



# Community Dinner Celebration

Monday, March 9, 2020  
Fun for All Ages!  
Come in Costume!

Pasta Dinner; Trivia/Mad Libs

Service & Engaging Megillah Reading

Delicious Hamentashen

The great Hamentash/Latke (or is it the great  
Latke/Hamentash?) Debate

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**Services**

**Sunday: 9:00 AM**

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

**Friday: 7:00 AM; 6:30 PM**

**Saturday: 10:00 AM**

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

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**Upcoming Events!**

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calendar on page 19*

**Sunday, March 1**

9:30 am: Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

12:00 pm: Jessie's Garden Meeting

**Monday, March 9**

6:00 pm: Community Purim Celebration

**Tuesday, March 10**

1:30 pm: Knit & Kvetch

**Friday, March 13**

6:30 pm: Brotherhood Kabbalat Shabbat

**Monday, March 16**

6:30 pm: Finance Committee meeting

**Wednesday, March 18**

7:30 pm: BSBI Board meeting

**Sunday, March 22**

9:45 am: Sisterhood Adventure Walk

**Monday, March 23**

6:30 pm: Sandals Lecture

**Tuesday, March 24**

7:30 pm: Sisterhood Board meeting

**Thursday, March 26**

7:30 pm: *The King's Speech* at The Hartford Stage

**Saturday, March 28**

10:00 am: Shabbat Service and Luncheon for  
Alysia Bator

**Sunday, March 29**

9:45 am: Sisterhood Gentle Yoga

**Looking Ahead:**

**Sunday, April 5:** Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker  
Family Pesach Program

**Thursday, April 9:** Community Seder

**Call the Rabbi!**

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

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

**Condolences to:**

- \* Ellie & Bob Moses, Jim & Dottie Becker and their entire family on the loss of their mother, Helen Becker
- \* June Mintzer, Hope & Alan Igdalsky & Hanna and their entire family on the loss of their husband and father, Sidney Mintzer

## From the Rabbi's Desk

We live in a world of customer surveys. Every time you purchase something, there has to be a survey to see how you would grade your shopping experience. But what about your experience of Judaism? In our never-ending quest to improve your Jewish lifestyle, we offer these questions so we can evaluate where you stand in your Jewish education so we can tailor our efforts to serve you better. Please answer the questions below:



Where do the following quotes come from?

1. "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want"

Shabbat evening service  
Passover Haggadah  
Psalms  
Memorial service

2. "Liyot Am Hofshi, B'artzeynu"

Hatikva  
Kol Nidre  
Bat Mitzvah  
Funeral Service

3. What does the word, "Haggadah" mean?

Book  
Telling  
Counting  
Salvation

4. What does "Shana Tova" mean?

Good Luck  
Good evening  
Good year  
G'day

5. Tisha B'Av occurs during the ...

Winter  
Summer  
Spring  
Fall

6. A mezuzah is placed on the door on the ...

Entrance – right side  
Entrance – left side  
Exit – right side  
Exit – left side

7. What is an "Aliyah"?

Person who chants musaf  
Person who chants maftir  
Name of a book  
Immigration to Israel

8. Yahrzeit is the anniversary of the day of

Shiva  
Unveiling  
Death  
Burial

9. Name five brands of beer

Name five Kosher wines

10. When is Shabbat Hagadol?

When is the Super Bowl?

11. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Name one of the Thirteen Attributes of Faith

12. What is the name of the current Catholic Pope?

What is the name of either one of the Chief  
Rabbis of Israel?

13. Name five plays by Shakespeare

Name the five books of Moses

14. Name three major movie streaming networks

Name the three "pilgrimage festivals"

15. Who opposed the Patriots in their last playoff game?

Who opposed the Hasidim in their early days in Europe?

16. "Versace" refers to what?

"Shel Rosh" and "Shel Yad" refers to what?

17. Who is the author of "Das Kapital"?

Who is the author of "The Guide for the Perplexed"?

18. What did Columbus do in 1492?

What happened to the Jews in 1492?

19. Who was the mother of Jesus?

Who was the mother of Moses?

20. In what year are we now?

In what Hebrew year are we now?

21. What is the date and year that America declared her Independence?

What is the date and year that Israel declared her Independence?

22. What is your full name?

What is your full Hebrew name?

23. On what day is the birthday of Jesus celebrated?

On what day is the birthday of Moses observed?

24. What happened in United States history in 1860-1865 and  
from 1914 – 1917?

What happened to the Jewish People in 586 BCE and 70 CE?

25. In what month is the secular New Year celebrated?

In what Hebrew month is the Jewish New Year celebrated?

\*(Bonus Point) In what Hebrew month is the Jewish New Year  
for Trees celebrated?

26. Who are your State senators?

Who built the first Temple in Jerusalem?

27. Who was the first president of the United States?

Who was the first president of Israel?

28. Who wrote the "Star Spangled Banner"?

Who wrote "Hatikva"?

29. In golf, what is a "birdie"?

What does "Tanach" mean?

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## *Words from the President*

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



Representatives of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford spoke at the last two BSBI Brotherhood breakfasts. It prompted me to think more about the Federation, its role in the community and its involvement with BSBI.

Lisa Vaeth, director of the Association of Jewish Cemeteries, spoke with conviction in January about the importance of maintaining more than 30 cemeteries that no longer have organizations to care for them. The Association, funded by the Jewish Community Foundation and an allocation from the Federation, keeps the cemeteries in good order (and more).

In February, David Waren, who took over as President and CEO of the Federation less than a year ago, spoke about the power of working together. In addition to providing a very high-level overview of the Federation's allocations, he discussed the Federation as a convener which can

help local Jewish institutions solve problems together that they may not be able to tackle on their own.

The Federation – through donations from people throughout the Hartford region – funds programs to help the elderly, people in need, Jewish institutions here and abroad, and Jewish engagement. The also promote relations with the larger community through the Jewish Community Relations Council and support Jewish education and leadership development through its Commission of Jewish Education and Leadership (CJEL).

