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We concluded the reading of the Book of Genesis with the narrative of Jacob's final days. Essential to the story is the account of the large caravan Joseph led from Egypt to Canaan. Joseph was on a holy mission to lay Jacob to rest in the family sepulcher in Hebron.

As Joseph and the caravan traveled closer to Hebron, Joseph reencountered the pit into which his brothers cast him many years before. The rabbis teach that Joseph suffered in that barren hole for three days, after which he was retrieved by traveling tradespeople and brought to Egypt. There, despite trials and tribulations, Joseph rose to the very heights of the Egyptian government, only second in importance to the Pharaoh.

Therefore, a visit to the scene of Joseph's Egyptian origin story, the pit, was rife with complicated memories and emotions. According to the Talmud, Joseph exited the caravan and stood in private meditation at the hole's edge. His brothers were fearful that his resentment and anger were growing, and given Joseph's great power in Egypt, he could have punished the brothers beyond measure for their great betrayal.

However, according to the Talmudic account, Joseph was not plotting revenge; instead, he offered a prayer to the Divine in gratitude for rescuing him and enabling Joseph to emerge from the pit to a life of significant power and fulfillment. His prayer was: "Blessed be G-d who wrought miracles for our ancestors in this place."

[BT [Berachot 54a](#)]

His visit to this space of memory ignited within Joseph a prayer of gratitude, nourishing Joseph's appreciation for the exceptional moments that led him to his current status in society and life.

As individuals, we have places and avenues associated with critical positive events in our lives. It may be the space of marriage proposal or the site a significant accomplishment by our children. Essentially, any space in which life changed for the better. Whenever we touch the past, we are strengthened by yesterday's achievements and nourished by their memories.

As we prepare to enter a new secular calendar year, with its potential tremendous challenges, may we be blessed with opportunities to reflect upon yesterday's heights, looking forward with a prayer in our souls for a secular new year of strength, health, peace, and joy.

***B'Shalom,***

***Rabbi Crane***

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**Mazel Tov to:**

***Harriet Robbins-Ost and Fred Ost*** on the birth of their granddaughter, Dalia Meital Sloan  
***Greer and Arthur Braun*** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jacob Braun

***Alla and Vladimir Pasman*** on their daughter Leora becoming a Bat Mitzvah

***Adrienne and Jeffrey Kriezelman and Robin and Paul Smulson*** on the birth of their granddaughter and great niece, Aviya Antoinette Kriezelman

***Arthur Braun*** on his special birthday

***Howard Greene*** on his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday

**Condolences to:**

***Jean Rice*** on the passing of her husband, Howard Rice

***Harold Rabin*** on the passing of his brother-in-law, Leonard Minkow

***Vivienne Cohen*** on the passing of her husband and our longtime member, Floyd

***Beverly Ruttenberg and Gail and Irwin Schneiderman*** on the passing of Beverly's sister and Gail and Irwin's cousin, Marlene Waller

***Rich Chesis*** on the passing of his brother, Barry and on the passing of his father, Sheldon



**Happy New Year! I wish you all a secular year of peace, health, and happiness.**

While we didn't anticipate this newest strain of COVID-19 hampering the start of 2022, I am pleased that the work we have done in the preceding 18 months will continue to keep you connected to the shul, whether it be for Shabbat or minyan services, a committee meeting, or an adult education program. Our staff, clergy, and leadership are here to help you through this setback of the pandemic. We keep moving forward because of your involvement in and love for BHBE.

As we start 2022, we also get to celebrate the new year of the trees, Tu B'Shevat. I am certainly not alone in my memory of purchasing a tree to plant in Israel or of getting a certificate as a recipient of one planted in my honor. The celebration of the "land" of Israel, and the importance of our role as care takers of it, resonates more clearly than ever as we continue to find safety from the pandemic in all activities outdoors. While the trees in Wilmette, Skokie and Evanston don't have leaves right now, they are still a reminder of the refuge we have gained from them over the last many months. While our Academy-aged kids may not be able to come together for the annual Tu B'Shevat seder in person this month, they, and you, may want to consider some additional, wonderful holiday ideas that I gathered across the internet.

**Make a terrarium.** "Terrariums are miniature ecosystems that you can make on your own using a few simple items to get started." (thecuriouslycreative.com) Making a terrarium is fairly easy. Click here to learn how they work and how to make your own.

