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THE VOICE OF BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

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Saturday Services begin at 9:00 am
East Metro Morning Minyan at Beth Jacob

Monday - Friday: 7:15 am

Rosh Chodesh and Chol Hamoed: 7:00 am

Federal Holiday: 8:30 am

Join any of these services online via Zoom at:

[Beth-Jacob.org/Minyan](https://beth-jacob.org/Minyan)

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A LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Beth Jacob Community,

It's with great joy that I share updates from my role as Director of Congregational Learning. As many of you know, this year has brought me full circle in a unique way, serving a congregation where I first learned so much. One of the most profound experiences of return has been our Talmud class, sitting around the very same table where I first learned Talmud with Rabbi Allen on Monday nights in 2014.

Studying Masechet Ta'anit with our wonderful community members has offered an opportunity for shared learning and growth. As we delved into Ta'anit 7a, the words of Rav Nahman bar Yitzhak resonated deeply: "Why are Torah matters likened to a tree... just as a small piece of wood can ignite a large piece, so too, minor Torah scholars can sharpen great Torah scholars and enable them to advance in their studies." And in the words of what Rabbi Hanina said, "I have learned much from my teachers and even more from my friends, but from my students I have learned more than from all of them."

True to this teaching, while I am not identifying myself as a great Torah scholar, and certainly do not see any of you as minor Torah scholars, in the spirit of Rav Nahman bar Yitzhak's words, I have learned immensely from each and every one of you. Your active participation, diverse perspectives, and thirst for knowledge have enriched my own understandings. I truly have learned even more from you, my friends.

In the words of Rabbi Hanina, I have been so fortunate to have learned from Rabbi Allen, Rabbi Rubin and daily from Rabbi Tamar, and am so grateful for her teaching and mentorship. And in the spirit of Rabbi Hanina, I have gotten to learn so much from your, from our, children.

I'm thrilled to report on the success of our Shabbat Morning School. The Torah Extravaganza was a highlight, showcasing the creativity and enthusiasm of our young learners alongside their parents. The weekly Minyan Katan continues to be an inspiring space for young children to experience the joy of communal prayer. I still tear up thinking about a conversation I had with a parent shortly after October 7th. As we walked out of Minyan Katan together he looked at me and simply said, "that was exactly what I needed." Watching our 4 and 5 year olds joyfully sing, dance and pray, the words of Modeh Ani ring out - I am thankful before You, living and enduring God, for you have mercifully restored my soul within me.

Additionally, the introduction of monthly Tot Shabbat programs has proven to be a wonderful way to connect our youngest members and their families through singing, stories, and play has been a fantastic addition to our community.

As I recently shared in a d'var Torah, we will be expanding Beth Jacob's youth educational offerings beginning this fall. We have begun the creation process by defining our educational values that will anchor our program. We are assembling a youth education task force to help me bring our vision into reality. I will continue to share updates with the community as we make our way toward September. If you are interested in the process, want to learn more, or share any ideas with me, please reach out.

While our BJUSY chapter may be small, their dedication is anything but. Our teens did a fantastic job running the annual pancake breakfast, raising nearly \$4,000.00. They stayed up nearly all night preparing the Purim carnival which was a resounding success! The energy and spirit of the day were palpable. It was a testament to the strength of our community to be able to bring the joy of Purim to us as Jews at this moment.

I would be remiss if I didn't express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated teachers and B'nai Mitzvah tutors. Their tireless efforts, patience, and love for their students are the foundation upon which our learning and growth thrive.

As we make our way towards Pesach, Z'man Heruteinu זמן חרותנו, the season of our freedom, we prepare to mark the biggest miracle God did for us, releasing the Israelites from bondage. In doing so, we practice two rituals that bring our attention to the smaller miracles, instituting the prayer for dew (Mordit haTal, "Who brings down dew") and meticulously counting each day of the Omer. In doing so, I hope to notice all the small things that contribute to fostering our wonderful community. I hope in engaging in these two rituals my attention will be drawn to the overlooked lessons I have learned from so many of our community members that enable me to be a part of, and serve this wonderful community.

