# **BULLETIN** May/June 2022 5782 - Issue 3 of 6

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Passing events sometimes cast their long shadows behind them, and what a long shadow Passover casts.

It comes at the season when the earth discards its bleak winter garments and dresses itself in its most alluring colors. On Passover, we read the Biblical love book, The Song of Songs, which captures the lyric, joyous rhythm of the aliveness, the wonder, and the miracle of springtime.

"For lo, the winter is past... The flowers appear on the earth The time of singing has come... The fig tree puts forth her green figs, And the vines in blossom give forth their fragrance."

Rabbi Sidney Greenberg taught: "With the rebirth of nature, hope is reborn, and faith is rekindled; the step is a little livelier, the greeting more cheerful. As life begins to flourish, it is like an encore of the dawn of creation."

The blooming flowers, symphonic birds, and frolicking sunbeams unite to persuade us that there is hope for new and enduring life in the world. How incredible is creation?

Marcel Proust wrote: "Let us be grateful to those who make us happy. For they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." In the shadow of Passover, we carry a message of hope, awe, and gratitude. As the flowers bloom, so do our souls, tended to and nourished by those who make us happy. Let us honor them this joyous time of year with our appreciation and devotion.

#### Rabbi Nate Crane

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Mazel Tov to:

Tracee and Josh Lee on their sons Max and Ben's B'nai Mitzvah

*Heidi and Daniel Friedman* on their grandsons Abe and Gideon's B'nai Mitzvah *Rabbi Barry and Nancy Friedman* on their grandsons Abe and Gideon's B'nai Mitzvah

Thelma Ross on the birth of her great grandson, Liam Jace

Dr. Irving Cutler on his 99th birthday

*Susan and Zvi Tannenbaum and Max Tannenbaum* on the birth of their grandson and great grandson, Samuel Max Kreisler

Marcie and Rick Eskin on the birth of their granddaughter

Joan and Harvey Meyers on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Danny

Beverly Rosen on her birthday

Jill and Freddie Feldman on their daughter Leah's Bat Mitzvah

**Condolences to:** 

*David Merrin and Cantor Jan Mahler* on the passing of David's mother, Verna Merrin

*The Moss family* on the passing of our longtime member and past president, Shelly Moss

*Jill and Freddie Feldman* on the passing of Jill's father, David Eidelman *Jennifer Wertheimer* on the passing of her sister, Gillian Levinson

*Elizabeth and Ken Cohen* on the passing of Ken's mother and our longtime member, Lois Cohen

*Jill and Freddie Feldman* on the passing of Jill's father, David Eidelman *Jennifer Wertheimer* on the passing of her sister, Gillian Levinson

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In these last couple of months, Ukraine has been on my mind a lot. The terrible war and the toll that it has taken on the people of Ukraine have filled my heart with sadness and grief. I have also filled it with fear.

Fear that the crazy Russian who turned Nazi overnight would use his nuclear weapons to destroy the world in which we live. I cannot help it but worry as i think about my daughter and the kind of future there is going to be for her and the world.

The war in Ukraine makes many of us saddened and afraid and yet it also encourages us to act. We feel compelled to do something to stop this war and to help those affected by it. Each of us helps in our own way and we also do it together as a Community.

A recent manifestation of it was our Concert fundraiser *We Pray and Sing for Ukraine* which took place on April 7 at BHBE. The members of our community showed up in full force and made their voices heard both by being present and by contributing to various charities in support of Ukraine.

In addition to thousands of dollars to JUF and Abundance International our congregants generously donated almost \$7500 to the Meest, the Ukrainian shipping company for the purchase of medical and military equipment for civilians and the army. Kol Hakavod!

The event itself was also a great success. Watched by over 500 people, both in person and remotely, it featured Ukrainian and Jewish performing artists, clergy and speakers from Kiev and the JUF. Our fundraiser made it to the first pages of the local papers including The Record, Pioneer Press and the Chicago Tribune. After the event there were literally hundreds of responses on social media. Particularly touching were those from our Ukrainian friends who posted words of gratitude to the Jewish community with Israeli and Ukrainian flags side by side.

