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BSBI'S CHAI LIGHTS

January 2023



Wisdom in Winter

Immigration and Refugees

with

Robert J. Fishman, MSW | Executive Director

Michelle Walker, MSW | Director of Programs

Connecticut Immigrant & Refugee Coalition (CIRC)

and recent refugees who will share their stories

Series: January 23rd, 30th, and February 6th

Lecture begins at 7:45pm after Minyan.

Registration is required for the Wisdom in Winter Lecture Series.

To learn more and register, visit myshul.org

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Monday - Thursday: 7:00 PM
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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.

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Call the Rabbi!

Rabbi Konigsburg visits the local hospitals on a regular basis. An important part of his duties is to bring comfort and healing to those who are sick. Due to privacy laws, the hospitals can't tell him if one of our members has been admitted. He could be just down the hall, but if he doesn't know someone is there, he will not know to make a visit.

Please call the Rabbi if you or someone you know is in the hospital so a timely visit can be made: 860-643-9563



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 2 (Tevet 9)

Office Closed
7:30pm Support Group

Sunday, January 8 (Tevet 15)

9:30am Brotherhood
Breakfast & Speaker

Monday, January 9 (Tevet 16)

7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah
Book Club

Tuesday, January 10 (Tevet 17)

1:30pm Knit & Kvetch

Monday, January 16 (Tevet 18)

7:30pm Support Group

Wednesday, January 18 (Tevet 25)

7:30pm BOD Board Meeting

Shabbat, January 21:

Shabbat Mevarchim (Tevet 28)

10:00am Sisterhood Shabbat
10:00am Junior Congregation

Monday, January 23:

Rosh Chodesh Shevat (Shevat 1)

7:30pm Wisdom in Winter

Tuesday, January 24 (Shevat 2)

7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

Sunday, January 29 (Shevat 7)

10:00am Sisterhood Adventure Walk

Monday, January 30 (Shevat 8)

7:30pm Wisdom in Winter

Condolences to:

Gail Freedman on the loss of her
boyfriend, Joseph Fleischmann

Husband Bernard Apter, Children Ron
Apter (Carrie Berman), Beth Gold (Jim
Gold), and Grandchildren Emily, Marcus,
Charlotte, Caroline and Matthew on the
loss of Susan Haas Apter

Children Jordan (Corinna) and Todd
(Tammy), and partner Dr. Avram Berger
on the loss of Rhoda Grossman

Faith, Hope and Prayer

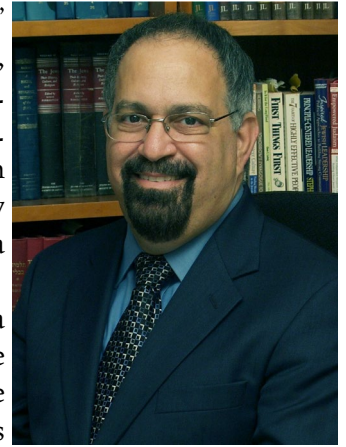
“What’s in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” This is a famous line from Shakespeare’s play, *Romeo and Juliet*. It is true, names are just a convention we use to identify specific things in our world. But Juliet knew, as we all know, that personal names are serious business. Movie stars change their names to look better on a marquee. Jews have been known to change their names to fit in better with the society in which they live. When a couple gets married, the change in names (or not) can tell us a lot about the kind of relationship they are building.

But Jews also have another name, a Hebrew name, sometimes called a Jewish or Yiddish name, that identifies their place in religious circles. In the Ashkenazic world, people are named after recently deceased relatives whose name will live on in the newborn child. In the Sephardic world, relatives are honored by having babies named after them when they are still alive to appreciate the honor.

In both cases, people do not bear just their given name; the full name carries the names of the parents as well. Rather than a surname, Judaism recognizes each “David” “Sarah” or “Shmuel” by adding ben/bat and the name of the father and the mother as well. It is not enough to just know our given name; we need to know where we come from. My Hebrew name is Moshe Shmuel ben Eliezer v’Sheindle; I was named after my grandmother’s father. But I was not that Moshe Shmuel; I was the son of Eliezer and Sheindle, so while I carried his name forward, I also carry the hopes and dreams of my parents. We had a family Bible in our house, and it contained all the Hebrew names of three generations.