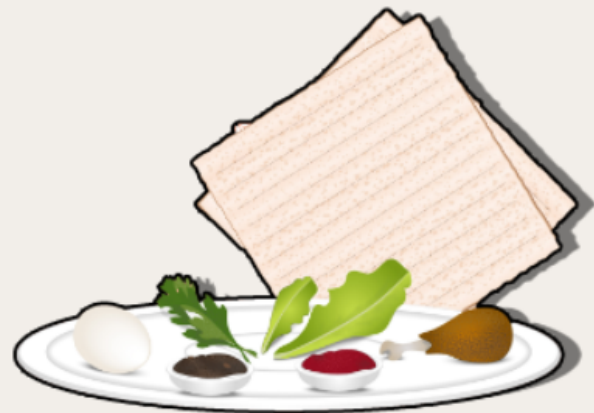
Chag kasher v'sameach, may you find this season of freedom in good health and joy,

Rabbi Justin Held
Director of Congregational Learning



Rabbi Justin Held

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PESACH
AT A GLANCE
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April 16 - 17 **Wine & Chocolate Pickup**

April 22 **Erev Pesach**
7 am minyan, followed by Siyyum & Hametz Burning

April 23 - 24 Chag Days (Office Closed)

9 am - Noon Services
Light Kiddush

April 25 - 26 Chol Hamoed Breakfast following Minyan

April 28
TOA Minyan

April 29 - 30
Chag Days
(Office Closed)

9 am - Noon Services
Light Kiddush

Chol Hamoed minyanim are followed by a light breakfast sponsored by the Neal & Sandy Gale Chol Hamoed Breakfast Endowment in memory of Norm & Annetta Abrams (z"l), Harvey & Florence Gale (z"l), and Neal's brother, Edward Gale (z"l).

Pre-PASSOVER POST KIDDUSH LEARNING

APRIL 13: SARA LYNN NEWBERGER & BARBIE LEVINE - "MAKING THE SEDER MEANINGFUL"

Join Sara Lynn Newberger and Barbie Levine for this class in which they will walk you through parts of the Haggadah and share ideas of how to make your Passover seder meaningful and engaging.

APRIL 20: RABBI TAMAR - "NAVIGATING PESACH KASHRUT IN COMMUNITY"

In the age of Rav Google, how do I know which standards of kashrut are normative in our community? How do I navigate having people over or eating at someone else's home during Pesach if we have different approaches to kashrut on Pesach? Together we will explore recent developments in the Rabbinical Assembly's Pesach guide, share information about Sephardic rabbis whose p'sak (rulings) are on the internet, and discuss how to navigate shared meals.

PASSOVER PREP



WINE AND CHOCOLATE SALE

Order deadline Thursday April 4
Pick up April 16 and 17 - 6:00-8:30 pm

Support Beth Jacob's BJUSY, Gesher, and BJuniors youth programs, and enjoy wine and chocolate that is both delicious and kosher for Passover! Evening pick up will be April 16 - 17 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

To order online scan the QR code or visit: [Beth-jacob.org/wine](https://beth-jacob.org/wine)



SEDER FOR ALL

Monday, April 22, or Tuesday, April 23
Deadline Friday, April 12

Pesach is coming. The first seder is Monday April 22 and the second is Tuesday April 23. We are a community that values the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim (Welcoming Guests). To put that mitzvah into action, Beth Jacob is committed to making it possible for everyone to participate in a seder. Do you have a space or spaces at your seder table? Would you like to share a seder at another's table?

Please fill out the form included in this letter or visit [Beth-jacob.org/sederforall](https://beth-jacob.org/sederforall) to submit online.

SELL YOUR HAMETZ

Deadline Friday, April 19, 2024 - 10 am

If you would like authorize Rabbi Tamar to sell your hametz on your behalf this year, please fill out the form below or, in the more traditional manner, come by the shul to briefly meet with her and personally effect the kinyan, "transfer of sale." The sale of Hametz is conducted between a representative of the Shul, Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm, and a non-Jewish person. At the conclusion of Pesach, the hametz returns to its original owner

Please send in the form attached to this letter or visit [Beth-jacob.org/hametz](https://beth-jacob.org/hametz) to submit online.

WOMEN'S SEDER

Thursday, April 11 at 5:45 pm - 8:30 pm
Temple of Aaron, 616 Mississippi Blvd., St. Paul

This seder is for women and those who feel most comfortable in women-centered spaces. The seder is offered to you free of cost. We welcome and appreciate donations to the Temple of Aaron Women's Seder Fund.

Thank you to Made & Peter Wilton, Temple of Aaron Sisterhood, Women of Mount Zion Temple, and Beth Jacob Congregation for their generous sponsorship of this year's seder.



