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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 9:00AM



Join thousands of Jewish kids, men, and women across the country as we come together to learn about the mitzvah of tefillin!

Don't worry if you don't have a pair; we'll have lots of extras, and plenty of "Tefillin Trainers" on hand to help!

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

**Friday: 6:00 PM**

**Saturday: 10:00 AM**

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



**Upcoming Events!**



Due to COVID-19, all events are  
subject to change.  
**Please visit [www.myshul.org](http://www.myshul.org) for all updates.**

**Tuesday, February 1:**

12:30pm Lunch & Learn  
7:30pm BSBI Academy

**Monday, February 7:**

7:30pm Wisdom in Winter

**Tuesday, February 8:**

12:30pm Lunch & Learn  
1:30pm Knit & Kvetch  
7:30pm BSBI Academy

**Shabbat, February 12:**

10:00am Brotherhood Shabbat Services

**Sunday, February 13:**

9:00am World Wide Wrap  
9:45am Brotherhood Meeting & Speaker

**Monday, February 14:**

7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

**Tuesday, February 15:**

12:30pm Lunch & Learn  
7:30pm BSBI Academy

**Tuesday, February 22:**

12:30pm Lunch & Learn

**Shabbat, February 26:**

10:00am Junior Congregation

**Sunday, February 27:**

11:30am Sisterhood Adventure Walk

**Condolences to:**

Frank & Janice Malkin, Robert & Julie Malkin, Neil & Terri Malkin, and the entire family on the loss of their mother, Milly Malkin.

Laura Levine & Richard Ketai, Beth Levine & William Squier, Martha Levine & Marty Kaminsky, Jon Levine & Claudia Cryer, and to the entire family on the loss of their mother, Carol Levine.

Larry Gormick, Jason Gormick, Jarrod Gormick, Shane Gormick, and to the entire family on the loss of their father & grandfather, Isadore (Jack) Gormick.

Jacob Weil and the entire family on the loss of his mother, Marilyn Weil.

### *Words from the Co-Presidents*

It is not surprising that Jews as a group do not recognize Valentine's Day. After all, Valentine's Day originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine, although it has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance, love and friendship in many regions of the world.

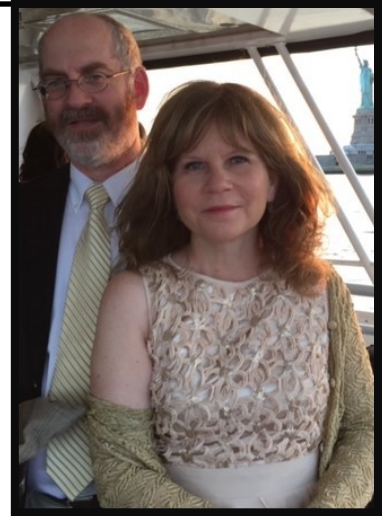
But the desire to celebrate love and friendship is a universal trait. In modern-day Israel, we understand that Tu B'Av, the fifteenth day of Av (usually occurring in August), is gradually becoming a Day of Love, slightly resembling Valentine's Day as commonly observed in English-speaking countries. BSBI has not had a Tu B'Av celebration, at least not yet.

As it happens, though, we do have our own tradition of celebrating friendship each January and February. Each year, the Sisterhood and Brotherhood organizations in our community take over a Shabbat service. Sisterhood and Brotherhood members lead significant portions of the service. Sisterhood usually provides a speaker; Brotherhood joins its Shabbat celebration with a World Wide Wrap of tefillin the following day. Both organizations usually sponsor a lunch afterward, although both have been forced by the Omicron surge to forego community lunches this year.

Sisterhood and Brotherhood are among the best examples of our members coming together on a voluntary basis to pursue religious, social, educational and social action opportunities. At their core, they are groups of friends sharing common interests and doing good for our community at the same time. We would not recognize our shul without them.

In the doldrums of Omicron and the heart of winter, we could all use reminding of our friends in the BSBI community. We hope you enjoy Sisterhood and Brotherhood shabbatot, and that, this year, they inspire you to make a special effort to reach out to friends, both those you see frequently and those you do not, to remind them that you care. Make a phone call or send a card; include a fond memory and a hope of things to come. You can create your own joy and share it with others. You may make a lasting impact on people you are lucky enough to call friends.

