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MISSION STATEMENT

Congregation Beth Israel is a vibrant egalitarian and progressive Jewish community. We welcome Jews from all backgrounds, their partners, families, and those seeking to live Jewishly. We encourage active participation in synagogue life by each member according to their individual interests and abilities. We empower our members through prayer, learning, community friendships, and the Jewish imperative of Tikkun Olam—repair of the world.

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SUMMER HAPPENINGS AT CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

June in Maine is known for black flies and the influx of vacationers from Away. School ends, many of our kids ship off to summer camp, and life takes on a slower pace for a little bit.

At Beth Israel we're just getting warmed up! We have an array of adult education, services, programming, and if you're so inclined, the Maine Israelite Outdoor Society will be doing a few hikes around the area.

This month also holds the Seventeenth of Tammuz, or Tzom Tammuz, a fast day that commemorates the breach of the walls of Jerusalem before the destruction of the Second Temple. For many Jews, Tzom Tammuz kicks off "The Three Weeks," or Bein ha-Metzarim (translated as "dire straits"), ending with Tisha B'Av. This somber time commemorates the destruction of both the First and Second Temples.

Check out calendar in this newsletter, or visit our website (www.cbisrael.org) and social media accounts for more information about our summer programming!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BRIAN KRESGE, PRESIDENT

As I write this, the work on the Epstein Complex draws to a close. We have a new website. We have new synagogue software implemented that we're using for email blasts, member communication, and yahrzeit tracking. This month we'll conduct training on how to use this, including how to pay your dues or donate online.

The Sisterhood published a new kugel cookbook this year, with the help of Michael Alpert, and I'd like to encourage everyone who hasn't bought one to get one. Tell your friends.

We're just waiting to get our feet back within the doors of our building for worship. This day has been long in coming. It feels like we're getting closer to normalcy.

I know I'm not lonely in disliking online services. They're clumsy and they can be impersonal. As many of you know, I've worked from home starting years before COVID. Most of my professional interactions are entirely remote. It's no way to live for any length of time with people you personally care about.

We are going to continue livestreaming when we are back in the building, but it will be far less interactive. It will be akin to watching a broadcast. We will also be mindful of privacy and have a retention policy.

More good stuff is coming as we get back in the swing!

Stay chill and do spectacular things,
Brian Kresge, President

LAG B'OMER FOR CHEVRUTA

LEAH KRESGE, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

In May, we celebrated the 33rd day of the Omer, the days we count the 49 days between the 2nd day of Passover and the day before Shavuot.

This holiday often involves bonfires, bows and arrows, and sometimes even *upsherin*, a child's first haircut! There are traditions that relate to Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, to whom we attribute the Zohar and Kabbalah, and the students of Rabbi Aki-va.

We had fun getting together in Winterport, shooting some bows and arrows, playing guitars (and a mandolin!) around the fire, and just enjoying seeing each other for the first time in a while.

Chevruta, Congregation Beth Israel's religious school, is at the end of its 2020-2021 year, but we will have summer family programming to look forward to. Watch the website and social media, as well as our emails for details!



EPSTEIN COMPLEX UPDATE

The new kitchen is almost ready!

In recent weeks, our appliances have been installed, gas connected, hood fan and fire suppression installed.

The countertops from the downstairs kitchen have found new life. Stainless steel makes the work of kashering both possible and easier.

We have a roll-up service window on the kitchen for easy food distribution.

The new stove has a “Shabbat mode,” making it a little easier for us to correctly handle our Saturday lunch kiddush.

The multi-purpose room has lovely barn-style, sliding doors into the main Epstein Room, and ample space for meetings, classes, or minyanim.



SISTERHOOD UPDATE

Mother Nature is working hard these days, making our outside views beautiful with green grass, budding trees, and blooming bushes. It's a beginning time to plant flowers and vegetables—we love June!

Meanwhile, the Sisterhood is working hard inside the shul to clean up the vestry and old kitchen.

Best of all, the new kitchen is being readied for future events!

While this warmer season is here, it is actually time to get ready for an early High Holiday season.

Watch for the **Honey from the Heart** and **Yizkor Book** information in your mailboxes.

As always, remember that Janie Silver is keeper of the Sisterhood Tribute Fund, and welcomes donations in memory of or best wishes for your family and friends.

The Sisterhood Gift Shop is open during regular office hours (M-F, 8am-1pm) for your shopping or household needs for Shabbat and the holidays.

Contact Marcia or Paula if you are looking for something we may be able to order for you.

Meanwhile, enjoy this lovely month and stay well!

JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Light Candles at 7:59 pm	5 Parashat Sh'Lach 1st IN-PERSON SHABBAT! 10:00am
6	7 Executive Commit- tee 6:30pm	8	9	10 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz (Sundown)	11 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz Light Candles at 8:03 pm	12 Parashat Korach
13	14 Board Meeting 6:30pm	15	16 Technology Course 7:00pm	17	18 Light candles at 8:06pm	19 Parashat Chukat
20	21	22	23	24	25 Light candles at 8:07pm	26 Parashat Balak
27 Tzom Tammuz	28	29	30			

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

COMING THIS MONTH—CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Who are the Jews? It is a common understanding that Judaism is a religion with rich connections to the traditions of Christianity and Islam, but it is also a civilization that reaches back to the beginnings of history and has been expressed in wide varieties and diverse cultural settings. This introductory course will provide the basic narrative of the Jewish people, our literature and languages, our beliefs and the way we connect to each other, to the wider world, and to God. It is designed both for Jews who want a fresh encounter with their tradition and for non-Jews who wish to learn our story. It is suitable

for those seeking conversion, and those students who wish to explore that path need to be in touch with Rabbi Siemers to learn of the additional requirements.

This course will begin in June and will be conducted in twice-monthly online classes through the spring of 2022, covering all Jewish holidays and life-cycle events. There will be an opportunity to attend and participate in worship services and communal events. Each class will be devoted to a topic and will be self-contained; there is not a requirement for those who are not seeking conversion to attend every offering. The textbook for the course will be *Living Judaism*, by Rabbi Wayne Dosick, which is available on Amazon.

JUNE YAHREZITS

SIVAN 5781

Name	Date	Hebrew Date
Mollie Sklar	June 1	21 Sivan
Al Bernstein	June 1	21 Sivan
L. Roy Newman	June 1	21 Sivan
Nathan Ginsberg	June 2	22 Sivan
Wanda Leman	June 2	22 Sivan
Mary Levy	June 3	23 Sivan
Abraham Rolsky	June 3	23 Sivan
Nathan Shiro	June 3	23 Sivan
Eva Goldsmith	June 3	23 Sivan
Fivey Levine	June 3	23 Sivan
Martin Pincus	June 3	23 Sivan
Mrs. Simon Kominsky	June 4	24 Sivan
Sally Emple	June 4	24 Sivan
Arthur Lipsky	June 6	26 Sivan
William Abramson	June 6	26 Sivan
Judith Shapiro	June 6	26 Sivan
Lorraine Lewis	June 6	26 Sivan
Marcia Grodin	June 8	28 Sivan
Berek Goldman	June 8	28 Sivan
Clara Shapiro	June 8	28 Sivan
Mel Braverman	June 8	28 Sivan
Nettie Dresner	June 9	29 Sivan
Harry Gedal	June 9	29 Sivan
Richard Sterns	June 9	29 Sivan
Abraham Emple	June 10	30 Sivan
Joseph Butler	June 10	30 Sivan
Ruth Emple	June 10	30 Sivan

TAMMUZ 5781

Ida Markow	June 11	1 Tammuz
George Rogers	June 11	1 Tammuz
Louis Golden	June 12	2 Tammuz

Harry Broder	June 12	2 Tammuz
John Paul	June 12	2 Tammuz
Goldie Michelson	June 12	2 Tammuz
Samuel Tabenken	June 13	3 Tammuz
Henry Markow	June 13	3 Tammuz
Ida Spector	June 13	3 Tammuz
Morris Shur	June 13	3 Tammuz
Harry Plesset	June 14	4 Tammuz
Mamie Stern	June 14	4 Tammuz
Israel Ginsberg	June 14	4 Tammuz
Richard Weinstein	June 14	4 Tammuz
Abraham Ames	June 14	4 Tammuz
Belle Ofsevit	June 15	5 Tammuz
Arlene Rosen	June 15	5 Tammuz
Edyth Ginsberg Shapiro	June 15	5 Tammuz
Fannie Slott	June 15	5 Tammuz
Elizabeth Berleant	June 15	5 Tammuz
Jacob Chason	June 16	6 Tammuz
Sara Sklar	June 16	6 Tammuz
Frances Fogelman	June 17	7 Tammuz
Samuel Savitt	June 17	7 Tammuz
Samuel Goodman	June 17	7 Tammuz
Anne Povich	June 17	7 Tammuz
Morris Rubin	June 18	8 Tammuz
Harriet Fineman	June 18	8 Tammuz
Clair Kaplan	June 18	8 Tammuz
Joseph Merlin	June 18	8 Tammuz
Harry Borowitz	June 19	9 Tammuz
Sol Rubin	June 19	9 Tammuz
Edward Stern	June 19	9 Tammuz
Ida Weinstein	June 19	9 Tammuz
Abraham Berson	June 20	10 Tammuz
Abraham Golden	June 21	11 Tammuz
Nathan Koritzky	June 21	11 Tammuz

JUNE YAHREZITS (CONTINUED)

