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# BSBI'S Chai Lights

January 2021



## BSBI COMEDY NIGHT SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH AT 7:30 PM



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**Services**

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

**Friday: 6:00 PM**

**Saturday: 10:00 AM**

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

The entire community is welcome to attend any of our services. Services are virtual. Zoom information will be included in emails.

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**Upcoming Events!**

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

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

We appreciate your understanding during this unprecedented time.

**Monday, January 4**

7:30 pm: Sisterhood Haddassah Book Club

**Tuesday, January 5**

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

7:30 pm: Tuesday Night Academy

**Sunday, January 10**

9:30 am: Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

**Monday, January 11**

7:30 pm: Wisdom in Winter

**Tuesday, January 12**

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

7:30 pm: Tuesday Night Academy

**Monday, January 18**

7:00 pm: Sisterhood Service & Program

**Tuesday, January 19**

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

7:30 pm: Tuesday Night Academy

**Wednesday, January 20**

7:30 pm: BSBI Board Meeting

**Friday, January 22**

6:00 pm: Zoom Family Shabbat Service

**Sunday, January 24**

7:30 pm: Comedy Night

**Monday, January 25**

7:30 pm: Wisdom in Winter

**Tuesday, January 26**

12:00 pm: Lunch & Learn

7:30 pm: Tuesday Night Academy

**Sunday, January 31**

11:30 am: Sisterhood Adventure Walk

**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:**

- Dr. Samuel & Janet Foster on the death of his mother, Dorothy Foster
- Elise & Richard Carlton on the death of her mother, Muriel Kravetz

## ***Faith, Hope & Prayer***



"Where are we going? I'm not certain, where are we heading? I can't say. I only know that I am on my way." This is the opening verse of the theme song from the old movie, "Paint Your Wagon." It is an appropriate song to start the year 2021. If we look back, the last year was a mess. It is hard to imagine a more difficult year. A pandemic, a

messy election, fires in the west, multiple hurricanes in the east. Wars that still drag on and on. Shortages of the most common items in the store. Quarantine and isolation, limits on travel, masks and social distancing. Do I really need to expound on all that went wrong last year? To everyone's surprise, the world did not end when toilet paper was in short supply.

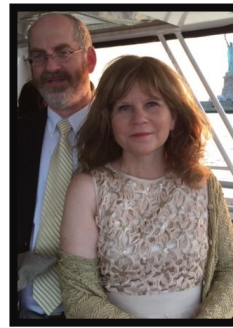
Yet, here we are, still on our journey. There is no point in looking back, except maybe to learn some lessons for the future. I always say that there is a reason that the windshield is so big, and the rear-view mirror is so small. So, what is ahead of us? What should we look forward to? The short answer: I have no idea what the future holds. I had no idea last January that there would be a pandemic that would change the world, that there would be a president who would not admit defeat, that we would be afraid to go to the movies or out to eat, that the stock market would break 30,000. What would make me think that I have any better notion about what this year will bring? The Hasidic Rabbi, Nachman of Breslov, would say, "The world is a narrow bridge, what is essential is that we not be afraid."

There is a reason we don't know what the future holds. It is because the future depends on what we do today. The decisions we make, the choices we make, the things we do today are the materials from which tomorrow is constructed. There are things that we cannot predict, but even there, the effect of the unexpected in our lives depends very much on how we react to those surprises. Our reactions in the future depend on what we can rely on, our faith, our hopes and prayer. Judaism has long dealt with the changes in life, and it always shows us a path forward. Hope is our mission statement. It reflects what we want to see at the end of the journey. Even Google can't give us directions if we don't know where we are going. Prayer reminds us that there are some places where we don't want to go and that there are people and ideas that can help us on the way. Prayer gives us the strength to keep going through the darkness and the storm.

Faith, Hope and Prayer got us through the last year. With Faith, Hope and Prayer, we are ready for whatever 2021 throws at us. What is essential is that we not be afraid.

***Rabbi Randall Konigsburg***

## ***Words from the Co-Presidents***



Many people greet the secular new year with resolutions to change some aspect of their lives. We recently came across a study suggesting that this approach to self-improvement is not particularly successful. Fewer than 25% of people stay committed to their resolutions after just 30 days, and only 8% accomplish them. Some might conclude that we should not even

bother trying.

