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 MAY 10TH AT 7:30PM
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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.

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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

Sunday, May 7:
31st Day Omer (Iyyar 16)
9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

Monday, May 8:
32nd Day Omer (Iyyar 17)
7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

Tuesday, May 9:
Lag B'Omer, 33rd Day Omer (Iyyar 18)
1:30pm Knit & Kvetch

Wednesday, May 10:
34th Day Omer (Iyyar 19)
7:00pm Mincha/Maariv
7:30pm Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 17:
41st Day Omer (Iyyar 26)
7:00pm Mincha/Maariv
7:30pm Torah Fund Dessert

Shabbat, May 20:
Shabbat Mevarchim, 44th Day Omer (Iyyar 29)
11:00am Junior Congregation
12:30pm Shabbat Luncheon

Sunday, May 21:
Rosh Chodesh Sivan, 45th Day Omer (Sivan 1)
12:00pm RLWRS Last Day BBQ

Tuesday, May 23:
47th Day Omer (Sivan 3)
7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, May 25:
Erev Shavuot, 49th Day Omer (Sivan 5)
6:00pm Shavuot Evening Service

Erev Shabbat, May 26:
Shavuot - 1st Day (Sivan 6)
10:00am Shavuot Morning Service

Shabbat, May 27:
Shavuot, Yizkor (Sivan 7)
10:00am Shabbat Services, Shavuot & Yizkor

Monday, May 29 (Sivan 9)
Memorial Day: Office Closed

Condolences to:

her children Richard (Kim) Diamond,
Joel (Hannah) Schlank, Susan Schlank
and her entire family on the loss of
Iris (Diamond) Schlank



Faith, Hope, and Prayer

Why is it that we seem to know so little about our Judaism, and what we do know is often incorrect? Is it that we just don't spend any time learning more about who we are and the precious legacy that our faith represents? Maybe we think that Hebrew is a barrier. We don't know enough Hebrew to fully understand Judaism. Perhaps the Talmud is just too big a (set of) book(s) and we will never get through it. Or maybe we think that nobody really cares about all this Jewish stuff anymore, so why bother.

I got my first personal computer in 1980 (ancient history, I know), and like anything else in my life I wanted to learn about, I asked which books I should read to get to know how to use my computer better. (I did this before I had children, too, without much success, but that is a different story). The executive director of a different synagogue was known to be a computer expert, so I asked him what I should read. He told me not to bother to learn how to write code, I didn't need a degree in computer programming. I just needed one reference book, and when I wanted to know how to do something on my computer, I should just read the one chapter in the book that deals with the subject. The rest of the stuff I would probably never need.

The same applies to Judaism. You don't need to know everything about theology. All we ever really need to know is what we are interested in at that moment. The big book that has everything you need for basic Judaism is called, *The Observant Life: The Wisdom of Conservative Judaism for Contemporary Jews* edited by Martin S. Cohen and published by the Rabbinical Assembly. It has everything you would want to know about Judaism from the perspective of Conservative Judaism. You don't have to read it cover to cover; just read what interests you at the moment.

If Jewish prayer is what is puzzling you, one of the best books on prayer is by the late Rabbi Reuven Hammer, *Entering Jewish Prayer*; again, not a book one needs to read cover to cover (although you can), but you can explore here any part of the service. Another book on prayer is *Making Prayer Real* by Rabbi Mike Comins (Jewish Lights Press), but he reads better from cover to cover.

Summer reading can be about learning who we are and what we stand for. If you know all about stocks but not about Sukkot; if you know about pastry but not about Purim; if you know what the S on Superman's chest is for but not what the Shin on your Mezuzah represents — you don't have to be a scholar to find out. You don't have to stay up all night bingeing on your favorite show all summer; you can binge instead on questions about Judaism. No cable connection required.

Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg



Pesach is Coming!

As we do each year, this month we will hold our Annual Meeting of the Congregation. This year, it will take place on Wednesday, May 10th and as always, each and every one of you are not only invited to attend, and **strongly encouraged** to attend. And while I'm sure some of you may let this go past without thinking about attending, I'm going to try and change your mind.

Coming to the Annual Meeting gives you a chance to...

- Have any questions about the State of the Synagogue answered directly and in a public forum.
- Hear about everything that we've been doing over the last year, some of which has been behind the scenes.
- Learn what we've been doing with your dues—yes, your dues. After all, it's what keeps us going.
- Spend a little time with other members of the congregation, and maybe reconnect with people you haven't seen in a while.

