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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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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 1 (Tevet 20) Office Closed

Shabbat, January 6: Shabbat Mevarchim (Tevet 25)

12:30pm Shabbat Luncheon

Sunday, January 7 (Tevet 26) 9:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

Monday, January 8 (Tevet 27) 7:30pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

> Tuesday, January 9 (Tevet 28) 1:30pm Knit & Kvetch

Monday, January 15 (Shevat 5)Office Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 17 (Shevat 7) 7:30pm BOD Board Meeting

Shabbat, January 20 (Shevat 10)
12:30pm Sisterhood Shabbat Luncheon

Sunday, January 21 (Shevat 11) 2:00pm Sisterhood Tu B'Shvat Event

Monday, January 22 (Shevat 12) 7:30pm Wisdom in Winter

Tuesday, January 23 (Shevat 13) 6:00pm Spiritual Perspectives of Time at WORK_SPACE Manchester 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

Shabbat, January 27 (Shevat 17) 11:00am Junior Congregation 12:30pm Shabbat Luncheon

Sunday, January 28 (Shevat 18) 10:00am Sisterhood Adventure Walk

Monday, January 29 (Shevat 19) 7:30pm Wisdom in Winter

Condolences to:

Condolences to her children Phil (Susan) Margolis, Tod (Grace) Margolis and Shawn (Paula) Margolis on the loss of their mother, Brenda Margolis.

Faith, Hope, and Prayer

When we watch an exciting movie, we find ourselves wondering how the movie will end. Will it be a happy ending, or will it end with heartbreak or disaster?

When it comes to our own lives, we might also find ourselves wondering how our story will end. Spoiler Alert! We are all going to die in the end. We might not know when we will die, how we will die, or how long our dying will take, but death does come for everyone. This movie does not have a happy ending.

Or does it? Death does not have to be a time of despair. Certainly, our loved ones will cry when we are gone. They will miss us and when they miss us, when they remember us, they will cry. That is what human beings do. But if we are prepared for death when it comes, we can mitigate the suffering of our families in that dark hour. Many people don't want to think about dying. Like children, they think that if they don't think about it, hear about it, or see it, then it will not happen. But one of the certainties of life is that we all die. In all of life, when we are prepared, things are better. Death too requires us to be prepared so that those we leave behind are not bewildered about how to face our death.

How will we die? We don't know this, so we have to prepare for the different possibilities. We need a document, a health care directive that will guide our family if we are not able to make decisions for ourselves. We need to assign a health care proxy, someone who will see our directives and make the decisions we can't make for ourselves. This plan and who will be in charge need to be in writing; but writing it all down is not enough. We must go over it with our family, spouse, and children, so that our wishes are clear and there will not be family conflict about our care.

When will we die? The health care directives must also state when health care should cease. It is possible to keep our bodies alive for a long time. What criteria should be used to know when it is time to stop care and allow us to die naturally? When should Hospice be called in? Do we want to die at home? How will our health care proxy and our family know it is time to let us go? Our directives need to be in writing, and we need to discuss this with our family, so they are clear about our wishes.

Where will we die? Judaism is clear on what is required to prepare a body for burial, but where will we be buried? (Other options besides burial are not part of Jewish tradition.) Burial plots can be purchased well in advance of need. Funeral arrangements can also be planned well in advance; this way they can be paid off over time, leaving the family to grieve without having to make many difficult decisions at the last minute (sometimes there are discounts for advanced planning). Many of these plans are transferable in case situations change, but in general the purchase of cemetery plots is not refundable. You will "own" that real estate. It is hard to think about where and how our funeral will happen, but it will happen, and we can decide now what will happen in the end.

Clearly, we need to write a will or a revocable trust so that we can pass on to our families our possessions with clarity, and with an eye to taxes that must be paid. (Yes, death AND taxes are both certain). Judaism would have us also write an "ethical will" or a "Forever Letter" to help our loved ones find meaning and purpose in their lives when we are no longer there to have these conversations. It is a document of advice for living that our family can turn to after we are gone.

