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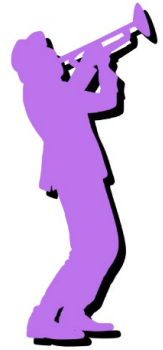
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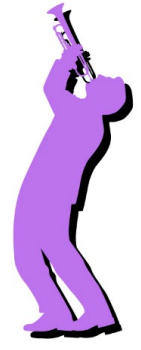


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Services

Monday - 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 our services.

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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

Tuesday, November 1 (Cheshvan 7)
12:00pm Lunch & Learn
7:30pm BSBI Academy

Erev Shabbat, November 4 (Cheshvan 10)
5:30pm Family Shabbat Dinner & Service

Tuesday, November 8 (Cheshvan 14)
1:30pm Knit & Kvetch Annual Distribution

Shabbat, November 12 (Cheshvan 18)
10:00am Shabbat Services &
Veteran's Honor Lunch

Sunday, November 13 (Cheshvan 19)
9:00am Morning Minyan
9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker
10:00am Global Day of Jewish Learning

Monday, November 14 (Cheshvan 20)
7:45pm Hadassah - Sisterhood Book Club

Tuesday, November 15 (Cheshvan 21)
12:00pm Lunch & Learn
7:30pm BSBI Academy

Wednesday, November 16 (Cheshvan 22)
7:30pm BOD Board Meeting

Sunday, November 20 (Cheshvan 26)
9:00am Sisterhood Bake Sale
4:00pm Interfaith Service

Tuesday, November 22 (Cheshvan 28)
12:00pm Lunch & Learn
7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, November 24: Rosh Chodesh
Kislev (Cheshvan 30)
Office Closed: Thanksgiving Day

Erev Shabbat, November 25: Rosh Chodesh
Kislev (Kislev 1)
Office Closed

Tuesday, November 29 (Kislev 5)
12:00pm Lunch & Learn
7:30pm BSBI Academy

Condolences to:

Edward & Joyce Epstein on the loss of his brother, Ira Epstein.

Maxine & Manny Lerman on the loss of her sister, Roberta Vivian Kahn

Faith, Hope and Prayer

It has been almost three years of COVID, and the world has changed a lot; so has COVID. What was once a deadly disease now has vaccines and treatments that do not prevent getting sick but do prevent serious illness for most people. I don't know if COVID will ever go away; I am not an immunologist—just a rabbi. But COVID, like the common cold, is caused by a virus. We can't yet cure the common cold—or any other viral disease—but we can reduce its impact with vaccines and medications, as we are doing with COVID. Corona viruses just mutate too rapidly for researchers to keep up.

It is looking more and more like we will have to learn to live with COVID the same way we live with the flu or the common cold. COVID is certainly worse than these “cousins” but for most people, vaccinations seem to keep the worst symptoms under control, and treatments can speed up the recovery process. I am sure that there are many of you out there who might disagree, or share data points with me that suggest otherwise. But clearly, the world is ready to slip back into what we used to call “normal.”

People are starting to travel again. People are going to the theater again. People are going out to movies again. People are going to restaurants again. I think it is getting to be time to be going to synagogue again. Our synagogue has been genuinely concerned with the health of our members. We have followed protocols for masking and social distancing. We have followed guidelines for serving food and standing in lines, and there have been very few cases of COVID that were able to be traced to exposure during a BSBI event. I understand that every person, based on their own personal health, their own idea of cautious behavior and risk tolerance, looks at the COVID situation differently. We now have a mask-optional policy at our services and yet, on any given day, most people still are wearing masks.

I should say here that online services, both on Zoom and Livestream, are going to be with us forever. We now have people joining our religious services from all over the country. We have members who live far away or who are unable to attend who can still be involved because of what these technologies have made possible. But the ability to create a minyan online was designed for emergency use only. The emergency is slowly passing, and soon it will be time to require attendance in synagogue to create a minyan. We are doing fairly well on Shabbat, but holidays and daily minyan are often still short of the ten people needed for a minyan. I am thinking that we will need to reinstate Jewry Duty to help our daily minyan. I hope that many of our members will give us the two or three evenings a week or a month to keep our minyan going, to help those who need to say kaddish.

Right now, there is plenty of space to attend our services and not have to sit in close proximity to others. We have a new HVAC system that is fully in place for air circulation. It is time that we get back to the ten people present in our building which is required for the proper functioning of services at our synagogue. We want to welcome you back. We want to welcome you home.

