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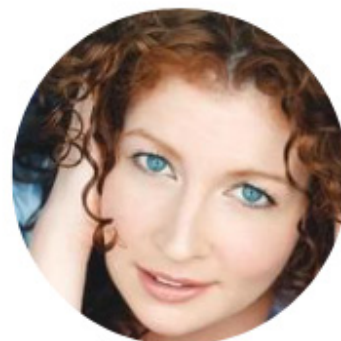
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Erev Shabbat, March 3 (Adar 10)**

5:30pm Shabbat Across America

**Sunday, March 5 (Adar 12)**

9:01am Morning Minyan  
9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

**Monday, March 6: Taanit Esther,**

**Erev Purim (Adar 13)**

6:00pm Purim Celebration

**Shabbat, March 11: Parshat Parah (Adar 18)**

7:45pm Brotherhood Comedy Night

**Monday, March 13 (Adar 20)**

7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

**Tuesday, March 14 (Adar 21)**

1:30pm Knit & Kvetch

**Wednesday, March 15 (Adar 22)**

7:30pm BOD Board Meeting

**Shabbat, March 18:**

**Shabbat Mevarchim,**

**Parshat HaChodesh (Adar 25)**

10:00am Junior Congregation

**Monday, March 20 (Adar 27)**

7:30pm Sandals Lecture

**Shabbat, March 25 (Nisan 3)**

10:00am Shabbat Services

12:30pm Shabbat Luncheon

**Sunday, March 26 (Nisan 4)**

10:00am Sisterhood Adventure Walk

**Tuesday, March 28 (Nisan 6)**

7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

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## Faith, Hope and Prayer

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Purim is the most fun day on the Jewish Calendar. It is April Fools, Halloween and New Year's Eve all rolled into one. It always surprises me that people will show up for serious holidays, fast days, and memorial days but miss this opportunity to end the Jewish year with a big blowout party. Whatever one might think about Judaism, Purim defies all the stereotypes. It is the one time of the year when you can come to synagogue and make as much noise as you want!

Purim is also the day that you can dress however you want. Costumes are the recommended attire. This is just one of the ways Purim is a “hidden” holiday. We hide ourselves in our costumes. We can be whoever we want to be. We can hide our “real” self and take on an assumed identity.

The holiday of Purim is based on the one book of the Bible that reads like a telenovela. There is the king, who is only known for the parties he throws. His collection of advisors only give him bad advice, including his Prime Minister, Haman, who gives him the worst advice of all. There is Mordechai, the only reasonable person in the book, looking for a way to get the Persian empire under control, who encourages his niece, Esther, to fill the vacancy of queen and bring some sanity to the court.

Ah, Esther. Her name means, “the hidden one.” She becomes queen by using inside information; nobody (except Mordechai) knows who she really is. Her real name is Hadassah, but her parents are unknown, her pedigree is unknown, and to the king, even her religion is unknown. She performs her royal duties hiding the very essence of who she is. I won't spoil the rest of the story; you will have to join us for Purim to see how it all turns out.

I can tell you that there is another character in the story who remains hidden; God. God does not appear in the Book of Esther at all. Not even a small walk-on role. It is the only book in the Bible where God is not a character. The commentators like to think that God is hidden in the story. When things look dark, some interesting events occur that might indicate that Someone is working behind the scenes.

There is a happy ending to the story, and the holiday has a happy component as well. There are hamantaschen to eat and, if one is over the age of twenty-one, it is not inappropriate to have a drink (but drink responsibly). Purim is a lot of fun.

Yes there is a serious side of Purim, and like everything else on Purim, it also remains hidden. There are gifts to be given to the poor, treats to share with neighbors (sort of a reverse “trick or treat”), and memories to share with family and friends. Even the serious parts of Purim are so much fun that we can forget how important they are.

Purim is a holiday nobody would want to miss. We can be whoever we want to be. We can hear a story that has some parts that might not be appropriate for young children (those parts are hidden, too!). We can eat, drink, and make as much noise as we want. Think about your favorite noisemaker. Think pots and a spoon, air horns, trumpets, or even the baby that keeps you up all night. You don't have to remind children that they need to sit quietly. Join us on Monday night, March 6th; it will be wild—in a good way!

Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg





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## Words from the President

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Do you love Purim as much as I do? Every year for as long as I remember, I've always looked at Purim as that one day a year that we can get silly in shul. And because the rest of the year often requires some reflection or introspection, some sense of decorum and often humility ... why shouldn't we have a little fun in shul? Rabbi Konigsburg described it perfectly: "It is April Fools, Halloween and New Year's Eve all rolled into one." How could you not want to be here for that?

And just to save you the googling—Our Purim service is on Monday, March 6th at 6:00pm. I hope to see you there.

And while we're talking about things that we would love to see you attend ...

