

# קול יעקב | Kol Ya'akov

THE VOICE OF BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

## Special Summer Programs:

It's Cool to be in Shul  
Shabbat Kids' Programming  
June 20- August 29

Outdoor  
Shabbatlucks  
July 3, August 7

Take Me Out To  
The Ball Game  
July 26

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July 11, August 15

Archive Volunteering  
August 9

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Defense Training  
July 14

Israeli Scouts  
July 28

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Courses

And More!



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**July 25 - Bea Gutman****Bea Gutman**

My name is Bea. I live in South Minneapolis with my parents Marc and Rose, siblings Eno and Zeviah, and a small grey cat named Carkeek. I like creating art, especially painting, paper crafts, and digital art. I have been playing violin for 8 years. I enjoy singing, playing the guitar, reading, and baking cakes. In the Fall I will be a 7th grader at Justice Page Middle School.

The name of my Parshah, Va'etchanan, means I pleaded. In it, Moses asks God to let him go to the promised land, but God refuses and tells Moses to send Joshua instead. Moses warns that future generations will turn away from God, worship idols, be exiled from their land and scattered around the world. Eventually they will return to God's commandments. This parshah is special because it has the beginning verses of the Shema, and restates the 10 Commandments.

**August 29 - Ro Goldbaum****Ro Goldbaum**

My name is Ro and I am non-binary. My pronouns are Xe/Xem. I have three cats, and I live with my family. I'm going to be in 8th grade at St. Paul Academy. I am creative, and I have a dark sense of humor. I like to read, do jigsaw puzzles, and make wooden models, and I like playing violin. I also really like doing the lighting for theater productions at school.

My parasha is Ki Tavo. It talks about drought and famine and murder and cheating, and it actually mentions cannibalism! I look forward to learning more about it and sharing what I learn with you. One of my tzedaka projects is cleaning up the river gorge, because I like clean water.

**September 5 - Tovah Levitt****Tovah Levitt**

My name is Tovah Levitt. I'm in sixth grade at Smith Jewish Academy. I have a mom and dad and an awesome older sister, Hannah. I like to go for long walks, play 3 sports, and hang out with my friends.

My Torah portion is Nitzavim-Vayeilech. It's part of Devarim, which is mostly made up of Moses' final three speeches to Bnei Yisrael. Nitzavim-Vayeilech is part of the final speech, the one that reminds everyone about the covenant and looks toward the future. My mitzvah project will be to donate part of my bat mitzvah money to a duck sanctuary in Hawaii, because I love ducks. They're adorable. See you soon!

**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).



## Kabbalat Shabbat and



**Our Summer Shabbatlucks  
will be Outdoors!**  
(Weather Permitting)



On the first Friday of the month (with a few exceptions, like in September), we hold Ma'ariv and Kabbalat Shabbat services followed by a fabulous potluck Shabbat dinner.

First Friday Shabbatluck Upcoming Schedule:

**July 3 & August 7**

Let us know what you are bringing: [Beth-Jacob.org/Shabbatluck](https://Beth-Jacob.org/Shabbatluck).



And remember that we are a **PEANUT FREE** Congregation

## Participate in Services

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.

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

For questions or to request lessons, please contact

- Jo Pasternack (EricandJo44@aol.com), or
- Jessica Zehavi (Jessica.Zehavi@gmail.com)

### JOIN OUR SHLICHEI TZIBUR GROUP!

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).



**Thank you to Susan Siegfried for commissioning a new Ner Tamid for the Saide Chapel in memor of Steve Siegried. The Ner Tamid is being created and will be installed this summer. Be sure to look for it and thank Susan!**

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](http://Beth-Jacob.org/Minyan)

## East Metro Minyan at Temple of Aaron

Monday - Thursday: 6:00 pm

Sunday Morning: 9:00 am

Sunday Evening: 7:00 pm

Join online via Zoom at:

[bit.ly/EMMinyan](http://bit.ly/EMMinyan)

# KIDS IN SHUL

## It's **COOL to be in SHUL**

2026

Join Beth Jacob Youth every Shabbat this summer for fun activities beginning at 10am!

