

# Hooray for Purim!

March 24

CBT Purim Carniva

8

**Purim 1000** 

March 25

Community-Wide Shushan Purim

Keep reading for additional details on all of these upcoming events!



Rabbi Javier Cattapan, Senior Rabbi

### **The Meaning of Purim**

Many of us know that every Jewish holiday is a version of "They tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat!" One factor is left out in this phrase: God. Divine intervention is at the center of

the stories of Passover and Hanukkah. So, perhaps "they tried to kill us, God saved us, let's eat" would be more fitting. Not so with Purim (there is no Divine intervention and no mention of God in the Book of Esther). So, perhaps Purim is the only quintessential Jewish holiday after all.

The great medieval philosopher and teacher, Moses Maimonides, explains that "All Prophetic Books and the Sacred Writings will cease [to be recited in public] during the messianic era except the Book of Esther. [...] the days of Purim will not be abolished [...]" (Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Hanukkah, 2:18)

Maimonides does not elaborate on why Purim will remain. I think that the answer can be found in the Book of Esther itself. According to the megillah this is how we are to observe the holiday: "[The Jews] were to observe [the days] as days of feasting and rejoicing, and as an occasion for sending portions to one another and gifts for the poor." (Est. 9:22)

Commenting on this verse, Maimonides teaches that we should spend on *matanot la'evyionim* [gifts for the poor] more than we spend on the Purim banquet and *mishloach manot* [gifts for each other] combined! Maimonides writes: "Whoever gladdens the heart of these unhappy people imitates the Shechinah, God's Divine Presence" (*Mishneh Torah Hilchot Hanukkah*, 2:17)

Following Maimonides' teaching, one can say that the central teaching of Purim is about **empathy**. Empathy means experiencing someone else's feelings and requires an emotional component.

Reading, hearing, and experiencing the story of Esther and Mordecai must teach us that if we are to learn anything about this story, it is that **any** minority group should be treated equally. A minority, whether defined by national origin, ethnic origin, socioeconomic level, gender, sexual expression, or any other parameter, must be our equal --we must feel empathy toward them.

It is a central Jewish value that those less fortunate, the rejected, the "orphan, widow, and stranger" are to be treated equally, and the only way for us to see those who are not like ourselves as equals is through learning to be empathic. As we approach another Purim, engulfed in a new rise of Antisemitic acts, let us not give in to thoughts of retribution, but rather turn to what we can do to show more empathy towards others. Let us pray that all the noise and emotions that Esther, Mordecai, and Haman will bring may stir in our spirit a sense of urgency; may the experience of another Purim be for us a challenge: to be more empathetic in the year ahead.

# President's Corner

Happy March Everyone,

It seems like only a few weeks ago we were celebrating a Super Bowl victory, a celebration parade, and the anticipation of a weekend visit from a prospective Rabbi and his wife. With the snap of a finger, joy and anticipation turned to sadness and uncertainty.

You cannot rationalize or explain away the horrific and tragic ending to the Super Bowl parade. This is not the platform for politics or to discuss the social crisis of urban youth.

At Beth Torah, prior to his arrival, our candidate called to let us know his "other choice" accelerated their process and made him an offer before he had the chance to learn anything about us.



Reality....We are in the later stages of the Rabbinical search cycle for this year. It started right after Sukkot, and we received multiple applications, and we began our vetting process. Most new Rabbi contracts start with the new fiscal year 7/1/24. The process will start again after Sukkot.

The Rabbi candidate pool was very thin this year and has been for the last several years. The *Pittsburg Jewish Chronicle*, in a report by Asaf Shalev 2/1/22 states "Congregations face a rabbinic hiring crisis". "This year there is a bumper crop of retirements while a thinning out of the next generation that was already underway". "Denominational seminaries are ordaining fewer clergy, and fewer of those being ordained are choosing the pulpit".

We need to accept the fact that we may not hire a new Rabbi this cycle.

#### So, what's the plan?

We are fine tuning our application submitted with the URJ / CCAR last October and will resubmit. If we receive additional resumes our search committee will move through the process as we have been doing all along. If we feel they require a closer look they will be invited in for a visit.