It is important to know our full Hebrew/Jewish/Yiddish names. We use it at all formal Jewish moments: when called to the Torah, when we are sick and prayers are offered on our behalf, at weddings and at funerals. Maybe we think of ourselves as American, but behind the scenes we are also Jews, and we need to know the name we carry in that world as well.

If you know your full Hebrew name, great! You honor your parents in two ways, for the name they gave you and for the family they created for you. If you don’t know your Hebrew name, now is a good time to ask family members who might know it to remind you of who you are. It changes nothing of our personality, but it reminds us of our heritage. If we have children, it is important that they know their Hebrew name and our names as well, because our name is a part of their name. There are cases where parents forgot or neglected to give their children Hebrew names. It is never too late. Come see your Rabbi, and we can figure out together what the best path for your family should be. Wherever you go in the world, your Hebrew name will connect you to the local Jewish community. Hebrew names are a powerful part of who we are. We should not neglect them. They make the rose of life smell even sweeter.



Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg

Words from the President

January is always filled with such promise. It's a new year, New Year's Resolutions are fresh in everyone's mind, and most (many? some?) of us haven't had a chance to break them yet. So while the idea of a resolution is still fresh in your mind, I'd like to ask you to consider adding one or two to your list.

The first one is all about you. Throughout the year, BSBI organizes and hosts many events. Some are purely for fun, like the Jazz Fest or our comedy nights. Some are tied to services, like our Family Kabbalat Shabbatot or Junior Congregation, where students from our Hebrew School lead parts of the service. And some are focused on the community and social action. Think about how much more connected you would feel if you came to just one event that you've never been to before.

The second one is about your fellow members of the congregation. Hopefully, you've seen the emails about Jewry Duty and the need we have for daily evening minyanim. Jewry Duty is simply a promise – a promise for you to attend a specific daily minyan. This isn't just to get more people involved in daily services (which isn't a bad thing), it's about helping your fellow congregants. As I'm sure you know, when someone loses a member of their family, they say Kaddish. But to do this, they need a minyan. Now that the pandemic is waning, we can no longer count minyan attendees on Zoom, as part of the ten required. And while you may get a sense of self-satisfaction by doing this ... think about how meaningful and impactful it would be to the one who's waiting for that tenth person to walk in so they can say Kaddish. What a Mitzvah! You can sign up for Jewry Duty on our website.

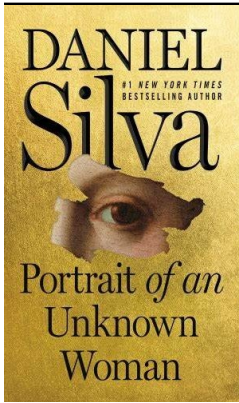
Please, consider adding these to your list of resolutions ... well, the list of ones you don't break by January 2nd.



Wishing you all the best in 2023!

Russ Benblatt
BSBI President

Community Events



Rabbi Richard Plavin Library David Alter, Librarian



Portrait of an Unknown Woman is the latest addition to Daniel Silva's series. Gabriel Allon, Israel's avenging angel, is back again in this new novel. Allon has retired as the Director General of the Israeli secret service known as The Office. He has moved from Israel to Venice, Italy, where he contemplates life in retirement as an art restorer. However, things change quickly when Allon is contacted to investigate the secret behind a seventeenth century portrait. Is it an original Van Dyck painting or a clever forgery? You will have to read the book to find the answer. Look for this book in the "Fiction" section.

Siddurim Recall

As we continue to have more of our services in person, we need to "recall" the daily and Shabbat siddurim that people borrowed during the peak of our health emergency. As most of the siddurim that everyone borrowed have dedications attached to them, we are asking that they be returned to the synagogue. If you should want to purchase a siddur for your personal use, feel free to contact the rabbi, who can help you with this purchase. When you return your siddurim, please let the office know, so we can keep our lists accurate of who still retains siddurim. Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

The Ritual Committee



Welcome New Members!

Just recently, we welcomed new members

- Jenny and Stuart Rabinowitz, and
- Irene Harrison.

Earlier, we were pleased to have the following new people join our ranks:

- Heidi and Jeremy Maynard and family;
- Peter and Reese Goldsmith;
- Casey Block;
- Jessica and Eric Zachs;
- Einav Ornan and Jacob Friedman and family.

Whenever you meet them, please introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome!

Judy Meyer and Ilene O'Neil
Co-VPs of Membership

Update Your Contact Information!

