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Four days in the year serve as the New Year, each for a different purpose: On the first of Nisan is the New Year for kings; On the first of Elul is the New Year for animal tithes; On the first of Tishrei is the New Year for counting years, for calculating Sabbatical Years and Jubilee Years; On the first of Shevat is the New Year for the tree; this ruling is in accordance with the statement of Beit Shammai. But Beit Hillel say: The New Year for trees is on the fifteenth of Shevat.

As we reach the month of Shevat, we prepare to celebrate a joyful and fruitful day dedicated to sustaining the world around us, Tu BiShvat. Tu BiShvat is often referred to as the birthday of the trees - and this is an apt description of this special occasion. During the Temple Periods in the Land of Israel, farmers were required to know the age of their trees to help them determine what dedication of their produce would be gifted to the Temple. In the first century of the Common Era, the rabbinic thought leaders were aware that keeping track of every tree planted and its planting date would be onerous, so they crafted a comprehensive system for maintaining their records. Namely, to give all trees the same birthday, regardless of when they were planted. Even if you planted a tree the day before Tu BiShvat in the temple period, your tree would turn one year old, and the status of its fruit should be determined by its assigned birthdate.

Recognizing Tu BiShvat took on a different meaning following the Second Temple's destruction. Instead of being used for calculation, now there was a date assigned annually to celebrate the trees, their produce, and, in fact, all of the ecological wonders from which we benefit. It is a mitzvah to cultivate and derive joy from the world around us. So important is our connection to nature; according to the rabbinic tradition, our Synagogue prayer spaces should have windows that allow the outside world in.

Since the founding of the modern State of Israel, especially with its early agrarian culture, Tu BiShvat offers another perspective. In the context of the Jewish journey, trees represent renewal, growth, and a sense of blossoming toward a brighter future. So, the trees of Israel have incredibly weighty symbolism.

In all contexts, Tu BiShvat can further enrich our relationships with nature, one another, and the Land of Israel. May this New Year of the Trees encourage us to celebrate the majestic world surrounding us and further our appreciation and connection to the beauty and majesty of the Divine's creation.

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Crane



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Dear Fellow BHBE Congregants; In the past few weeks, I have heard a variety of remarks about the future of BHBE. As a member of the Conservative Movement since birth, (my grandfather was a founding member of the synagogue where I went to Hebrew school, celebrated my Friday night Bat Mitzvah when I led the Aleinu and Yigdal, remember I am

75, and was president of our USY Chapter) I care about the Conservative Movement. My two sons graduated from Solomon Schechter Day School as did my daughter, who also graduated from Chicagoland Jewish High School, now Rochelle Zell.

How I would love to announce in this article we have sold our current property, we have a new building and we shall all be sitting together in that new building next year singing Kum Bayah. If wishes made it so...

The stress of not knowing what the future holds is scary; however, it is my most sincere wish, actually desire, that you, the members and staff of BHBE, trust me and the entire BHBE lay leadership team and Clergy to be valiant stewards of our future.

Please know that as soon as we have information about what shall be happening, we shall share it.

AND REMEMBER, YOU GET TO VOTE ON OUR FUTURE—ALL OF YOU.

So please, read the emails, ask questions, and let us know what you think. Thank you.

To continue, I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year filled with challenges that can be met and expectations that are exceeded.

In the past calendar year, we have welcomed more new member units than we have in the past few years. Our youngest members are not only increasing in numbers, more and more of them are now attending Shabbos Services on Saturday morning; we have a Tot Shabbat Service, a Mini Minyan and our Junior Congregation. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself to our youngest cohort who join us for kiddish every Shabbos morning.

Our next Board drop in is on Sunday morning, January 14th from 9:30 until about 11:00 am. During this time, Board Members will be available to listen to your concerns about our future...and about our present. Rabbi and Cantor will also be stopping by for a few minutes. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity for a cup of coffee and a kosher munchkin or two.

Other upcoming events include: (but are not limited to) Our first new Friday night lay led Shabbat service is on January 26th at 6:00 PM.

