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B E T H E L C O N G R E G A T I O N

## YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

וְזָכְרָה  
WE REMEMBER

Friday, April 9, 2021

## YOM HAATZMAUT ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday, April 16, 2021



## Beth El Services

### SERVICES

#### **Pesach - Day 7 (Yom Tov) Saturday, April 3**

9:30 am Shabbat Shaha<sup>h</sup>arit Live Streaming at Facebook\*  
7:28 pm Candlelighting

#### **Pesach - Day 8 (Yizkor) Sunday, April 4**

9:30 am Service (zoom.us/j/92408568672 or Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix)

#### **Sh'mini**

#### **Birkat HaHodesh Saturday, April 10**

Birthday Shabbat  
9:30 am Shabbat Shaha<sup>h</sup>arit Live Streaming at Facebook\*  
7:27 pm Havdalah  
7:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
8:00 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah  
(zoom.us/j/92408568672 or Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix)

#### **Tazri-a + M'tzora Saturday, April 17**

9:30 am Shabbat Shaha<sup>h</sup>arit Live Streaming at Facebook\*  
7:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
7:32 pm Havdalah  
8:00 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah  
(zoom.us/j/92408568672 or Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix)

#### **Aharei Mot + K'doshim Saturday, April 24**

Anniversary Shabbat  
9:30 am Shabbat Shaha<sup>h</sup>arit Live Streaming at Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix  
7:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
7:37 pm Havdalah  
8:00 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah  
(zoom.us/j/92408568672 or Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix)

#### **Kabbalat Shabbat every Friday at 5:45 pm**

#### **Candlelighting times:**

**Friday, April 2 | 6:31 pm**

**Friday, April 9 | 6:37 pm**

**Friday, April 16 | 6:42 pm**

**Friday, April 23 | 6:47 pm**

**Friday, April 30 | 6:52 pm**

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#### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE:**

#### **Shabbat Shaha<sup>h</sup>rit Saturdays | 9:30 am**

\*Access our Facebook page at:  
facebook.com/bethel.phoenix

#### **Daily Minyan and Kabbalat Shabbat\* Monday - Friday 7:15 am and 5:45 pm Sunday 8:15 am and 5:45 pm**

Join us on your computer, tablet, or cellphone at the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/92408568672>

#### **ZOOM information for Daily Minyan & YOM TOV Services:**

Meeting ID: 924 0856 8672  
Passcode: minyan  
Call in: (253) 215-8782  
Call in Passcode: 649433

#### **\*MINYAN TIME CHANGES:**

Thursday & Friday, April 1 & 2  
7:00 am Minyan (Passover)

Saturday & Sunday, April 3 & 4  
7:30 pm Ma'ariv (Passover)

Monday & Tuesday, April 12 & 13  
7:00 am (Rosh Hodesh Iyar)

# April

## Adult Education & Programming

Register at [bethelphoenix.com](http://bethelphoenix.com)  
or call (602) 944-3359

4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22 & 4/29

### Talmud: Suggiyot Every Jew Should Know

Learn Talmud with Rabbi Stein Kokin  
Email [rabbi@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:rabbi@bethelphoenix.com) to register  
and receive source sheets.

Meeting link: [zoom.us/j/92408568672](https://zoom.us/j/92408568672)  
Call in: (669) 900-6833



Thursdays @ 8:00 am

4/6, 4/13, 4/20 & 4/27



### Intro to Judaism

Tuesdays @ 7:00 -9:00 PM



Learn the basics of Judaism with Rabbi Stein Kokin

Register at [www.bethelphoenix.com/event/intro-to-judaism](http://www.bethelphoenix.com/event/intro-to-judaism)

4/7



### Beth El Book Club Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

Love reading? Love schmoozing? Join us with a glass of wine  
(or your favorite refreshment) as we discuss  
The Orchard by David Hopen

Meeting link: [zoom.us/j/948321834](https://zoom.us/j/948321834) | Call in: (669) 900-6833

4/11 & 4/25



### Blanket Boosters Sundays @ 1:00 pm



Volunteer crochet and knitting club! All blankets created  
are donated to those in need.

