

# קול יעקב | Kol Ya'akov

THE VOICE OF BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

## SHAVUOT

at Beth Jacob

Thursday, May 21  
Erev Shavuot

6:30pm Dinner at Beth Jacob  
[Beth-Jacob.org/Shavuot](http://Beth-Jacob.org/Shavuot)



7:15 Torah, Yoga, Arts & Crafts

**David Rischall, Becky Taurog**

8:23 Candle Lighting/Ma'ariv/Kiddush

8:45 Tikkun Leil Shavuot

- midnight **Rafa Kern: Why Learn Torah?**

**Cooking with Darla Kashian**

**Learning with Sara Lynn Newberger**

**Coffee & Cheesecake**



Friday, May 22

9:00am Morning Services

Noon Bikurim Picnic

Bring a picnic lunch,  
Join friends and play  
games on the lawn

BJ provides dessert

Saturday, May 23

9:00am Morning Services,  
Including Yizkor  
Followed by  
Kiddush lunch



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**April 18 - Mazal Tov to Whitman Noecker**



**Whitman Noecker**

Whitman Noecker is a seventh grader at Torah Academy of Minneapolis, where he is currently learning the Gemara of Bava Metzia, among other things. His interests include geography, math, music, and baseball. He is currently studying algebra at the University of Minnesota Talented Youth Mathematics Program. In the summer, he plays baseball at Parkway Little League on Saint Paul's East Side. He has taken piano lessons for the past seven years. In his free time, he loves to draw maps, play bridge, and lose to his brother at video games.

**May 16 - Mazal Tov to Ruth Jewett**



**Ruth Jewett**

I am in 7th grade at the Twin Cities German Immersion School and live in Minneapolis near the River. My parents are Ethan and Patricia Jewett and my younger sister is named Judith. I enjoy drawing, reading, Volleyball, music and playing Clarinet. My parashah is Bamidbar - easy to remember, and is about the Israelites preparing to go into Israel.

S H A B B A T

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

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

**Sponsor a Kiddush!**

Please consider celebrating an occasion, or celebrating something you've totally made up. Gather friends to co-sponsor with you!

Contact the Beth Jacob office, or donate at **[Beth-Jacob.org/Kiddush](https://Beth-Jacob.org/Kiddush)**.



EAST METRO MORNING MINYAN

The East Metro morning minyan is held in person and online. If you are interested in attending minyan, just show up--You will be welcomed!

**East Metro Morning Minyan at Beth Jacob**

**Monday - Friday: 7:15 am**

**Rosh Hodesh 7:00am**

**Federal Holidays: 8:30 am**

**Join online via Zoom at:**

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

**East Metro Minyan at Temple of Aaron**

**Monday - Thursday: 6:00 pm**

**Sunday Morning: 9:00 am**

**Join online via Zoom at:**

**[bit.ly/EMMinyan](https://bit.ly/EMMinyan)**



**OUR GREAT GREEK  
GET TOGETHER**

ΣΤΡΩΜΑΤΑ

**SUNDAY, MAY 3  
5-8 PM**

**Join us for an unforgettable night of community, food music, and fun at Beth Jacob's Spring Gala!**



With our Great Greek theme, prepare for amazing Greek food and decor as we bid on a variety of items during the silent and live auctions, followed by a celebration with the

### **Dirty Shorts Brass Band**

and their New Orleans-style music, sure to get you dancing in the aisles!

Don't miss this special evening of entertainment, connection, and giving that helps ensure our community continues to thrive.

**Get your tickets today: [Beth-Jacob.org/Tickets](https://beth-jacob.org/tickets)**

# The Beth Jacob Annual Blood Drive\*

## Sunday, May 31

**Every 2 seconds**, someone needs blood.  
In the time it will take you to read this,  
**15 people** will be in need.  
One donation can **save three lives!**



Sign up to donate at

[www.beth-jacob.org/blood](http://www.beth-jacob.org/blood)



or contact Sharon Benmaman at 651-552-9111,  
[sharonben@comcast.net](mailto:sharonben@comcast.net).