Rabbi Cattapan is with us until June 30. After Rabbi Cattapan leaves, we will continue to have coverage for funerals, lifecycle events, hospital visits and other pastoral care obligations. We have Damien Timms, our new, experienced Executive Director. Lezlie and her minion of lay leaders, choir, and band (also known as Lezlie and the Miracles) will continue to make beautiful music and creative services.

We will have a new Board of Trustees beginning July 1 and they will come in with fresh ideas and energy. Innovative services, scholars in residence, and exceptional speakers and events for the high holidays are just a few things on the drawing board.

Don't forget the Chili Cookoff this spring and the BBQ Bash / Double Chai CBT Anniversary this summer.

Together Beth Torah will continue to be the warm, all-inclusive community we have grown to love. Together we will find our next spiritual leader and together we are building the "New" Beth Torah.

Larry Myer
President, Board of Trustees



# From the Director



G'day and Shalom Beth Torah Family,

In the short time I have been here, I have continued to be impressed by the response to mine and Patrick's arrival.

At the recent New Member Shabbat, where Patrick and I were also welcomed, we received so many new and continuing messages of how happy people are that we are here. I was able to respond in kind due to the fact that Patrick and I are already just so comfortable and happy here. After that Shabbat many people stayed to eat and schmooze after. And there was cake! For those who have not already gathered, Patrick, and I \*love\* cake. Many thanks to the sponsors of that

evening's Oneg. My thanks also to Rabbi Cattapan for such a meaningful and touching blessing of welcome for me. Patrick and I were both so touched by your words.

I have now spent several weeks working with the exceptional staff that we have and they are assisting me in getting across Beth Torah life and the very busy calendar we have. We should all be very proud of the rich options for adult education and small groups that we have here. And I hope they continue to grow and diversify.

I have met families of the Religious School and their feedback is so positive. It is clear that Morgan and her dedicated Faculty of teachers and madrichim are doing great work in the Weiner Religious school.

If you know people who are interested in Beth Torah or have questions about our Beth Torah Family, please do not hesitate to get them to contact me for a chat and a tour of our beautiful building. Our future here at Beth Torah is a bright one. You have all created an atmosphere and culture here that is heymish, positive, welcoming and full of joy. These are the key elements of the Beth Torah Family. And there is so much more.

Warm and joyous services, with exceptional music. A growing and buzzing Religious School. A busy and diverse calendar. An engaged and committed community.

Come home to Beth Torah.

Your Executive Director, Damien

## JULIET HAS ARRIVED!

Jewish Unforgettable Ladies Interested in Eating Together.

JULIET replaces the former women's group.

A brand new group for Jewish women is beginning. It's called JULIET, which is an acronym for

#### What is JULIET?

Our mission statement: Inspired by Jewish values, we bring women together for friendship and learning. We offer support to Congregation Beth Torah and the wider Jewish community. It is a social and educational group, not a sisterhood.

#### When do we meet?

Most meetings occur at 1 pm on the last Sunday of each month. Please note that the March 24th meeting is an exception to this rule.

#### What does a typical meeting look like?

We start promptly at 1 pm. The first 30 minutes are for shmoozing and eating lunch. (Each woman brings her own sack lunch and CBT will provide beverages, paper goods and plastic cutlery. The next 60 minutes is for a program, which usually includes a guest speaker.

#### Who can become a JULIET?

All Jewish women + non-Jewish wives of Jewish spouses are eligible. CBT membership is not required, so feel free to bring your female Jewish friends, even if they are not members of our congregation. This group is for women of all ages and the programs will reflect that philosophy.

#### What does it cost?

Nothing! Congregation Beth Torah is sponsoring *JULIET*, so there will be no charge for the first year of operation. At that time, we will reevaluate our financial status.

#### When do we begin?

Our first meeting will take place on Sunday, March 24th at 1 pm. Our program will be a cooking demonstration led by Michael Crane on how to make blintzes. Michael will provide strawberry preserves and sour cream for our eating enjoyment. Sampling will be encouraged. Yum! In addition, Michael will bring flash-frozen homemade blintzes for us to purchase and take home. They will be sold for \$6 per container of 6 blintzes. Remember to bring your lunch. In order to serve everyone, please RSVP to my email address (below) by March 20th.



## **Adult Education**

Questions about or ideas for Adult Ed at CBT?