<https://www.thecuriouslycreative.com/making-a-terrarium/>

**Plant indoor seeds.** Use an ordinary paper egg carton, fill with a few tablespoons of soil, and then plant herbs or flower seeds. Here is a link for additional directions.

<https://thekitchengarten.com/egg-carton-seed-starters/>

**Enjoy a tree themed book or movie.** Read or listen to Shel Silverstein's famous children's book, *The Giving Tree*.

**Visit Ein Gedi from home.** Filled with waterfalls, hiking trails, wildlife and history, this unique oasis is located in the middle of the desert. Click here to see photos, learn more about the area, and watch videos of the Ein Gedi Reserve and National Park in Israel.

<https://www.deadsea.com/articles-tips/ein-gedi-nature-reserve/>

And, of course, you can still plant a tree in Israel <https://www.jnf.org/> ...and another in your own yard to watch grow over the years.

**Best,  
Keri**





Most importantly, I hope, as you read this bulletin, that you and your family are healthy and remaining safe in spite of the pandemic. As a synagogue, our clergy are leading us fearlessly through these difficult times and, together, we form a community of warmth and trust that sustains us.

I'm guessing for most of us, we may not often think about our purpose as a synagogue. For so many of us, this is a part of who we are. We belong because of our deep spiritual and ritual connections. We belong because of our friendships that we've made here. We belong because we feel connected to others and share a common bond.

On our website, under "About", we have a Welcome" page. My suspicion is this is mostly visited by *potential* members rather than all of us. However, I find it valuable to reflect on this - especially during these trying times - to remember why we are here. Here is what it says:

*Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah is a vibrant, multi-generational, egalitarian synagogue with an award winning Hebrew School. We have a strong love and loyalty for Jewish practice while offering a progressive stance on social issues. Our aim is to create a warm and enriching environment encouraging personal growth through Jewish living, learning, prayer, and celebration. We strive to be a welcoming and caring community in which everyone who is part of the BHBE community has a place and is valued and respected for the unique contribution they can make. Through participation in synagogue life, people who are part of our BHBE family achieve a deeper level of spirituality, knowledge, and friendship, creating a lasting community that works to support the Jewish people, Israel and the world at large.*

This is so beautifully articulated. I hope you agree that this is who we are and feel this in your lives.

You may have noticed some of our email footers. We have placed the links, below this paragraph, there. It's indicative of how important it is to give sustenance to BHBE when you are able to do so. We live an important mission and we have a vision to continue doing this.

**To help today, donate to BHBE.  
For a better tomorrow, commit to a legacy gift.**

As always, if you need anything from our office staff, please reach out to us!

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You can always send general questions to [information@bhbe.org](mailto:information@bhbe.org) as well! Call us at 847-256-1213!

***Be well! Michael***

***Michael Kahn***

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## FLEXIBLE OPPORTUNITIES TO SPONSOR A BHBE KIDDUSH “TO GO”

The choices are yours...Sponsor “Add-On” items OR “A Full Kiddush”

### Member Sponsorship of ADD-ONS “To Go”

Members are invited to be Sponsors for Members & Guests. Quantities are prepared based upon weekly avg. number of members in attendance, AND the Sponsor’s number of invited guests.

*Orange Juice	\$ 1.00 pp
*Whole Fruit (in a basket)	\$ 1.25 pp
*Bundtlet Cupcakes	\$ 5.00 pp
*Jumbo Taffy Apples (seasonal)	\$ 6.00 pp
*Dunkin’ Donuts	\$ 2.00 pp
*Clyde’s Cake Donuts	\$ 2.00 pp
*Snickerdoodle Cookie	\$ 1.75 pp
*Muffins	\$ 2.00 pp

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### Standard Weekly Shabbat Kiddush “To Go”

Quantities prepared are based upon weekly avg. # of Members in attendance, and are prepared for that number ONLY.\*

\*Bagel or Challah Roll

\*Cream Cheese or...

\*Coleslaw or Potato Chips or...

Above choices are at the sole discretion of BHBE’s Caterer!

\* **IMPORTANT:**

Members celebrating special events with “invited” guests, resulting in the need for additional bagels, challah, cream cheese, etc., are encouraged to consider sponsoring a FULL Kiddush “To Go.”  
(Pls. see column two.)