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



### **This Date in Jewish History** **Shevat 30 - 1 Adar 27**

**30 Shevat** – *Der Judenstaat*, by Theodor Herzl, was published on this date in 1896. This book started modern political Zionism and led, fifty years later, to the establishment of the State of Israel.

**8 Adar 1** – Yahrzeit of Zacharias Frankel. He was the theologian who first created the philosophy of what would eventually become Conservative Judaism. He died on this date in 1875.

**13 Adar 1** – The Jewish Theological Seminary received its charter on this date in 1902.

**26 Adar 1** – The Jews of Newport, RI, purchased land for a cemetery in 1677, one hundred years before the land for the Touro Synagogue was purchased. In most Jewish communities, the purchase of a cemetery always comes before the building of a synagogue.



## Faith, Hope, Prayer

“How can people be so dumb?”

Admit it, how many times have you said this while reading the news in the last twelve months? Every day it becomes more obvious that our position is correct, and the other side is completely crazy. Everything we read seems to point to this conclusion. Every story we hear online or in the media affirms that those who are on the other side of any issue are completely out of their minds. How is it possible that so many people have no idea how to really solve the problems this country faces?

As the cartoon character Pogo (long, long ago) once said, “We have met the enemy and he is us!”

When was the last time you read an article that you disagreed with and actually finished the article before you threw it down in disgust? When was the last time you had a real conversation about something important with someone whom you disagree with and not let it devolve into a shouting match? Why is it so hard to try and understand a point of view that is different from our own?

A Rabbi was watching two brothers play in the yard. The younger one said to the older one, “I bet I am taller than you!” The older brother said, “No, clearly I am taller. Just stand next to me and you will see.” The younger one protested, “Well, you have had two years to grow ahead of me. Here, stand in the ditch and we can correct for our age difference.” The Rabbi then interrupted. “Why have your brother stand in a ditch, why does your point of view require lowering your opponent? It would have the same effect if you yourself stood on a chair. Don’t put your brother down; raise yourself up.”

If you want to win a debate on an issue, learn the facts, not talking points. Focus on what makes your idea better rather than putting down the ideas of others. And when all else fails, there is the advice of the sage, Rabbi Shimon ben Gamaliel, in the Talmud. “Throughout my life, I was raised among scholars, and I have discovered that there is nothing that makes a person more beautiful than silence...Excess speech leads to sin.”

Getting mad does not prove anything. Anger breeds more anger. Violence leads to more violence. In *Pirke Avot*, Rabbi Yehoshua teaches, “The begrudging eye, the evil impulse, and hatred of your fellow human being will ruin a person’s life.” Pushing someone down only shows how short your ideas are.

But the great sage Hillel, a man noted for his kindness and his even temper, teaches, “Do not withdraw from the community. Do not be sure of yourself until the day of your death. Don’t judge your fellow human being until you stand in his place ...”

It is our duty to understand the position of others before we make a case for what we believe. It is our responsibility to really listen to the ideas of others. It is important to always be kind.

**Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg**



# BSBI Community

## Social Action Committee



We are in the midst of a winter lull at present, but there will be a Social Action Committee meeting on 2/17/22 at 7:30 to plan our spring activities. This will be a Zoom meeting and will begin after evening minyan. There will be information in the weekly announcements. If you are interested in Jessie's Garden or helping beautify our grounds, please consider attending this meeting. In addition, we are looking for other Social Action activities for the spring and are welcome to new ideas.

**Carol Hatch**  
Chair, Social Action

**You're Invited!**  
**Save the date- April 16th 2022**

For the BSBI Community Seder  
Socially Distanced while part of our warm community!  
More details to follow.  
Questions? Email Dawn Steigelfest at [steiglfest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steiglfest@sbcglobal.net)



## Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarships for BSBI Youth Summer  
Activities are available.

Applications due February 16th

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

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**Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/myshul/>

### Important: 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?

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!

## A Teaching Moment from Rabbi Alan: Is Twitter antithetical to our tradition?

Many people ask me, “What are you teaching to make Jewish education meaningful?” I respond with three words: breathing, ruach and silence.