June 20: Nature Day

June 27: Trivia Day

July 4: No Programming

July 11: Outside Games

July 18: Inside Games

July 25: Legos, board games, cards

August 1: Scavenger Hunts

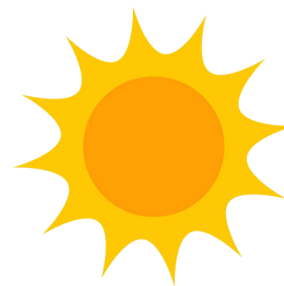
August 8: Storytimes

August 15: Outside Games

August 22: Inside Games

August 29: Water Games

## Summer Hours



Our building will be operating on adjusted summer hours through September 1.

The building will be open Tuesday–Thursday 10am–4pm and Friday 10am–3pm.

As always, Rabbi Tamar is available for emergencies and can be reached through the main line at (651) 452-2226, ext. 9.

## From Rabbi Maayan:

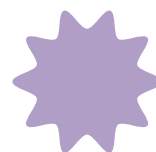


Congratulations on reaching the end of another school year. I trust that the kids are looking forward to a well-deserved summer break. Over the summer, the Limudim team and I will be hard at work preparing for the year ahead!

The future of our program is very bright, and we hope your family will continue to be a part of it. I strongly believe that Judaism is a tradition that keeps on giving. The more time you invest in it, the more rewarding it becomes. As our program continues to develop it is our goal to consistently deliver an experience that serves the best interests of every child at our synagogue. We hope you will join us again in the fall to be our partners in this mission.



## Register for Limudim 2026-2027



Join our learning community at Beth Jacob on Tuesdays and Shabbat to engage in Hebrew education, cultural activities, holiday celebrations, and more!

**PPK-1st grade (Tuesday and/or Shabbat)**

**2nd-7th grade (Tuesday AND Shabbat)**

**Post B'mitzvah (Tuesday OWL and/or Shabbat Teen Talmud)**

**9th-12th grade (Tuesday AJU, Shabbat Madrichim)**

[beth-jacob.org/limudim](https://beth-jacob.org/limudim)

Questions? Contact  
[youth@beth-jacob.org](mailto:youth@beth-jacob.org)



## Ongoing Children's Programming

### It's Cool to Be in Shul

Shabbat mornings at 10am throughout the summer

### Tot Shabbat

Frist Shabbat of the month (not 7/4), 10:00am in the Nursery. A song-filled Shabbat Morning Service for BJC's littlest ones (0-3 years old), followed by an oneg and time for parents to schmooze and kids to play.

### 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.



## AS THE ARABS SEE THE JEWS--REVISITED

Exploring History, Narratives, and the Roots of Conflict

WITH 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.

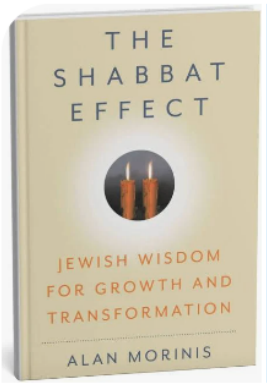
Register at [Beth-Jacob.org/AdultEd](https://beth-jacob.org/adult-ed)

## THE SHABBAT EFFECT - JEWISH WISDOM FOR GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION

Based on the Book "The Shabbat Effect" by Alan Morinis

WITH RABBI TAMAR MAGILL-GRIMM

Tuesdays at 11:00am through August 11



What if one day of rest could transform your entire life?

One of the most important biblical mandates, so significant that it numbers among the Ten Commandments, is the directive to observe a weekly day of rest. The Shabbat Effect illuminates how the practice of a day set aside for rest brings about a deep, lasting, and pervasive transformation of character, not just on that seventh day but every day. Drawing on venerable Jewish sources as well as the experiences of contemporary practitioners, this user-friendly and accessible guide explores the eight essential traits that reflect the true meaning of Shabbat.