And if that isn't enough, how about a deli dinner? Before Minyan, we'll have a dinner at 6:00 pm—and we would truly and honestly love to see as many people there as possible. Registration is on our website; the deadline is May 5th.

If you've been reading my column each month, you may have noticed a theme: I keep inviting you to things! A synagogue is more than a place for us to come and pray; it is a center for our Jewish community. It's a place where we can all come together for social events, learning and education, and yes, spiritual life. The reason I keep inviting you to things, is that without all of you, it's not a community.

I hope you'll join us on May 10. And try and join us for dinner and minyan before the meeting. I'd love to see you there.

Russ Benblatt
President
Beth Sholom B'nai Israel

Community Events



Rabbi Richard Plavin Library

David Alter, Librarian

This month's book review was provided by Lisa Plavin.
Todah rabah to her for taking the time to provide the book review.

Letty Cottin Pogrebin, iconic feminist and a co-founder of *Ms. Magazine*, decided that she wanted to publish a 13th book (13 being a special number within Judaism). Having passed her 80th birthday, she decided to write a memoir. At approximately the same time, her granddaughter, Molly, was tasked in a college class with writing a biography of a famous woman and chose her grandmother. Letty offered Molly access to her voluminous files, and they unearthed a large shopping bag of correspondence and documents from Letty's parents and other relatives. And so, *Shanda: A Memoir of Shame and Secrecy* was born.

Letty's family was particularly beset with secrets, from her grandmother's experience as a runaway bride in Europe, to her parents' undisclosed history of hidden divorces. As a twelve-year-old, Letty had discovered not only that her beloved older sister was a half-sister, but that she had another half-sister who had been excised from the family saga. All of this and so much more fell in the category of shanda, a Yiddish word denoting shame, disgrace and secrecy.

The book delves into the role of shanda in her family, in private life and in public life. While the most of the book focuses on Letty's family, in what might strike some as a bit too much detail, she then veers into issues she sees as tinged with shanda, including Zionism, Holocaust revisionism, and secrecy around sexual abuse.

This book will resonate with a wide variety of readers who will identify with the shanda associated with the immigrant experience or the shanda of dysfunctional family life or the shandas within our cultural heritage. Letty Cottin Pogrebin has always been a force for change, progress, and honesty. She casts no less of a laser focus upon herself and her family, and the reader is privileged to be invited along.

From your Social Action Committee

First of all, thank you to all the incredibly generous members of our community who jumped in immediately to respond to our request for donations for earthquake relief in Turkey. We were able to send \$1,521 to Direct Relief targeting that need. Whatever you were able to give, you shared in making life possible for many victims of that tragedy.

We want to remind you that the food cart is still in the lobby, and there is ongoing need for help in keeping food pantry shelves stocked. So if your grocery store is having a sale on pasta, canned veggies, dishwashing liquid, toothpaste or other helpful items, buy an extra for the BSBI shopping cart.

AND bear in mind our focused need for May: feminine hygiene products. This universal need is rarely, if ever, addressed in requests for assistance, hence our making this a focus for May. So, between now and the end of May make an extra trip down the pharmacy aisle and pick up an extra box of tampons or pads or any other necessary feminine product, and add them to the food cart. We'll get them where they will make a difference.

Deb Carlson & Susan Mendelsohn

Shabbat Luncheon May 20th

The next Shabbat Luncheon will be on May 20th. We hope to have a free monthly luncheon open to all (though registration will be requested to determine attendance numbers). Next month's Luncheon will be on June 10th; 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

Save the Date: New Member Shabbat June 10th

Please join us as we welcome some of our new members during the service, and come introduce yourselves to them at our kiddush lunch following the service.

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

Want to buy a dress?

We are in the process of having new Torah Mantles (coverings) made and are still looking for sponsors for the project. If you would like to sponsor one of the mantles, please contact Rabbi Koningsberg for details. Thank you for your consideration.

Maury Luxemburg



Community Events

Manchester Brotherhood in Action 2023 – Thank You

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!