I read an article in *Newsweek* magazine by Julia Baird, who professes the merit of silence. In her article “The Devil Loves Cell Phones,” she writes: “It is not hard to imagine Hell as a place that is very, very noisy. In *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis’s Devil detests music and silence. Hell, he crows, is filled with furious noise: ‘We will make the whole universe a noise...we have already made great strides in this direction as regards the Earth. The melodies and silences of Heaven will be shouted down in the end.’”

In the Middle Ages, Christian scholars believed that Satan did not want human beings to be alone with God, or with each other, fully alert and listening. This is why British author Sara Maitland believes the mobile phone is a “major breakthrough for the powers of Hell.” It seems that as a whole society we are losing something precious (in our increasingly silence-avoiding culture—especially) in the midst of the clamor and din, the ever-mounting distraction of TV pundits yelling, tweeting, and Instagramming of our Internet age.

We can experience silence in ways so potent they become addictive: the magical quiet of swimming under the water, the uninterrupted hours after midnight, the sweet intimacy of a mother and her baby nursing. We often talk about distraction and the banality of culture that seems to smother deep thought. We tweet sneezes, we blink and record it for our friends, we desire to be the first to speak in class. The anonymity of the Internet has been replaced by hyper-identity. The idea of shutting up and staring at a pile of rocks or sand or blinking stars for hours seems almost counter-cultural.

Within Jewish tradition there are moments for privacy and times for community sharing. This holds true in our prayer settings, as well. The Amidah is a time to stand, think and contemplate. The prayers offered at this juncture of the service are meant to be inaudible to the person standing next to you. It is a time to hear your inner voice and allow God to decipher the meaning of your offering.

Personal thought need not always be public! The words of the Amidah are prescribed by rabbinic tradition as standing in silence, which is not something most of us do well. We fidget and lose concentration, and left to our own devices, our minds wander. The Amidah helps us to embrace silence, to enjoy the momentary anonymity of blending in with others in the room, standing up but not standing out.

In this cold February month, take a quiet moment to gaze outdoors at the freshly fallen snow perched on the tree limbs and the fresh hippity-hoppity foot tracks of rabbits scurrying about. Take a deep breath of fresh air and listen to the silence. Don’t ruin it by going inside to tweet, Facebook, or message your friends about having just done so. Some things are just better left unsaid.

Breathing, ruach and silence are Jewish actions that are being modelled in our school.

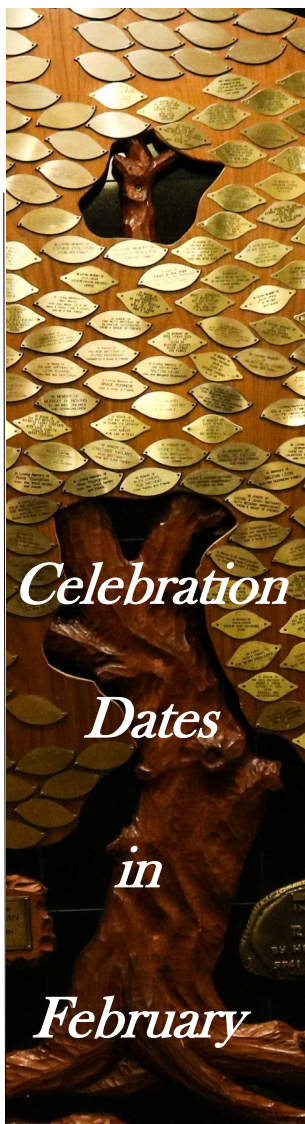
May we all be peaceful in our hearts.



Stay warm, stay safe, and stay well,

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





## Birthdays

Debra Carlson 2/1  
 Rennette Resnick 2/2  
 Herbert Koenig 2/3  
 Alan Feir 2/3  
 Manuel Lerman 2/5  
 Jay Bigman 2/6  
 Ted Lloyd 2/6  
 Miriam Schwartz 2/7  
 Maxine Lerman 2/9  
 Edward Reilly 2/9  
 Neil Ellis 2/10  
 Sarah Cinquemani 2/10  
 Wendy Videll 2/12  
 Andrea Tardif 2/13  
 Phil Stein 2/15  
 Lisa Plavin 2/16  
 Joel Lang 2/17

