

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
at the TRI-CITY JEWISH CENTER

CENTERITE NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024 / 5784



AUGUST SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday, August 2	6:30 pm	Ezekiel Aurelius Bar Mitzvah / Temple
Saturday, August 3	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, August 3	10:30 am	Ezekiel Aurelius Bar Mitzvah / Beth Israel
Thursday, August 8	12:00 pm	Israel Discussion Group
Friday, August 9	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 10	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, August 10	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Monday, August 12		Erev Tisha b'Av
Tuesday, August 13		Tisha b'Av
Friday, August 16	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 17	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, August 17	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Tuesday, August 20	7:00 pm	Center Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 21	12:00 pm	Nosh & Mingle
Thursday, August 22	12:00 pm	Israel Discussion Group
Friday, August 23	6:00 pm	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 24	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, August 24	10:30 am	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Friday, August 30	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 31	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, August 31	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service

Robyn Eisenband-Strunk B'nai Mitzvah Practice Schedule

Robyn will be practicing for their upcoming B'nai Mitzvah on the following dates:

Friday, August 23
Saturday, September 21
Friday, October 25
Saturday, November 2

Please make every effort to attend these services to support Robyn!



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Blending Tradition with Today

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Office Hours

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Tuesday: 10 am - 3 pm
Wednesday: 10 am - 3 pm
Thursday: 10 am - 3 pm
Friday: 10 am - 1 pm



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Rabbi's Message

Shalom, chaverim. We live in overwhelming times, and it can feel safer sometimes to withdraw from the public sphere. Judaism teaches, however, the exact opposite. When the going gets tough, Jews get involved and step up to meet community needs.

This year our theme for the Joint Religious School will be “*Kehillah/Community*.” We’ll teach the children about Jewish communal institutions, from the concept of a minyan to the organizations that sustain Jewish life, biblical characters that exemplify good community participation and leadership, and more.

Part of our curriculum, of course, will be Jewish values regarding community, and so I have been dwelling lately on some of our classical texts and what they mean for us today. For example, consider these texts:

1. “Do not separate yourself from the community.” *Pirkei Avot* 2.4, citing Hillel
2. “All Israel is responsible one for another.” *Talmud, Shavuot* 39a
3. “A community is too heavy for anyone to carry alone.” *Deut. Rabbah* 1.10
4. “You are not required to complete the work, nor are you free to refrain from it.” *Pirkei Avot* 2:16, citing Rabbi Tarfon

They all point us in the direction of taking responsibility to step up to meet the needs of the community – not alone, not beyond our capacity, but doing our share.

The greatest challenge facing Jewish life today, in my opinion, is not the rising antisemitism that we all find so troubling. The greatest challenge, I believe, is the growing reluctance of individual Jews to step up to help meet the needs of the community. Every year, it seems to get harder to get our congregational members to step up to meet one another’s needs and the needs of the whole community.

I am therefore delighted and uplifted that at the last congregational meeting of Temple Emanuel, when the members were asked to step up to help make this a more caring community and a more vibrant community during holidays, many people did. I am confident that there are many more people at both congregations who are willing to step up once they are asked to make a difference.

And so, I am asking. We have at least three areas of communal life in need of greater energy, new ideas, and willingness to perform necessary tasks:

- ★ caring community (supporting people who are shut-ins, ill or injured or grieving);
- ★ holiday observance (planning and carrying out holiday celebrations); and
- ★ impacting our surrounding community for good (our Chai Impact team).

You can step up for one, or two or all three, and you will make a difference. However you step up, you will be fulfilling the negative commandment not to separate yourself from the community and the positive commandment to assume mutual responsibility.

Please be on the look out for a separate email with a volunteer form for you to fill out and return to let us know how you would like to help pull your share of the weight of strengthening our community. Thank you in advance.

L’shalom,

Rabbi Linda

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Ezekiel Aurelius Bar Mitzvah August 2 & 3, 2024

Ezekiel Aurelius is a Latin teacher at Rivermont Collegiate in Bettendorf, IA. He enjoys studying languages and musical theater. His mitzvah project is collecting blankets for Project Linus, which gives blankets to children in hospitals. He was inspired to do this after he received a blanket from Project Linus when hospitalized when he was 5 with appendicitis.

Members of both Temple Emanuel and Beth Israel are invited to both services.

Friday, August 2nd service will be according to Temple minhag, starting at 6:30 pm.

Saturday, August 3rd service will be according to Beth Israel minhag, starting at 10:30 am.

A potluck oneg will be offered following both services. Those bringing food items should contact Ezekiel (aristonaurelius353@gmail.com) with what you are bringing. Food items should be dairy or parve.



Congregation Beth Israel extends our deepest sympathies to:

- ★ Randi Segal, Sarah (Avi) Levine, Rachel Segal (Jacob Grund), Nathan & Hannah Levine, & Judi (Donn) Stroud, on the passing of Gary Segal on July 24th, 2024. We extend our condolences to all of Gary's extended family and friends.
- ★ Julie Versman, Louis Versman, & Beyla Makovsky, on the passing of Dorothy Versman on July 13th, 2024, in Portland, OR. We extend our condolences to all of Dorothy's extended family and friends.
- ★ Sue Leman and the family and friends of Stuart Leman, who passed away on July 5th, 2024, in Viola, AR.
- ★ The family & friends of Barbara Balch, who passed away on June 22nd, 2024, in Phoenix, AR.

Center News

Sale

20% OFF

ALL MERCHANDISE*

*Excluding Parchment

SALE ENDS AUGUST 15th

Please call the office for an appointment.

Looking for a one-stop-shop for all your Judaic needs? Look no further than the Beth Israel Gift Bar!

Our shelves are stocked with a wide variety of items including cards, jewelry, toys, candles, Chanukah and Passover items, and much more.

Whether you're looking for a special gift or something for yourself, our selection is sure to have something that catches your eye.

Please call the office for an appointment.



Our *Tree of Life* continues to grow. For all happy occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, birth of a child, etc., remember the Congregation Beth Israel Tree of Life. This will be a permanent recognition of the special occasion. Leaves start at \$300. Rocks are also available.



To remember a loved one, place a circle on Congregation Beth Israel's *Circle of Remembrance* memorial. This serves as a permanent remembrance of your loved one. Small circles are \$300. Larger circles are also available. Please call the office for more details. 309-788-3426

Candle Lighting Times

	<u>Parasha</u>	<u>Friday Night</u>	<u>Havdalah</u>
August 2 & 3	Matot-Masei	8:00 pm	9:03 pm
August 9 & 10	Devarim	7:51 pm	8:53 pm
August 16 & 17	Ve'etchanan	7:41 pm	8:42 pm
August 23 & 24	Eikev	7:31 pm	8:30 pm
August 30 & 31	Re'eh	7:20 pm	8:18 pm



Special Events

The Congregation Beth Israel Special Events Committee is in the midst of planning a Living Jewish History Epitaph Walk that will take place on Sunday, September 8th (rain date will be September 15th) at the Rock Island Hebrew Cemetery.

This event will celebrate the lives and achievements of 8 members of our community and will be portrayed by costumed volunteers who will tell the story of some of our community's most memorable citizens. The eight featured portrayals will be:

Ben Friedman

Sue Golden

Stanley Goldman

Charles Rauch

Sam Sable

Sam & Mollie Slaterdowsky

Jochebed Tractenbarg

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

To volunteer, please call or email:

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Vicki Levin (309) 781-9156, vicki3201@yahoo.com



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL at the TRI CITY JEWISH CENTER

Presents the 2nd Annual



\$5 admission

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Location:

Rock Island Hebrew Cemetery
2715 30th Street
Rock Island, IL

Watch Jewish history come alive.

CEMETERY TOURS every 15 minutes starting at 1 pm. Last tour
departs at 3 pm. The lives of prominent Jewish leaders buried
in the cemetery will be portrayed by community members.

1 PM ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Jewish burial customs explained

****Rain date is September 15***

For additional information, call 309.788.3426 or email office@tricityjewishcenter.org

August Yahrzeits

26 Tamuz Thursday, August 1 Simeon Galex Jack Turkeltaub Harry Young	4 Av Thursday, August 8 Abraham Edelman Molly Finkelstein Harry Shapiro Abe Star Sally Heyderman	11 Av Thursday, Aug. 15 12 Av Friday, August 16 Sara Rotenberg Natalie Godow Edna Goldman Kier Earl Guberman Boruch Gad Kutick Meyer Rich	19 Av Friday, August 23 Max Rich Ella Weissman 20 Av Saturday, Aug. 24 Hans Aronheim Max Handelman Harry Weindruch Max Geifman Joannie Geifman	26 Av Friday, August 30 Lilly Kulp Bertha Halpern Irwin Rosengard Rose Richman 27 Av Saturday, Aug. 31 Fanny Appel Hannah Hirschberg Jack Kantro
27 Tamuz Friday, August 2 Julius Erbstein Israel Goldman William Mestman	5 Av Friday, August 9 Moses Frankel	13 Av Saturday, Aug. 17 Mendelle Berlin Ida Weiner Jennie Herman	21 Av Sunday, August 25 Benzion Gold Anna Levin Rose Goldsmith	
28 Tamuz Saturday, August 3 Molly Faigen Ada Fredlansky William Sklar Steve Gumbiner	6 Av Saturday, Aug. 10 Ida Finkelstein Herman Rimmerman 7 Av Sunday, August 11 Joann Gorenstein Himan Weindruch	14 Av Sunday, August 18 Marc G. Drevich	22 Av Monday, August 26 Bessie Comess William Kessler Anna Lefstein	
29 Tamuz Sunday, August 4 Fanny Citron	8 Av Monday, August 12 Lena Krasne Leo Marcovis Tammy Vinar Mildred Zare	15 Av Monday, August 19 Morris DeLugish Maurice Fink Lotta Mae Harris Hirsch George Phillips David Rochman	23 Av Tuesday, August 27 Nehoma Avrick Rose Friedman Isadore Friedman	
1 Av Monday, August 5 Robert Fisher Archie Kavensky Isaac Weiner Ida Helen Rich	9 Av Tuesday, August 13 J.J. Harris Morton Kaplan Ruth Kenter	16 Av Tuesday, August 20 Gertrude Levy	24 Av Wednes., August 28 Goldie Rudman Samuel Tucker Esther Feldman Seymore "Sy" Raben	
2 Av Tuesday, August 6 Joseph Kenter	10 Av Wednes., Aug. 14 Joe Alter Barney Orwitz Max Morris Reeve Geifman Sarah Zubatsky	17 Av Wednes., Aug. 21 Lipkah Kutick Sabina Minner	25 Av Thursday, Aug. 29 Dave Greenblatt Abe Levin	
3 Av Wednesday, Aug. 7 Ida Esrick Milt Kershner		18 Av Thursday, Aug. 22 Arthur Harris Charlotte Shapiro		

In Jewish tradition there are stages of mourning, which help a person through the process of grieving. Many synagogues, including ours, also have customs that help facilitate remembering your loved one.

Yahrzeit plaques serve to honor the memory of a loved one and ensure their name will be read before mourner's *kaddish*, even after relatives move or pass away. The plaque made of bronze will hang in a place of honor upon the dedicated Memorial Wall located inside Beit Shalom. To order a *yahrzeit* plaque, please call the office and provide the English name, Hebrew name and date of death.