Meeting link: [zoom.us/j/92408568672](https://zoom.us/j/92408568672)  
Call in: (669) 900-6833

4/12 & 4/26

### Hebrew 101 Mondays @ 6:30 PM



Meeting link: [zoom.us/j/659102971](https://zoom.us/j/659102971)  
Call in: (669) 900-6833

4/14

### Chai Tea Women's Study Group Sundays @ 12:30 pm



Discuss ethical issues from a Jewish woman's  
perspective. Study topics include personalities from  
ancient times to the modern day.

Meeting link: [zoom.us/j/948321834](https://zoom.us/j/948321834)  
Call in: (669) 900-6833

4/15

### LUNCH & LEARN: A TASTE OF HESCHEL THURSDAYS @ 12:00 PM



Join Wendy Rozov and your Beth El friends with your lunch  
for a virtual learning session. Study the theological works and  
ideas of Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Meeting link: [zoom.us/j/881238825](https://zoom.us/j/881238825) | Call in: (669) 900-6833



A. Nitzan Stein Kokin  
Rabbi

## From Anxiety to Hope - Counting the Omer

Seven weeks of seven days. Day by day, week by week, the community watches the spring grain grow, watches with hope and with anxiety. Day by day, week by week, the community moves forward from the moment of freedom's first explosion - moves forward with hope and with anxiety. Will the earth succeed in unfolding its fruitfulness? Will we succeed in finding rest and new truth in our freedom?

Day by day, week by week, the community counts the days of growing grain - and through them counts the unfolding of the earth and of our own potential. Day by day, week by week; for this is no holy day, not even a week-long festival - but truly a season of the year. A season full of hope, full of anxiety that hope may fail.

by Arthur Waskow - *Seasons of Our Joy*, p. 165

In ancient times, the Israelite farmer would anxiously watch the wheat ripen between Passover and Shavuot in hope for a plentiful outcome of the harvest. In our current situation, this year's Omer period will hopefully herald a return to more in-person encounters. We observe with care how our lives and how our community have been changed and will be renewed. How are we gradually coming back from the pandemic and its secluded lifestyle as vaccinations become more available? We still don't know the full effects COVID has had and will have on Jewish life and our community's institutions. How are we rebuilding and recultivating relationships and aspects of community that have been dormant for over a year? What purpose and meaning will we imbue the in-person meetings that hopefully will happen more and more frequently, as people will be able to be vaccinated and as our society gradually will manage to control the pandemic.

Since ancient times and throughout the centuries, the period of the Omer has come to be seen as a special time of the year focused on spiritual and moral growth. It is a time for spiritual seeking, self-scrutiny, and self-empowerment. It can become a journey one undertakes of repairing or renewing aspects of self and relationship with others. It is a time for intense character refinement and a spiritual climb up the "mountain," culminating in a readiness for divine revelation on Shavuot.

Kabbalah and Hasidism remodelled the seven weeks as a journey moving through seven aspects of God that each have a direct influence upon the world.

'Each day in time has a life of its own. A day is a unique energy flow waiting to be tapped and channeled into the fiber of a person's being'. (adapted from Rabbi Simon Jacobson - *A Spiritual Guide to the Counting of the Omer*)

During these seven weeks we move through:

**Chesed** - loving kindness or benevolence,

**Gevurah** - Justice; discipline, discernment

**Tiferet** - Beauty, harmony, compassion, balance

**Netzah** - Endurance, fortitude; ambition

**Hod** - Humility; splendor

**Yesod** - Bonding; foundation

and **Malchut** - Nobility, sovereignty, Presence

Like last year, I am offering a daily reflection including a quote and prompt for journaling. I invite you to a journey of self-improvement, reflecting upon what kind of person you wish to become, what aspects of character and behavior you need to mend in order to more wholesomely engage in your in-person encounters. As we look forward to restoring our real-world encounters, which elements thereof do you long to reignite as before and which do you aim to reconceive?

