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Services

Monday - Thursday: 7:00 PM

Friday: 6:00 PM **Saturday:** 10:00 AM

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

The entire community is welcome to attend our services.

**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

Sunday, August 13th (Av 26)

2:00pm Sisterhood's New and Prospective
Member Afternoon Tea

Monday, August 14 (Av 27)

7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

Wednesday, August 16 (Av 29)

7:30pm BSBI Board Meeting

Sunday, August 20 (Elul 3)

12:00pm Yard Goats Faith & Family Day

Tuesday, August 22 (Elul 5)

7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, August 24 (Elul 7)

6:30pm RLWRS Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 27 (Elul 10)

11:30am Sisterhood Annual Brunch

Monday, August 28 (Elul 11)

6:00pm Security Training - Stop the Bleed

High Holiday information is coming soon!

Keep an eye on your email, and all information will be in the September bulletin.

Condolences to:

Wendy Videll on the death of her birth mother, Carol Zuckerman, and to Carol's other children Marnie Hambrecht, Joshua Zuckerman, and her sister Marsha Mountzoures.

Tiffany (Glenn) Blumenstein and Heather (David) Branstetter on the death of their father, Louis Lopez, Jr.



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Faith, Hope, and Prayer

Now that it is post-Tisha B'Av, it is time to start thinking about the High Holy Days. I know that it seems like it is still so far off but after the fast day it is only seven weeks away. Given all that we need to do to prepare for the Days of Awe, we should start during these seven weeks to prepare ourselves for the holidays.

Preparing for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is not about who to invite for dinner and what to serve them all. These days are days where we must ask ourselves serious questions about our lives and how we live them. We like to think that we have all the time in the world to improve ourselves, but the reality is that we have no idea what the future will bring. Our time in this world is very limited and each moment is a precious commodity. As we approach the Jewish New Year, we need to contemplate the passage of time and what we are doing with the time that we have.

While I was on vacation, there were three young people in our group, ages 12, 17, and 20. They were all related to each other, and I got to sit next to them during dinner one night. There were great discussions going on around the table, but these three young people were comparing the way they play their video games, what they liked about being on vacation, and things they had recently bought. It was all pretty vapid but hey, they are young. They have their whole lives ahead of them. Why should they be burdened by stark realities of life?

As they talked, I tried to insert some ideas about the real meaning of life. (Hey, I am a rabbi, that is my job: to lift the level of discussion from time to time). I realized that they fully understood that life was fragile, but they just were not interested in contemplating it. School was where they took on deep subjects in regular life; on vacation, they would talk about things that REALLY interested them.

But it isn't only the young who tend to ignore the reality that surrounds us. We who visit cemeteries far too often, who have had our stays in hospitals and our brushes with death, we understand clearly how precious life is and that what we do with our time can make all the difference. And yet, there are those who put such matters out of their life and only concentrate on shopping, Netflix, and what people are wearing on the red carpet during award season.

This time of year, Jews concentrate on the important stuff. Yom Kippur is our day of death. We wear white, a kittel or an outfit that reminds us of how Jews are dressed when they die. We don't eat or drink. It is the day we imitate our death to remind us of how much we need to value the time we have. This does not need to be sad or dark, but if there are things we want to accomplish, things we want to share, things we need to finish, things we want to learn, this is the season we commit to using our time better, to making the moments count, and to spending our time with people we deeply care about.

We rabbis often remember a commercial on television long ago where several people of different races and ethnicities held up a phone and said, "Call your mother, call your mama, call your mom." The last one was a famous football coach who held up a phone and said, "Call your mama ... I wish I could call mine."

This time of the year we remember that we don't have all the time in the world. If we need/want/desire to say something important to someone we care about, someone we love, we need to get it done now. If there is someone we have not talked to in a while, now is the time to connect. If we are estranged from someone, now is the time to make things right. Don't wait until Rosh Hashana. There is no guarantee that they will still be around or that we will still be here to share, care, or forgive.

Call your father, your siblings, or old friends.

Call someone you just met and get to know them better.

Call someone you are angry with and make up.

Call your mama ... I still wish I could call mine.

Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg



A Word From Our President

So, I don't want to be one of those people that says, I can't believe it's August already, where did the time go? But really...can you believe that it's August already? Summer is winding down, schools are getting ready to open their doors again, people are taking their last summer trips or vacations ... and of course, Rosh Hashana is right around the corner!