I am honored to be a Cantor of the community where we come together in times like these and where do our share in helping those in need of our help. I am also grateful both personally and on behalf of all the Ukrainian people for the generosity of our members and their support.

We came together. We made a difference. We helped and perhaps today, someone in Ukraine is clothed, fed, and housed in a safe place, all due to our help and support. This truly was a mitzvah g'dolah and we all should be proud of what we have accomplished as a community.

May we go from strength to strength and may we live to see peace in Ukraine and in the world.

#### Amen

#### **Cantor Pavel Roytman**

#### President — Keri Bahar



#### Dear Friends:

It is hard to believe that this is my last message to you. It has been an honor to serve as the president of BHBE and to work closely with our amazing staff and clergy. This has not been an easy two years, but I am so proud of what has been accomplished. Here, are but a few highlights.

• We successfully secured a five-year contract with Rabbi Crane, providing stability in our clergy.

• Thanks to Mel Seidenberg, we renamed the youth director position in honor of his family's generosity and look forward to welcoming Rabbi Reni Dickman in July. Rabbi Dickman will also lead our Family High Holiday services and our Youth Shabbat Services twice a month.

• We repositioned our board and leadership to be true partners and provide oversight to our staff, while trusting them to make day to day decisions and be more independent. As lay leaders, our positions rotate. We *must* trust the staff we hire to run and keep BHBE strong daily.

• We successfully completed a strategic planning process to help us plan for our future. The implementation phase will begin in July. Thank you to Lia Goldfarb and Cynthia Lerner for their tireless work.

• Thanks to the hard work of Lee Bloom, Norm Nexon and others, we installed and have since upgraded a streaming system that was essential to keeping us connected during the pandemic, but also will provide much flexibility in how we can connect with members and friends across the world.

• We expanded our staff to include Sharon Fine, our Events Planner, and, after many years of dedicated service, we welcome Percy Ferguson now with more flexible hours.

• Thanks to Harold Primack's leadership, we upgraded our security systems, improved lighting in the sanctuary and SPAK, refreshed office spaces, cleaned our kitchens, and continue to improve our facilities.

• Thanks to an anonymous donor, we were able to offer a special membership rate to new Academy families, which has stimulated growth.

• Under the leadership of Aaron Frankel, we successfully moved the Academy on-line and then back to a hybrid model this year.

• We expanded our legacy program under the leadership of Shelley Reis.

• Thanks to the hard work of Steve Krause during the first part of the pandemic, we were successful in obtaining two federal PPP loans and having both forgiven.

• We held online galas, Purim Spiels, concerts and more, to continue to unite us as one.

• And, in addition to so many other accomplishments, we made it through the hardest parts of the pandemic, navigating changing state and local regulations and mandates. I am deeply grateful to Rachel Sacks and Jay Goldstein, as well as all the members of the COVID task force who guided us and kept our community safe. Anyone who undertakes a senior leadership position within any organization, cares so deeply and this has been the case with my exceptional Executive Board: Jay Goldstein, Michael Lehrer, Steve Krause, Jill Feldman, Beth Zadik, Harold Primack, Alan Littmann, Dan Galvin, Cynthia Lerner, and Sandy Goldberg. Your collective wisdom, patience, and insight kept us going. I also had the pleasure of leading our organization with two Men's Club Presidents, Jay Lawrence, and Steve Bucksbaum, and Sisterhood President, Barbara Ungar. The value of these groups is understated.

I also want to further thank Jay Goldstein for his partnership and friendship. As I have said, there are few people who truly embody BHBE and Jay, you are one of them. Through countless meetings, conversations, decisions, texts, emails, you never wavered in supporting me and the shul. I am thankful to have you in my life.

To Rabbi Crane and Cantor Roytman, it has been an unbelievable honor to be your partners. You are both inspirations to our community and to your professions and we are so lucky to have you at the helm.

To Michael Kahn, thank you, thank you, thank you. There isn't an unturned rock anywhere in BHBE. Your extreme dedication and humbleness inspire me, and I am so proud of all that we have accomplished together.

To Aaron Frankel, it has been a joy to watch you lead the Academy and have such a positive and lasting effect on so many children over the last many years.