Susan Mendelsohn 2/17  
 Ira Fink 2/17  
 Donna Caplin 2/17  
 David Riedel 2/17  
 Thomas Mastronarde 2/18  
 Susan Goodwin 2/18  
 Adam Zimmerman 2/20  
 Anne Herman 2/20  
 Kristen Hauer 2/21  
 Barbara Bayer 2/22  
 Michelle Konigsburg 2/23  
 Trudy Singer 2/24  
 Elijah Blumenstein 2/25  
 Robert Caplin 2/26  
 Zachary Aaron Filkoff 2/28  
 Andrew Benjamin Filkoff 2/28  
 Barry Haight 2/28



## Anniversaries



Harvey & Elaine Kahaner 2/2  
 Cara Taback and Alexander Feinstein 2/8  
 Peter & Emily Buch 2/17  
 Lorin Pasternak & Scott Brennan 2/17



Have a *simcha* you want to share with the congregation?  
 Make sure to notify Tova 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?

### Tuesday, February 8

1:30 pm Knit & Kvetch

### Monday, February 14

7:30 pm Hadassah - Sisterhood Book Group

### Tuesday, February 22

7:30 pm Sisterhood Zoom Board meeting,

### Sunday, February 27

11:30 am Sisterhood Adventure Walk (socially distanced) NOTE: New time

### Sunday, March 20

9:00 am - 4:00 pm "Spring into Action" Women's League Virtual Conference

Anytime:

Yoga with Adriene on YouTube.

## Sisterhood Hadassah Book Group



Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 14th, at 7:30 pm on our own Zoom link.

We will discuss *Our Darkest Night* by Jennifer Robson.

The Mary Cheney Library's reference desk is holding

copies of the book for the BSBI Book Group. The Zoom link will be posted closer to the meeting date.

Future meeting dates are March 14, April 4, May 9, and June 13.

**Maxine Lerman and Becky Murray**

## Share an Oneg

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

**Mimi Kalman**  
Pulpit Flower Chair  
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## Save the Date "Spring into Action" Southern & North Atlantic Regions Virtual Conference Sunday, March 20, 2022



## Spring Into Action at the Southern & North Atlantic Regions Virtual Conference

*Sunday, March 20, 2022*

9:30 am to 4:00 pm EST

Hosted by Beth Sholom Sisterhood, Memphis, TN



9:00 am: Login, registration and schmooze  
9:30-10:15 am: Various WLCJ presentations  
10:15-11:30 am: Two special programs  
11:30-12:15 pm: Inspiring programs from various Sisterhoods  
12:15 pm: Break  
12:30-1:15 pm: Lunch in breakout rooms  
1:15-2:30 pm: Special program  
2:30-2:45 pm: Mincha  
3:00 pm: Conclusion, NAR Women of Distinction

## Sisterhood Gift Shop Your Source for all Your Simchot

We have many wonderful items to select from, so please stop by and see us!

Please don't hesitate to call Harriet Beede and she'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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## Sisterhood Speaks Continued

### Adventure Walk

Hi Walkers. We'll be walking again on Sunday, February 27, at 11:30 am. For the winter months (February and March remaining) we will be giving extra time for the world to warm up, so note the change



of time. Come with us, wear a mask, we'll keep our distance and get some exercise. If it's chilly, walking will definitely warm us up. 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 11:30 am. We will decide where we are going and off we will go!

**Margie Partney**

### Knit & Kvetch

It's hard to believe but we are in our 17th year. Anyone who is interested in Knitting and/or Kvetching please join us at our next meeting, which will be on Tuesday, February 8th at 1:30 p.m. in the Temple, or you can work from home.

This coming year we will be in need of afghans, hats, mittens, and we will be adding scarves. If you need yarn get in touch with me; I have some at my house and we can make arrangements for pick-up.

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 you leave them in the BSBI office please ask staff to put the checks in the Sisterhood box.

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

**Anne Fink**

### Torah Fund Cards

Get well to Jay Stoppelman and Happy Birthday to Loren Reichlin from Judy and Harold Meyer.