If you read my column last year, you might remember how excited I get before Rosh Hashana. And even though each year brings it's own set of circumstances, one thing that I've always loved, was seeing people that, for whatever reason, I haven't seen in a while. Whether you call it "High Holidays" or "High Holy Days", one thing is for sure... everyone shows up (G-d willing).

When I was young, before I had ever heard the phrase "Jewish journey", I would always ask my parents: "Why are so many more people here than usual?" And every year my father would give me the same answer... They're here, that's the most important part. And maybe they'll come back before next Rosh Hashana.

I grew to understand what he meant over the years, but as an adult and a Synagogue President, I finally understand the deeper meaning. A synagogue is more than just a place for people to worship... it's our Kehila, our community, in every sense of the word. No matter where someone may be on their personal Jewish Journey, it's a center for our Jewish-social-circle. And without the people, what is it really?

So this year, when you see someone who you haven't seen in a while... after you wish them a Shanah Tova...ask them they're coming back.

I'm the first to admit that I could do a better job of being present... but you have my commitment, my word, that I will try. Will you?

Now go and enjoy the rest of your summer... I'll see you soon.

Russ Benblatt
President
Beth Sholom B'nai Israel

Update from the Rabbi Search Committee

On Monday, July 24, we held a very successful Community Conversation. Those who attended shared their thoughts on pertinent questions, providing valuable input that will shape the search going forward. The information gleaned from the Congregational Survey and the Community Conversation will help us to reflect your priorities in seeking our next rabbi.

The next step before the committee is to complete the lengthy Questionnaire required by the Rabbinical Assembly, and to craft a job description that mirrors the congregation's values and concerns.

In response to concerns that have been expressed by several congregants, we have this information:

At present, the Rabbinical Assembly does not permit new seminary graduates to serve as the sole rabbi of a congregation; typically, they are placed as assistant rabbis under the guidance of a senior rabbi who acts as mentor. Although there have been fewer seminary graduates post-COVID, those lower numbers probably will have no impact on our search.

However, Rabbi Konigsburg has been informed that a good number of experienced rabbis are seeking new positions, many of whom would welcome a location in the Northeastern US. So we are hopeful that there will be an adequate pool from which to choose. Time will tell. In addition, United Synagogue has become more flexible in permitting searches outside the RA, should we need to pursue that avenue.

Community Events

When Art and Judaism Collide

This is a group from our region of Women's League who joined Judy and Josh Meyer for Josh's JArts talk about Judaism and Art on 6/22/23 at the Boston Hebrew College, where two of Josh's works are on display. His eight-panel work, *Eight Approaches*, can be seen behind them.



Sidonia's Seam Binding

Hanna Marcus has published the last volume of her series of memoirs, the Sidonia's Thread trilogy.

Sidonia's Seam Binding: A Holocaust Dressmaker's Daughter Discovers Her Style, wraps up the story of two women who face an uncertain fate in America with style. Over the past decade, the Sidonia's Thread series has won numerous awards and touched many avid readers in various parts of the world.

Hanna is excited that she could complete the story of her life with her mother, Sidonia, a master local dressmaker, and her mother's impact on her eventual behavioral style, a bit about her lost Hungarian ancestors, devastated by the Holocaust, and an imagined reality of her mother's life as though she had never been born. It wasn't an easy book to write, but very fulfilling.



Hanna's books about life with her mother are a richly rewarding experience filled with love, pathos, and humor. After reading *Sidonia's Seam Binding*, she looks forward to your feedback. Catch her [Amazon Author page](#), her website, hannaperlsteinmarcus.com, or send her a message at info@hannamarcus.com.

Jewry Duty



Please remember to attend our nightly minyan in support of your fellow congregants. If you haven't registered to attend one night (or more frequently), that is still available to do at the BSBI website or by contacting the office. See page 15 for the updated Jewry Duty list.

Thanks,
Maury Luxemburg

Social Action Update

Jewish tradition teaches that we are partners with G-d in creation and, as Jews, we are expected to be stewards of the sanctuary He created for us. Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav said, "It is a mitzvah to roam the forest and the fields to commune with God."

In 2016, Repair the Sea - Tikkun HaYam - was a Florida college club, Scubi Jew. Rabbi Ed Rosenthal crafted the club as an innovative way to connect college students to Judaism and each other.