SPRING GALA RECAP

Our “L’dor Vador” Spring Gala was a great success!



About 120 of us gathered in the shul on Sunday March 3 for our annual spring fundraiser event. The silent auction was buzzing, the “heavy appetizers” made by Brian Millberg’s sister Fraya Berg were a big hit, and the schmoozing was fantastic! As usual, the live auction with our auctioneer Glen Fladeboe was both fun and entertaining, and it was very successful in raising much-needed funds for our shul. Together we raised just over \$64,000! After expenses to put on the Gala, we’ll have net proceeds of about \$60,000.

There are many people to thank for making this event successful. There are too many to fit here, so I will list them by category. Here’s a big round of applause for: our silent auction donors, the live auction donors, everyone who pledged our congregational needs funds, all of the volunteers, all of the shul staff, and last, but most certainly not least, the members of the Gala Steering Committee. These Committee members put in SO many hours in a rather compressed timeframe, I really must name them all: Barry Kantrowitz, Bernie Miller, Brian Millberg, Geoff Marshall, Linda Perry, Mike Keller, Sharon Press, and Tessa Silver.

L’sholom,
Geoff Marshall, Steering Committee Chairperson

For the program visit: beth-jacob.org/springgala

MAZAL TOV ON UPCOMING SIMCHA’S



May 18 - Mazel Tov to Perel Silver on her Bat Mitzvah

My name is Perel Silver and I like arts & crafts, and dogs. I'm in the 7th grade at Sanford Middle School in Minneapolis. My family members are Abba and Papa, my Ima and her girlfriend Ann and my older sister Ruth. My parsha is Emor. It talks about some of our holidays like Rosh Hashannah, Sukkot and Yom Kippur and it also talks about the rules for priests and a bunch of rules for us in general. My bat mitzvah project will be picking up garbage because I'm really concerned about the planet and I want to help the homeless because thinking about how some people are homeless makes me sad.

June 1 - Mazel to Saul Stein on his Bar Mitzvah

Saul is in seventh grade at Cyber Village Academy. He has a twin sister, two older brothers, probably parents around somewhere, and most importantly, a dog. Saul is a black belt in tae kwon do and can do a lot of knuckle push-ups. He mainly enjoys playing computer games with his friends, playing non-computer games with his friends, and doing pretty much anything else with his friends. He also loves plushes, chocolate-covered pretzels, black pepper tofu, and all things that are cute.



July 6 - Mazel Tov on the Aufruf of Louis Hunter and Giulia Girgenti



Please join us in celebrating the aufruf of Louis Hunter and Giulia Girgenti on Saturday, July 6th. Kiddush luncheon following services will be sponsored by Louis' parents Mark and Julie Hunter, in honor of the couple's wedding on Sunday, July 7th. Both the aufruf and wedding will take place on Rosh Chodesh Tammuz. We wish them renewal for a life together of goodness and blessing, sustenance and peace, and success in all their endeavors.

YOUTH

THE EMTZAS

April 19 - 21, 2024

Sunstream Retreat Center, Ogden, IA

Registration ends April 4

Spring Kallah, the last event of the 2023-2024 school year, is taking place at Sunstream Retreat Center in Ogden, Iowa. All Jewish teens in 8th - 12th grade are welcome to join us for a fun-filled weekend of programming, food, installations, and friends. USY will staff the weekend (1:8 ratio) including your synagogue advisors. We will observe Shabbat, eat delicious kosher food, and socialize with camp and shul friends.

Register at: emtza.org/springkallah



CMT

Friday, May 3 - Sunday, May 5

Calling all USYers! Join us Friday, May 3 - Sunday, May 5 for our annual Chapter Membership Training! CMT is a weekend retreat just for BJUSYers! It's the first USY program to which eighth graders are invited, the last big program for our seniors, and most BJUSYers' favorite program of the year! CMT is held at a camp. We will leave Friday after school, and return mid-Sunday. There are lots of awesome things planned for the weekend; trust us, you do NOT want to miss it! More information will be coming out soon, so stay tuned!

FINAL BANQUET

Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 PM

Our annual BJUSY Final Banquet will be on Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 PM at Beth Jacob. A RSVP form will be sent in advance. Come celebrate all of our BJUSYers and the hard work they have put in to make this year a success!



