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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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 1st • 21 Adar I 5784
7:30pm Friday Night Services and Oneg with
Rabbi Daniel Victor

Shabbat, March 2 • 22 Adar I 5784
10:00am Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi
Daniel Victor
12:30PM Shabbat Lunch with Rabbi Daniel
Victor

Sunday, March 3 • 23 Adar I 5784
9:00AM Morning Minyan
9:30AM Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker

Shabbat, March 9 • 29 Adar I 5784
7:00PM Sisterhood Movie Night

Tuesday, March 12 • 2 Adar II 5784
1:30PM Knit & Kvetch

Friday, March 15 • 5 Adar II 5784
5:00PM Bulletin Submission Deadline

Shabbat, March 16 • 6 Adar II 5784
11:00AM Junior Congregation
12:30PM Shabbat Lunch

Wednesday, March 20 • 10 Adar II 5784
7:30PM Board Meeting

Sunday, March 24 • 14 Adar II 5784 Purim
9:00AM Purim Service

Tuesday, March 26 • 16 Adar II 5784
7:30PM Sisterhood Board Meeting

Sunday, March 31 • 21 Adar II 5784
10:00AM Sisterhood Adventure Walk



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Update from the Rabbi Search Committee

At the time of this writing, we just welcomed our first candidate, Rabbi Amalya Volz, during the weekend of February 23-25. She led services on Friday night and Saturday morning, and met with school parents on Sunday. We hope that many of you attended one or more events during Rabbi Volz's visit.

Rabbi Daniel Victor, our second candidate, will visit during the weekend of March 2-4. He will lead services on Friday night and Saturday morning, present a lesson to congregants following Shabbat lunch, and meet with school parents on Sunday morning. Please attend as many events as you can, either in person or via livestream!

After these visits, as in past searches, a survey solicits input from all who attended. The congregation's responses to these surveys will determine the Search Committee's path forward.

More news:

- The Rabbinical Assembly finally (in January) opened up synagogue searches to other seminaries (both affiliated and unaffiliated). We have submitted applications and job descriptions to three additional seminaries in hopes of gaining more applicants. To date, we have received none from these sources, but will keep you posted on developments.
- The Atlantic Monthly published a recent article online detailing a severe shortage of pulpit rabbis in the US this year. We want you to be aware that, unlike our last rabbi search, we are not receiving dozens of applications; so far, in fact, we have received a total of four.

The Rabbi Search Committee



JCC Film East of the River Documentary Film: *The Catskills*

The Parkade of Manchester
Thursday, March 28 at 7:00pm

Join the Phyllis Hoffman Hartford Jewish Film Festival at the Parkade Cinema in Manchester for a screening of *The Catskills*.

The Catskills is a humorous and nostalgic tribute to what became affectionately known as the Borscht Belt. Featuring home movies, publicity photos, postcards, and menus, this time capsule provides an overview of Jewish immigration to New York going back to the early twentieth century.

[Click here to buy tickets](#)
[Learn more about JCC's Film Festival](#)

Faith, Hope, and Prayer

There is a story of a young shepherd, who loved his job of watching the sheep as they grazed in the hills covered with green grass and trees. He had a special prayer he said each morning: "Dear God, although I charge people money to watch their sheep, because you have made such a beautiful world, if you had sheep, your sheep I would watch for free."

A rabbi passed by and heard this simple prayer of the shepherd and got very angry. "That is not the proper way to address God," said the rabbi, and he spent the next few hours teaching the shepherd how to properly pray. It did not take long for the shepherd to forget most of what he had been taught. God came to the rabbi in a dream and said, "You have robbed me of a very precious prayer, the prayer of the shepherd. Prepare yourself to die." The rabbi woke up, very upset, and went to find the shepherd. "Are you saying the prayers I taught you?" the Rabbi asked. "No," said the shepherd, "I forgot how to say them." "Are you saying your former prayer?" asked the rabbi. "No," said the shepherd. "You told me not to say it." The rabbi begged forgiveness and told the shepherd to go back to his old prayer, for it was precious to God.

We, in our world, are very fixated on doing things right. We can go to the internet and find directions for anything we need to do. The information is but a few clicks away. Do we really need to do things "just right?" Any cook or baker will tell you that a recipe is just a suggestion on how to make something. The art of cooking or baking is in how you adapt the recipe for your own taste. Even something as simple as directions for assembly are often just one way of putting something together. There can be other ways that may be easier for some people.

