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Lach L'cha!

By Rabbi Howard Mandell



“THE PROTESTS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES”

Paraphrasing a famous quote by the great 20th Century American novelist, F. Scott Fitzgerald, historian Maynard Smith, in his book “Henry VIII and the Reformation,” wrote, in 1948,

“A broad-minded man, who can see both sides of the question and is ready to hold opposing truths while confessing that he cannot reconcile them, is at a manifest disadvantage with a narrow-minded man, who sees but one side, sees it clearly, and is ready to interpret the whole Bible, or if need be, the whole universe, in accordance with his formula.”

This quote came to mind for me, this past week, as I was watching the interview of a white Christian nationalist, who was being asked by the news interviewer, why she thought that the United States was and should be a Christian nation. Her response was as follows: “[Be]cause the United States’ being a Christian nation as well as the Christian God are mentioned repeatedly in the U.S. Constitution.”

When the interviewer respectfully challenged this assertion, asking her, “[A]re you sure of this,” the woman, in a very condescending tone, chastised the interviewer, saying, “[T]hat’s your problem, sir, had you read the U.S. Constitution, you would not have to ask me such a ridiculous question.” She then pulled out her iPhone and said, [H]ere, why don’t you see for yourself!”

How many times does the U.S. Constitution, in fact, mention the word “Christian” or the word “God”? Not once. In fact, the only time the word “religion” is mentioned is in the 6th Amendment, which exempts government office holders from a religious test, and in the 1st Amendment prohibits the establishment of any state religion.

In the Jewish *Mussar* Tradition, the foundational *midah*, or character trait, is *anavah*, or humility, for without humility, a person, the Tradition teaches, will likely not feel the need to look inward and be willing to acknowledge the need to grow and improve in other areas.

In my article, this month, I would like to talk about “humility” in the context of what has transpired, to date, with regard to the pro-Palestinian protests occurring on a number of college campuses in our country. I have thus asked myself, “whether I, as a Jew, a rabbi, and a strong supporter of the State of Israel, can even be objective with regard to these protests?”

As a Jew, I believe that I have a choice to make—I can follow the wisdom and teachings of our wise and venerable 2000 year old Rabbinic Tradition, which calls upon me to appreciate the complexity of life, and to recognize that no one individual, no one group, no one race, ethnicity, or religion, no one side possesses all of the “truth” or has all of the answers regarding these protests.

That none of us has all of the answers is borne out in the following representative teaching from the Talmud: Moses has just spent 40 days and nights on Mt. Sinai and has learned the Torah from God. For each legal case or issue, God has provided Moses 49 reasons to rule one way, and 49 reasons to rule another way.

Hoping to find certainty, not complexity, from the Jewish Tradition, Moses is more than a little flummoxed and cries out to God, “*Ribbono Shel Olam*, ‘Master of the Universe,’ [W]hat am I, what are the Jewish People to do with 98 opinions and possibilities on every subject and issue?” What Moses had not yet learned is that,

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what is most important in the Rabbinic Tradition is not so much the answer but the process followed in seeking to find the answer—the asking of questions and the listening to opposing views in an open minded and respectful manner.

I also have another way to approach these protests, one that I want to and can hopefully avoid. Rather than following the ways suggested by the Jewish Tradition, I can instead follow the approach of our contemporary secular society as demonstrated by the white Christian nationalist woman. “My position is the correct one; anyone taking a position contrary to mine is wrong.” Should there be evidence supporting another position, rather than my acknowledging that there may be some merit to the other position, I will merely practice cognitive dissonance, holding on even tighter to my own position and merely ignoring the evidence supporting a different opinion or position.

While I still have numerous questions and want to learn far more before forming or taking a strong position on many of the substantive issues being discussed by the protestors and their supporters, there are several things that I do feel strongly about and want to take the risk of sharing with you. I look forward to hearing from any of you, who may agree or disagree with what I am going to say. Recognizing that the protests are an emotionally charged issue, I do ask, however, that you do so respectfully.

First, no Jewish student should be made to feel unsafe on or in the environs of a campus, and that the University administration has a duty to do all in its power to protect Jewish students from verbal or physical attack.

Second, as one who participated in a number of anti-war and civil rights protests and demonstrations, both as a lawyer and a lay person, I wish more of the protestors understood the difference between speech and expression protected on a college campus by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; speech intended to harm or threaten another student that is not protected under the First Amendment on a college campus; and acts of civil disobedience, such as taking over a university building and refusing to leave even after being ordered to do so by the university administration and the police--while one can stay and ignore the order, true civil disobedience honors and respects the rule of law, so that the violator has historically been willing to accept the consequences.