To Marcie Eskin, thank you for going above and beyond these past two years.

To Jackie Ernest and Percy Ferguson, you are the heart and soul of BHBE. Your patience never ends, and your loyalty is second to none.

To our next president, Cynthia Lerner, I know that BHBE is in amazing hands. I wish you all the best as you assume this position and will continue to support you in anyway possible.

Finally, thank you to my amazing parents for raising me with a strong love of Judaism, and to my husband, Phillip, and our incredible children, Zachary, Chana, and Talia, for making every day meaningful. We are so proud of all of you.

Thank you all for helping keep BHBE strong. We are what each of us brings to the shul. It is a very special place and will continue to be for generations to come.

Best, Keri



BHBE has several in-house funds which have been set up thanks to the generosity of congregant donors to provide scholarships to families whose children attend Jewish overnight camps and participate in teen programs to Israel.

Our Next Generation fund helps offset the cost of Jewish overnight camps that are one or two months long. Some of the camps our students will be attending this summer with the support of this fund are Ramah, CHI, OSRUI, Alonim, and Interlaken/JCC. We also have a dedicated Ramah fund that provides support to students who participate in camps that are specifically run by the Conservative movement, such as Ramah Day Camp.

Several of our synagogue funds, including the Next Generation Fund, Strom Fund, Pitler Fund, and Goldberg Fund, have joined together to provide substantial resources to BHBE teens who participate in summer Israel trips, such as Ramah's Israel Seminar and JUF's excellent IsraelNow trip for Chicagoland 8th graders.

These funders are providing resources to offset the cost of Jack Rutstein's upcoming unique Israel excursion. Jack is a college freshman at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, where he has been running track and cross country. Jack has been selected to participate in the 10k/half marathon this summer, representing the United States at the 21st Maccabiah Games in Jerusalem. As part of this experience, he will explore Israel for 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> weeks with his teammates when he is not practicing, competing, or cheering on fellow teammates. Jewish athletes from 83 countries will be participating in multiple events at this extraordinary gathering, which also includes an olympiad-style opening and closing ceremony.

After he returns this summer, Jack will share details about this unique excursion with the congregation. Stay tuned!

#### Aaron

Director of Education and Early Childhood Programming



Organizationally, BHBE follows a calendar that begins each July 1st. While this is our fiscal calendar beginning, it also is the time that lay leadership renews, changes and updates on a scheduled basis. I want to take a moment to recognize Keri Bahar, Jay Goldstein and the entire lay leadership of our board for the amazing work we've accomplished over the past 2 years. Under Keri's leadership, we've embarked on a strategic planning process

which will provide guidance for our congregation for years to come. We've organized our clergy and staff team to be one of the best groups around! We are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated, smart and caring leadership team. Thank you to all the board members for your strength and leadership.

As always, please let me know if you'd like to connect about anything at BHBE. Please reach out to me at my contact information, below.

Michael Kahn BHBE Executive Director 847.256.6494 michael.kahn@bhbe.org

#### LIBRARY

Having just observed Yom HaShoah at the end of April, and thinking about the recent controversy regarding the McMinn County, Tennessee, School Board's vote in January to remove Art Spiegelman's Maus, a graphic novel about the Holocaust, from its eighth-grade curriculum, I thought I would highlight a few books appropriate for children on the subject of the Holocaust. In addition to these, please consult the list of selected Holocaust literature for youth recommended by the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee of the Association of Jewish Libraries at: https://jewishlibraries.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/

selected stba holocaust books-1.pdf.



#### WE MUST We Must Not Forget: Holocaust Stories NOT FORGET of Survival and Resistance by Deborah Hopkinson (2021)

In this thoroughly researched and passionately written narrative nonfiction for upper middle-grade readers, critically acclaimed author Deborah Hopkinson

allows the voices of Holocaust survivors to live on the page, recalling their persecution, survival, and resistance. Focusing on testimonies from across Germany, the Netherlands, France, and Poland, Hopkinson paints a moving and diverse portrait of the Jewish youth experience in Europe under the shadow of the Third Reich. With archival images and myriad interviews, this compelling and beautifully told addition to Holocaust history not only honors the courage of the victims, but calls young readers to action -- by reminding them that heroism begins with the ordinary, everyday feat of showing compassion toward our fellow citizens. Grade 6 and up.