In 2022, six years later, the number of participants cleaning up local waterfronts as a High Holiday tradition multiplied by a factor of 500 to over 3,000 Jews and allies in 12 countries. Nearly 200 communities in the US came together to clean the environment as a part of the 5th Annual Reverse Tashlich. And BSBI played a part in that!

So please join us again this fall on September 10 at 1:30 in the BSBI parking lot to participate in the Second Annual BSBI Reverse Tashlich. The registration link is active, so sign up today. It's an obligation. It's a mitzvah. And you'll make a difference.

Rabbi Tarfon said, "You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."

Brotherhood Corner

I wanted to take a moment to thank those members of the congregation who attended convention for FJMC in Philadelphia to support me. It was so nice having you all there with me. Additionally, I want to thank those of you who put messages of congratulations in the ad book for me. Earning the Ma'asim Tovim award was truly an honor and I thank CT Valley for their nomination and confirmation of the honor.

Sincerely,
Glenn M. Hauer

Community Events

Celebrate Good Times, Come On!

The BSBI Brotherhood is celebrating 18 years (or is it more?) by having a special Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner on Friday, October 13. We are inviting everyone to celebrate with us with a free dinner (that's right—Shabbat dinner on us). Keep your eyes open for the registration notice in next month's bulletin and upcoming weekly announcements.



Thank you from HVCC

Dear BSBI,

Thank you for contributing to Hockanum Valley Community Council! With your contribution, you have helped brighten the lives of others in our community. Every year brings new challenges to our community, but your donation ensures those challenges are met. Whether that means expanding the reach of our pantry, providing rides to new towns, or telemedicine appointments for those struggling with their mental health, these programs would not exist without your support.

Thank you again for joining HVCC's mission to ensure everyone in Connecticut has access to vital social services and basic needs. 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 the staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors at HVCC, thank you.

Sincerely,
David M. O'Rourke
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you from USCJ

Dear BSBI,

Thank you for your generous contribution to The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ). Thanks to you, over 550 synagogues and thousands of Jews throughout the Conservative Movement are positioned for continued success with a wide array of resources.

USCJ is able to:

- effectively impact the lives of tens of thousands of teens annually through United Synagogue Youth (USY)
- Provide meaningful Jewish learning opportunities for adults of all ages within North America and the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem.
- Equipped with the tools needed to identify and engage a pipeline of Jewish leaders across North America through carefully crafted programs that deliver community-based, individualized training.

We appreciate your continued support of uniting communities as they strive to be places of meaning and purpose through USCJ. Together, we can advance Conservative Judaism across North America, in Israel, and around the world.

With gratitude,

Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal & Andy Schaefer
Chief Executive Officer President

Thank you from MACC Charities

Dear Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Members,

Thank you so much for your generous gift to MACC Charities. Your generous donation comes at a time when our community needs us most.

Your donation helps support our communities most basic emergency needs of food, clothing, and shelter, necessities that are hard to sustain during these challenging times economically. We know you have a lot of choices when it comes to donating and we are so grateful that you chose to donate to our mission of building partnerships to break cycles of poverty in our community. Thank you for our continued partnership!

Many Blessings,
Shannon Baldassario
CEO, MACC Charities

Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School Update

Back to School—Almost!

The students and teachers of the Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School will soon be starting school again! Rabbi Alan and the teaching staff have great plans for the coming year, and it begins with some exciting activities and get-togethers.

First, we will have our Second Annual Ice Cream Social and Open House to welcome new and returning students and their families to a new year of learning. Rabbi Alan will lead us in singing, and we'll enjoy custom-made ice cream sundaes. Sprinkles! Gummies! Yum! Please use this QR code to sign up for the Ice Cream Social—or go to myshul.org and sign up there. (We don't want to run out of ice cream!)



[Ice Cream Social
Registration](#)

The first day of religious school will be on Sunday, September 10. After prayers, singing, and lessons, we'll adjourn to the parking lot for A Taste of Honey, BSBI's annual celebration of the coming Jewish New Year, featuring a cookout and fun activities for all ages!

After A Taste of Honey, families are invited to join the second annual Reverse Tashlich program. Many of you participated in this environmental mitzvah last year. Instead of tossing things into the local rivers, we'll help remove garbage from them. Gloves and grabbers will be provided; please sign up in advance so that the committee will have enough on hand. Please use this QR code to sign up for Reverse Tashlich—or go to myshul.org and sign up there!