We are excited to report that the Manchester Brotherhood in Action mail-in fundraiser for 2023 raised \$8,176 to help two local families of children facing life-altering illnesses. This represents a great success, thanks in large part to the generous support from the BSBI community (\$2,464 from 76 contributions) to the Brotherhood's recent BSBI-BIA appeal. Representatives from BSBI Brotherhood run this annual event in partnership with representatives from other Manchester fraternal organizations (Knights of Columbus, Masons and UNICO), who also raise funds from their respective communities. At a reception held at BSBI on April 16th, BIA presented \$4,088 each to the families of Myah Viens and Icek DeJesus.

As society continues to adapt to the changing Covid situation, the BIA leadership team, led by Spin Zucker, is hopeful that we can return to our long-standing annual Community Breakfast format for the 2024 BIA fundraiser.

We, the BSBI representatives to Manchester Brotherhood In Action, say Todah Rabah to all BSBI donors who generously supported this year's community fundraiser, even without a community breakfast. The current and past beneficiary families have always been most grateful for the much needed assistance this community-wide effort provides. We are happy that we can help and are also very thankful for your support.

Respectfully,

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





Torah Fund

All are invited to this in-person event at Beth Sholom B'nai Israel. Listen to Rabbi Jonathan Berger's story and enjoy some delectable desserts.

MAY 17, 2023
7:30pm

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Rabbi Jonathan Berger

Head of School,
Solomon Schechter

See page 10 for more information about the Torah Fund Fundraising Event

Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School Update

A TEACHING MOMENT FROM RABBI ALAN

So often we hear people say, “They’ve got to deal with me!” or “I am going to give them a piece of my mind!” Why do we take a tough stand, when all we really want is to communicate better with others? When we come from the position that “they have to deal with me,” we are setting ourselves up for confrontation, unwilling to compromise and not allowing others to experience our love and caring.

Our tradition says, “Kol Yisrael areveem zeh la-zeh—All Jews are responsible for one another.” This is the Jewish position! To seek confrontation is not a Jewish position. To separate ourselves from others is not the Jewish way. In these difficult times, we need to be more diligent with each other, more loving, more kind, more responsible for each other. “Love peace and act peacefully, speak truth to each other and establish peace!”

There is so much power in language. Our Siddur teaches that we “create our world” by our language, by the very words we speak. Our tradition teaches that we should greet everyone with a cheerful face. In many places we find such teachings as, “Be careful with words; choose your words carefully.” “Say little, do much and receive everyone with kindness.” These words of our tradition were written a long time ago, and their timelessness continues to speak to us today.

So why would we want to keep ourselves separate? In these times when people are being threatened around the globe, we need to be diligent with each other, more loving, kind, and responsible for each other.

Each week, for our Sunday morning Tefillah, we touch on each of these areas so that our students and families will be well equipped with Jewish understanding for how we can all better interact in the world. Now as we begin our summer recess, it is with my fervent hope that our students continue to bring into the world all the goodness, compassion, and joy that they have developed in our religious school, in that way making others around them kinder people.

This year’s final Junior Congregation will be on Shabbat, May 20, **at 11:00 AM (note special time)**. The next day, Sunday, May 21, will be the last day of our school year. We will honor our teachers and students, we will have a song fest, and students will present a talent show, followed by the end-of-the-year BBQ. Let’s celebrate another year of learning—another year of creating a warm Jewish community!

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Alan

RLWRS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BBQ

May 21st at 12:00pm





Celebration Dates

Happy Birthday to:

Robin Kohler 5/1	Nancy Ross 5/15	Miriam Kalman 5/24
Jayden Raymond 5/1	Rabbi Richard Plavin 5/15	Sharon Woodley 5/24
Mitchell Wurmbrand 5/2	Irma Menschell 5/17	Scott Brennan 5/27
Lorin Pasternak 5/2	Randi Friedman 5/19	Lois Falkenstein 5/28
Joshua Abrahams 5/3	Glenn Blumenstein 5/19	Bernard Krutt 5/28
Corinne Fisher 5/7	Rabbi Randall Konigsburg 5/20	Susan Margolis 5/28
Linda Grodofsky 5/7	Samuel Krutt 5/20	Elaine Charendoff 5/30
Carl Mandell 5/9	David Abrams 5/22	Bernard Apter 5/30
Evan Carlson 5/10	Brenda Lerner 5/23	Susan Breslau 5/30
Beverly Ladue 5/10	Sarah Poutre 5/23	Anne Fink 5/31
Aaron Bayer 5/11	Norma Cantor 5/23	Donna Plen 5/31
Delilah Miller 5/14	Rebecca Rumbo 5/23	

