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שנה טובה

Beth Jacob Congregation wishes you a happy and healthy year. May 5787 bring each of us joy, fulfillment, learning, and sense of Jewish engagement with our lives. We look forward to seeing you throughout the High Holidays at services and celebrations, and throughout the year!



	Begins Sundown	Ends Sundown
Rosh Hashanah	Friday **September 11**	– Sunday **September 13**
Yom Kippur	Sunday **September 20**	– Monday **September 21**
Sukkot	Friday **September 25**	– Sunday **September 27**
Chol Hamoed Sukkot	Sunday **September 27**	– Thursday **October 1**
Hoshanah Rabah	Thursday **October 1**	– Friday **October 2**
Shemini Atzeret	Friday **October 2**	– Saturday **October 3**
Simchat Torah	Saturday **October 3**	– Sunday **October 4**

Torah - Avodah - Gemilut Chasadim

A MESSAGE FROM RABBI TAMAR MAGILL-GRIMM

Dear Beloved Community,



Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm

Last year, just before Rosh Hashanah, I washed my kittel so that it would be fresh and ready for the season. Unfortunately, I failed to realize that the previous load, which had my children's clothing in it, had left little bits of red slime lurking in the basin of the washer. When I went to put on my kittel, I discovered that it was covered in little faint red dots, completely negating the symbolism of purity and spiritual renewal. So, this year, I purchased a new kittel. That felt right for a year like we've had. If I had to sum up the purpose of this season in one word, it would be renewal – something that feels desperately needed after a year of small, hard-won triumphs in the midst of tremendous challenges and losses, both locally and globally.

In her famous song based on the Mi Sheberach for Healing, Debbie Friedman describes a "renewal of body" and "renewal of spirit." This year, as the Yamim Noraim approached, I found myself asking: What would it take for us as individuals and a community to experience a true sense of renewal?

When the last shofar blast is sounded at the end of neilah, there is an almost audible exhale in the room – I feel it every year. And at that moment, even if it is only a fleeting moment, I feel renewed and refreshed – a new sense of energy for all that life brings: the joys and the sorrows, the wins and the losses, the dancing and the wailing, the rest and the work. In that moment I can see that it is all such a beautiful blessing.

What makes that moment possible is what happens in the hours and days leading up to it – the way our community comes together to reckon with ourselves and our world in a real way, and to support each other in that reckoning, the way we love each other through the imperfections and mistakes, and the way we challenge each other to continually reach toward the betterment of ourselves and our world.

When we have poured our hearts into the singing, introspection and communal celebration of these holy days, we give ourselves the gift of once again seeing with fresh eyes, experiencing a renewal of body and spirit. I believe this is what we mean when we say:

הֲשִׁיבֵנוּ ה׳ אֵלֶיךָ וְנָשׁוּבָה חַדֵּשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם

Return to us, God, and we will return; renew our days as they once were.

This season offers us a renewal that ultimately has tremendous healing power for our world. These precious days of reflection are the gift of time and space. May we use them wisely.

I am deeply grateful for each and every member of this beautiful kehillah: for the beautiful community we share, for the work we do together to make the world less broken, and for the way have continued to celebrate, challenge, and support each other over the years, and over this past year in particular.

A LETTER FROM RABBI TAMAR MAGILL-GRIMM (Continued)

It is always so meaningful to spend these Yamim Noraim / Days of Awe together – davening and learning, hugging each other and being reminded of the power of community to ground us, challenge us and transform us.

May our collective teshuva renew us, our community, and our world. May it thus be a year of healing and hope. And may we radiate that healing and hope outward in all directions.

שנה טובה תכתיבו ותחתמו / *Shanah tovah tikatevu v'techatemu*
May we all be inscribed and sealed for a good year!

Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm

A LETTER FROM CO-PRESIDENTS GEOFFREY MARSHALL & MICHAEL KELLER



Geoff Marshall



Mike Keller

Dear Beth Jacob Community,

Thank you all for being a part of the Beth Jacob Family! We are grateful that you have chosen to make Beth Jacob Congregation your spiritual home.

The year 5786 is coming to a close. It has been a rousing success in so many ways. We reached an agreement with Rabbi Tamar for her to be our Senior Rabbi for five years. We hired Rabbi Maayan Lev as our Director of Congregational Learning. Through the generosity of many congregants, and some special gifts, financially we are in the strongest position we have been in over the past 10 years! Our Limudim education program is flourishing and gaining national attention. Not only does it attract a solid cadre of young people, but it has been a springboard for increased adult learning as well, with classes being offered at the same time across the generations.

Are you visiting Beth Jacob? Thank you for joining us to pray and to be in the community together with us. We also invite you to join in supporting us financially by making a donation to the synagogue. There are envelopes in the front lobby for this purpose, or you can ask a greeter to help you. We trust you and we trust each other – it's why we have never had tickets for the High Holidays, and why members set their own level of financial support. We invite you to keep coming, and to consider becoming a member. Guests are always welcome, in person or virtually via our livestream. If you have any special needs during services, please ask for help from one of our greeters.

May the blessings of the year 5786 continue in the year 5787. May you and your families find happiness and health in this new year and in the years to come. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate this new year together.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah! May you have a good and sweet New Year!

Geoffrey Marshall and Michael Keller
Co-Presidents

High Holy Days Services 5787/2026

Erev Rosh Hashanah - Friday, September 11

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services	6:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah Dinner at Beth Jacob	6:45 pm
Candle lighting	*7:12 pm*

First Day of Rosh Hashanah - Saturday, September 12

Morning Service (Babysitting provided for ages 0-5)	8:30 am
Children's Program (ages 6-12)	9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Family Service for all ages--Saide Chapel	10:30 am
Teen Learning	11:00 am -12:00 pm
Blessing of new babies during Torah Service	
A Light Oneg will be served instead of kiddush	
Candle lighting for second night	8:11 pm

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah - Sunday, September 13

Morning Service (Babysitting provided for ages 0-5)	8:30 am
Children's Program (ages 6-12)	9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Family Service for all ages	10:30 am
Teen Learning	9:30 pm - 10:30 pm
A Light Oneg will be served instead of kiddush	

Tashlich Picnic	2:00-5:00 pm
– Location provided upon Registration	
Beth-Jacob.org/Tashlich	
Havdallah	8:09 pm

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 20

Mincha, Kol Nidre, & Ma'ariv (babysitting/childcare)	6:15 pm
Candle lighting	*6:55 pm*

Monday, September 21

Morning Service, Yizkor, Musaf	8:30 am
Children's Program (6-12) and Babysitting (0-5)	9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Family Service--Saide Chapel	10:30 am
Teen Learning	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Study with Rabbi Yosi Gordon	3:00 pm
Mincha, Neilah, Shofar (babysitting & childcare)	5:30 pm
Fast Ends/Havdallah/Ma'ariv (chapel)	7:54 pm

Break-the-fast refreshments are provided courtesy of an endowment established by the Bernick family in memory of Bernice and Milton Bernick (z"l).

High Holy Days Services 5787/2026

Sukkot

Friday, September 25

Candle lighting	6:46 pm

Saturday, September 26

Morning Service (no lulav/etrog)	9:00 am
Limudim	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Candle lighting for second night	7:44 pm

Sunday, September 27

Morning Service (bring lulav/etrog)	9:00 am
Havdallah	7:42 pm

Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Monday-Thursday, September 28-October 1

*Morning Service (bring lulav/etrog)	7:00 am

Tuesday, September 29

Sukkot Happy Hour	5:30 pm

Friday, October 2

*Hoshanah Rabbah Service (bring lulav/etrog)	7:00 am
Candle lighting	6:32 pm

**Breakfast at Beth Jacob served during Chol Hamoed Sukkot thanks to the Neal & Sandy Gale Hol Hamoed Breakfast Fund in memory of their parents, Norm & Annetta Abrams (z"l), Harvey & Florence Gale (z"l), and Neal's brother Edward Gale (z"l).*

Shemini Atzeret - Saturday, October 3

Morning Service & Yizkor	9:00 am
Limudim	9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Simchat Torah

Saturday, October 3

Candle Lighting	7:31 pm
Services, dancing	6:45 pm

Sunday, October 4

Morning service & dancing	9:00 am
Children's Program (including dancing)	9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Havdallah	7:29 pm

Children's programming is being underwritten by the Robyn Calmenson High Holy Days Children's Programming Fund.