L'Shalom, Rabbi Stein Kokin

*COVID-19 Update*

## WE'RE BACK!

**With proper safety measures implemented, we're ready to open our doors to you once more.**

**April 10 RULES:**

1. **Must sign up at [www.bethelphoenix.com](http://www.bethelphoenix.com)**
2. **Must not be experiencing ANY symptoms**
3. **Face Mask & social distancing required**
4. **Bring your own Siddur, Tallit & Kippah**
5. **No Kiddush will be served**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Jonathan Angress  
Cantor

## Dear Friends,

As we enter the month of April, we conclude the Passover holiday and we look forward to a small break from the major *chagim*. However, the month is not void of all holiday observances. Not even a week after Passover concludes, we observe the annual commemoration of the Holocaust, *Yom Hashoah*. This year, *Yom Hashoah* will be exceptionally profound for me as it will be the first year commemorating the Holocaust without my grandmother who passed away last summer and who was the last remaining Holocaust survivor in my family.

In the past, I have written about my grandmother's experience during *Kristallnacht*, the Night of Broken Glass. To recap, my grandmother's synagogue in her little town of Essen, Germany was one of many that were targeted, broken, and smashed on *Kristallnacht*. After the attack, my grandmother and her sister went to the synagogue to see what happened. Among the rubble and ruins, they found that the magnificent chandeliers in the sanctuary had fallen. My grandmother and her sister salvaged pieces of ornate crystal that hung from those chandeliers. Upon my graduation from the Jewish Theological Seminary and ordination as a cantor, my grandmother gave me one of the pieces of crystal that she held onto for so many years. She entrusted it to me as a keepsake but also as a "good luck" charm, a charm to constantly remind me of the atrocities of the Holocaust and to ensure I pass it down to my eventual children. She felt that the crystal served as a protector to her and therefore felt it would do the same for me. The synagogue in Essen has since been rebuilt with as much of the original structure and materials as possible. We are fortunate that it still operates as a synagogue today as well as a museum. It is a goal of mine to visit the synagogue with my family and potentially have the opportunity to sing on its bimah during the visit.

Many people have asked me if there is Jewish music pertaining to the Holocaust. And just like all of the other sub-genres of Jewish music, the answer is a resounding yes. There is music that was written in the concentration camps. There is music written in response to the Holocaust. And there is Jewish music that, although not Holocaust related, was popular among the Jewish people during the Holocaust. Such music was the melodies and choral music that my grandmother grew up with. Most of it was written by the 19th century German-Jewish composer and organist, Louis Lewandowski. We still sing Lewandowski's music today, most notably the melody for the Friday night Kiddush and for Tzadik Katamar that we sing on Shabbat. There was also the music of Oberkantor (chief cantor) Solomon Sulzer and Kantor Samuel Naumbourg.

One composition to note is one of classical notoriety. Samuel Naumbourg often commissioned secular classical composers to write Jewish music during the 19th century. Two such compositions come to mind. The first is *Tov L'Hodot - Psalm 92* from the Friday evening service written by Franz Schubert (YouTube: <https://youtu.be/oCLLAGCtI00> ). The second composition is *Min Hameitzar* from the Hallel service written by Jacques Fromenthal HaLevy, the same composer who wrote the opera, *La Juive - The Jewess* (YouTube: <https://youtu.be/VOepZQwvAlo> ). I recently sang an excerpt from HaLevy's *Min Hameitzar* composition in my pre-recorded Passover recital which you can find either on Facebook or on YouTube (check Beth El's pages on both sites).