That is not the message we choose to take from these statistics. What we learn is that if we want to do something different in the coming year, good intentions alone may not be enough to make it happen. Instead, we have to find a way to break ourselves out of our usual patterns, so that we can establish better ones.

The changes imposed on us by recent events demonstrate that we can behave differently if we have to. Where generalized desire may fail, specific rules and a disciplined approach might succeed. But we do not have to wait for a pandemic to impose new patterns on our lives. Just as we do not have to wait for a health crisis to convince us that we should live healthier, and we do not have to wait for a chance of loss to realize we should appreciate the people in our lives. All we need is the introspection to recognize there is something we can do better, and a concrete plan to accomplish a specific goal.

Although some find it hard to break old patterns, the introspection part can be just as difficult. The BSBI community presents a solution to both challenges. As the old saying goes, if you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got. But BSBI gives us the opportunity to get outside our comfort zone. One of the great benefits we have experienced as your presidents this year is the opportunity to meet people we would not otherwise have met, see things we would not otherwise have seen, and do things we would not otherwise have done. Each experience brings with it a chance to consider how we live and to decide if it is time for a change. You can have the same benefit, by selecting some of the religious, educational or social programming and volunteer work available through BSBI, both within our own shul and in the greater Jewish community. There is no better way to learn and grow than in a caring and supportive family.

We hope we can build on the new friendships we have made and the deeper relationships we have achieved with existing friends. We know we have learned much and will work to figure out how to use what we have learned to better our lives and, hopefully, the lives of those around us. Changes do not have to be big to have a positive effect. If we all take even a small step, imagine the good we can accomplish! We wish you all the best in the coming year.

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



"I did it, I can read Hebrew!"

Remember the first time you did something, either with help or by yourself? Learning to walk, learning to ride a bike, tying your shoes, getting your driver's license, first job, or any landmark accomplishment—especially, learning how to read Hebrew.

We have reason to celebrate three of our students in the grades 3-4 class who have just completed their Hebrew Primer and can now read our holy language. It may be slow at first, but with daily study, they will reach fluency. This class was able to *read* the Hanukkah blessings instead of chanting them by rote.

And this we experienced as the school lit the first candle of Hanukkah on December 10, with the grades 3-4 class leading.

These children earned a "Mazel tov" by achieving this important goal in their Jewish education; they serve as an inspiration to those who do not read Hebrew. To maintain Jewish identity and continuity, it is incumbent upon every Jew to know the Hebrew Aleph-bet, to acquire confidence and comfort with the Siddur.

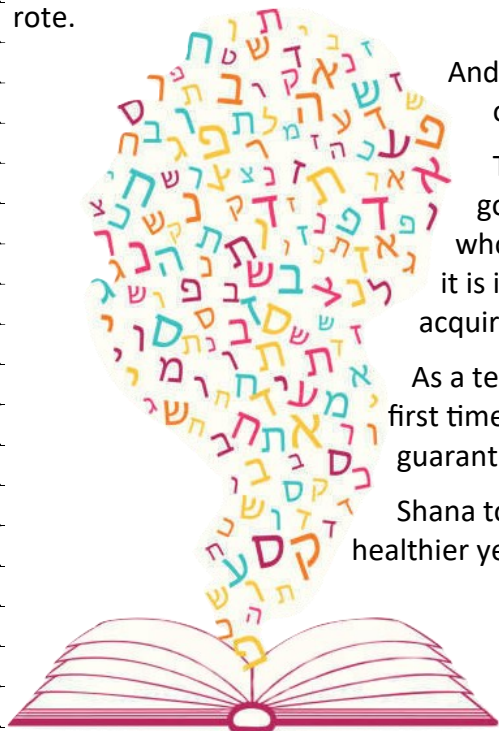
As a teacher, I am always gratified to hear students read Hebrew for the first time. They will be able to read the Four Questions for Passover; that, I guarantee.

Shana tova eizrachi, Happy Secular New Year, may this be a kinder, healthier year for all of us.

