



Yom HaShoah Program With Dr. Allen Weg Wednesday April 7th, 7:30 PM



Dr. Allen Weg is a New Jersey Licensed Psychologist. He is Founder and Executive Director of Stress and Anxiety Services of New Jersey, an independent psychology group practice in Central New Jersey. His sister, Micki Starr, is a congregant here at BSBI.

This Yom HaShoah presentation, "T'sili," as her family used to call her, is about the life of Allen and Micki's mother before, during, and after the Holocaust.

*This program is free to attend but does require registration. See page 5 for more information

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Monday through Thursday: 7:00 PM

Friday: 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM

All service times are as listed above unless otherwise noted in the calendar.

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

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

Upcoming Events!

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

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

We appreciate your understanding during this unprecedented time.

Friday, April 2

6:00 pm: Pesach Evening Service

Saturday, April 3

10:00 am: Yom Tov/Shabbat Morning Service

6:00 pm: Pesach Evening Service

Sunday, April 4

10:00 am: Yom Tov Morning Service & Yizkor

7:30 pm: Pesach Evening Service & Maariv

Tuesday, April 6

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, April 7

7:30 pm: Yom HaShoah Program

Sunday, April 11

10:00 am: Brotherhood Speaker

Monday, April 12

7:30 pm: Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

Tuesday, April 13

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

4:00 pm: Torah Fund Event

Tuesday, April 20

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, April 21

7:30 pm: BSBI Board meeting

Sunday, April 25

11:30 am: Sisterhood Adventure Walk

Tuesday, April 27

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

7:30 pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, April 29

7:30 pm: JHS History of Manchester

Condolences to:

- Larry & Nancy Nathan, Jim & Hedy Nathan, Doris Feinstein and their entire families on the loss of mother and sister, Louise Nathan.
- Jane Zimmerman and Ira Zimmerman and their entire families on the loss of their mother, Natalie Zimmerman

Faith, Hope, Prayer



Today I got my first dose of the COVID 19 vaccination. This means that by the second week of the Omer, I will have full immunity from this terrible disease that has separated us from our families, confined us to our homes and prevented us from being together as a congregation and as a community. If all of us who are able to be vaccinated were to do so as quickly as possible, it would help us reopen our community and bring us all back together again.

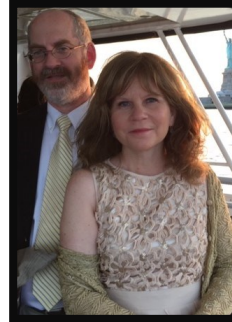
Everyone is talking about “getting back to normal” but I don’t think that we will ever be able to do things quite the way we did them before. Technology has come too far, and we have come to rely on it more than ever to connect with those who are far away. We have overcome the barriers of distance in ways we were never able to do before. Will offices move out of our homes? Will schools always use some forms of distance learning? Will a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or even a funeral, need to be connected to family and friends who are far away?

And yet there are some things that will require us to be together. We have gone too long without the reading and study of Torah on Shabbat. While we have discussed many topics of interest based on the weekly parsha, we still need to hear the words of Torah chanted in the synagogue and to celebrate together the birthdays, anniversaries, and other passages of life with prayer, music, and the smiles of friends. Being able to sing together (which cannot be done on Zoom) and then to share a lunch, these are the simple pleasures that I hope we can return to soon. I, for one, will love turning off my phone and computer for Shabbat and Jewish Holidays and appreciate not having to return to them until after Havdalah.

The world has changed. It always is changing. This pandemic made some of the changes happen faster. Other things that might have changed were put on hold for the year. I think that all of us have changed as well. The pandemic taught us to appreciate who we are, how we are connected and the limits of what the internet can do. I am looking forward to having everyone back in their seats in the synagogue soon, but I am also looking forward to sharing a cookie, some hallah and kiddush after the service. The time may not be for a few months yet, but I look forward to when we can all bask in the light that already shines at the end of this tunnel.

Rabbi Randall Konigsburg

Words from the Co-Presidents



We were not surprised to see a chart during the Sandals Lecture in March showing that Passover is the most celebrated of Jewish holidays. About 70% of all Jews (about 80% of Conservative Jews) participate in a Seder each year. In our experience, Passover also tends to inspire more comments than other holidays. People express appreciation for the sense of community that comes with Seder attendance. Most seem considerably less enthusiastic about the dietary restrictions.

