

Volume 5783.8

# BSBI'S CHAI LIGHTS

April 2023



## Wednesday, April 5

Office Closed at 2:00pm

7:30am: First Born Service

10:00am: Hametz Sale

7:02pm: Candle lighting

No evening service

## Thursday, April 6

Office Closed

10:00am: Pesach 1 Service

5:45pm: Community Seder (2nd Seder)

8:06pm Candle lighting

## Friday, April 7

Office Closed

10:00am: Pesach 2 Service

6:00pm: Friday Night Service

7:04pm: Candle lighting

## Tuesday, April 11

Office Closed at 2:00pm

6:00pm: Pesach Evening Service

7:08pm: Candle lighting

## Wednesday, April 12

Office Closed

10:00am: Pesach 7 Service

6:00pm: Pesach Evening Service

8:12pm: Candle lighting

## Thursday, April 13

Office Closed

10:00am: Pesach 8 Service & Yizkor

8:13pm: Havdalah

No Evening Service

## TEMPLE TOPICS

Rabbi & President's Columns	3	Leave a Legacy	12
Pesach Page	4	The Endowment Foundation	13
Community Events	5-6	Contributions from Thoughtful People	14
Religious School	7	Calendar	15
Celebration Dates	8	Jewry Duty Schedule	16
Sisterhood Speaks	9-10	Ads from Our Sponsors	17-19
Brotherhood Corner	11	Save the Date	20

**BETH SHOLOM B'NAI ISRAEL**  
400 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester, CT 06040  
(860) 643-9563      www.myshul.org

**Clergy**

**Rabbi:** Randall J. Konigsburg  
rabbenu@myshul.org  
**Rabbi Emeritus:** Richard J. Plavin

**Staff**

**Office Manager:** Judy Sawtelle  
admin@myshul.org  
**Marketing Coordinator:** Allison Sawtelle  
programming@myshul.org  
**Bookkeeper:** Shari Haley  
accounting@myshul.org  
**Education Director:** Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz  
RLWRSDDirector@myshul.org  
**Maintenance Specialist:** Dave Pastula

**BSBI Board of Directors**

**President:** Russ Benblatt  
**Co-Vice Presidents of Finance:** Alan & Hope Igdalsky  
**Co-Vice Presidents of Membership:** Judy Meyer / Ilene O'Neil  
**Co-Vice Presidents of Ritual:** Maury Luxemburg / Paul Rubin  
**Co-Vice Presidents of Education:** Rebecca Rumbo / Bea Brodie  
**Vice President of Administration:** Ron Abrahams  
**Vice President of Buildings & Grounds:** Ed Reilly  
**Recording Secretary:** Steven Wollins  
**Immediate Past Co-Presidents:** Dawn & Jack Steigelfest  
**Sisterhood Representative:** Brina Abrahams  
**Brotherhood Representative:** Dave Alter  
**Board of Trustees Representative:** Gordon Brodie  
**Member At Large:** Jay Bigman  
**Member At Large:** Liza Mandel  
**Member At Large:** Spin Zucker  
**Chair, Personnel:** Mike Turk  
**Co-Chairs, Social Action:** Deb Carlson / Susan Mendelsohn  
**Chair, Adult Programming:** Gayle Block  
**Legal Counsel:** Bruce Beck

**Services**

**Monday - Thursday:** 7:00 PM  
**Friday:** 6:00 PM  
**Saturday:** 10:00 AM

All service times are as listed above unless otherwise noted in the calendar. The entire community is welcome to attend our services.

**AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF  
CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM**

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

See the full Passover Schedule on the Cover

**Sunday, April 2 (Nisan 11)**

9:00am Morning Minyan  
9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

**Wednesday, April 5: Erev Pesach, Taanit Bechorot  
(Nisan 14)**

2:00pm Office Closed Early

**Thursday, April 6: Pesach (Nisan 15)**

Office Closed  
5:45pm Community Seder

**Erev Shabbat, April 7: Pesach, 1st Day Omer  
(Nisan 16)**

Office Closed

**Monday, April 10: Pesach, 4th Day Omer  
(Nisan 19)**

7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

**Tuesday, April 11: Pesach, 5th Day Omer  
(Nisan 20)**

2:00pm Office Closed Early

**Wednesday, April 12: Pesach, 6th Day Omer  
(Nisan 21)**

Office Closed

**Thursday, April 13: Pesach, Yizkor, 7th Day Omer  
(Nisan 22)**

Office Closed

**Monday, April 17: 11th Day Omer (Nisan 26)**

7:00pm Yom HaShoah Program

**Wednesday, April 19: 13th Day Omer (Nisan 28)**

7:30pm BOD Board Meeting

**Shabbat, April 22: Rosh Chodesh Iyyar, 16th Day  
Omer (Iyyar 1)**

10:00am Junior Congregation  
12:30pm Shabbat Lunch

**Tuesday, April 25: Yom Hazikaron, 19th Day  
Omer (Iyyar 4)**

6:00pm Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

**Thursday, April 27: 21st Day Omer (Iyyar 6)**

7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

**Erev Shabbat, April 28: 22nd Day Omer (Iyyar 7)**

6:00pm Brotherhood Kabbalat Shabbat

**Sunday, April 30: 24th Day Omer (Iyyar 9)**

10:00am Sisterhood Adventure Walk

Condolences to:

Husband Paul Norman, children David Norman (Joann), Thomas Norman (MaryBeth), Emily Norman Bernard and her brother Robert Zarchen on the loss of Arlene Zarchen Norman



Find us on  
**Facebook**

facebook.com/myshul



## Faith, Hope, and Prayer

This year, Pesach has a deeper meaning for Jews than in past years. Most of the time we talk about Pesach as the journey from slavery to freedom; how our people were cruelly enslaved, how Pharaoh would not let us go, and how God (Moses is not mentioned in the Haggadah) with a strong arm fought on our behalf until we were free.

But this year is different. I know, “Why is this year different from all other years?” This year the discussion around our table is less about slavery and more about refugees. We understand that our people came to Egypt as economic refugees fleeing famine. Once they were out of Egypt, our people were still considered refugees from Egypt. We had no land of our own; our land was taken over by the Canaanites. We needed permission to traverse part of our journey from other nations and we were unwanted everywhere we turned. One of the first things that happened to our people, once they were out of Egypt, was being attacked from behind, in our weakest spot, by desert marauders in order to harass and loot the wandering refugees. This was our first encounter with the Amalekites. For their nasty attack when we were at our weakest moment, we were eventually commanded to wipe out that entire nation.