High Holy Day Children's Programming

Beth-Jacob.org/HHKids

Beth Jacob offers, High Holy Day children's programs with prayer, discussion, active learning, and snacks.

For our youngest children
(Birth through PK)

Babysitting is available in the nursery:

Rosh Hashanah	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Kol Nidre	6:15 pm - 9:00 pm
Yom Kippur	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Neilah	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah there will be a blessing on the bima for all babies born this year.

Rosh Hashanah - Both Days and Yom Kippur



Family Services (all ages)

10:30-11:30am



For K-6th Grade

Rosh Hashanah	9:30 am	- 1:00	pm
Kol Nidre *(childcare)*	6:15 pm	- 9:00	pm
Yom Kippur	9:30 am	- 2:00	pm
Mincha, Neila *(childcare)*	5:30 pm	- 8:00	pm
Sukkot - First Day	**Limudim***		
	9:30 am	- 12:00	pm
Shemini Atzeret	**Limudim***		
	9:30 am	- 12:00	pm
Simchat Torah	9:30 am	- 12:00	pm, including Hakafot

High Holy Day children's programming is underwritten by the Robyn Calmenson High Holy Days Children's Programming Fund. Individual donations to this fund are welcome.

Limudim *classes during Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret are open to all children, even if they are not registered for Limudim.*

Teens

We expect our 8th-12th graders will participate in shul, davening with the congregation throughout the Holidays, except when they are in their special programs or assisting with children's programs.

During the High Holy Days, we will offer engaging learning for

8-12th graders

Rosh Hashanah Day 1
11:00 am-12:00 pm
Nina Samuels & Earl Schwartz will teach on
"Naming Rights: Are They Ever Wrong?

Rosh Hashanah (second day)
9:30-10:30 am
Rabbi Maayan will teach on *"Exploring the Machzor"*

Yom Kippur
11:00am-12:00pm
Nina Samuels and Earl Schwartz continue discussing naming rights with
"The People and Plaques All Around Us Today"







Thank you to those who took on leadership roles in services for these Yamim Noraim:

Torah Readers

Saturday, September 12 - Rosh Hashanah

1	Genesis 21:1-21:4	Rav Shosh Dworsky
2	Genesis 21:5-21:8	Rav Shosh Dworsky
3	Genesis 21:9-21:12	Rav Shosh Dworsky
4	Genesis 21:13-21:17	Rosanne Zaidenweber
5	Genesis 21:18-21:21	Aaron Silver
6	Genesis 21:22-21:27	Rosanne Zaidenweber
7	Genesis 21:28-21:34	Noam Sienna
Maftir	Numbers 29:1-29:6	Aaron Silver
Haftarah	I Samuel 1:1-2:10	Hannah Hofrichter

Monday, September 21 Yom Kippur morning

1	Leviticus 16:1-6	Aaron Silver
2	Leviticus 16:7-11	Aaron Silver
3	Leviticus 16:12-17	Aaron Silver
4	Leviticus 16:18-24.	Rav Shosh Dworsky
5	Leviticus 16:25-30	Rosanne Zaidenweber
6	Leviticus 16:31-34	Jonathan Ehrlich
Maftir	Numbers 29:7-11	Eric Pasternack
Haftarah	Isaiah 57:14-58:14	Brad Elkin

Sunday, September 13 - Rosh Hashanah II

1	Genesis 22:1-3	Sara Lynn Newberger
2	Genesis 22:4-8	Razele Hofrichter
3	Genesis 22:9-14	Rosanne Zaidenweber
4	Genesis 22:15-19	Tamar Resnick
5	Genesis 22:20-24	Tamar Resnick
Maftir	Numbers 29:1-29:6	Eric Pasternack
Haftarah	Jeremiah 31:2-20	Arielle Ehrlich

Monday, September 21 - Yom Kippur Mincha

1	Leviticus 18:1-5	Jim Smith
2	Leviticus 18:6-21	Jim Smith
Maftir	Leviticus 18:22-30	Jim Smith
Haftarah	Jonah 1:1-4:11, Micah 7:18-20	Rebecca Noecker

Gabbaim

Barb Curchack, Jonathan Ehrlich, Neal Gale, Laura Honan, Mike Keller, Eric Pasternack, Maxine Rosenthal, Erin Webb, Rosanne Zaidenweber

Daveners

Sheldon Berkowitz, Rav Shosh Dworsky, Jonathan Ehrlich, Giulia Girgenti, Wendy Goldberg, Razele Hofrichter, Benj Kamm, Mike Krause, Matt Leichter, Rabbi Maayan Lev, Rabbi Lynn Liberman, Bernie Miller, Whit Noecker, Natan Paradise, David Rephan, Emery Sher, Erin Webb, Jessica Zehavi

Shofar Callers and Sounders

Marisa Goffman, Shiloh Hendrson, Marguerite Krause, Barbie Levine, Mira Miller, Jo Pasternack, David Zehavi

Eleh Ezkera Readers

Leslie Morris, Marian Broida, Jake Grossman, Kate Sandweiss

Greeters & Security Greeters

Kim Aaron-Lehman, Robert Binder, Robert Birnbaum, Jason Bryan, Rachel Chinitz, Anne Cronmiller, Barb Curchack, Rose Fink, Eli Gottfried, Andy Greenfeld, Shiloh Henderson, David Honan, Ellen Johnson, Roy Kay, Bruce Kessler, Marguerite Krause, Pam Lauer, Neil Moses-Zirkes, Mitch Multer, Rebecca Noecker, Shane Noecker, Leonard Oppenheimer, Eric Pasternack, Sharon Press, Mindy Ratner, Bob Rees, Kate Sandweiss, Lydia Schultz, Tessa Silver, Becky Taurog, Will Thomas, Steve Ukes

Kitchen Volunteers:

Dominic Ackerman, Lois Bloomberg, Bruno Chaouat, Paul Bloomberg, Andrew Cholakian, Gavriel DePrenger-Gottfried, Rose Fink, Anne Froelich, Robert Goffman, Rebecca Goffman, Judah Grosby, Sam Grosby, Eileen Helms, Elie Helms, Shiloh Henderson, Darla Kashian, Monica Kelley, Jimmy Levine, Stephanie Levine, Joanna Lowinger, Mike Meirovitz, Sandy Meirovitz, Jessica Nordell, Hannah Strom, Steve Ukes

Yahrzeit List for Week Beginning September 11, 2026 / 1 Tishrei 5787

The seventh aliyah on Shabbat is reserved for those observing yahrzeits during the coming week. If you are observing a yahrzeit this week, please come forward at the seventh aliyah on Saturday and give your full Hebrew name to the gabbai who will call you to the Torah. Your full Hebrew name includes your name and then ben/bat/mibeit and your parents' names or Avraham and Sarah. Please say your name loudly and clearly, so that the gabbai can hear it.

Masking is optional during the 7th aliyah on the bimah during the Torah service during our current pilot policy.