### Volunteers needed

To volunteer, contact  
Roy Kay at [Burljeffers@comcast.net](mailto:Burljeffers@comcast.net), 612-280-4192,  
or Dave Honan at [Akivahonan@gmail.com](mailto:Akivahonan@gmail.com), 952-992-9426.

To be eligible to donate on May 31, your last donation must have been on or before:  
*Feb 7 for Double Red; April 4 for Whole Blood*

*\*The blood drive with Matzo Ball Soup*



**A Post Kiddush Learning  
with Shaliach Tal**

## THE ART OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

**DECODING THE ISRAELI  
SPIRIT OF RESILIENCE & COPING**

**April 25, 12:30 pm**



## Stop The Bleed

**June 14**

**10-11am**

Learn to save a life in an emergency. This special hands-on training offered by the JCRC will teach you:

- Why bleeding is the #1 preventable death after an injury and how to save a life.
- How to Identify when life threatening bleeding is occurring.
- How to control bleeding when someone is injured and while waiting for first responders to arrive.

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



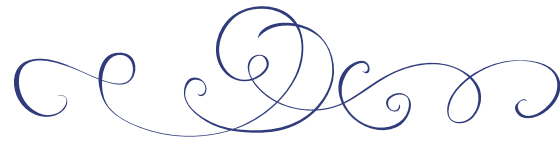
## Kabbalat Shabbat and

# Shabbatluck



**Join us at 6:00 pm for  
the RETURN of  
FIRST FRIDAY SHABBATLUCKS  
Kabbalat Shabbat  
and stay for a  
pot-luck Shabbat dinner.**

**First Friday Shabbatluck Schedule:  
May 1, June 5, July 3  
RSVP [Beth-Jacob.org/Shabbatluck](https://beth-jacob.org/Shabbatluck)**



BETH JACOB  
CONGREGATION

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## Immigrant Justice

**A Post-Kiddush Learning  
May 9, 12:30pm**

**Lily Cooper, of Unidos MN**

*speaking about*

- ICE
- Jewish immigrant justice values
- Organizing
- Mutual aid
- the Unidos congregational coalition
- and ways to get involved

Unidos MN is a grassroots organization that builds power with Minnesota's working families to advance social, racial, and economic justice for all. Born from the strength of the DREAMER movement, we place immigration, education, and climate justice at the heart of our work. As an intersectional and intergenerational organization led by women and multiracial communities, we unite people from all backgrounds to fight for a future where everyone can thrive—no exceptions.

## Director of Congregational Learning Update

At the time of this writing, the Search Committee is still working on the hiring of a new Director of Congregational Learning, and we hope to have news for you soon! We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this work, by showing up to services, events, or meetings with the candidates or providing feedback. Thanks also to the staff who supported the Search Committee: Rabbi Tamar, Sonya, Frances, Laurie, Marisa, and Elaine. A special thanks to the interim DCL team of Drake Prohofsky, D. Marcos Vital, and Amalia Prohofsky. Thank you to all the volunteers who hosted, drove, observed, guided, gave tours, and lent items, to make the three candidate visits a success: EB, Esti Koen, Eric and Jo Pasternack, Nina Samuelson, Earl Schwartz, SaraLynn Newberger, Talia Vital, Ethan Jewett, Joel Goldsmith, Rachel Hertel, Dominic Ackerman, Bernie Levinson, Bruce Kessler, Mikkie Minsberg, Tessa Silver, and Jason Bryan. The Search Committee - Becky Taurog (chair), Jonathan Ehrlich, David Rephan, Carol Altschuler, Miriam Krause, Wendy Schwartz - appreciate the whole congregation's engagement in the process!

### What are our students learning?



After recently concluding our holiday sivuv, this quarter our Limudim students are studying different aspects of Jewish history, diaspora, and Israel. Tracing the story of the Jewish people from ancient times through the diaspora and into modern Israel, they are examining how Jewish communities maintained their culture and faith while scattered across the globe. Through these conversations, students are developing a deeper understanding of where we come from and how history continues to shape Jewish life today.

### Welcome Cantor Spilker!

We are excited to welcome Cantor Spilker on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> for a special teaching about the mikvah!