Shalom,

RLWRS Education Director

Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz



## This Month in Jewish History By Rabbi Konigsburg

17 Tevet – 18 Shevat

**24 Tevet** – Yahrzeit of Isaac Klein, U.S. rabbi who wrote an easy to understand guidebook for Jewish practice.

**1 Shevat** – The minutes of congregation Magen Avraham in Recife, Brazil, begin with this date in 1649. It is one of the two oldest congregations in the Americas. The Jews of Recife came with the conquest of the city by the Dutch in 1631, and while the Calvinist Church shut down the synagogues in 1638, there were so many Jews in the city that they compelled the Dutch government to reopen them in 1642, and brought the first Dutch rabbi that same year. In 1654 the Portuguese conquered the city and expelled the Jews. Remnants of this community moved to New Amsterdam and founded what would become the Jewish Community of New York City.

**8 Shevat** – The first Rabbi to give the opening invocation to the U.S. Congress, Rabbi Morris J. Raphall, delivered his address on this date in 1860.

**12 Shevat** – Yahrzeit of Joseph Hertz- member of the first graduating class of the Jewish Theological Seminary who edited the "Hertz Humash" used in synagogues world-wide for two generations and who became Chief Rabbi of the British Empire.

# BSBI Community

To the BSBI Family:

Thank you everyone for your kind expressions of sympathy. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness, your phone calls and all your cards. Barry and I always felt welcome and at home at the synagogue.

Sincerely, Joan Baron, Eric Baron, Elaine & Brett Garber,  
Debbie & Jeremy Baron and grandchildren

Mazel tov to BSBI member, Prof. Arnie Dashefsky, recipient of the 2020 Marshall Sklare Award. Every year, the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry presents the Marshall Sklare Award to recognize a senior scholar who has made a significant contribution to the social scientific study of Jewry.



## Social Action Committee Update

Thank you to all who have participated in our fall activities. We contributed to MACC and HVCC for Thanksgiving and the Kosher Food Pantry for Hanukah. Please watch for information on a joint program on Jan 18, 2021 which is being jointly hosted by Sisterhood and the Social Action Committee. There will be a Maariv service and a speaker, Susan Stoppelman, who will be speaking about her activities with the Manchester Peace and Justice Committee. We hope that you will be able to attend this interesting program. If you are involved in volunteer activities in our communities and would like to share information about them, please contact Carol Hatch at [cadahat@comcast.net](mailto:cadahat@comcast.net).

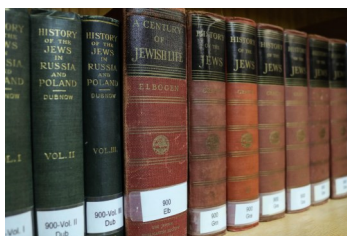
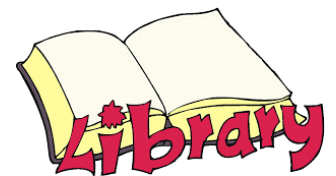
Thanks,

Carol Hatch  
Chair, Social Action

## Rabbi Richard Plavin Library

Dave Alter, Librarian

Looking for good books to read while sheltering in place during the pandemic? Look no further. Check out the Library. We have a plethora of subjects to choose from: Mysteries (murder and mayhem), Historical drama, Holiday Cook books, Biographies of famous Jewish personalities such as Harry Houdini, Theology, and Authors such as Faye Kellerman, Daniel Silva, Herman Wouk, books about Israel.



Now it is easier to access the library catalogue. There is a new link to the library on the Myshul home page. The link is located on the right-hand side under the *Upcoming Programs & Events* category.

When you find a book you want to borrow, just contact me, and I will arrange time for a curb-side pickup. Please use the following email to contact me [Library@myshul.org](mailto:Library@myshul.org) or call me at 860-729-6803



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## EVER COOL Campaign Success Moves Along to Phase Two!

I am writing to you on the eighth day of Hanukkah to say Mazel Tov! Thanks to so many in our congregation, we have reached \$525,000 in pledges of which \$412,000 has been paid. I have worked on many campaigns throughout my life, and hands down, this campaign wins "BEST IN SHOW." You showed up to contribute, and you showed up and paid and you showed up in a timely manner to fulfill this very important need in our synagogue. An outsider may ask Why? At first glance it may seem obvious that our building needs heat and cool air, but the truth is it goes deeper...you care about each other, and you care about our synagogue from the inside out... you care about Judaism. Our Spirit Shines just like the eight candles of our menorahs we are celebrating! May we all be warmed by the light in each other!

