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The Power of Prayer

Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah, once wrote in a letter to Haym Peretz:

The Kaddish means to me that the survivor publicly and markedly manifests their wish and intention to assume the relation to the Jewish community which their parent had and that so the chain of tradition remains unbroken from generation to generation, each adding its own link."

Prayer makes emotion articulate. It gives us the words when there are no words. It provides sacred space for the tears that otherwise would have nowhere to go.

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks proposed: "Daily prayer works on us in ways not immediately apparent. As the sea smooths the stone, as the repeated hammer blows of the sculptor shape the marble, so prayer - repeated, cyclical, tracking the rhythms of time itself - gradually wears away the jagged edges of our character, turning it into a work of devotional art, aligning it with the moral energies of the universe."

Often our prayers are spontaneous—prayers of gratitude, petition, longing, and awe. We seek appropriate words in moments of remarkable experiences, such as the birth of a child or the celebration of a relationship. So too, in times of great pain, such as the loss of a loved one - we search our hearts for words that articulate our profound and innermost feelings.

Fortunately, our tradition provides language that can support our emotions and give us the tools to publicly and personally acknowledge the gifts of life. Prayer can also strengthen us as we rely on the words of generations past - because power can come from expressions that are not our own.

There is a beautiful prayer we recite when we see a magnificent natural wonder, for example, the ocean, beautiful mountains, or a shooting star; it concludes: *Oseh Ma'aseh Bereishit - Blessed is the Holy One who continues the act of creation.* This bracha - blessing - exemplifies how our tradition supports our experiences. It is difficult to formulate the appropriate words when we are overcome with awe - this is precisely what set prayer does for us.

The 11th-century poet Judah Halevi taught: "It is to the soul what food is to the body. Starve the body of food, and it dies. Starve a soul of prayer, and it atrophies and withers."

Sometimes prayer is all the more powerful when the words are those that we connect with our history. The rabbis maintained that Mourner's Kaddish is a conversation between people and God and people and one another. It is the latter why we must recite the prayer in a quorum of ten Jewish people who have reached the age of majority. Prayer is not only more powerful when the words connect with memory and emotions; it is potentially more comforting when those on a similar journey surround us.

The reverberating call of "amen" is often one of the most impactful moments of the prayer service. May we each find ourselves comforted, supported, and uplifted by our prayers in the community - amen.

Rabbi Nate Crane

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Mazel Tov to:

Katie and Dan Galvin on their son Noah's B-Mitzvah

Debra and Jay Lawrence on the marriage of their daughter, Marcia and Louis King

Harriet Robbins Ost and Fred Ost on the baby naming of their granddaughter, Dalia Meital Sloan

Gail and Irwin Schneiderman on their grandson, Avi Friedman's B-Mitzvah

Joanna Weinstein and Marcello Cherchi on their son Michael's B-Mitzvah

David and Nanette Penzell on the baby naming of their 2 grandchildren, Ryan Penzell and Ellie Anker

Charlotte Glass on the birth of her great granddaughter, Avital Dahlia

Marcy Kreiter on her birthday

Sashie Kraff on the birth of her great grandson, Archie Benjamin Kraff

Condolences to:

Janice and Steve Feldman and Melinda and Phil Sharkan on the passing of Janice's mother and Melinda's aunt, Bernice Rappoport

Vladimir and Alla Pasman on the passing of Vladimir's mother, Faina Pasman

Harriet Robbins Ost and Fred Ost on the passing of Fred's mother, Ruth Ost

The Bandari Family on the passing of, Dr. Bashi Bandari

The Levine Family on the passing of our longtime member and friend, Janis Levine

Colleen and Ira Dubin and Mitch Dubin and Katie Power on the passing of Colleen's sister and Mitch's aunt, Theresa Conway

Beverly Rosen on the passing of her daughter in law, Lynn Alexander Rosen

The Mindich Family on the passing of our congregant, Alex Mindich



As 2023 begins, I want to wish everyone a very healthy new year.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our High Holiday appeal this year—we have raised about \$130,000. The Board and the staff of BHBE greatly appreciate each donation that has been made.

During the last few months of 2022, more and more of you have been attending Shabbos services on Saturday mornings—the buzz at kiddush as we reconnect is wonderful to hear. I especially enjoy stopping by each table to say hello.

