

Shabbat Shalom

Pesach

April 4, 2026 | 17 Nisan 5786

Havdalah 8:26pm



Welcome to Beth Jacob Congregation, a Jewish community that comes together to nurture relationships with God and each other. We are a Conservative synagogue that values Torah (study), Avodah (reverential service) and Gemilut Hasadim (acts of loving-kindness). We believe every person has an equal opportunity to be part of our community regardless of age, race, ability, special needs, financial status, sexual orientation or gender identity. We're glad you've joined us this Shabbat!

Davenners:

Jo Pasternack

D'var Torah

Andrea Lubov

Gabbaim:

Erin Webb
Leonard Oppenheimer
Barb Curchack

Mashgiach: Carolyn Levy

Kitchen Crew:

Ben Silberglitt & Amy Treeful
Amy & Dan Rogovin
Bernie & Hanne Levinson

Greeters & Security:

Barbie Levine
Bruce Kessler
Roy Kay
Lydia Schultz
Mike Keller

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Leonard Oppenheimer & Tessa Silver
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Rabbi Emeritus:

Rabbi Morris Allen

Our services depend on the participation of our community members. We welcome diverse voices and talents to lead our community in prayer and to read Torah.

Please use this QR code, or sign up at



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

Torah Reading

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| First / Kohen Aliyah | Exodus 13:17-19 | p. 399 | Giulia Girgenti |
| Second / Levi Aliyah | Exodus 13:20-22 | p. 400 | Emery Sher |
| Third / Shelishi Aliyah | Exodus 14:1-4 | p. 401 | Emery Sher |
| Fourth / Revi'i Aliyah | Exodus 14:5-8 | p. 401 | Giulia Girgenti |
| Fifth / Chamishi Aliyah | Exodus 14:9-14 | p. 402 | Jonathan Ehrlich |
| Sixth / Shishi Aliyah | Exodus 14:15-25 | p. 403 | Giulia Girgenti |
| Seventh / Shevi'i Aliyah | Exodus 14:26-15:26 | p. 405 | Eric Pasternack |
| Maftir | Numbers 28:19- 25 | p. 931 | Frances Fischer |
| Haftarah | II Samuel 22:1-51 | p. 1311 | Jonathan Ehrlich |

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This week's kiddush is unsponsored and supported by donations made to the Kiddush Fund. Thank you to everyone who has donated to make this kiddush possible. If you would like to help offset costs of kiddush, please consider making a donation to the Kiddush Fund to allow Beth Jacob's kiddush tradition to continue.

The Song of Songs

From Every Person's Guide to Passover by Rabbi Ronald H. Isaacs

Rabbi Ron Isaacs is the Rabbi of historic Beth Judah Temple in Wildwood, NJ,
and the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Sholom in Bridgewater, NJ.
Known as the “teaching rabbi,” he has written over 160 books.

It is customary to read the biblical book Song of Songs on Passover. Ashkenazi Jews read it on the intermediate Shabbat of Passover (or, if there is no intermediate Shabbat, the final day of the holiday), while Sephardic Jews usually read it on the final day of the holiday. Italian Jews read it on the first a second days as part of the evening (Maariv) service.

Rabbinic tradition interprets the book as a love song, where the “beloved” is taken to mean God and “the bride” to mean the congregation of Israel. This tradition made the Song of Songs especially appropriate to Passover, because it marked, as it were, the beginning of the courtship of Israel and God before, metaphorically speaking, they became finally wedded at Mount Sinai by Israel’s acceptance of the Torah.

Another reason given for the reading of this book on Passover is that it is a song of the spring. To the poet and the singer, spring is synonymous with hope and happiness. A people’s hope lies in its freedom and its attachment to the law of God. This, too, is the lesson of Passover, for which the people of Israel have fought since they left Egyptian servitude, and this is the eternal message it wishes to convey to the whole of the human race.