Contact jill.maidhof@gmail.com

Lunch and Schmooze With Damien
March 14, 2024 | Second Thursday of the month
Located in the CBT Library | 12:00pm

Bring your own lunch and have an informal conversation with our new Executive Director.

# **Examining Antisemitic Conspiracy Theories with Andrew Pessin PhD.**

Discussions facilitated by Elaine Tobias
10:30am in the CBT Library | Meet in person to view and discuss Dr. Pessin's webinar
5-part course: Sundays 2/11, 2/25, 3/31, 4/14, 5/19 (every two weeks with skips for spring break and Passover preparation)

March 31st: Refuting Conspiracy Theories

April 14th: "Jew-Washing" and the Nazi-Soviet Origins of Conspiracy Theories

May 19th: The Indistinguishability of the Right/Left, How Good Theories Go Bad, and How to Push Back

# Jewish Journeys 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the CBT Library March 13 | The second Wednesday of every month

Women from CBT and B'nai Jehudah's Sisterhood have completed a year of learning about Rosh Chodesh, and will now take a DEEP DIVE into topics we heard about in Sunday School:

Rites of Passage | Tzedakah | Individual and Community | Interpersonal Relationships | Mindfulness & Conscious Living | Surprising Insights about Passover | Israel and the Jewish Spirit | Gratitude | Going Native: Judaism and the Environment | Leadership, Death and Loss | Arc of the Fall Holidays.

Open to all women—no knowledge necessary!

A Fresh Look at Israel & the Mideast ONGOING CLASS WITH RABBI SCOTT WHITE Every 4th Tuesday in the Ulam

MARCH: DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND: We'll go back to meeting in the Ulam at 5:30 for current events before immersing ourselves in the history of the conflict.



Interfaith Conversations
March 3, 2024 | Every 1st Sunday of the Month
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Open to the community - drop-ins are welcome! (Check-in required to enter building.)
Questions? Contact Emily: emily.v.albano@gmail.com

Join our Interfaith Conversations group aimed at interfaith couples, Jewsby-choice and the Jewish-adjacent. Whether you're planning an interfaith wedding, integrating famil traditions or negotiating life as a new Jew, you'll find a warm, supportive environment to share your joys and challenges. Our open-ended, peer-led discussion provides a safe space for folks to ask questions, compare experiences and find community.

Sichat Shabbat/Shabbat Conversations Sat. morning when services are held | 9:00-10:15am Located in the CBT Library and streaming online through our Virtual Sanctuary https://beth-torah.org/virtual-sanctuary

Please join us and contact jill.maidhof@gmail.com if you would like to present on a Jewish topic!

#### March 2

Presented by Rabbi Cattapan Topic: To be announced later

#### March 9

Presented by Elaine Tobias Topic: The Lost Shtetls of Kansas

#### March 16

Presented by Rabbi Cattapan Topic: To be announced later

#### March 23

Presented by Jill Maidhof Topic: Must Diaspora Jews Embrace Exile to Save Judaism? Exploring the writing of Shaul Magid

#### March 30

Presented by Rabbi Cattapan Topic: To be announced later

## Music & More

I'm so happy, happy it's Adar... (Thank you, Laura Intfen, for that ear worm.)

We are in a leap year here in the Jewish world. Most Jewish holidays are associated with seasons, so every so many (insert complicated math here) years, we have an extra month in the year to reset us and keep us in alignment. And 5784 is one of those years! So we are in *Adar Aleph*, or Adar I.

Our sages teach, When Adar enters we increase our joy. I've been thinking a lot about this, particularly the choice of the word "increase." A simple surface read implies that whatever joy we have, we will get more of it. ... Okay, sure. But I would like for us to dig a bit deeper. Lately I can't stop thinking of "increase" in its verb form. When Adar enters, we are given a mandate to increase our joy. To actively participate in the process. Do you have joy in your life? Find more. Are you lacking joy? You are called to find ways to discover and hold it.

