

**BSBI'S ANNUAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH

MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM

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ANNUAL  
MEETING  
MAY 11, 2022****6:30 pm - Make your ice cream  
sundae****7:00 pm - Minyan****7:30 pm - Annual Meeting****Hear about all the great  
things happening at our shul!**

Register to enjoy  
an ice cream  
sundae (\$5 per  
person) and/or  
join us for Minyan  
and our annual  
meeting

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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**



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**Upcoming Events!**

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

**Sunday, May 1: Rosh Chodesh Iyyar**

9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

**Tuesday, May 3:**

7:30pm Torah Fund Dessert

**Sunday, May 8:**

10:00am WZO Israel Program Lecture

**Monday, May 9:**

7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

**Tuesday, May 10:**

1:30pm Knit & Kvetch

**Wednesday, May 11:**

7:30pm Annual Meeting

**Sunday, May 15: Pesach Sheni**

10:00am WZO Israel Program Lecture

12:00pm RLWRS BBQ

**Shabbat, May 21:**

10:00am Junior Congregation

**Sunday, May 22:**

10:00am Sisterhood Adventure Walk

2:30pm WZO Israel Program Lecture

7:30pm Comedy Night

**Tuesday, May 31: Rosh Chodesh Sivan**

7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

**Condolences to:**

Scott (Rachel) Zoback and Emily (Drew) Zoback Silverman and their entire family for the loss of their mother, Ronni Spiegel Zoback.

Sherry Bedore and Bart Blonstein and their entire family on the loss of their father, Samuel (Sam) Blonstein.

Terry Wollins, Steven Wollins, Wendy (Phil Schuster) Walsh, Scott Wollins and the entire family on the loss of her husband and their father, Anthony Mordechai Wollins.

## Faith, Hope, Prayer

I am aware that some of our members have received emails that were supposed to be from me but were, in reality, fraudulent. The good news is that my account was not hacked. My email and all my personal data are all safe and sound behind strong passwords on all my accounts. I thank all of you who called me, worried that something nefarious had happened and that I might be in big trouble.

What happened is not as serious for me, but something that is serious for everyone else. What happened was that my name was “spoofed.” Someone, or a group of people, found my name and opened email accounts using my name and sent e-mails to those whom I may have emailed in the past. The emails were not from me; they were by a person or by persons who were committing fraud using my name. Since I am a public person, I can’t limit my email to just a few close friends; this is what can happen when a name is misused.

First of all, let me be clear. I have never and will never ask anyone for money by email. If I need anyone to make a donation, I generally make an appointment and ask in person. I also insist that all donations are made out directly to BSBI and never have any of it sent directly to me. Even the Rabbi Discretionary Fund collects donations only through the synagogue office, and those checks go directly to the bank. Most times I will never see the donation until the receipt from the bank makes it to my desk. The checks I write to help others are very confidential. All donations to the RDF are handled like any other donation to BSBI and directed to the appropriate account.

In addition, I don’t need anyone ever to buy gift cards for me. This is a well-known scam on the Internet. You get someone to buy expensive gift cards and then have them email the number on the back to the sender. The scam works because you don’t need a gift card to use one; you only need the number on the back. The minute someone sends a number, that card is used and the card you are holding becomes worthless. Once the number is sent, there is nothing that can be done to stop the theft. *Don’t buy me or anyone else a gift card that you are not planning to use as a gift.*

Third, if an email from me or anyone else looks suspicious, it is probably a scam. It could come from a family member, a good friend, a business associate, or someone you have not seen for a long time. If you want to be absolutely sure that the email is not spoofed, then just call and find out. But you can also, if you know how, just check the email address of what you have received. It will tell you instantly that this did not come from my account, rather it is from some made up account from somewhere else. I only send emails from one account: [Msharmelech@gmail.com](mailto:Msharmelech@gmail.com). I get emails from my synagogue account; [Rabbenu@myshul.org](mailto:Rabbenu@myshul.org), but if you get an email from me, it will only come from my Gmail account. If you discover that my name is on any other email, you should report it as spam to your email provider so they will filter it away for you.

Never reply to an email from the wrong account. If you do, you will just be letting the sender know he or she has caught someone with their “bait.” Report it as spam, and then delete it. If there is a link in the email, DO NOT click on it; that will bring new and dangerous headaches to you. DO NOT download anything either; they are trying to compromise your computer. Just delete it. If you see that it is not from my account, then don’t even bother to open it. You can’t cause a problem just by opening an email but if you click on a link, even by mistake, it can be a problem, so don’t open a suspicious email if you don’t have to.

If you really need to email me, use the address that is in your address book: one of the two listed above. If you have any other address for me in your address book, you can safely delete it.

I am sorry that we live in a world where even a rabbi can be spoofed. But anyone can be spoofed and all of us have to be careful with the emails we open. Email is a wonderful way of communicating, but like a phone call or a letter, there is always someone who can think up a way to misuse these methods to steal your money.

I am interested in growing your soul and your heart. I will never ask you for money except through regular synagogue channels. We have safeguards to make sure that all the money we collect goes directly to the place you have chosen for your donation. We NEVER violate those safeguards. If you get an email that asks you to do something outside accepted practice, it is a scam. Delete it, and you will sleep better knowing you are too smart to be scammed.



**Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg**

## Words from the Co-Presidents

Beth Sholom B'nai Israel's Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. At the Annual Meeting this year, we will elect Officers and a Board of Directors for the coming two years and consider some changes to BSBI's Bylaws. Many of our current Officers and Board Members will continue in their present positions. Some are moving to new positions. A few are moving off the Board, and a few new members are joining.

