



# Happy Passover

## From the BSBI Staff, Clergy, and Board



### PESACH SCHEDULE 2022

APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> – APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### **Friday, April 15th**

7:30am: Service for the First-Born

10:00am: Hametz Sale

No evening service

#### **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Pesach day 1 Service

7:15pm Community Seder (2nd Seder)

#### **Sunday, April 17th**

10:00am Pesach day 2 Service

8:20pm Community Havdalah Service Zoom

#### **Thursday, April 21st**

6:00pm Pesach Evening Service

#### **Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Office closed*

10:00am Pesach day 7 Service

6:00pm Pesach Evening Service

#### **Saturday, April 23rd**

10:00am Pesach day 8 Service & Yizkor

8:25 pm Community Havdalah Zoom

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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 Monday-Thursday are virtual. Friday and Saturday services are hybrid. Zoom information will be included in emails.

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**Call the Rabbi!**

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

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



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**Upcoming Events!**

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

**Sunday, April 3**

9:00am Morning Minyan

9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

**Monday, April 4**

7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

**Tuesday, April 12**

1:30pm Knit & Kvetch

**Friday, April 15: Erev Pesach**

7:30am First-Born Service

10:00am Hametz Sale

No Evening Service

7:31pm Candle Lighting

**Saturday, April 16: Pesach**

10:00am Pesach 1 Service

7:15pm Community Seder

8:17pm Candle Lighting

**Sunday, April 17: Pesach**

10:00am Pesach 2 Service

8:18pm Havdalah

**Thursday, April 21 Pesach:**

6:00pm Pesach Evening Service

7:19pm Candle Lighting

**Friday, April 22: Pesach**

*Office closed*

10:00am Pesach 7 Service

6:00pm Pesach Evening Service

7:20pm Candle Lighting

**Saturday, April 23: Pesach, Yizkor**

10:00am Pesach 8 & Yizkor Services

8:24pm Havdalah

**Sunday, April 24:**

10:00am Sisterhood Adventure Walk

**Wednesday, April 27: 11th Day Omer**

**(Nisan 26)**

7:30pm Yom HaShoah Program

**Saturday, April 30:**

10:00am Junior Congregation



**Condolences to:**

Susan Stoppelman, Gary Stoppelman, Mary Neu-Stoppelman, Dan Stoppelman and the entire family on the loss of her husband and their father, Jay Stoppelman.



## Prepare for Pesach!

Reference the Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide that details what foods are permitted and prohibited, and how to prepare your kitchen:

<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/story/pesach-guide-5782>

## First-Born Service:

### Why Fast When You Don't Have to?

Attend the *Siyum B'chorim* Service on Friday, April 15th.

It will take place both in person and via Zoom.



The service begins at 7:30am and will conclude at 8:15am. A light breakfast will be provided following the service.

## Bag it! *Hametz* Food Drive

Now through April 12th



Please pack your unopened, nonperishable, and non-expired food items in unbreakable containers into paper bags marked BSBI and bring them to BSBI by **April 12th**.

This is a two-fer. Clean out your cupboard for Pesach and help fill shelves at local food pantries.

*BSBI Social Action Committee*

## Preparing for the Seder

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

## B'dikat Hametz, The Search for Leaven

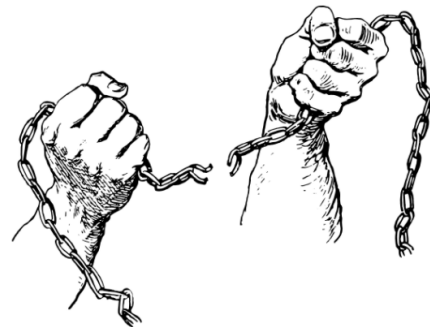
Thursday night, April 14th at your home

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



## Focus On Freedom

It is interesting that the very holiday that celebrates freedom is the holiday that has us so encumbered by many laws. We think that freedom is about doing whatever we want. This is just not so. We live in a society and in a culture that limit us in so many ways in order for us to be able to live together without the pain, the frustration, and worry that are so much a part of living a social life. We have freedom of speech, but we still can't call out "Fire!" in a crowded building. We can move about freely, but our freedom ends where the body of our neighbor begins. We can do whatever we want, but we still can't hurt another person, steal from them, publicly embarrass them, or hurt their animals or property. These laws are designed so that we can live together without the many issues that arise when one person must interact with another.