Recently, I listened to a woman speak about this directive to increase joy in Adar and how challenging it feels this year. How do we find joy in such dark times? She spoke about a teaching of the Piaseczner Rebbe, Rabbi Kalonymus Kalmish, who was murdered by Nazis during the Holocaust. He taught that the mitzvah of being joyous was not created for when we are content and our lives are easy. We don't need it then. This mitzvah is for when times are difficult and for when we are filled with grief and hurt. We are called upon in these times to search for joy and find a way to hold it in our hearts.

I think that's why we work so hard at Beth Torah to provide opportunities we hope will help spark even just a tiny moment of joy: worship services filled with *ruach* and music and prayer; educational opportunities that explore a wide variety of topics; social events, food and clothing drives, the opportunity to connect with ourselves and with each other.

It's not always easy. I'm certainly not going to pretend it is. But I do believe it is necessary. And this year we are blessed with two whole months to take the challenge and see this mandate as a commandment. Maybe if we build the habit during our two Adars, we will be able to carry it throughout the rest of the year.

In case you need a bit of help, here are a couple of songs that spark joy when I hear them. Songs I turn up when I need to smile.

- ✓ Sweet Home Alabama, Lynard Skynyrd. I absolutely love that you can hear them counting in. What a brilliant choice. (I'm smiling so big right now, listening to it before I send my article in!) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RrmWFjnAP2E">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RrmWFjnAP2E</a>
- ✓ If I Had a Million Dollars, Bare Naked Ladies. The way the music comes in, the boppy vocals, the clever lyrics... Also, this is the song Dave and I danced to at our wedding. (For the record, it's way too long for that!)

  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aynCgnbbgbM

Whether it's something remembered or something new, I hope you find those little things that can help you increase joy as we make our way through Adar.

Shalom, Lezlie

Look what we have for you in March!

- **☼** 3/1 Friday Night Torah

- **♦** 3/24 Congregational Megillah Reading



Bat Mitzvah of Hazel Metcalf (April 6)

Community Service of Spiritual Renewal for Pesach (April 7)

Second Night Seder (April 23)

# Weiner Religious School

February was an incredible and busy month! We had the opportunity to watch two groups of learners take on the honor of leading Shabbat services. Our Pre-K through 3rd graders filled our hearts with music. Our TAG students guided us through prayer. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to our Shabbat potluck dinners and supported our bake sale, which raised an impressive \$586 for JNF to assist Israel and WRS. Students visited with Rabbi Josef Davidson and asked some challenging questions about Judaism. TAG students began working on their family tree project. The focus is to explore their family traditions, genealogy, and the importance of asking questions. We came together as a community to celebrate the Raab family and warmly welcome the newest member of their beautiful and expanding family! We celebrated Havdalah at the Golden Scoop in honor of JDAIM. The WRS educators participated in a community-wide professional development and Sasone workshop. We have so many wonderful things happening in March. Mark your calendars for Lilly Simpson's Bat Mitzvah on March 23rd, the CBT Purim Carnival and the Community-Wide Purim Carnival and March 24th.

Carnival, and the Community-Wide Purim Carnival on March 24th!

Sunday, March 10, 2024, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday, March 17, 2024, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Wednesday, March 13, 2024, NO TAG



#### February 4 - March 24

Our TAG friend Hazel Metcalf is getting ready for her Bat Mitzvah! For her Bat Mitzvah project, she has decided to start a CONTEST between TAG and Sunday School. For this contest, you will bring supplies for KC Pet Project Donations. The class that brings the most pet toys and treats wins a Crumbl Cookie party! The contest will begin on February 4th and it will end on March 24th.

Sunday, March 10, 2024, Parents Night Out Fundraiser from 5-9 p.m. at CBT Drop your kiddos off for a PJ Party and enjoy a night out on the town! Don't forget to bring a cozy blanket and a stuffed animal! We will have pizza, games, crafts, and a movie. \$10 per kiddo. <a href="https://beth-torah.org/weiner-religious-school-parents-night-out?rg=parents">https://beth-torah.org/weiner-religious-school-parents-night-out?rg=parents</a>

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, Spring Break Zoo Adventure! 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Enjoy a day of adventure at the Kansas City Zoo! Please arrive at 10 a.m. We will meet at the ticket booth. Make sure you bring sunscreen, water bottle, and a packed lunch or money for food!

