קרל יעקב Kol Ya'akov

THE VOICE OF BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

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שנה טובה

Beth Jacob Congregation wishes you a happy and healthy year. May 5786 bring each of us joy, fulfillment, learning, and sense of Jewish engagement with our lives. We look forward to seeing you throughout the High Holidays at services and celebrations, and throughout the year!

Rosh Hashanah

Yom Kippur

Sukkot

Hol Hamoed Sukkot

Hoshanah Rabah

Shemini Atzeret

Simchat Torah

<u>Begins Sundown</u>	<u>Ends Sundown</u>
Monday	Wednesday
September 22	- September 24
Wednesday	Thursday
October 1	October 2
Monday	Wednesday
October 6	October 8
Wednesday	Sunday
October 8	October 12
Sunday	Monday
October 12	October 13
Monday	Tuesday
October 13	October 14
Tuesday	Wednesday
October 14	October 15

Torah - Avodah - Gemilut Chasadim

A LETTER FROM RABBI TAMAR MAGILL-GRIMM

Dear Friends,

As the shofar calls out to us and we stand again on the threshold of a new year, 5786 greets us with both challenge and promise: our country wrestles with division; antisemitism has resurfaced in painful ways; our beloved planet aches for healing. The Jewish people are navigating uncertainty and complexity here and in Israel, our homeland, as injustices and suffering abound.



Rabbi Tamar **Magill-Grimm**

We come to this season with the heaviness of a year (years really, let's be honest) that has left us tired, angry, and fearful of what is yet to come. This may be a High Holy Day season in which we feel more like sitting on a throne and judging, rather than being judged, in which we feel powerless to effect any real change, and where the world feels beyond repair.

And yet, these Days of Awe teach us that hope is not naïve — it is sacred work. Our Machzor reminds us: וּתִשׁוּבָה וּתִפָּלָּה וּצְדָקָה מַעֲבִירִין אֵת רְוֹעַ הַגְּזֵרָה "Through return, prayer, and acts of justice and generosity we can transform the severity of the decree." Teshuvah, tefillah, and tzedakah are invitations to believe that renewal is possible and to understand that it depends on us. Now is our opportunity to recommit to this understanding: each moment of kindness, every hard conversation pursued with compassion, every stand for justice, nudges us back toward a commitment to life.

The Torah, too, reminds us to center life, even at the most difficult times: "I set before you today life and goodness, blessing and curse. Choose life, that you and your descendants may live." (Deut. 30:19). Choosing life means nurturing community, uplifting the vulnerable, seeking peace even when it feels elusive, and holding fast to our covenant with one another. It means believing, despite the headlines, that renewal is possible — in our hearts, in our families, in our society, believing that together we can repair what is broken, even when it feels beyond repair.

Beth Jacob has always been a place where tradition and conscience meet. We pray with ancient words, looking to them for insight into how to create a more just and compassionate world today. Through our communal prayer and song, continual learning and growth, and caring for one another, we lift one another's spirits, and we give these timeless words new life. In the coming year, let us deepen our learning, widen our circles of belonging, and transform our heartbreak into resolve.

May this sacred season open our hearts to courage, tenderness, and renewal. May 5786 bring healing, justice, joy, and blessing for us, for our people, and for all who dwell on earth. And may we be inscribed for blessing, for a year in which we choose life, and in which our prayers are answered.

> Shanah Tovah U'metukah, Tamar Magill-Grimm Senior Rabbi

A LETTER FROM CO-PRESIDENTS TESSA SILVER & LEONARD OPPENHEIMER

Dear Beth Jacob Community,

Welcome to Your Jewish Journey with Beth Jacob!

The High Holidays give us a chance to look back at our past year and pray for the coming year. For many of us, the holidays are an opportunity to reconnect with family, our community, and the divine. Thank you for joining us in this special time and space, a holy time and space, where we pray together, learn together, and grow together.

Our congregation is sustained by our core values of Torah/ Education, Avodah/Worship, and Gemilut Chasadim/Acts of Loving Kindness.

Reading this message during services is quite appropriate. Amid the daily bustle of our lives and the worries of a 24-hour news cycle, it's important and worthwhile to think about the things that really matter to you and your family. Beth Jacob is an extraordinary, welcoming community. We thank you for being here and helping us support each other in our Jewish journey together.

Already a member? If you are already an active member, thank you for your continued participation and support. If you join us less frequently, consider deepening your involvement by coming



Tessa Silver



Leonard Oppenheimer

to our Shabbat or holiday services, eating and schmoozing with us over a Shabbatluck dinner, challenging yourself with our learning opportunities, or joining us for social outings and events. As a participatory, egalitarian Jewish community, we work best when we are here together, stepping up and helping each other, one-on-one and as a community.

Visiting? If you are visiting Beth Jacob or just trying us on for size, we are grateful that you are praying with us and seeing us in action. Welcome! We trust you and we trust each other – it's why we have never had tickets and why members set their own level of financial support. We invite you to keep coming and to consider becoming a member. Guests are always welcome, in person or virtually via our livestream.

If you have any special needs during services, please ask any of our greeters helping with services, including those with name tags or lanyards. For any questions or needs, please contact our office at info@beth-jacob.org or call us at 651.452.2226 Tuesday through Friday.

May you and your loved ones be inscribed for a happy and healthy 5786. May this coming year be a year of blessing and peace for our community, our country and the land of Israel, and the whole world.

