

From the Rabbi

Happy 75th Birthday, Israel!

On Tuesday evening, BMH-BJ and The Denver Kehillah celebrated Israel's 75th Yom Ha'atzmaut with a special service that featured robust singing of various psalms including selection from Hallel accompanied by keyboard and drums. TDK Rabbi Barry Gelman offered a beautiful personal reflection that put the evening into proper context. Among the words he shared was the following idea:

We are all familiar with the *Dayeinu* from the Passover Haggadah. It's a very popular song and almost everyone knows the one word chorus, "dayeinu – it would have been enough." You're probably singing it in your head right now.

But what does the song actually mean. From the perspective of history – and logic – the idea that it would have been enough to take us out of Egypt but not split the sea, to take us into the desert but not give us manna, to take us to Sinai but not give us the Torah, or not take us to Israel, is preposterous. It makes no sense. Unless, of course, we translate dayeinu as "it would have been reason enough for us to say thank you." As we have learned many times, Dayeinu is a lesson in gratitude. It is our way saying thank you to God for each step we took towards our freedom and nationhood – even incomplete, or troubling, steps. We recognize our debt and we say thank you.

This should be our attitude to Israel. Israel is far from perfect. Her leaders are far from perfect. From the moment she was created in 1948 til our own day, everything Israel does is uplifting and is depressing, is right and is wrong, is beautiful and is ugly, is brilliant and is confounding...depending on who's looking. Still, as the generation who has witnessed the re-establishment of our homeland after thousands of years of heartfelt prayer, we must be thankful for the imperfectly perfect Israel, and see it as a vital and positive part of our sacred history and a manifestation of Divine providence in our own day. With all of its flaws, Israel is still the historic homeland of the Jewish People and the one place that all Jews can call a home of their own.

May we see Israel celebrate many more years as an independent state. May we all continue to work together to improve whatever we feel might be wrong with Israel. May we all recognize that a world with an imperfect Israel is still far better than a world without it.

Thank you, thank you...Dayeinu...thank you! Am Yisrael Chai!

Rabbi Chaitovsky

FRIDAY AND SHABBAT:
APRIL 28-29 /IYAR 7-8
MIDRASHA/CONFIRMATION
&
END JEWISH HATE
SHABBAT

Candle Lighting - 7:31 PM

BMH-BJ / TDK Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:30 PM

Shabbat Day Services:

Chapel/Shaaarei Simcha - 9:00 AM

Main Sanctuary - 9:45 AM

Torah portion-Acharei-Kedoshim 16:1-20:27 (AS 636)

Haftarah- Amos 9:7-15 (AS 1173)

Kiddush co-sponsored by: Sara & Jason Cooper in honor of Leni's confirmation. Vicki & Rob Schwartz and Debbie & Larry Jacobs in honor of the "End Jewish Hatred" initiative.

BMH-BJ / TDK Mincha, Refreshments and Torah learning
with Rabbi Chaitovsky in the Gallery - 7:20 PM

Shabbat ends/Havdalah - 8:34 PM

Minyan Next Week: April 30th- May 5th

Sunday 8:30 AM

Monday & Thursday 6:30 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 6:45 AM

Refuah Shaleima/Speedy Recovery

Avraham Issur ben Chaya, Avraham ben Sara, Jeffrey Blum (Yakov ben Golda Sima), Bracha bat Basha, Myra Bender, Esther bat Chana, Linda Fox, Alisa Garner, Bruce Geller, Jeff Geller (Yaakov ben Yetta), Linda Gornbein, Debbie Greenberg (Devorah Leah bat Ita Liba), Elaine Greenberg, Francine Greenberg (Feige Esther bat Ita Liba), Dov Heller (Nachman Dovid ben Reizel), Arie Kimel (Yehuda Arye ben Miriam), Leib ben Chasha, Yitzchak ben Beile (Isaac Krajmalnik), Shraga Feivel ben Sima (Fabian Krajmalnik), Jeff and Miriam Miller, Valerie Miller, Mordechai Refael ben Perel, Barbara Oxman, Anna Pogrebnyak, Evelyn Rosemberg (Rut bat Ida), Harold Rosen (Chaim Fidel ben Fruma), Ron Saliman, Lilian Schaeffer, Dr. William Silvers (Zev Shmuel ben Heleina), Sheldon Spector, Jay Stark, Yaakov ben Rivka, Pam Zeldin

Classes This Week

Daily - Daf Yomi - Rabbi Fleischmann – 7:30 AM
and 75 minutes after Shabbat ends on Saturday night

WhatsApp dial in number: 701-802-5213 ; Access code: 8622667
Online meeting ID: mfleischmann7

Monday-Sefer haChinuch with Rabbi Stern 8 PM (Miller Library)

Tuesday- with Rabbi Chaitovsky -**Getting it Right: Misconceptions About Jewish History, Holidays and Practice** "*Giraffes, Kosher but...*"

[Click HERE to join](#) 7:15 PM on Zoom

Wednesday-**Devarim Verse by Verse** Rabbi Chaitovsky 7:45 AM on Zoom

[Click HERE to join](#)