What people may not realize is that BSBI benefits from the Federation. Here are a few examples:

- \* The Federation provides an annual grant of \$17,000 to BSBI. This grant is unique, because synagogues typically don't receive direct Federation funding. This annual grant comes from an agreement when the Federation closed its Manchester office decades ago. We use this grant to support our school, which we subsidize to support families.
- \* Through CJEL, the Federation provides training and guidance to our religious school. Led by one-time BSBI school principal, Heather Fiedler, CJEL also provides a broad range of leadership development opportunities through the Jewish Leadership Academy (JLA) (sponsored in part by BSBI members Sandy and Arnie Dashefsky).
- \* The Federation coordinates the Young Emissary program. Currently, these Israeli youth come once a month and teach with our school students.

In addition, BSBI engages in Federation-led activities such as these:

- \* The Federation coordinates community-wide social action efforts. Among them is a youth literacy program providing "reading buddies" to local schools. Not surprisingly, a number of BSBI members participate in this effort.
- \* In keeping with its support of literacy and needy families, the Federation coordinates an annual children's book collection for participating students as well as special collections such as the recent one for families who came to Connecticut fleeing hurricane devastation in Puerto Rico. BSBI participated as collection points for both efforts.
- \* The Federation also brings interesting speakers to the region, and BSBI members show up in force. Recent programs include an engaging talk about the future of Judaism by Rabbi Banay Lappe and Israeli-based journalist Rachel Delia Benaim, who covers climate change for The Weather Channel and spoke about what water shortages mean for Middle East stability.

I'd be remiss if I wrote about the Federation without mentioning a couple BSBI members who actively volunteer. (My apologies for those omitted.) Victor Bernstein is a leading fundraiser for the Federation. Risa Filkoff recently joined the board of directors, and Rabbi Konigsburg regularly participates in the Jewish Community Relations Council. Many of us believe that there is more opportunity to engage the Jewish community East of the River, particularly when it comes to outreach. I am in agreement with that sentiment. However, I believe that the Federation is making an effort, and I would like to recognize it.

The Federation co-sponsored the ADL event (along with the East-of-the-River congregations) held last fall in Glastonbury. They also are coordinating a regional gathering of local legislators that BSBI will host on March 25. I hope we can once again boast a strong turnout.

Would you be interested in being a reading buddy or learning more about the Federation's allocation process? They welcome the engagement of people throughout the region. If you're interested, you can contact David Waren directly at [dwaren@jewishhartford.org](mailto:dwaren@jewishhartford.org).

***Phil Margolis, President***



# RLWRS Update

Questions, Comments, Concerns Contact: [RLWRSDirector@myshul.org](mailto:RLWRSDirector@myshul.org)

## Upcoming Dates:

Monday, March 9 6:00 PM Community Purim Celebration

Sunday, April 5 10:45 AM Passover Family Program

The Israeli Emissaries, Shakad and Michal, engaged our older students with active games involving both Hebrew vocabulary and modern Hebrew slang. They had to connect actions with following directions. Their enthusiasm spilled over. Our students said it was *sababa!* We



always look forward to a visit

from Shakad and Michal and know how lucky we are that they can spend time with our students.

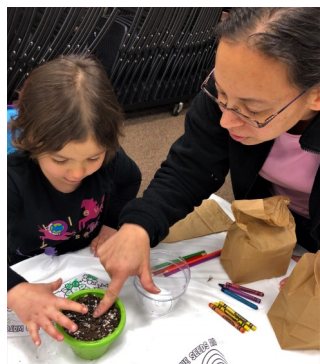
Thanks to Brotherhood, all our students had the opportunity to “build a pair.” They learned about tefillin from our Rabbi and wrote their own prayers. Next, they decorated the tefillin in their own style. Finally, on the day of the

World Wide Wrap students paired up with congregants to don their own pair. A great experience that continues to connect our school and congregation.

Students learned about Tu B'Shevat, particularly the laws in the Torah explaining when fruit-bearing trees can be harvested, how the age of trees is determined



and the importance of the seven fruits and grains. They brainstormed all the wonderful things trees give us while creating a picture of those things on their own tree creation.



Thank you to the David Sherman Foster Fund for their ongoing support of another fun and educational family program. On Tu B'Shevat we learned that the Land of Israel is described as “a land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey (Deut. 8:8).” The praise of the land of Israel for its fruit trees is a deep environmental lesson, testifying to the importance of nature and trees in Judaism. Thus, the collection for the

Jewish National Fund, that we solicited for this month and raised over \$150. Thank you for all the contributions. Feel free to use the link on the BSBI website if you



would still like to participate. In addition to student presentations and playing *Kahoot* we also planted parsley which will be ready to harvest on Passover and be part of our seder plates. Finally, we enjoyed a sing-a-long led by our own Jane Zimmerman.



Ellen Frankel  
RLWRS Director

# BSBI Community

## Jessie's Garden



It is almost spring and time to think about Jessie's Garden. An organizational meeting will be

held Sunday, March 1, at 12:00 in the library. We would like to discuss a weeding date and plans for planting. Last year we decided to let the garden rest for a summer due to difficulties with many plants. We are anxious to begin again and hope that many will join us. We would like to see the familiar faces as well as having new people join us. The more people the easier the job. We need people to plant, weed, water and deliver the produce to MACC and HVCC. Please



consider joining us on March 1.

**Brina Abrahams**  
**Merle Cohen**

The BSBI Community Seder is fast approaching!

Join us as we celebrate Pesach with delicious food, wine, prayers and conversation on

Thursday, April 9th at 6 pm.

See the attached flyer for more information.



From the Rabbi's Desk continued...