Even though there are many facets of Jewish music during the Holocaust, one thing remains abundantly clear. Whether I will be singing music of remembrance on *Yom Hashoah*, chanting the Kiddush on Friday nights, or recording excerpts from *Min Hameitzar*, the fond memories of my grandmother will be exceedingly bright and clear in my mind's eye while keeping the piece of crystal in my pocket and occasionally, grasping it tightly in my hand.

Todah V'Zimrah,  
Cantor Angress

*Community Yom Hashoah*  
*Sunday, April 11 | 1:00 pm*  
*Virtual on Zoom*  
[https://phoenixhsa.formstack.com/forms/2021\\_yom\\_hashoah\\_rsvp](https://phoenixhsa.formstack.com/forms/2021_yom_hashoah_rsvp)  
*Join in to see Charlotte Adelman light the memorial candle!*

**Beth El Yom Hashoah**  
**Yizkor candle lighting**  
**Wednesday, April 7**  
**5:45 pm Minyan**



**Gregory Harris**  
**Board President**

## Dear Friends,

Passover's return triggers a yearning for the arrival of a new season of growth and renewal. After all that we have been through, I find myself seeking the 21st century equivalent of deliverance. Surely, it is not too much to hope for the return of a saner, calmer, quieter time to life as I imagine it was before 2020. But it also is not enough to hope for change or to return to what

came before.

Even if I - if we - could return to that time, we know that things don't just happen. Readyng the table for Seder. Preparing to be inspired by the spirited discussion of the different archetypes represented by the Four Sons or the meaning of the Four Questions or the significance of the progression of each of the plagues. It all takes time and effort.

Perhaps Pesach can help to inspire us to address hunger, homelessness and abuse in our community and around the world. But this spark won't bring about change unless matched by planning and follow through. If we sit back - as mere spectators in this life of ours - where would that get us? Clearly, it is important to dream. But dreams alone will not allow us to achieve our goals. The spark serves an essential component, but without follow through, the outcomes we seek won't come to pass.

All of us have been touched in ways large and small by life's challenges. But let's face it, that's the way it has always been for very person, every group, every nation, including for our people. Show me the person who has not been challenged, and I will show you the person who lacks resilience, compassion and the capacity for greatness. We stand strong because we have learned to stand up after we have fallen. We lift ourselves and we join together, acts which makes it possible for us to stand strong.

The story of our liberation from Egypt - demonstrates many things. First, inertial forces are strong. The things that need changing won't simply disappear. Planning, collective action and leadership at all levels are required. Second, even if it *feels* as if the other side has the advantage, this perception does not mean that our faith and freedom will forever be surrendered or subordinated to the preferences of others. But we have to give voice to our passions. Third, leaders must engage, but without followers and supporters, the achievement won't be realized without a powerful and committed band. Whether it was Moses facing down Pharaoh, Lincoln leading our nation's struggle during our nation's Civil War, or the meteoric push for a vaccine to quell the pandemic, the outcome was not pre-ordained. In the '60s, we were asked "*what if they gave a war and no one came?*" Today, our question might be: "*What if they found a cure to COVID-19, and no one took it?*"

The present did not have to turn out as it did. Choices were made. And we are the lucky beneficiaries of those choices. And from this, we know that our choices, too, will make history and a future that would not have occurred had we not taken the time to act.

As we celebrate Pesach in 5781, let us never forget the sacrifices made by others to allow us to celebrate and remember the message and meanings of this holiday. We want a better world, a better community and a better Beth El. None of these outcomes will just happen, but the efforts we make, individually and as a group, to fight hunger, to fight COVID, and to strengthen our community will make positive results possible!

One for all and all for one!

L'shalom,  
Greg Harris

## BETH EL BOOK CLUB

**Wednesday, April 7 | 6:30 pm**

April Book: *The Orchard* by David Hopen

Email Wendy Rozov to RSVP at [wrozov@cox.net](mailto:wrozov@cox.net)

<https://zoom.us/j/948321834> | Meeting ID: 948 321 834 | Call in: (669) 900-6833



### GIFT SHOP NEWS

Passover has arrived at your Beth El Gift Shop! Maybe treat yourself to a new seder plate this year?