*The Assignment* by Liza Wiemer (2020)

Would you defend the indefensible? That's what seniors Logan March and Cade Crawford are asked to do when a favorite teacher instructs a group of students to argue for the Final Solution--the

Nazi plan for the genocide of the Jewish people. Logan and Cade decide they must take a stand, and soon their actions draw the attention of the student body, the administration, and the community at large. But not everyone feels as Logan and Cade do--after all, isn't a school debate just a school debate? It's not long before the situation explodes, and acrimony and anger result. Based on true events, The Assignment asks: What does it take for tolerance, justice, and love to prevail? "An important look at a critical moment in history through a modern lens showcasing the power of student activism." (School Library Journal) High School.



Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust by Loïc Dauvillier (2014, Sydney Taylor Book Award, Middle Grade Category) In this gentle, poetic young graphic novel, Dounia, a grandmother, tells nidden her granddaughter the story even her son has never heard: how, as a young

Jewish girl in Paris, she was hidden away from the Nazis by a series of neighbors and friends who risked their lives to keep her alive when her parents had been taken to concentration camps. Hidden ends on a tender note, with Dounia and her mother rediscovering each other as World War II ends . . . and a young girl in present-day France becoming closer to her grandmother, who can finally, after all those years, tell her story. With words by Loïc Dauvillier and art by Marc Lizano and Greg Salsedo, this picture book-style comic for young readers is a touching read. "Dauvillier doesn't sugarcoat the horrors of the Holocaust; instead, he shares them from the perspective of a girl young enough to not quite understand the true scope of the atrocities. . . . The frankness of the storytelling is tempered by appealing cartoonlike illustrations that complement the story and add a layer of emotion not found in the narration. A Holocaust experience told as a bedtime story? It sounds crazy, but here it works." (*Booklist*) Grades K-3.

Marcie Eskin, Librarian marcie.eskin@bhbe.org

> Thanks so much for the Mishloach Manot Package you gave me for Purim, I'm still enjoying. Also, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Pesach. Hope you can enjoy with family. Best wishes, Sabra Pitler

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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 <u>members</u> in attendance, <u>AND</u> the Sponsor's number of invited guests. \*Orange Juice \$ 1.00 pp

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*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 <u>"To Go"</u>

Quantities prepared are **based upon weekly avg.** # of <u>Members</u> 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 <u>sole</u> discretion of BHBE's Caterer! \* IMPORTANT:

Members celebrating <u>special events with "invited" guests</u>, 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 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 <u>AND</u> the Sponsors' guest counts, provided NO LESS than <u>8 business days</u> 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:

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*Bagel or Challah Roll (host's choi	ce)
*Cream Cheese (w/ cucumber or)	
*Coleslaw or Potato or Pasta Sal	ad or Chips
<b>Optional Add-Ons:</b>	-
*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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#### KAM Isaiah Israel Mikvah Presentation Mysteries of Mikvah Join us as we meet with Carol Schnitzler, the Shomeret of The Community Mikvah in Wilmette. Wednesday, June 8 - 7:30-8:45 pm Place: Zoom Carol will cover the following: What is mikvah all about? Why does Judaism have such a strong water emphasis? Is mikvah only for Women? What are some reasons people might have to go to mikvah? Do Rabbi's always need to be in attendance when someone uses mikvah? How long have Jewish people been using mikvah?

After the presentation, there will be time for questions for Carol.

#### Tour of the Community Mikvah of the Conservative Movement in Wilmette, Illinois followed by brunch. Sunday, June 26 - 10am

Community Mikvah of the Conservative Movement in Wilmette, Illinois 3220 Big Tree Lane

Wilmette, IL 60091

At the brunch, Carol will speak in more detail about her experience as a Shomeret, the kinds of questions she has had to answer over the years which keep being added to as the times change.

The luncheon will be in SPAK Social Hall at Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah At a later date, when the Mikvah is open for larger numbers, Carol will do a tour.