30. Who is Beyonce`?  
What is Borchu?
31. Who is Brad Pitt?  
Who is Reuven Rivlin?
32. What do you need to make a martini?  
What do you need to make haroset?
33. What is a "full house"?  
What is a "Hanukat HaBayit"?
34. What does IBM mean?  
What does El Al mean?
35. Who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you..."?  
Who said, "If you will it, it is not a dream"?
36. At the racetrack, what does "to place" mean?  
At the table what does "mezuman" mean?
37. What is halvah?  
What is halacha?
38. What does IOU mean?  
What does **U** mean?
39. Who is Scarlett Johansson?  
Who is Chana Senesh?
40. Name two of Santa's Reindeer.  
Name three of the five Megillot.

To find the answers you can look it up on Google or you can take advantage of the many opportunities for Adult Studies we offer at BSBI. If you answer most of the questions correctly, you are Rabbi material. If you missed a few, then you are probably already a student of Judaica. If you missed many of these questions, then it is time to take advantage of the many education programs we offer.

**Rabbi Randall Konigsburg**



## Social Action

Our committee is looking forward to a busy spring. Our primary event will be Mitzvah Day on Sunday May 3. We will be beautifying our synagogue grounds, and our gardeners will be planting Jessie's Garden, so that we can once again provide fresh produce to MACC. We also are planning a Craft Fair that morning, and we will be making up toiletry packets for My Friends Place, a shelter for women. I hope you can join us for this fun event, and if you would like to help with any of the activities please let us know.

We have a special program that is part of our Social Action work. Lisa Plavin is in charge of Nichum Avaylim (Comforting the Mourners). This is a practice that allows us as a BSBI community to fulfill this important mitzvah. When a BSBI member suffers a loss in his or her immediate family, we determine whether they will be at home on the next Friday night.

If that is the case, we bring Shabbat dinner to them and their assembled family as a gesture on



behalf of the congregation. This is funded by generous contributions by our members. Thank you to all who do this important work.

Thank you again for all that you do to support the work of this committee.

### **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).

## Hamantash – Latke Debate

March 9, 2020

(following the reading of the Megillah)

Imagine Latkes for Purim.

Imagine Hamentashen for Hanukkah.

What would happen if we had maror for both?

How would we know when it is Purim?

How would we know when it is Hanukkah?

Who knows? Who cares? Just ask Alexa.

The more important questions will be asked on Purim so.....

**Join us as we ponder, debate and digest which is "better" a hamentash or a latke.**



lawyers, machers really matters.

Watch your favorite scholars and argue as if it

**Have a good laugh and enjoy yourself; after all it is Purim!**

The great Hamentash/Latke (or is it the great Latke/Hamentash??) Debate, Purim night right after the Megilla reading (and after the children have gone to bed). Food, Fun (but no Sufganiot ... don't ask)

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



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## Sisterhood Speaks

*Mimi Kalman, Editor*



### ***What's Ahead for Sisterhood?***

**Tuesday, March 10, 1:30 pm**

Knit & Kvetch

**Sunday, March 15, 2:00 pm**

Women's League, NAR Region Cantorial Concert

**Sunday, March 22, 9:30 am - 11:00 am**

Adventure Walk

**Monday, March 23, 6:30 pm**

**(minyan at 6:00 pm)**

Lillian and George Sandals Memorial

Dinner and Lecture

**Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 pm**

Sisterhood Board Meeting

**Sunday, March 29, 9:30 am**

Gentle Yoga Class

### **Knit & Kvetch**

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 10, at 1:30 pm, in the BSBI library.

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

Remember we can always use yarn or monetary donations to continue our mitzvah. It doesn't have to be a huge amount; \$5.00 goes a long way towards buying yarn. We do appreciate all donations of yarn, however please no wool. Our items need to be machine washable so we can only accept 100% acrylic. Please make sure that all donation checks are made out to BSBI Sisterhood and marked "Knit and Kvetch" on the memo line. If they are to be 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](mailto:IRANNEFINK@AOL.COM).

**Anne Fink**

### **Annual Lillian and George Sandals Memorial Dinner and Lecture**

This year our Annual Lillian and George Sandals Memorial Dinner and Lecture, Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm (Minyan at 6:00 pm) will be presented by both BSBI Sisterhood and the BSBI Social Action Committee.

Our guest speaker will be Rabbi Richard L. Eisenberg author of "Judaism, Addiction and Recovery: A Spiritual and Faith-based Approach."

A native of Bridgeport, Rabbi Eisenberg received a BA from Duke University and an MA from Smith College and the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS). In 1982, he received rabbinical ordination from JTS and went on to serve as a congregational rabbi for 35 years. Prior to joining B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge, CT, he held pulpits in Columbus, Georgia and Wayne, New Jersey. He received his Certificate in Drug and Alcohol Counseling from Gateway Community College and worked for 10 years as a rehabilitation counselor at The APT Foundation in New Haven, where he provided group and individual therapy for people diagnosed with substance use disorders. During that time he also served part-time as rabbi at Beth El Synagogue in Torrington, which closed its doors in 2017.

Rabbi Eisenberg retired from The APT Foundation two years ago. In addition to his new book, he has written articles on intermarriage, Judaism, and addiction and the opioid crisis.



Minyan will be at 6:00 pm, dinner will be at 6:30 pm, lecture and dessert at 7:30 pm. The entree will be vegetable lasagna, the cost will be \$15.00/adult and \$10.00/youth under 18, \$5.00 if you are coming just for dessert and the lecture. Please send your check, made out to BSBI Sisterhood, to Sandi Phair, 42 Arnott Rd., Manchester, CT 06040 by March 16. Please indicate if you need a gluten free or dairy free dinner.



## Sisterhood Speaks Continued

### Gentle Yoga Class

What: Yoga – a 1 hour gentle yoga class; led by a certified Yoga Instructor

When: **Sunday March 29, 9:45-10:45:**

Where: BSBI

Who: Everyone. All ages. If you've never done yoga before – try it!!!!

Cost: only \$6/person

Bring: yourself! Comfortable clothes.

Yoga mat or a towel if you don't have a mat

### Women's League, NAR Region Cantorial Concert

WLCJ North Atlantic Region will present a Cantorial Concert on March 15th, at 2:00 pm at Temple Aliyah, 1664 Central Avenue, Needham, MA.

