

# קול יעקב | Kol Ya'akov

THE VOICE OF BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

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BETH JACOB  
CONGREGATION  
Celebrating 40

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## Special Summer Programs:

Kids Summer Shabbat  
June 21, July 12, August 6

Field Day at Avodah Farm  
June 22

July 4 BBQ

Take Me Out To The Ball Game  
August 10

Adult Learning

And More!

Torah - Avodah - Gemilut Chasadim

## Shabbat Services Every Saturday at 9:00 am.

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

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 Sara Lynn Newberger (newlev2@comcast.net), Jo Pasternack (EricandJo44@aol.com) or Jessica Zehavi (Jessica.Zehavi@gmail.com) with any questions, or to request lessons!



### Kiddush Special Interest Tables:

Look for these tables and join in on the fun:

1<sup>st</sup> Shabbat of the month: French Table;

2<sup>nd</sup> Shabbat of the month: Science Fiction Table;

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## 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

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)

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## First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

# Shabbatluck



Join us at 6:00 pm  
for Kabbalat Shabbat  
and stay for a  
potluck Shabbat dinner.

**NO SHABBATLUCK IN JULY**

**YES SHABBATLUCK August 1, September 5**

**Register at [Beth-Jacob.org/Shabbatluck](https://beth-jacob.org/Shabbatluck)**



## July 5 - Mazal Tov to Gus Mickelson on his Bar Mitzvah

Hello, my name is Gus, I'm in 7th grade and attend Haritige Middle School. I love sports, especially soccer, and I like fishing and reading. My dad's name is Charlie, and my mom's name is Lindsey. I have an older sister named Evey, and my little brother is Theo.

My parasha is Chukat, my parasha is about the ritual purity through the mitzvah of the red heifer and about the Jews wandering through the wilderness.

I'd like to thank Rabbi Tamar, Steve Greenberg and Rabbi Justin for all of their help and wisdom.



### 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 many years of meaningful participation. The following are new members since April 1, 2025:

**Marc Gutman & Rosalie Norris Gutman**  
**Beatrice, Eno, Zeviah**

**Barbara Lehmann**

### Welcome New Staff

Beth Jacob welcomes our new Interim Administrative Assistant,  
**Laurie Goldsmith**

## Upcoming Sponsored Kiddushes

### June 14

Lois Newberger Legacy Kiddush  
AND Sponsored in honor of our children  
who are attending summer camp

### June 21

Pride Kiddush

### June 28

Sponsored by  
Laurie Radovsky & Geoff Marshall in honor of  
their 40th wedding anniversary

### July 5

In honor of Gus Mickelson  
becoming a bar mitzvah

### July 26

Sponsored by Jane & Howard Gleeman in  
honor of Howard Gleeman's 80th birthday

### August 16

Sponsored in celebration of Libi Ackerman's  
graduation from high school and  
upcoming year at St. Olaf, and her  
pandemic Bat Mitzvah, which had no kiddush



**Donate to the Kiddush Fund:** [Beth-Jacob.org/Kiddush](https://Beth-Jacob.org/Kiddush)

# LIMUDIM: OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

Register for our Fabulous Limudim program for

PK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Beth-Jacob.org/Limudim**

**FIRST DAY IS SEPTEMBER 6**



## New This Fall:



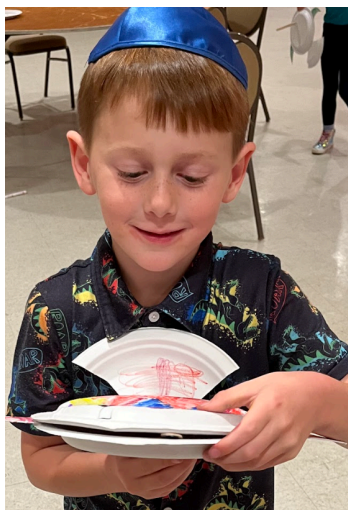
**Jewish Learning Experience**  
**College Credit for High Schoolers**  
Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 at Beth Jacob



**PHL 210: Introduction to Philosophy**

*Taught by D.Marcos Vital*

Students will get to know the important thinkers in Judaism and how they approach answering the big questions of life. Taking that knowledge students will apply it to their own context and learn how to wrestle with their own questions from a Jewish lens.