September 12/1 Tishrei
Chayim Rosenzweig
Feigel Genzels
Herman Miller
Isadore Schwartz
Itzchak Genzels
Jerome Roth
Jim Dinerstein
Kenneth Swaiman
Rebecca Rosenzweig
Ron Kriesel
Samuel B. Legan
Seymour Cohen

September 13/2 Tishrei
Abraham Auerbach
Abraham Schneider
Anthony Finberg
Benjamin Cohen
Helen Schwartz
Jacob W. Zeff
Jim Keller
Joseph Rutzick
Leon Smith
Max Elkin
Meyer Rakove
Michael Lauer
Minnie Marie Lippert
Miriam Wiener
Musia Schwartz
Nettie Kraus
Samuel Marin
Solly Weisberg
Solomon Cohen

September 14/3 Tishrei
Bessie Weitzman
Charlene S. Roth
Dale Hunter
Frances Van Slyke
Francine Goldberg
Gene Colleen Oppenheimer
Joseph Wiener
Natalie Mark
Samuel Shadur

September 15/4 Tishrei
Abraham Cohler
Chana Maltin
Eugenia Witherspoon
Heidi Resnick
Hyman Shohet
Louie Yuffe
Louis Rosenthal
Morris Savett
Rosaline Tornow

September 16/5 Tishrei
Cheryl Greene
Elaine Zack
Fay Lieberman
Feige Rivkah Bender
Hanna Kaufmann
Irwin Baker
Jinny Forbush
Morris Oglansky
Rebecca Levine
Renee Berkowitz
Shirley Cohen

September 17/6 Tishrei
Amelia Gueron
David Samuelson
Dora Zaidenweber
Libby Kardonsky
Mary Jagoda
Max Bix
S. Devitt
Sarah Rabinovitz
Solomon Katzman

September 18/7 Tishrei
Aaron Niedorf
Abe Cohen
Abraham Benjamin Chinitz
George Kaplan
Ruben Stein
Ruth Cukier
Selma Makiesky
Terry Meredith



New Babies Gathering and Blessing on the 1st Day of Rosh Hashanah during the Torah Service

While the Mahzor refers to Rosh Hashanah as the day on which the world was created, the Midrash suggests that Rosh Hashanah actually fell on the 6th day of creation, the day representing the beginning of human life on earth. Our small but quite meaningful act of honoring those new children brought into our community over the last year is one way in which we bring that midrashic teaching to life. As we gather on this sacred day, it is our tradition to offer a special blessing for the babies born into our community over the past year. In welcoming these new lives, we celebrate hope, continuity, and the blessings of new beginnings.

We recognize that this moment may be painful for those who are struggling with fertility, have experienced loss, or are still waiting to grow their families. We hold space in our hearts for the full range of emotions this ritual may bring. You are seen, and you are not alone.

We pray for the healthy long life of each of these new babies and marvel at their presence, and we pray that all who want to experience the joy of parenthood be blessed to do so speedily and soon.

Babies we have welcomed this year:

Mila Jaye Allen

Isadore "Izzy" Joyce Altshuler-Sexton

Arlo Joseph Briski-Richie

Levy Ged Pinol Eilberg-Schwartz

Shira Shahar Forbush

Hershel (Hersh) Lior Held

Simon Ronen Holzwarth-Lohr

Emily "Millie" Baer Iverson

Gemma Elle Millberg

Shai Miriam Minsberg

Artemis Grace Celeste Powell

Malachi Emet Rapport

Raya Talia Rubinshteyn

Roshana Roya Schoenberg

Sadie Hannah Seiler

Emmett Aviv Sherman

Ariel Usem

Tova Rivka Verson

Welcome New Members

Beth Jacob welcomes the newest members of our congregation.
We are honored you have chosen to join our community and
we look forward to may years of meaningful participation.

Kimberly Aaron-Lehman

Maryn Hakes

Rabbi Maayan Lev

Amy Rapoport

Michael Reich & Mai Nguyen
Emma & Bella

Katya Rouzina Rubinshteyn & Ilya Rubinshteyn
Raya

Sammy Reichel

Laura Robinson

Ronald Scott & Ti Mo
Ronald, Kimberly, & Tatiana

We remember these members of our congregation and loved ones who have passed during this past year. May their memories be for a blessing.

Charles “Chuck” Abramson (z"l)
Fred Applebaum (z"l)
Carolyn Auerbach (z"l)
David Birnbaum (z"l)
Lynn Bliss (z"l)
Earl C. Burgess (z"l)
Michael Davis (z"l)
Joan Feuerstein (z"l)
Kenneth Goldfarb (z"l)
Sondra Greenberg (z"l)
Richard Heinrich (z”l)
Deborah Hoffman (z"l)
Carol Hohenstein (z"l)
Anne Kelley (z"l)
Kathleen Koch (z"l)
Cantor Mitchell Kowitz (z"l)
Jack Krause (z"l)
Ranielle Sara Krause (z"l)
Robert Alan Krause (z"l)
Grace Loso (z"l)
Ruth (Ruthie) Malinoff (z"l)
Ronald Miller (z"l)
Mimi Nachman (z"l)
Richard Leo O'Connell III (z"l)
Gabriel Arrazola Perez (z"l)
Robert Perry (z"l)
Evan Frederick Pizer (z"l)
Elliot Rank (z"l)
Frances Ratner (z"l)
George Ratner (z"l)
Janet Ringer (z"l)
Irma Rosenfeld (z"l)
Laurence Savett (z"l)
Carol Schaumann (z"l)
Janet Schulman (z"l)
Norman Segal (z"l)
Penelope (Penny) Simison (z"l)
Dan Skochil (z"l)
Jason Talbott (z"l)
Doris Unger (z"l)
Sandra Wolf Wolkowitz (z"l)



Who wants to Volunteer?

Please help our community by volunteering as a Greeter.

Meet new people!
Have fun!
Help the shul!



Beth-Jacob.org/Volunteer

OPERATION ISAIAH

Help **BJUSY/Gesher** with our High Holy Days tzedakah project to collect food for the hungry!



"Offer your compassion to the hungry and satisfy the famished..."
Isaiah 58:10

Most needed Items for the Food Shelf

Low sodium/low sugar canned fruits and veggies; oatmeal–packets and large containers; GF items; pasta; spices; baking items; cooking oil; sauces, dressings; shelf-stable milk and milk-alternatives; coffee; tea; hearty pop-top style soups; microwaveable meals; diapers/pull-ups; baby wipes, feminine hygiene; shampoo, body wash; ziploc bags; laundry detergent; dish soap; cleaning spray; paper towels; toilet paper; napkins; dog/cat treats; paper grocery bags.

Please bring your donations to Beth Jacob during Yom Kippur.

Kesher Committee's Annual Tashlich Potluck Picnic

Sunday, September 13, 2:00 pm

Second day of Rosh Hashanah

New Location

Look for map on table in the lobby

High Holy Day

WINE

Sale



Our cups have runneth over! We have much wine left over from the Pesach wine sale -- this is your opportunity to order more delicious. kosher wine for your holiday meals while supporting our youth programming. Order wine on line and pick it up during our business hours.

Beth-Jacob.org/Wine



Beth Jacob Annual
Break-Fast
September 21, 7:54 pm

Following Havdalah on Yom Kippur, stay to enjoy our annual break-fast provided courtesy of an endowment established by the Bernick family in memory of Bernice and Milton Bernick (z"l).



Hol Hamoed Minyan is followed by Breakfast in the Sukkah Monday-Friday September 28-October 1

Breakfast served during Hol Hamoed Sukkot thanks to the Neal & Sandy Gale Hol Hamoed Breakfast Fund in memory of their parents, Norm & Annetta Abrams (z"l), Harvey & Florence Gale (z"l), and Neal's brother Edward Gale (z"l).

Sukkot Happy Hour!