#### Sisterhood

#### Todah Rabbah

Since I was child, I always looked forward to my birthdays. I still do. Back in the day it was mostly for the gifts. Now it's for the gift of children, grandchildren and friends giving of their love, friendship and well wishes on the anniversary of my birth. Thank you friends for the wonderful Legram. It is truly a gift. *Love, Phyllis Zaban* 

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#### Dear Sisterhood,

Thank you for your birthday greetings! Seeing all your names brightened my day! *Fondly, Marilyn Rubin* 

#### Fonaly, Marilyn Kubin

"Another day, another dollar" but in this case another year, another Leagram. I am grateful to still receive them after so many years. Thanks to my BHBE Sisterhood Family of Friends for another year of good wishes. *Beverly Rosen* 

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#### **Passover Plant Sale Thank You**

A big thank you to all who supported the Passover plant sale. We hope that the tulips brightened your holiday. Our sincere thanks to the following people for their invaluable assistance: Sheri Offenbach, Linda Becker, Eunice Hershman, Carolyn Dinofsky and Bebe Kanter along with Jackie Ernest, Michael Kahn, Percy Ferguson and his staff. *Etta Greenfield* 



#### Under Vashti's Tent Thank You

The Sisterhood program, "Under Vashti's Tent" on March 13<sup>th</sup> featured Ben Wolf, retired Legal Director ACLU, Heidi Kalman, Therapist, LCSW, the Josselyn Center and Anat Geva, Director of Strategic Initiatives No Shame on U. They shared their concerns for the problems in today's world: 1) discrimination as it impacts all of us; 2) the work being done to improve the foster care system and 3) the dramatic increase in mental illness. Illinois has been at the forefront in making a difference in all of these areas.

Thank you Debbie Ebner and Helen Goodman, co-chairs, for organizing this informative program. Also thank you to our Sisterhood volunteers: Linda Becker, Irene Jacobson, Rochelle Leff and Aileen Primack. Jackie Ernest, office administrator, handled the many details for the program. Barbara Ungar, Sisterhood President, always makes sure everything runs smoothly.

Thank you to our members for the great turnout and support.

#### Suzi Shulman and Carol Gopman

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#### LOX BOXES FROM BHBE SISTERHOOD & MEN'S CLUB SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

The box will include, 6 ounces of lox, 8 ounce cream cheese, 5 bagels, 1 full size coffee cake, 1 tomato, 1 onion, 1-59oz carton of orange juice and assorted Israel candy. \$30 pick up, \$36 delivered. Please send you check payable to BHBE Sisterhood to: Marsha Lyons, 3057 Springdale, Glenview, 60025. Call Marsha with any questions: 847.998.0997

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The 2022-2023 BHCBE Calendar Take this opportunity to honor Loved ones or a special occasion Sponsor months from September 2022 through October 2023 \$20.00 per listing

Limited sponsorships are available per month. Checks should be made payable to: BHBE Sisterhood and mailed to Aileen Primack, 9450 Kedvale, Skokie, 60076. Please use the enclosed order form for your message.

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Take this opportunity to Honor Loved Ones or a Special Occasion Sponsor months from September 2022 through October 2023 \$20.00 per listing Limited sponsorships are available per month
Please mail, call or email to reserve your month Aileen Primack, 9450 Kedvale, Skokie 60076 847-677-6195 or <u>aeprimack@sbcglobal.net</u> Messages should be 10 words or less, Example: The Silver Family in honor of Sam's birthday
Deadline for submission is July 15, 2022 Only paid submissions will be included in the calendar
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Donor           Month
Message (10 words or less) (Please print)
Phone Number and/or Email
Amount Enclosed \$

Payment must accompany reservation. Checks should be made payable to BHBE Sisterhood and sent to Aileen Primack, 9450 Kedvale, Skokie, IL 60076

#### BHBE Sisterhood Culminating Dinner Tuesday, June 21, 2022 - 6pm

Our culminating dinner will feature a virtual tour of Jewish Greece. Our expert tour guide, Jacob Shoshan will take us on a virtual tour of Jewish Greece. From the White Tower of Thessaloniki to the Mediterranean Islands: Jewish communities in Greece, Past and Present.