## RESTING FOR RESILIENCE

WITH RABBI TAMAR MAGILL-GRIMM

Wednesday, August 12 7:00pm

WABASHA BREWERY

429 Wabasha St S, St Paul

More than Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews.  
Join Rabbi Tamar to talk Torah over a Brew.



## 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

**NEW DAY: TUESDAYS** 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).

## WHO INVENTED JUDAISM WITH RABBI YOSI GORDON

MONDAYS, 7:00-8:15, July 13-August 17



This course takes you to the bedrock of Jewish thinking, the intellectual and spiritual foundations of what we call Judaism today. Join our founders in mapping their world by discovering the faith and ideas that launched the whole enterprise.

The Yosi's School online, interactive course co-sponsored by Beth Jacob will meet on Zoom, Monday evenings, beginning June 1, 7:00-8:15. It won't be a lecture; rather, there will be ample give-and-take,

Register at [yosis.school@gmail.com](mailto:yosis.school@gmail.com):

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## *On Summer Hiatus, Returning in October:*

### 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 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.

# 28th Annual St. Paul Communal Observance of Tisha B'Av

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

## Wednesday, July 22 / 9 Av

BMt. Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave, St Paul

**8:30 pm** Community Tisha B'Av Teaching and Commemoration  
Followed by Havdallah, Ma'ariv, Eicha (Lamentations)  
and Singing Kinot (songs of lament).

## Thursday, July 23 / 9 Av

Beth Jacob Congregation - 1179 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights

**7:00 am** Morning Minyan and Eicha (Lamentations)

**2:00 pm** Mincha



## TCJewfolk's FolkLab Summer Jewish Learning Series Exploring Perspectives on Resilience

All sessions are open to everyone! A suggested donation of \$18 is encouraged. Sign up for the whole series or select the events that speak to you at [TCJewfolk.com](http://TCJewfolk.com).

### Wednesday, July 29th at 7:00 PM

#### Resilient Notes: Two Millenia of Jewish Music in Under an Hour

with Cantor Rachel Stock Spilker

*Mt. Zion garden and terrace, 1300 Summit Avenue, St. Paul*

### Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 PM

#### Receiving Help, Building Resilience: Lessons from Yitro

with Rabbi Sharon Stiefel

*Mayim Rabim, at the Friends Meeting House 44th and York, Mineapolis.*

### Wednesday, August 12th at 7:00 PM

#### Reesting for Resilience

with Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm

*Wabasha Brewery, 429 Wabasha Street S., St. Paul*

*Mayim Rabim, at the Friends Meeting House 44th and York, Minneapolis*

## BETH JACOB READS A BOOK

*"Refined, precise and finely carved . . . When We See You Again brings the miracle of the everyday into sharp relief. It is a paean to pain; a difficult gift."*—The New York Times

A searing portrait of a mother's grief and strength in the wake of unthinkable tragedy.

When We See You Again

### Post Kiddush Book Discussion

with Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm

Saturday, July 11

12:45 pm

Rachel Goldberg-Polin

## CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

A supportive, accessible space for those caring for loved ones.



Through conversation, reflection, and support with a Jewish lens, creating space for both the practical and emotional realities of caring for a loved one.

Rabbi Rebecca Kamil brings years of experience as a chaplain in health care settings, along with deep expertise in the emotional and spiritual challenges of caregiving.

Two Options Available

Sunday, July 12, 2:00pm

OR

Wednesday, July 15, 7:00pm

Beth Jacob Congregation

Groups will continue if there is enough interest.



## MONARCA

### DEMOCRACY DEFENSE

Mendota Heights, MN  
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 | 6:30 PM

American democracy is under assault from people in the highest levels of the federal government. They abuse their position of power to intimidate, threaten, and lie about the integrity of our elections.

But we have shown the world that the power of the people is greater than the people in power. We know that having safe, free, and fair elections is an essential pillar in a democratic society.