But freedom is also a privilege that we all too often forget. We are so used to being free that we can't imagine what life might be without it. Slavery is still all too common in our world. I recently heard a report that at any simple nail salon it is possible that the people working there are not free, that they owe money to the people who own the shop and somehow they never earn enough to buy their way to freedom. Their "owners" move them from shop to shop so they never get to know that they can live their lives any other way.

Pesach is the one week a year that we affirm our freedom and affirm its value in our life. At the Seder we eat unleavened bread, the bread that slaves eat. We eat bitter herbs to remember the bitterness of slavery. We eat *haroset* to recall the mortar and bricks we were required to use to build cities for those who enslaved us. There is more that we should also remember: that our children, our babies, were thrown into the river so that we should not become "too numerous" for our masters. Sometimes our children were used to fill in the spaces between the bricks if a brick was not available. Sometimes our fellow Jews were whipped in anger, but they bore the lashes so that the old and the children should not have to suffer the lash.

Slavery may have changed, but freedom is still the same. The face of slavery is different, so that those who would enslave others can still create more evil in the world. Perhaps the worst slavery is when we enslave ourselves to bad habits, addictions, and anything that keeps us away from the people and places we love. The Hebrew word for Egypt is "Mitzraiym." The word implies being stuck in a narrow place and we are unable to get out. Each of us has our own personal Mitzraiym, our own narrow place where we are stuck in life. Pesach is the time when we see where we are stuck, and we begin to move our lives so we can be free.

Let us commit this Pesach to work for freedom for modern slaves and for our own personal freedom from whatever has us stuck in life.

## Social Action Committee

Passover is approaching and as usual we will be holding our yearly Hametz Food Drive. As you clean out your cupboards, please consider giving some of that food to our drive and it will be sent to MACC and HVCC for their food pantries. In addition, we have been donating to the Kosher Food Pantry in West Hartford so that Kosher for Passover foods will be available to families in need.



This year, our committee has been concerned that there may be members of our community who need support and who find it difficult to get to West Hartford to get needed items. If you know of a person/family either in our congregation or in the community at large who could use help, please contact Carol Hatch ([cadahat@gmail.com](mailto:cadahat@gmail.com)) or the office and we will provide them with gift cards to the local Shop Rite stores to help them. This information will be confidential. Thank you for your help.

**Carol Hatch**  
Chair, Social Action

## *Words from the Co-Presidents*

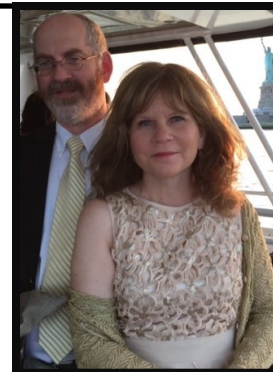
Passover is a celebration of liberation. The holiday commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt.

We have been experiencing our own form of liberation over the past few months. Although we are not emerging from generations of oppression, and our recent liberation does not come “with a strong hand, and an outstretched arm, and with great terror, and with signs and wonders,” the slow and steady lifting of COVID pandemic restrictions brings with it a return to freedoms many did not appreciate before they were lost. At BSBI, we are in the process of considering what restrictions we can lift, while maintaining the shul as a reasonably safe place for all. You should expect to hear more in the near future.

But there is much more to the Passover story than the freedom the Israelites ultimately obtained. One aspect in particular mirrors certain activity at BSBI. In Exodus, we learn that Moses was a reluctant leader. He questioned his worthiness and expressed concern about public speaking. At BSBI, our nominations committee sometimes hears similar reasons why people are hesitant to take leadership positions in our shul. But just as the Israelites needed Moses, our community needs you! No one is a perfect leader (believe us, we know), and those who express hesitance often have the combination of intelligence, humility, and competence that makes them invaluable.

BSBI has some openings for positions on our Board of Directors; consider volunteering for one. Even if you are not ready to take on a Board position at this time, there is room for you on one of the many committees that provide input and assistance to the functioning of and programs offered by BSBI. Involvement with BSBI’s governance is not just an opportunity to give back to your community. It is also a chance to spend time with friends and share your talents with people who appreciate them. This year, as you enjoy a Passover meal with family and friends, recognize that your freedom to worship is carried out at BSBI, and give some thought to offering to help our community maintain its health and vigor well into the future.