Making plans for our death is not a morbid exercise. It reflects the reality of life and death. It is not something that has to wait until we turn 70 or 80 years old. We can start making plans when we are in our 40s or 50s and then review them every ten years or so. It is important to update our plans as our family grows and our situation changes. For resources and information, I encourage everyone, no matter their age, to check out The Shomer Collective (shomercollective.org) on how to think about how the movie of our life will end and how we can have the conversations with loved ones that will ensure that our wishes will be addressed.

Movies follow a script, but life does not. Now is the time to have the discussions that make a good ending possible. Now is the time to write down our wishes and plans and then to discuss them with family. It is the beginning of a New Year. Resolve to make some real plans about the future. We may not know what the future holds, but we can be ready for whatever comes.

Now is the time to plan.

Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg

Community Events

8th Jazz Fest Success!

The 2023 Manchester CT Jazz Festival was a resounding success! The music was phenomenal, the audience excited! The attendees consisted of many members from BSBI and even more from several surrounding communities. The event was a sellout!

Financially, the festival was successful, producing a net profit of \$11,000 from sponsorships, donations and tickets sales. I wish to thank my committee members Jack and Dawn Steigelfest, Debbie Cinquemani, Gordon and Bea Brodie, Jodette Bentley, Mike and Maddy Turk, Ron and Brina Abrahams, Russ Benblatt, and Steve Wollins. And thanks to our resident photographer, Harold Bernstein, for capturing the essence of the festival for us on film. And a big shout out to our Artistic Director, Alex Nakhimovsky, who has brought outstanding performers to our stage year after year.

The committee will be meeting soon to commence planning our next festival, scheduled for:

Saturday evening, December 7, 2024. So, SAVE THE DATE!!!

Thanks again, and Happy New Year!

Ken Wichman Festival Producer



Support Shabbat Luncheons!

Shabbat Luncheons have been successful in bringing more people into the shul for Shabbat morning services and allowed those who come to spend time together in a pleasant and friendly environment. We hope more people will come and share this experience with us.

Each month we will have a cake to recognize those having birthdays and anniversaries and will be excited to give anyone who would like an honor during the service an appropriate one with which they feel comfortable. Please check in with Susan Rubin or Judy Meyer when you come to the service to be given an honor accordingly.

On another note, these luncheons do have a monetary cost and the fund gets diminished with each event. For those who would like this experience to continue through the year (and years to come), please consider donations to the Shabbat Luncheon Fund. Contact Judy in the office if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration. See you on Shabbat morning!



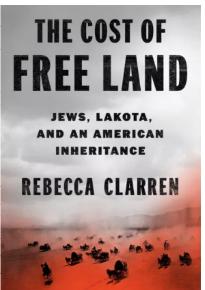
Maury Luxemburg and the Shabbat Luncheon committee/crew

Rabbi Richard Plavin Library

What does it mean to survive oppression only to perpetuate and benefit from the oppression of others? Author Rebecca Clarren investigates the entwined history of her Jewish ancestors' land in South Dakota and the Lakota tribe, who were forced off that land by the United States government.

The Cost of Free Land combines the author's investigative reporting with personal family history to reveal the intertwined stories of her family and the Lakota, and the devastating cycle of loss of Indigenous land, culture, and resources that continues today.

She only knew some of her immigrant family's origins. Her great-great-grandparents and their six children fled antisemitism in Russia and arrived in the United States at the turn of the twentieth century, ultimately settling on a 160-acre homestead in South Dakota. It was never mentioned that their land had been taken from the Lakota by the US government. By the time the family moved to South Dakota, the government had broken hundreds of treaties with hundreds of Indigenous nations and the land once reserved for the seven bands of the Lakota had been diminished, splintered, and handed for free, or practically free, to white settlers.



The Cost of Free Land provides a unique and valuable contribution to the history of the many ways our nation and its people have mistreated Native Americans.

Social Action Committee Update

Your Social Action Committee is planning a joint MLK Mitzvah Day project with Temple Sinai and Emanuel Synagogue to take place at Midwest Food Bank here in Manchester on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 15th. Watch for detailed information and sign-up links to appear in the weekly emails.