Think for a moment about refugees from the many countries who are traveling to the southern border of the United States. Think about how they are taken advantage of by narcotic cartels who see them as easy targets, by bandits who rob them of their few possessions, and the guides who take their money to get them to the border but leave them without food or water in the desert, or who lock them in trucks that are abandoned on the side of the road. But we don’t need to just concentrate on our southern border. Refugees from Africa make a dangerous crossing of the Mediterranean Sea to get to a better life in Europe, and refugees from Lebanon and Syria are fleeing dire poverty and civil war. Rohingya refugees who are thrown out of Thailand because they are Muslim are now living in squalid refugee camps, one of which just burned down, leaving people with nothing. And of course, the Ukrainians are fleeing war in their own country.

The situation with refugees is perhaps more dire today than at any other time in recent history. This Pesach we need to remember the commandment to love the stranger because we were once strangers in the land of Egypt. We need to help the refugees of the world because we understand, after 2000 years without a homeland, what it means to be without a home. Our Social Action committee is working with [CIRC \(Connecticut Immigration and Refugee Coalition\)](#) to help resettle refugees in our state. We also work with [HIAS \(Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society\)](#) which have done this work for over 100 years in the United States. Both organizations are in constant need of help; both need money and household items.

Let us spend some time at our Seder table thinking about our people as refugees and what we can do to help the refugees of today. The Jewish People, more than most, know what it means to be a refugee. As God stretched out the divine hand to help us, so too, we must stretch out our hands to those who need our help.

Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg



## Pesach is Coming!

As I started making our Seder plans a few weeks ago, I remembered that back during the December holiday season, I saw quite a few articles with a similar theme: How to Survive the Holidays with Family. I thought it was funny that so many different outlets would be publishing the same type of story. Some of the articles were touching and quite heartfelt, and others were downright hysterical. My favorite piece of advice? Have an Escape Plan!

But aside from the humor, it made me realize that, for various reasons, not everyone looks forward to holidays with big family gatherings, or even has a big family to bring together. This was completely foreign to me. Not because we had a big family, but growing up with seders at my grandparents’ apartment in the Bronx, the door was always open — and not just for Elijah. If my grandfather heard that someone didn’t have somewhere to go for the seder, he would extend the invitation, and then tell my grandmother to prepare a bit more food. Our seders were always full.

And in the interest of having a “full seder,” I hope that many of you will consider joining us for our Community Seder at BSBI on the second night of Pesach. Jack & Dawn Steigelfest, our Immediate Past Co-Presidents, have organized our community seders in the past, and we’re so very lucky that they’re taking the reins again this year.

Won’t you join us?

It’s on April 6th, and we’re even starting early this year to make it more kid/family friendly. The seder will begin at 5:45, and the seder meal will be served around 7.

So whether or not you’re planning your “escape plan” from a family gathering, think about our Community Seder. We’d love to have you ... the door is open.

Russ Benblatt  
President BSBI



---

## Pesach Page

---

### Prepare for Pesach!

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

<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/2023-03/pesach-guide-5783-3.15.23.pdf>

### First-Born Service:

Why Fast When You Don't Have to?

Attend the *Siyum B'chorim* Service on Wednesday, April 5th. The service begins at 7:30am and will conclude at 8:15am. A light breakfast will be provided following the service.



### B'dikat Hametz, The Search for Leaven

Tuesday, April 4th at your home

After the house has been thoroughly cleaned and prepared for Pesach, we search again for any crumbs that may have been missed; this serves as an educational ritual. Several pieces of hametz are "planted" around the house and then "found." This



is done in a ritualistic manner utilizing a feather, a wooden spoon, and a candle. The prayers to precede and follow the search may be found in your Haggadah. Be sure to include your children or grandchildren in this fun ritual.

### Preparing for the Seder

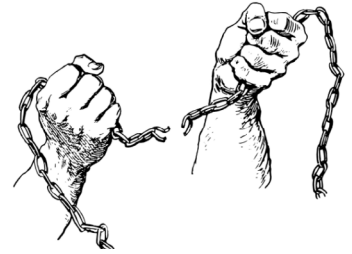
Make sure to start your preparations early enough.

Invite as a guest someone who is far from his or her home.

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

### Focus On Freedom

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



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

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

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

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

## Community Events



### **Rabbi Richard Plavin Library** **David Alter, Librarian**

As Passover approaches, please check the various books about Passover in the Library. All Passover books have the call number 243.2 in both the Adult and Children's Library.

Some interesting facts that you might have not known about Passover:

1. It's one of the oldest holidays. The events that shaped the Passover holiday took place more than 3,500 years ago. That adds up to a lot of breadless days.
2. It's considered the most popular Jewish holiday. According to the Pew Portrait of American Jews, it's the most widely celebrated holiday among Jews (more than Yom Kippur and Hanukkah). Only about 23% of people surveyed said they attend religious services, but 70% said they take part in Passover Seders.
3. The date it's celebrated changes every year. Like many Jewish holidays, the date changes from year to year because it is dictated by the Jewish calendar. Passover begins on the 15th day of Nisan, which is the first month of the Jewish year.
4. The plate also includes two cooked items. The bone and egg have several meanings. A bone (zeroah) symbolizing the lamb offered as sacrifice at the Temple in Jerusalem and a hard-boiled egg to represent mourning the sacrifice. There is also a theory that the egg and bone represent Moses and Aaron, the two people responsible for getting the Jews out of Egypt.
5. Matzah is the sixth part of the Seder plate. At the start of the meal, a single piece of matzah is broken and called "the bread of affliction" to symbolize the meager rations given to the slaves. The matzah is also eaten because the people fleeing Egypt did not have time to wait for their dough to rise before making their escape.
6. The last day celebrates the arrival at the Red Sea. The final day of Passover celebrates when the freed slaves made it to the Red Sea, where Moses parted the water to help them get across. There is a tradition of women and girls lighting candles to commemorate this event.
7. Charoset ice cream exists. Ben & Jerry's makes a Kosher for Passover charoset ice cream flavor that's only sold in Israel. The flavor is described as "vanilla-based with apples, cinnamon, and lots of walnuts."
8. Kathmandu hosts the largest Seder every year. The world's largest Passover Seder takes place in Kathmandu, Nepal. Over 1,000 attendees from all over the world flock to the dinner where they bring in 1,000 bottles of kosher wine, 1,100 pounds of matzo, and a ton of other food from New York and Israel.
9. The world's largest matzah ball came from Arizona. Over 1,000 eggs, 25 pounds of chicken fat, and 125 pounds of matzo meal were used to create the world's largest matzah ball at a Jewish Food Festival in Tucson, Arizona back in 2010. It weighed 488 pounds.
10. There's also a Second Passover. Second Passover is held on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Iyar, which is considered a make-up day for people who couldn't celebrate Passover the first time around.

