



WISDOM IN WINTER

BUILDING THE UPSTANDER TOOLBOX

WITH HEATHER MILLER

Three Lectures:

Mondays, January 24 & 31, and February 7, 2022 at 7:30 pm on Zoom

During this 3-session series, we will take a deeper dive into unpacking microaggressions, working through scenarios that will help you get more comfortable with how to become active upstanders in your community.

We will conclude with a session that will help our community identify its core social justice values and which initiatives we want to own both inside of our tent and in the local community.



Heather Miller is an educator and future rabbi who is passionate about creating embracing spaces in both the religious and secular parts of her life. As the President of The Flatbush Jewish Center, she strives to build a community that is safe for all of the intersecting identities in its membership.

Heather merges her skill sets to work on committees and projects with USCJ, UJA, partners at JTS, Jewish Education Project, Jews of Color Initiative and JCC Association to help move this work forward in Jewish spaces.

All Three Lectures: \$30/person for the series

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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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Upcoming Events!



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

Please visit www.myshul.org for all updates.

Sunday, January 9:

9:00am-9:30am Morning Minyan
9:30am-12:00pm Brotherhood Breakfast &
Speaker

Monday, January 10:

7:30pm-8:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book
Club

Saturday, January 15:

10:00am Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, January 22

10:00am-11:00am Junior Congregation

Monday, January 24

7:30pm-9:00pm Wisdom in Winter

Sunday, January 30

11:30am-1:30pm Sisterhood Adventure Walk

Monday, January 31

7:30pm-9:00pm Wisdom in Winter

Looking Ahead:

Monday, February 7

7:30pm-9:00pm Wisdom in Winter

Saturday, February 12

10:00am Brotherhood Shabbat

Sunday, February 13

9:00am-12:00pm World Wide Wrap

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**

Words from the Co-Presidents

As lay leaders of our shul, we often emphasize the benefits and strengths of our community that are not purely religious. BSBI offers many social, educational and inspirational opportunities that enhance our lives and bring us together. The Rabbi is our spiritual leader and responsible for what happens during services.

But these are really two sides of the same coin. We are a distinct community because of our religious identification and affiliation. And services in themselves provide a social opportunity to see our friends and fellow congregants and to share life-cycle events. In Judaism, the concept of community is inherent in the requirement of a minyan of ten Jews to say Kaddish and certain other prayers.

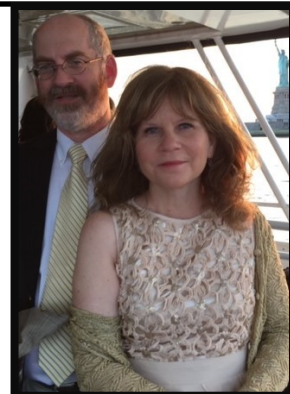
Since the reopening of our shul, BSBI has sometimes struggled to pull together the requisite number of congregants to form a minyan in person for Shabbat services. We understand that some remain wary of indoor gatherings due to the ups and downs of the COVID pandemic; we recognize your position may be reasonable based on your circumstances and would not think to push you out of your comfort zone. For everyone else, we encourage you to join in.

We have seen that many will brave the world for other purposes, but still have not returned to religious services at BSBI. Maybe you have just fallen out of the habit of coming. Or maybe you do not realize the importance of your attendance to mourners and others who come to services anticipating a minyan. Perhaps you don't like wearing a mask for an extended period of time (who does, but you can take a mask break outside). Or perhaps you miss the post-service oneg. For that last group, you should know that the Sisterhood has started to serve snacks again Saturday mornings, while maintaining a level of social distancing.

Given the size of BSBI's sanctuary, attendance at services does not require that anyone be near others outside of your immediate circle of friends and family. Perhaps you might plan coming to Shabbat services, particularly Friday night services, as a social event involving your friends or family, followed by a meal or other social contact. Or come by yourself and see some of those fellow congregants you may have missed since COVID first raised its ugly head.

Attendance at Shabbat services benefits not only the community, but also the individuals who attend. The loss of time can be more than compensated for by both the social interaction and by the familiar rituals that help us return to a sense of balance and purpose. It would be hypocritical of us to suggest that you should come all the time; we don't. But knowing the needs of the community, we do suggest that you consider coming a bit more than you have. Each little bit makes a big difference to the community as a whole.

Dawn & Jack Steigelfest
BSBI Co-Presidents



This Date in Jewish History

Tevet 28 – Shevat 29

29 Tevet – The Dutch colony in Recife, Brazil fell to the Portuguese on this date in 1654. It was the end of the Jewish community there, but Dutch Jewish refugees traveled north to New Amsterdam and formed the first Jewish community in North America.