Shanah Tovah Tessa Silver & Leonard Oppenheimer Co-Presidents

High Holidays Services 5786/2025

First Day of Rosh Hashanah - Tuesday, September 23				
Morning Service Children's Program Family Service for all ages Teen Learning	8:30 am 9:30 am - 1:00 pm 10:30 am 11:00 am			
Tashlich Picnic at Hidden Falls Park Candle lighting for second night	5:00 pm 7:49 pm			

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah - Wednesday, September 24

Morning Service	8:30 am
Children's Program	9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Family Service for all ages	10:30 am
Havdallah	7:48 pm

Sunday, September 28

Kever Avot -Visiting graves of loved ones	10:00 am
Sons of Jacob Cemetery, 770 Parkway Dr. St. Paul	

Reverse Tashlich - Cleaning the Riverfront 2:00-4:00 pm Hidden Falls Regional Park, North Entrance

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 1

Mincha, Kol Nidre, & Ma'ariv (childcare provided)	6:00 pm
Candle lighting	6:34 pm

Thursday, October 2

Morning Service, Yizkor, Musaf	8:30 am
Children's Program	9:30 am- 1:30 pm
Family Service	10:30 am
Teen Learning	11:30 pm
Study Session with D. Marcos Vital	4:00 pm
Mincha, Neilah (childcare provided)	5:15 pm
Shofar (fast ends)/Havdallah/Ma'ariv	7:33 pm
Havdallah in Social Hall, Ma'ariv in Sanctuary	

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

High Holidays Services 5786/2025

Sukkot			
Monday, October 6			
Candle lighting	6:2	25 pn	n
Tuesday, October 7	0	-о р	••
Morning Service (bring lulav/etrog)	9:0		n
Children's Program	9:30 am - 12:0		
Candle lighting for second night	/:/	23 pn	n
Wednesday, October 8 Morning Service (bring lulav/etrog)	0.0)∩ am	n
Havdallah)0 an 22 pn	
Hol Hamoed Sukkot	7.5		
Thursday - Friday, October 9-10			
Morning Service (bring lulav/etrog)	7:0	00 ar	n
Breakfast at Beth Jacob served during Hol Hamoed Sukkot t Hol Hamoed Breakfast Fund in memory of their parents, Nor & Florence Gale z"l, and Neal's brother Ed	m & Annetta Abram		
Thursday, October 9	6.	00 р	m
Sukkot Happy Hour Shabbat - Friday - Saturday October 11 (no lulay)		55 P	111
Shabbat - Friday - Saturday, October 11 (no lulav,	•	30 p	m
Candle lighting Shabbat morning service		'	m
Limudim Children's Program		00 a	
Minyan Katan	11:	30 a	m
Post Kiddush Zmirot in the Sukkah		00 p	
Havdallah Sunday October 13	/:	16 p	III
Sunday, October 12 Marning Service at Tomple of Aaron (bring Jula)	(/otrog) O	00 2	m
Morning Service at Temple of Aaron (bring lula:	v/etrog) 9:	00 a	111
Monday, October 13 Hoshanah Rabbah Service (bring lulav/etrog)	7:	00 a	m
Candle lighting	6	:12 p	m
Shemini Atzeret - Tuesday, October 14			
Morning Service & Yizkor):00 a	am
Children's Program		:30 a	
Candle Lighting	7	':11 p	om
Simchat Torah			
Tuesday, October 14			
Family Dinner (Beth-Jacob.org/STDinner)		5:00 p	
See the WHOLE TORAH		5:30 p	
Services, dancing	(5:45 p	om
Wednesday, October 15		_	
Morning service & dancing		9:30 a	
Children's Program <i>Havdallah</i>		9:30 a	
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HIGH HOLIDAY YOUTH PROGRAMMING

eth Jacob offers, at no charge, quality High Holiday children's programs with prayer, discussion, active learning, snacks, and hands-on activities.

For our youngest children (Birth through PK)

Childcare is available in the nursery:

Rosh Hashanah - Both Days Yom Kippur

Family Services - 10:30-11:15am In the Saide Chapel

(geared toward K-6 and their grown-ups, all ages welcome)

Rosh Hashanah (both days) Yom Kippur

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

For K-7th Grade

Kids Actvities

All Morning Children's Programming starts with a light breakfast at 9:00

9:30 am - 1:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Kol Nidre 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Yom Kippur 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Neila 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm Sukkot - First Day 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Simchat Torah 9:30 am - 10:30 am, followed by Hakafot

Teens

During the Holidays, we will offer engaging learning for post b'nai mitzvah-12th graders

Rosh Hashanah, Day 1 11:00 am

Names Matter: A Jewish Obsession with Naming, Renaming, and Not Naming with Earl & Nina Schwartz

In this conversation we explore profound--and often ironic--aspects of naming and having a name, in Tanakh and in our own lives.

Yom Kippur 11:00 am

Isaiah: "This is the fast I desire: To let the oppressed go free." with Wendy Goldberg

A look at maps of Israel, from Biblical times through today to gain a better understanding of the land of Israel in historical perspective.

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

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

Torah Readers

Tuesday, September 23 - Rosh Hashanah				
1	Genesis 21:1-21:4	Mari Forbush		
2	Genesis 21:5-21:12	Susan Moses-Zirkes		
3	Genesis 21:13-21:21	Rosanne Zaidenweber		
4	Genesis 21:22-21:27	Brad Elkin		
5	Genesis 21:28-21:34	Hannah Hofrichter		
Maftir	Numbers 29:1-29:6	Hannah Hofrichter		
Haftarah	I Samuel 1:1-2:10	Sharon Press		

Wednesday, September 24 - Rosh Hashanah II				
1	Genesis 22:1-3	Jonathan Ehrlich		
2	Genesis 22:4-8	Hannah Hofrichter		
3	Genesis 22:9-14	Rosanne Zaidenweber		
4	Genesis 22:15-19	Tamar Resnick		
5	Genesis 22:20-24	Tamar Resnick		
Maftir	Numbers 29:1-29:6	Hanna Hofrichter		
Haftarah	Jeremiah 31:2-20	Noam Sienna		

Gabbaim

Alan Block, Barb Curchack, Jonathan Ehrlich, Neal Gale, Hannah Hofrichter, Laura Honan, Stuart Kaufman, Michael Keller, Leonard Oppenheimer, Eric Pasternack, Maxine Rosenthal, Erin Webb.