Think of Beth El for any simcha - weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, housewarming gifts, and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs! We have beautiful jewelry and mezzuzahs.

Always available are Shabbat candles and candlesticks, Kiddush cups, Havdalah candles, memorial candles and holders, tallit sets and Kippot both for ladies and gentlemen.

**Reasons to shop at Beth El Gift Shop:**

1. Supports YOUR Beth El
2. NO sales tax
3. Convenient
4. Custom orders offered for all Judaica.

No walk-ins at this time. Please contact Charleen at [cholt@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:cholt@bethelphoenix.com) or 602-695-6462 to arrange an appointment.



## Dear Friends,

Thankfully, I had the privilege of attending the 3-day virtual conference of the NAASE - North American Association of Synagogue Executives of which I am a member. NAASE is an organization for synagogue executive directors and administrators to exchange information and support each other while advancing our profession.

**Alicia Moskowitz**  
**Executive Director**

This was my first conference as last year's conference was canceled due to the pandemic. I hope to be able to attend in-person at 2022's conference next year. Attending these types of continuing education conferences is very important to continue to become a better Executive Director, and I thank everyone who helped fill in while I was focused on the conference.

This year, the theme of the conference was *Light the Way: Community, Compassion, Commitment*, and focused on all of the ways in which an Executive Director can contribute to the mission of their organization. It was gratifying and humbling to learn with seasoned colleagues from the United States and Canada as we talked about things that only each other could understand.

There were excellent sessions that ranged from inspiring talks from top-tier USCJ rabbis (Rabbi David Wolpe and Rabbi Bradley Artson) to overviews of specialized leadership case studies, community outreach, and visioning for the future. It also included vendor presentations on software, retirement planning, and other practical solutions.

I have returned from the conference renewed and with many new ideas for streamlining operations to improve your Beth El experiences. It is essential that we innovate and keep things fresh while honoring the traditions that we hold sacred. I feel extremely fortunate to be in the position to help our holy community to continue growing and adapting to the changing landscape of Jewish life in the modern age.

If you have ideas about how we can provide a quality experience or how to improve our community, please contact me so that we can meet (virtual or otherwise) to discuss it. I greatly value your experiences and feelings about our community. May we grow together from Strength to Strength.

L'Shalom,

Alicia Moskowitz



Purim 2021 - Parking Lot Service



**Nanci Siegel Manson**  
Education, Youth and  
Family Engagement  
Director

## Dear Friends,

In the spring of 1948, for the first time. Jews celebrated Israel Independence Day, the day on which Israel was born. Everyone in Israel was said to have danced in the streets, blown the shofar, lit bonfires, sang songs, and cheered in celebration. It was a birthday party for a very young, old country.

Being young and old at the same time is pretty unusual. Here's how it is said to have happened. A long, long time ago there was a country in the Middle East. We have read about it in the Bible. The Romans conquered this country and drove the Jewish people out. The Jews wandered from place to place for nearly 2,000 years.

They eventually returned to their old homeland, Israel, which is now known as making aliyah. They made aliyah travelling in little, poorly maintained ships and in planes. Some people hiked across mountains and deserts until they arrived in Israel. Once there, they built forests, fields, and cities. And in 1948, the United Nations recognized the old-new country of Israel. The Jewish people were happy to have their homeland again. Since 1948, Jews from all over the world have made aliyah to Israel.

Today, many cities in the United States have Israel Independence Day celebrations. Please continue to be proud of this dream turned into reality, and plant the seeds of pride, love, and belonging to Israel, in your children for many years to come.

Here is one of my favorite, and easy, Israeli salad recipes for you to make at home. Pre-pandemic, it was an easy recipe we used here in the Talmud Torah as we gathered together to celebrate 50+ years of our homeland.