- Friday, March 3rd is Shabbat Across America—Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30pm, services start at 6:00pm.
- Sunday, March 5th is the monthly Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker.
- Saturday Night, March 11th is Brotherhood Comedy Night.
- Junior Congregation is on the 18th at 10:00am
- A Shabbat luncheon after services on the 25th

So why am I sharing a laundry list of things happening at BSBI? It's simple—we want to see you!

After three years of social distancing, we're finally at a point where we can all come together and enjoy everything that our Synagogue has to offer. And while we've seen quite a few come back to in-person events...we're still missing the rest of you.

Our Synagogue, our community, is only as strong as its members—and that's you!

Russ Benblatt  
President



### **Attention Religious School Parents: Chompers visits BSBI! Sunday, March 5, 2023**

Join us after school for pictures with Chompers. The Hartford Yard Goats Mascot, Chompers, will be at BSBI for about an hour, starting when school lets out, for pictures with BSBI school children and families. So, please bring your cameras!

BSBI Brotherhood's speaker on that morning will be Shawn Perry, senior account executive with the Hartford Yard Goats. He will speak on the topic "Bringing People Together: Faith, Hope and Baseball in 2023." His presentation begins around 10:30. All are welcome to join us in the social hall. For more information read page 12.

Please join us for Shawn's presentation and the Chompers photo session on March 5th—and join BSBI to celebrate Jewish Heritage Day on August 20th at DD Park for some great baseball and lots of fun.

If you have questions, please contact Steve Cohen [cttoxdoc@gmail.com](mailto:cttoxdoc@gmail.com).



## Community Events

### Rabbi Richard Plavin Library

David Alter, Librarian

#### Honey Cake & Latkes:

#### Recipes from the Old World by the Auschwitz-Birkenau Survivors

by Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Foundation



A few months ago, I tuned into a panel discussion presented by Temple Emanu-El Cultural Center. The panel consisted of survivors of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps. The panelists recalled their prewar recipes and post-liberation memories.

More than a cookbook, this collection of heirloom recipes conveys Auschwitz-Birkenau survivors' stories of cooking and food. Collected and edited during the pandemic, this book—in the words of Ronald S. Lauder, Chairman of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Foundation—"is a story of hope and triumph of the human spirit."

Over 110 recipes accompanied by survivors' pre-war recollections and post-liberation memories weave a unique tapestry of sensory experiences of flavors and aromas from the old world, accounts of loss and trauma, as well as heartwarming and poignant tales of new beginnings and healing. All of the recipes have been tested and retested to make sure they can be replicated in your kitchen while keeping the original character and voice of the survivors who contributed to the volume. Delicious recipes include Blintzes, Kugel, Matzo Ball Soup, Cholent, Goulash, Kasha Varnishkes, Rugelach, and more. Plus, there is a special chapter devoted to classic dishes for the Jewish holidays (Latkes, Charoset, Gefilte Fish, Knishes, Tzimmes, Challah, and others) that you can use to prepare, host, or bring food to a gathering. All proceeds from the sale of this book go to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Foundation.

### Lunch will be served!!

Shabbat luncheons will return on March 25th. We hope to have a free monthly luncheon open to all (though registration will be requested to determine attendance numbers). Dates will be April 22nd (celebrating Leslie Abraham's retirement), 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



### Update Your Contact Information!

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

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

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

### 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 were borrowed have dedications, we are asking that they be returned to the synagogue.** If you want to purchase a siddur for your personal use, feel free to contact the office, who can help you with this purchase. When you return your siddurim, please let the office know, so we can keep accurate lists of who still retains siddurim. Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

The Ritual Committee





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## Community Events

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**Shabbat Across America**  
March 3rd at 6:00pm  
Hors d'oeuvres are at 5:30pm  
Registration has ended.

### **Pesach Project 2023** March 1 - March 29!

This project enables our members to greet one another with wishes for a sweet and joyous Passover. A letter will be sent to each person you select with personalized holiday greetings from you.

Profits from this project will go towards Mazon and Leket, two organizations dedicated to fighting hunger in the United States and Israel. In this way we will all be partners in fulfilling the Passover mitzvah of maot hittin (literally, "wheat money"). You can order through the website by [clicking here](#) to login and entering your account and password. If you prefer, you can pay by check. All members will get a letter in the mail with instructions. Please contact Becky Murray at [beckym300@gmail.com](mailto:beckym300@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you in advance for your participation!

### **Jewry Duty at BSBI**



With the end of the health emergency status, we 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").

If you have not already, please sign up at [myshul.org](http://myshul.org) 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.