Join Monarca and your community for a Democracy Defense training to ensure every citizen can cast their ballot safely and that every person has a voice in our country's future.

- Discuss the threats we are facing
- Plan the actions we can take - up to the election and beyond
- Build and expand democracy defense networks within our communities
- Learn ways to stay connected and involved with the work



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CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY MUSSAR

July  
17-19

## MUSSAR IN MOTION: A CCM SHABBATON IN MINNESOTA

Center for Contemporary Mussar is proud to send our Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Joshua Boettiger, to the Twin Cities for a weekend of Mussar learning! Joshua will be visiting Adath Jeshurun Congregation in Minnetonka and Beth Jacob Synagogue in St. Paul. Please join us for a weekend full of learning, shmoozing, and Mussar-focused connection.

### WEEKEND EVENT SCHEDULE

#### Friday, July 17

- Text Study for clergy and madrichim, 9-10:30 a.m., located at Beth El Synagogue

#### Saturday, July 18

- *'The Divine Lamp': Mussar Teachings on Changing Our Ways of Seeing* -- Dvar Torah at 9:30 am services followed by a Lunch & Learn at Adath Jeshurun Synagogue

#### Sunday, July 19

- *Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Mussar Moments in the Personal and Political Realms* -- event at Beth Jacob Congregation from 10 a.m. - noon

Events are free --  
Register at  
[Beth-Jacob.org/Mussar](https://Beth-Jacob.org/Mussar)



This weekend is made possible through the St. Paul Federation Ignite Grants



**ST. PAUL Saints**  
BASEBALL

Sunday  
**July 26**  
2:07pm

Take me out to the  
**BALL GAME**

Saints vs. Columbus Clippers

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)



**Your Forever Israeli Friends**

**Israeli Scouts**


**Friendship Caravan**

**Tuesday, July 28, 6:00pm**

**Beth Jacob Congregation**  
[Beth-Jacob.org/Scouts](http://Beth-Jacob.org/Scouts)



**Tzedaka Hewra**  
*Giving Collective*



**TIKKUN OLAM**  
**IMPROVING LIVES**  
**ADVANCING CHANGE**

**A Post-Kiddush Learning**  
**August 1**

**BETH JACOB READS A BOOK**

**AS A JEW**

RECLAIMING OUR STORY FROM THOSE WHO  
BLAME, SHAME, AND TRY TO ERASE US

by  
**SARAH HURWITZ**

**Post Kiddush Book Discussion**  
with Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm

**Saturday, August 15**  
**12:45 pm**

*"Sarah Hurwitz offers readers a moving and challenging insight into what it means to be a Jew today. Written with brutal honesty, it makes one laugh, cry, and, most importantly, think."*  
- Deborah E. Lipstadt

## HELPING THE ARCHIVES...

A WORKING ZOOM MEETING!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 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](https://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 Midwest Jewish Archives

Beth Jacob's Social Justice Committee presents

## Social Justice Shabbat

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Last year the Social Justice Committee heard from Homelessness advocates. This year we'll look at some of the legal impacts and causes of homelessness.



We will hear words of Torah and host a Post Kiddush Learning

## Homelessness in Minnesota

A legal perspective

Eviction filings have been at or near record levels over the past year.

We'll talk with Heather Mendiola, the lead housing attorney at Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS). Heather has over a decade of experience representing low-income tenants in a wide range of housing matters in various forums, including Housing Court, Minnesota District Court and Court of Appeals, federal court, and subsidized housing administrative hearings.

## Coming this Fall

## Judaism 101: Core Practices and Principles

For anyone seeking to better understand Jewish thought and practice, whether you are already Jewish, Jewish-curious or on the path to conversion.