The data shared by the presenters during the lecture tended to reflect this dichotomy. Many Jews are happy to identify as Jewish. Not so many are inclined to follow Jewish law, support Jewish charities, or belong to Jewish organizations. Participation is particularly low with younger people. The numbers follow similar trends among people of other religions. The presenters did a fantastic job in explaining the facts. They were appropriately cautious in predicting what those facts might mean for the future.

BSBI is not immune from these trends. As with the Jewish community in whole, it is difficult to predict what this will mean for our long term future. We recently went through a Mid Term Planning process that helped us understand what we can expect for the next few years. BSBI expects to pursue a longer term strategic planning process to address the future.

Through the foresight and generosity of BSBI members past and present, including many of you, BSBI is much better situated to weather whatever comes than many other organizations. We have an endowment that provides generous support for our activities. We have many members who give added funds each year. We have plans to increase outreach. We watch our expenses carefully. And most of all, we continue to gather, in times of joy and sorrow, to share our lives and provide a supportive community. Each of us can help to sustain and grow that community by introducing it to our friends and others who may be interested in the same things that interest us. There is an old saying that predictions are difficult, especially about the future. A strong foundation for the future can grow from our best efforts in the present.

Jack & Dawn Steigelfest, Co-Presidents

MEETING GOALS

When I begin the religious school year, I always set out with certain specific goals in mind.

For those who are learning to read Hebrew, my first goal is that by Chanukah, the students will be leading the Chanukah candle blessings; my next goal is that by Passover, the students will chant the 4 questions on Passover, and that by the end of the school year, they will be able to lead certain parts of the Friday evening service and know the Israel National Anthem, Hatikvah. I know that the parents are proud when their children take on these amazing feats.

For the older children, the goal is more about relevancy, deeper understandings of what participation in our services mean, as well as understanding the various symbols associated with our prayers, our holidays and our relationship with our Creator, as well as beginning to develop a sense of their own spirituality.

Most of the month of March was spent learning to understand the symbols of the Seder. I want our students to bring their understanding and add to their family sederim at home.

Knowing that having a green on the seder plate represents our new season of spring, serving as a reminder to look outside to notice the world around us, to notice that the trees are beginning to bud and that little green leaves begin to break the soil, even if there is still snow, to show us the aliveness of the earth and to stand in awe. After all, standing in awe of what happens in front of us is how we begin to experience and understand our sense of spirituality. We then talk about dipping the greens into salt water, which represent tears of being a beaten slave.

Mixing the season of new hope with the sadness of tears reminds us that life is filled with moments of hope as well as moments of sadness. Same with mixing the charoset, the sweet mixture of nuts, apples, wine, and cinnamon, reminding us of the clay used to make brick by the slaves, maror/bitter herb/horseradish, reminding us that slavery is bitter. We are also reminded that there are those who are still experiencing slavery in the world today. We cannot be totally free until everyone is free. As the words "Social justice" are major buzz words these days, we as Jews have always held them as deep Jewish values.

As the year begins to wind down, we will focus on Israel and its 73rd year, as well as what it means to be spiritual.

May we all continue to look for ways to make our traditions relevant with understanding and not to see what we do as archaic.

This is our role and what we are asked to do.

RLWRS Education Director
Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz

This Month in Jewish History By Rabbi Konigsburg

19 Nisan – 18 Iyyar

23 Nisan – Hebrew University, which was forced to suspend classes during Israel's War of Independence, resumed classes in temporary quarters on this date in 1949.

28 Nisan – Isidor Strauss (co-owner of Macy's) and his wife are among the dead after the sinking of the Titanic on this date in 1933.

7 Iyyar – Nehemiah dedicated the rebuilt walls of Jerusalem after the return of the Jews from Babylonian exile on this date in 443 BCE. Just over 500 years later, in 70 CE, on this same day, the Jewish defenders of Jerusalem would surrender this wall to the Roman army.

16 Iyyar – The US Seventh Army liberated the Dachau concentration camp on this date in 1945.

18 Iyyar – The Israeli Defense Army (Tzahal) was established by law by the Knesset in Israel on this date in 1948.

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Allen and Micki are "2Gers," second generation holocaust survivors. Their mother of blessed memory, Sylvia, was a survivor of Auschwitz. She died on February 8th, 2021, just two months ago, and would have been 97 years old on March 19th, one week before this year's Passover seders.