**Dawn & Jack Steigelfest**  
**Co-Presidents, Beth Sholom B’nai Israel**



## **Faith, Hope, Prayer**

Passover is a holiday that is rooted in kindness.

We don’t usually think of Pesach that way. When we think about Pesach we think about matza and Passover foods. We think about a long Seder and a family dinner. We think about Moses and Pharaoh and the struggle between them. We think about plagues and the death of the Egyptian first-born. We think about the victory of the Israelite slaves over the army of Egypt at the shore of the Reed Sea. Kindness is not the first thing we think about when it comes to Pesach.

But that is the way it is with kindness. It hides in the background where we hardly notice it, yet it is so often the fuel of every important human interaction.

We start with two midwives, who perform the first recorded act of civil disobedience, telling Pharaoh that there is no way for the Hebrew babies to be killed. There is Pharaoh’s daughter, who takes in the infant Moses to raise as her own. There is Miriam, who watches over her brother when he is set adrift on the Nile. There is Moses, who defends the women who are harassed at the well. There is Jethro, who takes in the fugitive Moses. And then we who open our doors to those in need to eat at our Seder. We give the youngest child a part in our Seder so he or she will feel included. We take drops of wine from our cup of joy to remember those who died so we could be free. The entire prayer of Dayenu is about all the many acts of kindness that God did for us on our road to the Promised Land.

I know that Pesach is a stressful time of year. There is so much to do to get ready for this holiday. There are weeks of work to do to get our homes and kitchens ready. There is Hametz to remove and a Seder to plan. We need to sell our hametz and donate to Maot Hittim, so all families can have matza for Pesach. At this time of year acts of kindness go really far. Offering a helping hand, making an extra stop to help someone else, saying a kind word, helping someone deal with the stress, whatever it is that we can do, it will be remembered and appreciated for a very long time.

My family and I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy Pesach.

**Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg**





# Community

## World Zionist Organization Israel Program

Sundays at 10:00am

April 24, 2022

May 8, 2022

May 15, 2022

May 22, 2022



Join BSBI in weekly online lectures sponsored by the World Zionist Organization that feature Israeli scholars. The first lecture is on April 24th: “Between the “I” and the Zionist Narrative through the Lens of Israeli Cinema” with Galit Roichman.

More information about the program can be found here:

<https://www.wzo-jpeoplehood.com/culture>

**Watch your email for updates on registration!**

## Jessie's Garden



Hello Fellow Gardeners,

Time to think spring and planting once again. The planning committee for Jessie's Garden met on Sunday, March 27th to decide what to plant this spring. We will be planting in mid-May. Please consider joining us in this important Mitzvah. Garden experience is not necessary; the more the merrier! If you cannot join us to plant, please consider volunteering a week this summer to water and pick produce. HVCC and MACC are so appreciative of our produce. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Brina Abrahams  
Merle Cohen



## High Holiday News

Cantor Rubenstein will be joining us again this year for the High Holidays.

Mike Turk & Gayle Block

## This Date in Jewish History

29 Adar II - 29 April

- 29 Adar II** – On this date in 1957, the first immigrants to Israel to enter at the port of Eilat on a Jewish charter boat arrived
- 4 Nisan** – The first performance of a Yiddish operetta marks the establishment of Yiddish theater in America in 1885
- 9 Nisan** – *Yahrzeit* of Saul Lieberman – one of the greatest modern Talmudic scholars
- 17 Nisan** – The Jewish Welfare Board was established on this date in 1917 to provide for the cultural and religious needs of Jews in America's Armed Services.
- 28 Nisan** – Isador Straus and his wife both die on this day in 1912 with the sinking of the *Titanic*. On this same date in 1979 the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel went into effect.

## How to Plan Your Seder: A Teaching Moment from Rabbi Alan

We all want our children to feel positive about being Jewish. A little bit of planning will create an warm and upbeat Seder experience. Anyone I have ever met who loved being Jewish, fondly remembers Zayde (grandfather) presiding over the Seder, or Bubbie (grandmother) lighting holiday candles . . . We are all links in that chain that goes back to the Exodus!