**Sponsorship is greatly appreciated,  
and includes sponsor / honoree recognition.**

*Customized Items Are Available at Sponsors’ Expense*

**TO BECOME A SPONSOR, PLEASE CONTACT**

Sharon Fine, BHBE Event Planner  
[sharon.fine@bhbe.org](mailto:sharon.fine@bhbe.org) 847.256.1213 x14



### Full Sponsorship of KIDDUSH “To Go”

Members & Non Members are invited to be Sponsors. Quantities are prepared based upon weekly averages of “members” in attendance AND the Sponsors’ guest counts, provided **NO LESS than 8 business days** prior to the event.

**Sponsored Kiddushim may be in honor of:**

Mitzvahs Weddings Birthdays Anniversaries Baby Namings, etc.

**Bags “To Go” Host’s Choice @ \$ 10 pp incl:**

\*Bagel or Challah Roll (host’s choice)

\*Cream Cheese (w/ cucumber or...)

\*Coleslaw or Potato or Pasta Salad or Chips

**Optional Add-Ons:**

\*Smoked Salmon, aka “Lox” \$ 3.00 pp

\*Tuna Salad or Egg Salad \$ 3.00 pp

\*Orange Juice \$ 1.00 pp

**Sweet Options**

\*Bundtlet Cupcakes \$ 5.00 pp

\*Jumbo Taffy Apples (seasonal) \$ 6.00 pp

\*Dunkin’ Donuts \$ 2.00 pp

\*Clyde’s Cake Donuts \$ 2.00 pp

\*Whole Fruit (in a basket) \$ 1.25 pp

\*Snickerdoodle Cookie \$ 1.75 pp

\*Muffins \$ 2.00 pp

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On Sunday morning December 5th, the seventh day of Hanukkah, we held a wonderful BHBE Community Hanukkah Celebration, attended by all the students and parents from the Academy, relatives, family, and friends, and BHBE congregants of all generations. Hosted by Rabbi Crane (who also played drums), with musical participation by Cantor Roytman, and the involvement of many of the Academy students, the program began with a series of Hanukkah songs with the cantor on guitar and the rabbi on drums, followed by words of welcome by the rabbi. But the core of the event was the eight symbolic candles, with corresponding slides projected high onto the sanctuary wall, just above the right side of the bima.

**CANDLE OF COMMUNITY:** A congregational reading based on the traditional Hanukkah song, Haneirot Halalu (*We Light These Candles.*)

**CANDLE OF HISTORY:** A group of six 6th through 12th graders performed a theatrical rendition of a comic-book version of the story of Hanukkah, with projected images from the comic itself! Thanks to madrikh Jacob B and theater teacher Julie Atkin for rehearsing with the kids!

**CANDLE OF TRADITION:** Rabbi Crane shared a lovely Hanukkah story.

**CANDLE OF GENERATIONS:** Congregant and BHBE parent Allison Kamen and her mother, Joyce, with daughter/granddaughter Molly in the audience, shared an ongoing family Hanukkah tradition that began when Allison was a child!

**CANDLE OF CREATIVITY:** A projected display of wonderful Hanukkah art projects, created by Academy students under the direction of art teacher Phyllis Levun-Agostino, including a series of intricate mosaic menorahs.

**CANDLE OF JOY:** Our third and fourth grade choir, led by Cantor Pavel Roytman, performed three delightful songs: Lots of Latkes, Ocho Candalikes, and Sufganiyot, Yummy in the Middle. Then the K - 2nd grade Academy students, directed by dance teacher Sarah Rodin, performed two Hanukkah dances!

**CANDLE OF COMPASSION:** A group of 5th and 6th grade students provided background and context to the ARK food drive which culminated on the day of the ceremony. Thanks to Robin Cohen, Seidenberg Family Director of Youth and Family Engagement, for coordinating the drive and preparing the kids!

**CANDLE OF CELEBRATION:** We concluded the event with a traditional lighting of the Hanukkah candles, complete with blessings and Maoz Tzur.

On the way out everyone received decadent sufganiyot, baked earlier that morning by Northshore Bakery!