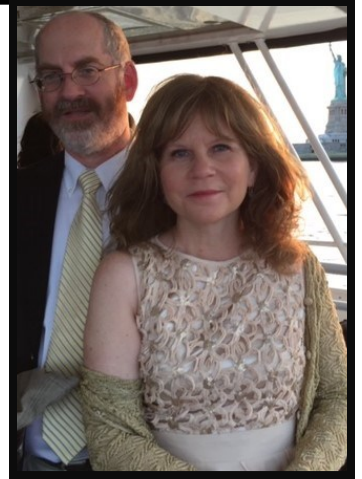
We are among those moving to a new position: Co-Past Presidents. We have heard that Past President is the best position on the Board. We will enjoy the reduced feeling of responsibility, but plan to be available to BSBI's nominee for upcoming President, Russ Benblatt, if he wants our advice.

We could not be more grateful to everyone who has served on the Board for the past two years. As Co-Presidents, we recognize that we are successful if those around us are successful. The past two years have been quite eventful at BSBI, and we have had a bird's-eye seat to extraordinary efforts by many people to serve this community. If, on occasion, we have been too harsh or pushed too hard, we hope you will understand that our motivation was true and find it in your hearts to forgive us.

Our thanks extend beyond the work of the Board. We have always understood that so much of BSBI's success is fueled by people who do not seek recognition or position, but who just do what needs doing, day in and day out. We see you and appreciate everything you do. We also thank the Rabbi and Judy and the rest of the staff for the dedication and support they provide for our congregation and the help they have provided us.

We expected our time as Co-Presidents to involve the work we have done with many of you, but we also expected to spend more time in our building, listening to you and sharing in our community. The ability to connect virtually has been a blessing that would not have been available in the past, but it is not the same thing as breaking bread with our friends and fellow congregants. Since our time as your leaders began, we have been pushing to return, in safety, to our physical home. We hope to see you there soon and look forward to coming together to experience with you the joy, and occasional sadness, that comes our way in the future.

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





# Annual Meeting

## Agenda: Wednesday, May 11th 2022

- 6:30 pm** Build your own sundae
- 7:00 pm** Minyan
- 7:30 pm** Annual Meeting
- 7:30 pm** Dvar Torah from Rabbi Konigsburg
- 7:45 pm** Annual Recap from Jack and Dawn Steigelfest & Questions from Congregation
- 8:00 pm** Discussion and Vote on Proposed Amendments to Bylaws
- 8:15 pm** Discussion on Potential Amendments to Bylaws
- 8:30 pm** Nomination Slate and Nominations from the floor- Vote on New Board
- 8:45 pm** Address by BSBI President Russ Benblatt

## 2022-2024 Board of Directors Slate of Candidates

President:	Russ Benblatt
Executive VP:	open
VP Finance:	Hope & Alan Igdalsky
VP Membership:	Judy Meyer/ Ilene O'Neil
VP Ritual:	Maury Luxemburg/ Paul Rubin*
VP Education:	Bea Brodie/ Rebecca Rumbo
VP Fund-Raising:	open
VP Administration:	Ron Abrahams
VP Buildings & Grounds:	Ed Reilly
VP Cemeteries:	open
Recording Secretary:	Steve Wollins
Sisterhood Rep:	Brina Abrahams
Brotherhood Rep:	David Alter
Programming:	Liza Mandel
Social Action:	Deb Carlson
Personnel:	Gayle Block/ Mike Turk
At Large:	Jay Bigman
At Large:	Spin Zucker
Immediate Past President:	Dawn & Jack Steigelfest

\* - to be nominated from the floor

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**7:00 pm - Minyan**

**7:30 pm - Annual Meeting**

**Hear about all the great things happening at our shul!**



Register to enjoy an ice cream sundae (\$5 per person) and/or join us for Minyan and our annual meeting

[Click here to read the Bylaw Amendments for Consideration](#)

[Click here to read the Subjects for Discussion Regarding Proposed Bylaws Amendments](#)

Register for the meeting at [www.myshul.org](http://www.myshul.org)

# Community

## Supporting Ukraine

On March 20<sup>th</sup> the greater Manchester community was invited to attend a solidarity event for Stand with Ukraine at Memorial Park. A large contingent of members of the BSBI Brotherhood, family and Clergy also attended. People who gathered were encouraged to donate to the Maidan United, a Hartford-based nonprofit organization founded when Russia first invaded Ukraine in 2014.

The organization's website is: <https://www.maidanunited.org/>



## Thank you to BSBI

Dear Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Service attendees,

**Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$140.00** to MACC Charities in recognition of the many services we provide to area residents in an emergency need.

With your support, we have been able to continue to assist and provide services to those in our community during difficult times. You truly make the difference for us, and we are extremely grateful.

May the month ahead bring you blessings of endless joy, an abundance of love, happiness, and good health.

Warm thoughts,  
Shannon Baldassario  
Assistant Executive Director, MACC Charities

Dear Rabbi Konigsburg,

Thank you for contributing to HVCC's Campaign for a Year of Health, Healing & Hope. With your contribution of 97 pounds of food, you have helped brighten the lives of others in our community. With each passing year, HVCC looks to adapt to and meet the needs of our community, no matter the difficulty, whether that means switching to a drive-up service for our food pantry, expanding where our busses can go, or telemedicine appointments for those struggling with their mental health. Regardless of circumstance, your contribution represents the belief that where there is Health, Healing, & Hope, there is a will to make a difference.

Thank you again for joining HVCC's Campaign. Every service we provide, every life that we impact, is all due to your belief in a better tomorrow. With you standing by our side, there is no limit to our ability to make positive change in our community.