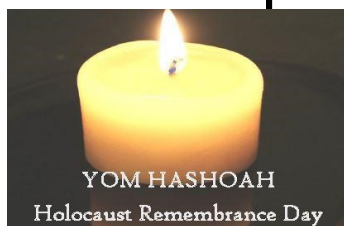
This Yom HaShoah presentation, "T'sili," as her family used to call her, is about the life of Allen and Micki's mother before, during, and after the Holocaust. The presentation will highlight photographs of the different eras in Sylvia's life.

Allen will share video snippets of Sylvia's Shoah Foundation interview done in the 1990s, which is now housed in the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in DC and available online. Allen will also share a bit of a video interview from just a year ago, when Allen interviewed his mom about her Holocaust experiences, which was filmed by Allen's son.

The presentation will also rely heavily on several hours of audio interviews that Allen taped of his mom in the very early 1980s.

As a psychologist, Allen will discuss the implications of being the son of a survivor and will also share what the process was like when he interviewed his mother, as well as his impressions of her as an Interviewee. There will be time for questions.

*This program is free but you must register to attend. Register for this program at Myshul.org



Save the Date Thursday, April 29th at 7:30 PM

Manchester Memories: A Stroll through Jewish History Sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford, Beth Sholom B'nai Israel, and the Manchester Historical Society

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a panel discussion about the history of Manchester's Jewish community through the decades, including growing up in Manchester, running businesses on Main Street, and changes over time. Registration will be available at www.jhsg.org in mid-April.

BSBI'S GOT TALENT

This year's first ever Apres-Purim Shenanigans, organized by the Adult Activities Committee, brought together a fantastic group of talented congregants who prepared jokes, song parodies, original poetry, skits and general *shtick* to put together a truly enjoyable and laughter-filled evening. Our emcee for the event, the ever-popular Spin Zucker, kept the momentum rolling as he noshed some *hamantaschen* while keeping up patter worthy of the Catskills in its heyday. We would like to thank him, as well as our wonderful performers: Ron Abrahams, Victor Bernstein, Bea Brodie, Gordon Brodie, Carol Hatch, Rabbi Randall Konigsburg, Manny Lerman, Sandi Phair, Lisa Plavin, Rabbi Richard Plavin, Rima Riedel, Rebecca Rumbo, Sissy Seader, David Stern, Josh Stern, Mike Turk and Jane Zimmerman. There were 50 computers tuned to our Zoom, so a large contingent watched along. We appreciate everyone who participated in the audience. We couldn't hear you laughing, because you were all muted (we hope), but we knew you were out there and are so happy that you joined us.

Although we can't yet be together in person, the Adult Activities Committee is working hard to create programming that brings us together in spirit, and in little squares on a screen. Look for more events to come.

Rabbi Richard Plavin Library

Dave Alter, Librarian



Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks z"l, formerly Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth for 22 years, was an international religious

leader, philosopher, award-winning author and respected moral voice.

Rabbi Sacks authored over 35 books. The Rabbi Richard Plavin Library is pleased to have two of his books in our collection, *A letter in the scroll: understanding our Jewish identity and exploring the legacy of the world's oldest religion* and *Lessons in Leadership: A Weekly Reading of the Jewish Bible*.

As a biblical scholar, Rabbi Sacks published a new English translation and commentary for the *Koren Sacks Siddur*, the first new Orthodox siddur in a generation, as well as powerful commentaries for the Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot *Machzorim*. His *Covenant & Conversation* commentaries on the weekly Torah portion are read in Jewish communities around the world.

Rabbi Koingsburg has referenced Rabbi Lord Sacks in several of the weekly Shabbat morning parshiyot.

Rabbi Sacks, who passed away on 7th November 2020, aged 72 left behind a legacy as one of the greatest Jewish thinkers of the 20th century, one who bridged the religious and secular world through his remarkable and ground-breaking canon of work.



Social Action Update

Spring is on the way!

There will be a meeting to organize Jessie's Garden on Sunday April 25th at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to attend. There will be a discussion of what went well last year, and what should be planted this year. The proposed planting date will be Sunday, May 16th at 11:00. If you would like more information, please contact Brina Abrahams or Merle Cohen.