Susan Mendelsohn and Deb Carlson

Pictured: Volunteers at Midwest Food Bank in Manchester



Clergy Come Together at BSBI

The annual Manchester's Thanksgiving Interfaith Service was held on Nov 19th, 2023, at BSBI.

The invocation was provided by Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg, with opening remarks and a special welcome by Mayor Jay Moran.

Many Clery attended and gave Scripture text related to Thanksgiving. After the service, everyone was invited to see posters of the hostages that were posted on the wall outside the Sanctuary.

Photographer: Harold A. Bernstein



Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School Update

School News

Our annual Latkes and Lights celebration was an overwhelming success, with approximately 90 people attending! The event was a joint program of the School and the Programming Committee, with added financial support from BSBI's Sisterhood and Brotherhood, in order to make this seasonal nosh free for all participants. Our students participated by saying the Hanukkah blessings and performing a selection of holiday songs, followed by a Hanukkah cantata written by our principal, Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz. Yasher koach to all for your songs of joy and spirit!



We'd like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make hundreds of latkes and cookies, as well as those who assisted with set-up and clean-up. This event couldn't happen without the willing hands of our congregants. We'd also like to give a special shout out to our synagogue staff, who not only went above and beyond in every way, but also served as our "quality control" latke specialists. Judy, Shari, Allison, and Dave, you are very much appreciated—as is Alex, Staff Member Emeritus!

Each month, Rabbi Alan leads a Junior Congregation service in the Chapel. Please feel free to stop in and learn with us; it is a joy to see the children grow as they learn to participate in the liturgy. The January JC is scheduled for January 27 at 11:00 a.m.; a congregational Shabbat luncheon will follow at 12:30, at the end of the main service.

A Teaching Moment with Rabbi Alan

Since I was a kid, I have been fascinated with the workings of the earth and the planets. And coming from upstate New York, I remember reading an article in the newspaper that traced the highest official source of the Hudson River as being found on the slopes of Mt. Marcy, in the Adirondack Mountains. That source was found to be Lake Tear of the Clouds. The Hudson River, a body of water that is three and a half miles wide at its widest point (in Haverstraw), and 217 feet deep at its deepest point (near West Point), begins as no more than a tiny stream across which you can step with very little effort. It is amazing that a river that is as mighty as the Hudson can begin in such an inconspicuous way.



It is the same with a new year. A new year begins in a rather inconspicuous way. The celebration of the old year gives way to the rather mundane start of a new year. Things begin slowly on January 1st. We are quietly and leisurely recovering from the celebration of New Year's Eve—some more than others. And we spend the first month of the year enduring winter and looking to the promise of spring. Our new year's resolutions are still fresh in our hearts and minds.

January comes with the hope that, like Rosh Hashanah, we can make needed changes in our lives. It is almost a "secular second chance" to break free from the ruts we are in and the less than noble habits we have established. We have another opportunity to begin a year in which we can become kinder, more compassionate, and more generous and more optimistic people.

Aren't we Jews blessed to have a second chance New Year as it has been only 3+ months since Rosh Hashanah? Shana tova ezrachi k'lali, Happy General/Secular New Year.

Rabbi Alan

Update from the Rabbi Search Committee

For veterans of clergy searches, it will come as no surprise that the most challenging duty of the Search Committee is to navigate between the need to represent our community and the need to meet the demands of the Rabbinical Assembly.

To date, we have received one application through the RA. We met in mid-December to discuss the candidate, and decided to hold a preliminary zoom interview with her.

Because we have had only one application, we petitioned the RA to allow us to extend our search beyond members of the RA. That petition was denied. We were told that it is "too early in the process"—although this directly contradicts what we were told earlier, when they assured us they would approve an extended search if we did not receive "several" applications by early December. Conflicting information from the RA has been one of our chief obstacles in carrying out this search.

Diversity:

Our chair and co-chair attended the webinar on diversity in hiring recommended by the RA. After that session, they raised some questions about the specific purpose of the training, and received the following information from the Director of Career Services at the RA:

In recent years, there have been "many, many instances of bias" in the hiring process;

- Search committees and congregations have asked "questions that are either rude, inappropriate, or illegal (or all three!)";
- Objectionable questions "have to do with age, gender, family planning, race, and often profiling of last names and follow-up inappropriate questions";
- "[M] any people of all different gender expressions, races, ages, and backgrounds are often treated unfairly in the interview process."