When it comes to the Bible or Judaism, we always want to get our religion right lest God get angry at us. The reality is that God does not want our obedience; God wants our heart. What is the point of prayer if there is not love, gratitude, and compassion built into it? The words we recite from the siddur or the lessons we learn from the Torah are meaningless unless we can take the words into our hearts and let them help us live better and kinder lives.

This means we need to bring more of ourselves into our faith. We have to be fully invested in what we are saying and what we are doing when it comes to religious acts. That involves some work on our part and the ability to think deeply about what we learn and do. We know that anything worth doing involves some effort on our part. We are asked to live mindfully, not mindlessly. If we are mindless, we miss out on the evidence of God that is all around us.

I know that some people don't want to make the effort. They don't think of themselves as "religious" and they believe that if they can't do religion right, why bother to do it at all? Of course, this kind of "all or nothing" thinking falls into the category of, "when you don't want to do something, one excuse is as good as another."

Anyone can become "religious" by changing the way they think about the world—by changing the way we see prayer, study, and mitzvot. This is not impossible. All of us can hear God's voice and speak directly to God. All of us have the ability to bring about the kind of world that God can be proud of. But we have to want to make a better world. We need to take the extra time, to listen and love God "with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our might."

When we turn our hearts toward God, we find God standing right there, ready to embrace us with love.

Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg

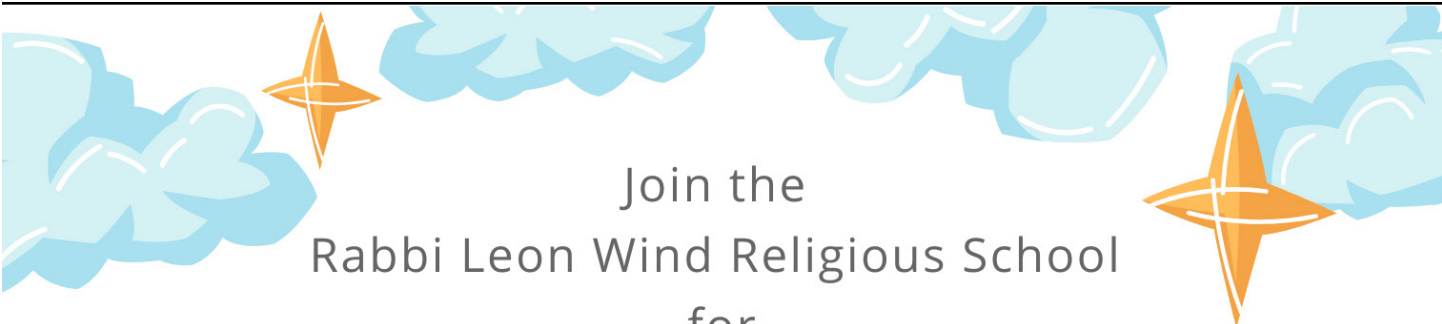
Help Wanted

We can't gather a minyan without you. Many people have signed up for Jewry Duty and some have signed up for multiple days. Both our regulars and our volunteers are a vital part of helping to make a minyan.

We need more participants; there are many days when we do not have enough volunteers signed up. All too often we are left short of the ten adult Jews we need. When we don't have enough attendees, those who are saying Kaddish and those observing a Yahrzeit are unable to recite the Kaddish at all. There are many prayers that we cannot say without a minyan, and we need your help.

While it is an emotional hardship for those observing a Yahrzeit to come to minyan and find that there are not enough people there, I am going to turn the tables here and note that if we each expect to have a minyan when we need one, we must also do what we can to help others when they are in need by being there for them. For now, Mondays and Thursdays are our most difficult days; we need your help. Be there for others so they will be there for you. Support our Minyan on the days you don't need it, so that it will be there for you for your memorial observances.

Your help is wanted and needed. Can you give us one day a month, or a week? Add your name to the list.



Join the
Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School
for

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER

Friday, April 5th at 6:00pm



ADULTS: \$8 CHILDREN 5+: \$5 CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT WWW.MYSHUL.ORG

A generous donation from the David and Dorothy Sherman Foster
Family Fund will help subsidize the cost of this event.