There will be performances by four Cantors and a Torah Fund keynote speaker from JTS. Ticket prices are \$25.00. Proceeds benefit Torah Fund.

For further information contact Robin Metzger at 508-930-5865 or [RMetzger92@yahoo.com](mailto:RMetzger92@yahoo.com). For carpool arrangements contact Judy Meyer, 860-644-9271, [jgm06074@yahoo.com](mailto:jgm06074@yahoo.com)

### Adventure Walk, March 22nd

Hi Walkers, we'll be walking again on Sunday, March 22, at 9:30 am and we will be back before Hebrew school is over so that you can pick up your children. So come with us, and see if we can find any greenery poking up through the snow and ice along the trail. We will definitely see especially lovely scenery and enjoy being out in the fresh air!



Ann Labb

### Torah Fund Cards

- ♦ Judy and Harold Meyer; sympathy card to Barry and Esta Lichtenstein in memory of Barry's mother, Irene Wolf.
- ♦ Mimi Kalman; sympathy card to Barry and Esta Lichtenstein in memory of Barry's mother, Irene Wolf.

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

### Share an Oneg

On Shabbat February 1, the pulpit flowers were sponsored by Glenn Blumenstein in honor of Brotherhood Shabbat, and BSBI Brotherhood sponsored the Kiddush Luncheon in honor of Brotherhood Shabbat.

**Stacey Poutre, Kiddush (Desserts only) Chairperson**  
(860-432-7083), [stacey@poutres.com](mailto:stacey@poutres.com)  
**Mimi Kalman, Pulpit Flowers Chairperson**  
(860-649-3890), [mimrk524@gmail.com](mailto:mimrk524@gmail.com)

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

Time to get ready for Purim. Next stop Passover.

Don't delay, stop on by your BSBI Sisterhood Gift Shop and see what we have on offer--from gifts for everyone to Passover items such as: platters, Seder plates, salt water holders, matzah platters and covers as well as lots of books, toys for tots and kids of all ages, plus much, much more!

Don't forget to check out our Hanukkah Clearance Sale too!

Email or call me for an appointment at: 860-649-8507 or email: [rimarainbow@cox.net](mailto:rimarainbow@cox.net)

Rima Riedel

## Brotherhood Corner

Glenn Blumenstein, Brotherhood President

Let us all prepare for a night of drunkenness until we don't know the difference between cursing Haman and blessing Mordechai. Okay, perhaps not...but with the passing of Tu B'Shevat and the coming of Purim, I know that spring is near, and this is when I start to get excited thinking ahead to spring and summer fun. In our family that means long days on our bikes, picnics, and splashing in the river. But it also means that the Abitz-Angel Memorial Golf Tournament (AAMGT) is soon upon us. For those of you who don't know, this is the Brotherhood's biggest fundraiser of the year. The tournament doesn't just benefit the BSBI brotherhood and the community work we do, it also benefits Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC). For the past two years, we have donated \$10,000.00 to CCMC, and with the rest of the funds raised in the tournament, we're able to support a number of local charities, and continue our ongoing "Mission of Menschlichkeit".

This is the part where I ask you to help. If you own a business or know someone who does, please ask them to consider sponsoring the event. If you own a set of golf clubs or know someone who does, come and play with us on June 17<sup>th</sup>. I myself am an absolutely terrible golfer, but Spin Zucker won't let me **"not play,"** so why not come and join us! Tiffany and I find it to be one of the most fun days of the year. I hope you will consider supporting this amazing event and invite everyone you know to do the same. **Let's top the \$10,000 we gave last year!**

*You can find out more about the tournament, register to play, or even register as a sponsor at [aamgtgolf.com](http://aamgtgolf.com).*

### Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Tanya Macher**

#### ***From Slavery to Freedom: Does the Torah and the Prophets have proof of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade?***

Tanya Macher since the age of 10 has had an avid interest in African-American history. This interest was coupled with Torah, when at the age of 18, she read the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 28. She started her college career pursuing a degree in Religion and Political Science at the American University in Washington, D.C., but opted for a career in Engineering, working at the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for 10 years. She is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University, School of Engineering and Technology in New Britain, CT and Conard High School in West Hartford, CT. She is a member of Temple Beth Shalom B'nai Israel where she has attended for 15 years.

### February 2, 2020 Breakfast & Speaker follow up

**Mr. David Waren**

Mr. David Waren is the President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. David received his BA Cum Laude from Brandeis University, and received also his JD, with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law.



David talked about where some of the money goes to from the Federation. Some examples are to Core Social Services, Kids' Special Needs, and Jewish Education.

He also discussed some of the problems many synagogues are having with demographics, the aging community, assimilation, and Jewish literacy.

He ended his lecture by describing a great organization called Right on for Israel which brings college students to Israel for two weeks to learn about Israel, and be an advocate for Israel when they return to their campus. This organization helps people connect to Jewish life and values, fueling a dynamic enduring community.



## Brotherhood Corner Continued

### The BSBI Brotherhood had their annual World Wide Wrap on February 2nd, 2020.

This event brings thousands of Jewish kids, men & women from all over the country to come together and learn about the mitzvah of t'fillin.