USY SUMMER EXPERIENCE

On a USY Summer Experience, you will gain independence and a better sense of self, form lifelong bonds of friendship with teens from across North America, be immersed in other cultures and see the world from a different perspective, develop a deeper understanding of global issues and conflict, repair the world in local communities through volunteer work and service, and discover the joy of Jewish living through fun, meaningful experiences that create a lasting impact! Contact Ethan with any questions youth@beth-jacob.org.

BOARD ELECTIONS

We will be holding BJUSY Board Elections at CMT. If you are interested in running for a board position, please let Youth Director Ethan Fine know what position you are planning to run for. Contact Ethan with any questions youth@beth-jacob.org!

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

We are delighted to announce that we are adding 4 more dates for Community Conversations. Over 150 people have already signed up. AND we want your voice too! These sessions have been well attended, interesting and informative. People are enjoying the opportunity to connect and to have serious conversations about this shul that we care about.

Save the Date:

June 4 - Community Conversations Town Hall



THE NEW DATES ARE:

Sunday, April 7 at 2:30 – 4:30 pm in-person

Tuesday, April 16 at 7 – 9 pm on Zoom

Thursday, May 2 at 7:15 – 9:15 pm in-person

Sunday, May 5 at 2:30-4:30 pm in-person

Sign up at: beth-jacob.org/comconvo

UPCOMING EVENTS

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS ACTIVE SHOOTER MITIGATION PERSONAL PROTECTION SECURITY TRAINING April 9, 2024

Andy Kemp of Kemp Protective Services will provide a training on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:30pm for the Beth Jacob Congregation. The training is intended to help our congregation to become more proactive with situational awareness, personal protection, and active shooter mitigation.

At this time of increased antisemitism, we will learn to perceive, and effectively respond to one's surroundings. The training will identify effective actions to mitigate casualties for our personal protection.

The trainer, Andy Kemp has over 15 years of private security experience, and is currently the security director for Torah Academy and owner of Kemp Protective Services, LLC. He is an Active Shooter Mitigation Instructor / ALICE Instructor, Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Martial Arts Instructor, Defensive Tactics and Intermediate Weapons Instructor, Law Enforcement Certified Firearms Instructor, Certified Behavioral Detection Officer. This training will be attended by the BJC Security Team and is open to our entire congregation. Please put this on your calendar and seriously consider attending.

This training is sponsored by a generous donation by to the BJC security training fund.

SCIENTISTS IN SYNAGOGUES - HOW DO JUDAISM AND SCIENCE INTERCONNECT? May 4 - 5, 2024

May 4th - Shabbat Program

Please join us for our second Scientists in Synagogues weekend programming. There will be multiple opportunities to participate this weekend. The shabbat D'var will be on Judaism and Medical Issues with a post kiddish learning led by Dr. Laurence Savett, MD. The focus will be discussing end of life care and related topics.



May 5th - Programming

Sunday's program will feature a guest speaker and panel discussion that explores more deeply the science and religion around specific medical issues. Programming will be in person with the option to attend virtually.



This is one of the four programs for the Scientists in Synagogues educational grant received for 2023-2024.



YOM HASHOAH, MN AND THE DAKOTAS' ANNUAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION May 5, 2024

**Bet Shalom Congregation
13613 Orchard Rd, Minnetonka, MN 55305**

The Yom HaShoah Commemoration is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, Children of Holocaust Survivors Association of Minnesota (CHAIM), Minneapolis Jewish Federation, St. Paul Jewish Federation, Generations After MN, and the Micki and Mort Naiman Holocaust Education Fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS



BETH JACOB GOES TO THE BALLPARK WITH MT. ZION 360 N Broadway St, St Paul, MN 55101

Watch the Saints take on the Toledo Mudhens on Tuesday, June 18, 7:07 pm at CHS Field. Front gates open 90 minutes prior to game time.

The last day to order tickets is on Friday, May 17. Your tickets will be mailed to you between May 27 and June 7.

For tickets scan the QR code or visit: [Beth-jacob.org/Ballpark](https://beth-jacob.org/Ballpark)



BETH JACOB ANNUAL MEETING June 19, 2024 at Beth Jacob

Come to Beth Jacob's 2024 Annual Meeting. We will update you on the state of Beth Jacob, recognize our outgoing leaders, and welcome our 2024-2025 Board of Trustees. Additionally, we will honor this year's winner of the Bud Sweet Award. This year's event will be held in person at Beth Jacob, but will also be available via livestream on our YouTube page.