Shofar Callers and Sounders

Marisa Goffman, Shiloh Henderson, Benj Kamm, Marguerite Krause, Barbie Levine, Rabbi Lynn Liberman, Jo Pasternack, David Rischall, Rosanne Zaidenweber, Jessica Zehavi.

Greeters, Security Greeters, and Kitchen Volunteers:

Kimberly Aaron-Lehman, Dominic Ackerman, Orit Ackerman, Gordon & Carol Altshuler, Ben & Mary Bejar, Lois Bloomberg, Paul Bloomberg, Jason Bryan, Zach Feinstein, Laurie Fink, Keven Fischer, Anne Froelich, Eli Gottfried, Judah Grosby, Sam Grosby, Shiloh Henderson, Louis Hunter, Bruce & Ellen Johnson, Darla Kashian, Roy Kay, Esti Koen, Pam Lauer, Andrea Lubov, Mike Meirovitz, Sandra Meirovitz, Brian Millberg, Neil Moses-Zirkes, Rebecca Noecker, Shane Noecker, Leonard Oppenheimer, Beth Pearlman, Sharon Press, Mindy Ratner, Kate Sandweiss, Marc & Elizabeth Schoen, Allan Schultz, Amy Sheldon, Jeffrey Skochil, Becky Taurog, Will Thomas, Steve Ukes, David Zehavi.

Thursday, October 2 Yom Kippur morning				
1	Leviticus 16:1-6	Aaron Silver		
2	Leviticus 16:7-11	Aaron Silver		
3	Leviticus 16:12-17	Aaron Silver		
4	Leviticus 16:18-24.	Tamar Resnick		
5	Leviticus 16:25-30	Brad Elkin		
6	Leviticus 16:31-34	Rosanne Zaidenweber		
Maftir	Numbers 29:7-11	Hannah Hofrichter		
Haftarah	Isaiah 57:14-58:14	Jonathan Ehrlich		

Thursday, October 2 - Yom Kippur Mincha			
1	Leviticus 18:1-5	Jim Smith	
2	Leviticus 18:6-21	Jim Smith	
Maftir	Leviticus 18:22-30	Jim Smith	
Haftarah	Jonah 1:1-4:11, Micah 7:18-20	Brian Millberg	

Daveners

Sheldon Berkowitz, Rav Shosh Dworsky, Jonathan Ehrlich, Giulia Girgenti, Wendy Goldberg, Lisa Hoff, Razele Hofrichter, Benj Kamm, Michael Krause, Matt Leichter, Rabbi Lynn Liberman. Ryan Lohr, Bernie Miller, Sara Lynn Newberger, Natan Paradise, Rimon Reches, David Rephan, Emery Sher, Jessica Zehavi.

Future Shofar Sounders







A LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SONYA RAPPORT

Dear Beth Jacob Community,

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

As we step forward into 5786, I'm reflecting on this past year and looking ahead. I am amazed by the Limudim program that brought our shul to life every Tuesday evening with kids and adults engaging in Jewish learning. It brought me such nachas and I'm excited to see it continue growing to meet our community's thirst for learning.



Sonya Rapport

It was such a joy celebrating Beth Jacob's 40th anniversary year. The special events and stories shared, especially through the weekly 40th Snapshots, were deeply meaningful. Beth Jacob has built an incredible foundation for the next 40 years, and I'm eager to see how we'll continue growing our kehilla.

Last year, I shared three key focus areas to maintain and strengthen our foundation: **stability**, **growth**, **and partnership**. As I enter my second year as Executive Director, I plan to continue leaning on these pillars to guide us through the twists and turns of the year. By making each area more robust, we ensure Beth Jacob's ability to provide meaningful Jewish experiences for generations to come.

Stability: I took our financial responsibilities very seriously last year. Through spending restraint and revenue growth, I'm happy to share that we ended the fiscal year with a surplus for the first time in about a decade. I'm determined to continue prioritizing finances to ensure Beth Jacob's financial sustainability for generations.

Growth: The previous year's streamlined operations enabled us to significantly expand our programmatic offerings. Beyond Limudim, monthly Shabbat potlucks returned with 40-50 people regularly attending. We brought over 12 post-kiddush learning opportunities and hosted big-name speakers like Shai Held and singing group Nava Tehilla for our community.

Partnership: The true magic of Beth Jacob lies in our incredible relationships. This year I felt a significant strengthening of the bonds within our community. Our 40th anniversary gala planning committee exemplified this perfectly—volunteers and staff worked hand-in-hand for months to create an unforgettable celebration. Together, we're creating a more vibrant and thriving Jewish community.

Looking Ahead to 5786: I'm beyond excited for our community to celebrate Rabbi Tamar's Installation. I hope you will all join us November 7-9th to honor Rabbi Tamar!

I am filled with gratitude for this community and optimism for the year ahead. May 5786 bring continued growth, deeper connections, and abundant blessings to all of us at Beth Jacob.

B'Kavod, Sonya Rapport Executive Director

Mazal Tov to Sonya Rapport on receiving the Minneapolis Jewish Federation Pearl Society's Woman of Promise Award!



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

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

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

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

Babies we have welcomed this year:

Gideon Ezra Blyakher

Tavion Prohofsky

Yona Baer Münster

Rina Annie Rose Skochil

Sacha Lev Laster-Wood

Ari Richard Blonigan

Dahlia Or Krischer

Harvey July Roth Holdhusen

Welcome New Members

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

Marc Gutman & Rosalie Norris
Gutman

Beatrice, Eno, Zeviah

Michael & Hannah Hofrichter
Razele & Elnatan

Daniel & Richelle Johnston
Logan Johnston

Roy & Stephanie Kay

Barbara Lehmann

Erin & Nathan LoftiesFinn Lofties

Ashley & Matthew Nattress Izzy & Olly

Rimon & Yonathan RechesMipka

Harold Samtur

Ely & Shayna Sheinfeld Isaiah, Jon, Zoe & Sasha

Mira Steinberg

Environmentally Friendly Tashlich

By Laura Millberg

A common misconception about the Rosh Hashanah Tashlich ritual is that it should involve throwing bread or other food into a body of water to be eaten by fish and ducks. The name of the ceremony is derived from the verse in Michah (7:19) which states, "and cast [Tashlich] into the depths of the sea all of their sins."