As we slip back into our regular routines in society, let us get back to our spiritual and religious routines as well. I know it has been almost three years, but we are a patient congregation ... We are still saving you a seat. I hope to see you in shul again soon.

Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg



Jewish History 101 7 Cheshvan – 6 Kislev

- 11 Cheshvan** – The trial of Nazi war criminals in Nuremberg began on this date in 1945.
- 15 Cheshvan** – Date of the Nazi pogrom in Germany later to be called Kristallnacht (The Night of Broken Glass). Hundreds of Jewish businesses were destroyed, synagogues burned, and Jews arrested in 1938.
- 24 Cheshvan** – Kehillath Anshe Ma'arav was established in 1847 – the first synagogue in Chicago
- 30 Cheshvan** – American forces entered New York City on this date in 1783; Jewish residents of the city who had fled in 1776 because of their anti-British sentiments were able to return to the city as the British retreated
- 5 Kislev** – A road connecting West Jerusalem to the “Yishuv” was carved out of the Judean hills to bypass a siege by Arab armies trying to take the city. Completed on this date in 1949, this “Road of Valor” kept Jerusalem part of Israel when a cease-fire was called a few days later. The old city remained in Arab hands but the newer part of Jerusalem, because of this road, was considered Israel.

Words from the President

Thanksgiving is a special day because it's an American holiday, it doesn't really matter if you're Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Agnostic ... it's all about coming together to celebrate the harvest (recent memories of Sukkot) and joining with family and friends to give thanks for what we're grateful for. But it's more than that. It's also about traditions.



Every family has its own Thanksgiving traditions; without them, it just wouldn't feel like Thanksgiving. Maybe it's a must-have dish on the table, some activity, or always using Bubbie's china and silverware. In my family, it's always been about the feast. Days of preparation, waking up pre-dawn on Thanksgiving morning for a day in the kitchen with family. But most of all, it's about coming together around the table and sharing with each other those things that we're most thankful for. My youngest daughter, since the age of 5, will not let one person put a single bite in their mouths until we go around the table and share gratitude with each other. And I'm thankful that she has never let this tradition fade away.

Here at BSBI, we have another tradition: our Interfaith Service. If you've never been, it's where we open our doors and play host to clergy from around the area, as well as members of their congregations. It's a service where we don't focus on the differences in our faiths, but on the commonalities...those things that join us together, those things that we're blessed and grateful to have in our lives.

If you've never been (or if it's been a while since you attended) I urge you to join us on Sunday the 20th. With the state of things in our country right now - the prevalent anger, the distrust, the prejudices we see on the news and experience every day - wouldn't it be a nice addition to your Thanksgiving traditions to join us and celebrate the exact opposite?

I wish that your family gatherings are as wonderful as they can be, and I sincerely hope that you'll consider adding us to your family traditions.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Russ Benblatt
BSBI President

Community Events

Count Your Blessings

Please join us in supporting our synagogue's "Turkey Fund" so that Thanksgiving Baskets can be delivered to needy families in our community. Because people are hungry not only at holiday time but throughout the year, the funds we raise now give ongoing help to the MACC Food Pantry, HVCC and the Jewish Services Food Pantry.

This year, while we are preparing for the holidays, we hope you will think about the many blessings in your own life, and in gratitude, will donate to the "Turkey Fund." Think of family, a home, job, and vacation; trees, flowers and music; good news, good health, good friends and more.

As you sit down to enjoy your Thanksgiving meal, you can have a full heart knowing that you helped provide a turkey and all the trimmings for a family who would otherwise not have enjoyed a festive meal. Please make your check out to BSBI and send it to Deborah Delaney at the following address:

12 Camp Avenue, Newington, CT 06111.

Write "Turkey Fund" on the note line. Please send your checks by **November 9th**. Thank you very much for your kindness!