Our Board Members and committees are busy at work planning for the future of BHBE, cleaning and organizing all the storage, setting up newer and better ways to reduce, reuse and recycle, and how to best use our building spaces. All of this takes time and as progress is made you will be given periodic reports.

Our next in-person Shabbos dinner will be on Friday, January 27th. Please watch your weekly emails for more information.

Here are some of the upcoming programs in January and February:

Birthday Kiddushes: Everything old is new again—we are back to monthly celebrations of birthdays—inviting everyone who has a birthday in a specific month to contribute to the special kiddush, usually the 2nd Shabbos of each month, starting this January. To contribute to your birthday month kiddush, please contact Marsha Lyons at BHBE.

BHBE Film Festival: After the conclusion of each film, there is a discussion led by a member of BHBE. And remember, for the recommended donation of only \$10, there is popcorn and a variety of candy bars!!! January 14th - Spiritual Audacity: The Abraham Joshua Heschel Story (2021) February 11, 2023 - A gala red-carpet evening featuring a film about our own Avi Lesser.

The Chicago Bar Association's Newest Production: Little Shop of Lawyers Saturday, February 25, 8pm at BHBE. Doors open at 7:30pm, \$45.00 per person (includes dessert.) Tickets purchased after February 19 and at the door will be \$50.00. Register online at: bit.ly/littleshopoflawyers.

Introduction to Judaism Class - BHBE, in partnership with other Conservative congregations in the area, we will be offering this class beginning Wednesday evenings, (7-8:15pm on Zoom, once monthly in person). This 18-week course is designed for anyone interested in learning more about Judaism. Please refer to the BHBE News for more information including cost and scholarship opportunities. Contact Rabbi Reni Dickman, with any questions: rabbidickman@bhbe.org or call her 847.256.1213.

Zoom only: Men's Club Food for Thought Breakfast: Sunday, January 15, 2023, on for a discussion on Cuban Jews with Ruth Bahar. Thank you to all of our members who attend our daily minyanim in person and via zoom; thank you to everyone who attends and/or streams our weekly Shabbos services. As always, as we move ahead, I look forward to personally welcoming each of you to BHBE.

Cynthia Lerner, President

What Your Men's Club Does for You and the BHBE Community

The purpose of an auxiliary organization is to support and further the goals of the Synagogue as best it can. The following is a report on a majority of the activities of your Men's Club. The BHBE Men's Club is part of the Midwest Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) with clubs in Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis, and other Midwestern cities. Your BHBE Men's Club organizes local programs and participates in Regional and National programs.

Charity Begins at Home - A disabled congregant with mobility issues was seeking assistance with a few tasks around her home. The congregant approached several organizations and eventually approached the Men's Club. Harold Primack and Steven Bucksbaum worked together to help the congregant take out the recycling and the garbage, change a few light bulbs, replace batteries in the smoke detectors and a few other home maintenance tasks. This has been a multi-visit task. We have had to return several times to take out the garbage and the recycling. We would gratefully accept more volunteers, "many hands makes little work".

Tracing Family Roots: Dr. Michael Gideon - On October 30, 2022, about 80 people heard Dr. Michael Gideon speak of the trip his parents, siblings and children made to Germany to trace the family's roots back to where generations of the family had lived until they left Germany in the 1930s. Michael grew up in Wilmette and had his Bar Mitzvah here at BHBE. Jay Lawrence (Coordinator), Ivan Cramer, Gary Rubin, Dan Chodrow, Larry Plawsky all helped with food preparation and serving. We want to thank the following people for their contributions to cover the expenses of the breakfast: Sheila Gideon, Norman Ring, Allen Sereb, Randi Gideon, Steven Bucksbaum, Barry Goldberg, Gary Rubin, Allison Kurzman and Sy Goren.