Community

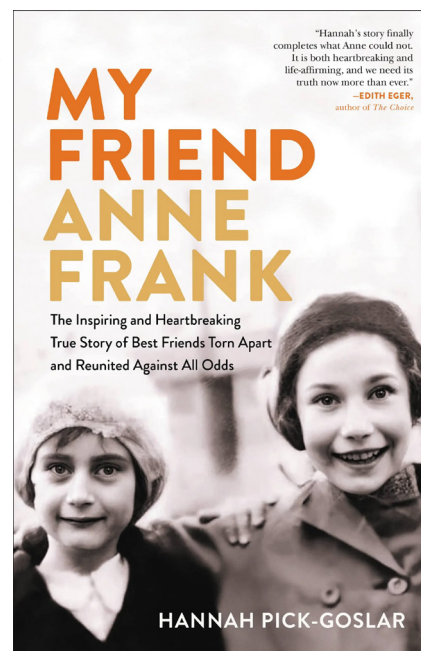
Rabbi Richard Plavin Library

Imagine being separated from your best friend by a brutal war and not knowing if they are alive or dead.

My Friend Anne Frank is a memoir by Hannah Pick-Goslar, who was Anne Frank's childhood friend in Amsterdam before they were both sent to concentration camps by the Nazis. They met when they were both four years old and became inseparable friends, playing games, having sleepovers, and going to school together.

Being Jewish, they had to wear yellow stars and face discrimination and persecution from the Nazis, who occupied Amsterdam in 1940. They lost contact in 1942, when Anne and her family went into hiding in the secret annex, while Hannah and her family stayed in their apartment until they were arrested and deported to Westerbork transit camp in 1943. Hannah and her family were later transferred to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1944, where they suffered from hunger, disease, and brutality. Hannah miraculously found Anne in Bergen-Belsen in 1945, when they were both 15 years old, and tried to comfort and help her, but Anne was too weak and sick to survive. Hannah and her sister survived the liberation of Bergen-Belsen by the British army in 1945, but Anne and her sister died shortly before that.

The book is moving and inspiring. Hannah Pick-Goslar shares her memories of Anne Frank and their friendship, as well as her experiences of surviving the Holocaust and reuniting with Anne shortly before her death.



Programming Report

Sharing Shabbat, originally scheduled for March 29, 2024, is being put on hold since our calendar is filling up with visits from new Rabbis as well as a celebration for our retiring Rabbi.

Monday, May 13th following minyan, we will have a program to observe and commemorate Yom HaZikaron/Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israeli Memorial Day and Israeli Independence Day. Details will follow at a later date.

—The Programming Committee

Social Action Committee Update

Thanks to all of you who have once again filled the lobby grocery cart. Your generosity is helping so many families whose day to day lives are carried out on the narrowest of margins and whose budgets barely stretch to cover necessities. So, for all of those who would say thank you if they could, I'll say it for them: THANK YOU!

Spring is right around the corner! You don't think so? Well, a little optimism never goes amiss. March lambs and lions are just around the corner, so the green crew will be getting their trowels dusted off and shaking the residue of last year's soil from their garden gloves, all in preparation for waking up Jessie's Garden. Be on the watch for more information. We'll let you know how you can help. Volunteer? Donate supplies? That info, like spring, is just around the corner.

And, finally, I was standing in a line recently and struck up a conversation with the woman in front of me. She said she was a volunteer at a food pantry, so I asked her what supplies they were short of. She said diapers, wipes, pull-ups and other infant supplies were always flying off the shelves. Seems like that would be a good March focus, so when you're out running errands or at the grocery store, think about keeping little bottoms dry and hit the baby aisle.

Happy almost spring, everybody,
Your Social Action Committee

Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School Update

School News

On Tu B'Shevat, our students celebrated with the students at Temple Beth Hillel in South Windsor. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about the growing season in Israel, and to observe the "New Year of the trees" together. Rabbi Alan is always looking for opportunities for our students to socialize with other Jewish children in the community and beyond.

The students are also learning many of the Shabbat morning prayers, so please join us in the sanctuary on March 16 to hear them take part in the closing melodies. They enjoy sharing their new-found skills with the congregation. (You are also invited to visit the Chapel at 11:00 to see the Junior Congregation service.)

Save the date: There will be a Family Shabbat dinner and service on Friday evening, April 5. Rabbi Alan will lead the children in singing some of the prayers during the service, followed by Shabbat dinner.