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

### Yoga On Your Own

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

What: Yoga (no cost to you)

When: Any time

Where: In your home

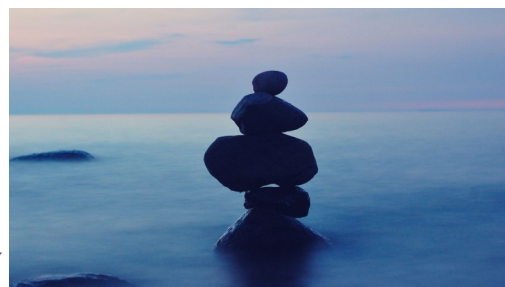
Why: A 10-40 minute session can help with anxiety, calming, feeling rejuvenated

How:

- Access YouTube on your Computer, IPAD, Phone (you can also download the YouTube app to your phone\*)
- Search "Yoga" or "Yoga with Adriene" (I recommend that instructor)
- There will be a multitude of results to choose from:
  - Yoga for Stress Relief
  - Wake up Yoga
  - Flexibility
  - Yoga for Kids
- Have fun and relax!!

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

**Margie Partney**



# Brotherhood Corner



Please join us for Brotherhood Shabbat on February 12<sup>th</sup>, when our members will take leading roles in BSBI's Shabbat morning service. We welcome you in person or through the Live Stream available on BSBI's website, [myshul.org](http://myshul.org).



## Brotherhood's February Speaker

Connecticut Author Steve Leshin

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

Brotherhood will be meeting at 9:45 am on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> after the World Wide Wrap. Immediately following the meeting, we welcome one of our own, Steve Leshin, as our February speaker. Steve will talk about his latest book, *The Killer's Code*.



See Cover for information on our **World Wide Wrap** event.

## You can still enjoy our January speakers' presentation!

In January, Brotherhood presented Bethany Hartshorn and Amy Remington as our guest speakers. Bethany and Amy made a wonderful presentation about their trip up Mount Kilimanjaro, with stunning pictures and video. The presentation was recorded and is available on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/HguOe89XaxU>.





# Leave a Jewish Legacy



Will this be the year to leave YOUR Jewish legacy?



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

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



For more information, please email:  
[BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org)

The BSBI Endowment Board of Trustees has periodically published Bulletin articles about Legacy Giving and our collective obligations to sustain, nurture and grow current programs and institutions for ourselves and for future generations.

As we move from 2021 to 2022 in the secular calendar, the BSBI Endowment Board of Trustees would like to thank our prior, present and potential donors and supporters. Prior Bulletin articles have discussed our collaboration with the Jewish Community Foundation. This collaboration allows us to offer charitable annuities and charitable remainder trusts as other options for our donors. The Jewish Community Foundation can also provide continuity of philanthropy to support Jewish causes in the future. Our working relationship with the Jewish Community Foundation had never been better and will continue to strengthen as we moved forward together.

The New Year is an opportune time to review some of the ways you can give to the BSBI Endowment. It is also a good time to be certain that your Will reflects your wishes and values with regards to the disposition of your assets at the time of death. A bequest to the BSBI Endowment can be made in your Will either as a specific dollar amount or as a percentage of assets. The BSBI Endowment may be the beneficiary of an existing paid up life insurance policy. Alternatively, a new life insurance policy can be purchased with the BSBI Endowment named as the beneficiary. Under certain circumstances the premiums for such a policy may be deductible to the extent provided by law. Loved ones can be memorialized with gifts to the Endowment.

In the past we have reviewed the use of QCDs [Qualified Charitable Distributions] from IRAs, Keogh, 403B or 401K plans if the owner of the assets qualifies. It is also possible to leave IRA assets to the Endowment at the time of death regardless of age. The residual of an estate can also be bequeathed to the Endowment. Over the years the BSBI Endowment had provided periodic educational opportunities about charitable giving and how you can help us sustain the institutions and programs that have helped enrich Jewish life East of the River.

The tax regulations are complex and in constant flux. If you are considering leaving a legacy or retirement assets to the Endowment Foundation of BSBI please reach out to Jeff Wasser [[jeffreywasser@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeffreywasser@sbcglobal.net)] or Roy Filkoff [[royfilkoff@altmanandco.com](mailto:royfilkoff@altmanandco.com)] or [BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org).