8 Shevat – The Women's League of the United Synagogue of America was organized on this date by Matilda Schechter in 1918.

15 Shevat – Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for Trees. Also on this date in 1949 the Knesset opened its first session in Jerusalem.

24 Shevat – The first synagogue dedicated in Spain in 425 years was dedicated on this date in Madrid.

Faith, Hope, Prayer

(Adapted from my sermon on Parshat Vayigash, for the sake of those who may have made a New Year's resolution to attend Shabbat services more often!)

I spent some time last month with other rabbis asking a difficult question; what does it mean to be a synagogue?

This pandemic has challenged everything we believe about synagogue life. Our conception of what it means to “show up” for worship or meetings is now quite different. Shabbat morning davening can now be done at home, with a cup of coffee and a muffin. One can listen to the Shema and read email at the same time. We do not have to worry about the weather and driving to the synagogue.

Abraham Isaac Kook was the first Chief Rabbi of Palestine before there was a State of Israel. He was a rabbi, mystic, and a philosopher. This is what he wrote about his time that has an interesting application to this moment in our lives: *“As long as the world moves along accustomed paths, as long as there are no wild catastrophes, man can find sufficient substance for his life by contemplating surface events, theories and movements of society. He can acquire his inner richness from this external kind of ‘property.’ But this is not the case when life encounters fiery forces of evil and chaos. This is when the ‘revealed’ world begins to totter. The man who tries to sustain himself only from the surface aspects of existence will suffer terrible impoverishment, begin to stagger... then he will feel welling up within himself a burning thirst for that inner substance and vision which transcends the obvious surfaces of existence and remains unaffected by world catastrophes. From such inner sources he will seek the waters of joy.”*

As long as life was uncomplicated, we could come to synagogue, meet our friends, say some prayers, attend meetings and share a cookie with friends. But when a pandemic hits, suddenly those things are not enough. Our perceptions are revealed as trivial and common. What we need is something more. We need to look deeper. We need to examine exactly why we are here and what we need to find to help us through this difficult time. This pandemic is calling us to see things in a deeper way.

I would love to think that this pandemic is waning, that soon, masks and distancing will no longer be needed. The fact is we still have no idea when our health worries will be over. But I also have no idea what we will need from our synagogue in the future, since the one thing we do know is that we will never return to “normal.” Our normal has changed forever. We are all different from what we may have been two years ago when this plague started. What will we need from our synagogue that is deeper? What is the substance of the synagogue that we will thirst for in the future? Where must we look for the “waters of joy”?

There are hidden spiritual resources in a synagogue that go beyond Kedusha and Kiddush. One of these things is a sense of vision about the future. When it is difficult to see where we are going, our synagogue can help us envision our destination. When we read Torah and recite our prayers, they point us to a faith in our future. We do not always know what will happen to us in life, and that can be frightening. We too need to know that while our future may be in suspense, still there will meaning that we can discover in the end.

Another aspect of this spiritual well we can draw on is that here we can find a storehouse of faith to give us the strength to face whatever may come. We can learn from Judaism that no matter what may happen in life, we can overcome all obstacles, if we believe in ourselves and in the community that surrounds us. Jews do not face the future alone; we have each other, we support each other, we comfort each other, and we even celebrate together. Jews have survived all challenges because we work together and strengthen each other so that we can emerge triumphant in the end.

Finally, synagogues can help us find God in our lives, to let us know that when our lives seem to be out of control, we can turn to God and follow whatever divine path is before us. We have to trust that the lessons we are learning will not only prepare us for whatever may come next, but they will also set the stage for future generations who may need our example to succeed.

We are part of something bigger. Some of it requires us to endure tough times and difficult circumstances, but we are making history each day, and showing even future generations how they can endure whatever they may have to face by following our example. Just as we rely on the faith of our ancestors to help us on our path, so too our descendants will rely on our faith to see them through whatever difficulties they will encounter.

Corona virus, economic hardships, and the assault on democracy are like a whirlpool dragging us down until we fear we will drown. Our history, our community, and our faith will help us rise above the fear and help us face whatever may come with courage. With these ideas to strengthen us, we will discover the hidden spiritual wells filled with the waters of Joy.



Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg

BSBI Community

Latkes and Lights Celebration

The applesauce versus sour cream debate continued at the recent Latkes and Lights Celebration held on Thursday, December 2. Both were, of course, available, as children from the Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School and their families, along with many members of the congregation took part in lighting the synagogue's menorah followed by a light "nosh" of latkes and cookies. This program was sponsored by the Education Committee and Sisterhood. It was the first time we have been able to eat together since the start of the pandemic, and we hope it will be the start of many opportunities for us to gather safely and once again share food and fun with our community. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who made this possible!