From everyone at HVCC, thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,  
David M. O'Rourke  
Chief Executive Officer, HVCC

# Library Update

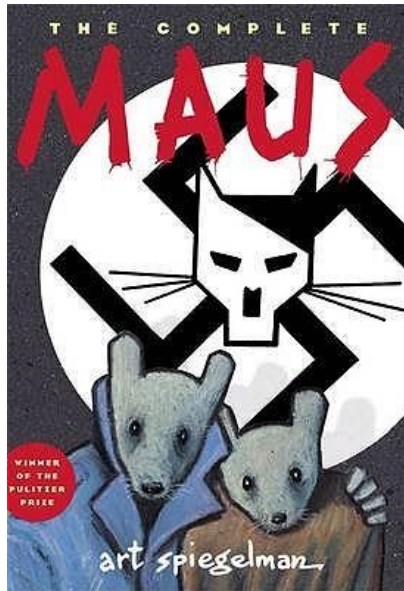
## Rabbi Richard Plavin Library

David Alter, Librarian

A brutally moving work of art — widely hailed as the greatest graphic novel ever written, the book *Maus* recounts the chilling experiences of the author's father during the Holocaust, with Jews drawn as wide-eyed mice and Nazis as menacing cats.

It is a haunting tale within a tale, weaving the author's account of his tortured relationship with his aging father into an astonishing retelling of one of history's most unspeakable tragedies. It is an unforgettable story of survival and a disarming look at the legacy of trauma.

In early January, 2022, a ten-member school board in McMinn County, Tennessee, voted unanimously to ban *Maus* from its eighth-grade curriculum. The move followed a debate over the book's content, its age appropriateness and the best way to teach children about the Nazis' persecution of European Jews during World War II. The school board wants a **"Gentler Holocaust."**



## Update Your Contact Information!

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

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

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

## Social Action

Spring is here! If you like gardening, we have two opportunities for you.

Jessie's Garden will be planted again this spring. This garden provides fresh produce for our local Food Pantries. If you are interested in volunteering, you can help with weeding, watering, or harvesting. Contact Brina Abrahams to learn more.

In addition, on May 15th, we are hoping to do some landscaping behind the Silverstein. We will be weeding, cleaning up some beds and planting. If you are interested, contact Carol Hatch for more details.

We will continue to collect food for our Food Pantries throughout the summer. Food pantry donations can be left in boxes in the Synagogue lobby.

Thank you in advance for all of your efforts in supporting our community.



Carol Hatch,  
Social Action Chair



# Community

## BSBI's Comedy Night Sunday, May 22nd at 7:30pm



Join us for a fun filled  
night of laughs featuring  
comedians Max Dolcelli and  
Desi Walker

BYOB; mixers and light  
refreshments will be provided.

Tickets are \$36 per person. Go  
to [myshul.org](http://myshul.org) to purchase  
tickets.



Max Dolcelli:

Dolcelli has toured with and opened for Wayne Newton, Redd Foxx, Tim Allen, and many more. He also has the Dry Bar comedy special on TV, headlined countless comedy clubs in the US & Canada, and has entertained on cruise ships for 29 years.



Desi Walker:

Walker has toured Asia with Mariah Carey, he has been the opening act for Chris Rock, and a finalist for Connecticut's Funniest Person.



# Community

## World Zionist Organization Israel Program

3 Sundays during the month of May



Between the “I” and the “WE”  
the Zionist Narrative through the Lens of Israeli Cinema

10:00am May 8, 2022

“Bama Ivrit” – The Hebrew Stage

10:00am May 15, 2022



Israeli Art as a Window to Israeli History  
and the Story of Zionism

2:30 pm May 22, 2022

Join BSBI in weekly lectures sponsored by the World Zionist Organization  
that feature Israeli scholars.

More information about the program can be found here:

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

# Birthdays

Robin Kohler 5/1	Rabbi Randall Konigsburg 5/20
Jayden Raymond 5/1	Samuel Krutt 5/20
Lorin Pasternak 5/2	David Abrams 5/22
Mitchell Wurmbrand 5/2	Norma Cantor 5/23
Corinne Fisher 5/7	Brenda Lerner 5/23
Linda Grodofsky 5/7	Rebecca Rumbo 5/23
Carl Mandell 5/9	Miriam Kalman 5/24
Evan Carlson 5/10	Sharon Woodley 5/24
Beverly Ladue 5/10	Daniel Brennan 5/27
Aaron Bayer 5/11	Justin Brennan 5/27
Alexander Shongut 5/12	Philip Brennan 5/27
Delilah Miller 5/14	Scott Brennan 5/27
Rabbi Richard Plavin 5/15	Lois Falkenstein 5/28
Nancy Ross 5/15	Bernard Krutt 5/28
Irma Menschell 5/17	Susan Margolis 5/28
Samuel Zwillich 5/17	Bernard Apter 5/30
Glenn Blumenstein 5/19	Susan Breslau 5/30
Randi Friedman 5/19	Elaine Charendoff 5/30
Abraham Bayer 5/20	Anne Fink 5/31
Philip Bayer 5/20	Donna Plen 5/31

# Anniversaries

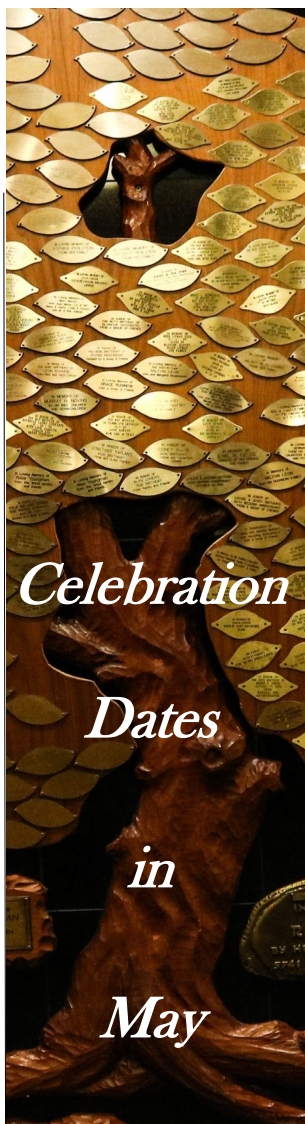
Melvin & Elyse Spielberg 5/3	Jeffrey & Sandi Garfield 5/25
Barry & Renny Resnick 5/8	Loren & Sharon Reichlin 5/25
Richard & Carole Guttman 5/12	Russell & Deborah Benblatt 5/29
Stuart & Esther Horn 5/17	Herb & Ellie Flink 5/31
Robert & Ilene O'Neil 5/17	



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



**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.**



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## Our Children, Our Future

*In days to come, when your children ask: “What does this mean?” respond by saying, “With a mighty hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.” —Exodus 13:14*

As I write this article, we are in the midst of Passover preparations. We have lots of symbols, questions, and stories to remind us not to take for granted the freedom that we have, especially living in this country.