Thanks so much to Cantor Pavel Roytman for brainstorming with me and working together on the overall structure and concept of the program. Thanks to Rabbi Crane for hosting and playing drums. Thank you to teachers Julie Atkin, Sarah Rodin, Phyllis Levun-Agostino and madrikhim Talia Bahar, Gabe Kurzman, Adina Thompson, Jacob Baim, Maya Forman, Eliza Galvin and Allie Ross for their direct preparation with the performance and/or preparation, and to all of our other teachers and madrikhim for working with the students on that day and all the others! Thanks to Barry and Percy and Ron, Dan, and Mary Joan for preparing the space and for streaming and sound!



### Library Lines

Here are some newly published titles (with descriptions from the publishers):



#### ***Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood***

by Mark Oppenheimer

Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, is one of the oldest Jewish neighborhoods in the country, known for its tight-knit community and the profusion of multigenerational families. On October 27, 2018, a gunman killed eleven Jews who were worshipping at the Tree of Life synagogue in Squirrel Hill – the most deadly anti-Semitic attack in American history. Many neighborhoods would be understandably subsumed by despair and recrimination after such an event, but not this one. Mark Oppenheimer poignantly shifts the focus away from the criminal and his crime, and instead presents the historic, spirited community at the center of this heartbreak. He speaks with residents and nonresidents, Jews and gentiles, survivors and witnesses, teenagers and seniors, activists and historians. Together, these stories provide a kaleidoscopic and nuanced account of collective grief, love, support, and revival. But Oppenheimer also details the difficult dialogue and messy confrontations that Squirrel Hill had to face in the process of healing, and that are a necessary part of true growth and understanding in any community. He has reverently captured the vibrancy and caring that still characterize Squirrel Hill, and it is this phenomenal resilience that can provide inspiration to any place burdened with discrimination and hate. “Sensitive and beautifully written . . . A stunning book that offers an eloquent portrait of an antisemitic attack and its effect on a neighborhood. . . . This book abounds with insights for cities facing the aftermath of any mass-casualty event.” (*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review)



#### ***Morningside Heights: A Novel***

by Joshua Henkin

When Ohio-born Pru Steiner arrives in New York in 1976, she follows in a long tradition of young people determined to take the city by storm. But when she falls in love with and marries Spence Robin, her hotshot young Shakespeare professor, her life takes a turn she couldn't have anticipated. Thirty years later, something is wrong with Spence. The Great Man can't concentrate; he falls asleep reading *The New York Review of Books*. With their daughter, Sarah, away at medical school, Pru must struggle on her own to care for him. One day, feeling especially isolated, Pru meets a man, and the possibility of new romance blooms. Meanwhile, Spence's estranged son from his first marriage has come back into their lives. Arlo, a wealthy entrepreneur who invests in biotech, may be his father's last, best hope. *Morningside Heights* is a sweeping and compassionate novel about a marriage surviving hardship. It's about the love between women and men,

and children and parents; about the things we give up in the face of adversity; and about how to survive when life turns out differently from what we thought we signed up for.

“Tie for my book of the Year: Henkin has a particular gift for crafting little moments of beauty and heartbreak with an economy of perfect words.” (John Warner in the *Chicago Tribune*)

#### ***Can We Talk About ISRAEL?***



#### ***Can We Talk About Israel? A Guide for the Curious, Confused, and Conflicted***

by Daniel Sokatch

"Can't you just explain the Israel situation to me? In, like, 10 minutes or less?" This is the question Daniel Sokatch is used to answering on an almost daily basis as the head of the New Israel Fund, an organization dedicated to equality and democracy for all Israelis, not just Jews, Sokatch is supremely well-versed on the Israeli conflict. *Can We Talk About Israel?* is the story of that conflict, and of why so many people feel so strongly about it without actually understanding it very well at all. It is an attempt to grapple with a century-long struggle between two peoples that both perceive themselves as (and indeed are) victims. And it's an attempt to explain why Israel (and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict) inspires such extreme feelings - why it seems like Israel is the answer to "what is wrong with the world" for half the people in it, and "what is right with the world" for the other half. As Sokatch asks, is there any other topic about which so many intelligent, educated and sophisticated people express such strongly and passionately held convictions, and about which they actually know so little? Complete with engaging illustrations by Christopher Noxon, *Can We Talk About Israel?* is an easy-to-read yet penetrating and original look at the history and basic contours of one of the most complicated conflicts in the world. "[Sokatch] earnestly and humanely parses the Palestinian-Israeli conflict . . . from the fair-minded position that Israelis and Palestinians are both right and both wrong . . . An optimistic, evenhanded instruction manual, with upbeat illustrations, for anyone trying to understand the conflict." (*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review)