Photos courtesy of Harold Bernstein





# Celebration Dates in March



## Birthdays



Elijah Miller-3/1  
Merle Cohen-3/2  
Jeff Wasser-3/3  
Victor Bernstein-3/3  
Alec Zimmerman-3/4  
Eveleen Zimmerman-3/4  
Brenda Bula-3/5  
Jonathan Kaplan-3/5  
Philip Klein-3/5  
Stephen Donnell-3/10  
Alexander Feinstein-3/10  
Harrison Blum-3/10  
Donna Feir-3/10  
Diane Keyser-3/11  
Marjorie Partney-3/11  
Hannah Partney-3/11

Madeline Turk-3/13  
Edward Borgida-3/14  
Jeanne Lowrey-3/14  
Paula Finkelstein-3/14  
Michael Gross-3/17  
Marilyn Greenwald-3/17  
Steven Leshin-3/17  
Susan Stoppelman-3/18  
Kenneth Wichman-3/19  
Elliot Lerman-3/19  
Richard Abrahams-3/19  
Ellen Kloehn-3/20  
Ethan Luxemburg-3/20  
Simon Luxemburg-3/20  
Harvey Weiner-3/21  
Andrew Glatt-3/21

Samuel Rosenberg-3/22  
Joel Milzoff-3/23  
Rachel Singer-3/23  
Elizabeth Goldberg-3/25  
Robert Blum-3/25  
William Delaney-3/26  
Jeff Pitler-3/27  
Marilyn Lassow-3/28  
Norman Fisher-3/28  
Emily Buch-3/29

## Anniversaries



David Stern & Rebecca Rumbo-3/22  
Alan & Andrea Zitomer-3/24  
Jennifer & Eric Bundy-3/26



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so that we may celebrate it in the future.**

# BSBI Community Seder 5780

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

Join the BSBI Community as we celebrate Passover together!

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



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

Join us as we celebrate the second night of Passover together as a community!

Traditional rituals, songs, and contemporary discussion led by Rabbi  
Konigsburg.

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

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

Dawn Steigelfest, 26 Tamarac Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Questions? Contact Dawn Steigelfest at 860-659-4029

# Leave a Jewish Legacy



## IRA Assets and Qualified Charitable Distributions

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

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

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

## What are QCDs?

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

## What are important things to know about QCDs?

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

## Examples of using QCDs for charitable giving

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

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

Sincerely,  
Jeff Wasser, MD  
President of the BSBI Endowment

Will this be the year to leave YOUR Jewish legacy?



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

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



For more information, please email:  
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# Endowment Foundation

Scholarships	Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School	Adult Education	Community	General Endowment Fund
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Seymour B. Kaplan Fund	Hochberg Family Fund	Ruth and Sidney Cohen Fund	Gordon Barshay Lassow and Jay Joshua Lassow Fund	Louis and Sadye Apter Family Fund
Sonia and Max Karp and Anita Karp Treston Fund	Jacobs Family Fund	Jack Goldberg Fund*	Esther Margulies Lessner and George C. Lessner Fund	Clare and Herbert Bernstein Fund
Joseph Kopman Fund	Rose Jaffe Fund	F. Ruth and S. I. Kummer Fund	Jerome and Louise Nathan Fund	Raymond Bernstein Fund
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Max Lundy Fund	Ruth Podrove Melton Fund	Aida S. Nesselroth Educational Enhancement Fund*	Plepler Family Fund	A. Elmer Diskan Fund
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Pauline and Isadore Zackin Fund	Martin L. Rubin Fund	Rabbi Jeshaja and Hilde Schnitzer Fund	Shapiro Family Fund	Edith Gottlieb Fund
Diane and Jeffrey Wasser Ramah Scholarship Fund	Nat N. and Gertrude Sturm Schwedel Fund	Saul and Rebecca Silverstein Fund	Eileen & Fred Stern Family Fund	Leo and Shirley Juran Fund
	Berdine Spector Stoltz Fund	Weil-Braunsberg Fund*	Blanche and Robert Stone Fund	Kahaner Family Fund
		Elliott and Eveleen Zimmerman Library Fund	Continuity Fund	Ethel and Nathan Kasowitz Fund
			Program Enhancement	Marcus Family and Bula Family Fund
			Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Operating Fund	Irving and Ethel Mehlman Rose Fund
Religious	Youth	Maintenance/Capital Improvements	Memorial Park	
Max and Sally Glaiber and Joseph and Gertrude Snider Fund	Anna Brita Chilberg Fund	Bayer-Marlow Fund	Temple Beth Sholom Memorial Park Fund	Irma and Merwin Meridy Fund
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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**The Time is Now,  
The Need is Great!**

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

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

*The Endowment Foundation*

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

For information about establishing an Endowment Fund or leaving a bequest, contact Dr. Jeffrey Wasser [BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org) or Rabbi Konigsburg 860-643-9563 x101.

# Contributions from Thoughtful People

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

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

## ANNE & LEON KRAMER FUND

In memory of Anne C. Kramer, beloved mother & grandmother, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Carol & Paul Leiman & Family

## BERDINE SPECTOR STOLTZ FUND

In loving memory of Sarah D. Wyman on the anniversary of her *yahrzeit* from Kenneth & Myrna Spector

## DIANE AND JEFFREY WASSER RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Happy 70th birthday to Diane Wasser and best wishes for continued good health in the New Year; get well wishes to Cantor Wayne Krieger; in honor of Jeff Wasser receiving the award of Excellence from the American Health Council from Stephen & Rachel Donnell

In honor of Diane Wasser's special birthday and her reading; in honor of Jeff Wasser's award as "one of the best Physicians in America" from Arnold & Sandy Dashefsky

## EDITH GOTTLIEB FUND

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

## EILEEN AND FRED STERN FAMILY FUND

In honor of Eileen & Fred Stern's grandson, Zak's, bar mitzvah from Arnold & Sandy Dashefsky

## GENERAL FUND

Best wishes to Cantor Krieger from Mark & Helen Ross  
Get Well and rapid healing to Anne Fink from Jeffrey & Diane Wasser

Happy Anniversary to Saul & Carol Nesselroth from Mark & Helen Ross

In honor of Sally Ivaldi receiving the Joe Davis Award; in honor of Brina Abrahams for receiving the Sisterhood Woman of Distinction Award from Craig & Debra Cinquemani

In honor of Diane Wasser's birthday; in honor of Jeff Wasser being named a recipient of the Award of Excellence from the American Health Council; in memory of Barbara Zupnik's sister, Sophie Delaney Silver, from Rahim & Sherry Shamash

In memory of Isabel Greig; in memory of Etta Lang on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Arlene Bonilla & Joel Lang