### **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 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!*

### **Lunch will be served!!**

The next Shabbat Luncheon will be on April 22nd, in celebration of Leslie Abrahams' retirement. We hope to have a free monthly luncheon open to all (though registration will be requested to determine attendance numbers). Upcoming dates will be May 20th and June 17th. Further dates are to be determined. These luncheons will be financially supported by the Shabbat Luncheon fund. If you would like to make donations or sponsor a luncheon, please contact Maury Luxemburg or Judy Sawtelle through the office. I hope to see you and your appetites in the coming months!

Maury Luxemburg



---

## Community Events

---

### Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Join us to celebrate Israel's 75th Anniversary!

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:00pm

RSVP no later than 4/10/23



Come to BSBI and join us for Minyan, a full Israeli dinner, Israeli music with Rabbi Alan, and a discussion with Lea and Alan Schmerler about everyday life in Israel. This event is subsidized by BSBI.

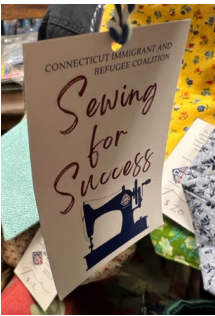
Liza Mandel

### Updates from your Social Action Committee

In the last month, we made contributions to:

1. The Kosher Food Pantry to help families with their Pesach needs
2. The Shifrah and Puah maternity clinic in Uganda
3. Earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria
4. The CT Immigrant and Refugee Coalition (CIRC) in helping immigrant families relocated into our area by gathering unused sewing machines for their self-help program Sewing for Success

Ongoing projects:



Check out the new, temporary pop-up market at the gift shop. These items are hand-made by the ladies in CIRC's Sewing for Success programs and are for sale. Proceeds all go to the ladies who are in that program, who use that as an extra income stream for their families. If there is interest in these items, CIRC will supply us with more as needed. Be sure you check them out before our trial supply is gone.

We are collecting feminine hygiene products, which for many families are almost impossible to get, forcing a decision between food and personal supplies. So let's help out.

Thank you all for your ongoing generosity!  
Debra Carlson & Susan Mendelsohn

### Thank you, on behalf of my sister, family and myself.

We want to thank everyone who made donations in memory of our dad, Robert Reuben. Your thoughtfulness and caring helped us through this difficult time.

Stacey Poutre and Bonnie Stokosa

### Help Wanted, Please!

Since the start of the BSBI Community Seders, I have been making the charoses. My family's recipe is not secret, but the tradition to make enough so that we'd always have extra is my family's secret custom. I have now reached the point in my life where I would like a helper or two to help carry on the tradition.

The kitchen is cleaned a few days before Pesach, then we can go in and make the charoses. If you are willing to learn how to make it, please call (860) 649-3890 or email [mimrk524@gmail.com](mailto:mimrk524@gmail.com). We can arrange to meet and prepare this important symbol of the seder.

Thank you,  
Mimi Kalman

### Yom HaShoah

On April 17, 2023, BSBI will hold a Yom HaShoah memorial service and presentation. We will start at 7:00 p.m. with minyan followed by a presentation from Rachel Donnell, daughter of survivors. Attendance is free, and we encourage you to invite others in the community. Our speaker would love for the younger generation to attend to learn about a subject that is fading into the annals of history. Keep in mind, as Jews, we promised "Never again." In order to keep this promise, we must teach the younger generation. Afterward, there will be a small reception.



Thank you,  
Glenn Hauer

### Thank you from MACC Charities

Dear Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Members,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$50.00 to MACC Charities' food service departments so we may continue to fight food insecurity. This gift from your celebration of Purim means the world to us and those we serve!

In every community, there is work to be done. We are so fortunate to have the magnitude of partnerships in Manchester and beyond to support the emergency need people face daily. MACC is blessed to have a partner like you!

Thank you,  
Shannon Baldassario  
Assistant Executive Director





---

## Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School Update

---

### A TEACHING MOMENT FROM RABBI ALAN

#### Liberate Yourself!

It is easy to become preoccupied with physical preparations for Passover, overlooking the spiritual side. The reality is that, in Judaism, the physical and spiritual aspects of observance are equally important. While you are organizing and scrubbing, take time to consider why you're taking all this extra trouble. What's this holiday about, anyway?

The answer is Freedom!

Everyone knows the ancient story of the liberation of the Hebrew slaves—the Exodus. But as we prepare for our Festival of Freedom, we should extend the meaning of liberty into modern life.

There are two types of freedom: freedom from and freedom to. Freedom from is the freedom from outside restriction—other people telling us what to do. Freedom to is being free to do something. The Torah tells us both are important. Moses tells Pharaoh: “Let my people go!” That is freedom from oppression and limitation. But mostly we forget the rest of the sentence: “Let my people go so that they may serve God!”

Besides thinking about what you want to be free from, think about what you want to be free to do: to have a more meaningful job; to have more love in your life; to feel healthier; or, as the Torah suggests, to do a better job of serving God in your life.



Once we know what we want to be free to do, we can figure out what we need to get free from in order to make that possible. Perhaps you need to be free from the wrong job, a poor relationship or circle of friends, a wrong set of beliefs. The external situation won't change until we liberate ourselves by having a clear picture of our situation and the right outlook.

There are good reasons to accept some constraints on our freedom. We accept the limitations of a job because we appreciate either the work itself or the money that we receive. We accept the boundaries on marriage because we appreciate the deeper love that can blossom within those rules. We accept the limitations of religion because we find meaning in those restrictions.

This Passover, figure out what you want to be free to do—the positive side, the goal. Then figure out what you need to get free from to be able to reach that goal.

May this Passover be a time when God helps liberate you, as God liberated our ancestors, thus enabling each of us to be free to pursue our dreams!