# YOUTH PROGRAMMING

## Summer Shabbat Activities

*will be offered monthly  
during Shabbat morning  
services this summer:*

**June 21:**

**Board games  
and activities**

**July 12:**

**Scavenger hunts  
and outdoor fun**

**August 16:**

**Water games**



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**FIRST DAY IS SEPTEMBER 6**

## 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).

## 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. Please let Amalia  
Prohofsky know you are coming:  
[Amalia.Prohofsky@gmail.com](mailto:Amalia.Prohofsky@gmail.com).

## BJUSY/Gesher

Congratulations to the new BJUSY Executive Board 2025-2026! We are so excited to  
see these teens step into these leadership roles and continue to help BJUSY thrive.



President - Ruth Silver

Israel Affairs/Exec VP - Solomon Lamin

Religion/Education VP - Dalia Ackerman

Social Action/Tikkun Olam VP - Judah Grosby

Membership/Gesher VP - Ayelet Ehrlich

Communications VP - Zoelie Kolker

Ex-Officio - Hannah Levitt



## SAVE THE DATE

**BJUSY Senior-Sponsored BBQ & Yearly Kickoff**

Tuesday September 2, 2025

More details to come!

BJUSY and Gesher families are invited to the annual  
Senior-Sponsored BBQ and youth kickoff event!  
Vegetarian options available.



## Save the Date

**EMTZA  
Kick-off  
Event  
September 7**

Information is always available at [BJUSY.com](http://BJUSY.com), follow us on  
Instagram @thebjusygram, and Facebook: Beth Jacob USY  
Email [Youth@beth-jacob.org](mailto:Youth@beth-jacob.org) with any questions!



# ADULT EDUCATION

## 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 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) (or just stay on Zoom after Morning Minyan).

# UPCOMING SHABBAT LEARNING

## PARTNERSHIP 2GETHER MAYORS

**June 14**

Hear from 4 Mayors from the Sovev Kinneret region in Israel—St. Paul's partner community. Mayor Nitzan Peleg will give a D'var Torah, and all 4 mayors will speak about their towns after kiddush.

## RABBI DAVID KRISHEF--REFLECTIONS ON THE PSALMS

**July 12**

Rabbi Krishef will be speaking on his new book, REFLECTIONS ON THE PSALMS, and how the Psalms can inspire us to engage with significant contemporary issues. He will use the Psalms and prayer as invitations into brief meditations using Jewish wisdom for spiritual development.

## HEREDITARY RISKS FOR CANCER

**August 23**

Genetic Counselor Colleen Wherley, MS, CGC, will share with us the latest information on genetic risks for breast, ovarian, and other cancers.

**On May 4, we were fortunate to have Nava Tehila perform for us in the sanctuary. All the way from Israel, this amazing musical experience was full of prayer, joy, tears, dancing, spirituality, and incredible ruach!**





# UPCOMING EVENTS



Avodah Farm invites  
Beth Jacob folks to  
come visit the farm for a

## FIELD DAY

Sunday, June 22  
10:00am - 1:00pm

N2843 County Road E, Stockholm, WI 54769



Walk around the pastures to see the cows and  
calves, hens, meat birds and chicks!

**Stay for a pot-luck lunch!**

Kosher chicken and eggs will be available to purchase.

RSVPs requested, not required.

Martha & Geoffrey: [avodahfarm@gmail.com](mailto:avodahfarm@gmail.com) 715-448-0496

Beth Jacob's Climate Action Committee  
Invites You To A

Fun ⚡ELECTRIC⚡ Event!

## EV Plus Fair

Sunday, June 29

3-5 pm

Refreshments

FREE



See electric vehicles of all types:  
Cars, Bikes, Yard Equipment...

Panel discussion with owners highlighting their  
decision process, charging issues, and other insights.

