

**CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
at the TRI-CITY JEWISH CENTER**

**CENTERITE
NEWSLETTER**

AUGUST 2025 / AV 5785



AUGUST SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday, August 1	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 2	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, August 2	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Friday, August 8	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 9	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, August 9	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Friday, August 15	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 16	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, August 16	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Tuesday, August 19	7:00 pm	Center Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 20	12:00 pm	Nosh & Mingle
Friday, August 22	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 23	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 23	6:00 pm	Dinner and Havdalah (Details to follow)
Friday, August 29	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 30	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, August 30	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, August 31	3:30 pm	Café on Vine

**Rabbi Ariel Ya'akov Dunat
Visiting Beit Shalom on
Friday, August 22nd &
Saturday, August 23rd**

The Rabbi Search Committee is pleased to announce that an invitation has been extended to Rabbi Ariel Ya'akov Dunat and their husband Jason to visit our congregations and community.

Please plan to attend services on **Friday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m.** and also on **Saturday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m.** as we welcome Rabbi Dunat & Jason. An Oneg will be held on Friday evening and kiddush lunch will be served following services on Saturday.



Rabbi Ariel Dunat



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Center News

Rabbi Ariel Ya'akov Dunat



Rabbi Ariel Ya'akov Dunat is a proud midwestern native, born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. Rabbi Dunat received their undergraduate degrees in French and Comparative Religious Studies from Wright State University before moving to New York City to pursue rabbinic ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary, also receiving a master's degree in Halakhah and Rabbinic Literature.

Rabbi Dunat is impassioned about halakhah and its relationship with the multifaceted identities we hold as individuals. For the past four years, they have served on the steering committee of the Trans Halakha Project, authoring two responsa on conversion and reproduction within the LGBTQA community.

In addition to this work, Rabbi Dunat is a certified shochet—an expert in kosher slaughter, bringing a commitment to ethical practice, sustainability, and egalitarian values to the kosher world.

Rabbi Dunat has been deeply engaged in communities across the U.S. and Israel—as a sheliach tzibbur, gabbai, leyner, teacher, and volunteer. Alongside halakhah, they have a love for liturgy and theology, using both as tools for connection, meaning-making, and spiritual care.

Rabbi Dunat lives in Washington Heights with their husband, Jason, and shih tzu, Jacques. Together, they enjoy cooking, hosting friends for meals and board games, and exploring their local area—especially its historic and cultural landmarks.

Candle Lighting Times

	<u>Parasha</u>	<u>Friday Night</u>	<u>Havdalah</u>
August 1 & 2	Devarim	8:01 pm	9:05 pm
August 8 & 9	Ve'etchanan	7:53 pm	8:55 pm
August 15 & 16	Eikev	7:43 pm	8:44 pm
August 22 & 23	Re'eh	7:33 pm	8:33 pm
August 29 & 30	Shoftim	7:22 pm	8:21 pm



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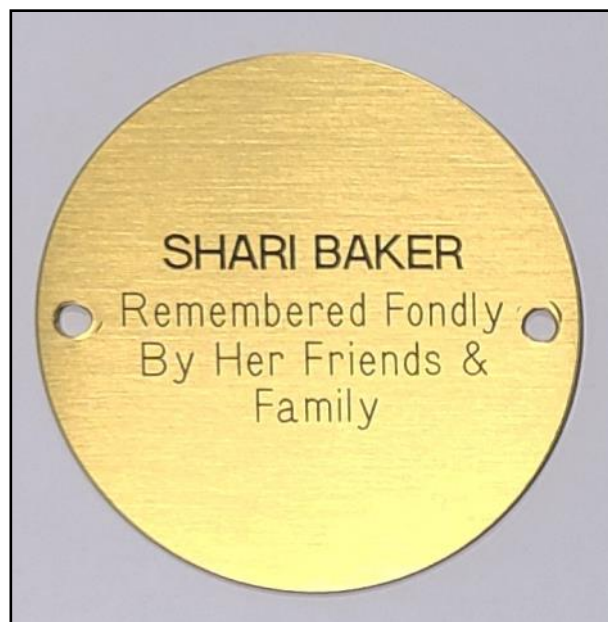


Congregation Beth Israel extends our deepest sympathies to:

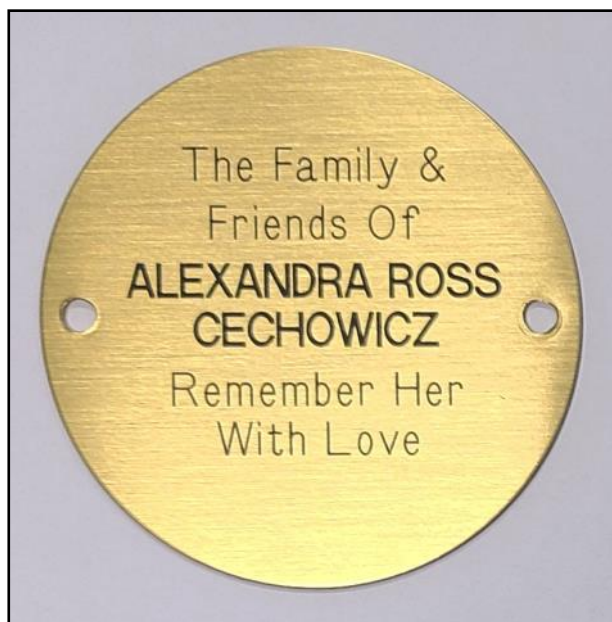
Allan & Jill Ross, Ian & Stephanie Ross,
and Jeffrey, Jocelyn & Jordan Cechowicz,
on the passing of Alexandra (Ross)
Cechowicz on June 26, 2025. We also
extend our condolences to all of
Alexandra's extended family and friends.