Jody and I wish all our members and the Jewish community a happy and meaningful Passover.

Rabbi Alan



## Celebration Dates

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

## Happy Anniversary to:

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



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



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



## What's Ahead for Sisterhood

### Monday, April 10

7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Group on Zoom

### Thursday, April 27

7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting on Zoom

### Sunday, April 30

10:00am Adventure Walk

### Wednesday, May 17

7:30pm Torah Fund Dessert at BSBI

## Sisterhood Installation

This is the proposed slate of officers to be voted on and installed on June 27 at our Board Meeting.

Officers 2023-2025

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025

President: ..... Sue Margolis  
Liaison to North Atlantic Region, WLCJ: Judy Meyer  
Treasurer: ..... Harriet Beede  
Financial Secretary: ..... Diane Keyser  
Recording Secretary: ..... Amy Schiller  
VP Fellowship: ..... Stacey Poutre  
Co-VPs Programming: ..... Carol Hatch, Renny Resnick  
Co-VPs Membership: ..... Margie Partney, Rima Riedel

### **Elected Directors, 2023-2025**

Elly Cohen  
Paula Finkelstein  
Mimi Kalman  
Maxine Lerman  
Susan Mendelsohn

### **Elected Directors, 2022-2024**

Lynn Cohen  
Brenda Lerner  
Ilene O'Neil  
Susan Scherick  
Barbara Zupnik

### **Nominating Committee**

Judy Meyer, Chair (Immediate Past President)  
Lynn Cohen — current board  
Diane Keyser — current board  
Susan Scherick — current board  
Carol Hatch — general membership  
Debra Carlson — general membership

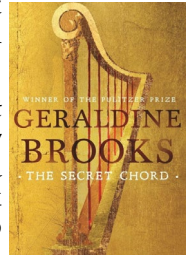
### **Ex Officio Directors**

Michelle Konigsburg (Clergy Spouse)  
Lisa Plavin (Clergy-emeritus Spouse)  
Judy Meyer (NAR Board)  
Brina Abrahams (Immediate Past President)  
Maddy Turk (Immediate Past President)

## Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 10 at 7:45 pm on Zoom. If you want to catch up with other members you can log on at 7:30 pm.

For our meeting we will be reading *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. The Mary Cheney Research librarian will be ordering the book and holding copies of the books for the BSBI Book Group. The Zoom link will be posted closer to the meeting date.



Maxine Lerman and Becky Murray

## Knit & Kvetch

We will not be meeting in April as the BSBI office will be closing early for Pesach. See you at our last meeting of the year on May 9th. In the meantime, keep on knitting!

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. We also have access to yarn that you can use for your projects.

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

## Adventure Walk

This month we will be walking on April 30. Meet us in the BSBI parking lot at 10:00am. We'll decide which trail we'll explore and off we will go.

Hope more folks will join on future walks. And per usual, we will be walking weather permitting!

Margie Partney

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

It's almost time to celebrate Pesach and enjoy your Seder! If you are hosting a Seder, it might be time to do a little refreshing of your Seder table or bring a gift to your host. The BSBI Gift Shop has an assortment of items to choose from such as Seder Plates, Matzo Covers, Afikomen Bags, Matzo Plates or holders, Elijah cups, hand towels, children's books, cards, etc. Passover items will be set up beginning Wednesday, March 15th; please feel free to stop by. Contact either Harriet Beede or Brenda Lerner to arrange for them to meet you there! If you don't see what you need, we'll be happy to order it for you.

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

## Share an Oneg

The pulpit flowers for Pesach, April 5 - 13, will be sponsored by Mimi Kalman in memory of her beloved father, Joseph I. Levitas.

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

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

### Torah Fund Cards

Condolences to Paul Norman and family in memory of Paul's wife, Arlene from Cal and Elaine Vinick. Get Well to Joan Baron from Mimi Kalman. Condolences to Michael Gross and family in memory of Michael's sister, Elaine, from Lynn and Jack Cohen.

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

### Sisterhood and Social Action



Sisterhood is partnering with the Social Action Committee to work with the CT Immigrant and Refugee Coalition. The gift shop is selling various sized handmade bags and totes sewn by a group of women from the Connecticut Immigrant & Refugee Coalition "Sewing for Success" to help bring in additional family income. The bags are all different and range in price from \$10.64 to \$37.22 including tax. 100% of the proceeds go to the women who are making these bags. Please feel free to stop by and pick one or more out!

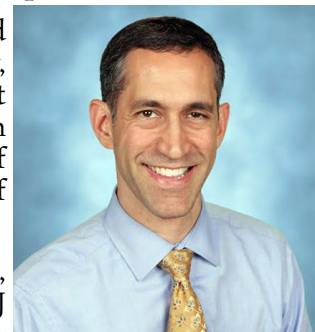
The CIRC program Sewing for Success helps women improve their language skills, understand the oddities of a new culture, spend time with other women who share and understand the feelings of disruption of normalcy and, very importantly, add to the family income stream. The Gift Shop has offered space for a trial pop-up market featuring some of the items made by those ladies. If interest is shown in these products CIRC will continue to supply more. Come check it out!

If you want to check out the full line of articles available, go to [coalitionct.org](http://coalitionct.org) and click on SHOP. If you see something you would like, we can order it.



### Torah Fund Dessert May 17th at 7:30pm

Join us for our Annual Torah Fund dessert (in person!) on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Rabbi Jonathan ("Yoni") Berger, the present Head of Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford.



Rabbi Berger was born in Kalamazoo, MI and grew up in Teaneck, NJ where his father, Kenneth Berger, was rabbi of Congregation Beth Sholom and his mother, Cheryl Berger, was a Jewish day school teacher at Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County. He grew up in a home where there was a lot of love of Judaism and learning.

He attended the Frisch Yeshiva High School and then the University of Michigan, where he earned his undergraduate degree. He then received an MA in Bible and rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS). He also studied at the JTS Day School Leadership Training Institute.

Rabbi Berger was a congregational rabbi in Owings Mills, MD for three years, a school rabbi in New York, and at the Hillel Day School for eleven years in Detroit. Currently, he is the Head of Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford and is married with four children.