#### Saturday, March 23, 2024

Our very own Lilly Simpson will become a Bat Mitzvah at CBT. Service starts at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 24, 2024, WRS Purim Carnival at CBT from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Join us for breakfast, megillah reading, hamantaschen, a costume contest, games, and so much fun!

Sunday, March 24, 2024, Community Wide Purim Carnival at the JCC 2-5 p.m. Join all the fun and festivities from 2-5 p.m. Registration is open! <a href="https://www.thejkc.org/events/2024/03/jewish-experiences/24/purim-1000/">https://www.thejkc.org/events/2024/03/jewish-experiences/24/purim-1000/</a>

#### Sunday, March 31, 2024

Save the date! In preparation for Passover, join Corbin Lenz and Samuel Tucker in watching *The Prince of Egypt* on March 31. Additional details coming soon. There is no charge for the movie, but we encourage you to purchase a bag of concession goodies to raise money for their Bar Mitzvah project benefitting Sasone\*.

#### Donation Link:

https://my.cheddarup.com/c/corbin-sam-s-mitzvahproject?cart=a85c9a6e-aec2-4d9e-8b75-7f6810dbd21f%21%2173249479













Sunday, March 24, 2024

puppets

9 - 10 a.m. ~ Seudat Purim: Breakfast & Megillah Reading\*
\*Adult beverages available

10:00 a.m. ~ Parade and Costume Contest

10:15 - 12:00 p.m. ~ Purim Carnival

Hamantaschen available for purchase!!!
(cash or card)



# Help your favorite Weiner Religious School learner win a Crumbl Cookie Party!

For her Bat Mitzvah project, Hazel Metcalf is holding a contest contest between TAG and Sunday School to see who can collect the most KC Pet Project donations.

We are inviting YOU to donate as well! Bring or send your donations to CBT between Feb 4 and March 24. Be sure to tell Alex if you are donating on behalf of TAG or Sunday School! Find the Wish List Here







Questions? Email D	amien: <u>damien@beth-torah.org</u>		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
9:30am Weiner Religious School 10am CBT Blood Drive 10:30am Examining Antisemitic Conspiracy Theories	26 Offices Closed Mondays	5:30pm A Fresh Look at Israel and the Mideast led by	28 • 6:30pm TAG
3  9:30am Weiner Religious School  10:15am Interfaith Conversations	4 Offices Closed Mondays	5	6 • 6:30pm TAG
Daylight Saving Time starts  12:15pm Talmud Torah Committee  2pm Jewish Culinary Traditions and History of Passon  5pm WRS Parents Night Out	11 Offices Closed Mondays	12	13  10am WRS Spring Break Zoo Adventure 7pm Jewish Journeys with Jill Maidhof
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Offices Closed Mondays	19 • 7pm Song Session	20 • 6:30pm TAG
Purim  9 am Beth Torah Megillah Reading & Purim Carnival 1 pm JULIETS 2 pm Purim 1000 - Community Purim Event at The J	25 Offices Closed Mondays	26 • 5:30pm A Fresh Look at Israel and the Mideast led by	27 • 6:30pm TAG
31  Easter Sunday  9:30am Weiner Religious School  10:30am Examining Antisemitic Conspiracy Theories	Apr 1 Offices Closed Mondays Easter Monday	2	3 • 6:30pm TAG

### **MARCH JEWISH COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

March 3, 5:00-7:30pm — Kosher Restaurant Night
Hosted by TLC (Torah Learning Center) and The Wandering Table

March 10 — Hyman Brand Civic Service Celebration
Honoring Mindy Corporon, co-founder of the nonprofit SevenDays
(RSVP by March 1) (learn more)



March 24, 2:00-5:00pm — Purim 1000, Our 2024 Community Purim Event. This family-friendly event will have bounce houses, carnival games, cotton candy, hamantaschen, and more! Register now! (learn more)