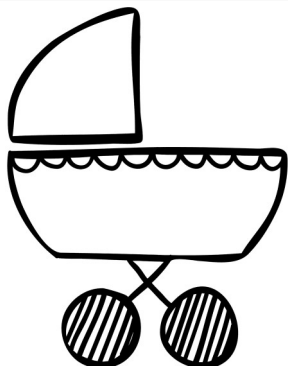
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Harold Bernstein

I just want to commend the person(s) responsible for putting together the group of musicians in last night's fabulous jazz festival in our own charming little Manchester town. I am a jazz musician, a former graduate from Hartt Music School and a connoisseur of fine music. Last night's concert was outstanding!

Thank you and those responsible for coordinating such a fine event.

Happy Holidays,
Rob De Sesa

Photo credit: Harold Bernstein



Congratulations to Larry and Jennifer Keyser on the birth of their fourth daughter,
Willow Noa Keyser.

Happy grandparents are Arnie and Diane Keyser.

Judaism's Mission: To Be a Blessing to All

When I taught an adult education class on Judaism, many of my adult learners would say: “I have lots of questions that never got answered when I was in Hebrew School.”

Granted, no educational program, whether for children or adults, can answer every question. Besides our regular curriculum, it can help to focus on one or two main question: What exactly is the purpose or goal of Judaism?



As always, the answer comes from Torah: *Now God said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. [As a consequence of your going] I will make of you a people vital to life, and I will bless you, and spread your reputation [as a people devoted to justice and compassion], so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse [those who follow the way of justice and compassion will be blessed with justice and compassion, those who do not will be cursed with injustice and cruelty]; and through you all the earth’s families shall be blessed.”*

This passage from Genesis, chapter 12, verses 1-3, is the mission statement of the Jewish people. The Hebrew translated here as “Go” is “Lech Lecha,” and literally means to walk to yourself, implying both an external and an internal journey. To take this journey, we are challenged to leave behind all our baggage.

Judaism is not about conforming to the past; it is about living in the present. We are also reminded to move on. We can think about literally making a journey to Israel, as Abram did, but “go” also means an inner journey, a state of mind, by moving toward faith or trust.

We will know our destination in life only when we arrive there. This is true for us as children and adults, but also as a people. We all must take a journey into the unknown—that is what life is. The purpose of our journey is to become a vehicle through which all of the earth’s families will be blessed.

Does this sound complicated? Consider the words of one great Jewish teacher. When asked to articulate the entirety of Torah while standing on one foot, Rabbi Hillel said, “What is hateful to you, do not do to another. This is the whole of the Torah; all the rest is commentary. Now go and study it.” The Golden Rule: that is Judaism in a nutshell. It is the ultimate answer to all our questions. All the rest is commentary—but we still need to study!

Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz
RLWRS Education Director

Rabbi Richard Plavin Library

David Alter, Librarian
Suggested Reading List

Looking for good book to read? Look no further.

Check out the Library!

We have a plethora of subjects to choose from: Mysteries (murder and mayhem), historical drama, holiday cookbooks, books about Israel, biographies of famous Jewish personalities such as Harry Houdini, theology, and authors such as Faye Kellerman, Daniel Silva, and Herman Wouk.

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



When you find a book you want to borrow, just contact me and I will arrange time for a curbside pickup. Please contact me: Library@myshul.org or call me at 860-729-6803.

David Alter,
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Important: Update Your Contact Information!

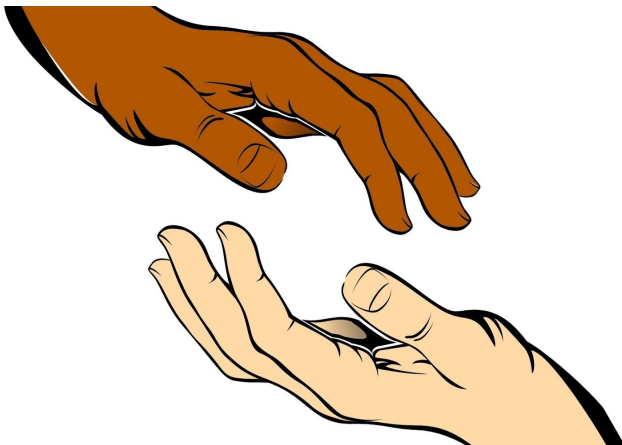
- * Have a new cell number or gave up your landline?
- * Want to be added to our email list to get our bi-weekly announcements, sad news notifications and other important information related to the congregation?
- * Think you signed up to get emails but haven't received any?
- * Planning on moving or getting a new email address?
- * 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!