There is an ongoing project that is being conducted by the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, to collect and distribute feminine hygiene and personal care products to women and girls in the greater Hartford area who may have difficulty purchasing these items on their own. This effort is called Dignity Grows (dignitygrows.org/donate). A \$10 donation will pay for a tote bag with a selection of products sufficient for a month. In addition, the Federation is looking for volunteers to assemble the bags. Please donate to this worthy cause if you can, and if you would like to volunteer you can contact jschwartzman@jewishhartford.org.

We are always on the lookout for volunteer activities for interested congregants. If you know of an opportunity, please let us know.

Carol Hatch
Chair, Social Action

Important: Update Your Contact Information!

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

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

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

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Elinor Flink-4/2
 William Breslau-4/3
 Esther Davis-4/3
 Steven Wollins-4/3
 Barbara Zubrow-4/7
 Micki Starr-4/8
 Ona Mastronarde-4/8
 Levi Blumenstein-4/9
 Sue Apter-4/10
 Devra Baum-4/13
 Leslie Abrahams-4/14
 David Plen-4/14
 Rima Riedel-4/15
 Alan Goldstein-4/16
 Jane Darico-4/17
 David Alter-4/17
 Debbie Benblatt-4/20
 Sissy Seader-4/20
 Alan Schmerler-4/22
 Debra Balogh-Delaney-4/23
 Melvin Spielberg-4/24
 Elyse Spielberg-4/24
 Rachel Levine-4/24
 Elly Cohen-4/25
 Connie Plepler-4/26
 Lew Segal-4/26
 Roberta Silverman-4/26
 Robert Mendelsohn-4/29
 Charles Berger-4/30

Roy & Risa Filkoff-4/12
 Lewis & Shirley Segal-4/12
 Barbara & Bill Bayer-4/17



Celebration

Dates

in

April


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Have a simcha you want to share with the congregation?
 Make sure to notify Tova at
programming@myshul.org 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.



Sisterhood Speaks

Mimi Kalman, Editor



What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

Monday, April 12, 7:30 pm

Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group, Zoom

Tuesday, April 13, 4:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL TIME!!

Virtual Annual Torah Fund Event

Sunday, April 18, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

North Atlantic Region of Womens League Virtual Conference

Sunday, April 25, 11:30 am

Please note the new time!

Socially Distanced Adventure Walk

Tuesday, April 27, 7:30 pm

Sisterhood Zoom Board meeting

Anytime: Yoga with Adriene on YouTube.

Our Woman of Distinction and the of NAR Womens League Virtual Conference

Sunday, April 18, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm



Every year at the North Atlantic Region (NAR) Women's League Conference each chapter chooses a member to be honored as their Woman of Distinction. Our choice this year is Diane Keyser. As Financial Secretary, Diane quietly and capably collects dues every year, submits our per capita assessment on time, and updates the WLCJ database with our members' latest contact information. She keeps our Sisterhood contact spreadsheet up-to-date, so we can publish our Sisterhood directory (our "Blue Book") every couple of years to mail to all our members. She can be counted on to attend board meetings regularly, and to participate each year in our budget planning meeting. She pitches in with a smile on numerous projects and events. Without Diane's diligent efforts, our Sisterhood would not run so smoothly. Our board is pleased to present Diane this year as our well-deserving nominee!

This year the NAR chapters, for the first time, will be having a joint conference with the Southern Region chapters. The theme for the day is We Effect Change, emphasizing Social Justice. More details will be forthcoming.

Virtual Annual Torah Fund Event

April 13, 2021, 4:00 pm



Our contributions to Torah Fund support 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.

Our special guest speaker, Karen Engel, is a Rabbinical student at the Zacharias Frankel College of Potsdam, Germany. Karen was born in California, a first generation American, born of Polish-German immigrants. She moved to Europe in the 1990's to work as a radio journalist and covered Jewish and other issues as part of her work. After many years of being involved with the Jewish community in Austria, she decided to become a rabbi. She is raising a family where there are few Jews and organizing many Jewish cultural and religious activities in southern Austria. Karen hopes to help strengthen Jewish Life and

values so that Jewish children will also have a place and a future in Europe.

Because Germany is 6 hours ahead of us, please note that our event will be at 4:00 pm (Germany's 10:00 pm)



As always, your contribution to Torah Fund, in any amount, is your admission to this special event. Each year a special pin is designed to thank the donors of a gift of \$180 or more. This year the pin is devoted to B'Yachad (Together). You can make this donation with one check, or pay monthly, \$18 for ten months or \$36 for five. Send your checks to me, and I will be happy to keep track of your monthly payments. Mimi Kalman, 163 Scott Drive, Manchester, CT 06042.