### Join us for Limudim Graduation on May 23rd

Shabbat Shavuot we will be celebrating the learning our students have completed this year from the bimah. We will also extend gratitude and appreciation to our educators who dedicated their time and expertise to helping our children learn.

## Ongoing Children's Programming

**Limudim** Tuesday evenings and Shabbat mornings, for our Pre-K through 8th graders. Beth-Jacob.org/Limudim

**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.

# YOUTH GROUPS



BJUSY was represented at EMTZA Winter Shabbaton in February. Here is the report of one of our members:

*I had THE most AMAZING time at Winter Shab. They had a ton of different options (super fun ones) for services, which helped me connect more to my Jewish identity. I was also able to see a whole bunch of my out-of-state friends there. I'm a senior and I don't have many more opportunities to go to conventions at this point, so being able to see all those people one last time was so wonderful.*



- Zoelie Kolker, BJUSY Communications VP 26-27

Marisa Goffman  
Youth and Education Coordinator



Mimouna Celebration  
Sat. Apr 11-12



EMTZA Skallah  
Fri. Apr 24-26



BJUSY CMT  
Fri May 8-10  
[beth-jacob.org/CMT](http://beth-jacob.org/CMT)



BJUSY Final Banquet  
Tuesday June 2  
7:00pm-9:00pm



Lounge Nights  
Every Tuesday at 7:30pm  
It's a different activity each week! Movies, cooking, arts and crafts, anything you'd like.



Our last BJuniors event of the year is a painting party palooza at Color Me Mine in Eagan on Sunday, April 19th 11am-1pm! RSVP here: [beth-jacob.org/BJuniorsevent](http://beth-jacob.org/BJuniorsevent)

## JOIN OUR SHLICHEI TZIBUR GROUP!

Are you Interested in leading or learning to lead a service? Already leading services and want to connect with others? We meet monthly to learn and share together! Join anytime by emailing [webberinruth@gmail.com](mailto:webberinruth@gmail.com) or [jessica.zehavi@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.zehavi@gmail.com).

## STAND UP, SIT DOWN, WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

**9:15am in the Saide Chapel, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the Month**



For the curious and confused. Guest teachers will explain the prayers, the services, and the movements associated with Shabbat.

## 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. 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

**Wednesdays at around 8:00 am (after minyan) in the Saide 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).



Register: [Beth-Jacob.org/AdultEd](https://beth-jacob.org/adult-ed)



## Twin Cities Tour de Torah SVARA-style Learning and Studio Art

Sara Lynn Newberger and Lillie Benowitz

April 14, 21, 28th, May 5, 12, 19

6:30PM-8PM at Beth Jacob.



Are you looking to cultivate imagination and deepen your knowledge of Jewish texts? Join communities across the Twin Cities as we strengthen our spiritual muscles through text and art-based learning. Throughout 5786, we'll use the cutting-edge pedagogy of SVARA and the Jewish Studio Process to prepare for Hanukkah, Passover, and the Omer.

## As The Arabs See The Jews--Revisited Exploring History, Narratives, and the Roots of Conflict

Ted Flaum

Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25 7-8:30pm



Join us for a thoughtful discussion revisiting King Abdullah I of Jordan's influential essay, "As the Arabs See the Jews." Using this text as a starting point, we will explore Jewish history in the Middle East, the rise of Zionism, the development of the Palestinian national narrative, and the cultural values, social structures, and historical experiences that shaped Arab-Jewish relations and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Through historical context and respectful conversation, this class aims to deepen understanding of both the narratives and cultural perspectives that continue to influence Israel, Palestine, and the broader Middle East today.

## University of Minnesota Center for Jewish Studies Community Lecture Series



**What Did People Talk About in the Warsaw Ghetto? Yiddish Words of the Holocaust**

Dr. Hannah Pollin-Galay (University of Massachusetts)

Wednesday, Apr 15, 2026 | 7:30 - 9 PM

Sabes Jewish Community Center

The Holocaust radically altered the way its victims—especially Yiddish speakers—spoke and communicated. Finding their prewar language incapable of describing the imprisonment, death, and dehumanization of the Shoah, prisoners added or reinvented thousands of Yiddish words and phrases to describe their new reality. These crass, witty, and sometimes beautiful Yiddish words – Khurbn Yiddish, or “Yiddish of the Holocaust” – puzzled and intrigued the East European Jews who were experiencing the metamorphosis of their own tongue. This talk will focus on the experience of language in the Warsaw ghetto, looking at the new Yiddish words invented, how people debated their meanings, and why they felt it was so important to remember them. No knowledge of Yiddish required!