[Reverse Tashlich
Registration](#)

As is our tradition, family services for Rosh Hashanah (on Saturday, September 16) and Yom Kippur (on Monday, September 25) will be held again this year. Family services will begin at 11:00 a.m. on both holidays. Keep an eye out for the High Holiday schedule in next month's bulletin.

Welcome to a wonderful new year of Jewish learning and mitzvot. It is a blessing to study Torah together!

L'Shalom,
Bea Brodie
Rebecca Rumbo
Co-VPs of Education



Celebration Dates

Happy Birthday to:

Ronald Scherick 8/2	Irma Carter 8/11	Beverly Russo Byk 8/20
Ken Bernstein 8/5	JoAnn Itzkowitz 8/13	Harriet Beede 8/21
Craig Cinquemani 8/5	Yale Cantor 8/14	Eric Miller 8/21
Ellen Chase 8/5	Lea Schmerler 8/14	Alexander Hauer 8/25
Amie O'Brien 8/6	Alan Itzkowitz 8/14	Russell Benblatt 8/25
Gloria Naftali 8/6	Phillip Axler 8/15	Jordana Benblatt 8/26
Sharon Haight 8/8	Cruz Mandell 8/15	Audrey Davis 8/27
Paul Norman 8/9	Emma Luxemburg 8/18	Eileen Stern 8/28
Jacob H. O'Neil 8/10	Blanche Ross 8/18	Merle Lassow 8/29
Susan Rubin 8/11	David Burstein 8/19	Carol Alter 8/30

Happy Anniversary to:

Alan & Donna Feir 8/2	Neil & Jackie Somberg 8/12
Ronald & Susan Scherick 8/3	Stephen & Rachel Donnell 8/17
Alan & Carol Goldstein 8/7	Gordon & Beatrice Brodie 8/20
Joel & Irene Milzoff 8/8	Michael & Brenda Bula 8/20
Richard & Elise Carlton 8/10	Robert & Donna Caplin 8/21
Phillip & Elaine Axler 8/10	Daniel & Rochelle Levine 8/25
Jack & Lynn Cohen 8/10	Glenn & Rebecca Hauer 8/25
Theodore & Barbara Zupnik 8/11	Randall & Elaine Nelson 8/28
Eric & Jessica Zachs 8/11	Jeffrey & Sue Pitler 8/30
Richard & Amy Schiller 8/11	Alan & Hope Igdalsky 8/31



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

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.

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

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

Sunday, August 13

2:00 - 4:00 pm New and Prospective Member Afternoon Tea

Monday, August 14

7:45 pm Zoom Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Group

Tuesday, August 22

7:30pm Zoom Sisterhood Board Meeting

Sunday, August 27

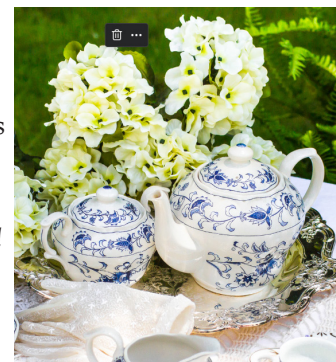
11:30 am Sisterhood Annual Brunch
Adventure Walk: Cancelled

British Style Afternoon Tea for New and Prospective Members

BSBI Sisterhood invites you to a special afternoon tea on Sunday, August 13, from 2 to 4 PM. This event will be hosted by Margie Partney and Rima Riedel at Margie's home, 69 Jacqueline Drive in Manchester.

Please join us for an afternoon of Fun, Friendship, and Fine Fare. Hats encouraged! Please RSVP to Margie and Rima **no later than Monday, August 7, 2023**

Hope to see you there!



Margie: philippartney@att.net (860) 463-8051

Rima: rimarainbow@cox.net (860) 649-8507

Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Monday, August 14, 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 Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi. The Mary Cheney Research Librarian is still holding copies of the book for the BSBI Book Group. The zoom link will be posted closer to the meeting date.

Maxine Lerman and Becky Murray

Knit & Kvetch

Our last meeting for the year was in May, but remember, over the summer, keep on knitting!! See you in September.

We are always in need of hats, mittens, scarves, and afghans. 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 or call me at 860-649-6551.
Anne Fink

Sisterhood Gift Shop Your Source for all Your Smachot

Summer is almost over! Perhaps you want to add something new to brighten your home, or some Judaica as a gift for a graduate or newly-weds? How about a new Mezuzah for your door? Stop by the gift shop and you may find some additional items to enjoy! If you don't see what you need, we'll be happy to order it for you. Please don't hesitate to contact either Harriet Beede or Brenda Lerner to arrange to meet you there.