Bea Brodie and Rebecca Rumbo
Co-Vice Presidents, Education

Save the Date: Family Shabbat

Friday, April 5th at 6:00pm

Everyone is welcome to join the Rabbi Wind Religious School students as they sing some of the prayers they have learned, with a Shabbat dinner to follow.



A Teaching Moment with Rabbi Alan

Mishenichnas Adar, marbim b'Simcha! That is the traditional greeting for the month of Adar: "When the month of Adar arrives, we should increase our joy." Although events in the world, including the war in our beloved Israel, may make us wonder whether we can be joyful, the story of Purim reminds us that we can hope for joy even in the darkest times.

This year is a leap year in the Jewish calendar, so that we have an Adar 1 and an Adar 2—two months to increase our joy as we approach Purim. Remember, ancient Persia is modern-day Iran; just as Haman was bent on annihilation, so is Hamas today. As in the ancient past, there are those today, like Haman, who use their power in the service of wrongdoing. But for every Haman in the world, the Jewish people have many Esthers and Mordechais, people who seek only to do good for those in need, people who are brave enough to take a stand against hate and discrimination. When Fred Rogers of television fame was a child, he saw on the news a story of people who had been hurt. Young Fred was distressed by what he saw. But his mother told him, "Look for the helpers. When people are hurt or in need, there are always people helping."

Our children look to us to direct their attention to the Esthers and Mordechais in our world—the helpers—so that they aren't fixated on the negative deeds of a Haman. The Purim story reminds us that for every bad person, there are many others who will do the right thing.

Let us hold on to the hope that when Adar 2 arrives, we can anticipate the unadulterated joy of the triumph of good over evil. As the prophet Isaiah envisioned it, "Those redeemed by the Lord will return; they will enter Zion with singing, and everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away" (Isaiah 51:11).

Purim, the holiday that exudes the most joy and gladness in the Jewish year, will be celebrated at BSBI on Sunday, March 24 during religious school hours, beginning with the Megillah reading in our school and in the Main sanctuary, and continuing with songs, a costume parade, skits, and then the Carnival—with hamantaschen for all!

Come celebrate!
Rabbi Alan



Celebration Dates

Happy Birthday to:

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

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 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

Saturday, March 9

7:00 pm Sisterhood Movie Night at BSBI

Tuesday, March 12

1:30 pm Knit and Kvetch at BSBI

Tuesday, March 26

7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting on Zoom

Sunday, March 31: tentative date

10:00 am Sisterhood Adventure Walk

Monday, April 1

7:30 pm George & Lillian Sandals Lecture

Adventure Walk

We will need a substitute leader for March. If you are able to do it, please let me know.

Margie Partney

Share an Oneg

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

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

Torah Fund Cards

Best wishes in honor of Razel Kessler's retirement; Condolences to Vicki Isman in memory of her mother, Ethel Kurtzman, from Judy Meyer.

Happy 95th birthday to Ruth Zimelman from Elaine, Cal and the Vinick family.

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

Sisterhood Gift Shop:

Your Source for all Your Smachot

The Shabbat sale is still going on! All Shabbat items are on sale for 10% off marked prices through the month of March. We have kiddish cups, candle holders, challah covers and more! For each Shabbat item purchased, you will receive a raffle ticket. The winner will be awarded a homemade Challah to be given out prior to Shabbat at the end of March!

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

Pesach Project—Kicking off its 9th Year!

Because of your generous support last year, the Pesach Project netted an incredible \$10,005! On your behalf, we were able to fulfill the Passover mandate to feed the hungry in our midst. We were able to donate funds to Mazon and Leket, two organizations feeding the hungry in the United States and Israel. The remaining money went to our Sisterhood to further all the good work they do for our congregation.

Our contributions to these anti-hunger organizations at Pesach fulfills the commandment of Maot Hittim, meaning "wheat money," which demands that we attend to the needs of the hungry at this time of our celebration of freedom. In the words of the Haggadah, "Let all who are hungry come and eat."

This year, as our thoughts and prayers are with Israel, we are also giving you a chance to contribute to Standing Together, a wonderful organization that supports IDF soldiers by providing supplies to them in the field. You can find more information about their work here: www.stogether.org

This initiative allows you to greet your fellow synagogue members with wishes for a sweet and joyous holiday. We ask you to continue this tradition this year and will be soliciting your participation online and via the mail. The donation **deadline** is **April 9, 2024** so that we can get the greeting sent to everyone before the start of Pesach.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Sincerely,
Becky Murray, Chair

Knit & Kvetch

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th 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 of acrylic yarn and checks to purchase 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 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.