- Have a new cell number or gave up your landline?
- Want to be added to our email list to get our bi-weekly announcements, sad news notifications and other important information related to the congregation?
- Think you signed up to get emails but haven't received any?
- Planning on moving or getting a new email address?
- Have a child who has gone off to college and would like to keep up to date with life at BSBI?
- Please contact the office directly regarding ANY changes or issues by or by sending an email to admin@myshul.org.

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

Community Events

Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee wants to thank all our BSBI family for their very, very, generous donations of coats, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs, and thick warm socks. They will soon be warming some grateful people - just in time for this weekend's nor'easter!

You also gave very generously to our "adopted" family with clothing, jackets, hand-made hats (thanks, Sandi!), lots of toys and games, and many wonderful books. I have no doubt that this will be a Hanukkah the children will always remember. You all really out-did yourselves. Thank you so much!

And finally, all of you who participated in our Reverse Tashlich program deserve a round of applause. I just received an email from Repair the Sea acknowledging your efforts. They selected five of the programs around the world to be designated Star Communities, and we are one!

In her letter, Shayna Cohen said, "We have seen that it is hard to quantify a meaningful program. So, we looked at the data collected, photos submitted, and listened to the stories told and chose a group of selected Star Communities, including Beth Sholom B'nai Israel! We see your program as one of the bright stars from this past year. So as a thank-you to your community for taking the time and putting forth the effort to make Reverse Tashlich a success, we are awarding your community \$500. We hope these funds will be useful in hosting more programs, and/or inspiring more action to protect the planet."

All of you who turned out and cleaned up are the ones responsible for this, so a heartfelt "Yashar Kochachem" goes out to you all. And thank you, Harold, for your photos that were worth many thousands of words! Save the date for next year ... well, save it once we find out what it is!

Susan and Deb
Social Action Co-Chairs

Check out the 2022 Review on the Reverse Tashlich Website.

It's a long page, but our congregation has a great photo slide about 3/4 of the way down.

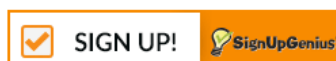
www.repairthesea.org/reverse-tashlich-review

Jewry Duty Returns to BSBI



With the end of the health emergency status, we will be reinstating the requirement of having a minyan in person for our daily evening minyan to be able to recite Kaddish accordingly. There will still be the option to participate with the minyan via our ZOOM link, but we will need ten people in the chapel to meet the physical requirement of a minyan (those involved via ZOOM will not be able to be counted in "the ten").

Please sign up to attend one evening a month to help us reach the necessary ten people to support those within our community who are saying Kaddish. Feel free to offer to attend more than once a month if you can (your effort and presence will always be appreciated). Please click the link below to make your choice of day(s) for attendance to the minyan, as we will be instituting this process as of January 1, 2023. Thank you for your understanding and commitment. We will post a schedule in the bulletin of sign-ups submitted by the 15th of the previous month.



Community Events

Jazz Festival Recap

On December 3rd at 7:00 PM, the BSBI Brotherhood held their 7th Annual Manchester Jazz Festival to a packed audience at Cheney Hall.

Some of the performers were The Brian Charette Group, The Eric Alexander Quartet, and Rob The Drummer & Friends. Special thanks to the many sponsors, the BSBI Brotherhood volunteers, and to Dr. Kenneth Wichman, the Master of Ceremonies.

Photographer: Harold Bernstein



Eastern Connecticut State University and Hanna Marcus Announce Opening of the Sidonia's Thread Traveling Exhibition at Mandell JCC