In 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King, who as we all know participated in numerous acts of civil disobedience, explained how acts of civil disobedience should be undertaken: “When one breaks the law that conscience tells him is unjust, he must do so openly, he must do it cheerfully, he must do it lovingly, he must do it civilly—not uncivilly—and he must do it with a willingness to accept the penalty.”

While there is more that I would like to say about the protests—perhaps, we could have a program at the synagogue on the topic—my column is already quite long, so I will bring my column to a close by describing one thing that I feel the protests could do without, and one thing that I hope will happen to enable these protests and demonstrations, rather than being primarily disruptive and divisive, to become helpful and healing.

One thing that I believe the protests could do without is politicians, whether they be Republican or Democrat, exploiting the protests for their own and their party’s political gain, thus creating another divisive culture war. Nor does Prime Minister Netanyahu, with all due respect, do anything but make matters more difficult and

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challenging by his having made the inflammatory comments that he did last week, calling the protestors, a number of whom are Jewish, “antisemitic mobs” and comparing the protests to “what happened in German Universities in the 1930’s,” when Nazi youth groups worked with Nazi security forces to carry out Hitler’s genocidal agenda.

What is one thing that I hope will happen? The protestors will refrain from using polarizing and hyperbolic terms like “from the river to the sea,” and “Israel is a genocidal and apartheid nation,” which only serve to undermine their cause, and will instead sit down, hopefully with their Jewish classmates and together learn more about the history of and background to these terms and to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, with both groups recognizing that no one side has all of the truth or comes to the table with totally clean hands.

If this can happen, it is my hope that all those on the campus, concerned about what happened on October 7th in Israel and what has been happening in Gaza for the past 7 months, will then be able to truly listen respectfully and with an open mind and with compassion to each other’s stories, and to practice the teachings of Rev. King, so that their words and actions will be undertaken cheerfully, civilly, and with love in their hearts.

Then we, as a society, can at least come close to emulating the ways of the two great 1st century rabbis, Hillel and Shammai, who while rarely agreeing on any issue, always showed respect to the other, resulting in the Rabbis of the Talmud declaring that, even when disagreeing, both Hillel and Shammai spoke the word of God.

I would like to close my article with the following prayer:

Dear God, may these protests, rather than further dividing and polarizing those on our college and university campuses, as well as Jew and Arab and Israel and the Palestinian people, soon be infused with love and kindness, humility and compassion, and mutual respect on all sides, so that the protests can instead begin to play a salutary role in bringing about healing on the affected college campuses, a prompt and just end to the fighting in Gaza, the prompt return of the hostages to their families, freedom and renewed hope for the Palestinian people, safety and security for the State of Israel, and an end to Hamas’ almost 20 year reign of terror in both Israel and Gaza.

Kayn Yehi Ratzon!
May It Be Your Will!

Shalom Aleichem
Peace Be With You!

Rabbi Howard Mandell

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

By Jon Brody

April Brings Change

As the seasons change and Passover is upon us, we also will be seeing some changes to our physical space at CBI. If you haven't been to visit us in a while, come back during the next couple of months and see all the changes that are happening.

The first thing is we will be introducing our new library. Jill Schoenberg has been working hard getting it set up for all of us to enjoy. There will be between 400-500 of Jewish related books categorized as fiction, non-fiction and biography/memoir. Currently, we are getting them all in order on the shelf and numerically labeled. We then will have them logged into a computer database so they will be searchable on the library computer system we are repurposing from the office. We can also send out a listing to the membership so everyone will have an idea of what is available to borrow. There will be a simple check out/in process so that we can track what is out at any time.

The new computer setup in the library will not only host the library database, but it will also have the digital archives that we are establishing with various items representing the history of both Beth El and CTI and their predecessors. Some of this is further discussed below.