## AN UPDATE FROM THE TZEDAKA HEVRA

We, the Beth Jacob Tzedaka Hevra, have completed our inaugural round of grant funding! We joined together a year ago to:

- Facilitate the mitzvah of tzedaka
- Increase our tzedaka impact by jointly funding organizations
- Learn from each other about approaches to tzedaka
- Decrease each member's work of vetting organizations
- Learn from each other about tzedaka opportunities
- Strengthen our bonds with individual community members.

We hope publicizing our endeavor will:

- provide you with new vetted tzedaka opportunities (see below)
- attract 3 new members to our hevra
- inspire you to start your own Tzedaka Hevra

As a group of 18 (chai!) we created bylaws and a structure for giving:

- Jewish or local 501(c)3 organizations
- Opened a bank account that is under the umbrella of Beth Jacob, so all donations are tax deductible
- All adult members have an equal voting power
- Members cannot decrease their Beth Jacob ASC
- Member contributions will be anonymous and at least 1% of their household annual income

We are delighted to report we gave out \$22,500 and held back more in an emergency fund. Our allocation process required us to individually research and present organizations, then vote a few times, honing down the number of organizations from 36 to 15. Happily the voting was mostly done during a yummy potluck

Our allocations report is on the next page, for your perusal.

If you are interested in joining us or learning more about our process, feel free to speak with any of us.

Marcy Thomas (co- initiator of the chevra), Rabbi David Thomas (co-initiator of the hevra!), Aaron Silver, Noam Sienna, Andrew Magill-Grimm, Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm, Barbie Levine, Sara Lynn Newberger, Rabbi Lynn Lieberman, Jo Pasternack, Eric Pasternack, Laurie Radovsky, Geoff Marshall, Rosanne Zaidenweber, Judy Levitan

## TZEDAKA HEVRA ALLOCATIONS

ACLU of MN Foundation	\$ 2,125
Agate Housing and Services	\$ 1,219
American Jewish World Service	\$ 973
Black Men Teach	\$ 1,578
Chaplaincy Program at St. Paul Jewish Federation	\$ 1,891
Hand in Hand, Center for Jewish and Arab Education in Israel	\$ 969
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society	\$ 1,953
Immigrant Law Center of MN	\$ 2,406
Jewish Community Action	\$ 1,266
Keshet	\$ 1,234
Leket Yisrael	\$ 1,109
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy	\$ 1,313
New Israel Fund	\$ 1,031
Red Tent Fund	\$ 1,025
Red Wing Area Food Shelf	\$ 1,313
Yad LaKashish	\$ 1,031

## LIFE AND LEGACY

Consider making a legacy gift, ensuring a strong Jewish community for future generations. Regardless of your age or income, this is 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](mailto:lroppy@gmail.com).



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Questions: [yonathanreches@gmail.com](mailto:yonathanreches@gmail.com)

**YOM HA'ATZMAUT  
CELEBRATION**  
Sunday April 26

**Family Event: 2-5pm**

**21+ EVENT: 7PM**  
**WITH COMEDIAN  
JOEL CHASNOFF**

Register: [JewishStPaul.org/Events](http://JewishStPaul.org/Events)


**ALAN MORINIS**  
**THE SHABBAT EFFECT**

What if one sacred day of rest could transform the way you live every day?

**AUTHOR TALK & DESSERT RECEPTION  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH | 6 - 8 PM**

LIVING MUSSAR  TEMPLE ISRAEL  
MINNEAPOLIS

[livingmussar.org/forms/shabbat-effect](http://livingmussar.org/forms/shabbat-effect)

**Black Men Teach** 

**A Post Kiddush Learning**  
**May 30, 12:45pm**

**Markus Flynn, CEO &  
Rosemarie Ndupuechi, CAMO**

*Black Men Teach works to recruit, prepare, place, and retain Black male teachers in elementary schools toward Minnesota's goal of increasing teachers of color by 2% annually.*

## Join the first-ever Beth Jacob Members' Classical Musicale!

This community showcase will offer an opportunity for musicians and singers, at any level of skill and experience, to perform a classical piece of music for a friendly and supportive audience of friends and fans. Individual, duet, and small group submissions are all welcome. Performance date TBD, but probably early-mid October.