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# ***girls' night out!***

## ***Modern Mosaic Handicrafts***

***Join Us Virtually or In Person  
to create a Hamsa with Wanda Pitzele***

***Tuesday, January 25***

***7:30 pm                      BHBE Men's Club room***

***\$15 per person***

***Please invite a daughter, sister, mother, or friend to join you!***

***Register online: <https://bit.ly/gno2022>***

***DEADLINE: January 15***

***All materials must be preordered by Jan.15***

***Material pickup: Drive through BHBE parking lot***

***Jan. 25      10:00 - 11:30 am***



BHBE SISTERHOOD





# BHBE Sisterhood / Men's Club RUMMAGE & BOOK SALE



**Sunday, February 13, 2022 - 9 am to 1 pm**  
**Monday, February 14, 2022 - 9 am to 11 am**

## DROP OFF DATES

Sunday, February 6, 9:30 am – noon  
Monday thru Wednesday, February 7, 8 and 9  
10 am – 12 noon, 3 pm – 5 pm and 7 pm – 9 pm  
No merchandise will be accepted after Wednesday evening.  
No TV's, PC's, Monitors, Text Books or Encyclopedias!!

## PLEASE NOTE:

*All clothes MUST be sorted and placed in the designated areas by the donors.  
We are happy to help with housewares and other items.*

*Contacts: Adrienne Schaye 847.217.3237, Nancy Nazari 847.256.2751  
Ida Ioffe 847.512.4907  
Book Donations: Ellen Rodin ellenrodin@gmail.com*

**Everyone entering the building must show proof of vaccination and be correctly masked.**



**Todah Rabbah**

Dear BHBE Sisterhood,  
Thank you all so very much for the Leagram birthday wishes and the Aliyah at Sisterhood Shabbat in honor of my son's upcoming wedding in Houston and my big birthday. All of this is very very special.

**Thank you all and be well! Debbie Ebner**

In Memory of Those  
Loved and Lost, 5781

"Energy Doesn't Die – It evolves into another form and lives forever.

We feel this loving energy, always." (MLJ)

**Florence Weiss Jesser**

With my sincere thanks for all of the Birthday Leagrams! What a treat to see all of your names.

**As always, Aileen Primack**

We wish to thank the Sisterhood for their donation to JNF's Trees in Israel and for all the condolences and donations sent in memory of our daughter, Janine Alice Calkins. **Alvin & Eileen Fixler**

**BHBE JUDAICA GIFT SHOP  
SUPER BOWL SALE**

BHBE Judaica Gift Shop's eleventh annual Super Bowl Sunday Sale will be on February 6, 2022 from 9am to 12noon.

Begin shopping now. Starting on Sunday, January 9 you will earn a square on our Super Bowl grid with each \$10 purchase. All items in our showcase Judaica Shop window will be 40% off through Super Bowl Sunday.

Don't wait for Super Bowl Sunday to drop in. The more you spend, the better your chances to become one of the winners. We will be open every Sunday nine to noon and by appointment.

We will also be open at our Sisterhood Daytime Series featuring Hedy Weiss on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and at our Sisterhood Ladies night out program on Tuesday, January 25 starting at 6:30 pm.

**Good Luck !**

**Robin Smulson and Joan Meyers**

**847-287-1233, 847-602-2257**

**Giving to Torah Fund Is Easy!****Make a Gift Today to Our B'Yachad Campaign**

Your generosity helps provide scholarships and programs at the five global Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher education and helps enrich our Jewish leaders of tomorrow. When you give to Torah Fund, you strengthen the Jewish people through knowledge and understanding, and you help ensure a vibrant future for the Jewish people. B'Yachad—together—we can fortify next generations of committed Jews. Please give today. And please note, that Torah Fund online donation page now accepts Paypal. You will receive a receipt for all online and any check contributions. For donations by phone, please call Sherrill Moss-Solomon at 212-678-8977 (leave a voicemail.) *"As someone who attended college on scholarship, it's important to me to give others that chance. By giving to Torah Fund I can support the students through scholarships and programs, as well as help ensure the future of Conservative Judaism."* —Renee Ravich

