

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
at the TRI-CITY JEWISH CENTER

CENTERITE NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024 / 5784



APRIL SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Wednesday, April 3	4:00 pm	Exploring Judaism
Thursday, April 4	12:00 pm	Israel Discussion Group
Friday, April 5	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat & Torah Service
Saturday, April 6	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, April 6	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, April 7	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School
Tuesday, April 9	6:00 pm	Passover Art Afikomen Pocket Making
Friday, April 12	5:45/6:30 pm	Oneg / Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, April 13	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, April 13	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, April 14	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School
Monday, April 15	6:00 pm	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Passover Seder
Tuesday, April 16	7:00 pm	Center Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 17	12:00 pm	Nosh & Mingle
Wednesday, April 17	4:00 pm	Exploring Judaism
Thursday, April 18	12:00 pm	Israel Discussion Group
Friday, April 19	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, April 20	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, April 20	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, April 21	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School
Monday, April 22	8:00 am	First Born Passover Service
Tuesday, April 23	6:00 pm	Community Passover Seder
Friday, April 26	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, April 27	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, April 27	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, April 28	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School



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Blending Tradition with Today

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



Rabbi

Linda Bertenthal

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Secretary

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SUNDAY, MAY 5

Yom HaShoah Community Commemoration
at St. Ambrose University

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Performance by Comedian Joel Chasnoff

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Shabbat Service & New Member Dinner



Rabbi's Message

Creating Community

Shalom, chaverim. In our cycle of Torah readings, we have just reached the book of Leviticus, a book that is rather hard for us to read in modernity as it focuses so intently on the issue of making animal and vegetative sacrifices, something we haven't been able to do for some 2000 years. The ancient Israelites sacrificed what was most precious to them, food sources, to create and maintain a holy community.

In our day, we too are called to sacrifice what is most precious to us to create and maintain holy community – our time. Community can bring meaning and support and identity to our lives, but community only exists if individuals step up to bring gifts of time and skill and effort to carry out the mission of the community.

This kind of sacrifice – the offering of gifts of time and skill and effort – is exactly what our community has done in beautiful ways to create a joyful Purim celebration at a time that so many of us truly need joy:

- ★ Those skilled (or as the Torah would say, "wise of heart") in the making of hamantaschen made dozens upon dozens of this delicious holiday treat.
- ★ Those wise of heart in creating delicious food worked together to bring us a lovely dinner.
- ★ Those wise of heart in creating music worked with me to create fun and lively services.
- ★ Those wise of heart in the skills of reading, acting and singing – including those who do not feel wise of heart in those skills but brought such willing hearts to do what whatever was needed that they were willing to step out of their own comfort zones – worked together with me to create a unique and delightful Megillah reading.
- ★ Those wise in heart in the mitzvah of mishloach manot created and lovingly delivered Purim baskets for our seniors.
- ★ Those wise in heart in creating fun Purim activities drew our youngest generation into simultaneously learning about and celebrating Purim.

I offer my deepest thanks to every person who helped to put on our Purim celebrations, and I also thank all who attended and brought their own joy to add to our community celebration. This was a joint effort of all three organizations who make up our Beit Shalom community – Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Emanuel and the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities. It was likewise a joint effort of both organizational members and organizational staff. Through this joint effort, we created a joyful welcoming event for members of all three organizations as well as visitors. That's community!

Coming up this month is the holiday of Passover, in which we celebrate the master story of the Jewish people. Once again, we will gather as a community for a second night Seder. A small sacrifice of your time to attend will be amply rewarded as you help to create and maintain our community of meaning. Those who are wise of heart in ways that can enhance our celebration – in the decorating of tables, in the leading of songs, in the planning of liturgical inserts to make our observance particularly relevant to this year, or in ways that I cannot even imagine – I encourage you to step up with your gifts. Your community needs you; you are the community.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Linda

Center News



Davenport Central High School
Presents:

Mamma Mia!
with
Congregation Beth Israel
member
Shira Bailey

April 18, 19, 20 @ 7:00 pm

April 21 @ 2:00 pm

in the Performing Arts Center

1000 North Harrison Street
Davenport, IA

Davenport Central High School Presents:

Mamma Mia!



April 18th, 19th, 20th @ 7:00pm

& April 21st @ 2:00pm in the P.A.C.

\$12 - Adults \$10 - Students/Seniors



Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI). All authorized materials are also supplied by MTI. West 54th street, New York, NY 10019 phone: 212-541-4684 / fax: 212-397-4654 / www.MTIShowa.com

Do you have good news that
you would like to share published in
the Contribute newsletter?