Your donation, in any amount, to Torah Fund is your admission to this event. Torah Fund is administered by Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ), the national organization of all our Conservative Sisterhoods. Why give to Torah Fund? In doing so, your generosity helps provide essential scholarships and programs to train future leaders of the Jewish community. Torah Fund helps develop future rabbis, cantors, educators, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers, lay leaders, and others. When you support Torah Fund, you help educate students in Conservative/Masorti seminaries in New York, Los Angeles, Jerusalem, Buenos Aires, and Potsdam, Germany, and you align with those who value knowledge, learning, and providing future generations with relevant skills to enrich the Jewish people.

Each year Torah Fund chooses a theme. This year it's Chazak v'Ematz — Be Strong and Courageous — and a special pin is designed to go with the theme to be given to donors who give \$180. This donation need not be given all at once. You can pay monthly \$18 for ten months or \$36 for five. I will be happy to keep track of your monthly payments. Your donation in any amount is welcome; all donations are important.

Your checks, in any amount and made out to Torah Fund, can be given to me that evening or mailed to me, Mimi Kalman, 163 Scott Drive, Manchester, CT 06042.

Mimi Kalman, BSBI Torah Fund Chair  
Susan Margolis, Programming Chair



---

## Brotherhood Corner

---

### A Word From Our Brotherhood President



March was a great month for Brotherhood and very typical of what we do as an organization: support the community and bring it together. We approved several grants to assist the synagogue and the community. One of the most important was our contribution to assist with the installation of security posts at the front entrance to enhance the building's safety.

And our comedy night on March 11 brought together nearly 70 people. There were three comedians and a phenomenal MC. Fun was had by all. Here are some pictures of the attendees and the comedians.



All the best,  
Glenn Hauer  
President



Our speaker for the April 2, 2023 meeting will be Mary-Jane Foster, the President of Hartford's Interval House, the largest agency in Connecticut dedicated to ending domestic violence. She became the CEO and President in January of 2017.

She served as Vice President of University Relations at the University of Bridgeport from 2009 - 2016. She was co-founder and former co-owner and CEO of the Bridgeport Bluefish Professional Baseball Club and Westchester Baseball, LLC. Ms. Foster was a candidate for mayor of Bridgeport in 2011 and 2015. She was awarded a Juris Doctor with honors from Quinnipiac College School of Law in May 1995. Her work in family law was a logical extension of her several years of volunteer work within the community. Before attending law school, Ms. Foster was an actress. She has performed on stage, film, television, and radio and has appeared in over two hundred television and radio commercials.

All are welcome to attend Shacharit service at 9:00 a.m. A Brotherhood meeting and breakfast will follow. At 10:30 a.m., everyone is invited to attend Ms. Foster's presentation.



### Brotherhood Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner

6:00pm on April 28th

Gluten free meal other than kugel and challah. Register at [myshul.org](https://myshul.org)

Price: \$20 per person

\$50 for family of 3 or more.

On March 5th, the BSBI Brotherhood held its monthly meeting. The guest speaker was Andrew Meagher, Promotions Coordinator for the Hartford Yard Goats. Andrew assists the Promotions Manager in day-to-day roles. He helps coordinate all facets of promotions on the field/gameday, as well as mascot appearances.

He talked about the owner of the Yard Goats, Josh Solomon, who was named the 2021 Tree of Life Award for his many accomplishments in the community. The BSBI Brotherhood will be presenting a Jewish Heritage Day at Dunkin' Park on Sunday, August 20th, 2023.

Harold A. Bernstein

*Some Brotherhood members who can always hit a home run get together with Yard Goats Mascot Chompers*



If you are interested in learning more about our BSBI Brotherhood, reach out to Glenn Hauer at 860.930.1275 or Spin Zucker at 860.502.7725.



---

## 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:  
[BSBIEndowment@myshul.org](mailto:BSBIEndowment@myshul.org)

## Endowment Foundation

Scholarships	Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School	Adult Education	Community	General Endowment Fund	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Time is Now, The Need is Great!</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Endowment Foundation</i></p> <p><small>*These funds can also be used in Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School</small></p>
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 Playin Fund	Nathan Chesler Fund	
Anne and Leon Kramer Fund	Ruth Podrove Melton Fund	Aida S. Nesselroth Educational Enhancement Fund*	Plepler Family Fund	A. Elmer Diskan Fund	
Max Lundy Fund	Barney, Jean, Rachel, and Sarah Moses Education Fund	Saul and Carol Nesselroth Fund for Israel Advocacy	Jay E. Rubinow Fund	Ruben Fialkoff Fund	
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	
Marsha and Samuel Yules Fund	Martin L. Rubin Fund	Rabbi Jeshaja and Hilde Schnitzer Fund	Shapiro Family Fund	Edith Gottlieb Fund	
Pauline and Isadore Zackin Fund	Nat N. and Gertrude Sturm Schwedel Fund	Saul and Rebecca Silverstein Fund	Eileen & Fred Stern Family Fund	Leo and Shirley Juran Fund	
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	
Rubinow-Schwolsky Fund		Miriam Barshay Lassow and Herman Lassow Fund		Reichlin Family Fund	
Rebecca Ann and Herman Seidman Fund		Capital Improvement Fund		Pauline and Nathan Rubin Fund	
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.

---

## Contributions from Thoughtful People

---

### **DIANE AND JEFFREY WASSER RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

In honor of Jeff Wasser's special birthday from Mom & Dad, Kenny & Debbie, Eric & Z, and Neil & Susan

### **ELAINE & LEO CHARENDOFF FUND**

In memory of Arlene Norman from Elaine Charendoff and Family

### **F. RUTH AND S. I. KUMMER FUND**

In memory of Sandra Lavitt from Mara A. Lavitt

### **GENERAL FUND**

Get well Joan Baron, Wishing you a speedy recovery from Susan and Ron Scherick

In honor of Maddy Turk on her special birthday from Gordon & Beatrice Brodie

In honor of Rabbi Randall and Michelle Konigsburg from OKC Morning Minyan

In honor of Lisa Plavin's birthday from Victor and Lieba Bernstein

In memory of Elayne Matusow from Anne and Ira Fink

In memory of Miriam Rabinowitz from Barbara Pershan

In memory of Arlene Norman from Dr. Kenneth Wichman

In memory of Arlene Norman from Jeffrey S. Wasser, MD & Diane Wasser

In memory of Susan Apter from Kay Ellen and Jake Pollack

In memory of Arlene Norman from Mrs. Pearl Podrove  
Thank you to Rabbi Konigsburg for his support from Arlene Bonilla