*Thank you for your generosity and support. Best wishes for a bright future! Let's make this year a tremendous success that exceeds all expectations. Together, **b'yachad**, we can do it!*

If you have any questions, concerns, please call BHBE Torah Fund Chair, Ida Ioffe: 847.814.5573



***The Holiday Boutique in November was a huge undertaking and owes its success and my gratitude to the following:***

***For the brains of the committee:*** Judy Reis, Jaclyn Stern and Gail Swerdlik for their many hours of work and support

***For the voice of the committee getting the publicity out:*** Lisa Bloom and Gail Schneiderman

***For my right hands in the kitchen:*** Etta Greenfield, Elaine Pollack and Elly Rousso

***For my left hands that helped immensely with all the prep and set-up:*** Michael Kahn, Jackie Ernest, Percy Ferguson and staff

***For the extra eyes and ears that helped the day of the Boutique:*** Linda Becker, Marjorie Breisblatt, Carole Dunn, Eunice Hershman, Ida Ioffe, Irene Jacobson, Rochelle Leff, Barbara London, Marsha Lyons, Harold Primack, Shelly Reis, Marilyn Rubin, Adrienne Schaye, Ellen Sereed and Sharon Zoldan

***For the legwork of our congregants who were vendors:*** Isabele Nisenbaum, Sarah Novak, Sarah Rodin and Melinda Sharkan

***And for the backbone- the support of all the congregants who came and shopped:*** Thank You all from the bottom of my heart! Aileen Primack  
And, if I forgot anyone, please accept my apology for my oversight.

### ***Mah Jongg Cards for 2022***

It is time to order your 2022 Mah Jongg Cards. To purchase cards: All orders must be placed at one time in order for Sisterhood to receive money from the League.

The cost of the cards are \$9 for regular print and \$10 for large print. To purchase cards, mail your check payable to BHBE Sisterhood to:  
Sheri Offenbach, 3025 Lexington Lane,  
Highland Park, IL 60035.

Include your name, address and how many cards you wish to purchase. Deadline for orders is January 26, 2022. Any questions, contact Sheri at:  
mrsoffl@aol.com

### ***Sisterhood Daytime Series***

Want to honor a special person or event in your life? Sponsorships are available for \$25. Your donation will be acknowledged at each Sisterhood Daytime Series event. To sponsor a program please contact: Cynthia Lerner, 847.212.5323, 1948cynthia@gmail.com; or Gail Swerdlik, 847.729.9003, gmswerd@gmail.com.

Please note that in keeping with the policies of Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah, you must be fully vaccinated to attend programs in person and when not eating you must wear your mask.

Looking forward to seeing you at our event!

### ***Membership***

If you have not already joined and paid your Sisterhood dues, we hope you will do so soon. Sisterhood's goals are to help the congregation, the Academy and the community.

Please join us if you are a member of the congregation or if you wish to be a Sisterhood only member. We welcome your involvement and support.

Membership dues is \$42.00, optional Torah Fund donation is \$6.00 and optional Leagrams for a year is \$72.00.

Please remit your dues to:

Aileen Primack, 9450 Kedvale, Skokie, IL 60076

### ***Membership Vice Presidents***

***Elly Rousso and Sheri Offenbach***

### ***Torah Fund Cards***

JTS just added three new cards designs. Two are for Rosh Hashanah and one for any occasion. With eight options now available, the e-cards are an ideal way to send greetings and support Torah Fund at the same time. Use the link: Torah Fund e-cards platform. All revenue benefits the B'Yachad campaign. Sisterhood receives credit for purchases at the end of the year, and the platform is easy to use. A purchaser can add a donation of any amount and/or send to multiple recipients in one transaction. The platform can be used by purchasers in different countries. A universal receipt is provided for each transaction.