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	Mar 1  First Day of Women's History Month  6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship with Torah Service	9am Sichat Shabbat     10:30am Shabbat Morning Worship     7pm Havdalah & Women's Music Concert
7 • 11am Mussar/Jewish Ethics Small Group Discussion	8 • 6pm Erev Shabbat with Rabbi Steve Burnstein at B'nai	9  • 9am Sichat Shabbat  • 10:30am Shabbat Morning Worship
14  12pm Lunch & Schmooze with Damien	15 • 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship	16 • 9am Sichat Shabbat • 10:30am Shabbat Morning Worship
21	22 • 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship	23  Erev Purim  9am Sichat Shabbat 10:30am Bat Mitzvah of Lily Simpson
28	29 • 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship	30 • 9am Sichat Shabbat • 10:30am Shabbat Morning Worship
4  11am Mussar/Jewish Ethics Small Group Discussion	5 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship	6  • 9am Sichat Shabbat  • 10:30am Bat Mitzvah of Hazel Metcalf





WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

KANSAS CITY ZOO:6800 ZOO DR. KANSAS CITY, MO 64132

WE WILL MEET AT THE TICKET BOOTH AT 10 A.M.

MINORS <u>MUST</u> BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

WEAR YOUR WALKING SHOES! BRING SUNSCREEN, WATER BOTTLE, MONEY FOR ADMISSION AND FOOD OR PACKED LUNCH!

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT
MORGAN FASBINDER
@ 913-574-8854 OR
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in watching

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March 31

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Register and Donate Here!



\*Sasone works to ensure students with diverse learning needs have access to a Jewish education.

CONGREGATION BETH TORAH

## COMMUNITY-WIDE SHUSHAN PURIM 'SEUDAH' \*Festive Meal

**Both IN PERSON and VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION** 



Monday, March 25, 2024 10:30AM-12:30PM (doors open at 10AM)

(doors open at 10AM)

Village Shalom

(5500 W. 123rd St., Overland Park, KS 66209)

Wear a Costume (optional)
Bring a non-perishable canned good for the JFS Food Pantry

# Interactive and Engaging Reading of the Megillah with Music and Study

Join Rabbis: David Glickman, Caitlin Brazner, Beryl Padorr, Jonathan Rudnick, Larry Karol
Lunch will be served! All who attend will receive a Shalach Manot Gift Bag







For additional information, visit kcrabbi.org or email afprogram@aol.com or call 913-327-8226



Weiner Religious School teachers participated in the Community-Wide Jewish Professional Development Day.

These teachers are truly the best!



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## January 17 - February 8 2024 Tributes

#### **Beth Torah General Fund**

Claudia Alexander Carol Ducak Teresa Shockley Weiner Foundation

Yahrzeit of William Carter
Barbara & Jesus Gutierrez

Yahrzeits of Marshall Weingarten, Rose Kaufman & Jacob Klieger

Judith Weingarten

In Appreciation of Sharon Altman's Thoughtfulness
Lidia Foundas

In Memory of Alan Bram Michael Lowe

In Memory of Abraham David Glass
Tom and Betty Loggia

In Memory of Charlotte Kapel
Paul Chapman

In Memory of Dorothy Chapman
Paul Chapman

In Memory of Libby Savner

Martin & Irene Goldstein

In Appreciation of BOW
Priscilla I. Baylor

#### **Music & Choir Fund**

In Appreciation of Shiva Service led by Lezlie Zucker
Jennifer Savner Levinson

#### Rabbi Cattapan's Discretionary Fund

Yahrzeits of Michael Brian Zipper and Bernard Zipper Ronald Zipper

In Appreciation of Rabbi Cattapan
Alice Capson

In Appreciation of Rabbi Cattapan
Jennifer Savner Levinson

In Memory of Libby Savner

Jennifer Savner Levinson

#### **CBT Fund For Families In Need**

In Memory of Libby J. Savner Les & Amy Rosenfeld

#### Thank you to past Oneg/Breakfast Sponsors

Emily & Matthew Albano, Jeffrey & Sharon
Altman, Carol Ducak, Scott & Amy Franklin,
Sheila Goldberg, Richard Kessler
Jeffrey & Barbara Kitt, Larry Myer,
Gloria Pitler, Howard Pitler, Peter Pizor
Ron & Becky Sandhaus, David Spizman &
Karen Loggia, Damien Timms & Trent Martin,
Betsy Wanger, Judy Weingarten,
Andrea & Jay Zwibelman

The 5783 confirmands are thrilled to share their class project with you. They spent the past several months interviewing congregants who have been members of Congregation Beth Torah for 18 years or longer. They can't wait to share with you what they learned!