We have been working hard going through the items in our storage room trying to clean it out and determine what is actually in there. We have come across a number of items from Beth-El that we didn't realize we had. This is leading to the following projects:

- ✧ There is a Beth El Tree of Life that is similar to the one that CTI and CBI has. Rick Pike has taken on the project to reconstruct it and it will be put up on the wall outside of the library to balance out the CBI one on the other side. This tree has leaves and boulders representing the significant simchas and other events that occurred over the history of Beth-El.
- ✧ We found two additional large Yahrzeit plaques that are related to Anshe Shalum and we have made room for them to be hung up with all the other memorial plaques in the hallways.
- ✧ We found a lot of artwork. We have offered many of those to members or area congregations over the past year and some of them will be going up in the function room or other areas around the shul. One of these pieces may have some value and we are researching what is the best solution for that piece.
- ✧ We came across some beautiful tile artwork that was on the wall at Beth-El and also the Beth-El ark handles that are beautiful in their own right. We plan on putting both of these up on the walls in the sanctuary.
- ✧ We found the framed portraits of all the past presidents of Beth-El. We will be taking pictures of all of them and adding those to our digital library. We are looking for a volunteer who might be familiar with the Beth-El history to return as many of these pictures to relatives of the past presidents as we do not have space to put them up and no one can enjoy them sitting in a box in storage. If you can help with this, please let me know.
- ✧ We found hundreds of small brass name plates which we believe are former Beth-El members. These plates are just first and last name in English and were in big wooden cases. We made a motif of a large menorah out of them and then took digital pictures of all of them in the menorah motif which will be added to the digital archive on the computer. There are no Hebrew names or any dates on any of them so we will likely dispose of them now that we have an archive of them.
- ✧ We have found other boxes containing pictures and documents from both Beth El and CTI. We have been distributing the boxes out to appropriate people to go thru them and save what makes sense to save, take pictures of what should be archived and dispose of items that are no longer relevant.

We have decided to freshen up our function room. We have removed all of the white boards that were on two of the walls and are in the process of picking out the paint color to paint the room over the next few weeks. We want to thank Larry Soll and Burt Ochs, who will be leading this project. We then will be adorning the new open walls with some of the artwork that we had in storage.

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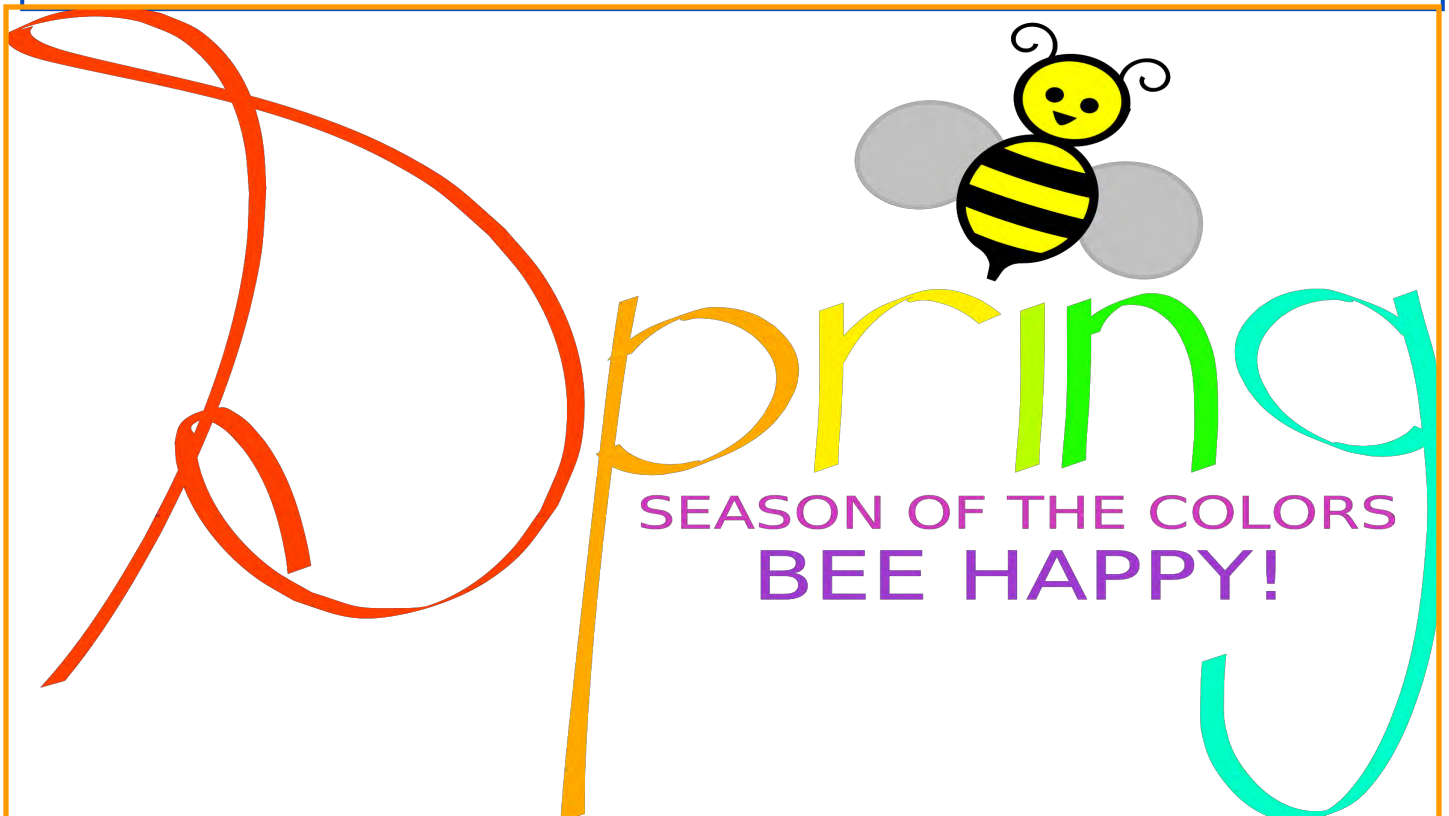
Finally, we will be installing some security cameras on the outside of the building. We received a grant from the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation for some of them. These cameras will be better quality than the one we have now and create a video recording, for some period of time, so that we can monitor access to our doors.