Happy Anniversary to:

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



Have a simcha you want to share with the congregation? Make sure to notify Allison at programming@myshul.org 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, May 8

7:45 pm: Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Group on Zoom

Tuesday, May 9

1:30pm: Knit & Kvetch

Wednesday, May 17

7:30 pm: Torah Fund Dessert at BSBI

Tuesday, May 23

7:35 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting on Zoom

Sunday, May 28

Adventure Walk **Cancelled**

Sisterhood Installation

June 27th at 7:45 pm

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

Officers 2023-2025

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025

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

Elected Directors, 2023-2025

Elly Cohen
Paula Finkelstein
Mimi Kalman
Maxine Lerman
Susan Mendelsohn

Elected Directors, 2022-2024

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

Nominating Committee

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

Ex Officio Directors

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

Judy Meyer, Immediate Past President
Chair of Nominating Committee

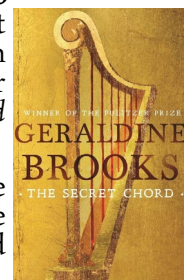
Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 8, 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 continue to read *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks.

We cancelled our April meeting because while we were preparing for Pesach, we really didn't have time to read. Then with all the events that had been scheduled at BSBI, we could not reschedule.

The Mary Cheney Research librarian is still holding copies of the books for the BSBI Book Group. The zoom link will be posted closer to the meeting date.

Maxine Lerman and Becky Murray



Knit & Kvetch

See you at our last meeting of the year! Join us on May 9th at 1:30 pm in the BSBI library. And remember, keep on knitting over the summer!

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

Adventure Walk



Our May Adventure Walk is cancelled because of Memorial Day Weekend. We would like to continue walking through the Summer and hope more folks will join us on future walks.

Looking forward to having you with us,
Margie Partney

Torah Fund Cards

Mazel tov to Maddy Turk upon reaching her 80th birthday from Judy and Harold Meyer.

Thank you to Paul Rubin in appreciation for his stepping up on March 25th to read the Torah portion assigned to me from Judy Meyer.

Get well to Paula Finkelstein from Mimi Kalman.

Get well to Paula Finkelstein from Judy and Harold Meyer.

Get well to Paula Finkelstein from Lynn and Jack Cohen.

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

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 Gift Shop, Your Source for all Your Simchot

Spring is almost here! Perhaps you want to add something new to brighten your home. How about a new Mezuzot for your door? All in-stock **Mezuzot** will be **10% off** through May. Stop by the gift shop, and you may find some additional items to enjoy this spring! 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.

The BSBI Gift Shop is selling various sized handmade bags and totes sewn by a group of women from the Connecticut Immigrant & Refugee Coalition "Sewing for Success" to help bring in some additional family income. The bags are all unique, and range in price from \$10.64 to \$37.22 including tax. 100% of the proceeds are given back to the women who are making these bags. Please feel free to stop by and pick out one or more!

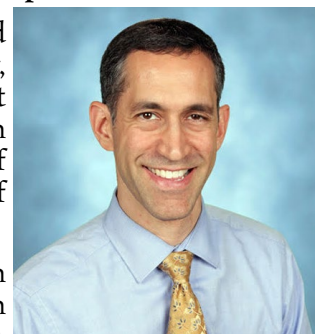
If you want to check out the full line of articles available, go to coalitionct.org and click on SHOP. If you see something you would like, we can order it.

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



Torah Fund Dessert May 17th at 7:30pm

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



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

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

Rabbi Berger was a congregational rabbi in Owings Mills, MD for three years, a school rabbi in New York, and at the Hillel Day School for eleven years in Detroit. He is married with four children.

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

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

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

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

Brotherhood Corner



A Word From Our Brotherhood President

Hello, BSBI! I hope your Pesach holiday was a joyful and festive occasion.

Our April speaker was outstanding. We heard from Mary-Jane Foster, the President of Interval House, a battered women's shelter serving Greater Hartford. We learned about how their outreach and availability has helped thousands of men, women, and children escape from abusive situations and get resettled into a new life. Our chapter was so moved by Mary-Jane's story, we donated \$300.00 on the spot. If you feel strongly about the mission of Interval House, I encourage you to donate as well.

Our May meeting will be held on Sunday, May 7th, at 9:00 a.m. We will begin with Shacharit in the main sanctuary. Breakfast begins at 10:00 a.m. with our monthly business meeting, followed by our speaker at 10:30 a.m.