We will be sending the Zoom meeting link closer to the event. We also will try to record the event so that you can see it later, if unable to join us in the afternoon.

**Susan Margolis and Brina Abrahams,
Programming Chairs**

Mimi Kalman, Torah Fund Chair

Sisterhood Speaks Continued

Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group

Greetings, Fellow Readers

We hope you will join us for our next discussion on April 12 at 7:30 pm.

We will read *The Girl With the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare. Books will be placed on hold for the BSBI book group at the Mary Cheney Library reference desk.

We'll send a meeting link closer to the date.

Stay safe and enjoy the warmer weather,

Maxine Lerman and Myrna Spector

Knit & Kvetch

To our Knit and Kvetch group, please continue to work from home on hats, mittens and afghans. If you need yarn, get in touch with me, as I have some at my house, and we can make arrangements for pick up. If anyone would like to start knitting or crocheting for us, please do. It's a mitzvah!

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

If you have any questions, you can call me at 860-649-6551 or email me at Iranefink@gmail.com. Remember we can always use yarn or monetary donations to continue our mitzvah. It doesn't have to be a huge amount, \$5.00 goes a long way towards buying yarn. We do appreciate all donations of yarn, however please no wool. Our items need to be machine washable, so we can only accept 100% acrylic.

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

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

Anne Fink

YOGA ON YOUR OWN

Yoga with "The Queen of Pandemic Yoga" Adriene (Mishlar)! So named by the "NY Times," and she was featured on the TV program "Live With Kelly and Ryan." So now you not only have Margie's recommendation, but also the "Times" and Kelly and Ryan!

-Access YouTube on your Computer, IPAD, Phone

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

- Have fun and relax!!

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

Margie Partney

Adventure Walk

Note our new time of our Sunday, April 25, Adventure Walk, to 11:30 am, weather permitting. We decided to give the sun a little time to warm us up. As before, we must stay socially distanced and wear masks.

Family members and spouses are welcome to join, socially distanced from those not in the family bubble.

So meet us in BSBI's parking lot by 11:30 am.

We will decide where we are going, and off we will go!



Margie Partney

Torah Fund Cards

- Get well to Russ Benblatt, condolences to Michelle Konigsburg in memory of her mother, Natalie Levine from Cal and Elaine Vinick.
- Condolences to Marilyn Lassow in memory of her daughter-in-law, Laura Lassow, and condolences to Merle Lassow in memory of her brother, Victor Moses, from Steve and Barbara Leshin.
- Condolences to Joan Baron in memory of her husband, Barry, condolences to Michelle Konigsburg in memory of her mother, Natalie Levine, condolences to Sharon Reichlin on the loss of her mother, Vivian Zeligman, condolences to Ed Kloehn and family on Ellen's passing, mazel tov to Professor Arnold Dashefsky for receiving the 2020 Marshall Sklare award for the scientific study of Jewry from Judy and Harold Meyer.

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

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

Sisterhood Gift Shop - Your Source for All Your Simchat Important Gift Shop Update: Change of venue!

We are back to my porch, our equivalent of curb-side service, and we will be having an after Pesach Sale. We have Havdalah candles, Havdalah sets and spice boxes of all sizes and shapes, *yahrzeit* candles and *neronim*.

Best of all, you can pick up a Havdalah candle and join us every Saturday evening as Rabbi Konigsburg and Michelle lead us in a short and meaningful service, on Zoom, as we bid Shabbat farewell.

Call or email me to make an appointment for purchases or to special order items.

Rima
Phone: 860 649 8507
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Brotherhood Corner

Glenn Blumenstein, Brotherhood President

Another Seder is in the books, and Russ & I sincerely hope that you ate and laughed, at least as well as you imbibed. *"Four Cups of Wine"* is a very loose reference in my mind. I've always figured that each cup is about 16 oz or so...I'm sure many of you agree. Of course, I'm writing this in March as I'm thinking forward to the Passover to come. We're making plans to get the kitchen and the cabinets clean and ready, and I often think about our ancestors. Sent into their homes, with livestock no less, I think about the very real threat that loomed over them. To lock away fearing for your own life is bad enough, but fearing the loss of a child?!? It would only be my wife's strength that would get us through such a time. I can imagine myself huddled with my boys close. And without realizing it, I think that it's just what we've done...each of us huddled away, fearing the loss of a child, our partners, and even ourselves, to the plague that we still now face.