Our January Birthday Shabbat is on January 13th and our next Adult Film Festival is on Saturday night, January 20th. Sunday, January 21st creates ritual objects which help us transition from Holy time to Secular time—Havdalah candles and Spice boxes.

Then, on Saturday night, January 27th, we will use our candles and spice boxes during a very special Havdalah service. Girl's Night Out is Tuesday, January 23rd, 7:30 pm, learn Quilling, how to create a work of art using only paper. February 9th is a take home dinner.

February 11th is World Wide Wrap Day, another in our program about transitions.

And remember, every Sunday the Sisterhood Gift Shop is open...and on this day, there will be a super sale and Superbowl Raffle.

REMEMBER to visit the BHBE.org website, to read the Thursday emails, and to participate in a few of the wonderful events that take place every month here at BHBE.

*B'shalom,
Cynthia*

Logging into a BHBE ShulCloud Account Online

Be sure to create an account at BHBE so you can see details on our calendar, make secure donations and payments using your saved payment methods, manage your account, view your yahrzeits and more!

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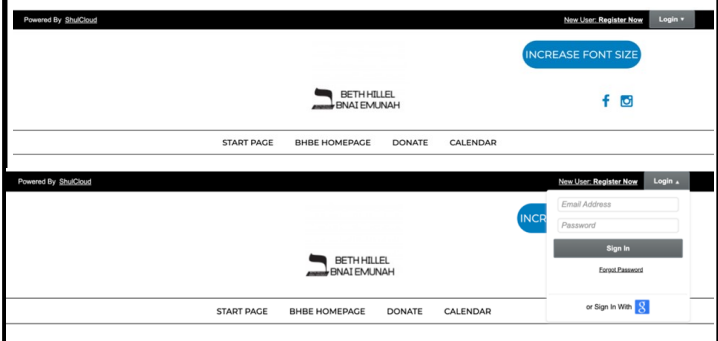
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If you've never logged in before either email us at information@bhbe.org to obtain temporary login credentials or click on "New User: Register Now".

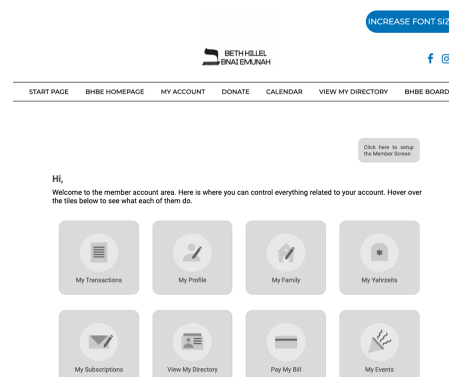
Follow the instructions to create your account.

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If you've forgotten your password, either click "Forgot Password" on the login screen or email us at .



Once logged in, you can select from the options below - all under "My Account"



Contact our office with any questions: information@bhbe.org
Or 847.256.1213

Mazel Tov to:

Aviva and Al Rodin on their 50th wedding anniversary

Ellen and Joel Feldman on the birth of their grandson, Eli Benjamin Schur

Cynthia Lerner and Lane Rubinstein on the birth of Cynthia's two grandsons: Solly Zylberfink in Boston and Nathaniel Garfinkel in Skokie

Adrienne and Fred Schaye on the birth of their grandson, Lior Matan and on the birth of their granddaughter, Margalit

Becky Barak and Yuval Eisenberg on their son Boaz's Bar Mitzvah

Harriet Robbins-Ost and Fred Ost on the birth of their grandson, Zev Raphael Sloan

Condolences to:

Judy Panko Reis and Sheldon Reis on the passing of Judy's mother, Katherine Panko

Charles "Zvi" and Susan Tannenbaum and Melanie Gordon on the passing of Zvi's father and Melanie Gordon's uncle, Max Tannenbaum