Some of these will be completed in time for the annual meeting and some of these projects may linger over the summer. We hope to have it all completed in time for the holidays in the fall.

On a different note, if you remember, last June we sent out a letter requesting everyone meet their annual pledge commitment or surpass it to help cover for those not able to meet it. The response was tremendous, and we had a fantastic June revenue and reduced our annual deficit to one of the lowest ever. I can see the revenue trend for the past several months has been slow. Many of you have met your annual commitment already, but others have not and we are in a similar situation as we were last time. However, this time we have two months before the fiscal year closes.

Please make sure you meet your annual commitment if you made one. If you didn't make a commitment, please try to surpass your donation from last year. If you already met your commitment, perhaps you can make an additional donation to help close the deficit and hope those who were not able to this year. There are great opportunities to do this occurring right now. In past years, we had an official Passover Appeal. If Passover is a holiday you like, you can make a donation in honor of Passover. The Yellow Candle Yom Hashoa program in memory of Lester Macklin is coming up and that is another great vehicle to make a donation. Finally, we have had some great simchas happening within our CBI community and more are on their way, so you can make a sizeable donation in honor or to celebrate a milestone birthday, anniversary, a new grandson or granddaughter joining a fellow member's family, etc. You get the idea.

I hope you had a beautiful Pesach and are looking forward to the flowers blooming, the birds chirping and weather warm enough to sit on the deck as much as I am.



KIDDUSH SPONSORS NEEDED

We have a few dates still available for the remainder of the year. Do you have a Yahrzeit coming up? Special Birthday? How about just because?

We can do the shopping and setup for a small fee of \$75.

The following dates are available:

- ☆ June 8
- ☆ June 22
- ☆ June 29

Please contact Janet at office @bethisraelmv.org or at 978.474.0540.

In Loving Memory

Memorial plaques for the loved ones of CBI members and friends who have passed away are on display in the CBI hallways to be viewed at any time.

To honor the memory of your loved one with a memorial or *yahrzeit* (anniversary of death) plaque at CBI, please contact Janet at 978.474.0540 or via [email](mailto:). The cost is \$250 per plaque.

CBI Cares

CBI Cares is here for you.

Please notify Barbara Moverman at

Barbara.moverman@gmail.com or

Janet at

office@bethisraelmv.org if you know of someone could

UPCOMING EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS!

May 5	Yom HaShoah Program
May 10	Bashert in Newburyport
May 12	Mother's Day
May 15	Jewish Heritage Night @ Fenway Park
May 19	Israeli Independence Celebration @ CBI
May 27	Memorial Day
May 28	Red Cross Blood Drive
May 30	Jewish Environmentalism and How to Save the Earth
June 12	1st day of Shavuot
June 24	Annual Meeting
June 30	Cooking and serving a meal at Lazarus Hours

**LESTER MACKLIN ANNUAL YOM
HaSHOAH PROGRAM**

Yom HaShoah

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLOCAUST

Congregation Beth Israel invites you to join us
in commemoration of Yom HaShoah

May 5th @ 10:30am

for breakfast and a special presentation by

Annie Kleinhaus, Holocaust Survivor

In person and via Zoom!