Enjoy Sukkot-themed drinks and appetizers in the Beth Jacob Sukkah

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

5:30pm BJC Sukkah

This event is free. Donations encouraged.
RSVP's appreciated.

Beth-Jacob.org/Sukkot



SHARE A SUKKAH!

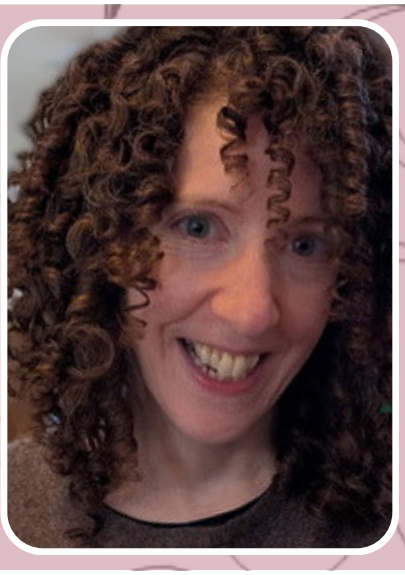
Spare space in your Sukkah?
Looking for a Sukkah invitation?

Check out the Share a Sukkah thread on the Beth Jacob Facebook Group and make a shidduch (match)!

On Simchat Torah
Sunday, October 4
we honor our
Chatan Torah & Kallat Bereshit

Steve Greenberg





Becky Taurog

It is customary on Simchat Torah to honor two people in the congregation for their dedication, leadership and impact on the community. Honoring them with the last aliyah of Devarim and the first aliyah of Bereshit is a beautiful way of expressing our gratitude and admiration for their contributions. Typically the people we honor have been involved in teaching Torah, reading Torah, funding learning, or otherwise supporting the way we live out Torah in our community. They help the shul fulfill our mission.

Our two honorees this year certainly fit these criteria on multiple levels. This year we are honoring Steve Greenberg and Becky Taurog. Both Steve and Becky have long been invaluable for our youth education at Beth Jacob.

Steve has been a B'nai Mitzvah tutor for many years, guiding our next generation of Jewish adults through the process of learning to lead our community in prayer and Torah. Among other numerous contributions, Becky chaired our search process for our Director of Congregational Learning, spending countless hours making sure our process went without a hitch and we had a winning outcome!

Steve and Becky will be called to the Torah for these honors on Simchat Torah morning (October 4th) and will receive beautiful certificates created by Noam Sienna. We look forward to celebrating them and sharing our gratitude for the ways they have helped strengthen our community.

A LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SONYA RAPPORT


Sonya Rapport

Dear Beth Jacob Community,

Shana Tova! Wishing everyone a sweet and prosperous year ahead, filled with growth and abundant blessings. I am so proud and honored to be part of our beautiful community that continues to build a strong, welcoming kehilla at Beth Jacob. I am immensely grateful for the incredible partnership between our staff, lay leaders, and the community as a whole.

As we start another year together, I continue to guide our operations based on three key focus areas: stability, growth, and partnership. These pillars support us in maintaining and strengthening our foundation, ultimately ensuring Beth Jacob's ability to provide meaningful Jewish experiences for our community.

Stability: I take financial responsibility and stability very seriously, knowing that our community's future depends on it. I continue to lead our office staff and adjust our operations to keep us aligned with our budget goals and rebuild our financial foundation. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of anonymous donors this past year, we have made tremendous strides toward financial stability — significantly reducing our accumulated deficit. I am committed to prioritizing financial stability to ensure Beth Jacob's sustainability for generations.

Growth: It is with joy that we have welcomed new members and families into our Beth Jacob community, many of whom have quickly integrated into our kehilla and become active in attending programming and even stepping up to volunteer. I am proud to see our morning minyan growing and thriving and now with our chapel being lit up by a beautiful new Ner Tamid. It is an honor to support the growth of our community and the growth of opportunities we offer for living out our Jewish values.

Partnership: I've said this before and I'll say it again — the true magic of Beth Jacob lies in our incredible relationships. This year our lay leaders, specifically Geoff Marshall and Eric Pasternack, really stepped up to support operations to afford me the opportunity to be on maternity leave. I am immensely grateful for the gift of spending time with my family, and I am glad to be back to continue supporting Beth Jacob in thriving.

Looking Ahead to 5787: We are excited to be starting this year with Rabbi Maayan Lev joining the team as our Director of Congregational Learning. We look forward to the new energy, learning, and connection this role will bring to our community in the year ahead.

To all of you — our members, staff, volunteers, and friends — thank you for being the heart of Beth Jacob. May 5787 bring continued growth, deeper connections, and abundant blessings to all of us at Beth Jacob.

B'Kavod,
Sonya Rapport
Executive Director

Shabbat Services begin every Saturday morning at 9:00 am.

Services are followed by a kiddush lunch. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Upcoming Shabbat Celebrations include:

September 19 - Kiddush is sponsored in honor of Laurie Radovsky as she celebrates her 70th birthday!

September 26 - Kiddush is sponsored by Sue Savett's friends to honor her and wish her a farewell as she prepares to move to New Hampshire.



October 10 - Aufruf for Ben Goffman and Abby Doty. Mazal Tov!

October 24 - Scientists in the Synagogue
Kiddush is sponsored in memory of loved ones with October yahrzeits



October 31 - Kiddush is sponsored by Mindy Ratner

November 7 - Veteran's Day Shabbat
Lois Newberger Legacy Kiddush

November 14 - Federation Shabbat

November 21 - Kiddush Sponsored by Leonard Oppenheimer and Lydia Schultz

Please consider celebrating an occasion, or celebrating something you've totally made up. Gather friends to co-sponsor with you! Contact Sonya at the Beth Jacob office, or donate at **Beth-Jacob.org/Kiddush**.

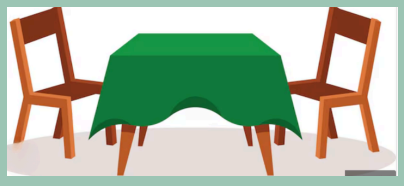
December 5 - Mazal Tov to Coby Snowise on becoming a Bar Mitzvah



Coby Snowise

My name is Coby Snowise, and I'm in 7th Grade at St Paul Academy. In my family I have one sibling, Asher, four dogs, and my Mom & Dad, Kate and Saul. I play Rugby, Baseball, and also downhill Ski Race for Team Afton. My favorite baseball team is the Boston Red Sox, and I like playing video games with my friends.

Special Interest Tables at Kiddush:



Everyone welcome--**Come have a seat**!

Want more tables? Talk to Frances

- 1st Shabbat of the Month
  French Speakers Table
- 2nd Shabbat of the Month:
  Science Fiction Table
- 3rd Shabbat of the Month:
  Spanish Speakers Table
- 4th Shabbat of the Month:
  Chironomy Table

East Metro Morning Minyan

The East Metro morning minyan is held in person (and online) at Beth Jacob at 7:15 am Monday through Friday, and at Temple of Aaron at 9:00 am on Sunday. Exceptions to the 7:15 starting time at Beth Jacob occur as follows: 7:00 on Rosh Chodesh or during Chol Hamoed, 8:30 on federal holidays.

If you are interested in attending minyan in person, just show up at the appropriate time. You will be welcomed!

East Metro Morning Minyan at Beth Jacob
Monday - Friday: 7:15 am
Rosh Hodesh/Chaggim 7:00 am
Federal Holidays: 8:30 am
Join online via Zoom at:
Beth-Jacob.org/Minyan

East Metro Minyan at Temple of Aaron
Monday - Thursday: 6:00 pm
Sunday Morning: 9:00 am
Sunday Evening: 7:15 pm
Join online via Zoom at:
bit.ly/EMMinyan

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat
Returns after a brief holiday hiatus



Join us at 5:30 pm for Kabbalat Shabbat and stay for a pot-luck Shabbat dinner.