The Seder begins with the youngest child asking the Four Questions. But adults also want to know: “What does this all mean?”

We want our children to be interested in our story, our Jewish story, so that they will listen to it and make it their own. All year long children ask questions—about school, nature, life, whatever comes into their minds. Sometimes we have an answer; sometimes we don’t. But our answers—or lack of them—will shape their thoughts, and their thoughts will shape their future.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, the late Chief Rabbi of Britain, summed it up this way: “The world we build tomorrow is born in the stories we tell our children today.” On Passover, we celebrate freedom. We recount our own journey from bitter slavery to sweet freedom, and we cherish this God-given right. Recent studies demonstrate that children reflect the stories that they hear. So what stories are we telling our children?

As we enter the summer vacation phase of our religious school, make the time to read to your children. Share the stories from the Bible or other books that exhibit values such as kindness and faith. Have them read to you as well; our library is filled with engaging books for children of all ages. Remind them to practice the Hebrew that they have worked so hard to master during the year. (They all have copies of our Siddur.) Bring them to Shabbat services so they can practice the prayers and keep learning.

Today’s children are tomorrow’s leaders. Let us teach them right—and learn with them so that our questions are answered as well.

- As the school year comes to a close, please join with us on the last **Sunday, May 15**, for a special day. **School will begin at 10:00 a.m.**, with the end-of-year BBQ at noon.
- Then on the following **Shabbat, May 21, at 10:00 o’clock**, join us as we honor our teachers, students, and parents during the awards assembly at our final Junior Congregation Service of the year. We will celebrate a successful year in which all have done their very best.

Wishing you a restful, peaceful happy summer!

Shalom, Rabbi Alan

## This Date in Jewish History

Nisan 30 – Sivan 1

- Iyar 7** – Chaim Weizmann was elected the first president of the State of Israel on this date in 1948.
- Iyar 18** – Betty Hart, the first official Jewish convert in America, was married to Moses Nathans on this date in 1794. The two prior conversions were not accepted by Orthodox authorities.
- Iyar 26** – War broke out between Israel and the Arab nations on this date in 1967. It would become known as the Six-Day War.
- Iyar 28** – Israel captured Jericho, Bethlehem, Sharm-el-Sheikh and Jerusalem on this date in 1967. This day was to become the date of Yom Yerushalayim, the day we celebrate the reunification of Jerusalem.
- Sivan 1** – Solomon Schechter discovered a fragment from the original Hebrew text of “Ben Sira” on this date in 1896. It led to the discovery of the Cairo Genizah.





# Sisterhood Speaks

Mimi Kalman, Editor



## What's Ahead for Sisterhood?

### Tuesday, May 3

7:30 pm: Torah Fund Dessert

### Monday, May 9

7:30pm: Hadassah - Sisterhood Book Group

### Tuesday, May 10

1:30pm: Knit & Kvetch

### Sunday, May 22

10:00am Sisterhood Adventure Walk (socially distanced)

**NOTE: Change of time**

### Tuesday, May 31

7:30 pm Sisterhood Zoom Board meeting

### Anytime:

Yoga with Adriene on YouTube.

## Knit & Kvetch

If you love to knit or crochet, come do a mitzvah and put your talents to use. Join Knit and Kvetch! We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Temple. This month our meeting date is Tuesday, May 10th. We also work on our projects at home.

This year we are in need of hats, mittens, scarves and afghans. If you are rusty in knitting or crocheting, we can help you with a refresher course.

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

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

Anne Fink

## Sisterhood-Hadassah Book Group

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 9th at 7:30 pm on our own Zoom link.

The Mary Cheney Research librarian has ordered the book *The Women of Chateau Lafayette* by Stephanie Dray, and will be holding copies of the books for the BSBI Book Group. The zoom link will be posted closer to the meeting date.

The next book group meeting date is June 13.

Maxine Lerman  
& Becky Murray



## Sisterhood Nominating Committee Report

I am pleased to report the proposed slate of Board Members for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 term. They will be formally elected and installed at our June Sisterhood Board Meeting.

Lynn Cohen  
Barbara Leshin  
Ilene O'Neil  
Renny Resnick  
Susan Rubin  
Susan Scherick

Judy Meyer, Chair  
Sisterhood Nominating Committee

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

Time to begin thinking about Mother's Day! The Gift Shop will be having a Mother's Day Jewelry Sales Event thru May 8th, 2022. We have drastically reduced prices on earrings, bracelets, necklaces and rings. Items will be on SALE for \$5, \$10, and \$15 for most jewelry items.

Stop by and call Harriet Beede or Brenda Lerner to meet you at your convenience to select a Mother's Day gift for someone special in your life!

Harriet Beede,  
[hmbeede@gmail.com](mailto:hmbeede@gmail.com), 860-305-8711  
Brenda Lerner,  
[brenler@cox.net](mailto:brenler@cox.net), 860-643-9700

## Torah Fund Cards

Condolences to Susan Rubin in memory of her father, Marshall Wice; get well to Florence Cole from Sylvia Cheerman.