**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

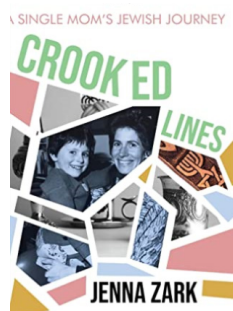
Come to BSBI and join us for Minyan, a full Israeli dinner, Israeli music and dancing with Rabbi Alan, and a discussion with Lea and Alan Schmerler about everyday life in Israel.

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Liza Mandel

### **Sandals Lecture:**

*Crooked Lines: a Single Mom's Jewish Journey*  
Join us for a discussion with author Jenna Zark  
Monday, March 20th at 7:30pm on Zoom



When you part company with the life you've been living and have to start a new one, what do you do?

While trying to sort out the answer to this question—along with the question of what being Jewish meant to her—Jenna Zark began writing. This book was born of the journey.

Jenna was married to the cantor of a Jewish synagogue and was trying to fit into a life she hadn't anticipated. When her marriage fell apart, she felt completely unprepared.

Because she moved from the East Coast to the Twin Cities expressly for her ex-husband's job, most of her friends were from his synagogue. Staring down the prospect of being a single mom, Zark had to decide if and how to work with her former husband, now co-parent, to give her son a Jewish heritage.

While the holidays and rituals in these pages are Jewish, the theme is universal and familiar to anyone who has ever experienced life-transforming loss. *Crooked Lines* is Jenna Zark's honest and compelling story of navigating divorce, single parenthood, interfaith marriage, and losing parents while holding on to one's humor and traditions.



### **Help Wanted, Please!**

Since the start of BSBI conducting community second seders, I have been making the charosis. My family's recipe is not secret, but the tradition to make a lot of it 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 charosis. If you are willing to learn how to make it, please call (860) 649-3890 or email [mimrk524@gmail.com](mailto:mimrk524@gmail.com) and we can make arrangements to meet and prepare this important symbol of the seder.

Thank you,  
Mimi Kalman

# BSBI COMMUNITY SEDER 5783

THE SECOND NIGHT OF PASSOVER  
THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH 2023

Seder begins at 5:45pm  
Dinner begins around 7:00pm

Join us as we celebrate the second night of Passover together as a community!  
There will be traditional rituals, songs, and a contemporary discussion led by Rabbi Konigsburg.

## **Gourmet Kosher Meal Options:**

Beef Brisket, Turkey, or Vegetarian  
Passover Wine included!

## **Early Bird: Register by March 24th**

Adults: \$36

## **Regular:**

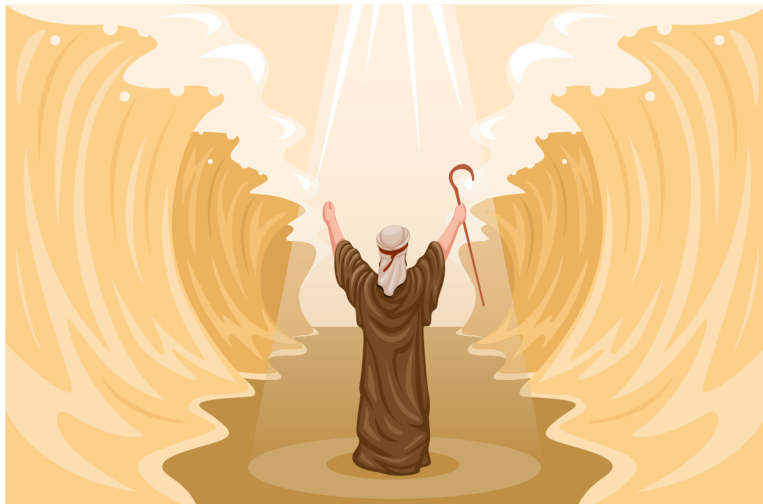
Adults: \$45

Teens 13-19: \$18

Kids under 13: \$10

Family (3 Adults): \$120

Family (4 Adults): \$160



**Register online at [myshul.org](https://myshul.org)**

**ALL registrations close on March 31st.**

Questions?

Contact Dawn Steigelfest at [steigfest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steigfest@sbcglobal.net) or call the office at 860-643-9563. If cost is an obstacle, contact Rabbi Konigsburg at 860-643-6593 x101 or [rabbenu@myshul.org](mailto:rabbenu@myshul.org).  
Donations to offset the cost of someone who needs financial assistance are welcome!  
Need help registering? Call the office.



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## Community Events

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### Got any old Singers around?

HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, works on refugee aid and resettlement on a national level and will be part of our Social Action focus in the weeks ahead. The Connecticut Immigrant & Refugee Coalition (CIRC) works hand in hand with HIAS on a more localized level, finding housing, setting up support networks, assisting with acquiring documents, getting children into school, etc.

That's why we're interested in your old Singers—well, not Frank or Tony or Sarah Vaugahn or any of your other old faves. What, then?