Steven Green on the passing of his mother, Miriam N. Green

Marina and Dan Smulson on the passing of Marina's father, Leonid Paperin

Keri and Phil Bahar on the passing of Phil's father, Dr. Hadi Bahar

Rabbi Michael Cohen (former BHBE Education Director) and Anna Rosenblum on the passing of Rabbi Cohen's mother, Hedvah Campeas-Cohen

Aileen and Harold Primack on the passing of Harold's brother, Dr. Gerald Price

The Rothschild Family and Shelly Nathan on the passing of our longtime member, Shelly's partner, Fred Rothschild

Thank you to everyone who continues to make kiddush special by celebrating your milestone occasions and your "just because " moments. Because of you there is a lot of ruach in the room . Because of you I get to choose a variety of foods that hopefully most of us like to eat . Please continue to support Kiddush . We want you to eat well!

Happy Secular 2024 - Marsha

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

at lia.goldfarb@gmail.com



The Sturt and Weissman Families, wish to thank everyone for their well wishes regarding our grandmother Bernice Kessler's recent passing

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!

Prayer—Who Needs It? Rabbi Barry Friedman will be teaching on Mondays at 11am beginning January 8, 2024. This is zoom only.



Men's Club Breakfast on November 5, 2023 - Rabbi Pamela Barmash, Chair of the Jewish Law and Standards Committee spoke at the breakfast. Thank you to Jeff Roth for organizing the event, and to Jay Lawrence, Dan Chodrow and Phil Sharkan for their assistance in preparation for the breakfast. We also want to thank those who provided Sponsorships for the Breakfast: Lia Niederberger, Harris Miller, Barry Goldberg and Michele Bresler, Avia and Allan Rodin, Clancy Fine and Ivan Cramer, Ellen Kaufman and Jeff Roth, Ruth Hecktman, Barbara and Tom Ungar and Lisa and Stewart Miller.

Veteran's Shabbat on November 11, 2023 - Veterans representing national armies from the United States, Israel and South Africa were represented. **Thank you to the veterans who participated in the service:** Don Babendir, Ira Hymen, Al Sered, Howard Greene, Paul Plotnick, Maurice Rousso and Hillel Furlager.

Men's Club and Sisterhood Breakfast on December 17, 2023 - Melinda (Malka) Kieffer and Rabbi Sam Kieffer via zoom call from their home in Jerusalem. Discussing their program to buy items difficult to obtain in Israel and needed by IDF members. Items that Melinda is looking for are:

1. Thermal Underwear
2. Gloves, Winter Warm Gloves
3. Leatherman Tool
4. Winter Caps -- Timberland Short Watch Cap

We want to thank Barb Ungar and Jay Lawrence for putting together the event.

Upcoming Men's Club Activities

Rituals in Transition – a program lead by Lee Bloom

January 21, 2024, Sunday, make Havdalah candle and spice box.

January 27, 2024, Saturday evening Havdalah service. Goal is 100 Havdalah candles to light.

January 28, 2024, Build a pair tefillin. Work with Academy children to build a pair of tefillin boxes.

February 11, 2024, World Wide Wrap event. All are invited, men and women to lay tefillin.

NEXT BREAKFAST:

January 21, 2024, Emily Lieberman, MD, "March Forth". A program inspired by the Highland Park, July 4th mass shooting.

February 11, 2024, World Wide Wrap. All are invited, men and women to lay tefillin.

March 10, 2024, TBD

April 17, 2024, TBD

OTHER EVENTS:

Joint Sandwich Making with Sisterhood – Jeff Roth (on a Sunday morning)

Feb 25, 2024 – Susan Lieberman

Man and Youth of the Year, Sunday, March 3, 2024 at North Suburban Beth El,

Dan Chodrow as Man of the Year and Maia Weissman as Youth of the Year.

Yellow Candle, Yom HaShoah, evening of Sunday, May 5, 2024

Men's Club Shabbat: May 4, 2024

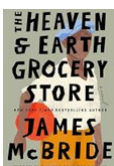
2024 Midwest Retreat/Shabbaton: Friday, May 17 to Sunday May 19, 2024. Hilton Northbrook, \$475 double, \$615 single. Shabbat dinner will be served at Congregation Beth Judea. Shabbat services will be held at the hotel Saturday morning with a kiddush to follow.