\$18	\$36	\$54	\$72	Write Your Own \$_____
1-10 Blessings	11-20 Blessings	21-30 Blessings	31-40 Blessings	Numerous Blessings

Adult Education at BSBI 2022

Fee \$20/Person

Study Buddy Fee: \$30 (for you & your buddy)

Register on myshul.org



Lunch & Learn:

We are open for new students as well as our Tuesday regulars. Bible study will be on Tuesdays, beginning Nov. 1 thru Dec. 14, 2022. We eat lunch at noon, and class runs from 12:30-1:30 pm. In person at BSBI. Instructor- Rabbi Konigsburg (please bring a dairy or parve lunch)

BSBI Academy: The Observant Life

What to know about Jewish holidays and customs to help make your celebrations festive and not oppressive. Beginning Nov. 1 thru Dec. 14, 2022 at 7:45pm (after minyan) on Zoom. A link will be sent when you register for the seminar. Instructor: Rabbi Konigsburg

Learn to Lein – How to Read Torah

A practical tutorial on how to read Torah from the scroll. Time and date TBA. Instructor: Lea Schmerler. Must be able to read Hebrew. Focus will be on Torah Cantillation. This is for those who wish to learn to read Torah and those who wish to improve their skills. Classes will be scheduled to meet the needs of the students.

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.

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

Community Events

Jessie's Garden

A sincere Thank you to everyone who worked in our garden this summer, to all who weeded, watered and delivered produce to MACC and HVCC. The last few eggplants are ripening - they did spectacularly this year.

If you wanted to help this summer, but didn't get a chance, we will be back in the spring. Look for us and please join us!

Brina Abrahams & Merle Cohen

HOLOCAUST AND RESISTANCE

A Virtual Tour from the [Contemporary Jewish Museum](#),
San Francisco

Thursday, November 10, 2022—7:30pm

Cost: \$10/pp, \$15 per household on Zoom

On screen at BSBI (and also available on Zoom)

An educator from the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco will lead us through past and current exhibitions, exploring the life stories of artists before and during World War II, and their determination to resist the Nazi regime and survive. Included will be the stories of photographer Roman Vishniac, artists Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore. There will also be highlights of their current exhibition *Oz is for Oznowicz: A Puppet Family's History*, which is the remarkable true story of puppeteers Mike and Frances Oznowicz, the parents of Frank Oz, known for his work on *Sesame Street*, *The Muppet Show*, and in *Star Wars* as Yoda. Pareve refreshments will be served for those in attendance. The program is approximately one hour in length.



Please RSVP by November 3, 2022 at www.myshul.org
For further information, please contact Bea Brodie, olderndrt@gmail.com

First Annual Reverse Tashlich



Reverse Tashlich was an idea of Women's League, the national organization of all Conservative Sisterhoods. For the Tashlich service the first afternoon of Rosh Hashanah, one goes to a flowing body of water and casts bread crumbs, representing our misdeeds during the year, for repentance.

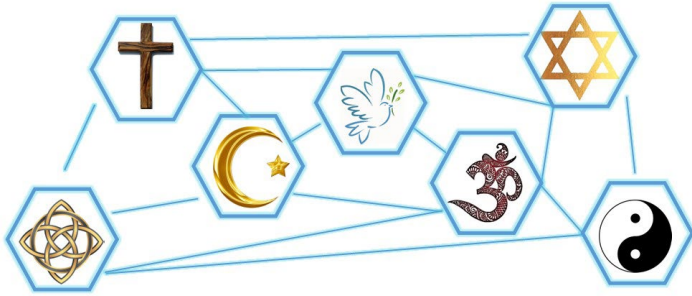
The idea was to go back to those areas and clean them up. With all the lovely walking trails here in Manchester, our Social Action Committee, chaired by Susan Mendelsohn and Debra Carlson, took up the challenge.

Our First Annual Reverse Tashlich was a huge success. We came, we saw, we cleaned up! Thank you Illona Roll (President of the Northeast Atlantic Region of Women's League) for approaching Judy Meyer with the information about this project and thank you, Judy, for suggesting it. And thank you Sisterhood for your support, your ideas, your advice, your on-the-scene help and most of all for your enthusiasm and participation. It was a blustery day, but it was a great day for a mitzvah. See you next year!

A huge thank you to Harold Bernstein for giving his time and talents for some wonderful photos. They add so much to the story of that day!



Community Events



With the participation of clergy from all over Manchester, BSBI hosts our annual

Interfaith Service

Sunday, November 20th at 4:00pm

Come to BSBI where we will be joined by clergy from all over Manchester for a service celebrating the many faiths throughout our community. This event is also a food drive, so please bring a non-perishable donation for those in need in our community.

Help set up Ukrainian refugees for success in the U.S.

Moving to a new country presents a whole host of challenges and adjustments. Help ease their transition in all areas of life.