Last summer, CIRC initiated a program, Sewing for Success, designed to help women bring in some additional family income, provide much needed social interaction, boost their feelings of fitting into a new cultural environment, improve language skills, etc.

The women made bags and totes, for example, and sold them in a few pop-up markets. The program started with twelve women, has grown to forty, and will continue to grow as more immigrants are resettled into CT, many of the new wave being Ukrainian.

The pressing need now for this program is the need for sewing machines. CIRC has lined up someone who has volunteered to check out, repair, and refurbish old and no longer used sewing machines, make them shine and bring new life to them. (His only requirement is that the machines need to be in working order: he will clean it up and make sure all working parts are, in fact, working, but he cannot rebuild a broken machine.) Those dusty old cast-offs will make the possibility of a new and better life a reality to many families.

Thus, CIRC is asking for people to donate the old sewing machine sitting in the basement, the attic, the garage, the shed that used to be the kids' playhouse—wherever you stashed it the last time you used it back in 1987.

And while you're going through your too-good-to-throw-away stuff, you might find that stash of fabric you were planning on using, because you who sew, like your knitting counterparts, always have a stash on hand. After all, you never know when you might need 1 1/2 yards of calico polyester cotton, right?

So get your old Singer (or any other brand) to us and we'll help a family enter a new and hopeful life.

HIAS wants you to remember: We used to help refugees because *they* were Jewish. Now we help them because *we* are Jewish.

Questions? Contact Susan Mendelsohn  
[mendelsr@gmail.com](mailto:mendelsr@gmail.com) 605-695-2464

### Jews of the Wild West

As a part of JCC's 27th Annual Phyllis Hoffman Harford Jewish Film Festival, there will be a special showing of *Jews of the Wild West* at the **Parkade Cinemas in Manchester on Tuesday, March 28th at 5:00pm!**

Film Description: Over two million Jews fled continuous cycles of anti-Jewish oppression, deadly violence, and forced poverty in Europe to seek out a better life in America. But big-city tenements didn't offer the respite many were seeking. The wagon trains that moved westward with Jewish families traveled for the same reason as many settlers: opportunity. By 1912, it is estimated that over 100,000 Jews had migrated to the Wild West. These pioneers put down roots, and today they epitomize the important legacy of immigration in America.



Sure, you've heard of Levi Strauss and the Guggenheim family, but do you know about Jesse Shwayder, Simon Bibb, and Josephine Marcus Earp? This documentary tells their stories and others using archival footage, historical photos, diaries and letters, and first-person testimony of descendants.

For more information about JCC's Film Festival, visit <https://hjff.org>.



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# Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School Update

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## SCHOOL UPDATE

Our students took part in the World-Wide Wrap on February 12 th (see page 12 for pictures). They will also participate in the Friday night service during Shabbat Across America, Friday evening, March 3. On Sunday morning, March 5, the students will celebrate the upcoming holiday of Purim. They will hear the Megillah (the story of Purim), sing songs, and have a costume parade—so be sure to wear your costume!

The next holiday is Passover. The children will have a practice Seder, and will also join students from Beth Hillel in South Windsor for a Passover experience. This is not only an opportunity to celebrate Passover, but a chance to be with other Jewish children.

A reminder: the lounge in Room 1 of the school wing is now available for parents to use. You can sit and read while your students are in class, gather to chat when you arrive to pick them up, or just take a few minutes to relax.



## A TEACHING MOMENT FROM RABBI ALAN

As we turn the calendar to March, we enter the Hebrew month of Adar with joy, as we prepare for the festive holiday of Purim and later for the freedom-giving holiday of Passover.

People have used several key words to describe the essence of Judaism; one is “action.” We humans are judged by our actions. When the Children of Israel received the Torah, they said, “We will hear, do, and we will understand.” The doing—action—comes before the understanding. We gain understanding by taking action, doing the mitzvot.

Action also comes before faith. The Danish existential philosopher Kierkegaard spoke about his Christian belief as a “leap of faith.” In response, the Jewish philosopher Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel spoke of a “leap of action.”

In the Purim story, Queen Esther was at first afraid to confront the king about the decree against the Jews. In the kingdom of Persia, no one could approach the king unless he or she was summoned; those who disobeyed were put to death. But Esther took the necessary action; she confronted the king, and ultimately saved her people. Only through her “leap of action” was she able to save the Jewish people.

Like Esther, we may find ourselves in a scary situation. The problems we face seem bigger than we are. We may be afraid, but we know we need to do the right thing. This is one of the profound insights that Judaism gave the world. The world still needs to hear the call to action today, and often, it comes from the Jewish people.

HAPPY  
★  
PURIM



Of course, not all actions are scary. Taking a leap can also be fun, like eating hamantaschen and dressing up in costumes for Purim. Our holiday traditions allow us to join the many generations who have proudly identified as Jews. Wearing Purim costumes may make us look different from our normal appearance, but these disguises reveal a deeper level of who we are. We are an ancient people, but we are also alive today to celebrate. L’dor v’dor—from generation to generation, we take the leap of action.