### Phase Two:

The Building Upkeep and Maintenance (BUM) fund will kick off with \$150,000 and will continue to grow. There are members who have the intention to commit to this campaign and secondly, an Alumni Campaign will launch in January. This fund will hopefully allow us to avoid future emergency campaigns. Marshall Grodofsky, chair, will be joined by a second team of volunteer campaigners with a focus on those who have a strong tie to BSBI but no longer live in this area. Steven Hirth, an alumni member, is offering a matching gift to those who contribute to our BUM Fund or an Education Fund and will volunteer alongside Laurie and Aaron Bayer and Liza Mandel and Jeff Lassow.

### Many Many Thanks:

I am thankful to all the campaign volunteers, who include: Jay Bigman, Risa and Roy Filkoff, Marshall Grodofsky, Jack and Dawn Steigelfest, Victor Bernstein, Carl Mandell, Phil Margolis, and Jeff Wasser.

Member Family who surprised us with a Havanagilah Gift! This gift propelled our campaign, and we will always be grateful.

Trustees, who are supporting us with a \$100 K match to payments and \$50K. Due to our well-paced success, these dollars will kick off our new Building, Upkeep and Maintenance Fund.

Judy, our office manager, for coordinating all the office mechanics. The Rabbi for his outreach efforts to designated members and Tova, for her flexibility and talent on submissions.

Russ Benblatt along with a photograph from Ira Fink for our Ever Cool Design Logo!

Ed Riley and Judy for their work with Eversource on a pending grant along with many hours of Ed's time gathering information in order to present the best HVAC options to the board.



Warmly,  
Risa Filkoff, Campaign Chair



## Sisterhood Speaks

Mimi Kalman, Editor



### What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

**Monday, January 4, 7:30 pm**

Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group, Zoom

**Monday, January 18, 7:00 pm**

Alternate Sisterhood Shabbat,

**Please note new day!**

**Tuesday, January 26, 7:30 pm**

Sisterhood Zoom Board meeting

**Sunday, January 31, 11:30 am**

Socially distanced Adventure Walk,

**Please note the new time!**

Anytime: Yoga with Adriene on YouTube.

### Hadassah/Sisterhood Book Group

Greetings, Fellow Readers!

Our next discussion date has been changed to January 4 at 7:30. We'll send a zoom link a few days before our meeting.

We will read FLORENCE ADLER SWIMS FOREVER by Rachel Beanland. Books will be placed on reserve for the BSBI Book Group at the Mary Cheney Library reference desk.

Happy Hanukkah!

**Maxine Lerman and Myrna Spector**

### Adventure Walk

We are changing the time of our Sunday, January 31, 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**

### Sisterhood Shabbat - Moved!

Monday, January 18, 7:00 pm

Because we hope to have more of you join us and realize that some of you do not wish to use your computers on Shabbat, we have moved our annual Shabbat Service to Monday evening. We will have a special minyan service and then our program with our special guest speaker Susan Stoppelman. Join us on Monday, January 18, at 7:00 pm.

In recognition of Martin Luther King Day, on January 18, former Sisterhood President Susan Stoppelman will talk about her volunteer work with the Greater Manchester Peace and Justice Committee (GMPJ) and other opportunities we all have locally to act in support of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. GMPJ has set homelessness, immigrant rights, the opioid crisis, and human trafficking as its priorities. In recent years, Susan has volunteered in support of justice for immigrants, protections for homeless people, and productive lives for those with visual impairments or loss. As many of our congregants know, there is no shortage of opportunities to be of service.

These are the people who do the legwork to make our Sisterhood function. We are publishing their names here prior to our virtual Sisterhood service on January 18.

### 2020-21 Sisterhood Board of Directors:

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**Judy Meyer**

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**Brina Abrahams**

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**Judy Meyer**

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**Stacey Poutre**

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**Rachel Reindel and Sally Ivaldi**

2019-2021 Elected Directors:

**Mimi Kalman, Maxine Lerman**

2020-2022 Elected Directors:

**Brina Abrahams, Harriet Beede, Lynn Cohen, Sally**

**Ivaldi, Barbara Leshin, Becky Murray, Ilene**

**O'Neil, Rima Riedel, Maddy Turk**

Ex Officio Directors (ongoing):

**Michelle Konigsburg, Lisa Plavin**

Trustee:

**Dorothy Foster (in Florida) Z"L**



## Sisterhood Speaks Continued

### Pesach Project Kicking off for a Sixth Year!

Pesach Project will launch at the beginning of February 2021. Last year with your generous support we were able to collect \$9,600 while we greeted one another with sweet Pesach wishes. We will be asking you to continue this tradition and next month will solicit your participation online and via mail. Once again all the details will be provided to make this a meaningful way to help those in need and send Pesach wishes to our Synagogue family.