Social Action Committee

We had a successful winter clothing drive last month. Thank you to everyone who contributed coats for men, women and children, as well as scarves, gloves/mittens and boots. The items were sent to the MACC Clothing Bank, the Cornerstone Clothing Bank and to an organization called Button Up Connecticut, a local nonprofit organization that distributes clothes to Clothing Banks, and shelters in our region. A special thank-you to our Sisterhood knitters, who contributed knitted caps from their Knit and Kvetch group.



Our synagogue has been contacted by Jewish Family Services, who are looking for people willing to volunteer to help Afghani families who will be relocated to the Greater Hartford area over the next several months. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities including driving families to appointments as well as helping families connect with available services. Please look for a letter in our regular congregational emails, which will provide contact information and links to see the types of volunteer activities that will be available. If you decide to participate, please let me know so that we can help with coordination. You can contact me at cadahat@gmail.com.

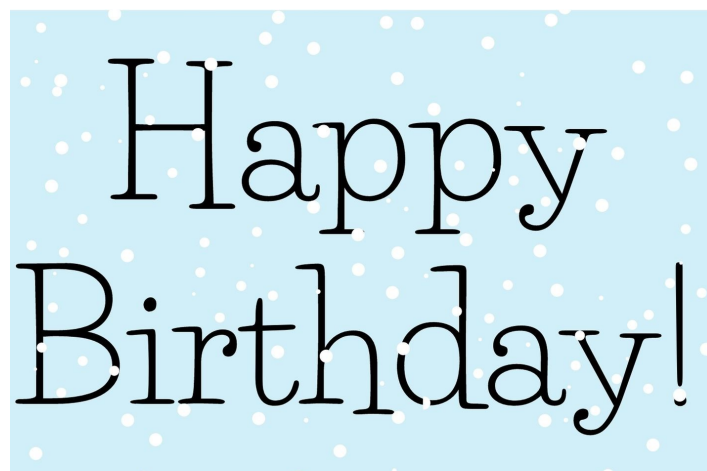
Carol Hatch
Chair, Social Action



Birthdays

Bonnie Norman 1/1
 Kevin Cyr 1/1
 Carol Goldstein 1/1
 Linda Bernstein 1/1
 Annemarie Miller 1/5
 Ruth Miller 1/6
 Sharon Reichlin 1/8
 Allyson Benblatt 1/8
 Florence Kovensky 1/11
 Paul Rubin 1/12
 Daniel Levine 1/12
 Jamie Serow 1/14
 Sharon Hartstein 1/15
 Stacey Poutre 1/15
 David Gertler 1/21
 Wesley Videll 1/21
 Joyce Borgida 1/22
 Ben Pitler 1/22
 Ruth Zackin 1/23

Troy Videll 1/25
 Joanne Donn 1/26
 Harold Bernstein 1/26
 Barbara Zupnik 1/27
 Deanna Katz 1/28
 Holly Raymond 1/28
 Rachel Reindel 1/30
 Jay Stoppelman 1/31



Anniversaries



Alan & Lea Schmerler 1/5
 Robert & Annmarie Hughes 1/13
 Steven & Judith Eckhouse 1/19





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Have a *simcha* you want to share with the congregation?
 Make sure to notify Tova at programming@myshul.org so
 she can include it in the bulletin!

***If we have overlooked a special date please contact us at: 860-643-9563 ext. 100
 so that we may celebrate it in the future.***



Sisterhood Speaks



What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

Monday, January 10, 7:30 pm
Hadassah - Sisterhood Book Group

Tuesday, January 11, 1:30 pm
Knit & Kvetch

Saturday, January 15, 10:00 am
Sisterhood Shabbat Service

Tuesday, January 25, 7:30 pm
Sisterhood Zoom Board meeting

Sunday, January 30, 10:00 am
Sisterhood Adventure Walk
(socially distanced)

Anytime: Yoga with Adriene on YouTube.

Share an Oneg

The pulpit flowers on Saturday, January 15th will be sponsored by Sisterhood in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat.

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

Mimi Kalman
Pulpit Flower Chair
mimrk524@gmail.com
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Sisterhood Gift Shop Your Source for all Your Simchot

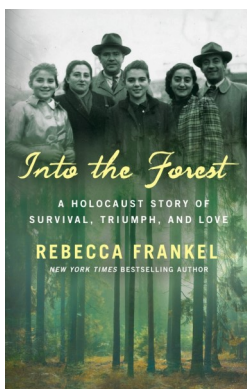
We have many wonderful items to select from, so please stop by and see us!