This year our religious school will celebrate Purim on Sunday, March 5th at 9:00 a.m. We will begin with the Megillah reading—the story of Esther and Purim—followed by songs, skits, and a costume parade. There will be a special visitor at our carnival as well (see page 4)! As for our adults, let them play as well as the children, and be role models for the great joyousness of Purim!

And don’t forget the congregational Megillah reading, Monday evening, March 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Alan



## Celebration Dates

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elijah Miller 3/1	Marjorie Partney 3/11	Peter Goldsmith 3/20
Merle Cohen 3/2	Diane Keyser 3/11	Irene Harrison 3/20
Jeffrey Wasser 3/3	Madeline Turk 3/13	Harvey Weiner 3/21
Eveleen Zimmerman 3/4	Paula Finkelstein 3/14	Joel Milzoff 3/23
Brenda Bula 3/5	Steven Leshin 3/17	Rachel Singer 3/23
Philip Klein 3/5	Michael Gross 3/17	Robert Blum 3/25
Donna Feir 3/10	Susan Stoppelman 3/18	William Delaney 3/26
Alexander Feinstein 3/10	Richard Abrahams 3/19	Jeffrey Pitler 3/27
Stephen Donnell 3/10	Elliot Lerman 3/19	Marilyn Lassow 3/28
Harrison Blum 3/10	Kenneth Wichman 3/19	Emily Buch 3/29

## Happy Anniversary to:

David Stern & Rebecca Rumbo 3/22      Alan & Andrea Zitomer 3/24



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, March 13

7:45 pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Group on Zoom

### Tuesday, March 14

1:30 pm Knit and Kvetch

### Monday, March 20

7:30 pm Annual Lillian and George Sandals Lecture on Zoom

### Sunday, March 26

10:00 am Adventure Walk

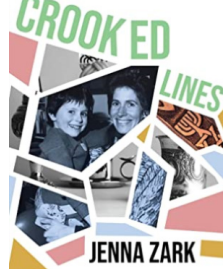
### Tuesday, March 28

7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting on Zoom

## Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

"Sincerely grateful, deeply inspired, and immensely grateful."  
—Mimi Kalman, Author of *From Sisterhood to Sisterhood*

A SINGLE MOM'S JEWISH JOURNEY



Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 13th at 7:45pm on Zoom. If you want to catch up with other members you can log on at 7:30pm.

This month we will be reading *Crooked Lines* by Jenna Zark. This is the author who will be talking to us on Zoom

for the Sandals Lecture. We may only be able to get a few copies of the book, but we promise to pass them around. We will discuss the book on our regular meeting night and then also with Ms. Zark during the lecture. The Zoom link will be posted closer to the meeting date.

Maxine Lerman and Becky Murray

## Knit & Kvetch

This month our meeting date is Tuesday, March 14th, at 1:30 pm at BSBI. You can also work on projects at home. If you are rusty in knitting or crocheting, we can help you with a refresher course. We are always in need of hats, mittens, scarves, and afghans.

We are also always accepting 100% acrylic yarns or monetary donations. If you wish to make a donation to the group, write 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

## Pesach Project Kicking off for an Eighth Year!

By now you surely have received your Pesach Project letter. We hope that you will fill it out and send it back ASAP (unless you can do it on-line) and we also hope that you will be generous.

It is especially important this year as various world events, including COVID, inflation, the war in Ukraine, and the earthquake in Turkey and Syria have had a devastating economic impact on many people worldwide.

The donation DEADLINE is **March 29, 2023** so that we can get the greetings sent to everyone before the start of Pesach.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Sincerely,  
Becky Murray, Chair

## Sisterhood Shabbat Review

Sisterhood Shabbat took place on January 21 and was very successful. We are fortunate to have many capable women in our Sisterhood who were able to accept honors, including leading services, reading Torah, olim, gabbayim, Torah carriers, gelilah, and we thank our own Rick Berkman for being hagbah. We also had members who led English readings and one who did a Haftarah reading. There were nearly 50 people in attendance.

Our guest speaker was Michael Bloom, executive director of JFACT. He spoke about his trip to Israel last February. The trip focused on tech firms working with businesses in Connecticut. A delightful lunch was made and served by our own members, and Mr. Bloom mingled with congregants and answered questions. Thank you to all those who served on the committee to make Sisterhood Shabbat so special.

Lynn Cohen and Judy Meyer, Co-chairs

## Torah Fund Cards

Condolences to Stacey Poutre and family in memory of Stacey's father, Robert Reuben; condolences to Stuart Rabinowitz in memory of his mother, Miriam; condolences to Susan Stoppelman in memory of her sister, Bethann Baskies; and mazel tov to Barbara Pershan in honor of her 80th birthday from Judy and Harold Meyer.