Your donation is more important than ever this year, with the effects of the Pandemic being felt economically globally. Last year on your behalf we were able to fulfill the mitzvah of the feeding the hungry with  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the contributions going to Mazon, a national advocacy organization working to end hunger here in the United States, and another  $\frac{1}{3}$  to Leket, the National Food Bank in Israel. The remaining third went to our Sisterhood to further the good work we do for our congregation.

We hope that if you have participated in the past, you will continue that wonderful tradition and perhaps add a few more names to your list. If you have not yet participated please consider joining this very worthwhile initiative. Stay tuned for more information in next month's bulletin!

**Becky Murray, Chair**

### 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 [Irannefink@gmail.com](mailto:Irannefink@gmail.com). Remember we can always use yarn or monetary donations to continue our mitzvah. It doesn't have to be a huge amount, \$5.00 goes a long way towards buying yarn. We do appreciate all donations of yarn, however please no wool. Our items need to be machine washable, so we can 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 be left in the BSBI office please ask them to put the checks in the Sisterhood box.

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

**Anne Fink**

### Sisterhood Gift Shop - Your Source for All Your Simchot Important Gift Shop Update: Change of venue

Thanks to the uptick in COVID related cases, our BSBI Sisterhood Gift Shop has been obliged to pull up stakes and relocate temporarily.

It has literally been transferred to my home until further notice.

For immediate needs such as Havdalah candles, *yahrzeit* candles, and neronim, you can make an appointment to pick them up at my home--yes we have the equivalent of curbside service--it's called, my porch.

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 as we bid Shabbat farewell. Your gift shop also has havdalah sets and spice boxes of all sizes and shapes.

We are **taking orders by phone or email.**

Shoot me an email or give me a call!

Wishing you and your families a Very Happy, Healthy, SAFE, 2021!



**Rima**

**860 649 8507**

**[rimarainbow@cox.net](mailto:rimarainbow@cox.net)**



## Brotherhood Corner

Russ Benblatt, Executive Vice President

### Free Time

So...here we are...it's January again. Much as it happens every year, I'm sure that many of us have heard others saying (*or said it ourselves*) "I can't believe it's already the new year". To be perfectly honest, I never say this. Why? Because I **can** believe that it's the new year. It happens every 12 months, so I'm never shocked or surprised...I never strike up conversations about "where did the time go?", or "It seems like just yesterday...". To me, dwelling on the passage of time has always seemed a poor substitute for **experiencing** the time as it passes, and taking those memories into the future.

But this year it's a little different.

Yes, I am thinking back over the last year and what we've all experienced, but when I think back to January 2020 and how none of us really knew what was in store for the world, I don't think about how quickly the time went...instead, I think of what I did with this last year and all the new "free time" we had while not being able to do many of our normal day-to-day routines.

Did I use this free time to call a friend that I haven't spoken to in a while?

Did I use this free time to get closer to my children or spouse?

Did I use this free time to check in on someone in the congregation that I know lives alone?

Did I use this free time for things I can be proud of?

I know that many of us are excited about the news of the vaccines that are making their way into distribution, and that we can finally see a light at the end of the tunnel. But even this is going to take time. By the best estimates, its going to be the middle of the year before enough of us have received the vaccine and we can start getting back to "life as we knew it". So I ask you this...

With the time we have left when social distancing is a necessity, and that we'll all still have to remain physically separated from each other...

...what are **YOU** going to do with the rest of this free time?

#### What's Coming Up

January 10<sup>th</sup> – Brotherhood  
Breakfast with Special Guest  
Speaker – Linda Carlson: Jewish  
Genealogy

February 7<sup>th</sup> – World Wide Wrap

Stay tuned for more information!

### Embracing Judaism

Always been curious about Judaism?

Never paid attention in Hebrew school?

Thinking about (or is someone you love thinking about) officially  
joining the Tribe?