We know that each of us has an image in mind of the "ideal" rabbi. It's important to keep in mind that our individual preferences are less important than the needs of our community as a whole. After any in-person visit by a candidate, all members of BSBI will be sent a questionnaire to respond to and rate the candidate. It's important to recognize that when we "vote," we are voting for the future of BSBI—not its past.

The RA's guide for search committees reminds us that "no candidate will fill every individual's needs and expectations of a rabbi. No candidate can be perfect. Each candidate will have his/her own strengths and unique qualities. The committee [and by extension, our congregation] will have to weigh the differences and learn to have realistic expectations."

Our goal in this process is to provide the congregation with a choice among qualified candidates. Of course each congregant will have a favorite candidate; that is understood. But please do not make snap decisions based on unexamined assumptions. In our questionnaire, the Search Committee has presented BSBI as a warm, welcoming community, open to Jews of all types. We need to live up to that reputation. Our congregation will of course judge Rabbi candidates; but candidates will also judge our congregation. Just as the candidates will reveal themselves through their words and conduct, our words and conduct will speak to the character of BSBI.

BSBI's priorities:

As a reminder, the following top priorities for the rabbi's qualities were established in last summer's online survey and Community Conversation. These are the qualities by which we will judge any candidates who visit BSBI:

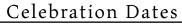
Most important personal qualities of the Rabbi (in order, by percentage of respondents):

- Personable/relatable (likable one-on-one) 87%
- Compassionate/empathetic 82.5%
- Visionary/inspiring (able to move the congregation forward) 63%
- Charismatic (likable in group settings) 58%

Most important roles of the Rabbi at BSBI (in order):

- Pastor 90%
- Spiritual leader 85%
- Religious motivator 74%
- Inclusive leader 72%

The Rabbi Search Committee





Happy Birthday to:

Kevin Cyr 1/1
Bonnie Norman 1/1
Carol Goldstein 1/1
Linda Bernstein 1/1
Annemarie Miller 1/5
Ruth Miller 1/6
Allyson Benblatt 1/8
Sharon Reichlin 1/8

Florence Kovensky 1/11
Paul Rubin 1/12
Daniel Levine 1/12
Sidney Goldstein 1/15
Sharon Hartstein 1/15
Stacey Poutre 1/15
Joyce Borgida 1/22
Ruth Zackin 1/23

Troy Videll 1/25 Harold Bernstein 1/26 Joanne Donn 1/26 Barbara Zupnik 1/27 Holly Raymond 1/28 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!

Update Your Contact Information!

Have a new cell number or gave up your landline?

Want to be added to our email list to get our weekly announcements, sad news notifications and other important information related to the congregation?

Think you signed up to get emails but haven't received any?

Planning on moving or getting a new email address?

Have a child who has gone off to college and would like to keep up to date with life at BSBI?

Please contact the office directly regarding ANY changes or issues by or by sending an email to admin@myshul.org.

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

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

What's Ahead for Sisterhood

Monday, January 8th 7:40 pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Group (note change of time) Zoom

Tuesday, January 9th
1:30 pm Knit and Kvetch at BSBI

Saturday, January 20th 10:00 am Sisterhood Shabbat

Sunday, January 21st 2:00 pm Sisterhood Paid-up Membership Event

Tuesday, January 23rd 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

Sunday, January 28th 🕁 10:00 am Sisterhood Adventure Walk 🕞

Share an Oneg

The pulpit flowers on January 20 will be sponsored by Sisterhood in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat.

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

Adventure Walk

We will be walking as a group on January 28. Let's start our year doing something healthy! We will meet at the BSBI parking at 10:00 am, decide where to go and then off we will go. As always, our walk is weather permitting.

Margie Partney

Torah Fund Cards

Condolences to the Margolis family in memory of Phil's mother, Brenda, from Rima Riedel.

Condolences to the Margolis family in memory of Phil's mother, Brenda, from Calvin and Elaine Vinick.