Condolences to Stacey Poutre and family in memory of Stacey's father, Robert Reuben; condolences to Susan Stoppelman in memory of her sister, Bethann Baskies; and condolences to Gary and Karin Cohen in memory of Karin's mother, Doris Sheridan, from Lynn and Jack Cohen.

Condolences to Susan Stoppelman in memory of her sister, Bethann Baskies, from Cal and Elaine Vinick.

Condolences to Susan Stoppelman in memory of her sister, Bethann Baskies, from Mimi Kalman.

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



### Adventure Walk

It was 52 degrees! So we had to take advantage of a January day in Connecticut to be outdoors. Even with an overcast sky & wind, it was a really nice afternoon. We welcomed my neighbor & friend Patti.



This month we will be walking on March 26th. Meet us in the BSBI parking lot at 10:00 am. We'll decide on which trail we'll explore, and off we will go.

I hope more folks will join on future walks. And per usual, we will walk, weather permitting!

Judy Meyer

### Sisterhood Gift Shop,

#### Your Source for all Your Simchat

Purim is coming and that means Pesach is right behind. Why not check out your BSBI Sisterhood Gift Shop for Seder plates and plan ahead for your upcoming gift-giving occasions? 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

### 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

### Yoga On Your Own

Yoga with "The Queen of Pandemic Yoga" Adriene (Mishlar)! So named by the NY Times, and she was featured on the TV program Live With Kelly and Ryan. So now you not only have Margie's recommendation, but also the Times and Kelly and Ryan!

What: Yoga (no cost to you)

When: Anytime

Where: In your home

Why: A 10-40 minute session can help with anxiety, calming, feeling rejuvenated

How: Access YouTube on your Computer, iPad or Phone (you can also download the YouTube app to your phone\*)

Search "Yoga" or "Yoga with Adriene" (I recommend that instructor)

There will be a multitude of videos to choose from: Yoga for Stress Relief, Wake up Yoga, Flexibility, Yoga for Kids

Have fun and relax!

\*if you have a SMART TV, Google Chromecast can be used to display the YouTube Video from your phone to TV.

Margie Partney



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## Brotherhood Corner

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### A Word From BSBI's Brotherhood President

February was an exciting month for Brotherhood at BSBI. We had our annual Shabbat Service/Luncheon and the World Wide Wrap (WWW). WWW is a program that is internationally sponsored by the FJMC to teach anyone who would like to learn about the practice of putting on tefillin how to do so. This year we had about 30 people in attendance, including eight children. Brotherhood provided Build-a-Pair, a practice pair of tefillin for the Hebrew School kids to make. The kids wore these during the WWW. Afterwards, we enjoyed a wonderful breakfast and business meeting. Thank you all the participants in the service and WWW. A big Yasher Koach to Maury Luxemburg and Manny Lerman for their work on the Shabbat Service. Thank you to Phil Margolis for his presentation on the state of the Brotherhood in my absence.

All the best,  
Glenn Hauer  
President BSBI Brotherhood



Photographer: Heidi Maynard ↓



On Feb 12, 2023, the BSBI Brotherhood held their annual World Wide Wrap. The Clergy and Brotherhood members assisted those who needed help putting on the tefillin. The tefillin are worn on the hand and on the head, just above the forehead, to symbolize and reinforce our connection between heart and mind, creating a pathway to true spiritual balance.

↓ Photographer: Harold A. Bernstein



### Brotherhood's March Speaker: Shawn Perry March 5th

BSBI Brotherhood's speaker will be Shawn Perry, senior account executive with the Hartford Yard Goats. He will speak on the topic "Bringing People Together: Faith, Hope & Baseball in 2023." His presentation will begin at approximately 10:30am. All are welcome to join us in the social hall. Shawn has been our contact over the last few years for coordinating our annual BSBI participation in "Faith and Family Day with the Yard Goats."

Chompers will also make an appearance at BSBI for a meet and greet and to take pictures.

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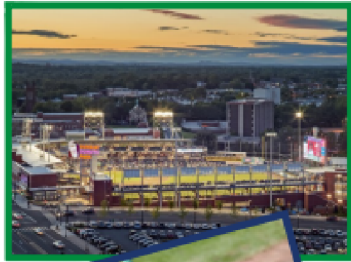
If you are interested in learning more about our BSBI Brotherhood, reach out to Glenn Hauer at 860.930.1275 or Spin Zucker at 860.502.7725.

