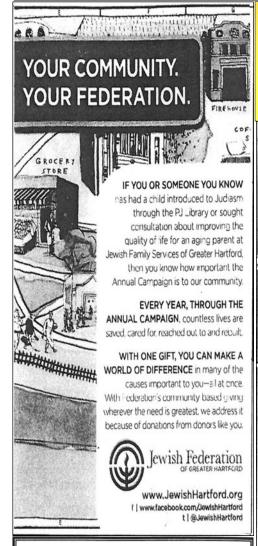
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