7pm Mondays on Zoom



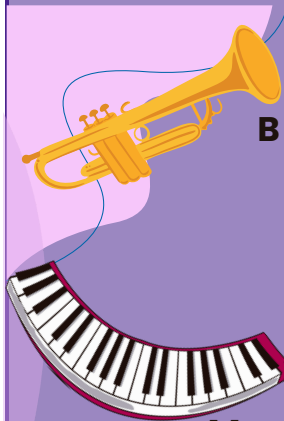
Starts October 19th



Taught by Rabbi Cathy Nemiroff



Register: [Beth-Jacob.org/Intro](https://beth-jacob.org/intro)



PREPARE YOUR PIECE!

BETH JACOB'S CLASSICAL

## MUSICALE

Sunday,

November 1, 2026

2-4pm

Musicians and singers, at all levels of skill and experience, will perform classical music for a friendly and supportive audience.



Email [Frances@Beth-Jacob.org](mailto:Frances@Beth-Jacob.org)  
CC Aaron Silver and Noam Sienna (using subject: "BJC Musicale").



**A big mazal tov to our new BJUSY Executive Board for 2026-2027 school year!**

Co-presidents: Ayelet Ehrlich & Judah Grosby  
 IA/Exec VP: Alli Kolker  
 Rel/Ed VP: Razele Hofrichter  
 SA/TO VP: Dalia Ackerman  
 Mem/Gesh VP: Ben Rogovin  
 Comms VP: Hannah Levitt



**Become a Beth Jacob Madrich/a!**

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

We are continuing with our madrich/a program next year! All high schoolers are encouraged to join and become dugmaot (role models) in our classrooms. Register at [beth-jacob.org/madrachim](http://beth-jacob.org/madrachim)



**Join the Geshher Leadership Council**

Want to help give ideas on Geshher programs and activities for next year? Join the Geshher leadership council and advise Marisa on planning fun things!



**Be on the lookout for our BJuniors school year calendar coming soon!**



**Mazal tov to Lou Leichter, recipient of this years Bud Sweet z”l Spirit of Beth Jacob Award.**

Lou was given this award for his many contributions to our community, especially his consistent dedication to the maintenance of our building. Thank you Lou!

**Mazal tov to Dr. Noam Sienna for being. named the new Amos S. Deinard Chair in Jewish History at the University of Minnesota Center for Jewish Studies!**



**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).

## **BUILDING UPDATES AND REPAIRS AT BETH JACOB – January-May 2026**

Over the past several months, significant work has been completed on the building. Thank you to the members of the BJC Building Committee, members of other Beth Jacob Committees, volunteers, and tradespeople who contributed to these upgrades and repairs.

A list of preferred tradespeople/companies has been prepared. These tradespeople and companies are familiar with the building, BJC staff, and relevant contact persons.

New thermostats have been installed to control hot water heat to the building vestibules.

Hammers to “break glass in case of emergency” have been installed on the fire extinguisher cabinets

New baseboard has been installed in the hallway of the education wing.

A new 75 foot electrical extension cord was donated.

Our plumber repaired several toilets and cleaned out a drain from the dishwasher.

Our locksmith has provided and installed new door locks in the classrooms so that the doors can be locked from the inside in cast of an emergency. This was a recommended security feature. Our locksmith also provided keys to the fire extinguisher cabinets.

Our electrician repaired the light fixture in the men’s room; replaced several batteries in the emergency lighting fixtures. He also identified various circuits in the Social Hall so that several electrical skillets can be used without tripping a circuit breaker. A recommendation for installing several new 20 amp circuits in the Social Hall was submitted.

Our HVAC company installed new boiler to provide hot water heating for areas of the building. They also replaced the fan in the Education Wing toilet.

An energy audit by Frontier Energy recommended several energy efficient improvements around the building. These improvements have been carried out. New LED lightbulbs have been installed in the soffits in the Sanctuary. New LED light bulbs have been installed in the education wing hallways and classrooms. Air dams have been installed at the bottom of all exterior doors to prevent air leakage and drafts.