Shir Hashirim Readers

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| Chapter 1 | p. 5 | Natan Paradise |
| Chapter 2 | p. 6 | Noam Sienna |
| Chapter 3 | p. 8 | Jonathan Ehrlich |
| Chapter 4 | p. 9 | Jonathan Ehrlich |
| Chapter 5 | p. 11 | Noam Sienna |
| Chapter 6 | p. 13 | Natan Paradise |
| Chapter 7 | p. 14 | Natan Paradise |
| Chapter 8 | p. 16 | Natan Paradise |



Yahrzeit List for Week Beginning April 4, 2026 / 17 Nisan 5786

The seventh aliyah 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 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.

Masks are required on the bimah during the Torah service. If you do not have one, please get one from the basket by the greeter and put it on prior to coming up for an aliyah.

April 4/17 Nisan

Sam Abrahamson
Irving Balto
Max Hartsman
Donna Hechter
Anna Lubow
William Modell
Esther Schechter
Rose Sklar
Elsie Volk
Baxter Webb
Esther Weinerman
Isadore Yblonsky
Beyla Ginzburg

April 6/19 Nisan

Theodore Bressie
Harold Israel Chedeck
Ted Dunbar
Morris Fox
Bess Gotlieb
Morris Moreno
Lucia Servadio-Bedarida
Bernard Smith
Gertrude Stern
Shirley Swaiman
Benjamin Goffman
Walter W. Nelson
Betty Ostrow
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April 8/21 Nisan

Molly Alpert
Ruth Berger
Samuel Bergman
William Blaine
David Cohen
Jack Cooper
Chashe Feldstein
Ida Frank
Joseph Garber
Goldie Gottlieb
Eli Levinsohn
Abraham Schwartz
Dean Frank Fisher
Elliott Karasov
William Segal

April 10/23 Nisan

Michel Feldman
Robert Forbush, Jr.
Joseph Gersh
Sharlene Hjorissen
Rae Korman
Joseph Lubow
Paul Sheldon
Esther Winburgh
Leah Lewis
Sharlene Longman
Harry Malinoff
Hannah Miller

April 5/18 Nisan

Harold Danovsky
Mark Jeffries
Rae Kleinbaum Cooper
Irene Korman Silverman
Anna Perry
Michel Cecil Simonson
Al Tilsen
Susan Wisnudel
Joseph Wernick

April 7/ 20 Nisan

Hinda Leah Bongart
Yetta Carnis
Sarah Leah Chemino
Miriam Harrow
Hilda Russell Lovejoy
David Simon
Aaron Volk
Esther Weinberg
Justine Zaidenweber
Bessie Cohen
Carolyn Boyd



April 9/22 Nisan

Joe Cohen
Anna Eichen
Ida Garrish
Judah Gersh
Mr. S. Lifshitz
Mrs S. Lifshitz
Louis Robins
Robert Sadoff
Esther Failer
Samuel E. Bernstein
Louis Ornstein
Simon Winnick

Inclusivity and Accessibility During Services

We recognize the variety of needs within our community and strive to provide access to all through physical, emotional, and/or sensory accommodations. The majority of our prayers and scripture readings are conducted in Hebrew, so we invite those who do not read Hebrew to use a copy of the transliterated prayerbook (siddur) found on the table near the entrance to the sanctuary. We have large print books, braille prayerbooks, and listening devices available on the bookshelf in the lobby. There is also a sensory-friendly room just off the sanctuary with a speaker and window from which services can be experienced. Please ask the greeter near the sanctuary door if you need help locating any of these. Please reach out to our office if there are needs that aren't being met.

Children are Welcome in our Sanctuary!



We encourage children's participation in services and love having them in our sanctuary. Older children are encouraged to lead parts of the service and/or read Torah once able to do so. Younger children are invited to carry crowns during the Torah service and are also invited to the bimah for Adon Olam each week. At the end of services they can visit the rabbi's magic tallis bag to receive a lollipop or mini bubbles. Parents, please let Rabbi Tamar know if you do not want your child to receive one of these items.



TODAY at Beth Jacob



French Table at Kiddush

Si vous voulez parler en français, rejoignez-vous à la table française!

During Kiddush, we invite you to get to know someone better.
Try to start a conversation with someone you don't usually speak with.
Here are some questions to get you started.