Congregation Ahavas Achim to Host Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Bashert

Newburyport's Congregation Ahavas Achim will host for a Shabbat Chai on Friday, May 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Bashert is an ensemble of seven vocalists and instrumentalists from Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley in Andover, Massachusetts. The band strives to engage the Jewish community through musical Friday night services, drawing on a variety of sources for melodies for Kabbalat Shabbat (welcoming the Jewish Sabbath). Each selection in the Kabbalat Shabbat service is arranged by the group, with sounds that range from soulful and contemplative to joyous and uplifting. Most of all, Bashert strives to render the melodies in ways that are appealing to and able to be sung by all, and enthusiastically encourages congregational participation throughout the service.

The service will be followed by a pot luck dinner buffet. There is no cost for the meal, and advance registration for the service and/or the meal is not required. All are welcome (not required) to contribute a dish to the pot luck. Please follow the synagogue's pot luck policy, which can be found at <https://images.shulcloud.com/509/uploads/2020/Potlucks.pdf>.

SOCIAL ACTION

Jewish Environmentalism and How to Save the Earth

Thursday, May 30: 6:00pm (dinner) and 7:00pm (Zoom program)

Please join the Social Action Committee for a program exploring Jewish environmental ethics and how people should morally interact with nature led by JALSA, the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action. The program covers the history of Jewish environmentalism, investigates texts from the Torah and Talmud, and connects these ideas with an action to advocate for legislation that supports sustainability and climate justice.

We will gather at CBI for a light dinner at 6:00 pm and the JALSA program, which will take place via Zoom, will begin at 7:00 pm. Please rsvp to Susannah Abbott at zaninandover@gmail.com if you would like to attend the dinner.

If you would prefer to participate in the program only via Zoom from your home, please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuc-yhrT8vGtHO9I7DXNHGA8kt1SfnGXXH>

We hope to see you then!

Cooking at Serving a Meal at Lazarus House

Sunday June 30 4:30pm

We are very excited to return to Lazarus House in Lawrence to serve dinner and welcome help with cooking, serving, or both. We will meet at Lazarus House at 4:30 or slightly later (depending on food prep needs) and provide dinner to about 13 adults and 12 children. Contributions of side dishes, beverages, and desserts are all welcome. If you would like to participate, please let Susannah know (zaninandover@gmail.com).

Thank you for joining us in Tikkun Olam!

Susannah Abbott and Amy Friedman Lee
Social Action Committee Co-Chairs



Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Consider making a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund which gives Rabbi Mandell the ability to purchase or fund items that benefit the synagogue, our members, and our neighbors in need. Kindly send your donation to Janet in the CBI office, **check made out to CBI, including the notation "RDF"**, and it will be credited accordingly.

Thank you for your generosity!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The CBI Board of Directors will meet on Monday, **May 13th** at 7:15pm for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

All Board Meetings are open to the membership. If you would like to attend, RSVP no later than May 10th to Janet at 978.474.0540 or office@BethIsraelMV.org and the Zoom link will be provided, along with an agenda.

The June 2024
Bulletin deadline is
Friday, May 26, 2024

Send your articles to
Newsletter@BethIsraelMV.org with
"May Newsletter"
as the subject.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES MAY 2024

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

יום הולדת שמח

Barbara Brody	May 2
Stephen Ochs	May 7
Barbara Garnick	May 9
Jordan Tye	May 9
Robin Insuik	May 10
Thelma Kaplan	May 12
Jonathan Abbott	May 19
Julie Rose	May 19
Sarah Blumenstock	May 21
Leslie Silverstein	May 25
Gayle Tye	May 25
Brett Silverstein	May 27
Mike Roesler	May 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Robin & Mike Rose
May 19

Michelle & Larry Soll
May 30

Best wishes for
many more
healthy and happy
celebrations!



Join us for Kiddush Luncheon following Shabbat Morning Services!

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<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Occasion</u>
Barbara Moverman	April 13	In memory of her beloved brother, Martin Howard Armel
Jill Schoenberg	April 20	In memory of her beloved mother, Dora Schoenberg
Gary Mauser	April 20	In memory of his beloved wife, Rosalie Mauser
Tye Family	April 27	In memory of their beloved wife, mother, & grandmother, Bernice Tye
Mitchell Shek	April 27	In memory of Bill Shek's beloved wife, Jill Aszling

Donations to the Kiddush Fund are always gratefully accepted.