To register your interest in participating, email [Frances@Beth-Jacob.org](mailto:Frances@Beth-Jacob.org) CC Aaron Silver and Noam Sienna (using subject: "BJC Autumn Musicale").



## **BETH JACOB CONGREGATION'S ANNUAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11th at 7pm**

At our Annual Meeting you will receive updates on the State of the Shul and the year ahead. We will recognize our outgoing leaders and elect our 2026-2027 Officers and Board of Trustees, and we will award & honor this year's winner of the Bud Sweet Award. Of course, we will shmooze, celebrate our community, and enjoy snacks and dessert.

### **BE A GREETER**

Help us give a warm greeting to visitors, guests, and congregants by being a Shabbat Greeter! Sign up for a shift at **[Beth-Jacob.org/Volunteer](https://beth-jacob.org/volunteer)**

### **CEMETERY**

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 COMMITTEE**

The Chesed Committee fulfills two roles in the Beth Jacob community, and there's room for you to help! We offer meal support for people with a new baby or who are recovering from surgery or an injury. You can put your name on a list to receive notifications of meal support requests, then decide how to participate if you are able. Bikur Cholim is the other role we fulfill--attending to people in time of need. Consider signing up to sit with someone who might be isolated and to listen to their story. Just listening--it's that simple. You'll get some guidance about how to keep the conversation focused on the person you're visiting, and have ongoing support from others doing this sacred work.

If you are interested, contact EB (Elizabeth Barnard) or sign up at [Chesed@Beth-Jacob.org](mailto:Chesed@Beth-Jacob.org)

### **CHEVRA KADISHA**

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. We have an ongoing need for people to help with both of these functions, and would welcome the opportunity to talk with you. 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 Pasternack.

## **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE**

The Climate Action Committee (CAC) has been busy following up the BJC Climate Action Plan ([Beth-Jacob.org/CAP](http://Beth-Jacob.org/CAP)). Committee members met with Xcel Energy to conduct an audit of the synagogue building, grounds, and house. The audit identified opportunities to reduce our carbon emissions. Converting more lights to LEDs, replacing some freezers, and installing motion detectors for classroom lighting are actions the CAC will pursue in the next few months. Xcel offers rebates for nonprofits that make these improvements free or very low-cost. No word yet on BJC's state grant application for rooftop solar photovoltaics, so that CAC project remains pending. Efforts continue to reduce waste from food and packaging at BJC.

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Beth Jacob has a new standing committee of the Board – the Beth Jacob Community Health Committee. This committee had its start in late 2022 as an ad hoc committee for the Shul to deal with issues related to the COVID virus and met intermittently over the last 3 years. Recently the Board decided they wanted to have a committee to deal with issues of our congregation's health and thus this committee was formed. We want to thank Miriam Krause for her leadership of the group for the last 3+ years and announce that Sheldon Berkowitz will be taking over as chair of the new committee. The committee hopes to deal with a variety of issues, such as infectious disease topics and education for the congregation (e.g. CPR training). If you have any questions about the committee, please reach out to Sheldon at [sberkowitz1@gmail.com](mailto:sberkowitz1@gmail.com).

## **DOROTHY DAY COMMITTEE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Putting our value of tikun olam into practice, Beth Jacob members volunteer to prepare and serve meals at the Dorothy Day homeless shelter. The shelter provides housing, social services, and meals to some of the most vulnerable people in downtown Saint Paul. Joining with other local faith communities, we take responsibility for Sunday breakfast once a month.

We serve a hearty vegetarian breakfast, usually of eggs, potatoes, cereal, and fruit. We prepare, serve, and clean up, serving approximately 300 clients.