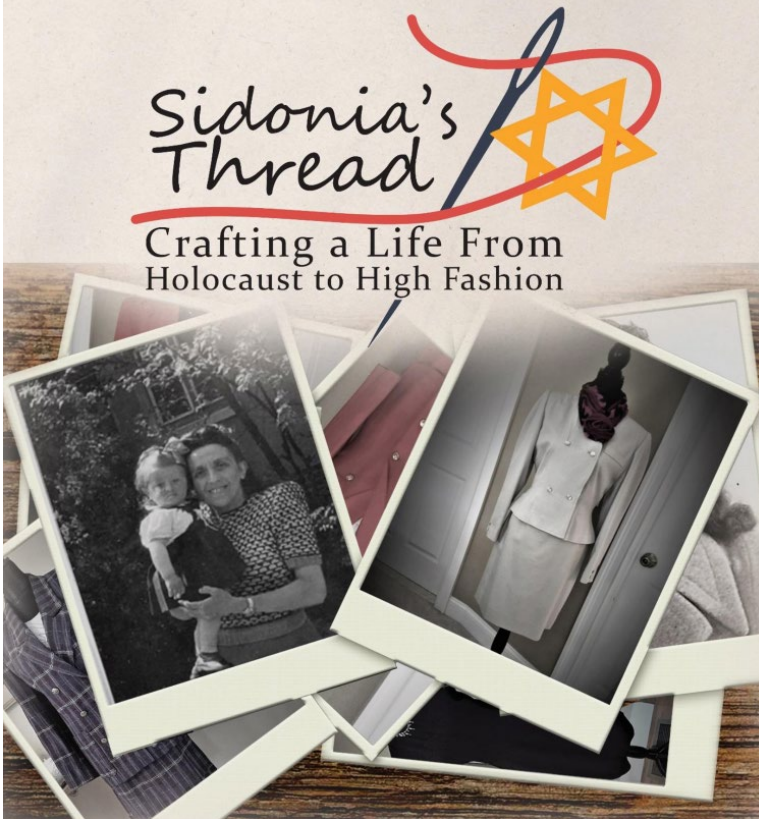
January 2–February 10, 2023

Chase Family Gallery

Opening reception with Hanna Marcus,
Sidonia's daughter

1:00–2:30pm

Based on Hanna Perlstein Marcus's books about life with her mother, Sidonia, this exhibition displays thirty-five of Sidonia's original clothing designs and other highlights including audio and video vignettes, photo illustrations, and a map of Sidonia's journey to America. As a single mother and Holocaust survivor, Sidonia Perlstein spent most of her life in America creating beauty out of fabrics, textures, and vivid colors to replace the horrific memories of her past. Her bold, artistic designs and magnificent stitchery represent the talent of a self-taught master of her craft.



Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School Update

A Teaching Moment from Rabbi Alan

THE SHABBAT CANDLES

A young girl went to Hebrew school for the first time. Her grandparents wanted her to learn about the beauty of being Jewish. From the first day, the young girl liked Hebrew school. Each day she learned something new and was very excited.

One day she came home from school wanting to share what she had learned about Shabbat. “Mommy, Mommy, guess what I learned in Hebrew school today?” she began. “We learned that G-d made the world in six days and rested on the seventh day. You know what, Mommy? We should rest on Shabbat too.” The mother patiently listened to her daughter and then said, “What you’ve learned is very nice, but we don’t do things that way.”

Another day the young girl came home and excitedly told her mother, “Mommy, today I learned that on Erev Shabbat the whole family eats dinner together, Shabbat candles are lit, and Kiddush is said because Shabbat is such a special day. And do you know what else? The whole family talks and sings together.” The mother listened to her daughter and explained, “We are very busy during the weekend and don’t have time to do those things.”

A week later the young girl burst into the house on Sunday afternoon after Hebrew school and told her father, “Daddy, today I learned the Bracha to say over the Shabbat candles. I’m going to light candles on Shabbat the way Bubbie and Zadie would do.” The father answered, “Oh, don’t do that—it’s so old-fashioned! There’s no point in lighting candles.”

Now the young girl was sure that if her parents could see the beauty of the Shabbat candles, they would understand what she felt. So, all week she thought, and thought, and thought some more, until she decided what to do.



On Friday afternoon she rushed home from school, cleaned the house, and swept the floors (as best a little girl could). She set the table with a clean white tablecloth, napkins, and dishes. Then she went to set up the candles for Shabbat. She knew where they were kept, up on the third shelf of the kitchen cabinet. So, she climbed up onto the countertop, opened the cabinet, and took down two Shabbat candles. They were in their own glass holders. She placed them on the table on a sheet of silver foil. Everything was ready for her parents. She knew they would be surprised and would finally understand what she was trying to tell them.

The sun was getting lower and lower in the sky, and she remembered that her teacher at Hebrew School told her that the candles had to be lit before sundown. It was getting late, and the little girl was waiting for her mother, but soon it would be too late. The little girl prepared to light the Shabbat candles. She covered her eyes and began, “Baruch atah Adoshem ...” She turned and saw both her parents standing in the dining room staring at her. She smiled and said, “I lit these candles for you because I love you.” Then she heard her mother cry, “What are you doing? Those are *yahrzeit* candles!”