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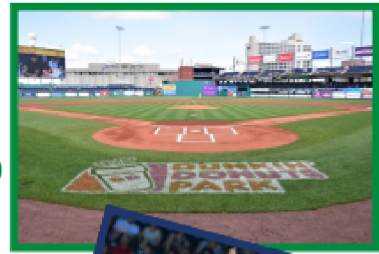
# BSBI Brotherhood Presents Jewish Heritage Day at Dunkin' Donuts Park



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> 2023

GAME TIME: 1:10pm GATES OPEN: 11:30am

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Special Jewish Community Leadership Ceremony



BSBI Brotherhood has reserved tickets at a group rate of \$15 each. Each ticket includes a complimentary \$2 value for food, drink, or merchandise.

Please reserve your tickets early. Your order with payment must be received no later than July 15th to allow adequate time for us to complete the order and arrange for delivery to you by email.

Make checks for tickets payable **ONLY** to "BSBI Brotherhood,"  
and mail with your completed order form to:

BSBI -Yard Goats, c/o Steven D. Cohen, 29 Leela Way, Tolland, CT 06084

Your tickets will be reserved once your payment is received.

Please email questions to Steve at [cttoxdoc@gmail.com](mailto:cttoxdoc@gmail.com)

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Your tickets will arrive by e-mail.



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## Leave a Jewish Legacy

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### 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

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***Have you considered a bequest to BSBI?***

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

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## Contributions from Thoughtful People

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### **ANNE & LEON KRAMER FUND**

In memory of Anne C. Kramer, beloved Mother and Grandmother, from Carol & Paul Leiman and Family

### **BAYER/DAVISON FUND**

In memory of Susan Apter from Barbara & Bill Bayer

### **BERKMAN FAMILY FUND**

Yahrzeit of Helen Becker from Elinor & Jim Moses

### **EILEEN AND FRED STERN FAMILY FUND**

In memory of Bethann Baskies from Fred & Eileen Stern

### **GENERAL FUND**

Happy Anniversary to Carol Lewis and Saul Nesselroth; In honor of Diane & Jeffrey Wasser on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Sam Moser, from Manuel & Maxine Lerman

In memory of our daughter, Carole Littman, from Alan & Donna Feir

In memory of Robert Reuben, from Arnold & Diane Keyser

In memory of Ira Epstein; In memory of Bethann Baskies; In memory of Roberta Kahn from Arnold & Sandy Dashefsky

In memory of Lester Baum & Marion Newberg from Devra Baum

In memory of Roslyn Grier; In memory of Miriam Rabinowitz from Diane and Jeffrey Wasser

In memory of Robert Reuben from Dr. Kenneth Wichman

In memory of Theodore (Ted) Goltz from Fredie Kay

In memory of Milton Leon from Lewis Leon

In memory of Pepi Scheer from Lillian Scheer

In memory of Bethann Baskies; In memory of Robert Reuben from Michael & Madeline Turk

In memory of Robert Reuben from Mimi Kalman

In memory of Rhoda Grossman; Yahrzeit of Anna Graber from Mrs. Marilyn Greenwald

In memory of Robert Reuben, father of Stacey Poutre, from Richard Berkman

In memory of Robert Reuben, father of Stacy Poutre, from Ron and Susan Scherick

In memory of Jean Moses; Yahrzeit of Mollie Schwartz from Sidney & Miriam Schwartz

Yahrzeit of Edward Borgida from Charles & Joyce Borgida

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In loving memory of Martin Fayman from Gordon & Beatrice Brodie

Yahrzeit of Edwin & Sharon Lavitt from Jed Lavitt

Yahrzeit of Samuel Harry Keyser from Mr. David Keyser

Yahrzeit of Mollie Mittelman, beloved mother of Corinne Fisher from Mrs. Corinne Fisher

Yahrzeit of Diane Marmer from Mrs. Ellen Marmer

Yahrzeit of Milton Leon, loving Dad and Grandpa, from Mrs. Marcia McGee

Yahrzeit of Moses Abrahams and Jacob Rubenstein from Richard & Leslie Abrahams

Yahrzeit of William Cooper from Stephan M. Cooper, MD.

### **GORDON BARSHAY LASSOW**

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In memory of Jay Joshua Lassow from Lee S. Lassow

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

In memory of Susan Stoppelman's sister, Bethann Baskies; In memory of Myrna Spector's sister-in-law, Diane Wyman; In memory of Stacey Poutre's father, Robert Reuben from Manuel & Maxine Lerman

### **LEONARD SEADER FUND**

Yahrzeit of beloved sister, Dorothy Zundell; mother-in-law Sara Seader, and fantastic mom Nellie Cohen from Sissy Seader

### **LIBRARY FUND**

In memory of Robert Reuben from David & Carol Alter

### **MAXINE & EFREM JAFFE FUND**

Mazel tov to Jordon Grossman, in honor of being appointed as incoming Superintendent of Canton Schools from Maxine Jaffe