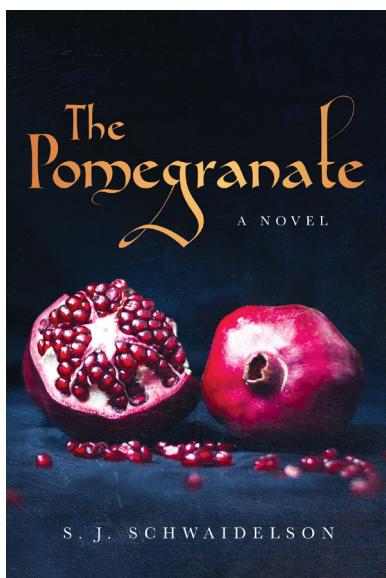
Anne Fink

Sisterhood Movie Night

Saturday, March 9, 7:00 pm
We haven't chosen the movie yet,
but you know it will be a good
one!

There is no charge for the movie
and snacks are included. How
can you pass up such a bargain!



**Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club**

We do not have a date for a March meeting. We have decided to read *The Pomegranate* by S. J. Schwaidelson, our speaker for the Sandals lecture. Since there are only a few copies available, we will be passing them around to give as many of us as possible a chance to read the book prior to the Sandals Lecture. If we do have a meeting, it will be listed in the BSBI weekly notices.

We will not have a meeting in April because we will be getting ready for Pesach. See you in May!

Maxine Lerman and Becky Murray

George and Lillian Sandals Lecture

April 1, 2024, 7:30 pm

George and Lillian Sandals were early and very active members of BSBI, firm believers in adult education and lovers of good books. When they died, their sons established a fund to help sponsor an author for this annual event.

This year's guest lecturer is author S. J. Schwaidelson. She is New York born and now living in Mendota Heights, Minnesota. Schwaidelson is a novelist, current events blogger, playwright, and occasional midrashist.

Currently, she has 3 novels out: *Dream Dancer*, about PhD candidate Leah Fine, during her field work in Peru; *Lingua Galactica*, a science fiction tale about Lt. Sara Jane Rothko-Krieg, a linguist who has chosen to serve in space; and *The Pomegranate*, a story set against the backdrop of the Third Crusade, a time when Jews and Muslims fought against a common enemy. Each novel is about a strong Jewish woman facing major challenges on her chosen path.

Schwaidelson's blog, "The Wifely Person Speaks," has been around since 2010, and is read globally. She continues to publish her take on current events, politics, and the art of the ridiculous late on Monday nights. And if that's not enough, you can find her take on Tanach in "Midrash State of Mind." Both can be found on Blogger:

- wifelyperson.blogspot.com
- midrashstateofmind.blogspot.com

Her website, S. J. Schwaidelson: *The Author Is In*, is devoted to all things writing-related and can be found at sjschwaidelson.com

For the lecture, she will be discussing her latest book, *The Pomegranate*. She will join us for dessert and lecture at 7:30 pm on April 1. Please register at the BSBI website so we know how many are coming and we have enough for all.



Brotherhood Corner

A Word From Our Brotherhood President

Hello BSBI!

February was a busy month for the Brotherhood! On February 10-11 not only did we have our Brotherhood Shabbat, but we had a successful World Wide Wrap. Saturday, we had a great crowd for the Shabbat services, and members of the Brotherhood led the different parts of the service. A hearty yasher koach to Maury Luxemburg and Manny Lerman. The effort they put into organizing both the service and the luncheon was nothing short of heroic!

For more than 10 years, we've participating in the World Wide Wrap – a day when people all over the world come together and wrap tefillin! Whether or not they've ever wrapped before, everyone is always welcome to come and learn how. As you can see from the picture, we had a great turnout ... especially our Hebrew School. Afterwards, everyone was treated to a great breakfast of bagels, lox, eggs, hashbrowns and more.

Our next meeting will take place on March 3, 2024. And as always, we'll start with Shacharit at 9:00 AM, followed by breakfast at 9:30. Our featured speaker for the month will be Andrew Meagher from the Yard Goats. And of course, he's bringing Chompers (team mascot) to entertain the kids.

Everyone is welcome to join us to hear Andrew, especially all of the moms and dads who were at last year's Jewish Heritage Day. This year, Jewish Heritage Day is on July 28th. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Steve Cohen for ticket information.