There are two lessons we can learn from this little story. The first one is that Shabbat is for families to be together. Our wise tradition tells us that parents and children should take time each week to relax and share a meal. Why not do it on Friday night? Erev Shabbat is a wonderful time for families to light candles, sing the brachot, and share a pleasant evening. Even little children can join in preparing for Shabbat—although they don’t have to do it all themselves!

The second lesson is aimed more at parents. If we do not share the beauty, wonder, and warmth of our traditions with our children, then symbolically we are teaching them that it’s okay for our traditions to fade away. As in the story, the children will light *yahrzeit* candles for Judaism; our rich and meaningful history will be just a passing thought to them.

Wishing you all a safe and happy winter full of the warmth of Jewish traditions!
Rabbi Alan

Celebration Dates in January

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to:

Kevin Cyr 1/1	Sharon Hartstein 1/15
Bonnie Norman 1/1	Stacey Poutre 1/15
Carol Goldstein 1/1	Wesley Videll 1/21
Linda Bernstein 1/1	Joyce Borgida 1/22
Annemarie Miller 1/5	Ruth Zackin 1/23
Ruth Miller 1/6	Troy Videll 1/25
Allyson Benblatt 1/8	Harold Bernstein 1/26
Sharon Reichlin 1/8	Joanne Donn 1/26
Florence Kovensky 1/11	Barbara Zupnik 1/27
Paul Rubin 1/12	Holly Raymond 1/28
Daniel Levine 1/12	Rachel Reindel 1/30

Happy Anniversary to:

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



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!



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, January 9

7:30pm: Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

Tuesday, January 10

1:30 pm Knit and Kvetch

Saturday, January 21

10:00 am: Sisterhood Shabbat

Tuesday January 24

7:35 pm : Sisterhood Board Meeting
on ZOOM

Sunday, January 29

10:00 am : Adventure Walk

Share an Oneg

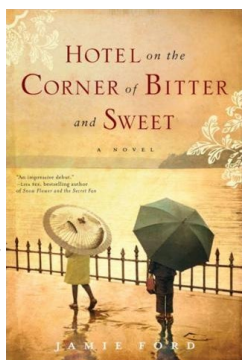
Call or email me if you would like to enhance your simcha with pulpit flowers.

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

Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 9th at 7:45 pm on Zoom. If you want to catch up with other members you can log on at 7:30 pm.

For January, we will be reading *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. 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

Adventure Walk

We will be walking again on January 29th. Meet us in the BSBI parking lot at 10:00 am. 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 Shabbat January 21

On Saturday, January 21, we will be celebrating Sisterhood Shabbat at the 10:00 a.m. service. Please plan on joining us as we pay tribute to our Sisterhood and all it does for BSBI.

Our guest speaker will be Lauren Carmody, Chief Marketing Officer at CT Innovations, CT's venture capital firm. Lauren will speak about the group's trip to Israel (in February 2022), the goal of which was to strengthen connections between CT and companies of Israel's innovation ecosystem.

The delegation from Connecticut included Governor Ned Lamont and representatives from Raytheon, Hartford HealthCare, Digital Currency Group, the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut, the University of Connecticut, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, and Connecticut Innovations.

Ms. Carmody will talk during the service and continue with a question and answer session during the luncheon following.

There is no charge for this event, but since we are planning on a luncheon we would like to know how many people to plan for. Please email or call Mimi Kalman by January 15th, mimrk524@gmail.com or (860)649-3890 to let her know you are planning on coming.

Susan Margolis, Programming VP

Knit & Kvetch

Did you notice last month's article about Knit & Kvetch? Isn't it amazing all that we can accomplish? If you love to knit or crochet, wouldn't you like to also do a mitzvah and put your talents to use? We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Temple. This month our meeting date is Tuesday, January 10th. You can also work on projects at home. We are always in need of hats, mittens, scarves, and afghans.

If you are rusty in knitting or crocheting, we can help you with a refresher course.

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

Why not check out your BSBI Sisterhood Gift Shop and plan ahead for your gift-giving occasions that are coming up? We have gifts galore for all ages and occasions.

If you don't see what you need, we'll be happy to order it for you.

Please call Harriet Beede or Brenda Lerner and we'll be happy to meet you at a time that is convenient for you.

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

Torah Fund Cards

Condolences to Gail Freedman in memory of Joe Fleischman from Cal and Elaine Vinick.

Condolences to Gail Freedman in memory of Joe Fleischman and condolences to Bernie Apter and family in memory of Bernie's wife, Sue from Paula Finkelstein.