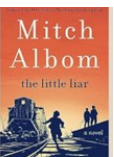
Cubs at Brewers in Milwaukee, Sunday June 30, 2024

One of the best parts of my job as BHBE Librarian is sharing Jewish literature with our Academy students on Sunday mornings. This fall during Library Time, the kindergartners and second graders learned about the weekly Torah portions and holidays through picture books. In addition to reading about Biblical characters and holidays, the third and fourth graders were introduced to Jewish values in books about Rabbi Hillel, for whom our synagogue is named, and Eliza Davis, a Jewish reader who made a difference by bravely confronting Charles Dickens about his negative portrayal of Jews in his novel *Oliver Twist*. Fifth, sixth, and seventh graders are grappling with tough issues such as antisemitism, loss and depression, and war in Israel in 1967 in our reading of award-winning chapter books. The Library's collection provides so many opportunities to enhance our children's learning about Jewish holidays, values, Bible stories, life cycle events, and history.

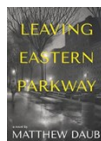


For adults, here are a few recently published books of interest:

 ***The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*** by James McBride (2023) In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. Chicken Hill was where Moshe and Chona Ludlow lived when Moshe integrated his theater and where Chona ran the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store. When the state came looking for a deaf boy to institutionalize him, it was Chona and Nate Timblin, the Black janitor at Moshe's theater and the unofficial leader of the Black community on Chicken Hill, who worked together to keep the boy safe. As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins of white, Christian America struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill and the part the town's white establishment played in it, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us. “A murder mystery locked inside a Great American Novel . . . Charming, smart, heart-blistering, and heart-healing.” (*The New York Times Book Review*) Named a Best Book of the Year by NPR/Fresh Air, Washington Post, The New Yorker, and Time Magazine

 ***The Little Liar*** by Mitch Albom (2023) Beloved bestselling author Mitch Albom returns with a powerful novel of hope and forgiveness that moves from a coastal Greek city during WWII to America in the golden age of Hollywood, as the intertwined lives of three young survivors are forever changed by the perils of deception and the grace of redemption. Eleven-year-old Nico Krispis has never told a lie. His schoolmate, Fannie, loves him because of it.

Nico's older brother Sebastian resents him for both these facts. When their young lives are torn apart during the war, it will take them decades to find each other again. Nico's innocence and goodness is used against his tightly knit community when a German officer barter's Nico's reputation for honesty into a promise to save his loved ones. When Nico realizes the consequences of the betrayal, he can never tell the truth again. He will spend the rest of his life changing names, changing locations and identities, desperate to find a way to forgiveness—for himself and from the people he loves most. Narrated by the voice of Truth itself, *The Little Liar* is a timeless story about the power of love to ultimately redeem us, no matter how deeply we blame ourselves for our mistakes. “A captivating allegory about evil, lies, and forgiveness.” (*Kirkus Reviews*)

 ***Leaving Eastern Parkway*** by Matthew Daub (2023) Brooklyn's Hasidic community of Lubavitchers is turned upside down when family tragedy strikes and everyday life changes forever in the life of Zev Altshul. He is first placed into the care of the closed and close-knit community where he grew up, but soon realizes he can't stay. His saving grace is handball; it's his gift from God, and the one thing he can rely on as he is shuttled, chased, and abandoned by trusted elders, family, and friends. Even as Zev never fully escapes from the guilt of his choices, he sets course across the United States to discover where loyalty really lies and what it means. He seeks out his long-lost sister, only to find himself as unprepared for life outside the Lubavitcher community as he was unwilling to remain. Forced out of his second home, Zev plays handball to support himself in the goyische world, but obligations he doesn't fully understand still tie him to Crown Heights and follow him to Chicago and New Mexico threatening always to return Zev to life among the Lubavitchers. Lyrical, vivid, and thoroughly engaging. “A moving, coming-of-age novel.” (*The Jewish Book Council*)
Marcie Eskin, Librarian
marcie.eskin@bhbe.org



As we are looking forward to 2024, I have a lot to report on the activities of our BHBE Sisterhood.