Two of the most important Jewish communities in pre-World War II Greece were Thessaloniki and Athens. In the 1600's Thessaloniki, a Sephardic community ,became one of the largest Jewish communities in the world and was known as metropolis and mother of Israel.

JUDAICA SHOPPORTUNITIES Spring and Summer are officially arriving And with the warmer weather comes positive Thoughts as we shed the drab winter (the year, in fact) we all just endured. The BHBE Judaica Shop has lots of new items, including Jewelry, serving pieces (hostess gifts) and new Judaica items. See our weekly articles in the Thursday e-mails, Website and Shabbat handouts. Come visit us in May and June and stop on by before Our Gala on June 9 and Sisterhood's Culminating Dinner on June 21. We hope to continue shopping for you and RESTOCKING OUR SHOP this summer. REMEMBER, ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT SISTERHOOD, WHICH, IN TURN, SUPPORTS OUR BHBE SYNAGOGUE. Let's end this fiscal year on a high note and begin the next fiscal year on a higher note! We look forward to seeing all of you "in person." REMEMBER, YOU CAN ALWAYS CONTACT US FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO COME INTO THE SHOP.

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Robin 847.287.1233 & Joan 847.602.2257



# TORAH W/FUND

WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

# CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Torah Fund began in 1942 as a scholarship fund. In 1963, the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall campaign merged with Torah Fund. Over the decades, Torah Fund has furthered many special projects and it continues to support programs, scholarships and facilities. As Torah Fund enters its 80th year, we can proudly say that Mathilde Schechter would be appreciative of our continuing efforts to ensure that future rabbis, cantors, Jewish educators and lay leaders —men and wom-en—have the resources, time and environments to study. Women today can attend each of the five Conservative/Masorti institutions of higher Jewish learning supported by Torah Fund: Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, Schechter Institutes in Jerusalem, and Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam.

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER! On the evening of May 18, 2022 we are inviting you to participate in the Lag Ba'Omer Sisterhood Torah Fund Event. Our Guests will be: Rabbi Nate Crane and Cantor Pavel Roytman. Details will be sent later. Any questions please call Ida Ioffe Torah Fund Chair 847.814.5573

#### SISTERHOOD

#### 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. You can also mail your message and a check to Rochelle Leff, 20 Mulberry Court, Glenview, 60025.

#### **ശര്ദ്ദേശത്തെത്തെത്തെത്തെ**

#### 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.

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#### Please email your Leagram wishes to marcykreiter2@gmail.com

#### June 2022

1 Marilyn Sprung 2 Dianne Kaufman 2 Regina Katz 5 Helen Stopek 9 Susan Bernover 11 Jaclyn Stern 11 Rochelle Dyme 12 Minnie Goldsmith 12 Susan Kay 15 Judith Berlin 19 Charone Ousley 19 Elly Rousso 21 Faith Hundahl 22 Mryna Siegel 24 Leah Novak 24 Elaine Pollack 26 Shoshana Reynolds

#### July 2022 2 Marcie Eskin 3 Sheila Winer 4 Ellen Feldman 6 Ellen Kaufman 7 Morissa Lundy 7 Judith Reis 9 Michele Melnick 9 Gail Schneiderman 10 Rita Plenner 10 Rachel London 20 Rosita Schloss 25 Fern Kaplan 26 Rachel Serour



Do you see a Sisterhood friend with an August or September 2022 birthday? Send a birthday wish. Add your name to a Leagram, only 25 cents. Please send info. to: Marcy Kreiter, 9033 Keeler Ave., Skokie, IL 60076 or email marcykreiter2@gmail.com





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#### What is BJE?

The Board of Jewish Education Early Childhood Centers (BJE-ECC) offers half day and full day preschool and childcare programs. Our centers, located in Wilmette and Northbrook, provide stimulating environments where children grow intellectually and socially in a loving Jewish community. BJE-ECC embraces a Reggio-inspired curriculum. While teachers provide guidance and direction, the children are the catalysts of their explorations. This co-constructive approach gives children ownership of their learning.