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

Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Event, Revisited



The Paid-Up Sisterhood Membership Event on December 11th was a great success. We had close to 20 people in attendance who were so relaxed thanks to the guided meditation by Rima Riedel. We ended the session with renewed energy singing "Over the Rainbow" In attendance was Ellen Leonard, Torah Fund Chair for the Northeast Region of Sisterhood, who spoke to us about Torah Fund.

Thank you to my co-chair of the event, Diane Keyser, and to the committee of Renny Resnick, Lynn Cohen, and Brina Abrahams for making this event a success.

Rachel Reindel
VP Membership

Brotherhood Corner

A Word From BSBI Brotherhood President Glenn Hauer



Brotherhood is ready for the end of the secular New Year and the beginning of 2023! We have great speakers planned, as well as fun activities we can participate in locally, regionally, and internationally. In fact, there is a great event coming on June 29 - July 2, 2023 in Philadelphia: FJMC's Biannual International Convention. The traditional biannual convention was cancelled during the Covid pandemic, but it's coming back to an in-person format. There will be great speakers, events, and activities - and fireworks too! At each convention, FJMC honors one member from each region as the Ma'asim Tovim award winner. The Ma'asim Tovim Award is the highest recognition a Region can give to one of its members. It is usually given to individuals who have worked on behalf of the region for many years. This year, CT Valley FJMC will be recognizing Glenn Hauer from BSBI as the Ma'asim Tovim recipient. If you would like to attend the convention, you can register at www.fjmc.org/register-2023. There are regional and congregational subsidies available for attendees.

In Brotherhood,
Glenn Hauer
President BSBI Brotherhood

Brotherhood's January Speaker: Jeremy Pressman

The January meeting will be on January 8th, 2023.

Our speaker will be Professor Jeremy Pressman from UConn. Jeremy Pressman writes about international relations, protests, the Arab-Israeli conflict, Middle East politics, and U.S. foreign policy. He co-founded and co-directs the Crowd Counting Consortium, an event counting project that has tallied and made publicly available data on all manner of protests in the U.S. since 2017. Pressman received his Ph.D. in political science from MIT and previously worked at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He has held fellowships at Harvard University, Brandeis University, the University of Sydney, the Humanities Institute at the UConn, and the Norwegian Nobel Institute, where he was a Fulbright fellow. As always, our meeting starts with morning services at 9:00 a.m. followed by breakfast and business meeting for members. After the business meeting, the congregation is welcome to join us to hear the speaker and a zoom link will also be provided.



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 (8 Tevet) New Year's Day	2 (9 Tevet) Office Closed 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Support Group	3 (10 Tevet) Fast of Tevet 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy	4 (11 Tevet) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	5 (12 Tevet) 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	6 (13 Tevet) 4:17pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services Sunset: 4:35pm	7 (14 Tevet) 10:00am Shabbat Services 5:21pm Havdalah Sunset: 4:36pm
8 (15 Tevet) 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 9:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker	9 (16 Tevet) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club	10 (17 Tevet) 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 1:30pm Knit & Kvetch 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy	11 (18 Tevet) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	12 (19 Tevet) 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	13 (20 Tevet) 4:24pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services Sunset: 4:42pm	14 (21 Tevet) 10:00am Shabbat Services 5:28pm Havdalah Sunset: 4:43pm
15 (22 Tevet)	16 (23 Tevet) MLK Day 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Support Group	17 (24 Tevet) 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy	18 (25 Tevet) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BOD Board Meeting	19 (26 Tevet) 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	20 (27 Tevet) 4:32pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services Sunset: 4:50pm	21 (28 Tevet) Shabbat Mevarchim 10:00am Sisterhood Shabbat 10:00am Junior Congregation 5:36pm Havdalah Sunset: 4:51pm
22 (29 Tevet) 9:00am Hebrew school K-7	23 (1 Shevat) Rosh Chodesh Shevat 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Wisdom in Winter	24 (2 Shevat) 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	25 (3 Shevat) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	26 (4 Shevat) 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	27 (5 Shevat) 4:41pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services Sunset: 4:59pm	28 (6 Shevat) 10:00am Shabbat Services 5:45pm Havdalah Sunset: 5:00pm
29 (7 Shevat) 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 10:00am Sisterhood Adventure Walk	30 (8 Shevat) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Wisdom in Winter	31 (9 Shevat) 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy				

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