Very soon after the beginning of the Israel/Hamas conflict on October 7, Sisterhood voted to donate \$10,000 towards the purchase of an ambulance for Magen David Olam. Sisterhood's name will be on the door of the ambulance. We also collected over \$100 for tzedakah for the ADL to support their work against antisemitism. We Support Israel!

Linda Becker headed Sisterhood's THANKSGIVING DAY PROJECT. 45 gift Cards were purchased, the value of \$75 each, for needy families that are helped by the Ark. These gift cards were put into a bag for each family which also contained paper goods and kitchen essentials and a Thanksgiving card decorated by our Academy children and a scarf. We also gave an additional \$340 directly to the Ark to help them replenish their shelves. Linda sends a BIG THANK YOU to the generosity of Sisterhood and the many congregants who participated in this special mitzvah.

Going forward into January.

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT - Join the BHBE Sisterhood for an evening of camaraderie on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:30 pm as you LEARN TO QUILL. Create at least two works of art suitable for framing or giving under the direction of Deb Matek-Schwartz. Supplies and tools -- you get to take home the leftovers - will be provided for your \$18 donation. Snacks, coffee, tea and wine will be served. Non-members and children over 12 are welcome. Starting in January, see the Thursday, BHBE Bulletin to sign up.

On Sunday, January 29, Sisterhood will be joining our Academy students for a TUB'SHEVAT CELEBRATION! Volunteers will be going in to the classrooms and providing special activities and projects that all have to do with the New Year of the Trees. Then we will gather together for a TuB'Shevut Seder, to which all parents are invited. This event has been a Sisterhood tradition for many years, and it has always been fun and engaging, from preparing the food for the Seder to singing the final song. Thanks to Rabbi Crane and Cantor Roytman for help making this a memorable morning. Perhaps you would like to join us for the **Seder at 11:30 that Sunday.** Please contact Sheila Gideon or Linda Becker for more information and find out how to participate.

The next Daytime Series will be Thursday, March 14. The topic will be "Art in Chicago" narrated by Beth Sair. The charge is \$5.00 or you can sponsor the event for \$25.

We are hoping these events appeal to a variety of interests of all our BHBE community. We thank everyone who supports our Sisterhood. It is very important to appreciate that all the monies that these activities generate go back to the various programs and activities of BHBE.

Greer Braun, Sisterhood President
Am Yisrael Chai!

SISTERHOOD DAYTIME SERIES **2023 - 2024**

The second presentation of the Sisterhood Daytime Series will be on Thursday, March 14th. Light lunch will be served from 12 to 12:45 pm. The program will begin at 1pm.

Retired educator Beth Sair will present her power point presentation, "Chicago's Extraordinary Places and Spaces."

Charge for lunch and the program will be \$5.00 per person. Except those who are sponsors for the program. The program is open to Sisterhood, Men's Club and Congregation members and their guests. We welcome sponsorships at \$25.00. Contact Gail Swerdlik if you are interested in being a sponsor. Gail can be reached at 847-729-9003 or gmswerd@gmail.com.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on email in February. Please register before the program, if possible. Walk-ins are welcome.

Sisterhood's Thanksgiving Gift Cards

Thanks to all of those who stepped up and generously supported our Sisterhood's Thanksgiving Gift Card Project. The Jewel Cards, valued at \$75 each made 45 needy families who depend on The Ark, very grateful. With your contributions I was also able to purchase paper goods and kitchen supplies, that filled The Ark's shelves. A shout out to Hedva Yitzhak and Rabbi Dickman for organizing the Academy students in decorating and writing messages on cards that were included in the Gift Bags. Thanks to the Congregants and Sisterhood for making this Mitzvah a huge success.