Beth Jacob Congregation Parking Lot  
1179 Victoria Curve, Mendota Height

## Echoes of TRADITION

Cantor Azi Schwartz in concert

Sun., June 22 // 2 PM  
at Temple of Aaron



Beth Jacob's  
Not-Even-Close-to-Annual



JULY 4

## BARBECUE

FRIDAY, JULY 4  
1 - 4:00 PM

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



AT THE FISCHERS'  
HOPKINS, MN  
RSVP FOR ADDRESS



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Summertime Jewish Learning Across the Twin Cities

## TORATEYNU: WHERE LEARNING MEETS LIFE

### Community Might Just Be The Only Thing That Saves Us

TEXT: Mishnah Peah / Prayer for  
those who serve the community

Wednesday,  
July 9th

7 PM  
Wabasha  
Brewing



Rabbi Tamar  
Magill-Grimm  
BETH JACOB  
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## Scholar Shabbat

Beth Jacob welcomes

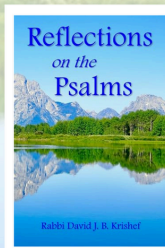
## Rabbi David Krishef

on Saturday **July 12**



Rabbi Krishef will give the  
D'var Torah  
and learn with us  
after kiddush.

Rabbi Krishef will be speaking on his  
new book, *REFLECTIONS ON THE  
PSALMS*, and how the Psalms can  
inspire us to engage with significant  
contemporary issues. He will use the  
Psalms and prayer as invitations  
into brief meditations using Jewish  
wisdom for spiritual development.



Rabbi David Krishef has Minnesota roots, and serves as the Rabbi of  
Congregation Ahavas Israel, a Conservative synagogue in Grand Rapids,  
Michigan. He created and writes the popular weekly "Ethics and Religion Talk"  
column for TheRapidian.com and blogs at EmbodiedTorah.com.

"We ought to have a program about..."

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



## Tzofim Caravan Concert

July 8th  
5 pm-7 pm

Join us for a community BBQ and  
concert at ToA

\$5 per person at the door RSVP by July 1<sup>st</sup> to [SusieHaim@Templeofaaron.org](mailto:SusieHaim@Templeofaaron.org)



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## Want to Volunteer?

Let us know what  
you enjoy, and we  
will find a fabulous  
way for you to  
volunteer!

[Frances@  
Beth-Jacob.org](mailto:Frances@Beth-Jacob.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**ST. PAUL Saints BASEBALL**

Sunday  
**Aug. 10**  
2:07pm

Take me out to the  
**BALL GAME**

Saints vs. Iowa Cubs  
**CHS Field**  
360 N Broadway St, St Paul

**\$25/Ticket**  
Beth Jacob Group Rate



**בית יעקב**  
**BETH JACOB CONGREGATION**

[www.Beth-Jacob.org/Baseball](http://www.Beth-Jacob.org/Baseball)

## SCHOOL TOOLS DRIVE 2025



### Supplies Needed

- Backpacks
- 3-Ring Binders
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Folders & Notebooks
- Highlighters
- Markers & Crayons
- Pencils & Pens
- Erasers
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Calculators
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Pencil Cases
- Glue Sticks
- Glue Bottles
- Hand Sanitizer
- Facial Tissue

Bring your Donations to Beth Jacob by  
August 20

## Post Kiddush Learning

# Hereditary Cancer Risks

in Jewish and General Populations

Saturday, August 23, 12:30pm

Genetic Counselor

Colleen Wherley, MS, CGC

will share with us the latest information on genetic risks  
for breast, ovarian, and other cancers.

Brought to you by Beth Jacob's Phillip Biel Rosh Hodesh Fund and Sharsheret\*

*\*Sharsheret provides education, support, and financial assistance to people facing  
breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and hereditary cancer risk.*



# 27th Annual St. Paul Communal Observance of Tisha B'Av

The day which commemorates the tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people.

## Saturday, August 2 / 9 Av

Beth Jacob Congregation - 1179 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights

**8:30 pm** Learning with Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm

**9:15 pm** Havdallah, Ma'ariv, Eicha (Lamentations)  
and Singing Kinot (songs of lament).

## Sunday, August 3 / 9 Av

Temple of Aaron - 616 Mississippi River Boulevard, St. Paul

**9:00 am** Morning Minyan, and Eicha (Lamentations)



## SAVE THE DATE

Believe it or not, the High Holidays are quickly approaching!  
Here are some dates you are definitely going to want to put on your calendar.