Today, my wife and I decided to allow our first born son to return to in-person learning at school, believing and hoping that he will be protected. As I sat to write this, I realized the parallel, and to be honest, it has left me feeling a bit paralyzed. I've spent the last year with my children huddled so close, and I've lost track of how many times I have pleaded, *HaShem, protect my children from this*. I sincerely hope that soon, we'll come together to daven together, and that our ranks will be mostly as they were when we last met. And even though not all will be with us, I see this eventuality as not just a blessing, but a victory. It's a victory over death that many of our people through time have won. All while we have all lamented the absence in each other's lives, in many ways, what we're experiencing now is very much like a modern-day Passover.

Happy Spring to You All!

Join Us April 11th – 10:00 am

(Zoom Link to Follow)



Scott Tharler

The Family CTO

(Chief Technology Officer)

A former resident of Manchester, Scott Tharler is a nationally recognized gadget expert. With over 20 years of experience as an award-winning technology journalist, he has written columns for the likes of Club Life Magazine, Gear Patrol, Maxim, Discovery News, Fodor's Travel and many others. He has performed live gadget demonstrations on TV and radio, as well as for public schools and libraries and private companies and retreats. This past fall he launched The Family CTO, a new kind of gadget site that's focused on easing tech intimidation and bringing folks joy through discovering fun, practical gadgets that solve problems around their digital household.

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Leave a Jewish Legacy



IRA Assets and Qualified Charitable Distributions

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

Donation of "Qualified Charitable Distributions" (QCD)

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

What are QCDs?

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

What are important things to know about QCDs?

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

Examples of using QCDs for charitable giving

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

For further information, contact a member of the Endowment Committee. You may reach out to the BSBI Endowment at BSBIEndowment@myshul.org 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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Endowment Foundation

Scholarships	Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School	Adult Education	Community	General Endowment Fund	The Time is Now, The Need is Great! Endowments are an opportunity for each of us to provide for our synagogue on a continuous basis by creating a permanent tribute to our values and principles. Our synagogue is here for you as you experience life's greatest joys and greatest challenges. <i>The Endowment Foundation</i> *These funds can also be used in Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School
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In memory of Sandra Harris Lavitt from Mara A. Lavitt

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Vic Moses; in memory of Pete's father, Herbert Buch, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Emily and Pete Buch
Our sincerest condolences to the children of Philip Edelson, Marci & Michael Yaffa, Melissa & Tom Young, Lynn & Sam Merenda and his brother Herbert Edelson and his entire family. May his soul rest in peace, from Steven Hirth, Nino Zaridze, Reno and Marco
In memory of Ellen Kloehn, she was a very kind beautiful lady from Anne Herman
In memory of Ellen Kloehn from Anne and Ira Fink
In memory of Victor Moses; in memory of Ellen Kloehn from Arnold & Sandy Dashefsky
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In memory of Vic Moses, brother of Merle Lassow, from Harvey & Roberta Weiner
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In memory of Werner Hirsch, he was a dear friend of the family and a member of Temple Beth Sholom, from Joel Wind & Alfred Munzer
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In memory of Sylvia Weg from Marion Warner
In memory of Ellen Kloehn, a dear friend, from Meredith Henry
In memory of Phillip Edelson, Marci Yaffa's beloved father, from Mrs. Susan Goodwin
In memory of Edmay Tardif from Phil Klein
In memory of Larry Schiller from Ronald & Susan Scherick
In memory of Edward Borgida from Ruth Jacobson

In memory of Natalie Levine, mother of Michelle Konigsburg, from Sharon and Barry Haight
In memory of William Cooper from Stephan M. Cooper MD.
In memory of Sylvia Weg from Steven Warner
In memory of Victor Moses; in memory of Sylvia Weg; in memory of Edmay Tardif from Stuart & Esther Horn
In memory of Ed Borgida from Thomas Gutman
In memory of Celia Sholovitz on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from William Gamzon
Thank you to the BSBI family for your thoughtfulness in memory of Vic Moses from Mrs. Merle Lassow
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In memory of Irving Turk on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*, from Michael & Madeline Turk
In memory of Hannah Lebel Handler on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*, from Michael Handler
In memory of Esther Zivigeser Brody, beloved mother, on the occasion of her *yahrzeit*, from Mr. & Mrs. Barry Resnick
In memory of Samuel Harry Keyser on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*, from Mr. David Keyser