November 6,



December 4 – come at 4:00 to light candles and celebrate Hanukkah,

January 1, February 5, March 5

Register at Beth-Jacob.org/Shabbatluck

Dear Beth Jacob Community,



Rabbi Maayan Lev

Thank you all for welcoming me to Beth Jacob with open arms. I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone, as well as seeing firsthand some of the things that make this community truly special. When a community has so many committed learners of all ages, it doesn't take a prophet to know that the year 5787 will be a year of great learning in our Limudim program.

For those who participate in Rosh Hashanah seders, we recite the words:

תְּחַדֵּשׁ עָלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה כִּדְבָשׁ
Renew for us please, a year that is good and as sweet as honey.

These words recall Ezekiel 3, in which Ezekiel is commanded to literally eat a scroll containing the words of God. Ezekiel says of the scroll in verse 3:

וַתְּהִי בְּפִי כִּדְבַשׁ לְמָתוֹק
[The scroll] was as sweet as honey in my mouth.

In the Jewish community, we know there will always be a place for scrolls. But literal scrolls aren't the only source of honey. In the context of a learning community, honey is all around us. When curious students feel emboldened to ask questions, it is as sweet as honey. When a teacher communicates modified lesson instructions to meet the needs of a student who requires a different approach, it is as sweet as honey. When the lessons we learn in class result in personal meaning and more active participation in Jewish life, it is as sweet as honey.

I want to thank the entire Beth Jacob community in advance for the wonderful honey that we will assuredly share with each other this coming year. I know that by working together, we can make the sweetness of Rosh Hashanah last all year round.

Wishing everyone a shanah tovah umetukah (a good and sweet year)!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Maayan Lev
Director of Congregational Learning

Limudim: Our Learning Community

LIMUDIM ADULT ED

Tuesdays, 5:30- 7:30 pm at Beth Jacob

Limudim is not just for children. It is a learning community.
We have classes for adults on Tuesday nights at 5:30 and 6:30.
See below for more information and check the calendar for exact dates.

Register: Beth-Jacob.org/AdultEd

JUDITH AND THE MACCABEES

Dr. Shayna Sheinfeld
Tuesdays, 5:30- 6:30 pm at Beth Jacob
Oct. 6, 13, 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, 8



Judith and the Maccabees: Illuminate your Hanukah experiences by diving into the book of Judith, a text from the Apocrypha that is strongly associated with the holiday of Hanukah (though different from the traditional Hanukah story). If time allows, we may also look at the book of 2 Maccabees.

LEARN TO CHANT TORAH

Hannah Hofrichter
Tuesdays, 6:30- 7:30 pm at Beth Jacob
Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, 8, 15



Ever wanted to chant Torah but never had someone to teach you? Had a b'nai mitzvah years ago but need a refresher? This is the class for you! Prerequisite skill: reading/decoding Hebrew.

A SAMPLING OF CLASSES BEING OFFERED IN 2027

JANUARY:

Learning to Chant Haftarah with Sharon Press

Jewish Ritual with Sara Lynn Newberger

FEBRUARY:

Raising Jewish Children with Rabbi Tamar

MAY:

Prayerbook Hebrew with Lydia Schultz

Panim El Panim, with Earl Schwartz

JUDAISM 101: CORE PRACTICES AND PRINCIPLES

Rabbi Cathy Nemiroff
Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm online
Starting October 19



For anyone seeking to better understand Jewish thought and practice, whether you are already Jewish, Jewish-curious or on the path to conversion.This class will meet online, with exceptions for special hands-on sessions.

Register at Beth-Jacob.org/Intro

THE COURAGEOUS PATH: DEEPENING YOUR MUSSAR JOURNEY

Thursday mornings from 10-12
With Gayle Zoffer at Beth Jacob

LIVING MUSSAR

Living Mussar



The Courageous Path: Deepening your Mussar Journey is a new curriculum focused on month-long study of each of five middot. This Va'ad will cultivate the middot of Courage, Forgiveness, Anger, Joy and Strength. This 12 Session Va'ad will be facilitated by Gayle Zoffer and is recommended for those with some prior Mussar learning. Class fee is $360, cost will not be a barrier.
Register at Beth-Jacob.org/Mussar

FOR THE 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.



Join the continued journey into the beauty of the Tehillim, the Book of Psalms. Having completed the exploration of the Psalms as found in the Siddur, our learning now will take us through the texts from the rest of the volume. Join with others to consider the meaning and impact of these ancient texts and together, consider why and how these words are still an important part of our lives today. No prior experience needed. Texts are provided in Hebrew and English.

TANACH WITH DAVID RISCHALL

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm on Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/79546614386



This is a relaxed, drop-in class to develop a better understanding of the Hebrew Bible and skills to read the Bible in the original Hebrew. The only prerequisite is an ability to read Hebrew. David will introduce short segments of Tanach which are little known to most Jews, highlighting the many differences of thought between biblical Israelites and the Rabbinic Judaism, and how much the Rabbis carried on biblical traditions. Questions? Call David at 651-230-3911.

MORNING MISHNAH WITH RABBI TAMAR MAGILL-GRIMM

Tuesdays at around 8:00 am (after minyan) in the Saide Chapel and online
Join on Zoom at 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 (or just stay on Zoom after Morning Minyan).

University of Minnesota Center for Jewish Studies Community Lecture Series

Beth Jacob is proud to co-sponsor the annual lecture series.
This Fall, the following lectures are being offered:

Sander Gilman Presents: Antisemitisms and Anti-antisemitisms
Dr. Sander Gilman, Emory University
Tuesday, October 20

In his 2026 book, Antisemitisms: A History of Jew-Hating, Sander L. Gilman summarizes how the hatred of Jews came to be used as a political cudgel by non-Jews and Jews alike.

The Jew Who Passed: Laura Z. Hobson and the American Bargain of Belonging
Dr. Rachel Gordan, University of Florida
Thursday, November 12

Before Gentleman's Agreement became the Academy Award–winning postwar film starring Gregory Peck, it was the bestselling novel of Laura Z. Hobson, a Jewish American woman whose life was shaped by the very questions of antisemitism, assimilation, and conditional belonging that made her novel-turned-film famous. Born Laura Zametkin, the daughter of Russian Jewish immigrant radicals, Hobson transformed herself into Laura Z. Hobson: Cornell graduate, Madison Avenue copywriter, Time Inc. editor, Upper East Side wife, divorced single mother, celebrity novelist, and one of the most widely read interpreters of American antisemitism.

Before 1492: Expelling Jews and "Jews" in Medieval Europe
Rowan Dorin, Stanford University
Tuesday, December 8

Vilified for their supposed usury, condemned by church leaders, and expelled by opportunistic rulers—such was the fate not only of medieval Europe's Jewish communities, but also of the many Christian moneylenders in their midst. (That's right, Jews were not the only moneylenders in the Middle Ages!) By recovering the forgotten existence of those who were frequently denounced as "Jew-ish" by hostile contemporaries, this lecture asks what we can learn about Jewish history from the experiences of those who came to share not only a language of exclusion but also the reality of expulsion.

BJC WEBSITE

We are so excited to announce that our team has been hard at work building a NEW Beth Jacob website for our members and visitors. As this is a human-made site, we are in need of beta testers to give feedback about user experience!

To volunteer some time as a beta tester, please contact Marisa Goffman at youth@beth-jacob.org.

BJUSY was represented at the USY International Leadership Training Institute (LTI) convention by our very own Hannah Levitt, read her reflection here:

At LTI, I learned about how to create a more inviting community, through both lectures with trained adults and practice with fellow teens. LTI is one of my favorite conventions because it's with people I see once or twice a year who all have as much love and passion about youth involvement in Conservative Judaism as I do. I can't wait to take everything I learned and implement it into both EMTZA and BJUSY programs. We ended the convention with all of my fellow EMTZAniks in a circle, hands around each other, singing "Lean On Me" and our region song. It was a magical experience and I can't wait for other BJUSYers next to experience the same things throughout this year.