According to Rabbi Dr. Ari Z. Zivotofsky (Jewish Action 2007), the earliest recorded source for Tashlich comes from Rabbi Yaakov Moelin (Germany, 1365–1427), whose writings note that after the Rosh Hashanah meal people would go to lakes or rivers to "cast off" their sins in commemoration of the merit of Avraham in Akeidat Yitzchak. The custom was adopted by many Ashkenazic communities, with variations. Later a kabbalistic component was added, and it spread to Sephardic communities as well.

Central motifs of Tashlich since the 14th century include live fish, a water source, and reciting prayers. Jews should proliferate like fish. Human lives like those of fish can be ensnared. Kings are anointed at a water body symbolizing continuity. Water is reminiscent of humility because it always flows to the lowest level. God can be found near sources of water. The majesty of God's creation is evident at the river or sea.

The practice of throwing food for the fish and ducks that started in some communities from the earliest days of Tashlich, however, was criticized by some rabbinic authorities and occasionally forbidden due to halachic prohibitions against carrying outside of the eruv and entrapment of wildlife. No sources explicitly justify casting for the purpose of feeding, and it was never adopted by Sephardim.

In modern times, throwing food into lakes, rivers, and streams is considered problematic for environmental reasons as well. Bread especially, and other food items as well, can unbalance the ecosystem, wildlife nutrition, and water quality. Environmentally friendly alternatives to cast into the water for the traditional Tashlich ritual include small pebbles, twigs, and untreated woodchips.

A more recent activity that also is being adopted by Jewish congregations to supplement the traditional Tashlich ritual is "Reverse Tashlich". This approach to Jewish environmental stewardship turns the symbolism of casting away sin into action by removing human "sin" from the water.

Beth Jacob Congregation is hosting a Reverse Tashlich event for youth and adults to pick up trash near Rogers Lake in Mendota Heights on Sunday, September 28 from 2-4pm. You can sign up at Beth-Jacob.org/ReverseTashlich.

Sources:

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Beth Jacob Annual Break-Fast

October 2, 7:33 pm

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



Hol Hamoed Minyan is followed by Breakfast in the Sukkah Thursday, Oct. 9 Friday, Oct. 10 Monday, October 13 Breakfast served during Hol Hamoed Sukkot thanks to the Neal & Sandy Gale Hol Hamoed Breakfast Fund in memory of their parents, Norm & Annetta Abrams (z"l), Harvey & Florence Gale (z"l), and Neal's brother Edward Gale (z"l).



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

Thursday, October 9, 2025 6:00pm BJC Sukkah

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

Beth-Jacob.org/Sukkot



SHARE A SUKKAH!

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

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



Remembrances

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

Dorothy Ann Walker
Jaye Peschko
Robert Baldinger
Donald Klass
Larry Johnston
Lorraine Frank Gilead
Ida Valdman
Iris Buten Newman
Marjorie Wolk
Thomas Dobo

Rena Glaser
Marilyn Richter
Joanne Ring
Marilyn Joy Glik
Sean O'Connor
Leah Lewis
Lee Silverstein
Karen Hardway Black
Joan Dorf
Larry Louis Laster

A. Frank Baron
Don Salisbury
Mary Frantz
Dr. Jonathan Slavin
Gretchen Tselos
Renée Majer
David Wesigurt
Larry Schochet
Bernard "Barry" Engle
Edna Bernstein

SIMCHAT TORAH DINNER

At Beth Jacob Congregation

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

Designed for busy families (but all are welcome)

6:00 PM - KID-FRIENDLY DINNER

6:30 PM - SEE THE WHOLE TORAH,
THEN CELEBRATE AND DANCE!

\$10 per person
Beth-Jacob.org/STDinner

On Simchat Torah Wednesday, October 15 we honor our Chatan Torah & Kallat Bereshit



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

Our two honorees this year certainly fit these criteria on multiple levels. This year we are honoring **D.Marcos Vital** and **Lydia Schultz**. Both D.Marcos and Lydia have long been involved in our youth and adult education at Beth Jacob.

Lydia has taught Hebrew to adults for many years, and she helped create our current Limudim curriculum. D.Marcos was our Director of Education for a number of years, has taught classes to both adults and children, was our co-Youth Director, and is currently the Lead Teacher for Limudim, mentoring and supervisiing the teachers

D.Marcos and Lydia will be called to the Torah for these honors on Simchat Torah morning (October 15th) and will receive beautiful certificates created by Noam Sienna. We look forward to celebrating them and sharing our gratitude for the ways they have helped strengthen our community.

Who wants to Volunteer?

Please help our community by volunteering as a Greeter.

Meet new people!

Have fun!

Help the shul!

Beth-Jacob.org/Volunteer



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



"Offer your compassion to the hungry and satisfy the famished..."

Isaiah 58:10

Most needed Items for the Food Shelf

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

Marking S October 7#



Remembering. Honoring. Bearing Witness.

On October 7, 2023, the lives of countless Israelis were forever changed. We gather as a community to remember those lost, to pray for those still in captivity, and to bear witness to the stories of survival and resilience.

This year's program honors the memory of St Paul's Noi Maudi, z"l — a joyful, compassionate, and creative young man who was murdered while fleeing the "Psyduck" music festival.

We will also hear the testimony of Yoni Viloga, 28, of Kibbutz Mefalsim. His story is one of courage, quick thinking, and the will to survive.

Location will be provided to those who register



Registration REQUIRED for everyone attending
Beth-Jacob.org/Oct7



Through Their Eyes: The Story of Kfar Aza

An exhibit that brings to life the voices of a vibrant community forever changed on October 7.