Yahrzeit of Eugene Borgida from Charles and Joyce Borgida

Yahrzeit of Barney Wichman from David Wichman

Yahrzeit of Martin Fayman from Judy Fayman

Yahrzeit of Elinor Friedman from Matthew and Randi Friedman

Yahrzeit of Irving Turk from Michael and Madeline Turk

Yahrzeit of Hannah Lobel Handler from Michael Handler

Yahrzeit of Harold Shapiro from Mrs. Ellen Marmer

Yahrzeit of Lillian Fendell from Rose Ulan

### **JOSEPH KOPMAN FUND**

Yahrzeit of Helen Kopman from Michael Kopman-Fried

### **KAHN-LERMAN TRUST FUND**

In honor of Bar & Bat Mitzvah anniversary of Manny and Maxine Lerman from Harold and Judy Meyer

### **LIBRARY FUND**

Yahrzeit of Natalie Zimmerman, beloved mother of Jane Zimmerman, from Jane Zimmerman

### **MIRIAM BARSHAY LASSOW & HERMAN LASSOW FUND**

In honor of Maddy Turk on her birthday from Liza Mandel and Jeffrey Lassow

### **NATHAN CHESLER FUND**

In memory of Stuart Simnowitz; Yahrzeit of Abraham Chesler from Mrs. Sharon Chesler

### **PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT FUND**

Yahrzeit of Augusta "Gerry" Berkman from Leslie Brown

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In memory of my beloved grandfather, Kasil Fialkoff on his yahrzeit from Pola Fialkoff

Thank you for your kindness to Greta from Mrs. Rima Riedel

Yahrzeit of Esther Gould from Charles Berger

In loving memory of Saul Wyman on the occasion of his yahrzeit from Myrna Spector

### **SHABBAT LUNCHEON FUND**

Yahrzeit of Eva Keyser; Yahrzeit of Samuel Keyser from Arnold and Diane Keyser

Yahrzeit of Frances Altman from Elly and Steve Cohen

Yahrzeit of Mimi Witkin from Harold and Judy Meyer

Yahrzeit of Sylvia Jacobs, beloved mother of Susan Scherick from Susan and Ron Scherick

### **SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

For the Earthquake Fund from Elinor and Herb Flink

In support of Earthquake relief from Diane and Jeffrey Wasser

In honor of Maddy Turk's 80th birthday from Elly and Steve Cohen

In honor of the very special birthday of Maddy Turk from Susan Stoppelman

Yahrzeit of May and Henry Ross from Calvin and Elaine Vinick



# April 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1 (10 Nisan)</b> Shabbat HaGadol <b>10:00am</b> Shabbat Services <b>8:00pm</b> Havdalah Sunset: 7:15pm
<b>2 (11 Nisan)</b> <b>9:00am</b> Hebrew school K-7 <b>9:01am</b> Morning Minyan <b>9:30am</b> Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker	<b>3 (12 Nisan)</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Mincha/Maariv	<b>4 (13 Nisan)</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Mincha/Maariv	<b>5 (14 Nisan)</b> Erev Pesach Ta'anit Bechorot <b>7:30am</b> First Born Service <b>2:00pm</b> <u>Office Closed</u> <b>7:02pm</b> Candle Lighting	<b>6 (15 Nisan)</b> Pesach <u>Office Closed</u> <b>10:00am</b> Pesach 1 Service <b>5:45pm</b> Community Seder <b>8:06pm</b> Candle Lighting	<b>7 (16 Nisan)</b> Pesach 1st Day Omer <u>Office Closed</u> <b>10:00am</b> Pesach 2 Service <b>6:00pm</b> Friday Night Services <b>7:04pm</b> Candle Lighting  Sunset: 7:22pm	<b>8 (17 Nisan)</b> 2nd Day Omer <b>10:00am</b> Shabbat Services <b>8:08pm</b> Havdalah  Sunset: 7:23pm
<b>9 (18 Nisan)</b> Pesach 3rd Day Omer	<b>10 (19 Nisan)</b> Pesach 4th Day Omer <b>7:00pm</b> Mincha/Maariv <b>7:30pm</b> Sisterhood/ Hadassah Book Club	<b>11 (20 Nisan)</b> Pesach 5th Day Omer <b>2:00pm</b> <u>Office Closed</u> <b>6:00pm</b> Pesach Evening Service <b>7:08pm</b> Candle Lighting	<b>12 (21 Nisan)</b> Pesach 6th Day Omer <u>Office Closed</u> <b>10:00am</b> Pesach 7 Service <b>6:00pm</b> Pesach Evening Service <b>8:12pm</b> Candle Lighting	<b>13 (22 Nisan)</b> Pesach Yizkor 7th Day Omer <u>Office Closed</u> <b>10:00am</b> Pesach 8 & Yizkor Service <b>8:13pm</b> Havdalah	<b>14 (23 Nisan)</b> 8th Day Omer <b>6:00pm</b> Friday Night Services <b>7:12pm</b> Candle Lighting  Sunset: 7:30pm	<b>15 (24 Nisan)</b> Shabbat Mevarchim 9th Day Omer <b>10:00am</b> Shabbat Services <b>8:16pm</b> Havdalah  Sunset: 7:31pm
<b>16 (25 Nisan)</b> 10th Day Omer	<b>17 (26 Nisan)</b> 11th Day Omer <b>7:00pm</b> Mincha/Maariv <b>7:00pm</b> Yom HaShoah Program	<b>18 (27 Nisan)</b> Yom HaShoah 12th Day Omer <b>7:00pm</b> Mincha/Maariv	<b>19 (28 Nisan)</b> 13th Day Omer <b>7:00pm</b> Mincha/Maariv <b>7:30pm</b> BOD Board Meeting	<b>20 (29 Nisan)</b> 14th Day Omer <b>4:30pm</b> Hebrew school Gr 3-7 <b>7:00pm</b> Mincha/Maariv	<b>21 (30 Nisan)</b> Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th Day Omer <b>6:00pm</b> Friday Night Services <b>7:19pm</b> Candle Lighting  Sunset: 7:37pm	<b>22 (1 Iyyar)</b> Rosh Chodesh Iyyar, 16th Day Omer <b>10:00am</b> Shabbat Services <b>10:00am</b> Junior Congregation <b>12:30pm</b> Shabbat Lunch <b>8:23pm</b> Havdalah Sunset: 7:38pm
<b>23 (2 Iyyar)</b> 17th Day Omer <b>9:00am</b> Hebrew school K-7	<b>24 (3 Iyyar)</b> 18th Day Omer <b>7:00pm</b> Mincha/Maariv	<b>25 (4 Iyyar)</b> Yom HaZikaron 19th Day Omer <b>6:00pm</b> Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration	<b>26 (5 Iyyar)</b> Yom Ha'Atzmaut 20th Day Omer <b>7:00pm</b> Mincha/Maariv	<b>27 (6 Iyyar)</b> 21st Day Omer <b>4:30pm</b> Hebrew school Gr 3-7 <b>7:00pm</b> Mincha/Maariv <b>7:30pm</b> Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>28 (7 Iyyar)</b> 22nd Day Omer <b>6:00pm</b> Brotherhood Kabbalat Shabbat <b>7:27pm</b> Candle Lighting  Sunset: 7:45pm	<b>29 (8 Iyyar)</b> 23rd Day Omer <b>10:00am</b> Shabbat Services <b>8:31pm</b> Havdalah Sunset: 7:46pm
<b>30 (9 Iyyar)</b> 24th Day Omer <b>9:00am</b> Hebrew school K-7 <b>10:00am</b> Sisterhood Adventure Walk	Please note that the Chai Lights calendar dates are as of the date of publishing. Any schedule changes after this time will be posted on the online calendar at myshul.org and included in the weekly announcements.					