In memory of Ruth Parnes, Robert Parnes' mother, from Barnet & Joan Baron

In memory of Sophie Delaney Silver; in memory of Ruth Parnes from Dr. Kenneth Wichman

In memory of Grandma Parnes in support of the Parnes Family from Laurence & Jayne Cohen

In memory of my beloved father, Jack Weg, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Ms. Marilyn Starr

In memory of Rose & Maurice Pass on the occasion of their *yahrzeit* from Anne Pass

In loving memory of Harold's mom, Vivian Meyer, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Harold & Judy Meyer

In memory of Pauline & Meyer Kaplan on the occasion of their *yahrzeit* from Joanne Pasternack

In memory of our beloved son, David B. Kaplan on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Jonathan & Linda Kaplan

In loving memory of Milton Leon on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Mary Leon

In memory of Diane Marmer on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Mrs. Ellen Marmer

In memory of Mollie Mittelman, beloved mother of Corinne Fisher, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Norman & Corinne Fisher

In memory of Sidney Zupnik on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Theodore & Barbara Zupnik

## GORDON BARSHAY LASSOW & JAY JOSHUA LASSOW FUND

In memory of my beloved sister, Marilyn Fried, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*; in memory of my favorite uncle, Jack Lassow, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Mrs. Gail Freedman

## LAURIE MARGOLIS FUND

In memory of Evie Singer's mom. May her memory be a blessing, from Philip & Susan Margolis

## LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Judy Krutt on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Mr. Bernard Krutt

**MAX & SALLY GLAIBER AND JOSEPH & GERTRUDE  
SNIDER FUND**

In memory of my father, Henry Snider, on the occasion  
of his *yahrzeit*, from Mrs. Rebecca Snider Miller

**NICHUM AVAYLIM FUND**

In memory of beloved daughter and niece, Isabel  
Pamela Grey, from Mimi Kalman

**PHAIR FAMILY FUND**

Happy 70th birthday to Sandi Phair and best wishes for  
the New Year from Stephen & Rachel Donnell

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Wishing Manny Lerman a smooth and successful  
recovery from Stephen & Rachel Donnell  
In appreciation of Rabbi Konigsburg's kindness from Ed  
& Joyce Epstein  
In memory of David's mother, Fay Engelson, on the  
occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Mr. David Engelson

**RITA & DAVID SCHMERLER FUND**

In honor of my son and daughter-in-law, Alon and Emily  
Naftali, on the birth of their son, Mason Naftali, from  
Gloria Naftali

**SAUL AND CAROL NESSELROTH FUND**

In honor of the anniversary of Saul & Carol Nesselroth  
from Harold & Judy Meyer

**SECURITY FUND**

In memory of Ruth Parnes from David & Ellen Neuhaus  
In memory of Ruth S. Parnes, mother of Robert Parnes,  
from Dr. & Mrs. Barry Haight

In memory of Ruth Parnes, mother of Robert  
Parnes, from Gordon & Beatrice Brodie  
In memory of Robert Parnes' mother, Ruth. May  
her memory be a blessing. from Philip & Susan  
Margolis  
In memory of Ruth Parnes from Ronald & Brina  
Abrahams

**SHABBAT LUNCHEON FUND**

In honor of Carol Hatch, in appreciation of all she  
does to support BSBI and our community from  
Philip & Susan Margolis  
Mazel tov Carl and Cruz Mandell on the birth of  
their grandson, Edison from Stephen & Rachel  
Donnell  
In memory of Edward Altman on the occasion of  
his *yahrzeit* from Steve & Elly Cohen

**SHELDON & DORIS ADLER FUND**

In memory of Sheldon Adler, beloved husband,  
father and grandfather, on the occasion of his  
*yahrzeit* from the Adler, Kaprove and Maloney  
Families



**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).



# March 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 – 3/2</u></b> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Schmerler, Alan & Lea  <div>People Needed</div>	<b><u>First Tuesday – 3/3</u></b> Banks, Craig Baron, Barry & Joan Bayer, Aaron & Laurie Schiller, Richard & Amy Vinick, Cal	<b><u>First Wednesday – 3/4</u></b> Brodie, Gordon & Bea Creem, Jerry* Karasik, Gail Lerman, Manny & Maxine Pasternak, Lorin*	<b><u>First Thursday – 3/5</u></b> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Luxemburg, Maury Mandell, Carl & Cruz Poutre, Stacey Riedel, Rima  <div>People Needed</div>
<b><u>Second Monday – 3/9</u></b> Bayer, Bill & Barbara Beck, Bruce Delaney, Bill & Deb* Flink, Herb & Ellie* Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Partney, Philip & Margery	<b><u>Second Tuesday – 3/10</u></b> Grad, Howard & Linda Kalman, Mimi* Lerner, Brenda Norman, Mike & Bonnie Phair, Sandi*	<b><u>Second Wednesday – 3/11</u></b> Creem, Jerry* Leshin, Steven & Barbara Pasternak, Lorin* Resnick, Barry & Renny Zucker, Spin	<b><u>Second Thursday – 3/12</u></b> Caplin, Bob & Donna* Finkelstein, Paula Norman, Sam & Teri Zupnik, Ted & Barbara*
<b><u>Third Monday – 3/16</u></b> Delaney, Bill & Deb* Keyser, Arnold & Diane* Linner, Abe & Iris Ludlum, Cathy Milzoff, Joel & Irene	<b><u>Third Tuesday – 3/17</u></b> Abrahams, Richard & Leslie Gross, Michael & Susan Ivaldi, Sally Orringer, Nelson & Stephanie	<b><u>Third Wednesday – 3/18</u></b> Creem, Jerry* Gamzon, Bill* Igdalsky, Alan & Hope Pasternak, Lorin* Plen, Donna Stoppelman, Julian & Susan	<b><u>Third Thursday – 3/19</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 – 3/23</u></b> Bloostein, Saul & Susan* Delaney, Bill & Deb* Pasternak, Lorin* Rubin, Susan Zimmerman, Eveleen*  <div>People Needed</div>	<b><u>Fourth Tuesday – 3/24</u></b> Beede, Harriet Kalman, Mimi* Lassow, Jeff & Liza Mandel Turk, Mike or Maddy* Zimmerman, Eveleen*	<b><u>Fourth Wednesday – 3/25</u></b> Creem, Jerry* Margolis, Phil & Susan Meyer, Harold Meyer, Judy Murray, Becky* Pasternak, Lorin* Shamash, Rahim & Sherry Zucker, Spin	<b><u>Fourth Thursday – 3/26</u></b> Burstein, David Caplin, Bob & Donna* Frankel, Ellen Lassow, Marilyn Pearlson, Stan & Sue Zimmerman, Jane  <div>People Needed</div>
<b><u>Fifth Monday – 3/30</u></b> Delaney, Bill & Deb* Flink, Herb & Ellie* Kovensky, Neil Nesselroth, Saul & Carol Poutre, Stacey*	<b><u>Fifth Tuesday – 3/31</u></b> Axler, Phil Cole, Daniel & Florence Ellis, Joel & Susan	<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	