Wednesday- Torah from Israel with Ellyn Hutt
11:00 AM-12:00 PM on Zoom, [Click HERE](#) to join

Practical Parsha - Shabbat morning at 10:30 AM
with Sara Wolfe - in Preschool Classroom 110

Yahrzeits

Friday April 28, 2023 / 7 Iyar 5783

Natalie Blecher, Miriam Cohen, Ida DeGeorge, Leah S. Eisen, Nathan Farber, Harry Friedland, Max Fuld, Gerald Gardner, Richard Edward Gruen, Lillian Butler Hoffman, Rebecca Jacobs, Reuben Levy, Ada E. Lubick, Adelle Perlmutter, Faina Rabinovich, Irving J. Rosen, Niekha Rot, Steven Robert Ruttenbaum, Josef Schott, Ida Goldman Sandler, Natalie Turner, Sarrah Veysikh, Stella Wagner, William Wasserman, Sam Wienshienk, Frieda Wilkoff, Leo Zapiler, Jack Zinn, Selma Zwerdinger

Shabbat April 29, 2023 / 8 Iyar 5783

Freda Bazensky, Abraham Bender, Miryam Brand, Sylvia Cowan, Sidney A. Devine, Lotte Fiebusch, Dorothy Fishman, Morris Froimovitz, Morris Ginsborg, Martha Goldstein, Jane Sacklovitch Hyams, Barney Kean, Mosheh Tzvi Kleiner, Dora Kornfield, Aaron Ladajensky, Yakov Levin, Zina Milman, Clara Oser, Abraham Parkoff, Isaac Patent, Nathan Quicksilver, Ida Radetsky, Ida Radetsky, Jennie Right, Minnie Sandusky, Boris Shubin, Jonas Siegfried, Sadye Loup Snyder, Maye Sonkin, Sam Tokarsky, Rose Turner, Etta Vexland, David Weisbly, Ann Weiss, Harry Weitzman, Rabbi Seymour Weller, Robert Widom, Oscar Zweibel

Sunday April 30, 2023 / 9 Iyar 5783

George Adler, Aaron Ainbinder, Mamie Cobrin, Avraham Cohen, Theresa Ehrlich, Annette Englander, Ruby Geller, Libe Gendele, Luba Gendele, Jack Goldman, Paulette Sherman Gurley, Shirley B. Handler, Herman Harris, Fannie Heller, Pearl Ames Lachman, Harry Levin, Mary Levin, Lawrence Lipman, Jacob Mandel, Jack Reuben Mostinsky, Solly Myers, David Patron, Sarah T. Rogell, Charlotte Shwartz, Hyman Stine, Alex Stolov, Louis Stritzler, Blanch Tannenbaum, David Tober, Hymie Tucker, Hymie Tucker, Laura Germaine Viall, Stuart Weinstein, Martha Wexall, Morris Zivin

Monday May 1, 2023 / 10 Iyar 5783

James Ackerman, Louis Altberger, Sam Aptak, Anna Sobol Bernstein, Leo Blitt, Benjamin Bronstine, Irene Feingold, Joyce Fishman, Alexander Freedman, Suzan Geller, Earl Joseph Goldberg, Richard Greengard, Samuel Isaacson, Leon Klausner, Albert Levin, Lena Levine, Esther Levy, Max Littman, Joseph Mendelsberg, Fannie Olsen, Isadore Penn, Dora Potashnick, William Rodman, Edna Yanish, Feiva Zolotaryov

Tuesday May 2, 2023 / 11 Iyar 5783

Moe Aaron, Rose Agren, Anna E. Barron, Martin Blumberg, Evelyn Cohn, Alfred Ellis, Samuel Ellis, Samuel K. Gillman, Nora Greenberg, Joseph Harris, Adella Kaplan, Raisa Kasavina, Helen Lerner, Eva L. Melnick, Joseph Z. Melnick, Vera Miller, Mike Morris, John Parker, Sam Raizen, Albert A. Rappoport, Rose Raznick, Ida Reisman, Doris Rothman, Leah Schwartz, Max Shaine, Evelyn Shore, Dorothy White, Celia Zucherman

Wednesday May 3, 2023 / 12 Iyar 5783

Paula Abraham, Eda Amrose, Herscu Ancel, Sylvia Bagley, Solomon Bernstone, Samuel Charney, Howard Cohan, David Hershel Cohen, Armand Coren, Mariya Funbarova, Khaya Ginzburg, Judith Hiller Goldberg, Phillip Goldstein, Mary Hoffberg, Libby Horenstein, Mina Kaller, Mina Kaller, Frances Karet, Samuel Katchen, Rafael Klebe, Anne Leiser, Hil Margolin, Ruth Muchnick, Helen Ochs, Max Okon, Louis Richman, Harry Rosenthal, Litman Sachter, Philip Saliman, Eli David Seldin, Richard Shaffer, Ida Silverman, Fay Singer, Lucille Suson, Edward Weissman