The Embracing Judaism program is geared towards both Jews and non-Jews who want to learn more. Bring your questions and explore the wisdom, depth and joy of Jewish living. Please visit the website: <http://www.ibjewish.org/>

The Embracing Judaism program will begin this year on January 7, 2021 and will meet via Zoom. For more information about why this may be an excellent program for you, or to learn about the pandemic-reduced registration fee call Rabbi Richard Plavin 860-573-4503 or email [riplavin@gmail.com](mailto:riplavin@gmail.com)

#### Learn about Judaism

- Jewish History
- Liturgy
- Holidays
- Life Cycle Events
- Jewish Perspectives on spirituality, values, community
- And MORE!

Classes forming now

# Celebration Dates in January

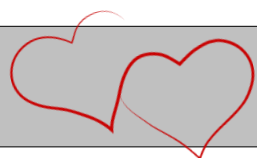
## Birthdays

Kevin Cyr-1/1  
Linda Bernstein-1/1  
Bonnie Norman-1/1  
Carol Goldstein-1/1  
Annemarie Miller-1/5  
Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz-1/5  
Ruth Miller-1/6  
Greg Kupfer-1/6  
Marna Kaye-1/8  
Allyson Benblatt-1/8  
Sharon Reichlin-1/8

Jacob Bundy-1/11  
Florence Kovensky-1/11  
Daniel Levine-1/12  
Paul Rubin-1/12  
Jennifer Bundy-1/15  
Stacey Poutre-1/15  
Sharon Hartstein-1/15  
Robert Hughes-1/20  
Wesley Videll-1/21  
Joyce Borgida-1/22  
Ben Pitler-1/22



Ruth Zackin-1/23  
Troy Videll-1/25  
Joanne Donn-1/26  
Harold Bernstein-1/26  
Barbara Zupnik-1/27  
Deanna Katz-1/28  
Holly Raymond-1/28  
Rachel Reindel-1/30  
Julian Stoppelman-1/31



## Anniversaries

Alan & Lea Schmerler-1/5  
Robert & Annmarie Hughes-1/13  
Steven & Judith Eckhouse-1/19  
Robert & Susan Mendelsohn-1/27



Have a *simcha* you want to share with the congregation?  
Make sure to notify Tova at [programming@myshul.org](mailto:programming@myshul.org)  
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# Leave a Jewish Legacy



## IRA Assets and Qualified Charitable Distributions

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

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

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

## What are QCDs?

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

## What are important things to know about QCDs?

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

## Examples of using QCDs for charitable giving

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

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

Sincerely,  
Jeff Wasser, MD  
President of the BSBI Endowment

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In memory of Laura Lassow, daughter in law of Marilyn Lassow from Irma Menschell  
In memory of Walter Heimann, MD. He was an esteemed colleague and member of our community from Jeff and Diane Wasser  
In memory of Jerome (Jerry) Levine from Jeff and Diane Wasser  
In memory of Barry Baron, a strong supporter of BSBI and the entire community. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family from Jeffrey & Diane Wasser

In memory of Jennifer Burnett Holbrook, sister of Teri Norman from Lewis & Shirley Segal

In memory of Laura Lassow from Manuel & Maxine Lerman

In memory of my parents; in memory of Laura Lassow from Merle Lassow

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In memory of Herman Sholovitz on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Mr. William Gamzon

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So sorry to hear of Barry's Passing- our deepest sympathies, from Richard & Phyllis Levy

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In memory of Rhona Kristan from Thomas & Ona Mastronarde

Mazel tov on birth of Carol & David Hatch's grandson Simon from Drs. David & Ellen Neuhaus

Thank you to Rabbi Konigsburg for your guidance and support throughout Nathaniel's bar mitzvah process from Jennifer Bundy

Thank you to the BSBI Family for your caring & thoughtfulness from Merle Lassow

In memory of my father, Walter D Ludlum, Jr. on his 50th *yahrzeit* from Cathy Ludlum

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In memory of Barry Baron - We are so saddened by Barry's passing. May his memory be a blessing. from Philip & Susan Margolis

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Welcome home to Elizabeth Pullman; Happy Anniversary to Mike and Laura Seader; in memory of Daniel Cole; in memory of Laura Lassow; in memory of Dr. Benjamin Cohen on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Sissy Seader

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In memory of Laura Lassow from Mrs. Susan Goodwin