Veterans Shabbat - The Men's Club took on the opportunity to produce the "Veterans Shabbat". Veterans Shabbat occurs near Veterans Day and is designed to honor congregants who are either veterans of military service or currently on active duty. Recognition is not confined to the U.S. Military; service in any national military is accepted. This year, Veterans Shabbat took place on November 5, 2022. Men's Club sponsored the Kiddush organized by Jay Lawrence. Thank you for your donations to enhance the Kiddish: Larry Plawsky, Harold Primack, Steve Bucksbaum, Lee Bloom, Steve Krause, Don Babendir, Tom Ungar and Shelly Reis. The Kiddish was organized by Jay Lawrence. Jeff Roth assisted in coordinating the service. Jeff produced a list of synagogue members who had or are serving in a military organization. These names are on the handout with the Shabbat bulletin. Jeff also recruited veterans to participate in the service. Don Babendir and Ira Hymen provided wonderful d'var Torah speaking on their experiences in the military. Thank you to our Torah readers included Zvi Tannenbaum, Isaac Hasbani, and to the haftarah reader was Al Rodin. The following veterans were honored with aliyot: Norm Ring, Ira Hymen,

Lane Rubinstein, Jeff Roth, Don Babendir, Howard Greene. Other people who participated were Maurice Rouso and Jeff Rosen.

Service on Short Notice - Dr. Ray Glassenberg responded to a request from the Chicago Mitzvah Campaign for people to provide transportation. The driver has to use their own car to provide transportation for clients to Chicago area medical centers on November 10, 2022. The request was sent by email at 5:30am and Dr. Glassenberg responded within a few hours. Shabbat Packages prepared by Chicago Mitzvah Campaign for Hospital patients were delivered to Illinois Masonic Hospital, Shirley Ryan Ability Lab (downtown) and Northwestern University Hospital downtown. Thank you Dr. Glassenberg.

Symposium of Anti-violence Collaborative Groups
On December 4, 2022, Men's Club sponsored a symposium of speakers from the Institute for Non Violence discuss their anti-violence program. Speakers came from: Creating Partnerships For Peace (CP4P), READI, Chicago CRED and Institute for Nonviolence. The forum was moderated by Teni Gross, an Israeli, who has worked in bringing Jews and Palestinians together. Teni was recruited to Chicago to bring the same type of conflict resolution to at risk areas in Chicago. They discussed their work to de-escalate conflict and reduce violence in Chicago's most violent areas. The following people made contributions to help cover the cost of the food and video streaming: Norman and Beatrice Ring, Arthur and Greer Braun, Vern and Sheila Gideon, Judith Karp, Barry Goldberg, Gail and Jerry Swerdlik, Jay Goldstein, and Bruce Hershman, thank you. Men's Club members preparing and serving the breakfast were Jay Lawrence (Breakfast Coordinator), Jeff Roth, Marvin Berger and Steven Bucksbaum. The conversation was held in the Sanctuary so the video could be streamed. Nineteen connections were made to the streaming service.

Future Men's Club Breakfasts

Sunday, 1/15/2023: Cuban Jews, Ruth Bahar (University of Michigan) on Zoom only, no in person

Sunday, 3/12/2023: Diana Schoss & Jerry Witaovsky, "Jewish grandparents talking to their grandchildren"

Sunday, 4/23/2023: Rabbi Bauman, "How to Become a Mensch"

Upcoming Men's Club Activities

Below is the list of dates and activities by you BHBE Men's Club this winter and spring:

Sunday, 1/29/2023 Pickle Ball Tournament, Robert Crown Community Center, Evanston, IL

Sunday, 3/12/2023 Tequila and Taco Party

Sunday, 3/26/2023 Man of the Year 3pm to 5pm, Beth Judea, Long Grove, IL

4/14/2023 Friday Community Dinner and Service

4/15-16/2023 Yom HaShoah Name Reading Event

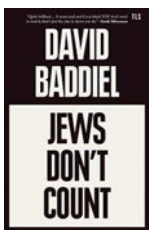
4/18/2023 Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle distribution

Here are a few titles of interest:



***From Miniskirt to Hijab: A Girl in Revolutionary Iran* by Jacqueline Saper (2019)**

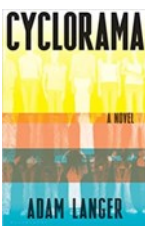
Jacqueline Saper, named after Jacqueline Kennedy, was born in Tehran to Iranian and British parents. At eighteen she witnessed the civil unrest of the 1979 Iranian revolution and continued to live in the Islamic Republic during its most volatile times, including the Iran-Iraq War. In a deeply intimate and personal story, Saper recounts her privileged childhood in pre-revolutionary Iran and how she gradually became aware of the paradoxes in her life and community—primarily the disparate religions and cultures. In 1979 under the Ayatollah regime, Iran became increasingly unfamiliar and hostile to Saper. Seemingly overnight she went from living a carefree life of wearing miniskirts and attending high school to listening to fanatic diatribes, forced to wear the hijab, and hiding in the basement as Iraqi bombs fell over the city. She eventually fled to the United States in 1987 with her husband and children after, in part, witnessing her six-year-old daughter's indoctrination into radical Islamic politics at school. At the heart of Saper's story is a harrowing and instructive tale of how extremist ideologies seized a Westernized, affluent country and transformed it into a fundamentalist Islamic society. Her story also sheds light on the current situation in Iran where women's protests have challenged the current regime. And some BHBE congregants may remember that the author was a teacher in the Academy a number of years ago. Winner: Chicago Writers Association 2020 Book of the Year Award