Linda Becker

Todah Rabbah

Thank you to Sisterhood for all the birthday wishes. You all help keep the light bright and make me feel very happy. ***Marsha Lyons***

Thank you all for the Happy New Year greetings. I wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Carol Gopman

Thanks to everyone who made my “special” birthday even more special with your good wishes in my Leagram. ***Hugs, Aileen Primack***

Thank you for all the thoughtful donations in honor of my December birthday. They each brought a smile!

Estelle Elekman

PLANT SALE THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who supported the Rosh Hashanah plant sale, those who purchased and those who spent their valuable time making this fundraiser such a success.

Our sincere thanks to Marsha Lyons and Cynthia Lerner who routed the deliveries; drivers Linda Becker, Greer Braun, Marjorie Breisblatt, Steve Bucksbaum, Elizabeth Cohen, Sheila Gerber, Sheila Gideon, Carol Gopman, Bebe Kanter, Jay Lawrence, Dena Levenson, Marsha Lyons, Joan Meyers, Sheri Offenbach, Elaine Pollack, Adrienne Schaye and Barbara Ungar, Carolyn Dinofsky, Bebe Kanter, Cynthia Lerner and Sheri Offenbach who helped with plant distribution; Barbara Ungar who created the beautiful flyer; and Jackie Ernest, Michael Kahn and Percy Ferguson who always help behind the scenes. ***Shalom, Marsha Weitzman and Etta Greenfield***

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

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 –Linda Becker, Greer Braun, Marjorie Breisblatt, Carole Dunn, Fay Goldblatt, Carol Gopman, Ida Ioffe, Irene Jacobson, Dena Levenson, Susan Lieberman, Marsha Lyons, Harold Primack, Marilyn Rubin, Adrienne Schaye, Deb Schwartz, Ellen Sered and Marsha Weitzman

For the legwork of our congregants who were vendors – Robyn Becker 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 the oversight.

NEW YOGA CLASS AVAILABLE

Sisterhood is trying to gauge interest in adding an evening restoration or relaxation com yoga class conducted on Zoom. If you have any interest, please contact Marcy Kreiter at Marcykreiter2@gmail.com.

**BHBE JUDAICA GIFT SHOPPORTUNITIES
JUDAICA GIFT SHOP'S THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SUPERBOWL SUNDAY SALE
FEBRUARY 11, 2024, 9 AM TO NOON**

Begin shopping now. For each \$10 spent, you will earn a square on our SUPERBOWL GRID. All items in our showcase windows will be deeply discounted by 40% FROM NOW THROUGH SUPERBOWL SUNDAY. Don't wait for Super Bowl Sunday to drop in. The more you spend, the better your chances to become one of our four winners (one winner per quarter.) We will be open every Sunday 9am to noon and by appointment. GOOD LUCK!!! Robin Smulson, 847.287.1233 and Joan Meyers, 847.602.2257

**Digital Torah Fund eCards for every occasion.
New Beautiful design. Please use this link.
<https://torahfundecards.jtsa.edu>**

***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: mrssoff1@aol.com



Downton Abbey

the exhibition

BHBE Sisterhood is going to
the Downton Abbey Exhibit

Thursday, February 22 at 10:30 am

See costumes, settings and just immerse yourself in Downton Abbey .

The self guided museum tour should take
between 60-90 minutes .