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Wasser, MD

President BSBI Endowment



# 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,  
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In memory of Mildred Malkin, grandmother of our daughter-in-law, Melissa Malkin Rubin, and mother of Robert Malkin, beloved by her family from Kathleen Sweeney

In memory of Milton Leon from Lewis Leon

In memory of Pepi Scheer from Lillian Scheer

In memory of Mildred Malkin from Richard & Mary Allen

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*Yahrzeit* of my mother, Vivian Meyer, in loving memory from Harold & Judy Meyer

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*Yahrzeit* of Milton Leon, in loving memory from Mary Leon

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In memory of Gershon (George) Dov Hass, brother of Susan H. Apter who passed away November 19th in the land that he loved, Israel. May his memory be a blessing.

From Bernard & Sue Apter

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In memory of Carole Feir Littman from Alan & Donna Feir

In memory of Mildred Malkin from Felice Goldman

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In memory of Mildred C. Malkin from Robert & Julie Malkin

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Thank you to Rabbi and Michelle Konigsburg, in grateful appreciation from Jane Zimmerman

Thank you to Rabbi & Michelle for everything and being a lifeline. I love you both dearly. From Renee Shifrin

## SHABBAT LUNCHEON FUND

Thanks to all who make our bagged kiddushim possible from Emily Buch

In memory of Millie Malkin from Risa and Roy Filkoff

*Yahrzeit* of Meyer Vinick from Calvin Vinick

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## SOCIAL ACTION FUND

*Yahrzeit* of Pearl Grad and Milton Leon, in loving memory from Howard & Linda Grad



# February 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1 (30 Shevat)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Adar I</b> 12:30pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy	<b>2 (1 Adar I)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Adar I</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>3 (2 Adar I)</b> 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>4 (3 Adar I)</b> 4:51pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Services	<b>5 (4 Adar I)</b> 10:00am Shabbat Services 5:55pm Havdalah
					Sunset: 5:09pm	Sunset: 5:10pm
<b>6 (5 Adar I)</b> 9:00am Hebrew school K-7	<b>7 (6 Adar I)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Wisdom in Winter	<b>8 (7 Adar I)</b> 12:30pm Lunch & Learn 1:30pm Knit & Kvetch 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy	<b>9 (8 Adar I)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>10 (9 Adar I)</b> 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>11 (10 Adar I)</b> 5:00pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Services	<b>12 (11 Adar I)</b> 10:00am Brotherhood Shabbat Services 6:04pm Havdalah
					Sunset: 5:18pm	Sunset: 5:19pm
<b>13 (12 Adar I)</b> 9:00am World Wide Wrap 9:45am Brotherhood meeting & Speaker 9:00am Hebrew school K-7	<b>14 (13 Adar I)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club	<b>15 (14 Adar I)</b> <b>Purim Katan</b> 12:30pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy	<b>16 (15 Adar I)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BOD Board Meeting	<b>17 (16 Adar I)</b> 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>18 (17 Adar I)</b> 5:09pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Services	<b>19 (18 Adar I)</b> 10:00am Shabbat Services 6:13pm Havdalah
					Sunset: 5:27pm	Sunset: 5:28pm
<b>20 (19 Adar I)</b>	<b>21 (20 Adar I)</b> Presidents' Day 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>22 (21 Adar I)</b> 12:30pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>23 (22 Adar I)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>24 (23 Adar I)</b> 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>25 (24 Adar I)</b> 5:17pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Services	<b>26 (25 Adar I)</b> <b>Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Shekalim</b> 10:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Junior Congregation 6:22pm Havdalah
					Sunset: 5:35pm	Sunset: 5:37pm
<b>27 (26 Adar I)</b> 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 11:30am Sisterhood Adventure Walk	<b>28 (27 Adar I)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv					

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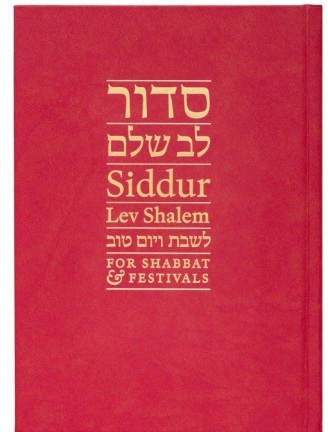
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