Enjoy!

### Ingredients

- 2 large tomatoes
- 2 cucumbers
- 1 large onion
- small amount of chopped parsley
- juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- chopped fresh mint, optional

### Directions

1. dice tomatoes, cucumbers, and onion into very small pieces
2. squeeze lemon juice over diced veggies
3. add parsley, olive oil, and salt and pepper and/or mint. Toss well



Pictured above and below: Harper & Mason and a friend help make sack lunches last month for the Social Action Committee to help feed the homeless.



*Happy Mishabeirach's*

SHARE YOUR HAPPY OCCASIONS WITH YOUR BETH EL FRIENDS

Send us your good news at [rabbiebethelphoenix.com](mailto:rabbiebethelphoenix.com) or (602) 944-3359

## Preschool News



**Joanie Charnow**  
**Preschool Director**

The preschool has been very busy these past few weeks.

We started preschool registration for the 2021-2022 school year which is going well so far. Most of our teachers have already been vaccinated and by the time school starts in August, all our staff will have received the COVID-19 vaccine. Although the state has lifted a lot

of the protocols, for now we are keeping them in place as they have remained all year.

Quite a few of our children who stayed home because of COVID-19 this past year have now returned, either because their older siblings' schools have opened back up or because with the immunization roll-out, the parents are feeling more comfortable about sending them.

The 2's, 3's and Pre-K classes have started going to the Sanctuary for Shabbat with the Cantor on Fridays. We physically distance by having each class sit in a separate section.

We are looking for a few experienced early childhood teachers. If you know of anyone, please have them call our office at (602) 944-2464 or email [jcharnow@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:jcharnow@bethelphoenix.com). Thank you.

Ros Slovin, who has been our Office Manager for the past 21 years, has decided to retire at the end of this school year. We will miss her, although we will still get to see her as her granddaughter will be in our Pre-K room next year.

While we were not able to have our typical school-wide Passover Experience this year, the children still got to experience the stories, traditions and food of Passover. Also, the Rabbi, Cantor, Nora, and I put on costumes and told the story of Passover.

I wish everyone a Chag Pesach Sameach.

B'Shalom,  
Joanie Charnow





## Beth El Announcements

### Yom Huledet Same'ach to our April Birthdays

#### Date

- 1 Shawn Naughton  
Rochelle Kelman
- 2 Arnold Silver  
Leah Pallin-Hill  
Tina Firetag
- 3 Jerilyn Portnoy
- 4 Sean Karlin
- 5 Igor Zamoshkin
- 7 Sara Ziskin  
Anna Cohen  
Anna Kessler  
Jose Tafla
- 9 Judith Zola
- 10 Edith Wade
- 12 David Rosen
- 14 Randee Pri-Tal
- 16 David Rosenbaum  
Cheryl Rosen
- 17 Melvin Polunsky
- 20 Barbara Holzman  
Robert Mallin
- 22 Selma Targovnik
- 23 Craig Rozen  
Carol Sacks
- 24 Robert Mautner
- 25 Gail Ulan  
Bonnie Kluger
- 26 Richard Sinovoi  
David Hirsch
- 27 Barbara Becker
- 28 Charleen Holt  
Ellen Goot

**Birthday Shabbat is  
April 10**

### We Remember:

Rochelle Battock wife of Irwin Battock.

Barbara Serbin, mother of Ellen Serbin & Gary (Lisa) Serbin.

Sandor Shuch, husband of Bunny Shuch.



### Mazal Tov to our April Anniversaries

Date	Years Married
1 Stacey & Marc Kuffner Lara & Jeffrey Serbin	21 26
2 Carolyn & Morris Kaplan	63
6 Deborah Gordon & Michael Wheeler	21
8 Lynda & Daniel Ziskin	43
9 Laura & Mark Jackson	40
17 Leslie & Jon Zoltan	27

**Anniversary Shabbat is  
April 24**

*Please note: If your name is not listed, please contact us so that we can update your information in our database.*

### Mazal Tov to:

Carolyn & Morris Kaplan on the birth of their great granddaughter, Raegan Lynn, born on November 4 in North Carolina. Parents are Melissa & Mark Morettini.