Submitted by Lou Leichter

## **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.



## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS WRAP-UP (continued)

- Community Life
  - Monthly Shabbatluck gatherings bring us together for Kabbalat Shabbat and shared meals
  - Expanded post-Kiddush learning and clubs/affinity groups foster connection
  - Kitchen duty has returned to a shared congregant rotation
- Operations & Space
  - Board minutes are now accessible to members
  - Financial stability has increased
  - Building improvements—including a new play structure—enhance our shared space

Some changes are highly visible; others are quieter but just as meaningful. Across committees and teams, congregants' ideas have been taken seriously and put into action. Today, Beth Jacob is vibrant, growing spiritually, educationally, and communally. We have a stronger financial foundation than we have seen in years.

There is still work to do. These recommendations were meant to guide us over decades, and we are only at the beginning.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible: the staff and clergy who said yes, conversation hosts, participants and notetakers, workgroups, data team, report writers, and the many committee members, staff, clergy, and board leaders who carried this work forward.

With this summary, we formally close the Community Conversations project knowing that we will continue to come together, listen, reflect, and shape the future of Beth Jacob.

Barb Curchack, Sharon Press, and Sara Lynn Newberger

## 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)

## 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)

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:Lynn.Usem@gmail.com), if you would like to help.

## **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).

## **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE**

The Climate Action Committee (CAC) continues to follow up on the 2026 BJC Climate Action Plan (Beth-Jacob.org/CAP).

After conducting an energy audit of our synagogue building with CAC members, Xcel Energy finished our conversion to LED lighting and also weather-stripped all the doors. Other recommended actions from the audit which the CAC will pursue in coming months include replacing outdated freezers and installing motion detectors for classroom lighting. Xcel offers rebates for nonprofits which will allow us to make some improvements for free or at very low-cost.

Sadly, BJC's grant application to the State of Minnesota for rooftop solar photovoltaics was not funded during the 2026 competitive round, so our rooftop solar project is on hold indefinitely. We returned the small grant awarded by Adamah for that project, and they invited us to apply again in the future as needed.

Other CAC activities include ongoing efforts to reduce waste from food and packaging at BJC, coordination of improvements to the boulevard rain garden, and other actions identified for consideration in our 2026 Climate Action Plan.

We have a dedicated group of core members but are eager to welcome new recruits. CAC meets monthly online at 8pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. Contact the committee chair, Laura Millberg at [millbbl@comcast.net](mailto:millbbl@comcast.net) for more information.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

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. With Operation Metro Surge, Social Justice renewed its efforts to reduce homelessness by partnering with BJUSY to raise funds for rental assistance, provide much needed funding to the Immigrant Law Center of MN, and keep teens housed through CloseKnit. We are preparing a Social Justice Shabbat with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services to continue our learning about homelessness. Special thanks to Louis Hunter and Carolyn "Belle" Belle as they step away from the SJ Committee after two years of service. If you are interested in our work on homelessness, please contact Barb Curchack, Social Justice chair.

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Our Community Health Committee has been meeting monthly since April. We have been spending a lot of our time reviewing our current Shabbat morning Torah Bimah masking policies and hope to complete revised policies in the near future. Along with this, we will be rolling out enhanced education about how we can all keep each other healthy, including vaccination recommendations and by staying home when we are ill. Finally, we are looking at options for people to learn basic first aid, CPR and AED training. Any questions, please reach out to the Chair, Sheldon Berkowitz at [sberkowitz1@gmail.com](mailto:sberkowitz1@gmail.com).

## SHUL CLOUD UTILIZATION

ShulCloud is Beth Jacob's synagogue management software system. We use it for all manner of record keeping and communications with our community. We are also continuously cleaning up and updating account information, personal information, and Yahrzeits.

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

- We have successfully moved historical financial data from our old Peachtree accounting system into our new Sage accounting system in preparation for linking Sage with ShulCloud this summer.
- Identifying and filling in omissions in members' demographic data (birth dates, anniversaries, etc.) so that we can, among other things, properly honor our members during Shabbat and Festival services.
- Tracking information from our 2026 Spring Gala regarding both silent and live auction items.