Get well to Florence Cole and get well to Gail Freedman from Cal and Elaine Vinick

Condolences to Susan Rubin in memory of her father, Marshall "Meish" Wice, 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)

## Share an Oneg

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

Mimi Kalman  
Pulpit Flower Chair  
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## Sisterhood Speaks Continued

### Adventure Walk

Hi Walkers, we'll be walking again on Sunday, May 22, at 10:00 am. With spring here, hopefully we don't have to wait for the world to warm up; so we will be going back to our regular time. Come with us, wear a mask, we'll keep our distance and get some exercise. Let's see if we can find some green things popping up out of the ground! We will see lovely scenery and enjoy being out in the fresh air! And as always, our walks are weather permitting.

Last month Judy Meyer walked with a penny, at each corner they tossed it to decide whether they would turn right or left. Come see how they decide directions this time.

Family members and spouses are welcome to join, socially distanced from those not in the family bubble.

So meet us in BSBI's parking lot by 10:00 am. We will decide where we are going, and off we will go!

Margie Partney



### Torah Fund Event and Dessert: Beyond the Pulpit

Please join us for this year's Torah Fund Dessert - All are Welcome!

Tuesday May 3, 2022, 7:30 pm

We are planning for a hybrid event: in-person at BSBI, or you may watch from home on Zoom. Please register with your attendance preference so that we may send you the Zoom link prior to the event. You do not have to be a member of Sisterhood or BSBI to attend!



This year's speaker is Rabbi Ami Hersh, who will speak about his alternate route after being ordained as a rabbi at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Rabbi Hersh is the director of Ramah Day Camp in Nyack, NY, where he has worked since 2000. He also is part of the rabbinic team at the Orangetown, NY, Jewish Center. Rabbi Hersh, an alum of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship, was ordained at JTS in May 2012 and received an MA in Jewish education from the Davidson School of Jewish Education in 2013. A graduate of the University of Hartford, he holds degrees in elementary education and Judaic studies. Prior to entering rabbinical school he taught at the Solomon Schechter School of Greater Hartford. Originally from Providence, RI, he lives in Orangeburg, NY with his wife Loni and their four children (Micah, Zev, Noa, and Yael).

Torah Fund raises money for scholarships and programming for rabbis, cantors, educators, administrators, lay leaders and other leaders of the Jewish community, as well as for research at the five Conservative/Masorti rabbinical schools around the world: Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Schechter Institute of

Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, Seminario Rabinico Latino Americano in Buenos Aires, and Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam, Germany.

Your contribution to Torah Fund, in any amount, is your admission to this special event. The Torah Fund pin (B'Yachad — together — is our thank you for contributions of \$180 or more. Send your checks, payable to "Torah Fund" by or before April 30, to Mimi Kalman, 163 Scott Drive, Manchester, CT 06042



Susan Margolis and Marjorie Partney, Programming Chairs  
Mimi Kalman, Torah Fund Chair



# Brotherhood Corner

## Brotherhood's May Speaker: Emma Luxemburg

Sunday, May 1st at 9:30 am

Emma Luxemburg, a lifelong member of BSBI, spent her past academic semester in Arezzo, Italy, studying at the Accademia dell'Arte. At ADA, she was introduced to Commedia dell'Arte, an Italian theatre form based on stock characters in various scenarios. Sadly, the stock characters of Commedia are no exception to the perpetual stereotypes that accompany stock characters in most forms of theatre and entertainment. One of these harmful stereotypes is based on the old rich business owner, Pantalone. Through the character's actions, speech, and mask, harmful anti-Semitic stereotypes are perpetuated. Through a brief overview of Commedia, Luxemburg's experience with the role, and how the role is evolving today, we will discuss how characters like these can be seen in our media, how to recognize them, and reclaim them as a symbol of our shared culture.



## MANCHESTER BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION (BIA) - \$6,600 FOR VICTORIANA

The Manchester Brotherhood in Action (BIA) is an informal charity group made up of Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Brotherhood, Manchester UNICO, two Masonic lodges (Manchester #73 and Friendship #145), and two Knights of Columbus Councils (#573 and #1155). BIA has been in existence since 1987 and has raised over \$132,000, giving each year's proceeds to local families with children having life-threatening illnesses. Before COVID, we annually conducted the BIA fundraiser, a great community breakfast event that usually served over 300 people. Attendees, along with other generous donors from our six fraternal organizations provided the funds needed to support our annual donation to the beneficiary families. However, after missing a year (2021) because of the COVID pandemic, this year it was decided to forgo the breakfast rather than contend with uncertainty related to the changing pandemic status. Instead, we solicited contributions directly from the memberships of our six organizations to again support a local family confronting a very difficult challenge.

We are happy to report that the collective generosity of our six BIA member organizations was wonderful. As a result, on Sunday April 10 during a brief reception at the Manchester Masonic Temple, we were blessed to be able to present \$6,600 to the family of Victoriana Diaz. The proceeds will help the family defray continuing medical expenses. Despite what she has been through\*, Victoriana is a little angel who can easily melt hearts with her personality and smile. At the reception she was a happy, polite, and smiling little girl, readily engaging with everyone in our group, and patiently holding the poster and her smile as all the photos were taken.

We, the BSBI representatives to Manchester Brotherhood-In-Action, say *Todah Rabbah* to all BSBI congregants who generously supported this year's important fun-raising event. The BSBI contributions had a significant impact on the amount of the BIA contribution to Victoriana's family. Sixty-seven BSBI families, individual members along with the Brotherhood, donated a total of \$2,267. **Thank you again for your kind generosity during this annual community effort.**



Respectfully,  
Steven Cohen, Harold Meyer,  
Calvin Vinick, and Spin Zucker.