***For further information, please call Ida Ioffe: 847.814.5573***



**Please note: The deadline for bulletin material is the first of every other month.**

### **Send a Note of Thanks**

Send a Note of Thanks for only \$10 printed in the Sisterhood Bulletin. We make it easy to say "thank you" for all the Leagrams, Happy Day, Torah Fund or Memorial Cards you have received. For only \$10 we will print your "thank you" in the bulletin. When you print your "thank you" in the bulletin, we save you money on stationery, and stamps, plus no trips to the post office, saving you money on gas. Just call Rochelle Leff at 847.724.9348, or send your message via email to [rdleff@att.net](mailto:rdleff@att.net). You can also mail your message and a check to Rochelle Leff, 20 Mulberry Court, Glenview, 60025.



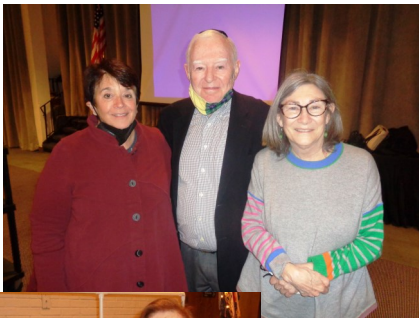
### **Happy Day & Memorial Cards**

Are you looking for a special way to remember your friends or relatives as they experience special occasions?

Sisterhood has Happy Day and Memorial Cards for all occasions. All you have to do is call Susan Zagorin at 847-673-7996. She will address and mail your card for only \$3.50.

No trips to the card store, post office or mailbox. A packet of 10 cards for only \$25 are also available for you to address and mail yourself.

The next time you need to remember someone with a special card, think of sending a card from Sisterhood by calling Susan. .



**Please email your Leagram wishes to [marcykreiter2@gmail.com](mailto:marcykreiter2@gmail.com)**

### **February 2022**

3 LaDonna Rotman  
6 Sheila Cahnman  
12 Barbara Dolin  
12 Terri Rothstein  
16 Eunice Hershman  
16 Cynthia Lerner  
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### **March 2022**

1 Robin Smulson  
2 Anita Miller  
6 Roberta Rosenfeld  
6 Davida Fruchter  
6 Judy Deutsch  
7 Carol Gopman  
10 Carole Greene  
10 Sheri Offenbach  
11 Phyllis Zaban  
13 Carole Babendir  
15 Marilyn Rubin  
18 Beverly Ruttenberg  
22 Anne Levin



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***Todah Rabba and  
Thank you very much!***

We greatly appreciate the wishes of condolence and the contributions to BHBE and additional charities in memory of Marc's mother Libby Matlin. It is comforting to know that we have the support of our BHBE community during these difficult times.

***Marc Matlin and Jay Goldstein***

***In memory of:  
Martin Lee Jesser and  
Edith Leshin Weiss***

Energy doesn't die, it evolves into another form and lives forever. We will feel this loving energy always.