Condolences to the Margolis family in memory of Phil's mother, Brenda, from Lynn and Jack Cohen.

Condolences to the Margolis family in memory of Phil's mother, Brenda, from Mimi Kalman.

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

Sisterhood Weekend, Don't Miss it! Sisterhood Shabbat and Paid-up Membership Event

Our upcoming Sisterhood Weekend, January 20th and 21st, combines two special happenings. On Saturday, January 20th at Sisterhood Shabbat, we will celebrate our Sisterhood and all that we do for our synagogue. The service will be conducted by our members and our special guest speaker will be Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg, daughter of our Rabbi and Michelle Konigsburg. The service will be followed by a luncheon.

On Sunday afternoon, January 21st, at 2:00 pm, we will honor our Paid-up Members with a participatory Tu B'shvat Seder: Fruit, Friendship, Ritual, and Dessert.

Please enter your reservations on the BSBI website by January 15th for both events. There are no charges for either of them, but we do want to make sure that we have enough for everybody.

Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 8th at 7:40 pm on Zoom. If you want to catch up with other members you can log on at 7:30 pm.

We are reading *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt for discussion. The Mary Cheney Research librarian has ordered books and will be holding copies of the book for the BSBI Book Group. The zoom link for our meetings will be posted closer to the meeting date.

Maxine Lerman and Becky Murray

Knit & Kvetch

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9th at 1:30 pm, in the BSBI library. Have you found yourself with extra time on your hands lately? Come join us, we'll be happy to teach you how to knit or crochet. We knit or crochet hats, scarves, and afghans to give away to people who really need those items.

Besides helpers, we can always use donations. Look in your closets; see any yarn (acrylic only) that we can use? We'll take it. We can also use checks to help us buy more yarn. Just make out the check to BSBI Sisterhood, write Knit and Kvetch on the memo line, and you can either mail it to BSBI or leave it in the BSBI office and ask for it to be put in the Sisterhood box.

If you have any questions, you can email me at Irannefink@gmail.com or call me at 860-649-6551.

Anne Fink

Sisterhood Gift Shop: Your Source for all Your Smachot

We would just like to remind you that we have a nice assortment of Judaica and lots of objects for gift giving too. So come, take a look and see what we have

If you don't see what you want, please give either Harriet Beede (860-305-8711) or Brenda Lerner (860-643-9700) a call and we'll be happy to meet with you or order something special.

Harriet Beede, hmbeede@gmail.com Brenda Lerner, brenler@cox.net

Brotherhood Corner

A Word From Our Brotherhood President

Hello BSBI!

December was a month full of exciting activities for Federated Jewish Men's Clubs, as well as our local BSBI chapter. Phil Margolis (Regional President, CT Valley FJMC) and I went to the Burt Fishman Leadership Development Institute in Maryland, and it was a great weekend full of learning and inspiring conversations. The most exciting were the discussions about the war in Israel, and what we could do locally here in our own chapter. Many ideas were shared, but it was the fellowship, the emotional bonding with dozens of like-minded people who were feeling the same anxiety as we were, and the strength we gave to each other, that will last in our memories.

The 26th Annual Abitz-Angel Memorial Golf Tournament is now in the history books, but late November/early December was when the fruits of ALL of our labors came together. At the end of November we presented a check for \$15,000 to CT Childrens Medical Center Department of Oncology and Blood Disorders for research on childhood cancer. And then at our December meeting, the tournament presented a check to the Brotherhood for \$10,000. These funds are already earmarked for local charities like the Hockanum Valley Food Pantry, MACCC Food Pantry, MARC, and a \$1,000 donation to the Schechter Institute Israel Emergency Fund. As always, we will use some of these funds to support the shul as needed. If you would like more information on the charities we support, please let me know.

The speaker for our January breakfast will be our very own Emma Luxemburg. Emma (she/her/hers) is a lifelong member of the BSBI congregation, and splits her time between Connecticut & New York where she pursues her theater career. Emma recently graduated from Wagner College in NYC where she studied Theater, and was most recently seen in Playhouse on the Park's production of *Bandstand*. When she's not on stage herself, Emma explores her passion for directing, casting, producing, and choreography.