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In memory of Jay Lassow from Marilyn Lassow
In memory of Laura Lassow, daughter in law of Marilyn Lassow, from Mary Leon
In memory of Victor Moses from Rachel and Jim Reindel
In memory of Esther Frankel on the occasion of her *yahrzeit* from Marilyn Lassow

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In memory of Edward Borgida from Manuel & Maxine Lerman
KNIT & KVETCH
In memory of your loving wife, Ellen, to her husband Ed and family. So sorry for your loss, from Lynn and Jack Cohen

LEONARD SEADER FUND

In memory of Victor Moses, brother of Merle Lassow; in memory of mom, Nellie Cohen, sister Dottie Zundell and mother in law Sara Seader, on the occasion of their *yahrzeits*, from Sissy Seader

LOUIS & SADYE APTER

In loving memory of Philip Edelson from Bernard & Sue Apter

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NATHAN CHESLER FUND

In memory of grandfather, Abraham Chesler, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*, from Holly Gwyn Zabitz

In memory of father in law, Abraham Chesler, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*, from Mrs. Sharon Chesler

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In memory of mother Nellie Cohen, sister Dottie Zundell and mother in law Sara Seader, on the occasion of their *yahrzeits*, from Sissy Seader

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In memory of Micki Starr's mother, Sylvia Weg; in memory of Natalie Levine, mother of Michelle Konigsburg, from Emily and Pete Buch

In memory of Natalie Levine, beloved mother of Michelle Konigsburg and mother-in-law of Rabbi Konigsburg, from Micki Starr

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In memory of my beautiful mother, Doris Packer, whose greatest moment was being led to the Bima by Leon Wind, from Mrs. Blanche Stone

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Our sincerest condolences to Michelle, Rabbi Randall Konigsburg and Debra Weiss and the entire family on the loss of Natalie Levine. May she rest in peace. From Steven Hirth, Nino Zaridze, Reno and Marco

Get Well, Michelle Konigsburg, from Florence Cole

In memory of Natalie Levine from Anne Herman

In memory of Natalie Levine from Anne and Ira Fink

In memory of Natalie Levine. My sincere condolences, Michelle, on the passing of your mother. I hope that reminiscing with family will bring you much comfort at this difficult time, from Arlene Fisher

In memory of Natalie Levine from Arnold & Diane Keyser

In memory of Natalie Levine from Ellen and David Neuhaus

In memory of Natalie Levine from Elly and Steve Cohen

In memory of Sylvia Weg, beloved mother of Micki Starr, from Florence Cole

In memory of Natalie Levine from Herb & Elinor Flink

In memory of Pearl Grad, Milton Leon, and William Grad from Howard & Linda Grad

In memory of Natalie Levine, mother of Michelle Konigsburg, from Joyce and Ed Epstein

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In memory of Ellen Carol Kloehn. We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. From, Lola and Lenny Tanzer & the Tanzer family

In memory of Barry Baron; in memory of Natalie Levine from Marilyn Lassow

In memory of Natalie Levine from Martin & Dorine Toyen

In memory of Natalie Levine, mother of Michelle Konigsburg, from Meryl and Mitchell Danitz

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In memory of Natalie Levine from Robin Warren

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In memory of Natalie Levine from Stuart & Esther Horn

In memory of Natalie Levine from Sue and Bill Lischkoff

In memory of Ellen Carol Kloehn from Susan Indiani and the entire Sagiv family

In memory of Michelle Konigsburg's mom, Natalie Levine. May her memory be a blessing, from Susan and Philip Margolis

In memory of Natalie Levine from Victor & Lieba Bernstein

In memory of David Seidner, beloved father of Joyce Epstein, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Joyce Epstein and Ed Epstein

In loving memory of Marshall Ruff, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Mrs. Susan Goodwin

In memory of grandfathers, Nejemia Levin & Kasil Fialkoff, on the occasion of their *yahrzeits*, from Pola Fialkoff

RITA & DAVID SCHMERLER FUND

In memory of Ellen Kloehn, beloved wife of Ed; in memory of Jerry Levine; in memory of Barry Baron, beloved husband of Joan; in memory of Muriel Kravetz, mother of Elise Carlton; in memory of Shefy Schmerler on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Alan & Lea Schmerler

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

May you find solace and comfort from fond memories of Michelle's mom and with the help and support of family and friends. May each day get easier to bear in your time of sorrow, from Jack and Lynn Cohen

In appreciation of Phil Partney, for his good advice and caring service, from Alan & Lea Schmerler

In memory of Natalie Levine, mother of Michelle Konigsburg; in memory of Ellen Kloehn, wife of Ed Kloehn, from Jay and Susan Stoppelman

Donation Submission Guidelines

Clearly print or type the following information and enclose it when you send in your donation payment:

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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.