***Florence, Kenny, David and  
Bob Jesser***



## Tevet / Shevat 5782

**Friday, January 7**

Light Candles.....4:16 pm

**Shabbat, January 8**

**6 Shevat 5782**

**Torah Reading: Bo**

**Friday, January 14**

Light Candles.....4:23 pm

**Shabbat, January 15**

**13 Shevat 5782**

**Torah Reading: Beshallach**

**Friday, January 21**

Light Candles.....4:32 pm

**Shabbat, January 22**

**20 Shevat 5782**

**Torah Reading: Yitro**

**Friday, January 28**

Light Candles.....4:40 pm

**Shabbat, January 29**

**27 Shevat 5782**

**Torah Reading: Mishpatim**



## Shevat / Adar I 5782

### **Friday, February 4**

Light Candles.....4:49 pm

### **Shabbat, February 5**

**4 Adar I 5782**

**Torah Reading: Terumah**

### **Friday, February 11**

Light Candles..... 4:58 pm

### **Shabbat, February 12**

**11 Adar I 5782**

**Torah Reading: Tetzaveh**

### **Friday, February 18**

Light Candles.....5:07 pm

### **Shabbat, February 19**

**18 Adar I 5782**

**Torah Reading: Ki Tissa**

**Mincha Bar Mitzvah: Adam Ury**

### **Friday, February 25**

Light Candles.....5:16pm

### **Shabbat, February 26**




**25 Adar I 5782**

**Torah Reading: Vayakhel**











# Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah Calendar of Events

## January 2022 Tevet / Shevat 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1 28 Tevet</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>Va'era</b>  <b>5:17</b>
<b>2 29 Tevet</b>	<b>3 1 Shevat</b> Rosh Chodesh Shevat	<b>4 2 Shevat</b> Academy Resumes	<b>5 3 Shevat</b> Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class Sisterhood General Board Meeting	<b>6 4 Shevat</b> Psalms Class with Rabbi Crane	<b>7 5 Shevat</b>  <b>4:16</b>	<b>8 6 Shevat</b> Bo  <b>5:23</b>
<b>9 7 Shevat</b> Academy Visit with the Rabbi Day	<b>10 8 Shevat</b>	<b>11 9 Shevat</b> Academy	<b>12 10 Shevat</b> Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class	<b>13 11 Shevat</b> Executive Board Meeting	<b>14 12 Shevat</b>  <b>4:23</b>	<b>15 13 Shevat</b> Beshalach  <b>5:31</b>
<b>16 14 Shevat</b> Yom Yarak Program Academy	<b>17 15 Shevat</b> Tu B'Shevat Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day	<b>18 16 Shevat</b> Academy Town Hall Meeting	<b>19 17 Shevat</b> Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class	<b>20 18 Shevat</b> Sisterhood Daytime Series Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting Men's Club Board Meeting	<b>21 19 Shevat</b>  <b>4:32</b>	<b>22 20 Shevat</b> Yitro Camp Shabbat Adult Ed - Movie Night  <b>5:38</b>
<b>23 21 Shevat</b> Academy Camp Fair <hr/> <b>30 28 Shevat</b> Academy	<b>24 22 Shevat</b> <hr/> <b>31 29 Shevat</b>	<b>25 23 Shevat</b> Academy Sisterhood "Girls Night Out" Program	<b>26 24 Shevat</b> Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class General Board Meeting	<b>27 25 Shevat</b>	<b>28 26 Shevat</b>  <b>4:40</b>	<b>29 27 Shevat</b>  <b>5:46</b>

# Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah Calendar of Events

## February 2022 - Shevat / Adar I 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1 30 Shevat</b>  Rosh Chodesh Adar I - Day 1 Academy	<b>2 1 Adar I</b>  Rosh Chodesh Adar I - Day 2 Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class Sisterhood General Board Meeting	<b>3 2 Adar I</b>  Rummage and Book Sale set-up	<b>4 3 Adar I</b>  Rummage and Book Sale set-up   <b>4:49</b>	<b>5 4 Adar I</b>  <b>Terumah</b> Rummage and Book Sale set-up   <b>5:55</b>
<b>6 5 Adar I</b>  Rummage and Book Sale Drop-off Academy Visit with the Rabbi Day	<b>7 6 Adar I</b>  Rummage and Book Sale Drop-off	<b>8 7 Adar I</b>  Rummage and Book Sale Drop-off Academy	<b>9 8 Adar I</b>  Rummage and Book Sale Drop-off Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class	<b>10 9 Adar I</b>  Rummage and Book Sale Drop-off Executive Board Meeting	<b>11 10 Adar I</b>  Rummage and Book Sale Drop-off   <b>4:58</b>	<b>12 11 Adar I</b>  <b>Tetzaveh</b> Lincoln's Birthday Adult Ed - Movie Night   <b>6:03</b>
<b>13 12 Adar I</b>  Rummage and Book Sale	<b>14 13 Adar I</b>  Rummage and Book Sale	<b>15 14 Adar I</b>  Academy	<b>16 15 Adar I</b>  Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class	<b>17 16 Adar I</b>  Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting Men's Club Board Meeting	<b>18 17 Adar I</b>   <b>5:07</b>	<b>19 18 Adar I</b>  <b>Ki Tissa</b> <b>Mincha Bar Mitzvah: Adam Ury</b>   <b>6:11</b>
<b>20 19 Adar I</b>	<b>21 20 Adar I</b>  Office is closed in observance of President's Day	<b>22 21 Adar I</b>  Academy	<b>23 22 Adar I</b>  Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class General Board Meeting	<b>24 23 Adar I</b>	<b>25 24 Adar I</b>   <b>5:16</b>	<b>26 25 Adar I</b>  <b>Vayakhel</b> <b>Parshat Shekalim</b>   <b>6:19</b>
<b>27 26 Adar I</b>  Academy	<b>28 27 Adar I</b>					

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