Our May speaker will be Michael Bloom. Michael is the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut. JFACT advocates on issues of importance to the seven Jewish Federations and their beneficiary agencies across the state. Michael has two decades of legislative experience in local, state and federal government, as well as non-profit and private advocacy. He has worked for several state legislators and been part of several campaigns over his career. He sits on the board the Hartford Jewish Community Relations Council, Hebrew Senior Care, and Beth El Temple Men's Club. He was born in Brookline, MA, and grew up in Gaithersburg, MD. He returned to New England when he attended the University of Connecticut.

All the best,
Glenn Hauer, BSBI Brotherhood President

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.

BSBI's Faith & Family Day: It's never too early to get your tickets!

Don't miss out on our annual Faith & Family Day at Dunkin' park on August 20th

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

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 cttodoxdoc@gmail.com

.....✂.....cut here to mail form with payment.....



BSBI BROTHERHOOD PRESENTS JEWISH HERITAGE DAY AT DUNKIN' PARK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH 2023

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

Children 3 and under are free if sitting on a parent's lap during the game.

Please note any handicapped tickets needed.



NAME: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____ \$15 each

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Space is limited: **ORDER AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 15TH**
Your tickets will arrive by e-mail.

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

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Endowment Foundation

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In honor of Maddy Turk's special birthday from Mrs. Joan Baron

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SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In honor of commitment to Shabbat Morning Services from Ms. Susan Rubin

May 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 (10 Iyyar) 25th Day Omer 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	2 (11 Iyyar) 26th Day Omer 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	3 (12 Iyyar) 27th Day Omer 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	4 (13 Iyyar) 28th Day Omer 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	5 (14 Iyyar) Pesach Sheni 29th Day Omer 6:00pm Friday Night Services 7:34pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 7:52pm	6 (15 Iyyar) 30th Day Omer 10:00am Shabbat Services 8:39pm Havdalah Sunset: 7:54pm
7 (16 Iyyar) 31st Day Omer 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 9:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker	8 (17 Iyyar) 32nd Day Omer 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood/ Hadassah Book Club	9 (18 Iyyar) Lag B'Omer 33rd Day Omer 1:30pm Knit & Kvetch 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	10 (19 Iyyar) 34th Day Omer 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Annual Meeting	11 (20 Iyyar) 35th Day Omer 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	12 (21 Iyyar) 36th Day Omer 6:00pm Friday Night Services 7:42pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 8:00pm	13 (22 Iyyar) 37th Day Omer 10:00am Shabbat Services 8:46pm Havdalah Sunset: 8:01pm
14 (23 Iyyar) 38th Day Omer Mother's Day 9:00am Hebrew school K-7	15 (24 Iyyar) 39th Day Omer 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	16 (25 Iyyar) 40th Day Omer 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	17 (26 Iyyar) 41st Day Omer 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Torah Fund Dessert	18 (27 Iyyar) 42nd Day Omer 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	19 (28 Iyyar) Yom Yerushalayim 43rd Day Omer 6:00pm Friday Night Services 7:49pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 8:07pm	20 (29 Iyyar) Shabbat Mevarchim 44th Day Omer 10:00am Shabbat Services 11:00am Junior Congregation 12:30pm Shabbat Luncheon 8:53pm Havdalah Sunset: 8:08pm
21 (1 Sivan) Rosh Chodesh Sivan 45th Day Omer 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 12:00pm RLWRS Last Day BBQ	22 (2 Sivan) 46th Day Omer 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv	23 (3 Sivan) 47th Day Omer 7:00pm Mincha/ Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	24 (4 Sivan) 48th Day Omer 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	25 (5 Sivan) Erev Shavuot 49th Day Omer 6:00pm Shavuot Evening Service 7:54pm Candle Lighting	26 (6 Sivan) Shavuot - 1st Day 10:00am Shavuot Morning Service 6:00pm Friday Night Services 7:55pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 8:13pm	27 (7 Sivan) Shavuot, Yizkor 10:00am Shabbat Services, Shavuot & Yizkor 8:59pm Havdalah Sunset: 8:14pm
28 (8 Sivan)	29 (9 Sivan) Memorial Day Office Closed	30 (10 Sivan) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	31 (11 Sivan) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv			

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Please Note: Services will begin at 7:00 PM except where noted.
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Saturday, May 27th
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10:00am