April 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 (19 Nisan) 4th Day Omer 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	2 (20 Nisan) 5th Day Omer 6:00p Pesach Evening Service 6:58p Candle Lighting	3 (21 Nisan) Pesach 6th Day Omer 10:00a Yom Tov/Shabbat Morning Service 6:00p Pesach Evening Service 7:59p Candle Lighting
					Sunset: 7:16p	Sunset: 7:17p
4 (22 Nisan) Pesach Yizkor 7th Day Omer 10:00a Yom Tov Morning Service & Yizkor 7:30p Pesach Evening Service and Maariv 8:01p Havdalah	5 (23 Nisan) 8th Day Omer 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	6 (24 Nisan) 9th Day Omer 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	7 (25 Nisan) 10th Day Omer 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Yom HaShoah Program	8 (26 Nisan) Yom HaShoah 11th Day Omer 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	9 (27 Nisan) 12th Day Omer 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom 7:06p Candle Lighting	10 (28 Nisan) Shabbat Mevarchim 13th Day Omer 10:00a Shabbat Services 8:07p Havdalah
Sunset: 7:19p					Sunset: 7:24p	Sunset: 7:25p
11 (29 Nisan) 14th Day Omer 10:00a Brotherhood Speaker	12(30 Nisan) Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th Day Omer 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood/Haddassah Book Club	13 (1 Iyyar) Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 16th Day Omer 12:00p Lunch & Learn 4:00p Torah Fund 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	14 (2 Iyyar) Yom Hazikaron 17th Day Omer 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	15 (3 Iyyar) Yom Ha'Atzmaut 18th Day Omer 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	16 (4 Iyyar) 19th Day Omer 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom 7:14p Candle Lighting	17 (5 Iyyar) 20th Day Omer 10:00a Shabbat Services 8:15p Havdalah
					Sunset: 7:32p	Sunset: 7:33p
18 (6 Iyyar) 21st Day Omer 9:30a Hebrew school K-7	19 (7 Iyyar) 22nd Day Omer 5:30p Finance Committee 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	20 (8 Iyyar) 23rd Day Omer 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	21 (9 Iyyar) 24th Day Omer 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Board Meeting	22 (10 Iyyar) 25th Day Omer 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	23 (11 Iyyar) 26th Day Omer 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom 7:21p Candle Lighting	24 (12 Iyyar) 27th Day Omer 10:00a Shabbat Services 8:22p Havdalah
					Sunset: 7:39p	Sunset: 7:40p
25 (13 Iyyar) 28th Day Omer 9:30a Hebrew school K-7 11:30a Sisterhood Adventure Walk	26 (14 Iyyar) Pesach Sheni 29th Day Omer 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	27 (15 Iyyar) 30th Day Omer 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood Board Meeting	28 (16 Iyyar) 31st Day Omer 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	29 (17 Iyyar) 32nd Day Omer 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p JHS History of Manchester	30 (18 Iyyar) Lag B'Omer 33rd Day Omer 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom 7:29p Candle Lighting	
					Sunset: 7:47p	

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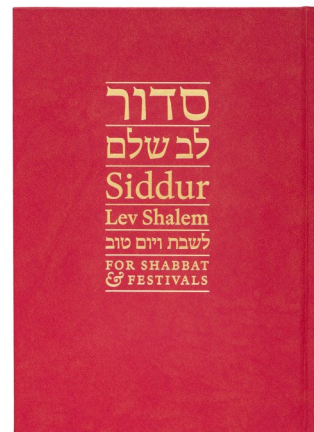
vehicles. Consider donating your unwanted vehicle in support of BSBI. It is easier and faster than selling it on your own, and you may qualify for a tax deduction! Donors say it is a satisfying way to make a larger donation than they normally could.

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

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



Beth Olam Cemetery

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

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



Please follow the directions below to use the new lock:

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

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**Rabbinical student at the
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