*\*Five-year old Victoriana suffers from a brain cancer called medulloblastoma. It is an invasive, rapidly growing tumor that spreads through the cerebrospinal fluid. She has had surgeries to remove the tumors and has also undergone numerous chemotherapy and radiation treatments at Boston Children's Hospital and Connecticut Children's Medical Center. With these treatments, Victoriana has endured many side effects, including partial hearing loss in one ear as well as speech challenges. Currently undergoing physical and occupational therapy, Victoriana hopes to return to a normal, healthy life in the very near future.*



# Leave a Jewish Legacy



## IRA Assets and Qualified Charitable Distributions

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

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

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

## What are QCDs?

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

## What are important things to know about QCDs?

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

## Examples of using QCDs for charitable giving

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

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

Sincerely,  
Jeff Wasser, MD  
President of the BSBI Endowment

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:  
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# Endowment Foundation

Scholarships	Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School	Adult Education	Community	General Endowment Fund	<b>The Time is Now, The Need is Great!</b>  Endowments are an opportunity for each of us to provide for our synagogue on a continuous basis by creating a permanent tribute to our values and principles.  Our synagogue is here for you as you experience life's greatest joys and greatest challenges.  <i>The Endowment Foundation</i>  *These funds can also be used in Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School
Gloria Byk Fund	Bayer/Davison Fund	Sylvia A. Cheikin Fund	Berkman Family Fund	Israel and Lillian Abramovitz Fund	
Ann and Emanuel Hirth Fund	David Sherman Foster Fund	Clare-Kramer Fund	Klemens-Wiener Fund	Sheldon and Doris Adler Fund	
Maxine & Efrem Jaffe Fund	Hochberg Family Fund	Ruth and Sidney Cohen Fund	Gordon Barshay Lassow and Jay Joshua Lassow Fund	Louis and Sadye Apter Family Fund	
Seymour B. Kaplan Fund	Jacobs Family Fund	Jack Goldberg Fund*	Esther Margulies Lessner and George C. Lessner Fund	Clare and Herbert Bernstein Fund	
Sonia and Max Karp and Anita Karp Treston Fund	Rose Jaffe Fund	F. Ruth and S. I. Kummer Fund	Jerome and Louise Nathan Fund	Raymond Bernstein Fund	
Joseph Kopman Fund	Katz-Robbins Fund	Fay and Benjamin Levy and Max Mandel Fund*	Ella and Herman Plavin Fund	Nathan Chesler Fund	
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Laurie Margolis Fund	Gertrude and Abraham Podrove Fund	George and Lillian Sandals Fund	Rita and David Schmerler Fund	Morris and Ann Firestone Fund	
Cantor Israel and Irene Tabatsky Fund	Podrove - Resnick Fund	Ruth and Jack Sandals Fund	Leonard Seader Fund	Rhoda Goldstein Fund	
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Diane and Jeffrey Wasser Ramah Scholarship Fund	Berdine Spector Stoltz Fund	Weil-Braunsberg Fund*	Blanche and Robert Stone Fund	Kahaner Family Fund	
		Elliott and Eveleen Zimmerman Library Fund	Continuity Fund	Ethel and Nathan Kasowitz Fund	
			Program Enhancement	Marcus Family and Bula Family Fund	
			Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Operating Fund	Irving and Ethel Mehlman Rose Fund	
Religious	Youth	Maintenance/Capital Improvements	Memorial Park		
Max and Sally Glaiber and Joseph and Gertrude Snider Fund	Anna Brita Chilberg Fund	Bayer-Marlow Fund	Temple Beth Sholom Memorial Park Fund	Irma and Merwin Meridy Fund	
Howard Gold Fund	Nellie Katz Cohen Fund	Elaine and Leo Charendoff Fund	Congregation B'nai Israel Memorial Park Fund	Rita Oshinsky Fund	
Bernard and May Kahn and Eli and Rose Lerman Fund	Murray H. and Celia D. Novins Fund	David S. and Norma C. Garber Fund		Phair Family Fund	
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Irene and Henry Springer Fund				Israel and Shirley Snyder Family Fund	
Diane and Barry Weinbaum Fund				Gloria and Robert Weiss Fund	
Rabbi Leon Wind Fund				Edythe and Abraham Zubrow Fund	
Irene and Abraham Zimmerman Fund				Max Zucker Fund	

For information about establishing an Endowment Fund or leaving a bequest, contact Dr. Jeffrey Wasser [BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org) or Rabbi Konigsburg 860-643-9563 x101.

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## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Julian "Jay" Stoppelman from Jacob Baker

## EDITH GOTTLIEB FUND

Yahrzeit, in loving memory of Marc Gottlieb, Ada Fineberg, and Martha Sweifach from Lori Gottlieb

## EDYTHE & ABRAHAM ZUBROW FUND

Yahrzeit of Edythe & Abraham Zubrow from Ms. Barbara Zubrow

## EILEEN AND FRED STERN FAMILY FUND

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Eileen & Fred Stern

## GENERAL FUND

Good wishes for good health to Susan Gross; In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Merle Lassow

In memory of Jay Stoppelman; In memory of Ronni Zoback from Carl and Cruz Mandell

In memory of Marshall Wice from Cathy Ludlum

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Charles & Janet Hollander

In memory of Jay Stoppelman; In memory of Ronni Zoback from David & Carol Alter

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Dennis & Karen Schain

In memory of Ronni Zoback from Diane & Mitchell Wurmbrand

In memory of Marshall Wice; In memory of Hedda Reichlin from Dr. Kenneth Wichman

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Elly and Steve Cohen

In memory of Marilyn Weil from Florence Cole

In memory of Joseph Greenberg from Frances Keller

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Gerald Sperber

In memory of Ronni Zoback from Greg and Debbie Kupfer

In memory of Ronni Zoback; Yahrzeit of William Garfield from Jeffrey & Sandi Garfield

In memory of Jay Stoppelman, my sincere condolences to Susan on the loss of her husband; In memory of Ronni Zoback, my sincere condolences to Emily and Scott on the loss of their mother from Joan Baron

In memory of Julian Stoppelman. Dear Susan, David and family, in memory of your beloved husband, brother and father. May his memory be for a blessing. Love, Judy and Larry Feldman

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Marsha Mason

In memory of Jay Stoppelman, beloved husband of Susan Stoppelman from Micki Starr