***Jews Don't Count* by David Baddiel (2021)**

In *Jews Don't Count*, Jewish British comedian David Baddiel digs deeply into the subtle but pernicious form of antisemitism present today. Using examples from the literary world, the film industry, sports, politics, and even the culinary world, he shows that antisemitism is alive and well, even among progressives who have admirably devoted themselves to social justice. The argument woven throughout the book is that there is a "hierarchy of racisms," which consistently places Judaism at the low end of the list of importance. The rules that apply to discourse about other ethnic minorities and marginalized groups do not seem to apply to Jews. Among those rules (which he details throughout the book) is that "those who do not

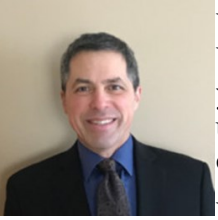
experience racism need to listen, to learn, to accept and not challenge, when others speak about their experiences. Except ... [n]on-Jews, including progressive non-Jews, are still very happy to tell Jews whether or not the utterance about them was in fact racist." Baddiel doesn't shy away from the thorniest questions. Is Judaism a religion or an ethnicity? When is it anti-Zionism and when is it antisemitism? In the context of racism, are Jews white? This is a book for "anti-racists, or at least, those who would claim to be so," as the author writes. But it is also a book for all of the Jews who have followed the evolution of identity politics with growing discomfort at the myriad ways in which this particular form of bigotry is not only tolerated but oftentimes unrecognized as bigotry at all. (Jewish Book Council review)



***Cyclorama* by Adam Langer (2022)**

The deeply moving, propulsive story of ten teenagers brought together by a high school production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* that will shape and influence the rest of their lives. Evanston, Illinois, 1982. A group of students at a magnet high school meet to audition for the spring play. They are eager for the chance to escape their difficult everyday lives. 2016. The actors have moved on with their lives. Some are wildly successful, some never left their hometown, and some just want to be left alone. Everything changes, however, when one former cast member comes forward with an allegation dating back to the time of the play. The consequences of this public revelation will be far-reaching and complex, reverberating through all of their lives in unexpected ways. "A page-turning novel that is by turns funny, despairing and even affirming, a complex and powerful mix." (*Chicago Tribune*)

Marcie Eskin, Librarian
marcie.eskin@bhbe.org



We're excited to welcome several new families to our wonderful BHBE community! When you are at BHBE, if you don't recognize someone, please go up and introduce yourself! One of the things that makes BHBE the warm and welcoming place that it is, is us - the people! We are always looking for ways to connect with each other and we certainly have plenty of opportunities to do so!

Watch your weekly *BHBE News* for information about upcoming services, social events and other opportunities to connect and engage with each other! Our amazing volunteers work endlessly to create inspiring, fun events that we can all enjoy together! If you have ideas on how to create more relational events, please reach out to me! I can get you connected with our lay leadership and amazing volunteers!

I look forward to connecting with you soon! If there is anything I can do to support your experience at BHBE, please let me know.

Stay warm and be well this winter!

Michael

Michael Kahn
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Watch your inbox for an invitation to our January 27 in-person Shabbat dinner at 5:30 pm, the first event in a series of six dinners with a theme of Shabbat Around the World! Each dinner will include delicious and kid-friendly food from a different part of the world, along with a cultural immersion element such as music, dancing, culinary explorations, visual art, or performance. Our first event will take us to Mexico. These events are being planned by the Shabbat Squad, a group of volunteers working to bring you fun, family-friendly gatherings in a convivial atmosphere. If you are interested in helping plan, fund, or execute these events, we would love to hear from you!

The Shabbat Squad
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Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year, 2023!

It has been wonderful to see so many people participating in Sisterhood activities in person. We have a variety of activities plans for the coming months.