# Evening Minyan Schedule

Please Note: Services will begin at 7:00 PM except where noted.  
*\* Special credit to our twice a month (or more) Jewry Duty members*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b><u>First Monday</u></b> Maxine Jaffe* Michelle Konigsburg* Brenda Lerner* Susan Mendelsohn* Sarah Poutre* Stacey Poutre* Susan Scherick Ron Scherick Susan Stoppelman	<b><u>First Tuesday</u></b> Rick Berkman* Arnold Keyser* Manny Lerman Sarah Poutre* Stacey Poutre* Jane Zimmerman*	<b><u>First Wednesday</u></b> Brina Abrahams* Ron Abrahams* Linda Grad Carol Hatch Marilyn Lassow* Susan Mendelsohn* Irene Milzoff Joel Milzoff Becky Murray	<b><u>First Thursday</u></b> Michelle Konigsburg* Brenda Lerner* Judy Meyer Harold Meyer Stacey Poutre* Calvin Vinick
<b><u>Second Monday</u></b> Bruce Beck Hope Igdalsky Alan Igdalsky Maxine Jaffe* Michelle Konigsburg* Brenda Lerner* Rabbi Richard Plavin* Lisa Plavin* Stacey Poutre* Sarah Poutre*	<b><u>Second Tuesday</u></b> Aaron Bayer Laurie Bayer Rick Berkman* Ellie Flink* Herb Flink* Arnold Keyser* Diane Keyser* Sarah Poutre* Stacey Poutre* Steve Wollins*	<b><u>Second Wednesday</u></b> Brina Abrahams* Ron Abrahams* Leslie Abrahams Richard Abrahams Bea Brodie Gordon Brodie Debra Carlson Marilyn Lassow* Susan Mendelsohn* Sarah Poutre*	<b><u>Second Thursday</u></b> Paula Finkelstein Michelle Konigsburg* Brenda Lerner* Steve Leshin Barbara Leshin Stacey Poutre* Barry Resnick Renny Resnick Ted Zupnik* Barbara Zupnik*
<b><u>Third Monday</u></b> Michelle Konigsburg* Brenda Lerner* Abe Linner Iris Linner Susan Mendelsohn* Stacey Poutre* Sarah Poutre*	<b><u>Third Tuesday</u></b> Rick Berkman* Arnold Keyser* Diane Keyser* Sarah Poutre* Stacey Poutre*	<b><u>Third Wednesday</u></b> Ron Abrahams* Brina Abrahams* Steve Cohen* Elly Cohen* Maury Luxemburg Marilyn Lassow* Jeff Lassow Liza Mandel Susan Mendelsohn* Stacey Poutre* Jack Steigelfest Dawn Steigelfest	<b><u>Third Thursday</u></b> Mimi Kalman* Michelle Konigsburg* Neil Kovensky* Brenda Lerner* Stacey Poutre* Eveleen Zimmerman* Jane Zimmerman*
<b><u>Fourth Monday</u></b> Michelle Konigsburg* Brenda Lerner* Phil Margolis Sue Margolis Susan Mendelsohn* Rabbi Richard Plavin* Lisa Plavin* Stacey Poutre* Sarah Poutre*	<b><u>Fourth Tuesday</u></b> Rick Berkman* Sarah Poutre* Stacey Poutre* Steve Wollins*	<b><u>Fourth Wednesday</u></b> Ron Abrahams* Brina Abrahams* Marilyn Lassow* Stacey Poutre* Sarah Poutre* Mike Turk Maddy Turk	<b><u>Fourth Thursday</u></b> Mimi Kalman* Michelle Konigsburg* Brenda Lerner* Stacey Poutre* Eveleen Zimmerman*
<b><u>Fifth Monday</u></b> Michelle Konigsburg* Neil Kovensky* Brenda Lerner* Susan Mendelsohn* Stacey Poutre* Sarah Poutre*	<b><u>Fifth Tuesday</u></b> Rick Berkman* Sarah Poutre* Stacey Poutre* Ellie Flink* Herb Flink*	<b><u>Fifth Wednesday</u></b> Ron Abrahams* Brina Abrahams* Steve Cohen* Elly Cohen* Marilyn Lassow* Stacey Poutre*	<b><u>Fifth Thursday</u></b> Michelle Konigsburg* Brenda Lerner* Stacey Poutre* Steve Wollins* Ted Zupnik* Barbara Zupnik*



Simple, Affordable, Jewish Funerals.



**BLUMENSTEIN**  
FUNERALS

860-243-6000 | [blumensteinfunerals.com](http://blumensteinfunerals.com)



## See Your Ad Here and Support BSBI!

For more information, contact Allison Sawtelle at [programming@myshul.org](mailto:programming@myshul.org) or call 860-643-9563 x100



For news of Israel, there's  
Haaretz, Maariv, and the  
Jerusalem Post.

For news of  
Manchester and Vernon,  
there's only the  
Journal Inquirer

Joel L. Rosenlicht, D.M.D.  
Ryaz Ansari, D.D.S.