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Mrs. Miriam Kalman

In memory of Ronni Zoback from Neil & Sandi Brooks

In memory of Jay Stoppelman, through the years he gave me many rides, which I appreciated so much. When rides were no longer possible he stayed in touch with me as long as he could. from Ms. Sharon Woodley

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Norma Jean & Robert Sternschein

In memory of Marshall Wice from Sandi Phair

In memory of Julian Stoppelman from Stephen & Nina Foote

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from the Swanson Family

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from William Selles

Yahrzeit of Samuel Keyser from Arnold & Diane Keyser

Yahrzeit of Rebecca Silverstein from Barbara Silverstein

Yahrzeit of Bernice Leicher from David & Carol Hatch

Yahrzeit of Albert Donn from Elliot Donn

Yahrzeit of My Uncle Danny Ginsburg, an artist, a

marine, and a staunch Zionist, from Harold & Judy Meyer

Yahrzeit of Florence Turk; Yahrzeit of Irving Turk from Michael & Madeline Turk

Yahrzeit of Irving Handler from Michael Handler

Yahrzeit of Tillie Moses from Mr. & Mrs. John E.

Slattery

Yahrzeit of Harold Shapiro from Mrs. Ellen Marmer

Yahrzeit of Meyer Malkin; Yahrzeit of Morris Malkin from Neil Malkin

Yahrzeit of beloved mother, Sarah Fisher; Yahrzeit of Myer Mittelman, father of Corinne Fisher from Norman & Corinne Fisher

Yahrzeit of Alan Krupp, M.D. from Peter Krupp, Karen Cheyney, Susan Krupp and Larry Krupp

Yahrzeit of Julius Lieberman from Robert Lieberman

## GORDON BARSHAY LASSOW & JAY JOSHUA LASSOW FUND

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Marilyn Lassow

Yahrzeit of Jay Lassow from Lee S. Lassow

## IRENE & HENRY SPRINGER FUND

In honor of Henry Max Novick from Oma & Zadic Springer

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Felix & Helene Springer

## JOE DAVIS FUND

In memory of Ronni Zoback from Susan & Bill Breslau

Yahrzeit of Joe's dear mother, Frances Davis and his father, William Davis from Mrs. Audrey Davis



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## LEONARD SEADER FUND

Happy Special Birthday with best wishes to our admirable friend, Sissy Seader from Alan and Lea Schmerler  
Happy Birthday to Sissy Seader from Barry & Gayle Trabit  
Happy Birthday to Sissy Seader from Mary Leon  
Happy 90th Birthday Sissy!!! From Paula Thomas  
Happy Birthday to Devra Baum; Happy Birthday to Connie Plepler; In memory of Jay Stoppelman; Thank you To Brina Abrahams, Maddy Turk, Elly Cohen, Stacey Poutre, Rabbi & Michelle Konigsburg and others for making my birthday more special. Very meaningful to me, from Sissy Seader

## LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Marshall Wice, father of Susan Rubin; In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Herb and Ellie Flink  
In memory of Ronni Spiegel Zback from Mark & Betty Eisenberg  
Yahrzeit of Bernard Menschell from Irma Menschell

## MAX & SALLY GLAIBER AND JOSEPH & GERTRUDE SNIDER FUND

Yahrzeit of Dorothy Snider from Mrs. Rebecca Snider Miller

## NELLIE KATZ COHEN FUND

In memory of beloved mother, Nellie Cohen and Yahrzeit of beloved twin brother, Alan Cohen from Sissy Seader

## NICHUM AVAYLIM FUND

In memory of Ronni Spiegel Zback; In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Emily and Pete Buch  
In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Manuel & Maxine Lerman

## PHAIR FAMILY FUND

In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Sandi Phair

## RABBI EMERITUS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Ronni Spiegel Zback forever in our hearts. from Rita and Joel Stoller  
Yahrzeit of Mary Louise Lloyd from Ted & Teresa Lloyd

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Yahrzeit of Louis Chorchos from Samuel Chorchos  
Yahrzeit of My Beloved Mother Barbara Reuben from Stacey Poutre

## REBECCA ANN & HERMAN SEIDMAN FUND

In memory of mother, Rebecca Bauch Seidman, grandmother, Sarah Bauch, uncle, Sol H. Bauch from Eveleen Zimmerman

## REICHLIN FAMILY FUND

In memory of Hedda Reichlin from Paula Fee & Jacqueline Hannigan

## SHABBAT LUNCHEON FUND

Happy Birthday to Sissy Seader from Marilyn Lassow  
In memory of Jay Stoppelman; Yahrzeit of Eva Libby Keyser from Arnold & Diane Keyser  
In memory of Steve Wollins' father; Yahrzeit of Frances Altman from Elly and Steve Cohen  
In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Lewis & Shirley Segal

## SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In memory of Julian Stoppelman from Anne and Ira Fink  
In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Calvin & Elaine Vinick  
In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Diane and Jeffrey Wasser  
In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Ellen Frankel  
In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Eveleen Zimmerman  
In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Harold & Judy Meyer  
In memory of Julian Stoppelman from Jan and Bill Stoffel  
In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Joel & Irene Milzoff  
In memory of Julian (Jay) E. Stoppelman. Susan, so sorry for your loss. Too young. Too soon. Be well. Matt and Sara from Matthew Francis McCaffrey  
In memory of Jay Stoppelman from Philip & Susan Margolis

## WEIL/BRAUNSBURG FUND

In memory of Marilyn Weil from Steven and Barbara Leshin

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In Memory of Jay Stoppelman. We are so sorry for your loss, Dan. We love you, Randy, Colleen, Sam & Nick Tartow from Randall Tartow