Andrew is the Promotions Coordinator for the Yard Goats, and a proud native of Tolland, CT. Before joining the Yard Goats in 2022, Andrew graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University with a BA in Sports Management. He has a life-long passion for baseball and ballparks, and is a huge Red Sox fan (we won't hold that against him; Go YANKEES!).

In brotherhood,
Glenn Hauer
Brotherhood President

World Wide Wrap

On February 11th, members of the BSBI Brotherhood and the Sunday School teachers participated in the World Wide Wrap and assisted the children on learning how to put on tefillin. The World Wide Wrap is an international, coordinated minyan encouraging Jewish men and women to learn about and participate in one of the basic mitzvot, or commandments, in the Torah, the wrapping of the tefillin.



Rabbi Plavin's Presentation

Rabbi Plavin went to Israel to bring the people a message of support. In his presentation, Rabbi Plavin stated that 150,000 people left their homes and jobs. This also affected the economy in Israel. There were clergy at the Hartford Police Department that made donations to Israel where it is most needed. 22 police officers were killed when Hamas destroyed their police station.

Harold Bernstein, Photographer

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

Scholarships	Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School	Adult Education	Community	General Endowment Fund	<p style="text-align: center;">The Time is Now, The Need is Great!</p> <p>Endowments are an opportunity for each of us to provide for our synagogue on a continuous basis by creating a permanent tribute to our values and principles. Our synagogue is here for you as you experience life's greatest joys and greatest challenges.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Endowment Foundation</i></p> <p><small>*These funds can also be used in Rabbi Leon Wind Religious School</small></p>
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In memory of Pearl Grad and Milton Leon on their

yahrzeits from Howard & Linda Grad

Yahrzeit of Meyer Vinick from Calvin & Elaine Vinick



March 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 (21 Adar I) 5:23pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services Sunset: 5:41pm	2 (22 Adar I) 10:00am Shabbat Services 12:30pm Shabbat Lunch 6:28pm Havdalah Sunset: 5:43pm
3 (23 Adar I) 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 9:01am Morning Minyan 9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast & Speaker	4 (24 Adar I) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	5 (25 Adar I) 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy	6 (26 Adar I) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	7 (27 Adar I) 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	8 (28 Adar I) 5:32pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Night Services Sunset: 5:50pm	9 (29 Adar I) Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Shekalim 10:00am Shabbat Services 6:36pm Havdalah 7:00pm Sisterhood Movie Night Sunset: 5:51pm
10 (30 Adar I) Rosh Chodesh Adar II 9:00am Hebrew school K-7	11 (1 Adar II) Rosh Chodesh Adar II 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	12 (2 Adar II) 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 1:30pm Knit & Kvetch 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy	13 (3 Adar II) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	14 (4 Adar II) 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	15 (5 Adar II) 5:00pm Bulletin Submission Deadline 6:00pm Friday Night Services 6:40pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 6:58pm	16 (6 Adar II) 10:00am Shabbat Services 11:00am Junior Congregation 12:30pm Shabbat Lunch 7:44pm Havdalah Sunset: 6:59pm
17 (7 Adar II) 9:00am Hebrew school K-7	18 (8 Adar II) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	19 (9 Adar II) 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BSBI Academy	20 (10 Adar II) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm BOD Board Meeting	21 (11 Adar II) Taanit Esther 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	22 (12 Adar II) 6:00pm Friday Night Services 6:47pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 7:05pm	23 (13 Adar II) Erev Purim Parshat Zachor 10:00am Shabbat Services 7:51pm Havdalah Sunset: 7:06pm
24 (14 Adar II) Purim 9:00am Hebrew school K-7 9:00am Purim Service	25 (15 Adar II) Shushan Purim 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	26 (16 Adar II) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	27 (17 Adar II) 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	28 (18 Adar II) 4:30pm Hebrew school Gr 3-7 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv	29 (19 Adar II) 6:00pm Friday Night Services 6:55pm Candle Lighting Sunset: 7:13pm	30 (20 Adar II) Parshat Parah 10:00am Shabbat Services 7:59pm Havdalah Sunset: 7:14pm
31 (21 Adar II) 10:00am Sisterhood Adventure Walk						

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Evening Minyan Schedule

Please Note: Services will begin at 7:00 PM except where noted.

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