\$36 per person

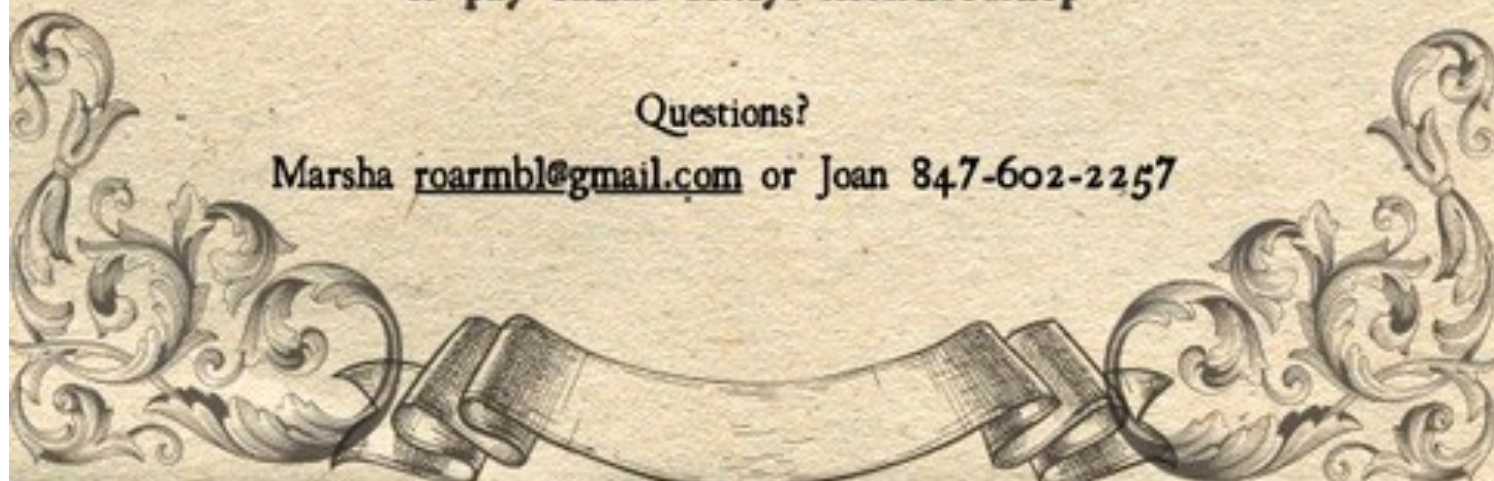
Reservations must be made by January 25

sign up online: bit.ly/bhbedowntonabbey

Send check to BHBE Sisterhood to
Marsha Lyons 3057 Springdale Av Glenview 60025
or pay online bit.ly/sisterhoodshop

Questions?

Marsha roarmbl@gmail.com or Joan 847-602-2257





*BHBE Sisterhood
Girls Night Out*

Paper Quilling for Beginners

**Have a fun night out with your friends!
Learn from our resident expert, Debra Schwartz**

**Tuesday - January 23, 2024
7:30 pm**

**@BHBE: Spak Auditorium
\$18 per person**

Includes Quilling Kit and supplies
and of course refreshments!

to register sign up at: bit.ly/bhbequills
send checks to:

**Marcy Kreiter 9033 Keeler, Skokie, IL 60076
or pay online: bit.ly/sisterhoodshop**



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Announcing

Our 2023-2024

Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh Campaign

All the people of Israel are responsible for one another

We strive to make a significant impact through scholarships and programs that benefit students at The Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institutes, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano and Zacharias Frankel College.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we help committed Jewish students become the rabbis, cantors, educators, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers and lay leaders of tomorrow.

When you support Torah Fund, you help educate students in New York, Los Angeles, Israel, Latin America and Europe—and you align with those who value learning, knowledge and providing the future generation with relevant skills to fortify the Jewish people.

Visit www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund

This pin highlights the word 'arevim,' responsibility. It corresponds to the theme from the Babylonian Talmud, Shevuot 39a, that all the people of Israel are responsible for one another, and we assume that responsibility through our support of the five Conservative/Masorti institutions of higher education.



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Patron \$1,200
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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. .



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. 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 at 20 Mulberry Court, Glenview, 60025.