January 26 - Kitchen Shower - Revitalizing our synagogue kitchen while participating in fun activities.

February 25 - Little Shop of Lawyers - Evening of cocktails and fun professional performance. Tickets \$45, \$50 at the door that evening. Please invite your friends to join us.

March 18 - Sisterhood Shabbat - chaired by Marcie Eskin and Judy Levey. Please contact them to participate in a wonderful Shabbat service.

Don't forget to order your Maj Jongg card (s) by January 20.

***Greer Braun
Sisterhood President***



Todah Rabbah....

It always adds to the celebration to see all the names on my Birthday Leagram! Thanks for thinking of me! ***Aileen Primack***

Friends are the family we choose for ourselves . Sisterhood is family. Thanks for all the bday wishes. ***Hugs, Marsha***

**SISTERHOOD DAYTIME SERIES
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023
12:15 PM, LIGHT LUNCH
1:00 PM PROGRAM**

Mark your calendars now to plan to attend on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 12:15. We will have a light lunch followed by our speaker, Ronald Balsom. He will speak about his latest book, "An Affair of Spies."

"An Affair of Spies" is an action-packed tale of heroism and love in the face of unspeakable evil. Mr. Balsom has applied his unmatched talent for evocative and painstakingly authentic storytelling to the high-stakes world of espionage and created his most thrilling novel yet. Our Daytime Series are free to BHBE Sisterhood, Men's Club and congregation members. Guests are \$5.00. The sign-up sheet and streaming information will be available at a later date.

Sponsorships of \$25 are always welcome. Contact Gail Swerdlik at gmswerd@gmail.com On Thursday, May 11, 2023, Susan Lieberman and fellow Chicago artists will present a brief life performance and will discuss survival stories.

**BHBE SISTERHOOD PRESENTS
THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION
"LITTLE SHOP OF LAWYERS"
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023
8:00 PM DOORS OPEN 7:30 PM
\$45 PER PERSON (INCLUDING DESSERT)
AFTER FEBRUARY 19 & AT DOOR - \$50**

Please use the enclosed reservation form and include check payable to BHBE Sisterhood. Mail to: BHBE, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette, 60091

Questions: contact Marsha Lyons,

roarmbl@gmail.com

**DON'T MISS THIS EVENING FILLED WITH
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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 their support

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

For my right hands in the kitchen – Eunice Hershman, Elaine Pollack and Elly Rousso

For my left hands that helped immensely with all the prep and set-up – Michael Kahn, Jackie Ernest and the Maintenance Staff

For the extra eyes and ears that helped the day of the Boutique – Greer Braun, Marjorie Breisblatt, Carole Dunn, Sheila Gideon, Fay Goldblatt, Carol Gopman, Cynthia Lerner, Susan Lieberman, Barbara London, Marsha Lyons, Harold Primack, Marilyn Rubin, Adrienne Schaye, Deb Schwartz, Barbara Ungar and Marsha Weitzman

For the legwork of our congregants who were vendors – Karen Appel Drazin, Randi Gideon, Ida Ioffe, Sarah Rodin and Melinda Sharkan,

And for the backbone – the support of all the congregants who came and ate and shopped and brought their friends and family

Thank You all from the bottom of my heart!
Aileen Primack

And if I forgot anyone, please accept my apology for my oversight.



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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.



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)

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 18 Beverly Ruttenberg
 22 Ellen Cole
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Do you see a Sisterhood friend with an February / March 2023 birthday? Send a birthday wish. Add your name to a Leagram, only 25 cents. Please send info. to: Marcy Kreiter, 9033

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[**marcykreiter2@gmail.com**](mailto:marcykreiter2@gmail.com)**

2023 Mah Jongg Cards

Prices are now \$14.00 for the standard and \$15.00 for the large print cards. All orders need to be in by January 20, 2023. To order your cards, make checks out to BHBE Sisterhood and mail to: Sheri Offenbach, 3025 Lexington Lane, Highland Park, IL 60035. Questions: email Mrsoff1@aol.com

SISTERHOOD DAYTIME SERIES

THURSDAYS
12:30 LIGHT LUNCH FOLLOWED BY
THE SPEAKER AT 1:00

NOVEMBER 10 ERIC ZORN

MARCH 9 RONALD BALSON

MAY 11 SUSAN LIEBERMAN



The Midterms are Over. Now What?