BJUSY

Ongoing Programs

Lounge Night
Every Tuesday, 7:30pm

First Friday Kab Shab
Beginning in November



Upcoming Special Events

EMTZA Fall Kinnus



Oct 23-25

Mystery Bus Ride



Nov 21-22

Statewide SA/TO



Jan 9-10

Pizza-in-the-Hut



Sunday Sept 20, 10am



Volunteer with Sholom

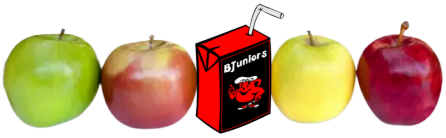


Sunday Oct. 11, 10am

Have ideas on what fun activities Gesher should do this year? Apply to be on the Gesher Leadership Council!



BJuniors Apple Picking



Sunday Oct 25, 11am

Check out our new hub for all things BJuniors!

beth-jacob.org/BJuniors

For Our Youngest Members

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of every month from 10:00 - 10:30 in the nursery. A song-filled Shabbat Morning Service for BJC's littlest ones (0-3 years old).

Play Group

Every Friday at 10:30 in the nursery, we have open play time for young children and their caregivers that lasts until naptime.

Beth Jacob provides the following scholarships to support our community members in furthering their Jewish learning and growth:



- **Jewish Camp Scholarship**: Need-based camp scholarships are available for overnight Jewish camp. **The deadline to apply for Summer 2027 is January 13th, 2027**. While we have limited scholarship funds available, we will do our best to work with you and our community partners to acquire as much scholarship as possible. All scholarship awards will be confidentially determined by our scholarship committee. Please be in touch with Sonya or Scholarship Committee Chair Steve Ukes with any questions. Beth-Jacob.org/Camp

- **Beth Jacob Herzl Camp Scholarship Fund:** A scholarship is available for Beth Jacob members in good standing who need financial assistance to attend Herzl Camp. Participants can apply directly to Herzl Camp. Reach out to Frances Fischer with any questions.

- **Jewish Day School Scholarship**: Beth Jacob has been gifted with the amazing opportunity to ensure our youth have access to Jewish Day School education. Thanks to a generous gift, Beth Jacob's scholarship committee has up to $20,000 available to allocate to Beth Jacob families in good financial standing to help offset the cost of day school tuition. Studies have shown the long- term impact that Jewish Day School has on the development of Jewish identity, and we are honored to be able to continue the legacy of ensuring access to Jewish education. Please complete the application by **February 28th 2027**. Beth-Jacob.org/DaySchoolScholarships



- **General Youth Scholarships**: The general youth scholarship helps offset funding for programs such as USY, youth arts and culture experiences, teen Jewish education, Israel programs, and professional/leadership development. Scholarship applications need to be submitted with a month's lead time to the program.

- **Goldberger Family Scholarship** : The Goldberger Fund provides funds for Jewish families in St. Paul whose children (ages 12 months to 18 years) are medically diagnosed with developmental disabilities or special healthcare needs. Distributions are based on family needs and income. Families may apply for financial assistance for the following types of programs and services (for example): Jewish educational support at St. Paul beneficiary agencies and synagogues; recreational programs; equipment; respite care; and specialty camps. For more information, please contact Ellen Konstan, EKonstan@stpaulfed.org.

To donate to any of our youth scholarship funds, please visit the correct link below:

Jewish Day School | **General Youth** | **Camp**

PROGRAMMING



Frances Fischer
Director of Congregational Programming

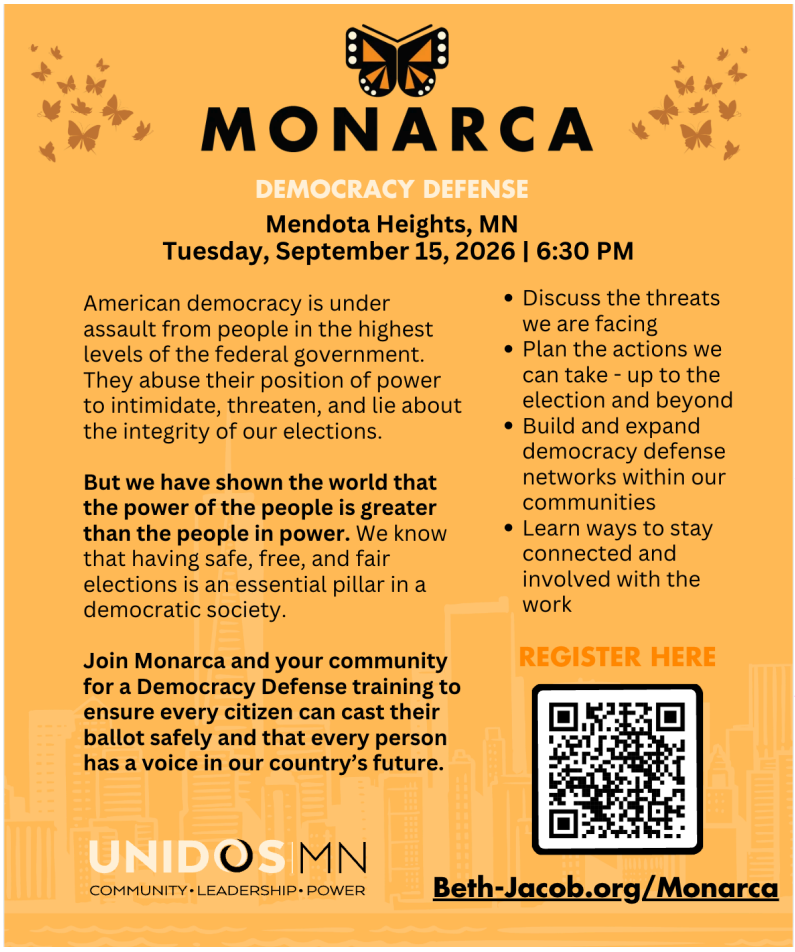
Hello, My Favorite Congregation!

We have another great year of programs ahead of us! I look forward to helping everyone find their best way to be an involved member of our community. On these next pages are some ideas to get you started.

Please, please do reach out (Frances@Beth-Jacob.org) with any wonderful ideas, mediocre ideas that we need to flesh out, questions about our community and where your fit is, or just to schmooze.

--Frances

UPCOMING EVENTS





Caregiver Support:
Wednesday, Sept. 23 Oct. 14, Nov. 18, Dec. 16 at 7:00pm

Through conversation, reflection, and support with a Jewish lens, creating space for both the practical and emotional realities of caring for a loved one. This group meets once a month on Wednesday evenings at Beth Jacob.

SCIENTISTS IN SYNAGOGUES AT BETH JACOB PRESENTS

Genetic Engineering: *Optimizing Our Children?*

A community series on science, ethics & Jewish values

Made possible with a generous grant from Sinai and Synapses.

MOVIE NIGHT

Wed, October 21 | 7:00 PM

Gattaca (In Person Only)

Step into a not-so-distant future where a person's fate is written in their DNA before they're even born. This 1997 sci-fi classic imagines a world shaped by genetic selection — where hereditary traits determine who succeeds and who doesn't. Starring Ethan Hawke, Jude Law & Uma Thurman.

✦ *Free popcorn!*



LEARNING

Sat, October 24 | Post-Kiddush

How Close Are We to Gattaca? (In person or livestream)

Join us after kiddush to dig into the science behind the fiction. How close are we to Gattaca today? Just how far has genetic technology actually come — and how far is too far?