Participation is easy. 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. Join the list of volunteers by sending an email to [Andy.Meltzer@gmail.com](mailto:Andy.Meltzer@gmail.com).

## **KESHER**

The Keshet Committee had a very successful New Member Brunch in February, and continues to welcome new members through a variety of creative programs.

## MEALS OF CONSOLATION

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.

## SECURITY

Beth Jacob relies on congregants who serve on Shabbat and holidays as greeters at the front door with the paid security guard. Please consider signing up to be a Community Greeter, welcoming members and saying hello to newcomers. You can sign up via the link in the weekly shul email. If you're interested in receiving training to become a security greeter, please contact us. Will Thomas, w.thomas.mn@gmail.com, Mitch Multer, mitchmulter@comcast.net, or contact Security@Beth-Jacob.org.

## RITUAL COMMITTEE

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.



For questions or to request lessons, please contact

- Michael or Marguerite Krause (markrause@gmail.com, sherlock47@gmail.com),
- Jo Pasternack (EricandJo44@aol.com), or
- Jessica Zehavi (Jessica.Zehavi@gmail.com)

## SHUL CLOUD UTILIZATION

is Beth Jacob's. We use it for all manner of record keeping and communications with our community, and We are continuing to clean up and update account information, personal information, and Yahrzeits in ShulCloud, our synagogue management software system.

Some of the things we have been working on since our last report:

- Making both meeting minutes and bylaws available in ShulCloud.
- Moving data from our old Peachtree accounting system into our new Sage accounting system in preparation for linking Sage with ShulCloud.
- Successfully getting year-end tax statements out to our members to be used in filing their 2025 income taxes.

Observing Yahrzeits is one of the highest priorities we have, and we use ShulCloud to send Yahrzeit letters and e-mails to observers. If you did not receive a Yahrzeit letter you expected, please let us know so that we can fix our ShulCloud information.

Feel free to contact the synagogue office or Bernie Miller:  
651-792-6563 or mille328@comcast.net

Includes donations received through March 18, 2026

### Allen-Gorin Education Endowment

Yanislav & Inna Wolfson  
*In memory of Mike Davis z"l*  
*In memory of Larry Savett z"l*

Dori Denelle  
*In memory of Doris Unger z"l*

### Betty & Bud Sweet Endowment

Laurie & Tom Smith  
*In memory of Doris Unger z"l*  
*In memory of Betty Sweet z"l*  
*In memory of Joyce Smith z"l*  
*In memory of Bob Perry z"l*  
*In memory of Elizabeth Sweet z"l*  
*In memory of Bob Smith z"l*  
*In memory of Larry Savett z"l*

Susan Schwaidelson-Siegfried  
*In memory of Helen Schwaidelson z"l*  
*In memory of Sarah Schwaidelson z"l*

### BJUSY Scholarship Fund

Carol & Gordon Altshuler  
*In honor of the birth of Gemma Millberg*  
*In honor of the birth of Shira Forbush*  
*In honor of the birth of Sadie Seiler*

### Bear-Schoenkin Endowment

Stuart Bear & Marsha Schoenkin  
*In memory of David Birnbaum z"l*

### Building Fund

Tanya Shipkowitz

### Calmenson Endowment

Dori Denelle  
*In memory of Bob Perry z"l*

### Feeding the Hungry

#### (Dorothy Day) Fund

Aron & Ellen Rolnitzsky  
*In honor of Lou & Jan Leichter on their 54th Anniversary & 80th birthdays*

David & Vicki Itzkowitz  
*In memory of Bob Perry z"l*

### General Fund

Jenna Zark & Pete Budd  
*In memory of Faye Zark z"l*  
*In memory of Max Zark z"l*

Yanislav & Inna Wolfson  
*In memory of Larry Savett z"l*  
*In memory of Anne Kelley z"l*

Karen & Meir Serfaty  
*In memory of Larry Savett z"l*

Kate Sandweiss & Gerald Richman & Family  
*In memory of Mimi Nachman z"l*

Riva & El Nolley  
*In honor of the birth of Emily "Millie" Baer Iverson*  
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- Torah—Study
- Avodah—Reverential service
- Gemilut Hasadim—Acts of loving kindness

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.

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