#### Lock in your child's spot for 2022-2023

BJE-Wilmette only has a few spots left for the following school year in certain classes. You can <u>enroll online</u> at <u>www.bjeecc.school</u>. Contact Director Rebecca Kushnir Anisfeld at <u>rebecca@bjechicago.org</u> for more information. **What's happening at BJE-ECC?** 

During the month of April, the yeladim loved <u>learning about Passover</u>. Even children as young as infants explored traditional Seder plate items. These symbolic items help tell the story of how the Jewish people were enslaved under King Pharoah in Egypt but found their way to freedom. Our 3-year-old and Pre-K classes also used their fine motor skills to make Charoset.



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#### Work at BJE-ECC

Do you know anyone who is looking for a job or interested in learning more about career opportunities at BJE-ECC? BJE is hiring teachers for our full day program in Wilmette. We offer a competitive salary, benefits, professional growth and continuing education among other perks! This is a great job for recent college graduates, parents who are looking to transition back into the workforce, or educators looking to expand into early childhood education. For more information, please BJE-ECC Director Rebecca Kushnir Anisfeld at <a href="mailto:rebecca@bjechicago.org">rebecca@bjechicago.org</a>.

#### Donations

**Rabbi Crane's Discretionary Fund** A donation has been made to this fund by: Mark Kreger in memory of his mother, Joni Kreger The Pfeffer Family in memory of Sam Pfeffer In honor of Joan and Harvey Meyers on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Danny by Marsha Lyons In memory of Sydney Sacks by Janet and Robert Sacks Lois Cohen by Beatrice and Norman Ring **Cantor Roytman's Discretionary** Fund A donation has been made to this fund by: The Moss Family in memory of Sheldon Moss In honor of Debra and Jay Lawrence on the engagement of their daughter, Marcia and Louis King by Barbara and Alan London In memory of Lois Cohen by Terry Parisoli and Howard Friedland George Timoshenko by George Michelson Verna Merrin -by Beverly and Stan Klein -by Phyllis and Sy Zaban **Cantor Roytman's Music Fund** A donation has been made to this fund by: The Moss Family in memory of Sheldon Moss In memory of Sam Pfeffer -by Rosita Schloss and Carrie Schloss -by Eunice and Bruce Hershman Lois Cohen by Jennifer and Carter Greene Ada M. Kaden by Marlene Rosen **Tikva Frymer-Kensky Adult Education Fund** In honor of: Rabbi Barry Friedman thanking him for his Adult Education class -by Beverly and Howard Reinglass -by Geraldine Friedman Dr. Irving Cutler's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 11 by Susie Cutler and Joab Silverglade and Family

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Friday, May 6 Light Candles......7:34 pm

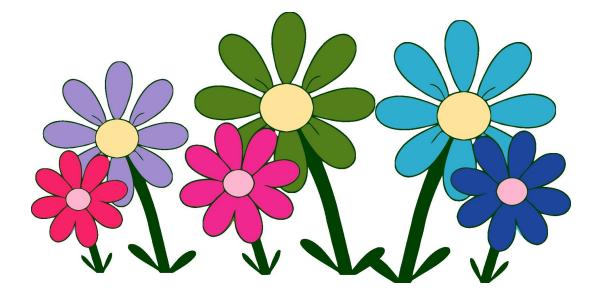
Shabbat, May 7 6 Iyar 5782 Torah Reading: Kedoshim

Shabbat, May 14 13 Iyar 5782 Torah Reading: Emor Inclusion Shabbat Bat Mitzvah: Anna Rubinstein Berkowitz / Kreiter Auf Ruf Friday, May 20 Light Candles.....7:48 pm

Shabbat, May 21 20 Iyar 5782 Torah Reading: Behar

Friday, May 27 Light Candles......7:55 pm

Shabbat, May 28
27 Iyar 5782
Torah Reading: Bechukotai
Shabbat M'Varekhim Hahodesh Sivan
Bar Mitzvah: Liam Spector