TAMMUZ 5781

Name	Date	Hebrew Date
Jerome Grossman	June 21	11 Tammuz
Arthur Stern	June 22	12 Tammuz
Gail Rapaport	June 22	12 Tammuz
Rose Rudman	June 22	12 Tammuz
Reena Wiseman	June 22	12 Tammuz
Joseph Glazier	June 23	13 Tammuz
Hilda Goodstein	June 23	13 Tammuz
Ida Glaser	June 24	14 Tammuz
Seigmund Wildholz	June 24	14 Tammuz
Daisy Goldsmith	June 24	14 Tammuz
Ida Mae Dondis	June 25	15 Tammuz
Max Borowitz	June 26	16 Tammuz
Feiga Shiro	June 26	16 Tammuz
Esta Weisenberg	June 26	16 Tammuz
Lillian Rosen	June 26	16 Tammuz
Rose Goldberg	June 27	17 Tammuz
Minnie Lieberman	June 27	17 Tammuz
Samuel J. Lamhut	June 27	17 Tammuz
Bessie Lipski	June 28	18 Tammuz
Mary Weinstein	June 28	18 Tammuz
Sidney Theeman	June 28	18 Tammuz
Jacob Gotlib	June 29	19 Tammuz
Harold Grodinsky	June 29	19 Tammuz
Gertrude Sazin	June 29	19 Tammuz
Hyman Weiss	June 30	20 Tammuz
Abe Braveman	June 30	20 Tammuz

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION

WEEKLY PARSHA STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID BARON

Monday Nights 8:00pm



The rabbis of the Talmud reference and expand upon the verses of the Written Torah throughout many discussions of halachic and ethical principles. We will study the weekly Torah portion through the lens of these Tal-

mudic midrashim. Along the way, we may find new ways of understanding the parsha as well as portions of rabbinic Oral Torah it helps illuminate.

Contact the office for the Zoom link!

TECHNOLOGY IN A JEWISH CONTEXT WORKSHOP

June 16th 7:00 pm

Even with the resumption of in-person services, newer technology can be troubling for many. Brian Kresge, President of the congregation and long-time computer programmer, will hold an online workshop via Zoom to go over how you will be able to watch services online, what is an appropriate use of technology on Shabbat and Yom Tov according to Conservative Jewish law, how to use the new member website, and answer your general technology questions.

DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND DONATION

In Honor of Kathryn Slott

From Arnold & Riva Verleant

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In Memory of Gloria Miller

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In Memory of Michael Cutler

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From Estelle Holly

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OBITUARIES / LIFE HISTORIES

FOR THE CEMETERY APP PROJECT

Another 100+ names are listed below. If a family member or close friend is on the list, please share any obituaries you may have kept, or compose a life history as you know it.

Please send to Miles at mutheeman@gmail.com.

Grover, Richard	Green, Wolf
Green, Boris	Grodinsky, Elizabeth
Grodinsky, Robert	Grodinsky, Benjamin
Grossman, Kenneth	Hall, Bernard
Hall, Manuel	Hall, Jochobed
Handler, Lillian	Harris, Chayim
Harris, Sarah	Hillson, Bernard
Hillson, Mary Ann	Hillson, Sarah
Jacobs, Jennie	Jacobsen, Hanna
Jacobsen, Abraham	Jacobsen, Joseph
Johnston, John	Kaden, Maurice
Kagan, Harry	Kamenkovitz, Barnett

Kamenkovitz, Mollie
 Kaminsky, Leah
 Kaminsky, Anna
 Kaprow, Gedaliah
 Kassor, Max
 Katz, Abraham
 Kinkow, Maurice
 Klein, Levi
 Klein, Bessie
 Klein, Harry
 Klein, Samuel
 Kobritz, Minnie
 Koenka, Isaac
 Kopelow, Tibey
 Kramer, Morris
 Kuriloff, Abraham
 Lait, David
 Lait, Henry
 Leavitt, Howard
 Leavitt, Sadie
 Leavitt, Mary
 Leavitt, Rebecca
 Leavitt, Minnie
 Levine, Max
 Levine, Rose
 Levine, Annie
 Levine, Joe
 Lichtman, Louis
 Lipitsitch, Ida Leah
 Lipsky, Wolf
 Lipsky, Anna
 Liss, Nathan
 Longer, Betsy
 Maltz, Max
 Mandelbaum, Solomon
 Marcus, Max
 Maskind, Abraham
 Michelson, Max
 Migowsky, Bertha
 Miller, Woodrow
 Minsky, Mae

Kaminsky, Samuel
 Kaminsky, Joseph
 Kaprow, Abraham
 Kaprow, Simma
 Katz, James
 Katza, Esther
 Kinkow, Hester
 Klein, Celia
 Klein, Nathan
 Klein, Kenneth
 Kupatsky, Leah
 Kobritz, Eva
 Kominsky, Simon
 Koritsky, Nathan
 Kupsenal, Estelle
 Lait, Harry
 Lait, Hyman
 Lait, Rachel
 Leavitt, Morris
 Leavitt, Solomon
 Leavitt, Jacob David
 Leavitt, Isador
 Levine, Emma
 Levine, Katie
 Levine, Nathan
 Levine, Samuel
 Levy, Esther Goldie
 Lightman, William
 Lippman, Shirley
 Lipsky, Betty
 Liss, Dora
 Loeber, Ethel
 Lubell, Frieda
 Maltz, Jeanette
 Marcus, Samuel
 Marcus, Leah
 Matz, Max
 Midas, Joseph
 Miller, Maurice
 Miller, Rebecca

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Nanci Miller	Secretary

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Monday, Thursday, Friday - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday - 8:30 a.m.