# March 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 (5 Adar)</b> 9:00a Morning Minyan 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 9:30a Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker 12:00 p Jesse's Garden	<b>2 (6 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>3 (7 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>4 (8 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>5 (9 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>6 (10 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 5:29p Candle Lighting 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat Sunset: 5:47p	<b>7 (11 Adar)</b> <b>Parshat Zachor</b> 10:00a Shabbat Services 6:22p Havdalah Sunset: 5:48p
<b>8 (12 Adar)</b> 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 9:00a Morning Minyan	<b>9 (13 Adar)</b> <b>Taanit Esther Erev Purim</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 6:00p Community Purim Celebration	<b>10 (14 Adar)</b> <b>Purim</b> 8:00a Purim Morning Service 1:30p Knit & Kvetch 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>11 (15 Adar)</b> <b>Shushan Purim</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>12 (16 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>13 (17 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 6:30p Brotherhood Kabbalat Shabbat 6:37p Candle Lighting Sunset: 6:55p	<b>14 (18 Adar)</b> <b>Parshat Parah</b> 10:00a Shabbat Services 7:30p Havdalah Sunset: 6:56p
<b>15 (19 Adar)</b> 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 9:00a Morning Minyan	<b>16 (20 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 6:30p Finance Committee 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>17 (21 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>18 (22 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Board Meeting	<b>19 (23 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 4:30p Teen Program 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>20 (24 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45p Candle Lighting Sunset: 7:03p	<b>21 (25 Adar)</b> <b>Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Hachodesh</b> 10:00a Shabbat Services 7:38p Havdalah Sunset: 7:04p
<b>22 (26 Adar)</b> 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 9:00a Morning Minyan 9:45a Sisterhood Adventure Walk	<b>23 (27 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 6:00p Mincha/Maariv 6:30p Sandals Lecture	<b>24 (28 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>25 (29 Adar)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>26 (1 Nisan)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 4:30p RLWRS Grades 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p The King's Speech	<b>27 (2 Nisan)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat 6:53p Candle Lighting Sunset: 7:11p	<b>28 (3 Nisan)</b> 10:00a Shabbat Services & Luncheon for Alysia Bator 7:46p Havdalah Sunset: 7:12p
<b>29 (4 Nisan)</b> 9:00a RLWRS Grades K-7 9:00a Morning Minyan 9:45a Yoga Class	<b>30 (5 Nisan)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	<b>31 (6 Nisan)</b> 7:00a Morning Minyan 7:00p Mincha/Maariv				

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



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

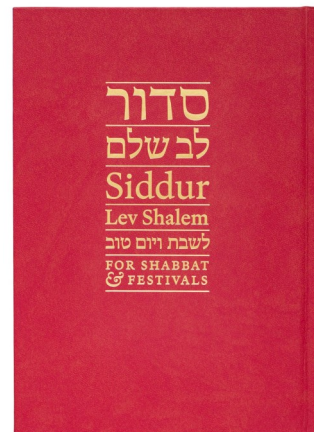
Consider donating your unwanted vehicle in support of BSBI. It is easier and faster than selling it on your own, and you may qualify for a tax deduction! Donors say it is a satisfying way to make a larger donation than they normally could.

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

For more information go to:

<https://www.vehiclesforcharity.org>

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



## Beth Olam Cemetery

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

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



Please follow the directions below to use the new lock:

- The lock is located under the black weatherproof cover
- Pull the lock over the black weatherproof cover
- Turn the number to 1818-line them up with the red line
- Lock will pull apart
- When done, reattach the cable to lock it
- Turn at least one number to secure lock
- Replace the lock under the black weatherproof cover

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Beth Sholom B'nai Israel

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## 12th Annual BSBI Community Seder

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

Register & Pay by March  
26th to get \$36 per person.

All Reservations close on  
March 31, 2020



See flyer insert for more information and registration form



# Community Purim Celebration

Monday, March 9, 2020

Fun for All Ages! Come in Costume!

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

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

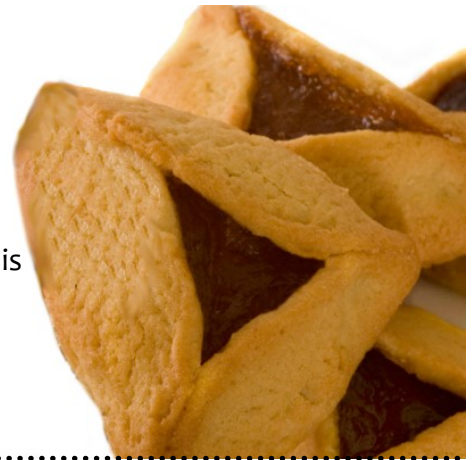


\$5 per person; \$20 max per family. Children under 5 are free  
RSVP by returning the below form with your payment to S. Margolis  
at 23 Ruff Circle, Glastonbury, CT 06033 (phone: 860-918-2057)

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

Checks can be made out to "BSBI Sisterhood"

Dinner and program coordinated by BSBI Sisterhood



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

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

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

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

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

# Brotherhood Sponsored Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner

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

All Are Welcome!