RSVP at: [Beth-jacob.org/Annualmeeting](https://beth-jacob.org/Annualmeeting)



TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT - A NIGHT OF LEARNING

June 11 - Tikkun

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
11:00 pm - Torah Walk
11:30 pm - Until sunrise
at Erin Webb's House

June 12 - Shavuot Services

9:00 am - 11:30 am
Followed by Shavuot
Picnic Lunch

June 13 - Shavuot Day 2

9:00 am - 11:30 am
Followed by Kiddush

Save-The-Date

- May 11 - Teacher Appreciation + Yom Siddur/Tikkun
- May 30 - St. Paul Federation Annual Meeting
- June 28 - Shabbatluck in the park



Sunday, May 12 @ 7-8 pm | Beth El Synagogue



Sunday, May 19 @ 2-4 pm
Minnesota JCC Sabes Center

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The theme of this year's fundraiser was L'Dor Va Dor: Celebrating every decade. Inspire every generation. I'm not a founder, but I'm related to some. I didn't grow up at Beth Jacob, but my children have. Now that they are both past their bat mitzvot, how involved will they want to be in this community? Will they stay here as adults? Will they raise their children (if they choose to have any!) here? Only time will tell.

Except 'only time will tell' is a little too passive a phrase for me when it comes to engagement and this community. How involved our congregants are related to many things we can control-or at least make sure we're putting effort into. We all have something to give. Time, money, kindness. We all hopefully receive something as well. Spirituality, community, a sense of worth.

Like many of you, I'm gearing up for a busy Spring. Anxiously awaiting hamantaschen and much less enthusiastically, matza. Will March and April dump snow on us and postpone outdoor activities? In weather, I concede that only time will tell.

Thank you all for letting me work with you and serve this community to the best of my abilities.
Orit Ackerman, Board of Trustees President

RITUAL COMMITTEE

The Ritual Committee, working with our Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm, supports diverse egalitarian lay leadership and uplifting haimish communal participation in Shabbat, Yom Tov, and weekday services. Here is some of our recent and upcoming work: 1) We are laying the groundwork to plan seminars or mini-retreats for our service leaders and Torah readers to connect and support mindful growth and intentionality in our davening and leyning practices. 2) We are talking about musicality and congregational singing to grow ruach and meaningful communal participation during the Shabbat morning service. 3) Believe it or not, we are already starting our High Holiday planning.

If you would like to lead or learn to lead Shabbat morning services or read Torah, we want and value you! For davening, contact Mira: mira.miller@outlook.com. For Torah reading, contact Giulia Girgenti or Aaron Silver: leyning@beth-jacob.org.

SHUL CLOUD INTEGRATION

ShulCloud is Beth Jacob's synagogue management software system. We use it for all manner of record keeping and communications with our community, and we continue to work diligently to clean up - and update - information from our old systems, including household account information, personal information, and Yahrzeits. As we mentioned in our last Kol Ya'akov update, properly observing Yahrzeits is one of the highest priorities we have. To that end, one of the things we use ShulCloud for is sending out Yahrzeit letters to observers. If you did not receive a Yahrzeit letter you expected, please let us know so that we can fix our ShulCloud information in a timely manner.

Feel free to contact me directly, or the synagogue office. We are more than happy to help! Bernie Miller, ShulCloud Integration 651-792-6563 mille328@comcast.net

BUILDING UPDATE

Over the past 18 months, our synagogue has undergone several repairs, replacements, and updates, including repainting the chapel, education wing hallways, and youth lounge, updating paper towel and toilet paper dispensers, replacing fluorescent lamps with LED bulbs, installing name plaques on staff doors, adding a new sound system in the sanctuary, updating the heating system, replacing the kitchen oven, repairing the foyer heater, updating the nursery, adding security cameras, coating windows with shatter-resistant film, and replacing the security system.



This Passover, as we recall the story of our ancestors ...

Let's also write the next chapter.

How will you assure Jewish tomorrows?

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Be remembered forever with a gift to Beth Jacob Congregation in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy.

Contact Leonard Oppenheimer, Life & Legacy Chair lroppy@gmail.com; 651.690.4168 or Juliana Sellers, Community Legacy Director jsellers@stpaulfed.org; 612.810.1820

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

SECURITY COMMITTEE

We painted the fire lanes and reinstalled fire lane signs, installed three more cameras around the building, (funded by generous donations of two congregants), the front-entry outside lights are working again, all the evacuation routes around the building from emergency doors to the parking lot are identified with stakes in case there is a need to evacuate. The kitchen door has been replaced and 3M protective film has been installed on all exterior-facing windows and glass doors, and all smoke detectors have been upgraded and are functional.