PANEL DISCUSSION

Sun, October 25 | 10:00 AM - Noon

Genetic Engineering: Optimizing Our Children? (In Person or Zoom)

Hear from a distinguished panel of experts as they discuss the medical possibilities, ethical boundaries, and Jewish perspectives on genetic engineering:

Dr. Saul Snowise — Maternal and Fetal Medicine, University of Minnesota
Dr. Ian Wolfe — Director of Ethics, Children's Minnesota
Rabbi Elliot Dorff — Professor of Philosophy, American Jewish University



Dr. Saul Snowise



Dr. Ian Wolfe



Rabbi Elliot Dorff

Co-sponsored by Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Minnesota

RSVP required for movie night and panel discussion. If attending virtually, links provided upon registration. Register at beth-jacob.org/scientists.

Free & open to the community — pre-registration required

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Sinai and Synapses Scientists in Synagogues

The Praying Body Workshop

A Post-Kiddush Learning

November 7



שבת: התפעלות וכבוד

Embodied Shabbat with Wonder and Honor

Using theater practices and physical movement, this workshop teaches prayer from the inside out.

Rather than beginning with liturgy or external performance,
we invite participants to first encounter their own internal landscape:

the place where prayer begins before words emerge.

We focus on ***Kavod*** (reverence/presence)
and ***Hitpa'alut*** (wonder/awakened awareness).

The goal is to reclaim embodied spiritual practice, training leaders to guide communities toward

prayer as something we inhabit, not just perform.

Led by Cantor Tamar Havilio

Assembling the
World's First

BRAILLE MEGILLAH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
5-7PM

Help create the world's first kosher, blind-accessible scroll of Esther

In consultation with a global network of scribes and rabbis, local scribe and BJC Member Yonathan Reches has developed a method to incorporate Hebrew Braille into the complex nexus of scribal laws and practices. With a grant from Rimon: Jewish Arts Council, he is completing the first scroll in a collaboration across communities in the Twin Cities.

Beth Jacob will **sew the panels together**
making the megillah kosher
for reading this upcoming Purim!

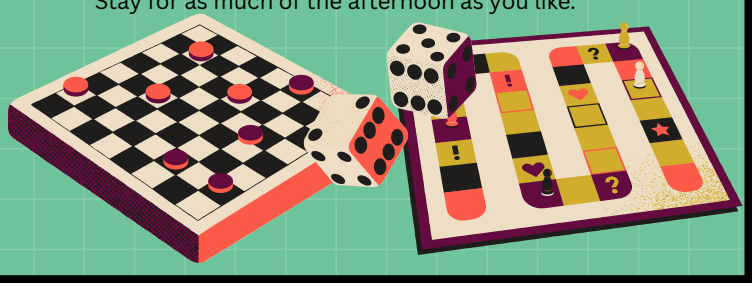
Register: Beth-Jacob.org/Braille



GAME DAY

NOVEMBER 21
AFTER KIDDUSH

Play games we have here, or bring your own.
All ages welcome!
Stay for as much of the afternoon as you like.



HELPING THE ARCHIVES...



AGAIN!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 2:00PM

A **Zoom Workshop** for anyone who wants to help maintain the institutional memory of our precious **collection of photographs.**

Beth-Jacob.org/Archives

Archivist Kate Dietrich will show us photos - we will identify the event, the people, etc, and the information will be preserved for posterity!



The laying of our cornerstone, 1988, photo from the Upper

Beth Jacob Congregation

Pajama Hanukkah Extravaganza

Family
Food
Crafts
Music
Fun!



December 8
6:30-7:30pm

Bring:

- Your **Hanukkiah** and **Candles**
- A **New Pair Of Socks** to gift to someone living in the cold.

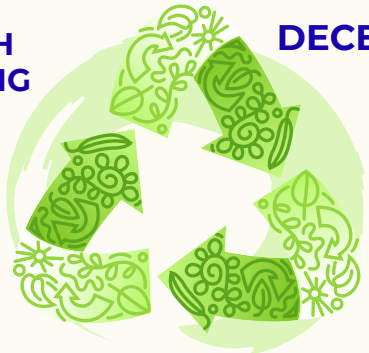
RSVP: Beth-Jacob.org/PHE

BRINGING CLIMATE ACTION HOME -THE EASY WAY.

בית יעקב
BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

A POST-KIDDUSH LEARNING

DECEMBER 12



We will be presenting a "show and tell" to introduce small, simple changes in your life that will reduce your ecological/ carbon footprint.

Presented by the Climate Action Committee

BETH JACOB READS A BOOK

Post Kiddush Book Discussion

with
Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm
Saturday, December 19
12:45 pm

EMBRACING EXILE

THE CASE FOR JEWISH DIASPORA

by
DAVID KRAEMER

*"...illuminates how Jewish people have, for millennia, cultivated vibrant communities, and produced profound intellectual and artistic achievements by adapting to and integrating into new communities"--**Jewish Book Council***

Memorial Blood Centers

Beth Jacob Blood Drive
February 28, 2027

Plan your blood donations:

- Last date to donate double red
  October 31 (120-day deferral)
- Last date to donate whole blood
  January 3 (56-day deferral)

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Save the date, and save a life!

St. Paul Community Women's Seder



Thursday, April 8, 2027
1 Nisan, 5787
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

This pre-Pesach program and seder is for women and those who feel comfortable in women-centered spaces.

Save the Date:
BJC
Annual Gala
May 23, 2027



Thank You

Thank you to the

Siegfried Family
(Susan, Misha, Tracy,
David, Leanna, Adina & Benjamin)

for donating a new Ner Tamid
in the Saide Chapel
in loving memory of Steve Siegfried (z"l)



The Ner Tamid was designed and created by glass artist Claude Riedel

Thank you to

Beth Pearlman and Garry George
for generously donating a
new freezer
to the Beth Jacob kitchen
in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary.



A specific energy-efficient gift to further the goals of the BJ Climate Action committee.



Grab a Coffee with Tal!

Shaliach Tal (our emisary from israel) wants to chat with you about community ideas, Israel, or just a "get to know you."

Text/Call: 651-353-2670
Email: Shlichut@StPaulFed.org
Insta: @Stpaulshlichut

Schedule a time

St. Paul Jewish Federation

THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל

BLOOD DRIVE

Co-Chairs: Jason Bryan, Roy Kay, and Sharon Benmaman

The Blood Drive Committee plans and manages our annual blood drive. They are in frequent communication with Memorial Blood Center, BJC staff and 20+ volunteers. At the 2026 Blood Drive (*co-chairs: Dave Honan and Sharon Benmaman)*, a total of 80 pints of blood were collected from 90 donors.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Chair: Louis Leichter

The Building & Grounds Committee oversees Beth Jacob's building and grounds and supervises repairs and regular maintenance. Highlights of the past year include: a new boiler has been installed; the Social Hall floor was cleaned and waxed; the new playground was installed; and all interior lights have been converted to LEDs.

CEMETERY

Chair: Mike Keller

The Cemetery Committee is responsible for Beth Jacob's cemetery, which consists of three contiguous cemeteries: Sons of Moses cemetery, Sons of Jacob cemetery, and Children of Abraham cemetery. For information about the cemetery, or for information about purchasing plots, please contact Mike Keller or the Synagogue office.

CHESED

Chair: Elizabeth Barnard

The Chesed Committee offers meal support for people with a new baby or who are recovering from surgery or an injury. Bikur Cholim is the other role we fulfill--visiting and listening to people who might be isolated. To participate in either of these roles, email Chesed@Beth-Jacob.org

CHEVRA KADISHA

Co-Chairs: Eric & Jo Pasternack

The Chevra Kadisha is a group of anonymous individuals who provide pre-burial services to deceased congregants. We provide Shmira, in which the deceased is "guarded" in two-hour shifts between death and burial. We also provide Tahara, the ritual preparation of the body for burial including ritual cleaning, dressing, and placing into the casket. If you are interested in joining the Chevra Kadisha, or if you just want to know more about what we do, contact Eric or Jo at chevrakadisha@beth-jacob.org.