- 1 - Where is the strangest place you ever found the Afikomen?
- 2 - What is the best way to get 4 grape juice stains out of a tablecloth? (asking for a friend)
- 3 - What are you most looking forward to about Spring?

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Upcoming at Beth Jacob - April 4, 2026

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| <p>For the Jew in the Pew Every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday 9:15 am in the Saide Chapel</p> <p>Join Rabbi Lynn Liberman in the Chapel for some thoughtful study of the Book of Psalms.</p> |  |
| <p>Stand Up, Sit Down, What Does It All Mean? TODAY Every 2nd & 4th Saturday, 9:15 in the Saide Chapel</p> <p>For the curious and confused. Guest teachers will explain the prayers, the services, and the movements associated with Shabbat. Attend as you can.</p> |  |
| <p>Pre-Shul Playgroup—Every Friday at 10:30 am</p> <p>Join our open play time for young children and their caregivers. Meet in the nursery every Friday morning from 10:30am until naptime.</p> |  |
| <p>ADULT EDUCATION:</p> <p>Introduction to Judaism, with Rabbi Cathy Nemiroff Monday evenings Beth-Jacob.org/Intro</p> <p>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</p> <p>Tanach, with David Rischall Sundays 7:30-8:30 on Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/79546614386 Questions? Call David at 651-230-3911.</p> <p>Limudim Adult Ed Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 Register at Beth-Jacob.org/LimudimAdultEd</p> |   |
| <p>Twin Cities Tour de Torah</p> <p>Join communities across the Twin Cities as we strengthen our spiritual muscles through text and art-based learning. Using the cutting-edge pedagogy of SVARA and the Jewish Studio Process, we will prepare for Passover and the Omer. Students can jump in at any leg of the journey. More information and Registration at Beth-Jacob.org/AdultEd</p> |  |

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| <p>Why Do Jews Welcome the Stranger? D'var Torah April 11 Bob Aronson, Chair of HIAS</p> <p>Robert Aronson, a Minneapolis-based attorney has represented hundreds of refugees and asylum seekers from around the world. As Chair of HIAS, he supports their mission of protecting refugees and helping refugees rebuild their lives in safety and with dignity.</p> |   |
| <p>A Dragon Wrapped Around The Honeycomb; Or, What do we do when the world is burning? April 11, after kiddush</p> <p>Beth Jacob has been chosen to host a table reading of Rafa Kern's new play:</p> <p>As the world falls apart around them, two Queer Jews turn to an old Talmudic story looking for guidance. Rabban Yohanan ben Zaqqai escaped the twice-besieged Jerusalem to keep the flame of Torah alive. Did he do the right thing? Or should he have fought harder? Prayed more? Made allegiances to save lives? Given up? In this play about making impossible choices, the audience is invited to think with Jewish and Christian ancestors who faced quandaries all too similar to our own.</p> |  |
| <p>Yom Hashoah Commemoration Finding a Home in America: The Holocaust Survivor Immigrant Experience</p> <p>Monday, April 13, 7pm, at Mt. Zion Congregation. Registration is required-- https://minndakjrc.org/</p> |  |
| <p>A Field Trip to the Archives Sunday, April 19, 1:00pm</p> <p>Meet Kate Dietrich, Archivist for the Upper Midwest Jewish Archives, for our long anticipated Field Trip to see the underground storage facilities and all our Beth Jacob records! Meet at the Anderson Library, carpool from Beth Jacob, or meet for lunch and carpool to the U. (Let us know your preference when you RSVP)</p> |  |
| <p>The Beth Jacob Blood Drive Sunday, May 31</p> <p>To be eligible to donate on May 31, your last donation must be on or before April 4. Please sign up to donate at www.beth-jacob.org/blood.</p> |  |
| <p>Our Great Greek Get Together Sunday, May 3 - 5-8 pm</p> <p>Our Annual Spring Gala is going to be fabulous with Greek food on a stick, fabulous live music entertainment, and our silent and live auctions. Be there or be Pandora's Box. Beth-Jacob.org/Tickets</p> |  |