### Selichot

Saturday evening  
**September 13**

### Rosh Hashanah

Monday evening  
**September 22**  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
**September 23-24**

### Yom Kippur

Wednesday Evening  
**October 1**  
Thursday  
**October 2**

### Sukkot

Monday evening-  
Monday  
**October 6-13**

### Shemini Atzeret

Monday evening-  
Tuesday  
**October 13- 14**

### Simchat Torah

Tuesday evening-  
Wednesday  
**October 14- 15**



# TORATEYNU: GATHER & LEARN

**Monday, June 16, 12 PM**

**Which Comes First?**

**Rabbi Aaron Weininger**

LOCATION: Zoom – register for link

*How might Maimonides' wisdom help us live more fully in the world around us, seek the lifelong work of balance, and find grounding in what we do?*

**Monday, June 23 6:30 - 8 PM**

**Monday, June 30 6:30 - 8 PM**

**No One Gets Out of This Life Alive: A Rabbi's Torah on Life, Death, and What Comes Next**

**Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman**

LOCATION: Temple Israel & Zoom

**Part I: The Power of Conversation: How Honest Talk About Death Can Set Us Free**

**Part II: Why Death Is Not the End: The Journey of the Soul and the Journey of the Survivor**

**Wednesday, July 9, 7PM**

**Community Might Just Be The Only Thing That Saves Us**

**Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm**

LOCATION: Wabasha Brewing

*What should our responsibilities be within a community and how do we create communities that help us thrive?*

**Wednesday, July 16, 7PM**

**Living a Life of Meaning**

**Rabbi David Locketz**

LOCATION: Bet Shalom Congregation

*We will explore the great debate between Hillel and Shammai as to the question, "Would it have been better if humans had not been created?"*

**Wednesday, July 23, 7PM**

**Finding the Good in Others and Ourselves**

**Rabbi Sharon Stiefel**

LOCATION: Mayim Rabim Congregation & Zoom  
*Rabbi Nachman exhorts us to judge others, even the wicked, favorably. And when we search and raise up good points in ourselves, it sparks the transformation of our own lives.*

**Thursday, July 31, 7 PM**

**Lamentations, Witnessing Refugee Suffering, and #NeverAgainIsNow**

**Rabbi Eva Cohen**

LOCATION: Under the Tent at the Sabes JCC  
*Jewish activists have mobilized Lamentations in protests against U.S. ICE, using the ancient text to express contemporary immigrant and refugee suffering. How can we strengthen our commitment to acting in solidarity with immigrants and refugees?*

**Tuesday, August 5, 12 PM**

**Everyday Holiness**

**Rabbi Alexander Davis**

LOCATION: Beth El Synagogue  
*We'll study a mishna that offers a valuable if radical perspective on everyday living.*

**Thursday, August 14, 6:30-8 PM**

**Exploring Collective Belonging**

**Rabbi Arielle Lekach-Rosenberg**

LOCATION: Shir Tikvah & Zoom – register for link  
*We'll explore the Talmudic teaching 'All of Israel are 'aravin/responsible to each other' – as a way of deepening our understanding of the power (and challenges) of community.*

**Wednesday, August 20, 7 PM**

**The Healing Nature of Learning**

**Rabbi Debra Rappaport**

LOCATION: Beit HaMidrash at TTSP  
*The Midrash (Shir HaShirim Rabbah 2:5:3) has been an inspiration for our summer series. We'll explore this text in depth, examining the brilliance of midrash as a teaching tool and taking stock of this summer's learning.*

Register



<https://ttsp.org/summertime-2025/#>

# BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

## Report of the Nominating Committee

At the Annual Meeting on June 12, we will elect our Officers and Board of Trustees. Our Nominating Committee proposes the following Slate of Officers and Trustees for 2025-2026:

### Officers:

Co-Presidents: Leonard Oppenheimer  
Tessa Silver  
VP Torah (Education): Joel Goldsmith  
VP Gemilut Chasadim: Carol Altshuler  
VP Avodah/Worship: Eric Pasternack  
VP Finance: Brian Millberg  
VP Avodah/Work: Geoffrey Marshall  
President Elect: Vacant

### Lifetime Board Members

Eric Pasternack  
Bob Perry

Presidential Board Appointee  
will be appointed by the co-Presidents.