Upcoming dates are available to honor / remember loved ones
and / or special events / holidays.

UPCOMING EVENTS

☆ Sunday, May 5 — Yom HaShoah Program @ 10:30am	☆ Monday, May 27th — Memorial Day
☆ Friday, May 10th — Bashert at Congregation Ahavas Achim, Newburyport	☆ Tuesday, May 28th — Red Cross Blood Drive
☆ Sunday, May 12th — Mother's Day	☆ Thursday, May 30th — Jewish Environmentalism and How to Save the Earth
☆ Wednesday, May 15th — Jewish Heritage Night at Fenway Park	☆ Friday, June 7th — Shabbat Chai ☆ Wednesday, June 12th — Sukkot Services @ 9:00am
☆ Sunday, May 19th — Israeli Independence Day Celebration @ 7:00pm	☆ June 20th — Book Club "Little Liar" ☆ Monday, June 24th — Annual Meeting

Kind & Generous Donations

TEMPLE FUND

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>OCCASION</u>
Ellen & Jon Brody	Debby & Alan Friedman	Mazel Tov on your 50 th Anniversary!
Ellen & Jon Brody	Susannah & Rob Abbott	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Darius Henry
Cindy & Burt Ochs	Gayle & Jeff Tye	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Jonah Rafael!
Cindy & Burt Ochs	Dara Tye & Josh Goldberg	Mazel Tov on the birth of your son, Jonah Rafael!
Ellen & Jon Brody	Gayle & Jeff Tye	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Jonah Rafael!
Ed Sloan	Gayle & Jeff Tye	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Jonah Rafael!
Jill Schoenberg	Gayle & Jeff Tye	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Jonah Rafael!
Tina & Howie Spector	Gayle & Jeff Tye	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Jonah Rafael!
Elaine Winic	Gayle & Jeff Tye	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Jonah Rafael!
Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts	Gayle & Jeff Tye	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Jonah Rafael!
Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts	Elaine Winic	Thank you for your brilliant Purim spiel you created with love.
Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts	Ellen Macklin	Hope you are back on your feet quickly!
Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts	Paul Garnick	Hoping you continue to get well.
Ellen Macklin	Gayle & Jeff Tye	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Jonah Rafael!
The Yaffa Family	David & Daryl Sissman	In memory of their beloved mother, Irene Smith

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The Yaffa Family

James & Hyla White

In memory of their beloved mother, Irene Smith

The Yaffa Family

In memory of their beloved aunt, Irene Smith

Elaine Winic

Ellen & Jon Brody

Condolences on the loss of of your beloved, Nestle

Elaine Winic

Basha Brody

Mazel Tov on your birthday!

Yahrzeit Donations

MOURNER

DEPARTED

Gary Mauser

Rosalie Mauser, Wife

Philip Onigman

Molly Isenberg, Aunt

Zoila & Lawrence Feldman

Zelda Schneider, Aunt

Sheila Byers & Family

Ann Miller, Mother & Grandmother

Donna Chedekel

Lucille Finkelstein, Mother

Ellen Macklin

David Fischer, Brother

Ellen Macklin

Anna Macklin, Mother-in-law

Robert Berman

Bernard Berman, Father

Les Tye

Bernice (Bunny) Tye, Wife

Michael Gerstein

Ruth Gerstein, Mother

Gerald S. Zidle

Lillian Rosenberg Zidle, Mother

Alyssa Onigman

Harold Levenstein, Father

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Fay Lebowitz

Harold Habelow, Father

Fay Lebowitz

Tina Habelow, Mother

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Ellen & Jon Brody

LESTER MACKLIN ANNUAL YOM HASHOAH — YELLOW CANDLE

FROM

Ellen Macklin

Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts

Jerry Golner

Jill Schoenberg

Suzanne & Ron Grosz

Gerald Krantweiss

Natalie Greenblatt

Edward Sloan

Terry Fetters

Sarah Blumenstock & Kris Girrell

Ellen & Jon Brody

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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>OCCASION</u>
Barbara & Bob Moverman	Rabbi Mandell	In recognition of his ongoing support and nurturing of Bashert.
Ellen & Jon Brody	Rabbi Mandell	Sale of Chametz
Howard & Melodie Teich	Rabbi Mandell	Sale of Chametz
Jerry Golner	Rabbi Mandell	Sale of Chametz
Natalie Greenblatt	Rabbi Mandell	Sale of Chametz
Ed Sloan	Rabbi Mandell	Sale of Chametz
Alan Rabinovitz	Rabbi Mandell	Sale of Chametz
Elaine Winic	Rabbi Mandell	Mazel Tov on your award!