Emma will be discussing the hot topic of ethical casting in the entertainment industry and specifically how it applies to Jewish roles and Jewish actors. Should Jewish stories be told exclusively by Jewish actors? Are there exceptions? Where is the line and how does it compare to other minorities and marginalized communities? Join us for this challenging discussion that will leave you more aware of Jewish stories, and who should be telling them.

Our January meeting will be held on Sunday, January 7th. We will start with Shacharit at 9:00 A.M. followed by breakfast at 9:30 A.M. Our speaker will begin at 10:30, and the congregation is invited join us for Emma's presentation.

I wish you all a Happy Secular New Year and wish you the best in 2024! See you January 7th.

In brotherhood, Glenn Hauer Brotherhood President



BSBI Brotherhood Presents Jewish Heritage Day at Dunkin' Park



SUNDAY, JULY 28TH 2024

GAME TIME: 1:10pm GATES OPEN: 11:30am
HARRISBURG SENATORS (WASHINGTON NATIONALS)
VS.
THE HARTFORD YARD GOATS (COLORADO ROCKIES)

Featuring: Reserved Seating Kosher Food Options Available Pre-Game Klezmer Band Performance

Post-Game Kids-Run-the-Bases Activity Special Jewish Community Leadership Ceremony



BSBI Brotherhood has reserved seats for the upper field box section 104 at a group rate of \$17 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 5th 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



BSBI BROTHERHOOD PRESENTS JEWISH HERITAGE DAY AT DUNKIN' PARK

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH 2024 GAME TIME: 1:10pm GATES OPEN: 11:30am

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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 or directly to Roy Filkoff or Jeff Wasser. Remember to discuss this and all other tax matters with your tax advisor before taking any action.

Sincerely, Jeff Wasser, MD President of the BSBI Endowment Will this be the year to leave YOUR Jewish legacy?



Do you have a will? Have you considered a bequest to BSBI?

Join those members of our Jewish community who have come together to build endowments and legacies to secure a bright Jewish future for BSBI.

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For more information, please email: BSB/Endowment@myshul.org

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Get well wishes to our dear friend Sissy from Alan & Lea Schmerler In memory of Blanche Stone from Sissy Seader

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SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In appreciation of attending luncheons from Barbara Pershan

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

Yahrzeit of my mother, Lillian Rubin from Deborah Gordon

January 2024 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday 1(20 Tevet)	Tuesday 2(21 Tevet)	Wednesday 3 (22 Tevet)	Thursday 4 (23 Tevet)	Friday 5 (24 Tevet)	Saturday 6(25 Tevet)
7 (26 Tevet) 9:00am	New Year's Day Office Closed 8(27 Tevet) 7:00pm Mincha/	12:00pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy 9 (28 Tevet) 12:00pm Lunch & Learn	7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 10(29 Tevet) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 11 (1 Shevat) Rosh Chodesh Shevat	4:16pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services Sunset: 4:34pm 12 (2 Shevat) 4:23pm Candle	10:00am Shabbat Services 12:30pm Shabbat Lunch 5:20pm Havdalah Sunset: 4:35pm 13(3 Shevat) 10:00am Shabbat
Hebrew school K-7 9:01am Minyan 9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast	Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood/ Hadassah Book Club	1:30pm Knit & Kvetch 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy		4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm <u>Mincha</u> /Maariv	Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services Sunset: 4:41pm	Services 5:27pm Havdalah Sunset: 4:42pm
14(4 Shevat)	15(5 Shevat)	16(6 Shevat)	17 (7 Shevat)	18 (8 Shevat)	19 (9 Shevat)	20 (10 Shevat)
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Evening Minyan Schedule Please Note: Services will begin at 7:00 PM except where noted.