Simon Karlin passed his Eagle Board of Review and has earned his Boy Scout Eagle Rank!



**Thank you for the following  
Beth El Contributions:**

### **General Fund**

A thoughtful contribution  
*Morris & Carolyn Kaplan*  
In honor of John & Debbie Wolfe  
*Ellen & Robert Kirschenbaum*  
In honor of Alicia Moskowitz  
*Leah Pallin-Hill & Bryan Hill*  
In honor of Cantor Angress, Rabbi Stein Kokin & Daniel Stein Kokin for the wonderful Megillah reading  
*Bernice Rozov*  
In memory of Irwin Schwartz  
*Barry & Jody Aarons Ellen Goot Rose Hirsch*  
In memory of Barbara L. Serbin  
*Charlene & Kay Abramsohn Charlotte Adelman Betty Allen Dean & Fay Behboodi Ileen Bruns Patti & Herb Dreiseszun Sam & Rona Goldman Barbara & Louis Goldstein Charleen & Chuck Holt Carolyn & Morry Kaplan Cindy & Jeff Kleiman Risa Mallin Howard & Agi Markowitz David & Sue Rosen Bernice Rozov Lawrence Shore Eileen Bloom & Marvin Siegel Paul & Pauline Staman Edie Wade*  
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*Joyce Cooper & family*  
In memory of Gertrude Dreiseszun  
*Herb & Patti Dreiseszun*  
In memory of Jerome Dreiseszun  
*Herb & Patti Dreiseszun*  
In memory of Jerome Rosen  
*Joseph Gelb*  
In memory of Minnie Liebling  
*Joseph Gelb*  
In memory of Fred Hirsch  
*Rose Hirsch*  
In memory of Rita Kinsler  
*Bart Lasner*  
In memory of Barry D. Lieberman  
*Carolyn Lieberman*  
In memory of Charles Levine  
*Paul Levine & Lory Lemon*  
In memory of Norton (Sol) Levitt  
*Gladys Levitt Tina Sheinbein*  
In memory of Eva Rotholz  
*Jonathan Liimaa*  
In memory of Greta Markiewicz  
*Hank Markiewicz*  
In memory of Lawrence Mendelson  
*Ted Mendelson*

In memory of Seymour Seigel  
*Judith Saban*  
In loving memory of Ruth Schectman  
*Judy & David Siegel*  
In memory of Arnold Wininger  
*Gary & Lisa Serbin*  
In memory of Rose Jalowicz  
*Gary & Lisa Serbin*  
In memory of Gertrude Shore  
*Gary & Lisa Serbin*  
In memory of David Wasserman  
*Gary & Lisa Serbin*  
In memory of Harold Sheinkopf  
*Shirley Sheinkopf*  
In memory of Harold Seman  
*John & Debbie Wolfe*  
In memory of Louis Zaslow  
*Norman Zaslow*  
In memory of Michael Goldberg  
*Zaslow, Saks & Shapiro Families*

### **Rabbi Stein Kokin's Discretionary Fund**

A thoughtful contribution  
*Leah Pallin-Hill & Bryan Hill*  
In memory of David Cohn  
*Sharon Cohn*  
In memory of Joseph Klein  
*Andre & Joan Klein*  
In memory of Paul Steingard  
*Carolyn Steingard Scott & Sharon Steingard*  
In memory of Ralph Webner  
*Gerald & Caryll Webner*  
In memory of Barbara (Bobbie) Serbin  
*Gerald & Caryll Webner Anne & Norman Zaslow*

### **Blanket Boosters**

In memory of David Sitver  
*Morton Sitver*

### **Michael S. Schwartz Preschool Fund**

In memory of David Sitver  
*Morton Sitver*

### **Shiva Memorial Fund**

In memory of Ruth Gipson  
*Mort Sitver*

### **Talmud Torah Fund**

In memory of Bobbie Serbin  
*Anne Schafer*

### **Trees for Israel**

In memory of Barbara Serbin  
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has been recognized on the PBS site Next Avenue's annual list of 50 influencers in Aging as their Influencer of the Year. Ashton is an anti-ageism activist and a leading voice in a movement honoring age as vibrant and tapping into the possibilities of late life - in our communities, at work, and in ourselves.



