

**Yahrzeit Names 12/23 thru 12/29**

**December 23, 11 Tevet**

Marvin Baron

Estelle London

**December 24, 12 Tevet**

Ann Borovoy

Granom Cohen

Arthur Greenwald

Mabelle M. Hoffberg

Cynthia Sue Juby

Marilyn Katzenberg

Jennie Pitler

Louis Sarcu

Steven Schwartz

Zan Skolnick

Doris Wax

**December 25, 13 Tevet**

David Friedman

Leon Geslewitz

Ada Lerner

Herbert H. Letush

Samuel D. Shepp

Sylvia L. Weiler

**December 26, 14 Tevet**

Marilyn Caplan

Naomi Goodman

Pearl Greenwald

Shirley Johnson

Yechiel Posalski

Ronald Ross

David Roytman

**December 27, 15 Tevet**

Sol Berliner

Robert Brown

Edith Freeman

Lena Minkus

Joseph Roth

Paula Steinfeld

**December 28, 16 Tevet**

Charles C. Cohen

Bene Cooper

Edith Freeman

Ira Glick

Ben Kriso

Elana Jill Levinson

Margarita Shchepin

**December 29, 17 Tevet**

Sophie Chesis

Bernard Kahn

Lucia Kahn

Sadie Lazerson

Sheldon Robinson

Maury Roth

**Introduction to Judaism Class**

**Sundays, 10:45 - 11:45am.** Rabbi Crane will continue teaching a bi-weekly series of active and accessible classes on Sunday mornings for parents, covering Judaism's most significant and inspiring ideas and the nuts and bolts of daily Jewish living. New participants are welcome!

**Prayer—Who Needs It?**

**Rabbi Barry Friedman will be teaching on Mondays at 11am** beginning January 8, 2024. This is zoom only.

***We are grateful to our many congregants who have already donated to our High Holiday appeal, and we hope you can join them.*** With just weeks remaining in the campaign, we are 94% of the way to our goal, having raised \$122,000. Please don't forget to make your pledge. You can pay online or mail your donations directly to the office.

**BHBE Retreat**

September 13-15, 2024  
Camp Chi's Perlstein Retreat Center,  
Lake Delton, WI. Please mark your  
calendars and stay tuned for more  
details. For questions or to get  
involved, contact Lia Goldfarb  
[lia.goldfarb@gmail.com](mailto:lia.goldfarb@gmail.com)

Note that we expect the sanctuary and Spak to be approximately 68 degrees in the winter months and 72 degrees in the summer months - please dress accordingly. Questions?  
Contact Michael Kahn.



**December 23, 2023**

**11 Tevet 5784**

**Shabbat Shalom**

**Torah Reading**

**Genesis - Vayigash**

Aliyah 1 45:28-46:4 pages 279-280

Aliyah 2 46:5-7 page 280

Aliyah 3 46:8-11 page 281

Aliyah 4 46:12-15 page 281

Aliyah 5 46:16-18 pages 281-282

Aliyah 6 46:19-22 page 282

Aliyah 7 46:23-27 page 282

**Maftir**

46:23-27 page 282

**Haftarah**

Ezekiel 37:15-28 pages 291-292

***Mazel Tov to: Zach and Katie Pellish and Carol and Stuart Pellish*** on the birth of their son and grandson

***Today's kiddush has been hosted by:***

***Cynthia Lerner and Lane Rubinstein*** in honor of their grandchildren, Jessica and Max Rubinstein, Jake and Jordan Levine, Ben and Nate Garfinkel and Charlie and Solly Zylberfink.

***Susan Lieberman has contributed to today's kiddush*** in honor of her birthday.

**Shabbat morning services will meet in the Lifshitz Chapel and via Livestream on 12/23, 12/30/2023 and 1/6/2024. Tot Shabbat (Preschool) In-person, 10:45am. There will be no Mini Minyan or Junior Congregation this week. Havdalah 5:06pm**

**Note: The office will be closed through Tuesday, January 2, 2024, we will return to the office on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Clergy and staff will be working reduced hours during this time but will do their best to respond to emails and phone calls.**

***Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our BHBE kiddush on Shabbat over the past year.*** We really could not have done it without you. YOU have brought our community back. Back to services, back to kiddush and back to hanging out with our friends. We want it to continue. Please consider making a contribution to the kiddush fund even when it's not birthday kiddush . We want you there. Help us out. Thanks, Marsha

***JUDAICA SHOPPORTUNITIES*** – The Judaica Gift Shop closes out 2023 with a beautiful wine fountain, L'CHAIM! to all our BHBE friends who have given us your wonderful support this year. We will be closed for the winter break and will reopen on January 8, 2024, 9:30 - Noon. For more info. or to purchase, contact Robin 847.287.1233 or Joan 847.602.2257.

***Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh Campaign - All the people of Israel are responsible for one another.*** Please consider giving to Torah Fund. Contact Ida Ioffe for more details: 847.814.5573 or [idaioffe@comcast.net](mailto:idaioffe@comcast.net)

Thank you to Hillel Furlager for providing us with wonderful reading material relating to Israel! To read the Israel Corner article, please go to: <https://www.bhbe.org/israel-corner/>

BHBE is proud to offer scholarships for congregants' children who will attend a program in Israel or at a Jewish camp. For more information, and to apply, please follow the link below. Thank you to the BHBE Next Gen Fund for the generous support of our families!

***It's time to order your new Mah-Jong cards.*** Checks made out to BHBE Sisterhood and send to Sheri Offenbach, 3025 Lexington Lane, Highland Park, IL 60035. Regular card is \$14, large card is \$15. Deadline to order is January 21, 2024  
Contact Sheri Offenbach: [mrsoffl@aol.com](mailto:mrsoffl@aol.com)

***BHBE January and February, 2024 Men's Club Events  
Rituals in Transition***

1/21, Sunday, make Havdalah candle and spice box  
1/27, Saturday evening Havdalah service. Want 100  
1/28, Build a pair tefillin with Academy  
2/11, World Wide Wrap event

We have a lot going on at BHBE! Please visit us at [www.bhbe.org](http://www.bhbe.org) for information about our events, classes, service times, and other engaging opportunities! For security purposes, links to all virtual programming are private. If you are a BHBE member, please check your Thursday BHBE News email for access information. If you have questions, please reach out to us at [information@bhbe.org](mailto:information@bhbe.org) or 847.256.1213. Thank you!

***If you have any other questions, you can contact any one of us via email:***

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**Adult Ed Classes**

**Psalms Class with Rabbi Nate Crane** - First Thursday of each month at 7:30am in-person and on Zoom - right after minyan

**Talmud Class with Rabbi Nate Crane** - Wednesdays at 10am in-person and on Zoom

**Introduction to Judaism Class with Rabbi Nate Crane** - Bi-weekly, Sundays at 11am in-person

**Prayer—Who Needs It? Rabbi Barry Friedman will be teaching on Mondays at 11am** beginning January 8, 2024. Most of the Jewish prayers we use today are almost 2,000 years old and, let's admit, some may feel stale. Can we revive our interest in the prayers of our ancestors and in the endeavor of prayer itself if we examine what the authors of the prayers were trying to express? What needs were these particular prayers designed to fulfill? What needs do we ourselves bring to worship? How can we interpret these ancient prayers to find them personally fulfilling in our modern world? This is zoom only.

<https://bhbe.shulcloud.com/form/Learning%20Curve%20Adult%20Education%202023-2024>

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