#### SHABBAT SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP



## Sivan / Tammuz 5782

June 3	
Light Candles	8:00 pm

**Shabbat, June 4 5 Sivan 5782** Torah Reading: Bemidbar Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Friday, June 10 Light Candles..... 8:05 pm

Shabbat, June 11 12 Sivan 5782 Torah Reading: Naso Friday, June 17 Light Candles......8:08 pm

Shabbat, June 18 19 Sivan 5782 Torah Reading: Beha'alotcha

Shabbat, June 25 26 Sivan Torah Reading: Shelach



## Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah Calendar of Events May 2022 Nisan / Iyar / Sivan 5782

Sunday		Monday	Tueso	day	Wedn	esday	ay Thursday		rsday Friday		Saturday		
1 30 Nis	an	2 1 lyar	3	2 Iyar	4	3 Iyar	5	4 Iyar	6	5 lyar	7	6 lyar	
Rosh Chodesh Iyar Day 1 Lox Box Academy	-	Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Day 2	Academy		Rabbi Cra morning T Class Yom Ha'Z	almud	Yom HaA	tzma'ut		7:34	Kedoshir Î	n 8:43	
8 7 I	/ar	9 8 Iyar	10	9 Iyar	11	10 Iyar	12	11 lyar	13	12 lyar	14 Emor	13 Iyar	
Mother's Day No Academy			Academy		Rabbi Cra morning T Class Sisterhood Board and President	almud d General I	Executive Meeting	Board	All Schoo Service a Dinner, H Graduatio	S	Inclusion a Bat Mitzva Rubinstein Berkowitz Auf Ruf	ah: Anna n	
15 14	yar	16 15 lyar	17	16 Iyar	18	17 lyar	19	18 Iyar	20	19 lyar	21	20 Iyar	
Men's Club Breakfa Academy Closing Program	st		Mishloach M Pick up 8an Academy Sisterhood Executive B Meeting	n to 4pm	Rabbi Cra morning T Class Torah Fur Men's Clu Meeting	almud nd Event	Lag Ba'Ou Sisterhood Executive Meeting	d		7:48	Behar	9:00	
22 21 l	/ar	23 22 Iyar	24	23 Iyar	25	24 Iyar	26	25 Iyar	27	26 Iyar	28	27 Iyar	
					Rabbi Cra morning T Class Annual Congrega Meeting a General B Meeting	almud tional nd				7:55	Bechuko Shabbat M'Varekhi Hahodesh Bar Mitzva Liam Spec	im n Sivan ah:	
<b>29 28</b> Yom Yerushalayim	yar	30 29 Iyar Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day	31 Rosh Chode Sivan	<b>1 Sivan</b> esh									

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
			1 2 Sivan Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class Sisterhood General Board and Installation	2 3 Sivan	3 4 Sivan	4 5 Sivan Bemidbar Tikkun Leil Shavuot				
5 6 Sivan Shavuot - Day 1 First Day Yom Tov Ends: 9:14	6 7 Sivan Shavuot - Day 2 Yizkor Yom Tov Ends: 9:15	7 8 Sivan	8 9 Sivan Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class	9 10 Sivan Executive Board Meeting	10 11 Sivan	11         12 Sivan           Naso         9:18				
12 13 Sivan	13 14 Sivan	14 15 Sivan	15 16 Sivan Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class Men's Club Board Meeting	16 17 Sivan Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting	17 18 Sivan	18 19 Sivan Beha'alotcha				
19 20 Sivan Father's Day	20 21 Sivan	21 22 Sivan Sisterhood Culminating Dinner	22 23 Sivan Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class General Board Meeting	23 24 Sivan	24 25 Sivan	25 26 Sivan Shelach				
26 27 Sivan	27 28 Sivan	28 29 Sivan	29 30 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Tammuz - Day 1 Rabbi Crane's morning Talmud Class	30 1 Tammuz Rosh Chodesh Tammuz - Day 2						

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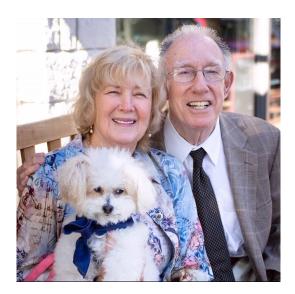
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