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- 3 LaDonna Rotman
- 4 Ellen Berger
- 12 Barbara Dolin
- 16 Eunice Hershman
- 16 Cynthia Lerner
- 22 Jennifer Wertheimer
- 23 Judy Walder
- 24 Sharon Meyer
- 26 Judy Schy

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- 1 Robin Smulson
- 2 Anita Miller
- 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 Ellen Cole



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Tevet / Shevat 5784

Friday, January 5

Light Candles.....4:13 pm

Shabbat, January 6

252 Tevet 5784

Torah Reading: Shemot

Friday, January 12

Light Candles..... 4:21pm

Shabbat, January 13

3 Shevat5784

Torah Reading: Va'era

Birthday Shabbat

Friday, January 19

Light Candles..... 4:29 pm

Shabbat, January 20

10 Shevat5784

Torah Reading: Bo

Friday, January 26

Light Candles.....4:37 pm

Shabbat, January 27

178 Shevat 5784

Torah Reading: Beshalach



Shevat / Adar I 5784

Friday, February 2

Light Candles.....4:46 pm

Shabbat, February 3

24 Shevat 5784

Torah Reading: Yitro

Friday, February 9

Rosh Chodesh I Day 1

Take Home Dinner

Light Candles..... 4:55 pm

Shabbat, February 10

Rosh Chodesh I Day 2

1 Adar I 5784

Birthday Shabbat

Youth Shabbat

Adult Ed Film Festival

Torah Reading: Mishpatim

Friday, February 16

Light Candles..... 5:04 pm

Shabbat, February 17

8 Adar I 5784

Torah Reading: Terumah

Little's Program

Friday, February 23

Light Candles.....5:13 pm









Shabbat, February 24

15 Adar I 5784

Torah Reading: Tetzaveh









Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah Calendar of Events

January 2024 Tevet / Shevat 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 20 Tevet New Year's Day	2 21 Tevet	3 22 Tevet Psalms Class with Rabbi Crane Sisterhood General Board Meeting	4 23 Tevet	5 24 Tevet  4:13	6 25 Tevet Shemot  5:20
7 26 Tevet	8 27 Tevet	9 28 Tevet Academy Resumes	10 29 Tevet	11 1 Shevat Rosh Chodesh - Shevat Executive Board Meeting	12 2 Shevat Camp Shabbat Dinner  4:21	13 3 Shevat Va'era Birthday Shabbat  5:27
14 4 Shevat Board Drop In Academy	15 5 Shevat Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 6 Shevat Academy	17 7 Shevat	18 8 Shevat Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting	19 9 Shevat  4:29	20 10 Shevat Bo Littles Program Adult Ed Film Festival  5:12
21 11 Shevat Men's Club Breakfast Academy	22 12 Shevat	23 13 Shevat Girls Night Out Academy	24 14 Shevat Congregation Board Meeting	25 15 Shevat Tu B'Shevat	26 16 Shevat  4:37	27 17 Shevat Beshalach  5:43
28 18 Shevat Yom Yarok Academy	29 19 Shevat	30 20 Shevat Academy	31 21 Shevat	30 17 Kislev		

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February 2024 Shevat / Adar I 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 22 Shevat	2 23 Shevat	3 24 Shevat Yitro  4:46  5:51
4 25 Shevat Academy	5 26 Shevat	6 27 Shevat Academy	7 28 Shevat Psalms Class with Rabbi Crane Sisterhood General Board Meeting	8 29 Shevat Executive Board Meeting	9 30 Shevat Rosh Chodesh Adar I Day 1 Take Home Dinner  4:55	10 1 Adar I Rosh Chodesh Adar I Day 2 Mishpatim Birthday Shabbat Youth Shabbat Adult Ed Film Festival  6:00
11 2 Adar I Judaica Shop Super Bowl Sunday Sale Academy World Wide Wrap	12 3 Adar I Lincoln's Birthday	13 4 Adar I Academy	14 5 Adar I	15 6 Adar I Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting	16 7 Adar I  5:04	17 8 Adar I Terumah Littles Program  6:08
18 9 Adar I	19 10 Adar I BHBE Office closed in observance of Washington's Birthday / Presidents Day	20 11 Aar I Academy	21 12 Adar I	22 13 Adar I	23 14 Adar I  5:13	24 15 Adar I Tetzaveh Sisterhood Evening Program  6:16
25 16 Adar I Board Drop In	26 17 Adar I	27 18 Adar I Academy	28 19 Adar I Congregation Board Meeting	29 20 Adar I		

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