Tuesday, September 30--1:00pm

Meet at Beth Jacob to carpool to St. Louis Park

Cost: \$10 per person **Beth-Jacob.org/TTE**

October 25 - Mazal Tov to Harrison Bell on his Bar Mitzvah



Harrison Bell

I attend Central Middle School in Eden Prairie and I am in the 8th grade. My family is my dad and step-mom, Adam and Lesley, my mom and her fiance, Elizabeth and Andrew, my sister Madeline, my dog Abby, and my cats, Rocky, Cleo, and Aria. My Parashah is Noah, about the flooding and building a boat to save the animals. For my Tzedakah Project I am working with a company called The Bond Between, where families can become foster families for cats and dogs who are waiting to find their forever home.

November 1 - Mazal Tov to Sasha Sheinfeld on her Bat Mitzvah



Sasha Sheinfeld

My name is Sasha Sheinfeld and my bat mitzvah is Nov 1/Parshat Lech Lecha. One thing that is really interesting to me about my bat mitzvah parsha is that Abraham and his family moved a lot in this parsha, and my family has moved a lot. I have moved 7 times since I was born in Montreal, Canada (my parents have moved 14 times since they have been married!). I am in 7th grade at Highland Park Middle School. I have three older siblings and a dog named Frankly. I like writing and art. I also like reading, especially fantasy, mystery, and historical fiction. I care about current events that affect minoritized groups and while I am an introvert, I get upset and want to help when I see injustice.

<u>B'nai Mitzvah in 2026:</u> Elijah Black, February 7; Logan Johnston, February 28; Whitman Noecker, April 18; Ruth Jewett May 16; Rosalie Goldbaum, August 29; Tovah Levitt, September 5.

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

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

Upcoming Shabbat Celebrations include:

October 25 - Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Bell

November 1 - Bat Mitzvah of Sasha Sheinfeld

November 8 - Rabbi Tamar's Installation

Nobember 15 - Veteran's Day Shabbat

Lois Newberger Legacy Kiddush

November 22 - Kesher Shabbat

December 6 - USY Shabbat

Post Kiddush Learning "From the Archives"

December 20 - Jan & Lou Leichter's 54th wedding anniversary and 80th birthdays!

January 10 - Cat Kiddush--sponsored by the cats of Beth Jacob

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



EAST METRO MORNING MINYAN

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 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

SHABBATLUCK

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat







Join us at 6:00 pm for Kabbalat Shabbat and stay for a pot-luck Shabbat dinner.

October 3, November 7, December 5, January 2, February 6, March 6, May 1, June 5

Installation of Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm as Senior Rabbi of Beth Jacob Congregation

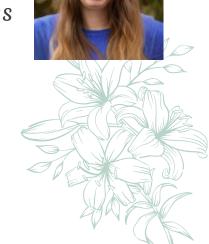
Beth Jacob Congregation has been blessed by Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm's wisdom, warmth, dedication and leadership for the past ten years. We now have the honor to celebrate together as we officially install her as our Senior Rabbi.



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

November 7th - 6:00pm *Kabbalat Shabbat*

followed by a Potluck dinner and toasts in honor of Rabbi Tamar



November 8th - beginning at 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 - 10:30am

Rabbi Tamar's Installation

Ceremony will be followed by a catered brunch.

Please consider submitting words of blessing for a communal blessing led by Rabbi Anisfeld during the Installation. **Beth-Jacob.org/Blessings**



Donations in honor of Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm on her installation can be made to her Discretionary Fund.

Beth-Jacob.org/RabbiTamarDonation



YOUTH EDUCATION

Dear Beth Jacob Community,

We find ourselves at the beginning of a New Year on the Jewish calendar, wondering what the next chapter will bring. For the past few months, I have had the honor of preparing for and launching the second year of Limudim: Our Learning Community. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this important work.

Our eager students, supportive parents, and dedicated teachers are the core elements that make our holy work a success. Thank you, students, for the excitement and curiosity you bring to your learning. Thank you, parents, for being a source of support and inspiration to our students. And thank you, teachers, for the patience and insight you bring to the crucial work of educating the next generation of Jews. Together, we will ensure that our Jewish values and wisdom continue to be cherished and preserved, I'dor vador, from generation to generation.



Rimon Reches

My prayer for the coming year is that we may all develop a personal relationship with Torah, mitzvot, and the Jewish people—both within the Diaspora and the land of Israel—and that our learning may be carried out in peace. I look forward to the fulfillment of this prayer this year, with God's help.

May we all be sealed for a sweet new year, shenikatev v'nechatem.

Shanah tovah u'metukah,

Rimon Reches
Interim Limudim Coordinator/Rabbinic Intern

CLASSROOM NEEDS:

We are currently seeking age appropriate toys for our K-1 classroom. If you have any you are able to donate, please contact Rimon@Beth-Jacob.org!

Ongoing Children's Programming

Limudim

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

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

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

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

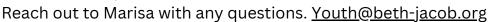
• Jewish Camp Scholarship: Need-based camp scholarships are available for overnight Jewish camp. The deadline to apply for Summer 2026 is November 30th. While we have limited scholarship funds available, we will do our best to work with you and our community partners to acquire as much scholarship as possible. All scholarship awards will be confidentially determined by our scholarship committee. Please be in touch with Sonya or Scholarship Committee Chair Steve Ukes with any questions. Beth-Jacob.org/Camp-Scholarships



- Beth Jacob Herzl Camp Scholarship Fund: A scholarship is available for Beth Jacob members in good standing who need financial assistance to attend Herzl Camp. Participants can apply directly to Herzl Camp. Reach out to Frances Fischer with any questions.
- Jewish Day School Scholarship: Beth Jacob has been gifted with the amazing opportunity to ensure our youth have access to Jewish Day School education. Thanks to a generous gift, Beth Jacob's scholarship committee has up to \$20,000 available to allocate to Beth Jacob families in good financial standing to help offset the cost of day school tuition. Studies have shown the long-term impact that Jewish Day School has on the development of Jewish identity, and we are honored to be able to continue the legacy of ensuring access to Jewish education. Please complete the application by February 28th 2026. Beth-Jacob.org/JewishDaySchool



- Israel Scholarships: Need-based scholarships for trips to Israel during High School are awarded on an ongoing basis. All scholarship awards are confidentially determined by our scholarship committee. Please apply at Beth-Jacob.org/israel-Scholarships, or reach out directly to Frances with any questions.
- **USY Scholarship**: Scholarships are available for USY dues and programming. Scholarships are available on an ongoing, as-needed basis. Please apply at Beth-Jacob.org/BJUSYScholarship.