But how do we create a kid-friendly Seder?

First, remember that the Seder is for everyone. We learn by questioning, so encourage your children to ask questions. The Seder begins with the Four Questions, traditionally asked by the youngest child. When a person asks a question, they will be inclined to hear the answer!

Be excited about the Seder! You are your children's role model. Do you look forward to Pesach? Remind yourself that your feelings and actions create the atmosphere for this special holiday.

Your children may already know many of the songs and melodies for Passover—some of the ones you grew up with, some new ones. Encourage them to participate in the singing, and be willing to learn from them.

Choose a Haggadah that reflects your personal outlook. Did you grow up with the Maxwell House Haggadah? There are lots of new Haggadot with fun and creative ways to make the Seder more engaging for children (and adults!).

Get Passover story books for the kids now! Read them the stories before Pesach. This is way to share our tradition before the holiday.

Make a list of questions for discussion at the table. Passover marks the birth of the Jewish people. It is a time to reflect on the meaning, value, and implications of being Jewish. Here are some ideas—you will probably think of more:

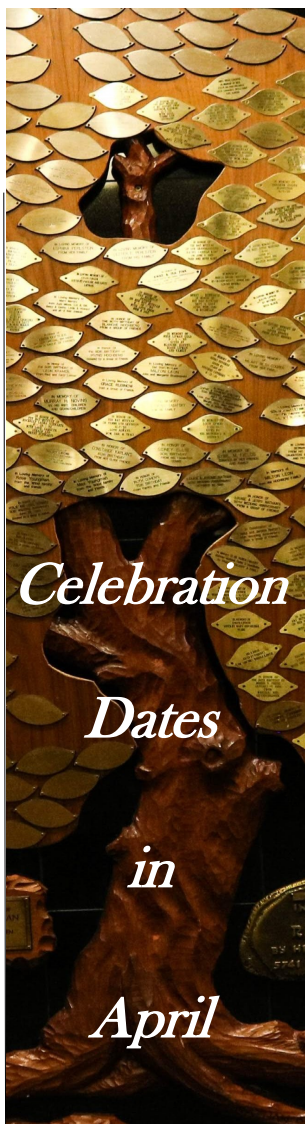
- On a scale of 1-10, how important is being Jewish to you? Please explain.
- If you thought the existence of Israel was in danger, would you risk your life to help save it?
- What do you like about being Jewish? What don't you like?
- Is it important for your children to have Jewish friends? Why?
- Why is Pharaoh so stubborn? What would a good leader do?
- Why frogs?

Don't skip over the Ten Plagues. A Jewish story says that when the Egyptians drowned, the angels in heaven began to sing in praise of God. As God looked down on the waters closing over the Egyptians, God cried out, "How can you sing when My children are drowning?" Judaism teaches us that all people are children of God, even those enemies who would seek to destroy us. At this point of the Seder, we remove a drop of wine from our cups for each of the ten plagues. We do not allow ourselves to drink a full measure; our own lives are diminished by the recollection of this catastrophe. We express remorse that the Egyptians had to suffer such a terrible punishment. By removing these ten drops of wine, we mourn the loss of the Egyptians and express sorrow over their destruction.

For this Pesach: Be creative, add your own ideas and games, and decide what you want to be free to do. Then figure out what you need to get free *from* to reach that goal. May this Passover be a time when God, as your partner, helps to liberate you, so that you are able to be free to pursue your dreams!

Jody and I wish you a sweet and meaningful Pesach.

**Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz**  
**RLWRS Education Director**



# Celebration Dates in April

## Birthdays

Elinor Flink 4/2	Elyse Spielberg 4/21
Steven Wollins 4/3	Alan Schmerler 4/22
William Breslau 4/3	Debra Balogh-Delaney 4/23
Barbara Zubrow 4/7	Rachel Levine 4/24
Marilyn Starr 4/8	Elly Cohen 4/25
Ona Mastronarde 4/8	Lewis Segal 4/26
Levi Blumenstein 4/9	Roberta Silverman 4/26
Sue Apter 4/10	Connie Plepler 4/26
Leslie Abrahams 4/11	Charles Berger 4/30
Devra Baum 4/13	
David Plen 4/14	
Rima Riedel 4/15	
Roberta Kahn 4/16	
Alan Goldstein 4/16	
David Alter 4/17	
Jane Darico 4/17	
Deborah Benblatt 4/20	
Sissy Seader 4/20	
Melvin Spielberg 4/21	

## Update Your Contact Information!

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

Please contact the office directly regarding **ANY** changes or issues by or by sending an email to [admin@myshul.org](mailto:admin@myshul.org).