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Scan the code or visit the link to learn more about different opportunities, and to register as a volunteer.

For more questions, please reach out to Michelle Walker at mwalker@coalitionct.org.

JAZZ FEST:

HOW CAN I HELP?

- **Volunteer!!!** We can always use volunteers to help with everything from administration to logistics both before and during the performance.
- **Be a Musician Sponsor** and receive special recognition and benefits at the festival.
- **Personal ads** can be placed in the playbill acknowledging or supporting a group, individual or family. Donations can be made in the amount of \$36 or greater.
- **Purchase a larger ad** as shown on the "Sponsorship/Ticket Order Form."
- **Place a business ad** for your business or company.
- **Help identify businesses** and/or potential sponsors outside of our temple community that might be interested in playbill advertising or event sponsorships.
 - Any member who brings in \$500.00 or more in non-affiliated business ads, personal ads, or sponsorships will receive VIP Seating festival tickets.

See all the details for tickets, advertising and sponsorship on our web site: www.manchesterctjazzfest.com



Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School Update

With the help of Rabbi Alan and his teaching staff, the students are making good progress! They are learning Hebrew, prayers, Jewish history, Jewish values, and the meaning of our holidays. We hope to see you at these events!

High Holiday Retrospective

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, our teacher Sarah Karasik conducted family-friendly services for our school families and visitors. Attendance was good, and the services were lively and meaningful.

Several school families participated in the Reverse Tashlich program, the nation-wide project to remove garbage from local bodies of water as a “reverse” mitzvah. The children really loved learning to use the “pickers.” We thank Social Action for sharing the opportunity for our students and parents to perform this mitzvah. See pictures and more information on page 6.



As he did last year, Rabbi Alan is holding a monthly Junior Congregation program where he not only teaches the Shabbat prayers, but explains their meaning and importance in our liturgy. Each time, a student from our religious school leads some of the introductory prayers in the sanctuary. It is wonderful to see our children join in Shabbat services! After the introductory prayers, students and their parents go to the Chapel, but all are invited to join them in learning more about our prayers. **November's Junior Congregation will be held on the 19th.**



Family Shabbat Service and Dinner

On **Friday evening, November 4**, we'll have a Family Shabbat—dinner and services will be earlier than usual, at 5:30. All are welcome! Be sure to sign up for dinner in advance; go to myshul.org to register!

Hanukkah! Latkes and Lights December 18th at 4:00pm

The religious school's annual **Hanukkiyah-lighting** celebration will take place on the first night of Hanukkah. After the lighting of the menorah, we'll head indoors for latkes and goodies!



2021 Hanukkiyah-lighting, taken by Harold Bernstein

Celebration Dates in November



Happy Birthday to:

Marilyn Krutt 11/1
Daniel Norman 11/2
Andrea Zitomer 11/3
Jane Zimmerman 11/3
Joan Baron 11/4
Teri Norman 11/4
Robert O'Neil 11/5
Cara Taback Feinstein 11/8
Nelson Orringer 11/9
Tiffany Blumenstein 11/13
Gayle Block 11/14
Richard Tardif 11/14
Iris Linner 11/15
Casey Block 11/16
Maury Luxemburg 11/16

Monroe Rackow 11/16
Sandi Phair 11/17
Isaac Abrams 11/18
Linda Grad 11/20
Marc Ross 11/21
Steven Cohen 11/22
Marshall Grodofsky 11/22
Anita Rackow 11/25
Maxine Jaffe 11/25
Rachel Neuhaus 11/26
Diane Wasser 11/26
Ilene O'Neil 11/27
Susan Scherick 11/28
Patricia Case 11/29

Happy Anniversary to:

Sidney & Miriam Schwartz 11/3
Richard & Andrea Tardif 11/3
Adam & Debra Rosenberg 11/5
Phyllis & Michael Winkler 11/7
William Delaney & Debra Balogh-Delaney 11/21

Norman & Phyllis Greenstein 11/25
Ari & Sharon Hartstein 11/26
Dr. Richard Ketai & Dr. Laura Levine 11/26
Eric & Annemarie Miller 11/27



Have a simcha you want to share with the congregation? Make sure to notify Allison 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.