### Our thanks to outgoing Board Members:

Orit Ackerman, Susie Minsberg, Leslie Morris,  
Mitch Multer, Nina Samuels

### At Large Trustees

#### *Starting First Term (Ending in 2028)*

Keven Fischer  
Ethan Jewett  
Will Thomas  
Mark Usem  
Vacant

#### *Completing First Term in 2026*

Arielle Ehrlich  
Louis Hunter  
Michael Keller  
Sharon Press  
Jeff Skochil

#### *Completing First Term in 2027*

Barb Curchack  
Kate Sandweiss

### Thank you to our Nominating Committee

Orit Ackerman, Rachel Chinitz, Robert  
Goffman, Louis Hunter, Maxine Rosenthal,  
Nina Samuels, Jeff Skochil, Jesica L. Zehavi

## SAVE THE DATE

Beth Jacob Congregation has been blessed by Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm's wisdom, warmth, dedication and leadership for the past ten years. We now have the honor to celebrate together as we officially install her as our Senior Rabbi.

We invite you to be a part of this shul milestone weekend:

**November 8th - 9:00am**

*Shabbat morning services*

*Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, President of Hebrew College and Rabbi Tamar's beloved teacher will give the Dvar Torah. Kiddush to be followed by singing.*

**November 9th - 9:30-10:30am**

*Rabbi Tamar's Installation*

*Ceremony will be followed by a light brunch.*

## KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Keep your fingers crossed: our new dishwashing machine is expected to be delivered to our local supplier by June 6, and we're hoping for the installation to be done by mid-June! It will be wonderful to have our regular dishes back in action. We're looking to having a photo of a very happy Carlo being shown how to operate the new machine!

The implementation of assigned volunteer kitchen crews continues to go well. Congregants have been telling us they are enjoying the camaraderie of working together with others in the kitchen. And... the meshes are very pleased to have full crews in action again! Thank you to everyone who has taken their first turn at this, and to all of you who will be doing this in the future.

Geoffrey Marshall, Kitchen Committee chairperson

## SHULCLOUD UTILIZATION

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.

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

- Using ShulCloud to solicit member information for our new paper directory, coming out in June for our 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner.
- Sharing ShulCloud cemetery information with All Funeral Services for use in allowing congregants to use their systems to look up and purchase cemetery plots.
- Beginning the process of entering fundraiser contribution information into the system, consolidating this information for the first time into a single, centralized location.

As we always emphasize, 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 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 in a timely manner.

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



**Please help our community  
by volunteering as a Greeter.**  
[Beth-Jacob.org/Volunteer](https://Beth-Jacob.org/Volunteer)



# BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Several door locks have been re-keyed, the handicap door opener at the Shul entrance has been repaired, a door lock in a women's bathroom stall has been repaired, and the Building Committee has identified and obtained cost estimates for several projects to be done over the summer.

Lou Leichter, Building Committee Chair

## CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

EV Plus Fair: June 29, 2025 ~ 3 to 5 pm ~ Shul Parking Lot

Rain Date: July 20, 2025 ~ 3-5 pm

Climate Action Committee is hosting an EV Plus Fair for congregants to "show & tell" their EV & Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles [owner discretion to drive them] Plus e-scooters, e-bikes and outdoor e-equipment. Owners will share their experiences transitioning from a carbon-emitting lifestyle to a low/zero emitting one. The Fair will kick off with a panel discussion about manufacturers, models, local/state/federal policy legislation, incentives/rebates, charging, maintenance, weather, reducing 'range anxiety' and overall environmental benefits with Beth Jacob EV/Plug-in Hybrid owners. We will also have a representative from Fresh Energy [climate action organization].

Come join us, share your stories, or just come curious. Either way come for refreshments on what we hope will be a beautiful day ~ contact: Bruce at: [bskess7@comcast.net](mailto:bskess7@comcast.net).