Our BJC Security Greeters and Security Captains recently participated in a tabletop exercise with Mendota Heights Chief of Police Kelly McCarthy to address an active shooter situation. The Security Team felt empowered by this training.

S4 — SAINT PAUL AREA SYNAGOGUES SECURITY SYMPOSIUM

The Beth Jacob Security Committee held S4—Saint Paul area Synagogues Security Symposium on January 17, 2024, moderated by BJC Security Committee Chair Benjamin Bejar, featuring special agents from the FBI, the BCA, and local law enforcement experienced in counter-terrorism, cyber security, and threat management assessments. The panel included Mendota Heights Police Department Capt. Wayne Wegener, BCA Special Agent AJ Carlson, FBI Senior Special Agent Jake Iverson, FBI Special Agent Uri Rosenwald.

This was a well-attended event by the BJC Security Team and other synagogue shomrim who learned from these experts on addressing these difficult times of increased antisemitism.



ADULT EDUCATION & WORSHIP

JEW IN THE PEW WITH RABBI LYNN LIBERMAN

**9:15 - 10:00 am in the chapel on Shabbat
1st, 3rd, and the occasional 5th Shabbat of each month.**

Our exploration of the Psalms, largely as found in our siddur, will continue for the coming year! We will explore the Psalms that are widely used throughout the Shabbat service considering their meaning and wondering why and how these words are still part of our liturgy today. After completing texts found in the siddur, we will then continue to encounter the remaining texts of the full Book of Psalms! No prior experience needed. Texts are provided in Hebrew and English.

FOUNDATIONS OF JUDAISM – OFFERED JOINTLY WITH TEMPLE OF AARON

- **Jewish Theology: April 9, 16, & May 7 with Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein at Temple of Aaron**
- **Tallit/Tefillin/Mezuzah/Head Coverings: May 14, 21, & 28 with Rabbi Justin Held at Beth Jacob**
- **Lifecycles Events June 11, 18, & 25 with Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein at Temple of Aaron**

3 Tuesdays a month 7:00-8:00 pm

Join on Zoom at [Beth-Jacob.org/Foundations](https://beth-jacob.org/foundations)

Each month, we offer a three-part foundational dive into a different Jewish topic. Join us for one, or for all. Together with Temple of Aaron we will continually offer three-course “mini-units” on Tuesday evenings at 7:00, exploring a wide variety of essential aspects of living and being Jewish. Each three-class mini-unit on these subjects will be taught either by Rabbi Justin here at Beth Jacob or Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein at Temple of Aaron. The course teacher and location will alternate for each “mini unit.” The classes will always be offered hybrid (zoom and in person). The course is intended both for Jews interested in deepening their knowledge of the foundations of Judaism and those who are interested in becoming Jewish and seeking a pathway toward conversion.

TALMUD WITH RABBI JUSTIN HELD POSTPONED UNTIL SUMMER

Tablet Magazine Editor Liel Leibovitz recently wrote about the Talmud, “to the extent that the Talmud can even be called a book—it’s more accurately described as “a drift net for catching God”—it’s a truly magnificent one. Because in touching on virtually every human experience, from passing wind to losing a loved one, the Talmud is, arguably, humanity’s first, greatest, and still most astonishing self-help book.” Join Rabbi Justin Monday nights as we use Tractate Ta’anit as one of our vessels for “catching God.” Tractate Ta’anit (fasts) discusses fixed public fast days, fasts decreed to avoid calamity, and individual fast days. No Talmud background or Hebrew fluency is required to join, and texts will always be provided in English and Hebrew. Come weekly or pop in and pop out. Your presence is always welcome. Reach out to Rabbi Justin with any questions: rabbijustinheld@beth-jacob.org.

MORNING MISHNAH WITH RABBI TAMAR MAGILL-GRIMM

**Wednesdays at approx. 8 am (after minyan) in the chapel and online Join
on Zoom at [Beth-Jacob.org/Minyan](https://beth-jacob.org/minyan)**

The Mishnah is an edited record of the complex body of halachic material transmitted in the aftermath of the destruction of the Second Temple. Its intention was to train the sages in thinking through the legal issues that inform Halacha. In encountering these texts together, we gain access to the conversations out of which developed the foundational principles that shaped Jewish law as we know it today. Classes are in the chapel at Beth Jacob and on Zoom at [Beth-Jacob.org/minyan](https://beth-jacob.org/minyan) (or just stay on Zoom after Morning Minyan).