https://beth-torah.org/chai-member-interviews





## March, 2024 Yahrzeits

February 1, 2024 Shevat 22, 5784

Terri Lipman (cousin of Rabbi Mark Levin) Genya Rudnick (mother of Evelyn Kucherovsky)

February 2, 2024 Shevat 23, 5784

Jack Osman (father of Stan Osman)

February 29, 2024 Adar I 20, 5784

Elizabeth Werle Deister Major (grandmother of Samantha Hammontree and mother of Joni Weiner)

March 1, 2024 Adar I 21, 5784

Lillian Breslow (aunt of Neil Breslow) Abraham Shore (grandfather of Kerry Miller) Mildred Swernofsky (Beth Torah) Brad Weiner (brother of Samantha Hammontree and son of Joni Weiner) Mark Stanley Wylan (brother of Robert Wylan)

March 2, 2024 Adar I 22, 5784

Benjamin Alpert (brother-in-law of Eileen Garry) Abraham Maurice Berlin (Beth Torah)

Mark Fasbinder (husband of Lauren Fasbinder, father of Morgan Fasbinder and brother-in-law of Paul & Sheila Fasbinder) Carol Janice "Jan" Fowler (mother of Carol Frankel) Robert Bennett Harwood (grandfather of Emily Kerstein)
Morris Robinow (grandfather of Amy Franklin) Maurice Warshawsky (father of Jeff Ross)

March 3, 2024 Adar I 23, 5784

Leonard X. Rosenberg (grandfather of Jennifer Levinson) Jack Stapleton (father of Rebecca Sandhaus)

March 4, 2024 Adar I 24, 5784

Edward Hipsh (uncle of Louise Hipsh) Meyer Kreitman (father-in-law of Joseph Levy and father-in-law of Howard Stark)
Walter Multer (father of Leslie Multer) Helen Silverstein (great aunt of Jeffrey Razafsky) Gay Beth Skobac (sister of Milton Katz)

March 5, 2024 Adar I 25, 5784

Israel Birenbaum (father of Valery Tokar) Harriet Feuer (aunt of Allison Roodman) Edwin Samson Sader (brother of Harold Sader) Helen Shalinsky (mother of Linda Rubin) Tillie Shapiro (grandmother of Sheila Wikas)

March 6, 2024 Adar I 26, 5784

Anita Finkelstein (mother of Victor Finkelstein)

March 7, 2024 Adar I 27, 5784

Frances G. Beene (grandmother of Elizabeth Lenz) Jason Parris Cohen (son of Roshann Parris)

Ernie Esser (nephew of Glenn Esser) Neil (Buddy) Hamovitz (uncle of Howard Pitler) Eugene Usow (grandfather of Emily Kerstein)

March 8, 2024 Adar I 28, 5784

Louis Hollmann (father of Teresa Nelkin) Gertrude Schleifstein (grandmother of Julie Altman, Janet Bloom, and Judith Dubrov) Sophie Stern (grandmother of Judith Weingarten) Chuck Wasserman (husband of Rita Stark)

Stanley Zeskind (father of Leonard Zeskind)

March 9, 2024 Adar I 29, 5784

Glenn Amend (uncle of Carol Frankel) Henrietta Jean Crouch (grandmother of Mary Crouch Young)

Francis Rabicoff Haith (grandmother of Linda Turner) Jacob Myron (father of Mark Myron)

Mollie Shimkin (grandmother of Randi Friedlander, mother of Carol Sader and grandmother of Neil Sader and Elisa Waldman) Linda Stine (aunt of Anna Garcia)

March 10, 2024 Adar I 30, 5784

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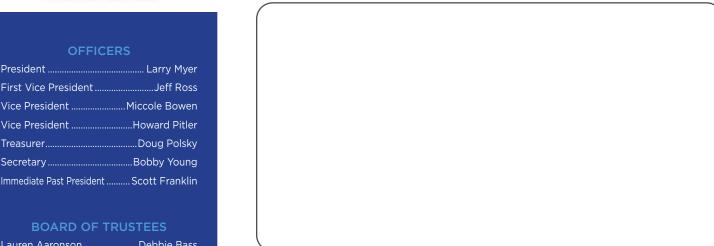






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