What's Ahead for Sisterhood

Tuesday, November 8th
1:30 pm: Knit & Kvetch Annual Distribution
Monday, November 14th
7:45 pm: Hadassah - Sisterhood Book Group
Sunday, November 20th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Sisterhood Bake sale
Tuesday, November 22nd
7:30 pm: Sisterhood Zoom Board Meeting

Hadassah - Sisterhood Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 14th at 7:45pm on Zoom. If you want to catch up with other members you can log on at 7:30pm.

The Mary Cheney Research Librarian has ordered the book *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict and will be holding copies of the books for the BSBI Book Group. The zoom link will be posted closer to the meeting date.

Maxine Lerman and Becky Murray



Sisterhood Gift Shop.

Your Source for all Your Simchat

Invited to someone's home for Thanksgiving? We're sure that you can find a lovely hostess/host gift in our Gift Shop. Check out our selection of all things perfect for giving.

If you don't see what you need, we'll be happy to order it for you. Please call Harriet Beede or Brenda Lerner, and we'll be happy to meet you at a time that is convenient for you.

Harriet Beede,

hmbeede@gmail.com, 860-305-8711

Brenda Lerner,

brenler@cox.net, 860-643-9700

Knit & Kvetch

On Tuesday, November 8th, we will have our annual distribution in the auditorium at 1:30pm. If you have anything to donate, please bring it before 2:30 pm. You can also leave any donations in the coat room ahead of time. Please mark it for K and K and let Judy Sawtelle know so she can tell me we have donations waiting.

If you have any questions, you can email me at Irannefink@gmail.com or call me at 860-649-6551.

Anne Fink

Fire Up Your Oven - Sisterhood's Annual Bake Sale is Back!

Just in time for Thanksgiving we will be once again holding our Annual Bake Sale on Sunday, November 20, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Volunteer to bake, or stop by to get a treat from our bake shop to enhance either your Thanksgiving or the Thanksgiving of your hosts.

Please contact Brina Abrahams at 860-872-0820, brinaron@sbcglobal.net or Maddy Turk at 860-875-7323 or mikemaddy@aol.com to offer to bake (they need to know what is coming). Place food on disposable plates and if you can, list the ingredients and also label if it is from a Kosher home and if it is Dairy or Pareve.

Torah Fund Cards

Mazel Tov to Joyce Solomon in honor of the marriage of her grandson Ben Miller to Shoshana Chazen; Mazel Tov to Ellen and Jonathan Miller in honor of the marriage of their son Ben Miller to Shoshana Chazen; Condolences to Deborah Morgenthal and to Lisa James in memory of their mother, Sally Abbey from Mimi Kalman.

Mazel tov to Brina and Ron Abrahams upon the marriage of their grandson Josh to Molly from Joan Baron.

Condolences to Deborah Morgenthal and to Lisa James in memory of their mother Sally Abbey from Judy and Harold Meyer.

Condolences to Ed Epstein in memory of his brother Ira from Paula Finkelstein and Charlie Berger.

To order cards for all occasions contact Lynn Cohen, our Torah Fund Card Chairperson, at 860-298-0457 or cohenlynn334@gmail.com.

Share an Oneg

The pulpit flowers for Yom Kippur, October 4, were sponsored by Sissy Seader in memory of all her loved ones.

Call or email me if you would like to enhance your Simcha with pulpit flowers.

Mimi Kalman, Pulpit Flower Chair,
mimrk524@gmail.com, 860-649-3890

Adventure Walk & Fun Fact About our Community

Hi Walkers, we'll be taking November off. Enjoy your Thanksgiving weekend; we will be back in December. Here are some pictures from our September walk. Judy Meyer, Margie Partney, and Ann Labb took a relaxing and educational break from holiday cooking to stroll around the BSBI neighborhood on 9/25/22. We learned that George Washington was entertained at Woodbridge Tavern on Nov. 9, 1789! We wonder whether he stopped off at our Temple . . .

Margie Partney



Brotherhood Corner



Keeper of the Flame

November 6th at 10:30am

Congregation Or Shalom

205 Old Grassy Hill Rd, Orange, CT 06477



Each year, the Connecticut Valley Regional Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs honors outstanding individuals for their contributions to their clubs, congregations, and communities.

This year, BSBI Brotherhood's honoree is BSBI President Russ Benblatt.

Join in celebrating Russ at a breakfast at Congregation Or Shalom in Orange on Sunday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m. Please consider making a Yasher Koach donation to congratulate Russ through the Brotherhood. Any questions can be emailed to Phil Margolis (philipmargolis@icloud.com) or Glenn Hauer (glennhauer@gmail.com).

Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

November 13th at 9:30AM

This month's speaker is Alan Freedman, Director of the Jewish Sports Heritage Association. He will speak about the short film "Jewish Sports Legends." The film celebrates Jewish involvement in all sports and offers a starting point for discussions of stereotype and prejudice. From the playing field and the manager's bench to the owner's office - Jews have made a significant impact on the world of sports.

Steak & Schnapps

On Sunday, October 15th, the Brotherhood held their annual Steak & Schnapps event in the Sukkah. They served grilled steaks, veggies, and potatoes prepared by the Crown Market and beverages.

This event is part of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs program "Hearing Men's Voices." This program offers an opportunity to express ourselves in a private conversation. We can also learn about other Brotherhood members.

Photographer- Harold A. Bernstein



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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 (7 Cheshvan) <u>12:00pm</u> Lunch & Learn <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv <u>7:30pm</u> BSBI Academy	2 (8 Cheshvan) <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	3 (9 Cheshvan) <u>4:30pm</u> Hebrew school Gr 3-7 <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	4 (10 Cheshvan) <u>5:23pm</u> Candle Lighting <u>5:30pm</u> Family Shabbat Dinner & Service Sunset: 5:41pm	5 (11 Cheshvan) <u>10:00am</u> Shabbat Services <u>6:25pm</u> Havdalah Sunset: 5:40pm
6 (12 Cheshvan) <u>9:00am</u> Hebrew school K-7	7 (13 Cheshvan) <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv <u>7:30pm</u> Grief Support Group	8 (14 Cheshvan) <u>1:30pm</u> Knit & Kvetch Annual Distribution <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	9 (15 Cheshvan) <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	10 (16 Cheshvan) <u>4:30pm</u> Hebrew school Gr 3-7 <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	11 (17 Cheshvan) Veterans Day <u>4:15pm</u> Candle Lighting <u>6:00pm</u> Friday Night Services Sunset: 4:33pm	12 (18 Cheshvan) <u>10:00am</u> Shabbat Services & Veteran's Honor Lunch <u>5:17pm</u> Havdalah Sunset: 4:32pm
13 (19 Cheshvan) <u>9:00am</u> Hebrew school K-7 <u>9:00am</u> Morning Minyan <u>9:30am</u> Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker <u>10:00am</u> Global Day of Jewish Learning	14 (20 Cheshvan) <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv <u>7:30pm</u> Hadassah - Sisterhood Book Club	15 (21 Cheshvan) <u>12:00pm</u> Lunch & Learn <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv <u>7:30pm</u> BSBI Academy	16 (22 Cheshvan) <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv <u>7:30pm</u> BOD Board Meeting	17 (23 Cheshvan) <u>4:30pm</u> Hebrew school Gr 3-7 <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	18 (24 Cheshvan) <u>4:09pm</u> Candle Lighting <u>6:00pm</u> Friday Night Services Sunset: 4:27pm	19 (25 Cheshvan) Shabbat Mevarchim <u>10:00am</u> Shabbat Services <u>10:00am</u> Junior Congregation <u>5:11pm</u> Havdalah Sunset: 4:26pm
20 (26 Cheshvan) <u>9:00am</u> Hebrew school K-7 <u>9:00am</u> Sisterhood Bake Sale <u>4:00pm</u> Interfaith Service	21 (27 Cheshvan) <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv <u>7:30pm</u> Grief Support Group	22 (28 Cheshvan) <u>12:00pm</u> Lunch & Learn <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv <u>7:30pm</u> Sisterhood Board Meeting	23 (29 Cheshvan) <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	24 (30 Cheshvan) Rosh Chodesh Kislev Office Closed Thanksgiving Day <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	25 (1 Kislev) Rosh Chodesh Kislev Office Closed <u>4:05pm</u> Candle Lighting <u>6:00pm</u> Friday Night Services Sunset: 4:23pm	26 (2 Kislev) <u>10:00am</u> Shabbat Services <u>5:07pm</u> Havdalah Sunset: 4:22pm
27 (3 Kislev) <u>10:00am</u> Sisterhood Adventure Walk	28 (4 Kislev) <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	29 (5 Kislev) <u>12:00pm</u> Lunch & Learn <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv <u>7:30pm</u> BSBI Academy	30 (6 Kislev) <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv			

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