Please email or call the Center office
with your good news!



Please Note:

Submissions for the
May newsletter are due
by **April 25th.**

Candle Lighting Times

	<u>Parasha</u>	<u>Friday Night</u>	<u>Havdalah</u>
April 5 & 6	Shemini	7:14 pm	8:16 pm
April 12 & 13	Tazria	7:22 pm	8:24 pm
April 19 & 20	Metzora	7:30 pm	8:33 pm
April 26 & 27	Passover	7:37 pm	8:41 pm



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CIRCLE OF REMEMBRANCE

The following circles have
been added to the Circle of Remembrance Memorial:

The Friends Of
NANCY KAPLAN
Cherish Her Memory

In Fond Memory Of
NANCY KAPLAN
From
Richard & Isabel Goldstein

The Family & Friends Of
NANCY KAPLAN
Remember Her With Love

We Fondly Remember
NANCY KAPLAN
From Her Friends

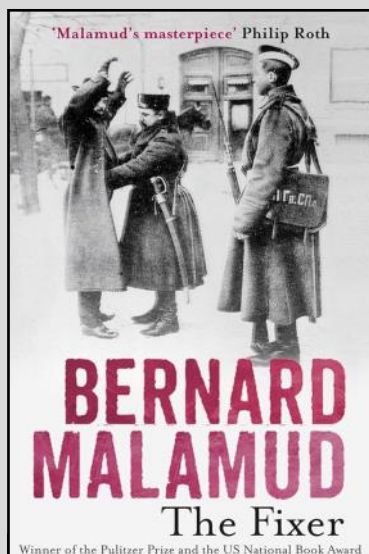


Our *Tree of Life* continues to grow. For all happy occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, birth of a child, etc., remember the Congregation Beth Israel Tree of Life. This will be a permanent recognition of the special occasion. Leaves start at \$300. Rocks are also available.



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

Sisterhood News



The next Sisterhood book club will be held on **Thursday, May 2 at 10:00 am.** The book of discussion will be "The Fixer" by Bernard Malamud.

Passover Art Afikomen Pocket Making

Tuesday, April 9th from 6-8 pm @ Beit Shalom

Have you ever had a beautiful pocket to hide the afikomen in for your Seder? Come make your own afikomen pouch! Explore line and pattern making as we learn about repeat designs. We'll investigate basic printmaking methods and also, draw and paint!

Rowen Schussheim-Anderson, fiber artist, will instruct us! All are welcome. Let us know if you will be joining us!

**RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED BY APRIL 5**
309-788-3426

Sponsored by Beth Israel Sisterhood



Sisterhood Gift Bar

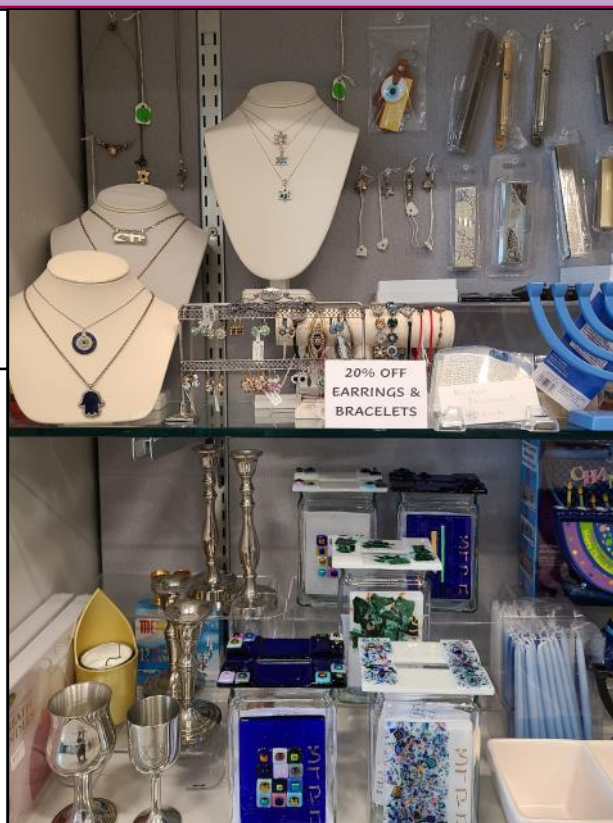


**20%
OFF
EARRINGS
&
BRACELETS
SALE**

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.