Eric Zorn is a former American op-ed columnist and daily blogger for the Chicago Tribune who specialized in local news as well as politics. Join him as he discusses the Midterm Elections and how they will impact us moving forward.



Book Release: An Affair of Spies

Ronald H. Balson is the bestselling author of *Once We Were Brothers*, *Saving Sophie*, *Karolina's Twins*, *The Trust*, *The Girl From Berlin*, *Eli's Promise*, and *Defending Britta Stein*. Ron has been the recipient of several honors. *The Girl From Berlin* was awarded the 2018 National Jewish Book Award for fiction. He is also the 2019 adult fiction selection of the Illinois Reading Council's statewide program, Illinois Reads. *Eli's Promise* was selected by The New York Times as New & Noteworthy. Ron was a finalist for the Harper Lee Award for Legal Fiction, and a runner up in the Italian Premio Selezione Bancarella Award for Italian Literature. Ron has appeared on numerous television and radio shows and has been a featured lecturer nationally and internationally on his writing.



Late Rehearsals, Early Day Jobs: four decades of making theater in Chicago

BHBE member Susan Lieberman and her fellow Chicago theater artists discuss their work from the 1980s through (and beyond) Covid. Enjoy a brief live performance, photos and videos, and survival stories from off and onstage.

The Sisterhood Daytime Series is free to Sisterhood, Men's Club and BHBE members. Guests are \$5.

You are invited to stream the program as an alternative.

The streaming link will be sent out closer to the program date.

You must be registered to attend the program.

Please sign up here: bit.ly/sdsNov22

If you would like to sponsor this program, for \$25, please contact Gail Swerdlik at gmswerd@gmail.com

Rabbi Crane's Discretionary Fund

A donation has been made to this fund by:

Rachel and Larry Plawsky

Marilyn & Gary Rubin & Family, thanking Rabbi Crane for a beautiful Brit Bat ceremony, Everything was perfect !

In honor of

Rabbi Nate Crane by Rabbi Azriel Fellner and Family

Rabbi Ralph and Evelyn Ruebner in honor of his Aliyah on Shemini Atzeret

Cantor Roytman's Discretionary Fund

A donation has been made to this fund by:

The Elaine Loseff Family

In honor of

Ahouva and Isaac Hasbani on their son Inbal's marriage by Barbara and Maimon Lusk

Marilyn and Gary Rubin on the birth of their granddaughter, Lior Anne Straka by Beverly and Stan Klein

Cantor Roytman's Music Fund

A donation has been made to this fund by:

Sheila Fisher

In memory of

Ruth Ost by Phyllis and Sy Zaban

Janis Levine by Marilyn and Gary Rubin

Tikva Frymer-Kensky Adult**Education Fund****In honor of:**

Marcie and Rick Eskin's honor on Simchat Torah

-by Carole and Don Babendir

-by Michele Bresler and Barry Goldberg

Aviva and Al Rodin's honor on Simchat Torah

-by Carole and Don Babendir

-by Michele Bresler and Barry Goldberg

In memory of:

Helga Pfeffer by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Roselle Jacobson by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Harvey Goldberg by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Lois Berg by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Marilyn Sprung by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Donna Goldberg by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Sheldon Konowitz by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Leonard Penn by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Magdalene "Maggie" Thirman by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Sarah Wilensky by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Beverly May Weiss Fann by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Elaine Loseff by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Edward Rothschild by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Vladimir Drut by Rabbi Allan Kensky and Adina Kleiman