### **NATHAN CHESLER FUND**

Yahrzeit of my grandfather, Abraham Chesler, from Holly Gwyn Zabitz

### **NELLIE KATZ COHEN FUND**

Yahrzeit of beloved sister, Dorothy Zundell; mother-in-law, Sara Seader, and fantastic mom, Nellie Cohen, from Sissy Seader

### **NICHUM AVAYLIM FUND**

Condolences to Stacey Poutre and her family on the passing of her dear father Robert Reuben, from Lea and Alan Schmerler

In memory of Stacey Poutre's father from Emily and Pete Buch

In memory of my mother, Sylvia Weg, on the occasion of her yahrzeit from Micki Starr

In memory of Robert Reuben from Ronald & Brina Abrahams

In memory of my mother, Miriam Rabinowitz, from Stuart & Jenny Rabinowitz

In memory of Miriam Rabinowitz from Sue and Phil Margolis

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

Get well wishes to Alan Goldstein; Get well wishes to Joan Baron from Ronald & Brina Abrahams

In memory of Susan Stoppelman's sister, Bethann Baskies; Yahrzeit of David Seidner, beloved father of Joyce & Ed Epstein from Joyce Epstein & Ed Epstein

In memory of Robert Reuben from Marilyn Lassow

Thank you to Rabbi Konigsburg for his support from Stuart & Jenny Rabinowitz

### **REICHLIN FAMILY FUND**

Yahrzeit of Hedda Reichlin from Loren & Sharon Reichlin

### **SHABBAT LUNCHEON FUND**

Get well wishes to Joan Baron; Yahrzeit of Noble Rumbo, beloved father, from David Stern & Rebecca Rumbo

In memory of Bethann Baskies from Elly and Steve Cohen

In memory of Robert Reuben from Sue and Phil Margolis

Yahrzeit of Meyer Vinick from Calvin & Elaine Vinick

### **SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

In memory of Susan Stoppelman's sister, Bethann Baskies from Eveleen Zimmerman



## March 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1 (8 Adar)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	<b>2 (9 Adar)</b> 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	<b>3 (10 Adar)</b> 5:25pm Candle Lighting 5:30pm Shabbat Across America  Sunset: 5:43pm	<b>4 (11 Adar)</b> <b>Parshat Zachor</b> 10:00am Shabbat Services 6:29pm Havdalah Sunset: 5:44pm
<b>5 (12 Adar)</b> 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 9:01am Morning Minyan 9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker	<b>6 (13 Adar)</b> <b>Taanit Esther</b> <b>Erev Purim</b> 6:30pm Purim Service	<b>7 (14 Adar)</b> <b>Purim</b> 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	<b>8 (15 Adar)</b> <b>Shushan Purim</b> 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	<b>9 (16 Adar)</b> 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	<b>10 (17 Adar)</b> 5:33pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services  Sunset: 5:51pm	<b>11 (18 Adar)</b> <b>Parshat Parah</b> 10:00am Shabbat Services 6:37pm Havdalah 7:00pm Brotherhood Comedy Night  Sunset: 5:52pm
<b>12 (19 Adar)</b> 9:00am Hebrew school K-7  Daylight Saving Time Begins	<b>13 (20 Adar)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood/ Hadassah Book Club	<b>14 (21 Adar)</b> 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 1:30pm Knit & Kvetch 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy	<b>15 (22 Adar)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv 7:30pm BOD Board Meeting	<b>16 (23 Adar)</b> 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	<b>17 (24 Adar)</b> 6:00pm Friday Night Services 6:41pm Candle Lighting  Sunset: 6:59pm	<b>18 (25 Adar)</b> <b>Shabbat Mevarchim</b> <b>Parshat Hachodesh</b> 10:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Junior Congregation 7:45pm Havdalah Sunset: 7:00pm
<b>19 (26 Adar)</b> 9:00am Hebrew school K-7	<b>20 (27 Adar)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv 7:30pm Sandals Lecture	<b>21 (28 Adar)</b> 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy	<b>22 (29 Adar)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	<b>23 (1 Nisan)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> <b>Nisan</b> 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	<b>24 (2 Nisan)</b> 6:00pm Friday Night Services 6:48pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 7:06pm	<b>25 (3 Nisan)</b> 10:00am Shabbat Services 12:30pm Shabbat Luncheon 7:53pm Havdalah Sunset: 7:08pm
<b>26 (4 Nisan)</b> 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 10:00am Sisterhood Adventure Walk	<b>27 (5 Nisan)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	<b>28 (6 Nisan)</b> 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>29 (7 Nisan)</b> 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	<b>30 (8 Nisan)</b> 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	<b>31 (9 Nisan)</b> 6:00pm Friday Night Services 6:56pm Candle Lighting  Sunset: 7:14pm	

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