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19 Nisan 5781 - 18 Iyar 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 19 NISAN ✧Passover - Third Intermediate Day 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 8:00am Talmud - Suggiyot - Talmud Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	2 20 NISAN ✧Passover - Fourth Intermediate Day 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) <b>6:31pm</b> 11:00-11:45am JFCS Welcome Shabbat for Seniors (Zoom) 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	3 21 NISAN ✧Passover - Day 7 Shabbat Ends: 7:22 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (FaceBook) 7:30pm Yom Tov Ma'ariv (Zoom)
4 22 NISAN ✧Passover - Day 8 Havdalah: 7:22 NO TALMUD TORAH 9:30am Yom Tov Service and YIZKOR (Zoom and FaceBook) 7:30pm Ma'ariv	5 23 NISAN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	6 24 NISAN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-9:00pm Intro to Judaism (Zoom)	7 25 NISAN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 4:00-6:00pm CSA Pickup (DAIRY KITCHEN) 4:15-6:30pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:00pm Social Action Committee Meeting (Zoom) 6:00-7:30pm Book Group (Zoom) 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)	8 26 NISAN Yom Hashoah 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:00am Talmud - Suggiyot - Talmud Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	9 27 NISAN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) <b>6:37pm</b> 5:45pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	10 28 NISAN Shemini Shabbat Ends: 7:27 Birthday Shabbat 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (FaceBook) 7:30pm Zoomdalah 8:00pm Musical Ma'ariv and Havdalah
11 29 NISAN 8:15am Minyan (Zoom) 9:00am-12:00pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 12:30pm Chai Tea (Zoom) 1:00-3:00pm Blanket Boosters (Zoom) 3:00pm Criminal Justice Reform Cafe 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	12 30 NISAN ✧Rosh Hodesh Iyar - Day 1 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-8:00pm Hebrew 101 (Zoom)	13 1 IYAR ✧Rosh Hodesh Iyar - Day 2 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-9:00pm Intro to Judaism (Zoom)	14 2 IYAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 10:00-11:00am BEWL Board Meeting (Zoom) 4:00-6:00pm CSA Pickup (DAIRY KITCHEN) 4:15-6:30pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-8:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Cohort Meeting (Zoom)	15 3 IYAR ✧Yom HaAtzma'ut 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:00am Talmud - Suggiyot - Talmud Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 12:00-1:00pm Lunch and Learn (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	16 4 IYAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) <b>6:42pm</b> 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	17 5 IYAR Tazria - Metzora Shabbat Ends: 7:32 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (FaceBook) 7:30pm Zoomdalah 8:00pm Musical Ma'ariv and Havdalah
18 6 IYAR 8:15am Minyan (Zoom) 9:00am-12:00pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	19 7 IYAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	20 8 IYAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-9:00pm Intro to Judaism (Zoom)	21 9 IYAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 4:00-6:00pm CSA Pickup (DAIRY KITCHEN) 4:15-6:30pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30pm Board Meeting (Zoom)	22 10 IYAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:00am Talmud - Suggiyot - Talmud Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	23 11 IYAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) <b>6:47pm</b> 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	24 12 IYAR Acharei - Kedoshim Shabbat Ends: 7:37 Anniversary Shabbat 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (FaceBook) 7:30pm Zoomdalah 8:00pm Musical Ma'ariv and Havdalah
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