## LIFE AND LEGACY

Making a legacy gift ensures 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).



# DONATIONS

Includes donations received through March 15-June 4, 2025

## **Bear-Schoenkin**

### **Leadership Development Endowment**

Stuart Bear & Marsha Schoenkin  
*In honor of John Ostfield & his role as  
Executive Producer of the movie  
"Lost Yannina"*

### **Betty & Bud Sweet Endowment**

Susan Schwaidelson-Siegfried  
*In memory of Sarah Schwaidelson (z"l)  
In memory of Helen Schwaidelson (z"l)  
In memory of David Simon (z"l)  
In memory of Marilyn Siegfried (z"l)  
In memory of Morris Schwaidelson (z"l)  
In memory of Herbert Simon (z"l)*

### **Bob Feldman Fund for Jewish Life**

Susan Schwaidelson-Siegfried  
*In memory of Steve Siegfried (z"l)*

### **Building Fund**

Isaac Avraham Pommer

### **Calmenson Endowment**

Dori Denelle  
*In memory of Leah Lewis (z"l)*

### **Chesed Fund**

Judith Tennebaum  
*In honor of the 50th Anniversary  
of Marguerite and Michael Krause*  
Susan Schwaidelson-Siegfried

### **Feeding the Hungry (Dorothy Day) Fund**

Ellen & Aron Rolnitzky  
*In appreciation to Katharina &  
Stephen Liston for their hospitality*  
Riv-Ellen Prell & Steven Foldes  
*In honor of Sheldon Berkowitz  
on his birthday*

### **General Fund**

Jeanine Lange  
Will Thomas & Cynthia Launer  
*In honor of Rabbi Tamar  
In appreciation of Jo and Eric  
Pasternack and Becky Taurog, for  
inviting us to their Seder  
In honor of Eric Pasternack's 75th  
birthday  
In honor of Sara Lynn Newberger*

### **General Fund**

Sheila Brod  
*In appreciation of Ellen & Aron  
Rolnitzky*  
Ilan Haibi  
Linda Schloff  
Elaine DuFresne  
*In memory of Joy Glik (z"l)*  
Riva & El Nolley  
*In memory of Joy Glik (z"l)*  
Vicki Rackner  
Laurie & Tom Smith  
*In honor of Neil Arnold  
In honor of the marriage of Marilyn  
Smith's grandson, Danny  
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In memory of Steve Gordon (z"l)  
In memory of Leah Lewis (z"l)*  
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*In appreciation of Eric Pasternack on  
his auspicious birthday, for all that he  
does for our Beth Jacob community*  
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*In honor of Eric & Jo Pasternack's  
anniversary  
In memory of Boris Wolfson (z"l)*  
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journey to full recovery*  
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& Eric & Jo Pasternack's anniversary*  
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*In honor of Barbie Levine &  
Sara Lynn Newberger*  
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*In appreciation of Rabbi Tamar  
Magill-Grimm  
In appreciation of Beth Jacob's  
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*In memory of Lee Silverstein (z"l)*

### **Kiddush Fund**

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*In memory of Duane Ackerman (z"l)*  
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*In honor of Will Thomas  
In memory of Sara Behar-Abulafia (z"l)  
In memory of Israel Behar (z"l)  
In memory of Riva Lipka (z"l)*  
Mindy Ratner  
Mira Frank  
*In appreciation of Sonya Rapport*  
Linda Schloff  
*In honor of the Pasternacks*  
Sally Lorberbaum  
*In honor of Eric Pasternack's birthday*  
Mickey & Susan Minsberg  
*In honor of the birth of Jeff and Barb  
Skochil's granddaughter*  
Michael & Lorraine David  
*In memory of Regina Pickus (z"l)*  
Steve Krovitz  
*In memory of Sam Saide (z"l)*  
Carolyn Belle & Sandra Levine  
*In honor of unhoused people &  
Shelter Shabbat*  
Barb Curchack  
*In honor of unhoused people &  
Shelter Shabbat*  
Miriam Krause & Will Pomerantz  
*In honor of Marguerite Krause's  
70th birthday*  
Michael Krause  
*In honor of Marguerite Krause's  
70th birthday*  
Carol & Gordon Altshuler  
*In memory of Karen Black (z"l)  
In memory of Sean O'Connor (z"l)  
In memory of Leah Lewis (z"l)  
In memory of Joy Glik (z"l)  
In memory of Joanne Ring (z"l)*