# May 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 (30 Nisan)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Iyyar</b> <b>15th Day Omer</b> <u>9:00am</u> Hebrew school K-7 & Morning Minyan <u>9:30am</u> Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker	<b>2 (1 Iyyar)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Iyyar</b> <b>16th Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>3 (2 Iyyar)</b> <b>17th Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv <u>7:30pm</u> Torah Fund Dessert	<b>4 (3 Iyyar)</b> <b>Yom Hazikaron</b> <b>18th Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>5 (4 Iyyar)</b> <b>Yom Ha'Atzmaut</b> <b>19th Day Omer</b> <u>4:30pm</u> Hebrew school Gr 3-7 <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>6 (5 Iyyar)</b> <b>20th Day Omer</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Friday Night Services <u>7:36pm</u> Candle Lighting  Sunset: 7:54pm	<b>7 (6 Iyyar)</b> <b>21st Day Omer</b> <u>10:00am</u> Shabbat Services <u>8:40pm</u> Havdalah  Sunset: 7:55pm
<b>8 (7 Iyyar)</b> <b>22nd Day Omer</b> Mother's Day <u>9:00am</u> Hebrew school K-7 <u>10:00am</u> BSBI Israel Lecture Series	<b>9 (8 Iyyar)</b> <b>23rd Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv <u>7:30pm</u> Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club	<b>10 (9 Iyyar)</b> <b>24th Day Omer</b> <u>1:30pm</u> Knit & Kvetch <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>11 (10 Iyyar)</b> <b>25th Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv <u>7:30pm</u> Annual Meeting	<b>12 (11 Iyyar)</b> <b>26th Day Omer</b> <u>4:30pm</u> Hebrew school Gr 3-7 <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>13 (12 Iyyar)</b> <b>27th Day Omer</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Friday Night Services <u>7:43pm</u> Candle Lighting  Sunset: 8:01pm	<b>14 (13 Iyyar)</b> <b>28th Day Omer</b> <u>10:00am</u> Shabbat Services <u>8:47pm</u> Havdalah  Sunset: 8:02pm
<b>15 (14 Iyyar)</b> <b>Pesach Sheni</b> <b>29th Day Omer</b> <u>9:00am</u> Hebrew school K-7 <u>10:00am</u> BSBI Israel Lecture Series <u>12:00 pm</u> RLWRS BBQ	<b>16 (15 Iyyar)</b> <b>30th Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>17 (16 Iyyar)</b> <b>31st Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>18 (17 Iyyar)</b> <b>32nd Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>19 (18 Iyyar)</b> <b>Lag B'Omer</b> <b>33rd Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>20 (19 Iyyar)</b> <b>34th Day Omer</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Friday Night Services <u>7:50pm</u> Candle Lighting  Sunset: 8:08pm	<b>21 (20 Iyyar)</b> <b>35th Day Omer</b> <u>10:00am</u> Shabbat Services & Junior Congregation <u>8:54pm</u> Havdalah  Sunset: 8:09pm
<b>22 (21 Iyyar)</b> <b>36th Day Omer</b> <u>10:00am</u> Sisterhood Adventure Walk <u>2:30pm</u> BSBI Israel Lecture Series <u>7:30pm</u> Comedy Night	<b>23 (22 Iyyar)</b> <b>37th Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>24 (23 Iyyar)</b> <b>38th Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>25 (24 Iyyar)</b> <b>39th Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>26 (25 Iyyar)</b> <b>40th Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>27 (26 Iyyar)</b> <b>41st Day Omer</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Friday Night Services <u>7:56pm</u> Candle Lighting  Sunset: 8:14pm	<b>28 (27 Iyyar)</b> <b>Shabbat Mevarchim</b> <b>42nd Day Omer</b> <u>10:00am</u> Shabbat Services <u>9:00pm</u> Havdalah  Sunset: 8:15pm
<b>29 (28 Iyyar)</b> <b>Yom Yerushalayim</b> <b>43rd Day Omer</b>	<b>30 (29 Iyyar)</b> <b>44th Day Omer</b> Memorial Day <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv	<b>31 (1 Sivan)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Sivan</b> <b>45th Day Omer</b> <u>7:00pm</u> Mincha/Maariv <u>7:30pm</u> Sisterhood Board Meeting				

Please note that the *Chai Lights* calendar dates are as of the date of publishing. Any schedule changes after this time will be posted on the online



BSBI has been given the opportunity to accept donations of vehicles through a partnership with Vehicles For Charity to process donated

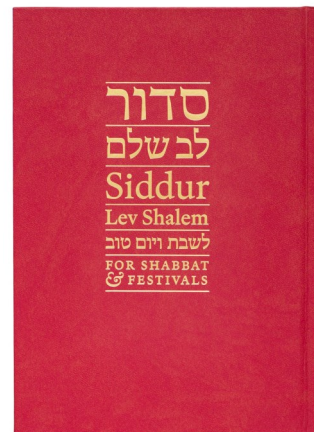
vehicles. Consider donating your unwanted vehicle in support of BSBI. It is easier and faster than selling it on your own, and you may qualify for a tax deduction! Donors say it is a satisfying way to make a larger donation than they normally could.

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

For more information go to:

<https://www.vehiclesforcharity.org>

We have now made the switch to the new *Siddur Lev Shalem*! Similar to the *Machzor Lev Shalem* we use on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, *Siddur Lev Shalem* includes informational side notes and extra readings on each page to help everyone get more out of Shabbat *te-phillot* (prayer). We are now offering opportunities to dedicate these siddurim in honor of people or events in our lives or in memory of loved ones. A siddur can be dedicated for just \$50 a book. If you would like to see a copy of the new siddur, they are available for inspection at the synagogue.



#### Beth Olam Cemetery

The lock at Beth Olam has been replaced and now no key is required. The combination is 1818.

There is a reminder near the lock in case you have forgotten the combination.



Please follow the directions below to use the new lock:

- The lock is located under the black weatherproof cover
- Pull the lock over the black weatherproof cover
- Turn the number to 1818-line them up with the red line
- Lock will pull apart
- When done, reattach the cable to lock it
- Turn at least one number to secure lock
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