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 Hadassah Book Group



Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 10th, at 7:30 pm on our own Zoom link.

We will discuss *Into the Forest* by Rebecca Frankel. 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 February 7 or 14, March 14, April 4, May 9 and June 13.

Maxine Lerman and Becky Murray

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, January 11th 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.

Anne Fink

Sisterhood Shabbat January 15, 10:00 am

BSBI's Sisterhood is a very important part of our Synagogue. We enhance Onegs and Kiddushim, give scholarships to our young people to help them enjoy Jewish summer experiences, support our Hebrew School's events and many other behind-the-scenes functions.

Once a year, we get a chance to celebrate the women of Sisterhood. Join us on **Shabbat, January 15, at 10:00 am** as its members conduct a meaningful Sisterhood Shabbat service.

Torah Fund Cards

Mazel tov to Joan Kramer in honor of her granddaughter, Tessa's bat mitzvah from Sandy and Donald Levy.

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

Sisterhood Speaks Continued

Adventure Walk



Hi, Walkers. We'll be walking again on Sunday, January 30, at 11:30 am. So 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!

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

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

Brotherhood's January Speaker

The Summit Sisters

Bethany Hartshorn and Amy Remington

The Summit Sisters, Bethany Hartshorn, left, and Amy Remington, right, summited Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, Africa, September 19th, 2021. Bethany was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis twelve years ago and has not let this diagnosis stop her. Her motto is, "I might have MS, but MS doesn't have me."

She will give a short talk on the experience of hiking this mountain along with having MS and how she conquered it with her summit sister. She will also be showing pictures.



Brotherhood's December Speaker

The BSBI Brotherhood meeting with guest speaker was held on Sunday December 12, 2021. Brotherhood Board member Glenn Hauer introduced Dr. Marcella A. MacDonald DPM. Her talk was about some of her swimming accomplishments, in swimming the English Channel 16 times. MacDonald has already been inducted into the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame in 2005 and was named the Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year in 2011 by the World Open Water Swimming Association.



Photo credit: Harold 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

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

Sincerely,
Jeff Wasser, MD
President of the BSBI Endowment

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January 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 (28 Tevet) Shabbat Mevarchim New Year's Day 10:00am Shabbat Services 5:15pm Havdalah Sunset: 4:30pm
2 (29 Tevet)	3 (1 Shevat) Rosh Chodesh Shevat 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	4 (2 Shevat) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	5 (3 Shevat) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	6 (4 Shevat) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	7 (5 Shevat) 4:18pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services Sunset: 4:36pm	8 (6 Shevat) 10:00am Shabbat Services 5:22pm Havdalah Sunset: 4:37pm
9 (7 Shevat) 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 9:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker	10 (8 Shevat) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club	11 (9 Shevat) 1:30pm Knit & Kvetch 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	12 (10 Shevat) 11:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	13 (11 Shevat) 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	14 (12 Shevat) 4:25pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services Sunset: 4:43pm	15 (13 Shevat) 10:00am Sisterhood Shabbat Service & Lunch 5:29pm Havdalah Sunset: 4:44pm
16 (14 Shevat)	17 (15 Shevat) Tu B'Shevat MLK Day 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	18 (16 Shevat) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	19 (17 Shevat) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BOD Board Meeting	20 (18 Shevat) 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	21 (19 Shevat) 4:33pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services Sunset: 4:51pm	22 (20 Shevat) 10:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Junior Congregation 5:38pm Havdalah Sunset: 4:53pm
23 (21 Shevat) 9:00am Hebrew school K-7	24 (22 Shevat) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Wisdom in Winter	25 (23 Shevat) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	26 (24 Shevat) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	27 (25 Shevat) 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	28 (26 Shevat) 4:42pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services Sunset: 5:00pm	29 (27 Shevat) Shabbat Mevarchim 10:00am Shabbat Services 5:46pm Havdalah Sunset: 5:01pm
30 (28 Shevat) 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 11:30am Sisterhood Adventure Walk	31 (29 Shevat) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Wisdom in Winter					

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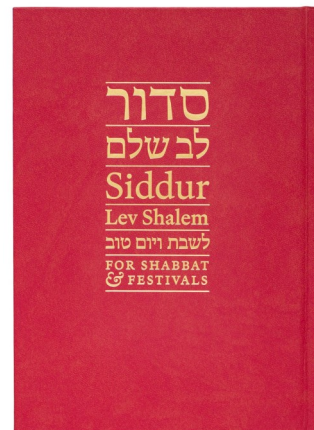
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For more information go to:

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