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Please join us on Sunday,
May 19th @ 7:00pm
As we celebrate Israel Independence Day
We will watch the movie
“Golda”
together and feast on Israeli snacks.



The following names will be read, and people remembered at <i>Yahrzeit</i>, on Shabbat Morning			
MAY 4—10 26 NISAN — 2 IYYAR	MAY 11 — 17 3 IYYAR — 9 IYYAR	MAY 18 — 24 10 IYYAR — 16 IYYAR	MAY 25 — 31 17 IYYAR — 23 IYYAR
Natalie Arkin Moshe Leib Baylin Risha Baylin Sarah Berenson Meyer Bloch Sarah Silberstein Bruska Alice E. Cohen Lucille Finkelstein Jacob Fleet Ruth Gerstein Karl M. Gladstone Gladys Goodman Leah Goodman William Goodman Harold Habelow Joseph Hurwitz Rebecca Kaplan Arnold Lazar Harold Levenstein Milton M. Neusner Abraham Novick Sophie Lax Robinson Phyllis Roth Jeffrey Rubin Florence Sacrofsky Max Sacrofsky Abraham Sandler Hanna Shatz Ezra Shrager Louis M. Silverman Fannie B. Stein Myer B. Stern Herman Triansky	Harold Bass Eunice Berman Maurice Bishoff Pearl Ida Bronstein William Cantor David S. Chedekel Lena S. Cohen Arlene Donenfeld Lillian G. Elias Celia Gerstein Esther Rea Goodman Benjamin Greenblatt Samuel Karp Ida J. Keiter Harry Koffman Claire Koor Morris Lasden Frederick Minkle Samuel Price Adelaide Rappaport Eunice Rungren Dora Sadagursky Marion Shafman Edith Lillian Shainwald Betty Shapiro Anne Sharcoff Ethel (Malis) Shepatin Harry Shiffman Louis Silverman Leonard Somers Abraham Steinberg Sadie Traub Benjamin White Rita Wigdor Annie Sandler Wishney	Peter Scott Bain Harry Bernstein Rivka Blotner Rebecca Borenstein Sadie Burdick Scott Cheek Joseph Freedman David Gardner Lillian Gerber Helen Sarah Glassman Judith Black Goldberg Ethel Gordon Doris Halpern Sherman Jacobson Leo Kruger Lottie Goodman Lax Bessie B. Levine Freya Hirsch McGrath Ethel Michelson Norma Neusner Jacob Neusner Abraham Orenstein Ephraim Pasman Fannie Porton Max Rambach Genevieve H. Millen Seder Max Seigel Louis Shamesman Sadye Simmons Julia Snyder Howard Bruce Sobil Melvina Strauss Ida Teich Rabbi Joseph Warren Philip Zeller Sarah Zidle	Ruth Bachner Robert Bacon Leonard Berenson Maurice Brams Harold Brody Ben Carity Lillian Davidson Robert Delinsky Joseph Ellis Hyman Farber Israel Feferholtz Rose Feuer Cyrus Fidler Morris Fischer Gertrude Fleischman Willis Frank Sylvia L. Gerson Maurice A. Gerson Ruth Glazer Fanny Hershfield Caryl Hughes George J. Levine Walter I. Mascott Gerald Moverman Rebecca Needle Harry Newman Judith Black Newman Sylvia Pann George Poulten Reuben Rosengard Mark Rosengard Hyman Scolnick Hyman Shay Jennie Silverman Harry Silverstein George A. Silverwatch Ruth Lerner Stein Nassy Steinberg Philip Tinter Joyce Cohen Weiner Ray Weissman

COMMUNITY NOTICES

מזל טוב - Mazel Tov, Congratulations

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Mandell for being inducted into Merrimack College's Honor Society.

Mazel Tov to Gayle & Jeff Tye on the birth of their grandson, Jonah Rafael



תודה רבה ~ Todah Rabah, Thank You

Jon Brody, Hilary Guida, & Bill Shek for cleaning the kitchen for Passover.

THURSDAY NIGHT MINYAN

**Regularly scheduled on the 1st & 3rd
Thursdays of each month**

Thursday, May 2 & 16 @ 7:00pm

You are invited to join us whenever you can to support the congregants and friends who are in mourning or observing a yahrzeit of a loved one.