*Rosenlicht & Ansari*  
Implant Dentistry, Oral and Facial Surgery Center

*The smart choice for:*

- \* Dental Implants  
~Teeth in a Day
- \* Wisdom Teeth
- \* Snoring

483 Middle Turnpike West  
(860) 649 - 2272  
[www.Jawfixers.com](http://www.Jawfixers.com)



<b>Manchester</b> 317 Highland Street 860-646-4277	<b>Glastonbury</b> 1320 Manchester Road 860-659-1717
<b>Farmington</b> 204 Main Street 860-674-9536	<b>Suffield</b> 68 Bridge Street 860-668-9660

• [www.highlandparkmarket.com](http://www.highlandparkmarket.com) •

# Lynch Motors Inc.

## LYNCH



TOYOTA  
179-235 TOLLAND TPKE  
(860) 646-4321

MANCHESTER, CT

Proudly Supported by the



Jewish Federation  
OF GREATER HARTFORD

JOYCE EPSTEIN  
Owner/Broker

111 Main Street  
Manchester, CT 06042



Email: [Joyce@JoyceEpstein.com](mailto:Joyce@JoyceEpstein.com)  
www: [JoyceEpstein.com](http://JoyceEpstein.com)

INTEGRITY KNOWLEDGE SERVICE



- Retirement Income Planning
- Divorce Financial Planning
- College Savings Plans
- Fee based Money Management
- Annuities
- Life Insurance

Contact: Jay Bigman

[jay@jaybigman.com](mailto:jay@jaybigman.com)

860-644-9834

[www.jaybigman.com](http://www.jaybigman.com)

Securities by Licensed Individuals Offered  
Through Securities America Inc. A Registered  
Broker/Dealer. Member FINRA, SIPC



**Home Bound?  
Prefer at Home Foot Care?**

Manchester Podiatry Center, P.C.  
1-888-804-7180  
by appointment only

**House Calls**

Call Dr. Kenneth Wichman

and schedule a convenient  
visit at your home.

[www.ctfootdoctor.com](http://www.ctfootdoctor.com)



STANLEY FALKENSTEIN  
Attorney at Law

FALKENSTEIN, MEGGERS,  
PAUL & ROBINSON, P.C.

113 East Center Street  
Manchester, CT 06040-5243

[www.113law.com](http://www.113law.com)  
[sfalkenstein@113law.com](mailto:sfalkenstein@113law.com)

phone (860) 649-2865

(860) 649-5278

fax (860) 649-2073

(860) 645-8207



TELEPHONE (860) 872-6016  
FAX (860) 872-6614

RONALD A. DEL VECCHIO, D.D.S.  
DIPLOMATE AMERICAN BOARD OF PERIODONTICS  
PRACTICE LIMITED TO PERIODONTICS AND IMPLANTS

VERNON PROFESSIONAL BUILDING  
281 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, RT. 30  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT 06066

# BECK & ELDERGILL, P.C.

## LAWYERS

Employment - Personal Injury - Domestic Relations  
447 Center Street, Manchester, CT 06040 (860) 646-5606

**YOUR COMMUNITY.  
YOUR FEDERATION.**

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW has had a child introduced to Judaism through the PJ Library or sought consultation about improving the quality of life for an aging parent at Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford, then you know how important the Annual Campaign is to our community.

EVERY YEAR, THROUGH THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN, countless lives are saved, cared for, reached out to and rebuilt.

WITH ONE GIFT, YOU CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE in many of the causes important to you—all at once. With Federation's community based giving wherever the need is greatest, we address it because of donations from donors like you.



Jewish Federation  
OF GREATER HARTFORD

[www.JewishHartford.org](http://www.JewishHartford.org)

f | [www.facebook.com/JewishHartford](https://www.facebook.com/JewishHartford)  
t | @JewishHartford



**THE TROPHY SHOP**

—Since 1972—  
Plaques, Trophies and Engraving Services

[www.thetrophyshop.biz](http://www.thetrophyshop.biz)

(A Wealth Industries LLC Company)

214 Hartford Turnpike • Vernon • CT • 06066  
sales@thetrophyshop.biz • (860) 871-0867

LAW OFFICES OF  
PAUL L. RUBIN

**PAUL L. RUBIN**  
Attorney at Law

135 East Center Street • Manchester, CT 06040  
Tel. 860-647-9210 • Fax 860-647-9265  
E-Mail: attyrubin@aol.com

## HEBREW FUNERAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

*A traditional way for all Jews since 1898*

*"A True Act of Kindness" - חסד של אמת*

**Leonard J. Holtz, Executive Funeral Director**

*Second Generation Serving Greater Hartford*

906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT

Tel. (860) 224-2337

Cell (860) 888-6919

P.O. Box 370302, West Hartford, CT 06137

*Pre-Paid Funeral Trusts*

## TotalVision Eyecare

*Medical eye care • Contact lenses • Custom eyewear*

**Lance I. Alpert, O.D.**

*Doctor of Optometry*

362 Middle Turnpike West  
Manchester, CT 06040  
(860) 649-3311

[www.totalvisioneyecare.com](http://www.totalvisioneyecare.com)  
dralp@totalvisioneyecare.com  
Check us out on Facebook!

**Philip M. Partney**  
President

860-463-8173



**PMP Profix LLC**

**Small jobs our specialty**

- Home Improvements
- Leaky Faucets
- Carpentry Repair
- Custom Shelving
- Dryer Vent Cleaning, and more!

**Contact Phil, he can solve your problem!**

WWW.PMP Profix.com E-mail: philippartney@pmpprofix.com

CT HIC REG# 0632587

**Fully Insured**

**STUART J. HORN, D.M.D.**  
**GEORGE S. CAYE, D.D.S.**

**COMPREHENSIVE DENTISTRY**

599 Main Street  
Manchester, CT 06040

Telephone: (860) 647-1565  
Fax: (860) 643-2796



---

Beth Sholom B'nai Israel  
400 Middle Turnpike East  
Manchester, CT 06040

Address Service Requested

Time Sensitive Material  
Please Do Not Delay

Next Month's *Chai Lights* Deadline is **Monday, April 10th**  
Please send all articles to : [Programming@myshul.org](mailto:Programming@myshul.org)

## RLWRS BBQ

May 21st

12:00pm