Observing Yahrzeits is one of the highest priorities we have at Beth Jacob, 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](mailto:mille328@comcast.net)

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES DATABASE

"JewishGen.org, 'The Global Home for Jewish Genealogy', maintains a Memorials & Plaques Database (MPD) on its website, which includes, among other things, data from and images of synagogue memorial plaques. Beth Jacob would like to do its part in facilitating Jewish genealogical research by submitting photographs of our approximately 1100 Yahrzeit plaques to JewishGen for inclusion in the MPD. We feel this is a worthwhile way to support JewishGen's mission: "To preserve our Jewish family history and heritage for future generations."

"If you do not wish to have your loved one's Yahrzeit plaque included in the project, please contact us no later than August 1, 2026 and we will make sure a photograph of that plaque is not submitted.

"Please feel free to contact the synagogue office, Rabbi Tamar, or Bernie Miller if you have questions, or if you'd like more information.

JewishGen serves as the genealogical research division of The Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City. If you'd like more information about JewishGen.org, its mission, and its activities, go to: <https://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/Mission.html>

Includes donations received through June 5, 2026

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Janet & Charlie Leavitt

*In memory of Bob Perry z"l*

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*In appreciation of all the  
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sure that we have delicious  
kiddush lunches each and  
every Shabbos and Yontif.  
Thank you.*

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*In appreciation of the volunteers  
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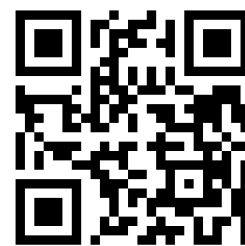
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## Make a Donation



to Beth Jacob

It seems like summer just started, but this edition of the Kol Ya'akov includes September, and you know what that means...


**Beth Jacob Congregation**  
**High Holidays**  
 5786/2026

<b>Selichot</b>	Saturday night, September 5
<b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	Friday evening - Sunday September 11-13
<b>Kol Nidre Yom Kippur</b>	Sunday evening - Monday September 20-21
<b>Sukkot</b>	Friday evening - Sunday September 25-27
<b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b>	Sunday evening - Thursday September 27-October 1
<b>Hoshanah Rabah</b>	Friday October 2
<b>Shemini Atzeret</b>	Friday evening - Saturday October 2-3
<b>Simchat Torah</b>	Saturday evening - Sunday October 3-4-15

Beth Jacob has no High Holiday tickets.  
Everyone is welcome.

## Special High Holiday Events

**Saturday, September 5 - 8:30pm**

Selichot services and singing  
with Shir Tikvah

**Sunday, September 6 - 10:00am**

Kever Avot - Visiting graves of loved ones,  
Sons of Jacob Cemetery

**Friday, September 11 - 6:00pm**

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services followed by a  
special Rosh Hashanah Dinner

**Sunday, September 13 - 2:00pm**

Tashlich Picnic at Hidden Falls Park

**Tuesday, September 29 - 5:30pm**

The return of our fabulous  
Sukkot Happy Hour

**Sunday, October 4 - 9:30am**

Special children's and family programs  
as we celebrate Simchat Torah

## On Line Resources

*All of these pages will be updated throughout the summer.*

**Beth-Jacob.org/HH**

Beth Jacob's landing page for the High Holidays.

**Beth-Jacob.org/Guide:** Home Observance Guide: Everything you need to know to celebrate and understand the Holy Days in your home.

**Beth-Jacob.org/HHKids:** Register your kids for our fabulous High Holiday Children's Programming.

**Beth-Jacob.org/Volunteer:** Volunteer to be a greeter or help in the kitchen--there are many spots to fill. Both you and the congregation will benefit.

**Beth-Jacob.org/RHDinner:** RSVP for our Erev Rosh Hashanah Shabbatluck!

**Beth-Jacob.org/Lulav:** Order your lulav and etrog for Sukkot.

**Beth-Jacob.org/Sukkot:** Sign up for our Sukkot Happy Hour!

**Not a member?** Please let us know you are coming. **Beth-Jacob.org/Visitors**



## ***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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