Ruth Ost by Judy and Shelly Reis

Theresa Conway by Marsha Lyons

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Tevet / Shevat 5783

Friday, January 6

Light Candles.....4:13 pm

Shabbat, January 7**14 Tevet 5783**

Torah Reading: Veyechi

Friday, January 13

Light Candles..... 4:20 pm

Shabbat, January 14**21 Tevet 5783**

Torah Reading: Shemot

Friday, January 20

Light Candles.....4:28 pm

Shabbat, January 21**28 Tevet 5783**

Torah Reading: Va'era

Friday, January 27

Light Candles.....4:37 pm

Shabbat, January 28**6 Shevat 5783**

Torah Reading: Bo



Shevat / Adar 5783

Friday, February 3

Light Candles.....4:46 pm

Shabbat, February 4

13 Shevat 5783

Torah Reading: Beshallah

Friday, February 10

Light Candles..... 4:55 pm

Shabbat, February 11

20 Shevat 5783

Torah Reading: Yitro

Friday, February 17

Light Candles.....5:04 pm

Shabbat, February 18

27 Shevat 5783

Torah Reading: Mishpatim

Parshat Shekalim

B-Mitzvot of Jack Novak and Sam Novak

Friday, February 24

Light Candles.....5:13 pm









Shabbat, February 25

4 Adar 5783

Torah Reading: Terumah









Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah Calendar of Events

January 2023 Tevet / Shevat 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 Tevet New Year's Day	2 9 Tevet Office Closed	3 10 Tevet Building Closed Academy	4 11 Tevet Building Closed Psalms Class with Rabbi Crane after minyan (virtual) Rabbi Crane Talmud Class (virtual and in-person) Sisterhood General Board Meeting (virtual)	5 12 Tevet Sisterhood Mah Jongg Sandy Goldberg Contemporary Jewish Thought (in-person)	6 13 Tevet  4:17	7 14 Tevet Vayechi  6:27
8 15 Tevet Academy Yoga (virtual)	9 16 Tevet	10 17 Tevet Academy (virtual)	11 18 Tevet Rabbi Crane Talmud Class (virtual and in-person) Men's Club Board Meeting (virtual)	12 19 Tevet Sisterhood Mah Jongg Executive Board Meeting (virtual) Sandy Goldberg Contemporary Jewish Thought (in-person)	13 20 Tevet  4:24	14 21 Tevet Shemot Birthday Shabbat Film Festival  5:28
15 22 Tevet Academy Yoga (virtual) Men's Club Breakfast	16 23 Tevet Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day	17 24 Tevet Academy (virtual)	18 25 Tevet Rabbi Crane Talmud Class (virtual and in-person)	19 26 Tevet Sisterhood Mah Jongg Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting (virtual)	20 27 Tevet  4:32	21 28 Tevet Va'era Shabbat M'varekchim Hahodesh - Shevat  5:37
22 29 Tevet Academy Yoga (virtual)	23 1 Shevat Rosh Hodesh Shevat	24 2 Shevat	25 3 Shevat Rabbi Crane Talmud Class (virtual and in-person) General Board Meeting (virtual)	26 4 Shevat Sisterhood Mah Jongg	27 5 Shevat Shabbat Ma'a lot Dinner  4:41	28 6 Shevat Bo  5:46
29 7 Shevat Academy Yoga (virtual)	30 8 Shevat	31 9 Shevat Academy (virtual)				

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February 2023 Shevat / Adar 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 Shevat Psalms Class with Rabbi Crane after minyan (virtual) Rabbi Crane Talmud Class (virtual and in-person) Sisterhood General Board Meeting	2 11 Shevat Sisterhood Mah Jongg	3 12 Shevat  4:50	4 13 Shevat Beshallah  5:55
5 14 Shevat Academy Yoga (virtual)	6 15 Shevat	7 16 Shevat Academy (virtual)	8 17 Shevat Rabbi Crane Talmud Class (virtual and in-person)	9 18 Shevat Sisterhood Mah Jongg Executive Board Meeting (virtual)	10 19 Shevat Shabbat Dinner - School age Families  4:59	11 20 Shevat Yitro Families with Littles Film Festival  6:04
12 21 Shevat Academy Yoga (virtual) Men's Club Winter Party	13 22 Shevat	14 23 Shevat Academy (virtual)	15 24 Shevat Rabbi Crane Talmud Class (virtual and in-person)	16 25 Shevat Sisterhood Mah Jongg Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting (virtual) Men's Club Board Meeting (virtual)	17 26 Shevat  5:08	18 27 Shevat Mishpatim Parshat Shekalim Shabbat M'varekhim Ha'hodesh Adar  6:12
19 28 Shevat Academy Yoga (virtual)	20 29 Shevat Office closed in observance of President's Day	21 30 Shevat Academy (virtual)	22 1 Adar Rabbi Crane Talmud Class (virtual and in-person) General Board Meeting (virtual)	23 2 Adar Sisterhood Mah Jongg	24 3 Adar  5:17	25 4 Adar Terumah Families with Littles Sisterhood Program - Little Shop of Lawyers  6:21
26 5 Adar Academy	27 6 Adar	28 7 Adar				

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