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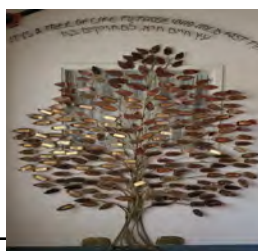
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May 2024

Nisan — Iyyar 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 23 Nisan 8th day of Omer	2 24 Nisan 9th day of Omer Minyan @ 7:00PM	3 25 Nisan 10th day of Omer 7:29pm Candle Lighting	4 26 Nisan 11th day of Omer Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 8:36pm
5 27 Nisan 12th day of Omer Yom HaShoah Program @ 10:30am	6 28 Nisan 13th day of Omer Yom HaShoah Board Meeting @ 7:15pm	7 29 Nisan 14th day of Omer Mah Jongg @ 7:00pm Yom HaAtzma'ut	8 30 Nisan 15th day of Omer Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	9 1 Iyyar 16th day of Omer	10 2 Iyyar 17th day of Omer 7:37pm Candle Lighting Bashert @ Newburyport	11 3 Iyyar 18th day of Omer Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 8:45pm
12 4 Iyyar 19th day of Omer 	13 5 Iyyar 20th day of Omer Yom HaZikaron	14 6 Iyyar 21st day of Omer Mah Jongg @ 7:00pm	15 7 Iyyar 22nd day of Omer Jewish Heritage Night at Fenway Park	16 8 Iyyar 23rd day of Omer Minyan @ 7:00PM	17 9 Iyyar 24th day of Omer 7:44pm Candle Lighting	18 10 Iyyar 25th day of Omer Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 8:54pm
19 11 Iyyar 26th day of Omer Israeli Independence Day Celebration @ 7:00pm	20 12 Iyyar 27th day of Omer	21 13 Iyyar 28th day of Omer Mah Jongg @ 7:00pm	22 14 Iyyar 29th day of Omer Pesach Sheni	23 15 Iyyar 30th day of Omer	24 16 Iyyar 31st day of Omer 7:51pm Candle Lighting	25 17 Iyyar 32nd day of Omer Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 9:01pm
26 18 Iyyar 33rd day of Omer Lag BaOmer	27 19 Iyyar 34th day of Omer MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	28 20 Iyyar 35th day of Omer Red Cross Blood Drive NO Mah Jongg	29 21 Iyyar 36th day of Omer	30 22 Iyyar 37th day of Omer Jewish Environmentalism and How to Save the Earth Program @ 6:30pm	31 23 Iyyar 38 hth day of Omer 7:57pm Candle Lighting	



June 2024

Iyyar — Sivan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 24 Iyyar 39th day of Omer Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Shabbat Mevorchim Hahodesh Havdalah @ 9:09pm
2 25 Iyyar Och's Baby Naming 40th day of Omer	3 26 Iyyar 41st day of Omer	4 27 Iyyar 42nd day of Omer Mah Jongg @ 7:00pm	5 28 Iyyar 43rd day of Omer Yom Yerushalayim	6 29 Iyyar 44th day of Omer Minyan @ 7:00PM	7 1 Sivan 45th day of Omer SHABBAT CHAI Rosh Chodesh Sivan 8:02pm Candle Lighting	8 2 Sivan 46th day of Omer Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 9:14pm
9 3 Sivan 47th day of Omer	10 4 Sivan 48th day of Omer Board Meeting @ 7:15pm	11 5 Sivan 49th day of Omer Erev Shavuot 8:04pm Candle Lighting	12 6 Sivan Shavuot Day 1 Services @ 9:00am 9:16 Candle Lighting	13 7 Sivan Shavuot Day 1 Yizkor Services @ 9:00am 9:17 Candle Lighting	14 8 Sivan 8:06pm Candle Lighting	15 9 Sivan Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 9:18pm
16 10 Sivan	17 11 Sivan	18 12 Sivan Mah Jongg @ 7:00pm	19 13 Sivan	20 14 Sivan Minyan @ 7:00PM BOOK CLUB "Little Liar" by Mitch Albom	21 15 Sivan 8:08pm Candle Lighting	22 16 Sivan Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 9:20pm
23 17 Sivan	24 18 Sivan ANNUAL MEETING	25 19 Sivan Mah Jongg @ 7:00pm	26 20 Sivan	27 21 Sivan	28 22 Sivan 8:08pm Candle Lighting	29 23 Sivan Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Shabbat Mevorchim Havdalah @ 9:19pm
30 24 Sivan Cook & Serve a meal at Lazarus House						