Thursday May 4, 2023 / 13 Iyar 5783

Alfred Charles Axelrod, Carol Berk, Alfred Caspari, Albert Farkas, Philip Fox, Rose Goldberg, Ernest Gruenwald, I. Irving Harris, Gertrude Kraut, Khana Levenshtein, Nathan Marinoff, Khanna Milevskaya, Jacob Morein, Harris E. Pellish, Dan Pulaski, Sam Reinstein, Isadore M. Rosenblatt, Rivka Rosenblum, Samuel H. Sachter, Fayge Serebrovsky, Bertha Simons, Khaim Sluzevsky, Marvin Soloway, Mark Vilensky, Valerie Vinestock



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The fruit has been prized across the globe, across cultures and across time as a representation of life, rebirth and renewal as well as fertility and union.

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Gift Shop Store Hours:

Sunday-Friday 9:30 AM-1:00 PM

Dr. Herzl Melmed presents... topics of importance and controversy

Trouble in the Family: Israel and the American Jew

Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Gallery.

CLICK HERE to register

Greeters Needed

Although we are grateful for the volunteers we have, as well as uniformed armed security staff at our entrances, we need more volunteers on our BMH-BJ Greeter/Safety Team. the purpose of which is to greet and to keep watch for the unlikely possibility of a security event during worship, in a year when national Jewish security specialists are warning about those.

NEED WOMEN VOLUNTEERS, TOO, for an even more welcoming presence. If you can give an hour or two once every two months, it will make a HUGE difference in our capability. Contact Mark Samuelson to get on the list for our weekly sign up and for our next Situational Awareness Training with our Colorado security rep, former FBI agent Phil Niedringhaus.

Mark@MarkSamuelson.com, or 303.641.0196

BMH-BJ Annual Event

A Family Affair



Honoring The Entire Drucker Family

Sunday June 4, 2023

10:30 am Brunch

Entertainment for all ages

Event Ticket- \$150/person

Young Adults- Ages 20-30 \$125/person

Teens- Ages 13-19 \$100/person

Kids- Age 6-12 \$75/person

Under 6- Free

Casual Attire

RSVP

by calling (303) 388-4203 or by

visiting bmh-bj.org/AnnualEvent2023

To access the Ad Journal form, [Click Here](#)

This year's honorees
include:

Angel and David Drucker;

Sara, Jason, Leni, Maeve
and Gari Cooper;

Abraham Drucker,
Shabnam Malek, Ari, Darya
and Herbie Malek-Drucker;

Natalie, Adam, Stella and
Leo Boscoe;

Eric and Jackie Drucker.

Join us Shabbat April 29
for

BMH  BJ

End Jewish Hatred Now

"End Jew Hatred " is an initiative spearheaded by our members *Andrea Hyatt* and *Debbie Jacobs*, as well as others, locally and nationally.

Its mission encompasses combating rising anti-semitism and developing Jewish Pride. It is a Shabbat not to be missed.

We will also will celebrate the Confirmation of Leni Cooper, daughter of Sara and Jason Cooper.

A delicious kiddush will follow the service.



Counting Down & Counting Up

Thursday, May 4 | 1:00 - 2:30pm
at BMH-BJ

Cost: \$5

Includes time to schmooze & light refreshments

Between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot we count 50 days. What is the purpose and meaning of this count in light of the tradition of counting the days up (from 1 to 50)? Join David Sanders, Spiritual Director of Kabbalah Experience to explore why we count up the days and how we can use this time period to commit to changing ourselves.

Advanced registration & payment required

Visit: KavodSeniorLife.org/SignUp or contact Rebecca at 720.382.7848 or RGershten@KavodSeniorLife.org

MAY 2023 Kavod on the Road Programs Include:



**The Book Club
Play at the
Arvada Center**
Wed., May 3
11:15am - 4:15pm

This program is full.



**Incarceration
of Japanese
Americans
during WWII -
A Survivor's Story**
Wed., May 10

10:30am - 12:00pm
at Temple Emanuel | Cost: \$5



**Senior Prom -
Under the Sea**
Thurs., May 11
6:00 - 8:00pm
at JCC Denver -
No cost



**Jewish Boxers
of the Early
20th Century**
Wed., May 17
2:00 - 3:30pm
at JCC Denver
Cost: \$5



**Jazz Standards
with an Israeli
Twist**
Tues., May 23
1:00 - 2:30pm
at Hebrew
Educational
Alliance
Cost: \$5

**Information & Registration:
KavodSeniorLife.org/SignUp**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help support the JFS Resettlement Services program by ensuring that refugees' homes are set up and ready to welcome them upon arrival.

JFS is looking for volunteers to help support the Resettlement Services program by ensuring that refugees' homes are set up and ready to welcome them upon arrival. Responsibilities include moving furniture and other household items into an apartment or house and assembling items before the client arrives. For additional information and to sign up, please visit jewishfamilyservice.org/volunteer or email volunteer@jewishfamilyservice.org.

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