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

## Anniversaries



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



Have a *simcha* you want to share with the congregation? Make sure to notify Allison at [programming@myshul.org](mailto:programming@myshul.org) so she can include it in the bulletin!

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**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 4

7:30 pm Hadassah - Sisterhood Book Group

### Tuesday, April 12

1:30 pm Knit & Kvetch

### Sunday, April 24

10:00am Sisterhood Adventure Walk (socially distanced)

**NOTE: Change of time**

### Tuesday, April 26

7:30 pm Sisterhood Zoom Board meeting

### Anytime:

Yoga with Adriene on YouTube.

## Knit & Kvetch

If you love to knit or crochet, come do a Mitzvah and put your talents to use. Join Knit and Kvetch! We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Temple. This month our meeting date is Tuesday, April 12th. We also work on our projects at home.

This year we are in need of hats, mittens, scarves and afghans.

If you are rusty in knitting or crocheting, we can help you with a refresher course.

We can always use 100 % acrylic yarns or monetary donations. If you wish to make a donation to the group, make out the check to BSBI Sisterhood and write Knit & Kvetch on the memo line.

If you have any questions, you can email me at [Irannefink@gmail.com](mailto:Irannefink@gmail.com) or call me at 860-649-6551.

Anne Fink

## Sisterhood-Hadassah Book Group

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 4th at 7:30 pm on our own Zoom link.

The Mary Cheney Research librarian has ordered the book *Something Wild* by Hannah Halpern, and will be holding copies of the books for the BSBI Book Group. The zoom link will be posted closer to the meeting date.

Hanna Halpern was awarded the 2021 Wallant Award. The Edward Lewis Wallant Award is one of the oldest and most prestigious Jewish literary awards in the United States. The annual award recognizes a Jewish writer whose published work of fiction is deemed to have significance for American Jews.

Join the Maurice Greenberg Center at the University of Hartford on **April 6, 2022 at 7 p.m. on Zoom** as we honor 2021 Wallant Award winner **Hanna Halpern**, author of *Something Wild*.

[Learn more and register.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446121111)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446121111>

Future meeting dates are May 9 and June 13.

Maxine Lerman and Becky Murray



## Sisterhood Gift Shop, Your Source for all Your Simchat

Pesach is almost here! We have many wonderful items to select from for the holiday, so please stop by and see us!

Please don't hesitate to call Harriet Beede or Brenda Lerner and they'll arrange to meet you at the Gift shop! If you don't find what you want, we can always do special orders from our catalogs. We look forward to seeing you then.

Call us, we will be happy to help you!

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## Share an Oneg

The pulpit flowers for the Pesach holidays, April 15 - April 23, will be sponsored by Mimi Kalman in memory of her beloved father, Joseph I. Levitas.

Email me if you would like to enhance your Simcha with pulpit flowers.

**Mimi Kalman**  
Pulpit Flower Chair  
[mimrk524@gmail.com](mailto:mimrk524@gmail.com)  
860-649-3890

## Torah Fund Cards

Get well to Charlie Berger from Mimi Kalman.

Condolences to Loren Reichlin and family in memory of Loren's mother, Hedda Reichlin, and Get well to Dave Sawtelle from Cal and Elaine Vinick.

Condolences to Susan Rubin in memory of her father, Marshall Wice from Lynn and Jack Cohen.

To order cards for all occasions contact our Torah Fund Card Chairperson Lynn Cohen at (860-298-0457) or [cohenlynn334@gmail.com](mailto:cohenlynn334@gmail.com)

## Sisterhood Speaks Continued

### Adventure Walk

Hi Walkers, we'll be walking again on Sunday, April 24th, at 10:00 am. With Spring here, hopefully we don't have to wait for the world to warm up, so we will be going back to our regular time. Come with us, wear a mask, we'll keep our distance and get some exercise. Let's see if we can find some green things popping up out of the ground! We will see lovely scenery and enjoy being out in the fresh air. As always, our walks are weather permitting.