DIRSHUNI: CONTEMPORARY WOMEN’S MIDRASH WITH RABBI TAMAR MAGILL-GRIMM

**Thursdays at 11 am in the Beth Jacob chapel
Join on Zoom at [Beth-Jacob.org/dirshuni](https://beth-jacob.org/dirshuni)**

Using the recently published English translation of Dirshuni as our main text, we will explore the sections of the Tanakh through the lens of contemporary midrash. Employing classical forms developed by the ancient rabbis, the writers of these contemporary midrashim connect Scripture and contemporary issues in audacious and innovative ways. This historic collection of midrashim composed by Israeli scholars has long been anticipated and is now available in English translation. Purchase of the book is not required for participation in the class.

DONATIONS

Allen-Gorin Endowment

In honor of Dr. Phyllis Gorin's and Rabbi Morris Allen's new grandson!

Bernard & Hanne Levinson
Beth Friend & Richard Heinrich
Fred Haeusler & Leslie Martin
Lisa & Kevin Walker
Karen Helfand
& Susan Woodstrom
Marilyn (Mira) Frank
Steve & Wendy Baldinger
Yanislav & Inna Wolfson
Louis Newman
& Rabbi Amy Eilberg
Ryan Lohr & Ryan Holzwarth
Riva & El Nolley
Jim & Joanne Smith
Joyce Levitan
Linda Schloff

In memory of Lorraine Hertz (z"l)
Louis Newman & Rabbi Amy Eilberg

In honor of Pam Winthrop Lauer leading Psukei d'Zimra at morning minyan in memory of her father, Harvey Winthrop (z"l)
Lisa Hoff & Jonathan Bacal

Bear-Schoenkin Endowment

In memory of Eileen Osterbauer (z"l)
Stuart Bear & Marsha Schoenkin

Betty & Bud Sweet Endowment

In honor of Sandy & Joe Wolkowicz's 40th wedding anniversary
In honor of Fred Gordon's 75th birthday
In memory of David Leventhal (z"l)
Laurie & Tom Smith

In memory of Rose Jean Sharpe (z"l)
Karen Helfand & Susan Woodstrom

Bonnie & Alvin Abrahamson Endowment

In appreciation of Earl "Chaim" Schwartz for visiting our 5th/6th grade Shabbat class
Steve Greenberg & Keith Johnson

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In appreciation of Beth Jacob Congregation
Irene and Jonathan Metz

In memory of David Brod (z"l)
Sharon Benmaman & John Allen
Cynthia Launer & Will Thomas

In memory of Lorraine Hertz (z"l)
Paul and Pam Bernstein
Stephanie Shakofsky
Mara Benjamin & Miryam Kabakov
Sharon Benmaman & John Allen
Cynthia Launer & Will Thomas
Riva & El Nolley
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Frank Lipsman & Janet Mark
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Beth Jacob Congregation is a community that has come together since 1985 to nurture a relationship with God and supportive connections to each other.

We are a Conservative Jewish Synagogue that values:

- **Torah—Study**
- **Avodah—Reverential service**
- **Gemilut Hasadim—Acts of loving kindness**

Shabbat is the centerpiece of our community's week. Davening on Shabbat morning brings together individuals with different understandings and knowledge of liturgy: it's "choreography," its meaning, its historical significance. The Kehillat Shabbat and Iyunim programs afford the opportunity for children to know the joys of Shabbat. Other activities through the year—our daily morning minyan, Talmud study, learning Hebrew, Friday dinners—all build on, and seek to enrich, Shabbat and the holidays. We understand that our responsibility for repairing the world does not end at our shul doors. For example, whether serving breakfast for the homeless at Dorothy Day, or visiting the sick and homebound, our shul takes seriously the mitzvah of Hesed.

We are participatory.

Everyone has a responsibility to contribute their talents and energy to sustain and enrich our community. This can be done in many ways, including through Gemilut Hasadim: teaching; support of the Congregation facility; office volunteering; or assistance with congregational programs.

We are egalitarian.

Everyone has an equal opportunity to be part of the community. Individuals and families of all ages and incomes are welcome. Financial hardship should never be a barrier to participation.

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