Service:  
6:30 PM

Dinner:  
approximately 7:30 PM



Ru'ach to follow a  
traditional "Shabbas"  
dinner

\*All meals are  
prepared gluten free

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

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

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

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

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

Please indicate your meal selections:

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

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

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

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

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Present:

## George & Lillian Sandals Memorial Dinner & Lecture

Monday, March 23, 2020

*Judaism, Addiction and Recovery: A Spiritual & Faith-Based Approach*



6:00 PM Minyan

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Dessert & Lecture

Rabbi Richard L. Eisenberg was born in Bridgeport CT in 1952, received a BA from Duke University and an MA from Smith College and the Jewish Theological Seminary. In 1982 Rabbi Eisenberg received ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary and went on to serve as a congregational rabbi spanning 35 years at synagogues in Columbus GA, Wayne NJ, Woodbridge CT and Torrington CT. He also worked for 10 years until 2017 as a rehabilitation counselor at The APT Foundation in New Haven CT where he provided group and individual therapy for people diagnosed with substance use disorders. He received his Certificate in Drug and Alcohol Counseling from Gateway Community College in 2007 and is a certified addictions counselor.

Rabbi Eisenberg has been active in the Rabbinical Assembly, having served on the Executive Council as well as chairing the Resolutions, Social Action and Ethics Committee. He also served on the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards and wrote the version of the Triennial Cycle for Torah reading that has become the accepted model in Conservative congregations. Rabbi Eisenberg was involved in ecumenical clergy associations in each of his communities and has devoted himself to interfaith work. His current focus is applying Jewish principles and values of spirituality to addictions treatment as well as conveying the message and power of recovery to Jewish communal life. Rabbi Eisenberg has written for the Forward and Tablet on the topics of intermarriage, Judaism and addiction and the opioid crisis. His new book is titled *Judaism, Addiction and Recovery: A Spiritual and Faith-Based Approach*.

RSVP by March 16 by mailing the below form to Sandi Phair

Email Sandi Phair at [teachersandi@cox.net](mailto:teachersandi@cox.net) or

call Susan Goodwin at 860-646-3200 for further information

To register for the Sandals lecture and dinner, return this portion of the form to Sandi Phair,  
42 Arnott Road, Manchester, CT 06040. Please make out your check to **BSBI Sisterhood**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please indicate the number of each entrée:

Adult @ \$15 .....

Vegetable Lasagna \_\_\_\_\_

Youth under 18 @ \$10.....

Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_

Dessert & Lecture Only @ \$5 .....

Please inform us of any dietary restrictions:

TOTAL Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12<sup>th</sup> Annual

# BSBI Community Seder 5780

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

Gourmet Kosher Meal:  
Beef Brisket, Chicken,  
or Vegetarian



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

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

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

**To reserve your seat, register and pay online at [myshul.org](http://myshul.org) or complete the form  
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**Dawn Steigelfest, 26 Tamarac Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033**

Questions? Contact Dawn Steigelfest at 860-659-4029

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If cost is an obstacle, contact Rabbi Konigsburg 860-643-9563 x101 or [rabbenu@myshul.org](mailto:rabbenu@myshul.org)

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

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please indicate number of each:

VIP

Beef Chick Veg

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*Please mail completed form with payment by check to: BSBI, 400 Middle Tpke E., Manchester, CT 06040*

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

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

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

VIP # Tix: \_\_\_\_\_      Gen Admission # Tix: \_\_\_\_\_      Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bequest Intention Form Beth Sholom B'nai Israel

If it is your intention to provide Endowment Foundation of Beth Sholom B'nai Israel (BSBI) with a bequest or other future gift, we would like to include you in our *Etz Chaim* Society and properly thank you and acknowledge your gift during your lifetime.

Please complete this form and return it to the Endowment Committee of BSBI by mail at 400 East Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06040 or e-mail a copy to Jeff Wasser at [jeffreywasser@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeffreywasser@sbcglobal.net) or Roy Filkoff at [royfilkoff@altmanandco.com](mailto:royfilkoff@altmanandco.com). Both can also be reached at [BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org). This is a confidential record.

This Bequest Intention Form is not a legal document. It simply serves as a way for us to appreciate and recognize your generosity.

☐ I have already included the Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Endowment in my estate plan.

☐ I intend to include Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Endowment in my estate plan.

*If you are willing to provide us with the details of your plans, we thank you.*

### MY BEQUEST WILL BE:

☐ A PERCENTAGE OF MY ESTATE

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

☐ MY BEQUEST IS UNRESTRICTED

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

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### Unless you indicate otherwise, a member of committee will call you.

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



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## LETTER OF LEGACY INTENT

I/We want to help ensure the continuity of Beth Sholom B'nai Israel (BSBI) and provide for future generations. Therefore, I/We have made a provision in our will or estate plan to leave a legacy for \_\_\_\_\_ through the Endowment Committee of BSBI in collaboration with the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford, Inc.

This letter of intent represents my/our commitment to leave a legacy for BSBI. It does not constitute a legacy obligation and may be altered by me/us at any time.

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### OPTIONAL

It is my/our intent to leave a legacy through my/our:

- ☐ Will ☐ Retirement Plan Assets ☐ Life Insurance Policy ☐ Living Trust  
☐ Charitable Gift Annuity ☐ Charitable Remainder Trust ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

It is my/our intention to update our estate plan at the next available opportunity, with the following provisions:

- ☐ Provide a gift of \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the estate.  
☐ Provide a gift of a specific dollar amount (\$\_\_\_\_\_ if known) to be specified in the estate plan.

I/We plan to designate my/our gift to support the following:

\_\_\_\_\_

You may mention and/or print my (our) name where it may serve as an encouragement to others to make a similar commitment. If yes, please initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for helping to secure a bright future for the Jewish community.**