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 10:00 am, we will decide where we are going and off we will go!

**Margie Partney**



Pictured: Judy Meyer with penny, Margie Partney, Diane Keyser.  
We started at BSBI and flipped a coin at each corner to decide whether to turn left or right.

## RLWRS SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday, March 13, we held a Purim event for the children. We read from the Megillah (the story of Esther), ate hamantaschen, sang Purim songs, and wore costumes. All had a great time!

On March 17, the older kids made ceramic Seder plates for use at their family Seders.

On March 27, Rabbi Konigsburg held a Seder workshop for school parents.

### Upcoming Events:

On Thursday, April 7, the school families will attend a practice Seder during regular school hours with Rabbi Alan.

Sunday, May 15—Save the date for the school's end-of-year Barbecue lunch!





# Brotherhood Corner

## Brotherhood's April Speaker

Sunday, April 3rd at 9:30 am

Peter Kurz is the General Manager of the Israeli Olympic Baseball team.



Originally from New York, Mr. Kurz has lived in Israel for 32 years and has been volunteering to develop the game of baseball in Israel for more than 20 years, served as President of the Israel Association of Baseball for six years, eight years as Secretary General, managing eight Israeli national teams overseas, and working as a coach and manager. He has helped the IAB grow from a small group of enthusiastic olim to a movement across the country, running both elite academies and little leagues, while focusing on its mission of teaching children how to work together while having fun.

Today, he is the General Manager of Olympic Team Israel, as well as General Manager of Israel's entry in the World Baseball Classic.

## Yom HaShoah

Wednesday, April 27th, 7:30 pm



The program will be on ZOOM. Register for this program at [myshul.org](http://myshul.org).

Doris Alter recently retired from her position as Executive Director of a Conservative synagogue, Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Toronto, Ontario. Her career began over 30 years ago in the Jewish non-profit sector. Born and raised in Montreal, she moved to Toronto in 1997. Among the various volunteer positions Ms. Alter has held were President of STAT (Synagogue Temple Administrator of Toronto) and co-chair of the Membership Committee for NAASE (North American Association of Synagogue Executives).

Ms. Alter is the child of Holocaust survivors, and is the first-born Canadian in her family. She is the mother of two married children and grandmother of four boys.



# 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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# Endowment Foundation

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

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In memory of family members Malcolm Clare, Anne Clare Kramer, Solomon Kramer, Annie Lander Kramer, Leon Kramer, Maxwell Kramer, Milton Kramer from Marshall & Hannah Kramer

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In memory of Susan Rubin's father from Merle Lassow  
In memory of Marshall Wice from Mimi Kalman  
In memory of David Gamzon on the occasion of his *yahrzeit* from Mr. William Gamzon  
In memory of Millie Malkin from Norman & Corinne Fisher  
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*Yahrzeit* of Mimi Witkin from Harold & Judy Meyer  
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*Yahrzeit* of Lillian Fendell from Rose Ulan  
*Yahrzeit* of William Cooper from Stephan M. Cooper MD.

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In memory of Marshall Wice; in memory of Hedda Reichlin from Marilyn Lassow

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*Yahrzeit* of Harold Cohen from Susan E. Cohen

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In memory of Marshal Wice from Manuel & Maxine Lerman

## LEONARD SEADER FUND

In memory of Hedda Reichlin; *Yahrzeit* of Nellie K. Cohen from Sissy Seader

## LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Marshall Wice from David & Carol Alter

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In honor of Mrs. Dworkin's 90th Birthday from Steven Hirth, Nino Zaridze, Reno and Marco  
In memory of my Aunt Esther Gould; in memory of my father from Charles Berger  
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In memory of Hedda Reichlin; *Yahrzeit* of Mimi Witkin from Harold & Judy Meyer  
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In memory of Marshal Wice, beloved father of Susan Rubin from Bea & Gordon Brodie  
In memory of Marshall Wice from Lewis & Shirley Segal  
In memory of Marshall Wice, may his memory be a blessing, from Sue & Phil Margolis

## SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Condolences to Sue Rubin, on the passing of her dear father, Marshall Wice from Alan & Lea Schmerler  
In memory of Susan Rubin's father, Marshall Wice from Jay & Susan Stoppelman



# April 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1 (29 Adar II)</b> 6:00pm Friday Night Services 6:57pm Candle Lighting  Sunset: 7:15pm	<b>2 (1 Nisan)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> <b>Nisan</b> <b>Parshat</b> <b>Hachodesh</b> 10:00am Shabbat Services 8:01pm Havdalah Sunset: 7:16pm
<b>3 (2 Nisan)</b> 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 9:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker	<b>4 (3 Nisan)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood/ Hadassah Book Club	<b>5 (4 Nisan)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>6 (5 Nisan)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>7 (6 Nisan)</b> 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>8 (7 Nisan)</b> 6:00pm Friday Night Services 7:05pm Candle Lighting  Sunset: 7:23pm	<b>9 (8 Nisan)</b> <b>Shabbat</b> <b>HaGadol</b> 10:00am Shabbat Services 8:09pm Havdalah Sunset: 7:24pm
<b>10 (9 Nisan)</b>	<b>11 (10 Nisan)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>12 (11 Nisan)</b> 1:30pm Knit & Kvetch 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>13 (12 Nisan)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>14 (13 Nisan)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>15 (14 Nisan)</b> <b>Erev Pesach</b> <b>Taanit</b> <b>Bechorot</b> 7:30am First-Born Service 7:13pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 7:31pm	<b>16 (15 Nisan)</b> <b>Pesach</b> 10:00am Pesach 1 Service 7:15pm Community Seder 8:17pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 7:32pm
<b>17 (16 Nisan)</b> <b>Pesach</b> <b>1st Day Omer</b> 10:00am Pesach 2 Service 8:18pm Havdalah	<b>18 (17 Nisan)</b> <b>2nd Day Omer</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>19 (18 Nisan)</b> <b>3rd Day Omer</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>20 (19 Nisan)</b> <b>4th Day Omer</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BOD Board Meeting	<b>21 (20 Nisan)</b> <b>5th Day Omer</b> 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 6:00pm Pesach Evening Service 7:19pm Candle Lighting	<b>22 (21 Nisan)</b> <b>Pesach</b> <b>6th Day Omer</b> 10:00am Pesach 7 Service 6:00pm Pesach Evening Service 7:20pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 7:38pm	<b>23 (22 Nisan)</b> <b>Pesach</b> <b>Yizkor</b> <b>7th Day Omer</b> 10:00am Pesach 8 & Yizkor Services 8:24pm Havdalah Sunset: 7:39pm
<b>24 (23 Nisan)</b> <b>8th Day Omer</b> 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 10:00am Sisterhood Adventure Walk	<b>25 (24 Nisan)</b> <b>9th Day Omer</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>26 (25 Nisan)</b> <b>10th Day Omer</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>27 (26 Nisan)</b> <b>11th Day Omer</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Yom HaShoah Program	<b>28 (27 Nisan)</b> <b>Yom HaShoah</b> <b>12th Day</b> <b>Omer</b> 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>29 (28 Nisan)</b> <b>13th Day Omer</b> 6:00pm Friday Night Services 7:28pm Candle Lighting  Sunset: 7:46pm	<b>30 (29 Nisan)</b> <b>Shabbat Mevar-</b> <b>chim</b> <b>14th Day Omer</b> 10:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Junior Congregation 8:32pm Havdalah Sunset: 7:47pm

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



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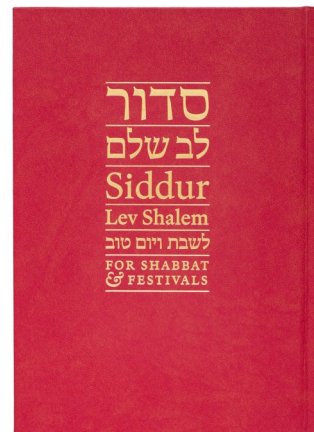
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Vehicles accepted by this program include: unwanted car, truck, boat, motorcycle, RV or recreational vehicles.

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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.



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- 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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# Comedy NIGHT

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