Harriet Beede, hmbeede@gmail.com, 860-305-8711
Brenda Lerner, brenler@cox.net, 860-643-9700

Sisterhood Annual Brunch

Join us for our Annual Sisterhood Brunch on Sunday, August 27th, at 11:30 at the home of Brina Abrahams, 10 Vinetta Drive in Vernon.

Brina is a very gracious host, with a lovely back yard; it will be a nice time to sit, "munch," and enjoy spending time with each other. RSVP to Brina at brinaron@sbcglobal.net

Share an Oneg

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

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

Torah Fund Cards

Mazel tov to Sharon Woodley on the occasion of her birthday; Mazel tov to Mimi Kalman on the occasion of her birthday; condolences to Karen and Allen Block in memory of their son, Gary; Mazel tov to Cathy Ludlum on the occasion of her birthday; Mazel tov to Gabe O'Neil in honor of his high school graduation; Condolences to Wendy Videll in memory of her birth mother, Carol Zuckerman from Judy and Harold Meyer.

Condolences to Jeff Wasser and family in memory of Jeff's father, Edward Wasser; Mazel tov to Mimi Kalman on the occasion of her birthday; Mazel tov to Ron and Brina Abrahams in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary; Mazel tov to Manny and Maxine Lerman in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary; Mazel tov to Ira and Anne Fink in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary from Lynn and Jack Cohen.

Mazel tov to Ron and Brina Abrahams in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary; Mazel tov to Manny and Maxine Lerman in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary from Mimi Kalman.

Condolences to the Vinick family in memory of Martha Vinick; Mazel tov to Ron and Brina Abrahams in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary; Mazel tov to Manny and Maxine Lerman in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary from Cal and Elaine Vinick.

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

Leave a Jewish Legacy



IRA Assets and Qualified Charitable Distributions

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

Donation of "Qualified Charitable Distributions" (QCD)

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

What are QCDs?

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

What are important things to know about QCDs?

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

Examples of using QCDs for charitable giving

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

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

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

Endowment Foundation

Scholarships	Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School	Adult Education	Community	General Endowment Fund	<p style="text-align: center;">The Time is Now, The Need is Great!</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>
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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	
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In honor of Manny & Maxine Lerman's 50th anniversary from Harold & Judy Meyer

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SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Happy Anniversary to Ron & Brina Abrahams on their 60th anniversary; Happy Anniversary to Maxine and Mannie Lerman on their 50th wedding anniversary from Susan Stoppelman

August 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 (14 Av) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	2 (15 Av) Tu B'Av 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	3 (16 Av) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	4 (17 Av) 6:00pm Friday Night Services 7:47pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 8:05pm	5 (18 Av) 10:00am Shabbat Services 8:49pm Havdalah Sunset: 8:04pm
6 (19 Av) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	7 (20 Av) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	8 (21 Av) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	9 (22 Av) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	10 (23 Av) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	11 (24 Av) 6:00pm Friday Night Services 7:38pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 7:56pm	12 (25 Av) Shabbat Mevarchim 10:00am Shabbat Services 8:40pm Havdalah Sunset: 7:55pm
13 (26 Av) 2:00pm Sisterhood New and Prospective Member Afternoon Tea	14 (27 Av) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club	15 (28 Av) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	16 (29 Av) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Board Meeting	17 (30 Av) Rosh Chodesh Elul 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	18 (1 Elul) Rosh Chodesh Elul 6:00pm Friday Night Services 7:28pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 7:46pm	19 (2 Elul) 10:00am Shabbat Services 8:29pm Havdalah Sunset: 7:44pm
20 (3 Elul) 12:00pm Yard Goats Faith & Family Day	21 (4 Elul) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	22 (5 Elul) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	23 (6 Elul) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	24 (7 Elul) 6:30pm RLWRS Ice Cream Social 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	25 (8 Elul) 6:00pm Friday Night Services 7:17pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 7:35pm	26 (9 Elul) 10:00am Shabbat Services 8:19pm Havdalah Sunset: 7:34pm
27 (10 Elul) 11:30am Sisterhood Annual Brunch	28 (11 Elul) 6:00pm Security Training - Stop the Bleed 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	29 (12 Elul) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	30 (13 Elul) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	31 (14 Elul) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv		

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