### **Limudim Donation**

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## **Limud La'ad Adult Education Fund**

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*In appreciation for the  
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*In honor of Jo & Eric Pasternack*

Mira Frank

*In appreciation of Rabbi Tamar*

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*In appreciation of Rabbi Tamar, for  
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*In memory of Julius Kaufman (z"l)*

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*In memory of Thelma Gerber (z"l)*

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*In memory of Grace Gilman (z"l)*

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*In memory of Elliott Karasov (z"l)*



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*In memory of*

*Cantor Joseph Goldrich (z"l)*

Ellen Johnson

*In memory of Maxine Block (z"l)*

*In memory of David Block (z"l)*

Cynthia Launer & Will Thomas

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Bernard Levinson

*In memory of Ulysses Levinson (z"l)*

*In memory of*

*Barbara Levinson Grimson (z"l)*

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*In memory of Sima Pyatigorskaya (z"l)*

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*In memory of Robert Rees (z"l)*

*In memory of Audray Rees (z"l)*

## Yahrzeit Donations

Belina Reisman & Floyd Knight

*In memory of J. Leonard Reisman (z"l)*

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*In memory of Ben Gotlieb (z"l)*

*In memory of Dora Weinberger (z"l)*

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*In memory of Dora Sklar (z"l)*

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*In memory of Moishe Ben Nachman (z"l)*

## Yahrzeit Donations

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**Beth-Jacob.org/Donate**

Celebrate your community, an occasion, or a friend, or honor the memory of a loved one by donating to Beth Jacob.

Not sure which fund to contribute to? The General Fund is always a great idea, as are the following funds we're highlighting this issue: Sharon Phyllis Bloom Memorial Endowment (provides siddurim and tikkunim for B'nai Mitzvah students), Ron Heiligman Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund, Limud La'ad Adult Education Fund, David Cobin Fund for Caring.

Feel free to contact the Beth Jacob office for assistance deciding where to donate.

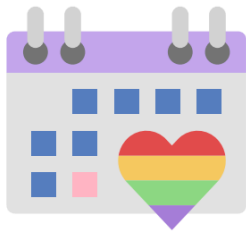
# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## J-Pride

### J-PRIDE INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR 2025 PRIDE SEASON!

Every year, J-Pride brings together LGBTQ+ Jews and their allies to celebrate Pride season. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate our 19<sup>th</sup> Year at Pride!



**MAY 28**

Pride Tour of the Upper Midwest Jewish Archives and the Tretter Collection

**JUNE 8**

Going Out Coming In Tour & Nosh

**JUNE 15**

Pride Month Klezmer Jam with Folk Will Save Us

**JUNE 28-29**

TC Pride Festival: Visit or Volunteer at the J-Pride Booth

**JUNE 28**

Pride Tot Shabbat with PJ Library  
Pride Shabbat

**JUNE 29**

TC Pride Parade: March with J-Pride

**JULY 9**

Pride Happy Hour

Check out our Pride Hub for more information by scanning the QR code!



[jfcsmpls.org/pride-hub](https://jfcsmpls.org/pride-hub)



**FREE GIVE AWAY**

## Heritage Judaica

Please join us on **Wednesday June 18 from 4 - 6pm** at for the next Heritage Judaica free give away event! Event will be hosted at the Beth Jacob house.

1171 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights, MN 55118

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**MNMAMMALEHS**

Stories from the Tribe!

June 23, 2025

### Stories from the Tribe

Stories from The Tribe features 12 women on the bima telling their true Jewish stories that have a thread to being a Mammaleh – whether that's about their own Mammaleh or about being a Mammaleh – and includes all of the ups and downs, highs and lows, laughs and tears that come with the real-life experience of mammalehs in the Twin Cities.

◆ **Get your tickets today!** ◆



## ***We are a Conservative Jewish Synagogue that values:***

- **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.

### ***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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