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

YOUTH

We have some incredible programming coming up this year. Check out all our upcoming events (and pictures from last year) and mark your calendars for a year to remember!

I look forward to celebrating the Chagim with you, and to having a wonderful year of youth programming!



Marisa Goffman

Marisa Goffman Youth and Education Coordinator

Kol HaKavod to the 2025-26 BJUSY Board:

President: Ruth Silver

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Communications VP: Zoelie Kolker

Social Action/Tikkun Olam VP: Judah Grosby

Membership/Gesher VP: Ayelet Ehrlich

Ex-Officio: Hannah Levitt



EMTZA Kinnus: Nov. 7-9



Pizza in the Hut w/ Gesher: October 5, 10am



Mystery Bus Ride November 25, 7pm

Lounge Night Every Tuesday, 7:30pm USY Shabbat December 5-6

Of course, 2026 will also include Kab Shabs, the Pancake Breakfast, the Purim Carnival, and BJUSY's own CMT!



- Sunday September 28, 10am Gesher Yom Kippur Musical Chair Setup
- Sunday October 5, 10am Pizza-in-the-hut Sukkah Build w/ BJUSY

We want to hear from YOU! What other programs and adventures should Gesher do this year? Apply for the Gesher Leadership Council: beth-jacob.org/GLC



- Sunday October 5, 10am BJuniors Apple Fest!

 Join BJuniors for a morning of apple picking, corn mazing, and more at Afton Orchards. RSVP here: beth-jacob.org/BJapples
- **Sunday December 7, 10:30am** BJuniors go to the Children's Museum BJuniors are having a morning of curiosity and fun at the Children's Museum! RSVP Here: beth-jacob.org/BJMuseum



JUDAISM IOI: CORE PRACTICES AND PRINCIPLES WITH RABBI CATHY NEMIROFF

Mondays 7:00-8:30 pm in person and online Starting October 27





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

Meets Mondays at 7pm at Beth Jacob, with Zoom option available

Register at Beth-Jacob.org/Intro

Ongoing Classes

FOR THE JEW IN THE PEW WITH RABBI LYNN LIBERMAN

9:15 - 10:00 am in the chapel on Shabbat 1st, 3rd, and the occasional 5th Shabbat of each month.



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

TANACH WITH DAVID RISCHALL

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



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

MORNING MISHNAH WITH RABBI TAMAR MAGILL-GRIMM

Wednesdays at around 8:00 am (after minyan) in the Saide Chapel and online Join on Zoom at Beth-Jacob.org/Minyan



The Mishnah is an edited record of the complex body of halachic material transmitted in the aftermath of the destruction of the Second Temple. Its intention was to train the sages in thinking through the legal issues that inform Halacha. In encountering these texts together, we gain access to the conversations out of which developed the foundational principles that shaped Jewish law as we know it today. Classes are in the chapel at Beth Jacob and on Zoom at Beth-Jacob.org/minyan (or just stay on Zoom after Morning Minyan).

LIMUDIM ADULT ED

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

Limudim is not just for children. It is a learning community. We have classes for adults on Tuesday nights at 6:30; as well. See below for more information and check the calendar for exact dates. Register for all classes with the QR code below.



If you are interested in teaching Adult Ed at Limudim, please reach out to Rimon.



Register: Beth-Jacob.org/AdultEd



TALMUDIC FOLKTALES

Rabbi David Thomas Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm Oct. 28, Nov. 3, Nov. 11, Nov. 18

Step into the world of the Talmud's folktales—playful, surprising, and deeply wise. In these four-sessions, Rabbi Thomas will guide us through stories the rabbis told to explore life's big questions: Do we have free will? What role do miracles play? How do we face our own mortality? Texts are in English and Hebrew, and each session will be lively, interactive, and filled with conversation.

WHY THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS ARE WISE

Sara Lynn Newberger Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 18, Jan. 6

Each Jewish holiday connects rituals to values to stories, allowing for many points of access and opportunities for connection. Exploring these elements of holidays can enrich traditional practice, make space for innovation, and provide us with opportunities to reflect on our lives, our values and our stories. We will look at a few holidays as models and consider resources for further learning.

HEBREW FOR ADULTS - PART I

Lydia Schultz Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm Feb . 9, Feb. 17, Feb. 24, Mar. 3 **HEBREW FOR ADULTS - PART 2**

Lydia Schultz Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm Mar. 10, Mar. 17, Mar. 24, Mar. 31

These courses are designed to help you decode Hebrew and to become more comfortable in reading the Hebrew in the prayer book. Register using the QR code above!





Discover Mussar A Journey of Jewish Spiritual Growth

Mussar is a Jewish path of personal transformation, rooted in centuries of wisdom. It focuses on developing middot (soul traits) like humility, patience, gratitude, compassion and courage. A Mussar Va'ad is a small, supportive group where authenticity and growth are nurtured.

Join the Beth Jacob Va'ad, meeting on Thursday mornings from 10-12.

Register at Beth-Jacob.org/Mussar.





University of Minnesota Center for Jewish Studies Community Lecture Series

Beth Jacob is proud to co-sponsor the annual lecture series. This year's theme is **Jewish Creative Resilience in Times of Conflict and Reinvention**.

This Fall, the following lectures are being offered:

Table Fellowship as a Holy Altar: How Dinner Parties Shaped Rabbinic Judaism
Dr. Krista Dalton, Kenyon College
Tuesday, Nov. 4

People often take the existence of rabbis and their authority as a given, but that role and institution also needed to be invented--and some of the forces that shaped it may surprise you. This lecture explores how the practice of eating together functioned as a critical social institution for the development of rabbinic culture. Elaborate dinner parties served as sites where rabbis cultivated relationships with wealthy patrons, solidifying their social standing and economic support. Wealthy patrons who hosted these gatherings not only provided material support for rabbinic institutions but also facilitated the rabbis' growing influence within broader Jewish communities. The table thereby functioned as a space where rabbis could demonstrate their Torah expertise while simultaneously participating in the cultural practices of their Greco-Roman environment.

How the Ketubba Became Jewish
Dr. Eve Krakowski, Princeton University
Tuesday Dec. 9

The ketubba, or Jewish marriage contract, is the best-recognized and most widely-used kind of Jewish legal document. But it is also the sole surviving descendant of an ancient Aramaic contract-writing tradition that was once shared widely throughout much of the Near East, and not only among Jews. This talk will trace the surprisingly long and varied history of the ketubba's evolution and eventual consolidation as an iconic rabbinic Jewish practice, from the ancient Near East until the tenth century CE - a history that illuminates how rabbinic Judaism itself transformed and spread in the wake of the Islamic conquests.



Frances Fischer
Director of
Congregational
Programming

Hello, My Favorite Congregation!

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

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

--Frances

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Interest Tables at Kiddush:



Everyone welcome--Come have a seat!

• 1st Shabbat of the Month

French Speakers Table

2nd Shabbat of the Month:

Science Fiction Table

3rd Shabbat of the Month:

Spanish Speakers Table

Want more tables? Talk to Frances!

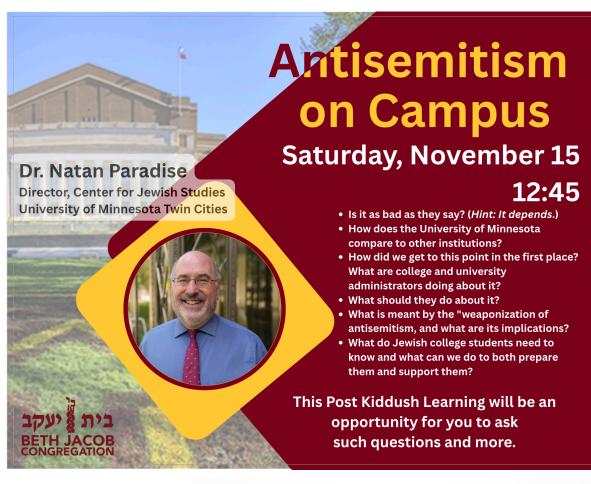






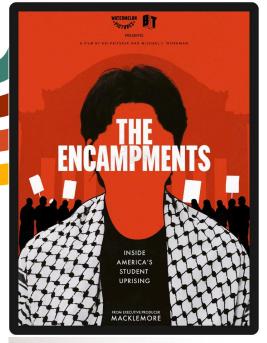












בית ליעקב BETH JACOB CONGREGATION



On Tisha B'Av we gathered to watch the documentary

October H8TE - The Fight for the Soul of America.

To understand the moment we are living in, we now present the documentary

The Encampments

to hear the voices of those protesting in their own words.

A discussion led by Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm and Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker will follow the film.

Saturday Night

November 22

7-8:30pm

Beth Jacob Congregation

II79 VictoriaCurve, Mendota Heights

FREE

Please register at Beth-Jacob.org/Encampments

Memorial Blood Centers

Beth Jacob Blood Drive March 22, 2026

Plan your blood donations:

- <u>Last date to donate double red</u> *November 22 (120-day deferral)*
- <u>Last date to donate whole blood</u> *January 25 (56-day deferral)*

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

Save the date, and save a life!

St. Paul Community Women's Seder



Thu March 19, 2026 1 Nisan, 5786 5:45 pm - 8:30 pm

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

SAVE THE DATE:

BETH JACOB FUNDRAISER

MAY 3



COMMITTEE UPDATES - GET INVOLVED

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Here's what's been done by the Building Committee in the past few months:

- Security door locks have been installed in all the classrooms.
- Covers for the fire sprinklers have been installed as requested by the Fire Marshall.
- An electrical socket has been installed in the Chapel.
- The light fixture in the entryway has been fixed.
- New Emergency EXIT signs have been installed.
- Several light fixtures have been repaired.
- Numerous light bulbs have been replaced.
- The fan in the Nursery Bathroom has been replaced.
- Window blinds have been installed in several classrooms and offices.

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

COMMITTEE UPDATES - GET INVOLVED

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 has been busy with several initiatives. We hosted the EV+ Fair this summer where many BJC members displayed their electric vehicles, bicycles, and lawn maintenance equipment and talked about their experiences. Local environmental organizations at the event provided additional information and perspective.

We helped plan Tashlich and Reverse Tashlich events for this Rosh Hashanah that expand our climate-friendly practices.

Committee efforts to obtain contractor bids, pursue leadership approval, and obtain financing for rooftop solar on our building are making progress.

We also initiated conversations about incorporating more climate and environmental sustainability concepts into Limudim youth and adult educational programming over the next few years.

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.

KESHER/CONNECTIONS

"Kesher" means "connection." The purpose of the Kesher/Connections Committee is to welcome new members to our synagogue, and to help all congregants make and preserve connections to and within the community. We help new members meet people with whom they share common interests. We also help members find their place - not just when they join, but as their lives change over time - by creating opportunities to interact with others and activities that foster connections. We participate in activities throughout the year that bring people together. We are looking for members who represent all aspects of our congregation. If you want to help make Beth Jacob a welcoming place, this committee is for you. Reach out to committee chair Laurie Radovsky at Laurier21@me.com.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

I am very pleased to report that our new dishwasher was finally fully installed and operational on August 12th! After some test runs and training for a select number of people who are authorized to use the machine, it went "live" on Shabbat August 16th with our custodian Carlo at the wheel. It's really wonderful to be using our regular dishes again! I want to thank everyone, and most especially Carlo, for your patience as we worked through some bugs in getting this project over the finish line.