* Special credit to our twice a month (or more) Jewry Duty members				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Thursday		
First Monday	First Tuesday	First Wednesday	First Thursday	
Maxine Jaffe*			Michelle Konigsburg*	
Michelle Konigsburg*	Arnold Keyser*	Ron Abrahams*	Brenda Lerner*	
Brenda Lerner*	Manny Lerman	Linda Grad	Judy Meyer	
Stacey Poutre*	Sarah Poutre*	Carol Hatch	Harold Meyer	
Susan Scherick	Stacey Poutre*	Marilyn Lassow*	Sarah Poutre*	
Ron Scherick	Jane Zimmerman*	Irene Milzoff	Stacey Poutre*	
Susan Stoppelman		Joel Milzoff	Calvin Vinick	
a state of the sta		Becky Murray		
Second Monday	Second Tuesday	Second Wednesday	Second Thursday	
Bruce Beck	Aaron Bayer	Brina Abrahams*	Paula Finkelstein	
Hope Igdalsky	Laurie Bayer	Ron Abrahams*	Michelle Konigsburg*	
Alan Igdalsky	Rick Berkman*	Bea Brodie	Brenda Lerner*	
Maxine Jaffe*	Ellie Flink*	Gordon Brodie	Steve Leshin	
Michelle Konigsburg*	Herb Flink*	Debra Carlson	Barbara Leshin	
Brenda Lerner*	Arnold Keyser*	Marilyn Lassow*	Sarah Poutre*	
Rabbi Richard Plavin*	Diane Keyser*		Stacey Poutre*	
Lisa Plavin*	Sarah Poutre*		Barry Resnick	
Stacey Poutre*	Stacey Poutre*		Renny Resnick	
1	Steve Wollins*		Ted Zupnik*	
			Barbara Zupnik*	
Third Monday	Third Tuesday	Third Wednesday	Third Thursday	
Michelle Konigsburg*	Rick Berkman*	Ron Abrahams*	Michelle Konigsburg*	
Brenda Lerner*	Arnold Keyser*	Brina Abrahams*	Neil Kovensky*	
Abe Linner	Diane Keyser*	Steve Cohen*	Brenda Lerner*	
Iris Linner	Sarah Poutre*	Elly Cohen*	Sarah Poutre*	
Stacey Poutre*	Stacey Poutre*	Maury Luxemburg	Stacey Poutre*	
Stacey Fourie	Leslie Abrahams	Marilyn Lassow*	Jane Zimmerman*	
	Richard Abrahams	Jeff Lassow	Julie Ziiiiiieziiiwii	
		Liza Mandel		
		Stacey Poutre*		
		Jack Steigelfest		
		Dawn Steigelfest		
Fourth Monday	Fourth Tuesday	Fourth Wednesday	Fourth Thursday	
Michelle Konigsburg*	Rick Berkman*	Ron Abrahams*	Stuart & Jenny Rabinowitz	
Brenda Lerner*	Sarah Poutre*	Brina Abrahams*	Michelle Konigsburg*	
			Brenda Lerner*	
Phil Margolis	Stacey Poutre* Steve Wollins*	Marilyn Lassow* Stacey Poutre*	Sarah Poutre*	
Sue Margolis Rabbi Richard Plavin*	Steve Wollins	Mike Turk		
Lisa Plavin*			Stacey Poutre*	
		Maddy Turk		
Stacey Poutre* Fifth Monday	Fifth Tuesday	Fifth Wednesday	Fifth Thursday	
Michelle Konigsburg*	Fifth Tuesday Rick Berkman*	Fifth Wednesday Ron Abrahams*	Fifth Thursday Michelle Konigsburg*	
0 0	Sarah Poutre*	Brina Abrahams*	Brenda Lerner	
Neil Kovensky* Brenda Lerner*		Steve Cohen*	Sarah Poutre*	
	Stacey Poutre*			
Stacey Poutre*	Ellie Flink*	Elly Cohen*	Stacey Poutre*	
	Herb Flink*	Marilyn Lassow*	Steve Wollins*	
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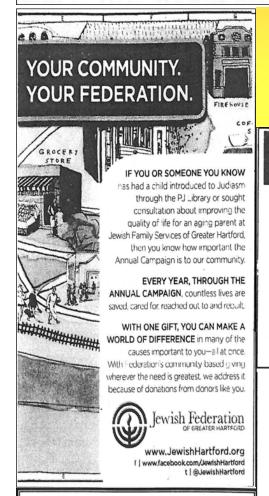
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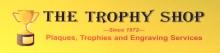
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