Purim Celebration

Community Purim Celebration
at Beit Shalom on
March 24, 2024



Passover Seder

Join Congregation Beth Israel, the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities, and Temple Emanuel as we celebrate our Annual Community

Passover Seder

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

6:00 PM AT BEIT SHALOM

2215 E. KIMBERLY ROAD, DAVENPORT

Seder Cost:

Member Adults: \$35
(including immediate family members)

Children: 12 & Under Free

Non-members: \$60

**Please RSVP by
Tuesday, April 16th to:**

309-788-3426 / 563-326-4419
office@tricityjewishcenter.org
office@qctemple.org

*Your NONREFUNDABLE
payment is your reservation.*

*Please mail or take payment
(cash, check, or credit card)
to the Beit Shalom office.*

** Make checks payable to
Jewish Federation of the QC*

****The meal will be prepared by Jamie Holt from Iowa City who caters all the meals at Hillel at the University of Iowa. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Hillel at the University of Iowa.**

****A special thanks goes to Rauch Family Foundation II, Joyce and Tony Singh, and the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities for their generous support to keep our costs low.**

****All are welcome! Please contact Rabbi Linda if you need assistance with the cost of the Seder meal.**

April Yahrzeits

22 Adar II
Monday, April 1
Margaret Smith

23 Adar II
Tuesday, April 2
Chaim Gorovoy
Elizabeth Izove
Emanuel Davis
Harry Ginsburgh
Becky Gilman

24 Adar II
Wednesday, April 3
Mary Baker
Paul Leman

25 Adar II
Thursday, April 4
Sam Lieflander

26 Adar II
Friday, April 5
Charles Urdangen
Esther Harris

27 Adar II
Saturday, April 6

28 Adar II
Sunday, April 7
Elsie Hellman
Joe Shagrin

29 Adar II
Monday, April 8

1 Nisan
Tuesday, April 9
Fritzi Morris Schultz
Morris Grossman
Rose Brotman

2 Nisan
Wednes., April 10
Jules Wiss

3 Nisan
Thursday, April 11
Zelda Greenblatt
Edith Margoles
Wolf Nitekman

4 Nisan
Friday, April 12
Irving "Sonny" Fisher
Lena Weindruch
Lou Gordon
Rose Grobstein

5 Nisan
Saturday, April 13
Harry Levinson
David Orwitz

6 Nisan
Sunday, April 14
Martha Stone
Sam Harris
Saul Avruch
Harry Grobstein

7 Nisan
Monday, April 15
Shimshon H. Baron
Ben Frank
Rose Kelson
Jennie Morris
Aaron Rimmerman
Samuel Schiff

8 Nisan
Tuesday, April 16
William Trager
Dora Kaplan
Stephanie Vinar

9 Nisan
Wednes., April 17
Benne Alter
Mollie Dockterman
Harry Tart

10 Nisan
Thursday, April 18
A.I. Hellman

11 Nisan
Friday, April 19
Samuel Feldman
Elmer Taxman
Rose Orenstein
Lynne Vinar

12 Nisan
Saturday, April 20
Delta Bender
Dinah Morris
Ida Steck
George Steck
Polly Brotman

13 Nisan
Sunday, April 21
Meyer Fredlasky
Irving Cooper

14 Nisan
Monday, April 22
Rose Sasan
Joe Slivken

15 Nisan
Tuesday, April 23
Blanche Blitz
Helen Kisner
Louis Siegel

16 Nisan
Wednes., April 24
Morris Greenblatt
Henry Grobstein
David Slivken
Herman Segal

17 Nisan
Thursday, April 25
Zan Faigen
Ruth Stillman
Helen Comess
Dr. Sam Solomon
Harry N. Ringler

18 Nisan
Friday, April 26
Zindel Cohn
Ada Greenblatt
Don Herzberg

19 Nisan
Saturday, April 27
Edna Learner
Ben Sasan

20 Nisan
Sunday, April 28
Philip Gewarter
Erna Heuman

21 Nisan
Monday, April 29
Martin D. Cohen
Samuel Cohn

22 Nisan
Tuesday, April 30
Jessie Leiberman
Lazar Schutman

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.



Please join us for our April Nosh & Mingle!

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

12:00 noon

Beit Shalom, 2215 E Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA

Hosted by The Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities

**This month, we welcome back
the Blackhawk College**



**Jazz Ensemble Band, directed by
Corey Kendrick.**

Lunch will be pasta, salad and dessert, all for \$5.00!

Please RSVP to Laura Williams by Monday, April 15, 2024, at 309-793-1300 or

lwilliams@jfqc.org.