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April 6 7:15 p.m.  
April 13 7:23 p.m.  
April 20 7:30 p.m.  
April 27 7:38 p.m.

**Rabbi  
Jeffrey Lipschultz**

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**THE SEDRA NEWSLETTER  
APRIL 2018**



**Shabbat Services Schedule**

Service Times: Sunday-Friday Ma'ariv 6:00 p.m.



	<b>Parasha</b>	<b>Friday Night 6:00 P.M</b>	<b>Saturday 9:30 A.M.</b>
April 6 & 7	Pesach	Traditional	Traditional
April 13 & 14	Shemini	Traditional	Traditional
April 20 & 21	Tazria-Metzora	Traditional	Traditional
April 27 & 28	Acharei	Traditional	Brunch & Learn

**APRIL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 5778/2018**

Sunday, April 1		No Hebrew / Joint Religious School
Monday, April 2	6:00 p.m.	Sisterhood Seder at Temple Emanuel
Wednesday, April 4		No Hebrew School
Saturday, April 7	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Yizkor Service Junior Congregation
Wednesday, April 11	12:00 p.m.	Nosh & Mingle Luncheon at TCJC
Thursday, April 12	12:00 p.m.	Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Jeff
Sunday, April 15	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Gersick Gathering of Remembrance Yom Hashoah Program
Tuesday, April 17	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Gilda's Club / Living Proof Exhibit Center Board Meeting
Thursday, April 19	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Jeff RI Library Food for Thought
Friday, April 20	6:00 p.m.	Men On The Bimah, Women In The Kitchen
Saturday, April 28	10:00 a.m.	Brunch & Learn with Rabbi Jeff

## RABBI'S MESSAGE



### **Happy Birthday Israel Rabbi Jeffrey Lipschultz**

This April 19<sup>th</sup> is Yom Haatzmut or Israel Independence Day, a special day to commemorate the miracle of the modern state of Israel. This year Israel turns 70. It's a big birthday because if you think about the need to have a Jewish country after over two thousand years it's something of a modern day miracle. The fact that Israel is seventy and seen as just another normal country is truly amazing when one looks at the history of modern day Zionism and its struggle for completion. The many wars Israel experienced in its seventy years reminds us how truly astonishing the modern day state of Israel is.

What does it mean to be normal? It means to have an element of self-determination as a nation; it means having the ability to defend oneself, and to fulfill all the roles necessary in building a complete society. For almost two thousand years the Jewish people had lived as outsiders, a smaller group in a larger nation. For much of that time Jews were not considered citizens of the lands in which they lived. Even after their emancipation, Jews were socially and politically marginalized by European society. They could not participate fully in the life of the nation, they had limited economic or social options and they had little control over their own destiny.

The early Zionists argued that only by creating a Jewish state could we participate in every aspect of society like all other people. If we wanted to be a "normal people" we had to learn to work the land, create our own government, build cities and even collect our own garbage. Zionists suggested that as long as we lived among other people we would never truly discover what it meant to be a proud nation.

So here we are, over a hundred years after the founding of the Zionist movement and Israel's seventy years of sovereignty and we've succeeded. We're a normal people, living in our own land. We're soldiers, diplomats, entrepreneurs and factory workers. We collect our own garbage. But we are also criminals, drug addicts and prostitutes. Maybe we've become too normal. Like all other nations we have our share of prejudice, brutality, and corruption. Recently Tel Aviv did not look so different from Baltimore only warmer in the winter with better beaches.

"This must not happen in Israel." Those are the words of Prime Minister Netanyahu addressing the crisis taking place in Israel as she tries to balance between normal and exceptional. Israel ideally is supposed to be a light unto the nations and thus as hard as it seems to understand we are not to be a normal nation. Israel is facing challenges that most other nations cannot even imagine. A normal nation must defend itself at all costs and maintain a semblance of order. A holy nation must strive to live up to higher ideals and it must strive to maintain a moral vision of the world. It may not always succeed in attaining this aspiration but it cannot stop trying. Prejudice and racism are not just bad for Israel; they are an anathema for who we are as Jews, whether *dati* or *hiloni*, religious or secular.

Like America, Israel was founded on a moral vision. When Israel fails to live up to that vision, it fails to be the nation it was meant to be. Preservation is only half the equation for a Jewish homeland. The other half is to become "a nation of priests and a holy people." That, it seems to me, is what makes Israel different, and what makes America different as well. Neither America nor Israel are normal nations. Both nations were founded not just on political expediency but also on faith, vision and a moral aspiration.

Please come to the Lunch and Learns we have scheduled for April as we discuss the role of Israel in our world and our responsibility to her. Come share lunch and discuss how Israel can be a better country, a true light unto the nations.



## THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone for celebrating my 50th birthday with me. It was so meaningful to me to have so many people participating in the service and joining together for lunch. I would especially like to thank Maynard Siegel for organizing the day, Tammie Close for coordinating the luncheon, Mike Weindruch for being the emcee, Linda Golden for creating the musical skit, Dan Kitsis for playing guitar, all the students who participated in the skit, Vicki Levin for creating my walk down memory lane photo display, Marla Andich for doing musaf, Scott Salmon for reading torah, Sam Grobstein for reading haftorah, and all those who helped prepare the food and set up the room including Vicki Levin, Jenny Kitsis, Sarah Andich, Marla Andich, Marla Howard, and Meg Farber. Thank you also to all those who contributed to my birthday gift, it is a beautiful watch. I am so lucky to be a part of such a thoughtful congregation.

-Rabbi Lipschultz

# BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

## **BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD NEWS**

The first sign of Spring in Geneseo is the brisk tap-tap-tapping of the woodpeckers. Their industrious tapping echoes through the woods, fields & neighborhoods. Of course, they pursue insects for most of the year, but their tapping is most audible in the very early Spring.

## **MOVIE NIGHT & DINNER EVENT**

The Movie Night & Dinner Event was held on 27 February. Sisterhood members ate at the Red Lantern & watched "The Post" at Rave Cinema. All agreed that the evening was fun, the dinner was great & that the movie was sort of mostly ok. Thank-you, Stephanie Tansey, for chairing this event.

## **PURIM DINNER & MEGILLAH READING**

The Purim Dinner & Megillah Reading took place at the Center on 28 February. The excellent meal was followed by a spirited Megillah reading. There was a lot of clowning around that night (nice costume, Rabbi!) & everyone had a fun time! Sisterhood appreciates the hard work & super cooking of the chairs, Marla Andich & Debbie Weindruch.

## **MEN ON THE BIMA, WOMEN IN THE KITCHEN**

Men on the Bima, Women in the Kitchen will be held at the Center on 20 April. Shabbat Dinner will follow a service conducted by the Men's Club. Dinner chairs are Marla Andich & Debbie Weindruch.

Please call the Center to make your reservations soon. Marla & Debbie have both done an outstanding job this past year in preparing meals for Center events. Thank you for your efforts & culinary skills.

## **RUMMAGE**

Sheri Kinman & her band of happy volunteers will begin sorting Rummage donations in early April. Nothing says "Summer at the Center" like sorting Rummage! Sheri puts a tremendous amount of time & effort into this fundraiser. Last year, the Rummage & Bake Sale raised over \$5,000.00. Please bring your items in as soon as possible. Rummage appreciates clothing left on hangers & items in nice, neat boxes. We also need people to help sort & price items. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sheri Kinman.

**Beth Israel Sisterhood wishes a Happy Passover to all Center members.**

Jill Ross  
Member  
Beth Israel Sisterhood

## CENTER NEWS



☆ Welcome new member Lucas Johnson and Mazel Tov! on his conversion to Judaism.

Dear Center members,

The family of Milton and Anita Gersick, long-time residents of Rock Island and members of the Center, will be in town on Sunday, April 15 for an unveiling of a memorial headstone in the Hebrew Cemetery and an informal “Gathering of Remembrance” at the Center. Any community members who knew Milt and Anita are warmly welcomed to join the family for stories, eulogies, and memories about them and other members of the Gersick and Kelinson families. A light lunch will be served. The gathering at the Center will be from 11:00 to 1:30 on Sunday, April 15.

(In order to plan lunch, it would be helpful for anyone planning to attend to let Ryan know in the Center office.)

### Lunch and Learn Series

#### Israel at 70

A three part discussion on the legacy of the past and the future of the modern state of Israel

**March 29th** - Eretz Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael: The history of Zionism, the secular and religious struggle for a Jewish homeland.

**April 12th** - 1948 to 1967, the miracle of the founding and struggle of the state of Israel.

**April 19th** - Israel at 70, the triumph, survival, and struggle of the Jewish nation. Modern day challenges for the state of Israel.

**12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Cost is \$5.00**

The Lunch and Learn Series is open to the public and interfaith dialogue is encouraged.

## Nosh and Mingle Luncheon

### Israeli style luncheon

Held at the TCJC  
2715 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201

**Wednesday April 11th**

**12:00pm**

*\*Please contact*

*Jenny Kitsis*

*@ 309-793-1300 for rides*

*& RSVP*



### Join us for conversation & lunch

Come visit with your friends and have a great lunch while you are at it! **Our guest speakers will be Allan & Jill Ross, who will speak about their past experiences as the first couple from Connecticut to join the US Army.** Please note that the luncheons are open to any age and all community members. Please RSVP to the Federation office by Friday April 6th at 309-793-1300. Cost is only \$5



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# 2018 Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Program



*Keynote Speaker is*

## ***Marguerite Mishkin***

*Hidden child Holocaust survivor  
whose life was saved by a Roman  
Catholic Family.*



Sunday, April 15, 2018 – 7:00 PM  
Tri-City Jewish Center, 2715 30th St. Rock Island

***This program is Free and Open to the Public.***  
*For more information, call (309) 793-1300.*

### **Presented By:**

- Yom Hashoah Committee of the Quad Cities
- Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities • Temple Emanuel
- Congregation Beth Israel at the Tri-City Jewish Center
- Churches United • Augustana College • St. Ambrose University
- Black Hawk College • Eastern Iowa Community Colleges

### **About Marguerite Mishkin**

Marguerite Mishkin is a hidden child of the Holocaust. She was born to Jewish parents in Belgium in 1941. Her father was taken to Auschwitz concentration camp the next year where he was murdered. Knowing that Marguerite and her older sister Annette were in great danger, their mother approached the Belgian Resistance movement for help. Through the Resistance, she was able to send her children into hiding with a rural Belgian Catholic family in 1943. They remained with that family until 1946. Meanwhile, in 1944, Marguerite's mother was captured and sent to Auschwitz, where she also was murdered. After the war, Marguerite and her sister were removed from the Belgian family's care and sent to a Jewish orphanage in Brussels. From there, they were both adopted by a Chicago rabbi and his wife in 1950. Marguerite grew up in Chicago, graduated from Roosevelt University, and became a teacher. Now retired, she often speaks on the Holocaust to school, college, and community groups.

# Yahrzeits

**17 Nisan**  
**Sunday, April 1**

Helen Comess  
Ruth Stillman  
Zan Faigen  
Harry Nathan Ringler  
Dr. Sam Solomon

**18 Nisan**  
**Monday, April 2**

Zindel Cohn  
Ada Greenblatt  
Don Herzberg

**19 Nisan**  
**Tuesday, April 3**

Edna Learner  
Ben Sasan

**20 Nisan**  
**Wednesday, April 4**

Philip Gewarter  
Erna Heuman

**21 Nisan**  
**Thursday, April 5**

Martin Cohen  
Samuel Cohn

**22 Nisan**  
**Friday, April 6**

Jesse Leiberman  
Lazar Schutman

**23 Nisan**  
**Saturday, April 7**

Leona Herman

**24 Nisan**  
**Sunday, April 8**

Geraldine Grossman  
Lillian Leibowitz

**25 Nisan**  
**Monday, April 9**

Mary Lipkin  
William Manson  
Marshall Minner

**26 Nisan**  
**Tuesday, April 10**

Lea Fox  
Samuel Goldstein  
Milton Wertheimer  
Sophie Leman

**27 Nisan**  
**Wednesday, April 11**

Frieda Kantro  
Wolf Rich

**28 Nisan**  
**Thursday, April 12**

Frieda Delugish  
Anne Satin

**29 Nisan**  
**Friday, April 13**

Bernard Zaretsky

**30 Nisan**  
**Saturday, April 14**

Chas. Goldberg  
Bert Golofsky  
Muriel Levin  
Betty Sanders

**1 Iyar**  
**Sunday, April 15**

Scott Kopitsky  
William Snyder

**2 Iyar**  
**Monday, April 16**

Rose Schiff  
Helen Leman  
Lillian Weiner

**3 Iyar**  
**Tuesday, April 17**

William Sax  
Harriette Weindruch

**4 Iyar**  
**Wednesday, April 18**

Beverly Pesses  
George Lefstein  
Ida Andich

**5 Iyar**  
**Thursday, April 19**

Moe Zukerman  
Leon Faigen

**6 Iyar**  
**Friday, April 20**

Esther Solomon  
Simon Lefstein  
Eva Klassman

**7 Iyar**  
**Saturday, April 21**

David Learner  
Mary Schutman

**8 Iyar**  
**Sunday, April 22**

Morris Schaider  
Rose Star

**9 Iyar**  
**Monday, April 23**

Jane Goldfein

**10 Iyar**  
**Tuesday, April 24**

Zalm Gellerman

**11 Iyar**  
**Wednesday, April 25**

Ferne Sonner

**12 Iyar**  
**Thursday, April 26**

Bessie Shefren  
Eleanor Wallace  
Bessie Finkelberg  
Bertha Whitebook

**13 Iyar**  
**Friday, April 27**

Ann Pesses  
Louis Weindruch

**14 Iyar**  
**Saturday, April 28**

Betty Pearlman  
Myer Edelman  
Louis Harris

**15 Iyar**  
**Sunday, April 29**

Lillian Fink  
Max Gendler  
Sam Ziffren  
Anna Cohn

**16 Iyar**  
**Monday, April 30**

Janette Nitikman  
Elsie Kohen  
Sam Vesole  
Morris Barmash  
Victoria Alfassa

**Yahrzeit Requests** – To be assured a minyan is present at services, please contact your family and friends to invite them to services. If you have a Yahrzeit for a loved one on a Saturday evening, please notify the Rabbi or Office that you will be attending services.

**Memorial Plaques**—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 the Tri-City Jewish Center. To order a *yahrzeit* plaque, please call the office and provide the English name, Hebrew name and date of death.