The system of assigned volunteer kitchen crews continues to go well. Frances has been making some adjustments to this along the way. In particular, we have added a few more people to each shift, to help make sure each crew is large enough to allow the work to be easy enough on everyone. As always, Frances and I welcome any feedback you have about this system.

Geoffrey Marshall, Kitchen Committee chairperson

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.

COMMITTEE UPDATES - GET INVOLVED

RITUAL COMMITTEE

The Ritual Committee serves primarily as an advisory group to Rabbi Tamar. We meet regularly to discuss ritual questions. Our goal is to improve Beth Jacob members' experience in shul, consistent with our founding principles and Conservative Jewish values.

An example of a recent topic is the year-long discussion leading to Rabbi Tamar's decision about the roles of Kohanim and Levi'im in our shul.

An area we are currently working on is improving and expanding our cadre of service leaders. This includes enhancing the musicality of our services through a learning program supported by Hadar.

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!



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, 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:

- Establishing new methods to track members' synagogue engagement.
- Exploring ways to get monthly billing statements out to members via E-mail, and enabling them to more easily pay online.
- Beginning work on combining E-mail and paper mail notifications (e.g., Yahrzeits) in a single operation to reduce postage costs.

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 or mille328@comcast.net

COMMITTEE UPDATES - GET INVOLVED

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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. The BJC Social Justice Committee focuses its efforts on reducing homelessness. Last year, we held a gear drive to help people in encampments and learned about the many faces of homelessness in the Twin Cities in our Post-Kiddush Learning with Catholic Charities, Clare Housing, CloseKnit, and the St Paul Youth Housing Coalition.

What stood out most to the committee were the stories we heard from Beth Jacob members who had been impacted personally by homelessness. Our goal this year is to identify ways that we can reduce the stigma of poverty and homelessness in the Twin Cities Jewish community.

This year, we will also continue direct action based on what we learned from our partners. They said loud and clear that the biggest needs for folks who are unhoused or housing insecure are socks, underwear, and diapers. Remember - children and older adults are the two largest growing populations of people experiencing homelessness. So, think lifespan - babies, kids, teens, adults, older adults of all gender expressions. Our drive will begin at Sukkot, when we think intentionally about the impermanence of housing, and will go through November 25 Look for donation boxes in the lobby..

Interested in learning more? Contact Barb Curchack, Chair of the Social Justice Committee.

Donation Box Includes donations received through September 1, 2025

Adult Learning & Programming Fund

Linda Schloff's children & grandchildren In honor of Linda Schloff

Allen-Gorin Education Endowment

Yanislav & Inna Wolfson
In honor of the birth of
Harvey July Roth Holdhusen

Amy and Kevin Olson

In appreciation of Beth Jacob Congregation and the warm welcome we received during our recent visit to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary

Betty & Bud Sweet Endowment

In memory of Bud Sweet z"l

Laurie & Tom Smith
In memory of Laurie Kamman's sister,
Leslie z"l
In memory of Gretchen Tselos z"l

Building Fund

Isaac Pommer

Matthew Leichter

Chesed Fund

Beth Friend
In memory of Gretchen Tselos z"l
Jimmy & Stephanie Levine
In memory of Gretchen Tselos z"l

Feeding the Hungry (Dorothy Day) Fund

Sheila Brod
In memory of Jonathan Slavin z"l

General Fund

Riva & El Nolley
In memory of Don Salisbury z"l
Elaine DuFresne

In memory of Don Salisbury z"l In honor of the birth of Harvey July Roth Holdhusen Riva & El Nolley
In honor of the birth of

Harvey July Roth Holdhusen

In memory of Gretchen Tselos z"l

Mari Forbush

In honor of

Laurie Radovsky & Geoff Marshall on their 40th anniversary

Pam & William Lauer

In memory of Ferris Chamberlin z"l

Amanda Walling

In honor of Yanislav Wolfson's birthday

Elaine DuFresne

In memory of Dr. Jonathan Slavin z"l

Cynthia Launer & Will Thomas
In memory of Renée Majer z"l

Kiddush Fund

Rabbi Cathy Nemiroff

Kate Sandweiss & Gerald Richman
In memory of Don Salisbury z"l

Tamar Resnick & Daniel Schwarcz In honor of Joanna Lowinger

Steve Krovitz

In appreciation of the kitchen volunteers

Charles "Dinky" Garber & Sher Berkus
In honor of
Howard Gleeman's 80th birthday

Stuart Kaufman & Esther Malabel In memory of Gabriel Lilianthal z"l

Bernie, Hanne, and Joseph Levinson In memory of Renée Majer z"l

Limudim Program Donation

Carol & Gordon Altshuler

Rabbi Tamar's Discretionary Fund

Linda Clark

In honor of Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm for her many years of service and teaching at Beth Jacob & in gratitude for the years to come in her role as our Senior Rabbi Benjamin & Mary Bejar
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LIFE AND LEGACY

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

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

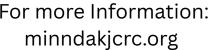
For more information on getting started on your legacy, please call Leonard Oppenheimer at (651)690-4168 or email him at lroppy@gmail.com.















Wise Aging Cohort begins in October

Rabbi Debra Rappaport (Hineni) will be facilitating a Wise Aging cohort beginning in late October. Timing and location will be determined by participants' needs. If you are interested or curious, please email debra.rappaport@ttsp.org

Wise Aging refers to a vision of how we can grow in our later years with consciousness and joy. Conversations accompany the book Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience, & Spirit, by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. We will explore: cultivating nourishing relationships, forgiveness & reconciliation, spiritual qualities for wellbeing, changing bodies, changing relationships, living with loss & finding light, legacy, and stewardship.

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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