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CLIMATE ACTION
Chair: Laura Millberg

The Climate Action Committee coordinates with the Jewish Climate Leadership Coalition powered by the national nonprofit Adamah to develop an annual Climate Action Plan and then implement our selected actions. In 2026, we are focused on further increasing our synagogue building's energy efficiency with more weatherstripping and LED lighting, upgrading old electric appliances and switching gas appliances to electric as economically feasible, continuing our reduction of food and packaging waste, and providing post-kiddush learning opportunities about climate action. If you want to know more or join the BJC Climate Action Committee, contact laura.millberg@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY HEALTH
Chair: Sheldon Berkowitz

The Community Health Committee monitors the external disease environment and needs of congregants, and recommends actions to mitigate health risks to individuals and our community. A revised masking policy for the Bimah during Torah Service was approved by the board for a 3-month trial, which started on August 8th.

DOROTHY DAY
Chair: Andy Meltzer

Beth Jacob members volunteer to prepare and serve meals at the Dorothy Day homeless shelter. Joining with other local faith communities, we take responsibility for Sunday breakfast once a month, serving approximately 300 clients.

Join the list of volunteers by sending an email to Andy.Meltzer@gmail.com. Email invitations are sent out each month. Anyone who chooses to respond comes to the shelter's kitchen at 7:45 am to help cook. We serve breakfast at 9:00 and finish by 10:30. Parking is free, and the warm feeling that comes from helping others is priceless.

GREETING
Co-Chairs: Susie Minsberg, Anne Cronmmiller, Rachel Chinitz

The Greeting Committee schedules and coordinates volunteers to welcome congregants and visitors as they enter our building. Recruitment of congregant greeters is going well and more volunteers are always welcome.

KESHER/CONNECTIONS

The purpose of the Kesher/Connections Committee is to welcome new members to our synagogue, and to help all congregants make and preserve connections to and within the community. We help new members meet people with whom they share common interests by creating opportunities to interact with others and activities that foster connections.

KITCHEN

Chair: Geoff Marshall

The Kitchen Committee works with kitchen crews and catering companies to prepare and serve kiddush luncheons on Shabbat and holidays. Additionally, the committee assists in the management and policies for the kitchen usage. Highlights of the past year include: A new dishwasher was installed; A new freezer was donated to replace our 40+year old freezer; and an electric oven repaired, with another one donated.

MEALS OF CONSOLATION

Co-Chairs: Lynn Usem and Carolyn Levy

When a family member of a congregant passes away, the shul provides a Meal of Consolation after the burial. We are always looking for more volunteers. It can be anything from making cookies or a kugel to helping serve. No prior experience necessary. We will add you to our list and when the need arises, we send out an email asking if you would like to assist. It is a very heartwarming and meaningful experience. Contact Lynn Usem, Lynn.Usem@gmail.com, if you would like to help.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Co-chairs: Jo Pasternack and Jessica Zehavi

The Ritual Committee meets regularly with Rabbi Tamar to discuss ritual questions. Our goal is to improve Beth Jacob members' experience in shul, consistent with our founding principles and Conservative Jewish values.

As a participatory shul, we welcome you to read Torah and/or lead davenning. If you would like to learn how, we welcome that too! Use this QR code to sign up for a Torah reading or a service. Please contact Mira Miller, Jo Pasternack, or Jessica Zehavi with any questions, or to request lessons!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Chair: Steve Ukes

The Scholarship Committee oversees the administration of scholarships to the Day School, Camp Ramah, and Herzl Camp. We also help arrange for scholarships for Israel programs for our youth. The committee gives out 7-8 scholarships per year to the day school and camps.

SCIENTISTS IN THE SYNAGOGUE
Chair: Paul Bloomberg

The Scientists in the Synagogue Committee at Beth Jacob is planning three programs that will bring together scientific inquiry and Jewish tradition by embedding local scientists and public conversations into our community.

Genetic engineering and intervention is our first program, planned for October 21, 24, & 25. We are showing the movie Gattaca on October 21, hosting a post-kiddish learning on October 24, and we have a panel discussion on October 25 which will include experts in the field, including Dr Saul Snowise, Dr Ian Wolfe, and Rabbi Elliot Dorff.

SECURITY
Co-chairs: Mitch Multer and Will Thomas

The Security Committee promotes a safe and secure environment by helping to mitigate security threats to congregants, our events, and our facilities. We continue to regularly assess of security concerns. This year we held a Stop the Bleed training and enabled members to get First Aid/CPR certified.

SHUL CLOUD UTILIZATION
Chair: Bernie Miller

The ShulCloud Utilliztion Committee is responsible for maintaining and improving synagogue operations for congregants through our ShulCloud software. The committee supports ASC emails, updates life cycle events (yahrzeits, birthdays, anniversaries, births) and tracks different types of membership. We are working on transfer our operations from old accounting system to Sage, a new system that will allow us to improve financial tracking for donations.

SOCIAL JUSTICE
Chair: Barb Curchack

Guided by Torah and the values of Beth Jacob Congregation, the Social Justice Committee educates, acts, and advocates in order to change systemic injustice in our communities. For the past two years, we have been learning about homelessness in Minnesota, supporting agencies affected by Metro Surge, and partnering with our youth groups on social justice initiatives. Each year, we host Social Justice Shabbat, where we invite experts on homelessness to teach us about the faces of homelessness and ways we might get involved. To learn more, please contact bcurchack@gmail.com.

YOUTH EDUCATION
Chair: Miriam Krause

The Youth Education committee is re-forming this year with a goal of supporting Limudim: Our Learning Community at Beth Jacob! We will be working collaboratively with Rabbi Ma'ayan to set goals for the year. If you are interested in learning more about the committee, please contact Miriam at mirk47@gmail.com.

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In honor of the birth of Tova Rivka, granddaughter of Eileen & Elie Helms

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In support of morning minyan

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In honor of our 53rd wedding anniversary
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In honor of the birth of Hershel Lior Held

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In honor of Elana Minsberg's new baby Shai Miriam Minsberg

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In appreciation of Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm, Pam Lauer, and the morning minyannaires

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In honor of the 30th anniversary of Rabbi Sharon Stiefel & Davida Alperin

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In appreciation of Rav Shosh Dworsky & her Monday evening lessons

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In appreciation of the volunteers who greet and provide security for our congregation

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LIFE AND LEGACY

This New Year, answer the Shofar call by making a legacy gift, ensuring a strong Jewish community for future generations. Regardless of your age or income, the Yamin Noraim, the High Holidays, are a great time to start thinking about your legacy. Legacy gift commitments cost nothing today and can be made by designating Beth Jacob as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), will, or trust.

Your legacy gift will ensure that we will continue our Jewish journey by building and sustaining the next generation of the Jewish people and this special congregation with warmth, tradition, and community.

For more information on getting started on your legacy, please call Leonard Oppenheimer at (651)690-4168 or email him at lroppy@gmail.com.

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BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

Beth Jacob Congregation is a community that has come together since 1985 to nurture a relationship with God and supportive connections to each other.

Shabbat is the centerpiece of our community's week. Davening on Shabbat morning brings together individuals with different understandings and knowledge of liturgy: its "choreography," its meaning, its historical significance. Our Limudim program affords the opportunity for children to know the joys of Judaism and 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.

If you are interested in more information about Beth Jacob or know someone you think is considering membership, please contact our office at (651) 452-2226.

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