In memory of Laura Lassow. Our sincerest condolences to Michael, Avital, Benjamin and Aaron, her mother Marilyn and the extended family. May her soul rest in peace, from Steven Hirth

Thank you for your guidance and support throughout Nathaniel's bar mitzvah process from Jennifer Bundy  
Thank you, Rabbi, for helping us through such a difficult time. from Mr. Mark Ross

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In memory of Daniel Cole, beloved husband of Florence; in memory of Dr. Walter Heimann; in memory of Michael Norman, beloved husband of Bonnie, dear father of Sam & Teri & Larry and family, dear brother of Paul, from Alan & Lea Schmerler

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With wishes to Maddy Turk for a complete and swift return to good health; Mazel tov on the birth of your first grandchild to Carol & David Hatch from Jay and Susan Stoppelman

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# January 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 (17 Tevet) New Year's Day 4:12p Candle Lighting 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom Sunset: 4:30p	2 (18 Tevet) 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:13p Havdalah 5:15p Community Havdalah Service Sunset: 4:31p
3 (19 Tevet) 9:30a Hebrew school K-7	4 (20 Tevet) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood/Haddassah Book Club	5 (21 Tevet) 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Tuesday Night Academy: with Rabbi Konigsburg	6 (22 Tevet) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	7 (23 Tevet) 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	8 (24 Tevet) 4:19p Candle Lighting 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom Sunset: 4:37p	9 (25 Tevet) Shabbat Mevarchim 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:20p Community Havdalah Service 5:20p Havdalah Sunset: 4:38p
10 (26 Tevet) 9:30a Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker 9:30a Hebrew school K-7	11 (27 Tevet) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Wisdom In Winter	12 (28 Tevet) 12:00p Lunch & Learn 1:30p Knit & Kvetch 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Tuesday Night Academy: with Rabbi Konigsburg	13 (29 Tevet) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	14 (1 Shevat) Rosh Chodesh Shevat 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	15 (2 Shevat) 4:26p Candle Lighting 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom Sunset: 4:44p	16 (3 Shevat) 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:27p Havdalah 5:30p Community Havdalah Service Sunset: 4:45p
17 (4 Shevat)	18 (5 Shevat) MLK Day 5:30p Finance Committee 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:00p Sisterhood Service & Program	19 (6 Shevat) 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Tuesday Night Academy: with Rabbi Konigsburg	20 (7 Shevat) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p BOD Board Meeting	21 (8 Shevat) 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	22 (9 Shevat) 4:35p Candle Lighting 6:00p Family Shabbat Services Zoom Sunset: 4:53p	23 (10 Shevat) 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:36p Havdalah 5:40p Community Havdalah Service Sunset: 4:54p
24 (11 Shevat) 9:30a Hebrew school K-7 2:00p Programming Event 7:30p Comedy Night	25 (12 Shevat) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Wisdom In Winter	26 (13 Shevat) 12:00p Lunch & Learn 7:00p Mincha/Maariv 7:30p Sisterhood Board Meeting	27 (14 Shevat) 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	28 (15 Shevat) Tu B'Shevat 4:30p Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	29 (16 Shevat) 4:43p Candle Lighting 6:00p Friday Night Services Zoom Sunset: 5:01p	30 (17 Shevat) 10:00a Shabbat Services 5:45p Havdalah 5:50p Community Havdalah Service Sunset: 5:03p
31 (18 Shevat) 9:30a Hebrew school K-7 9:30a RLWRS Tu B'Shevat Seder 11:30a Sisterhood Adventure Walk	<p><b><u>Minyan Calendar Update:</u></b></p> <p><b>We encourage everyone to continue to attend the daily virtual minyans.</b></p> <p><b>The Jewry duty calendar will be re-evaluated when we are able to once again hold in-person services.</b></p>					

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



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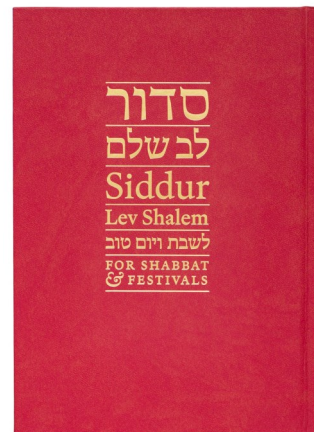
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