CIRCLES OF REMEMBRANCE

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



SHARI BAKER
Remembered Fondly
By Her Friends & Family



The Family & Friends Of
ALEXANDRA ROSS
CECHOWICZ
Remember Her With Love

August Yahrzeits

7 Av Friday, August 1 Joann Gorenstein Himan Weindruch	14 Av Friday, August 8 Marc Gordon Drevich	21 Av Friday, August 15 Benzion Gold Anna Levin Rose Goldsmith	28 Av Friday, August 22 Pauline Deines Charlotte Cohn	7 Elul Sunday, August 31 Michael Conn
8 Av Saturday, August 2 Lena Krasne Leo Marcovis Tammy Vinar Mildred Zare	15 Av Saturday, August 9 Morris DeLugish Maurice Fink George Phillips David Rochman Leota Mae Harris Hirsch	22 Av Saturday, Aug. 16 Bessie Comess Anna Lefstein William Kessler	29 Av Saturday, Aug. 23 Anna Crane Beatrice Weinstein	
9 Av Sunday, August 3 J.J. Harris Ruth Kenter Morton Kaplan	16 Av Sunday, August 10 Gertrude Levy	23 Av Sunday, August 17 Nehoma Avrick Isadore Friedman Rose Friedman	30 Av Sunday, August 24 Mark Klass	
10 Av Monday, August 4 Barney Orwitz Joe Alter Reeve Geifman Max Morris Sarah Zubatsky	17 Av Monday, August 11 Lipkahn Kutick Sabina Minner	24 Av Monday, August 18 Goldie Rudman Esther Feldman Samuel Tucker Seymore "Sy" Raben	1 Elul Monday, August 25 Rachel Rich Rachel Verger Rivie Learner	
11 Av Tuesday, August 5	18 Av Tuesday, August 12 Arthur L. Harris Charlotte Shapiro	25 Av Tuesday, August 19 Dave Greenblatt Abe Levin	2 Elul Tuesday, August 26 Ben Harris Libby Ringler Irving Levin	
12 Av Wednes., August 6 Sara Rotenberg Boruch Gad Kutick Edna Goldman Kier Natalie Godow Meyer Rich Earl Guberman	19 Av Wednes., August 13 Max Rich Ella Weissman	26 Av Wednes., Aug. 20 Lilly Kulp Bertha L. Halpern Irwin Rosengard Rose Richman	3 Elul Wednes., August 27	
13 Av Thursday, August 7 Mendelle Berlin Jennie Herman Ida Weiner	20 Av Thursday, Aug. 14 Hans Aronheim Max Geifman Max Handelman Harry Weindruch Joannie Geifman	27 Av Thursday, Aug. 21 Fanny Appel Hannah Hirschberg Jack Kantro	4 Elul Thursday, Aug. 28 Ben Markovitch Ben Baumel Max Leman	
			5 Elul Friday, August 29	
			6 Elul Saturday, Aug. 30 Eva Falkovitch	

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.



Center News / Beth Israel Sisterhood



Center members enjoyed a recent visit and lunch with Hagit, Ram & Gal Segal.

Hagit spent over 2 years in the Quad Cities as an Israeli volunteer for the Jewish Federation.



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

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

Please note:

Ryan will be on vacation

August 27 - September 4



BETH ISRAEL GIFT SHOP

Looking for a one-stop-shop for all your Judaic needs? Look no further than the Beth Israel Gift Shop! Our shelves are stocked with a wide variety of items including cards, jewelry, toys, candles, Chanukah and Passover items, and much more! Please call the office for an appointment. (309)788-3426



Chai Impact



Chai Impact is kindly asking for donations for Argrow's House of Healing and Hope.

Items needed are girls and women's hygiene supplies (new, unopened items only).

There is a collection tub in the coat room at Beit Shalom if you would like to donate.

Thank you for your continued support!

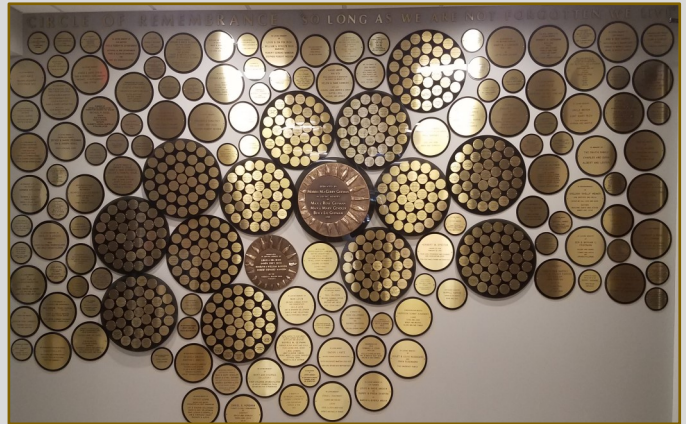
**Free services are offered daily at Argrow's House for women in the community healing from violence and abuse. Services range from domestic violence support groups, yoga, spiritual direction, massage therapy, art therapy, and more.*

Tree of Life / Circle of Remembrance



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 are \$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 contact the office for more details.

Please join us for our August Nosh & Mingle

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Beit Shalom, 2215 E Kimberly, Davenport, IA

This month we welcome
new entertainment by
Troy Rangel and Friends!

They will be performing music from
the 1920's-1970's,
including classic standards, swing,
country, and early rock and roll,
just to name a few.



**We will have a cookout lunch consisting of grilled burgers and
hot dogs, sides and dessert.**

At just \$5.00, it's the best deal in town!

**Please RSVP by Monday, August 18th to Laura Williams at
lwilliams@jfqc.org, or call 309-793-1300.**

Hosted by the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities