

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
at the TRI-CITY JEWISH CENTER

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NOVEMBER 2025 / 5786



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE of EVENTS



Blending Tradition with Today

Located at
Beit Shalom

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Saturday, November 1	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, November 1	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, November 2	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School/Joint Religious School
Monday, November 3	7:00 pm	"What's Next in Gaza?" Program
Thursday, November 4	11:00 am	Gather & Gab at Beit Shalom
Wednesday, November 5	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, November 7	6:30 pm	Gary Segal Memorial Veterans Service
Saturday, November 8	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, November 8	10:00 am	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Sunday, November 9	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School/Joint Religious School
Sunday, November 9	1:00 pm	Bob Cawley Unveiling of Headstone
Monday, November 10	6:00 pm	Diane Meade Health Program at Mercy1
Tuesday, November 11	11:00 am	Gather & Gab at Beit Shalom
Wednesday, November 12	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Thursday, November 13	11:30 am	Beth Israel Sisterhood Donor Luncheon
Friday, November 14	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, November 15	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, November 15	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, November 16	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School/Joint Religious School
Tuesday, November 18	7:00 pm	Center Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 19	12:00 pm	Nosh & Mingle
Wednesday, November 19	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Wednesday, November 19	5:00 pm	Gather & Gab at Beit Shalom
Friday, November 21	6:00 pm	Chai Impact Social Action Shabbat
Saturday, November 22	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, November 22	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, November 23	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School/Joint Religious School
Tuesday, November 25	7:00 pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 2nd Baptist Church Rock Island
Wednesday, November 26		NO HEBREW SCHOOL
Thursday, November 27		OFFICES CLOSED - THANKSGIVING
Friday, November 28		OFFICES CLOSED
Friday, November 28	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, November 29	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, November 29	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, November 30		NO SCHOOL
Sunday, November 30	3:30 pm	Café on Vine

FALL BACK DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

**NOVEMBER 2,
2025**

**Remember to
set your clocks
back one hour.**



Bob Cawley Unveiling of Headstone

The community is invited to attend the unveiling of the headstone of Bob Cawley on Sunday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Rock Island Hebrew Cemetery.

Strategic Planning Update

Building a Shared Future: Strategic Planning Update

Over the past several months, our Beit Shalom community — Congregation Beth Israel and Temple Emanuel — has been working together to imagine what the future could look like for each of our congregations and for the Jewish community we share. To help guide this process, members from both congregations took part in a survey, offering honest feedback and heartfelt ideas. Here's a glimpse of what we heard — and where we go from here.

What We Heard

Forty-eight members participated, representing both congregations equally. Your responses reflected a deep love for our community and an eagerness to strengthen it. Several themes emerged clearly:

- **Spiritual Life that Inspires:** Many want services that feel more uplifting and emotionally meaningful. Music and warmth were frequently mentioned as pathways to deeper spiritual connection — as was a desire to focus less on politics and more on faith and inspiration.
- **Belonging & Kindness:** A shared longing for genuine connection came through powerfully. People want to feel a sense of belonging — not as guests sharing a space, but as part of one community rooted in kindness and respect.
- **Learning for All Ages:** There's strong interest in Jewish learning across life stages — from Torah study for adults to creative, relevant experiences for families and children.
- **Leadership & Communication:** Members expressed a desire for clear leadership, consistent communication, and a shared vision for the future — leadership that inspires participation rather than relies on obligation.

Unity with Respect for Tradition: While many see great promise in a unified Jewish community, others value maintaining distinct worship styles and traditions. The majority expressed hope for continued collaboration in cultural, social, and educational programming while honoring what makes each congregation unique.

Where We're Headed

The Strategic Planning Task Force — composed of members from both congregations — is now using your feedback from the survey and focus groups to shape a shared vision and set of priorities. Our goal is to build on the spirit of connection that came through in your responses: a community that is spiritually vibrant, intellectually engaging, emotionally welcoming, and outwardly compassionate.

Thank you to everyone who took time to share your honest thoughts. Your voices are helping shape a path forward — one that honors our traditions while opening new doors for growth, unity, and belonging.

Together, we can ensure that Beit Shalom is not just a shared space, but a shared home for Jewish life in the Quad Cities.

The Beit Shalom Strategic Planning Task Force

Lee Blumberg • Steve Geifman • David Gellerman • Rene Gellerman • Reggie Goldstein • Len Kelinson • Vicki Levin • Greg Rothbardt • Randi Segal • Laura Silverberg

Beit Shalom News



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mary Lind and her crew of volunteers for their dedication in watering and keeping the flowers at Beit Shalom looking beautiful all season long!



Sincere thanks and appreciation to Cantor Michael Horwitz for leading such meaningful and beautiful High Holy Day services at Beit Shalom this year.

Men's Club in the Kitchen October 17th



Thank you to Lee Blumberg, Maynard Siegel and the Men's Club for cooking and organizing a delicious Chinese dinner.



Beth Israel Sisterhood on the Bimah October 17th



Thank you to Reggie Goldstein for leading & organizing the Beth Israel Sisterhood on the Bimah service and thank you to the Sisterhood members who participated.



Beth Israel Sisterhood "Gather & Gab"



Beth Israel
Sisterhood
"Gather & Gab"
at Candy's on
September 30th.

Beth Israel
Sisterhood
"Gather & Gab"
at Plus Saporis
& Hurts Donuts
on October 28th.



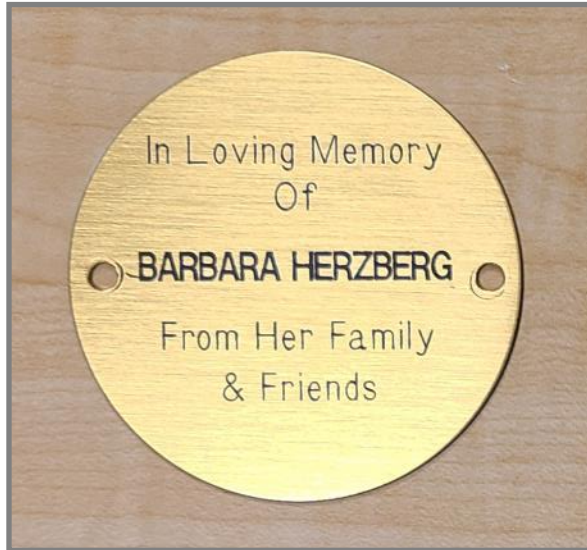
BETH ISRAEL
SISTERHOOD invites
you to
GATHER & GAB at
Beit Shalom

November 4
@ 11:00 am

November 11
@ 11:00 am

November 19
@ 5:00 pm
(Line dancing)

Center News



The following circle has been added to the Circle of Remembrance memorial:

**In Loving Memory of
BARBARA HERZBERG
From Her Family & Friends**

Simchat Torah - October 14th



14th Annual Gary Segal Memorial Veterans Service

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Veterans Service

Friday, November 7th, 2025

6:30 PM

Beit Shalom

2215 E. Kimberly Road, Davenport, Iowa

Hosted by Congregation Beth Israel

All members of Congregation Beth Israel & Temple Emanuel
are invited to celebrate Shabbat & honor our veterans at
this special service.

We welcome the active participation of all members who have
served in the military or want to honor relatives who have
served or are currently serving our country.

We offer both Hebrew and English readings.

Please call or email Mike Weindruch if you would like to
participate or have any questions at:

mikew1577@aol.com 309-292-1577



Diane Meade Health Program

The Annual Diane Meade Health Program

Sponsored by Temple Emanuel and Beth Israel Sisterhoods



Ashley Baxter, Development Director of Gilda's Club Quad Cities, will provide a tour of the facilities and a short creative session.

Monday, November 10, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

MERCYONE WEST

1351 W Central Park Ste 200, Davenport 52804

DIRECTIONS

- We are located at Genesis West or Mercy One
- Enter the North Side of the building at the main entrance
- The Cancer Center is located on the left when you enter
- Walk past the Cancer Center and there are stairs that lead you right up to CSC at Gilda's Club
- There is also an elevator right past the stairs on the right that have red doors and will take you to CSC at Gilda's Club.

If you have any questions, please call or text

Marla Andich @ 309-738-4336

Chai Impact Kenyan Quilt Raffle



Our first Sara Detweiler Scholarship recipient has finished college and is now a teacher giving back to her community!

Dear Friends of Kenyan Scholarship Project,

As you know, for many years we have been sponsoring a project that raises money for deserving Kenyan secondary school students to pay school expenses. We have been able to help needy students to stay in school. This project was started by JRS school students at Beit Shalom to express their gratitude for the opportunity to get a free public high school education after watching a movie about Kenyan student who was unable to stay in school for lack of school fees and was helped by a Holocaust survivor

Through the years students from other faith communities have joined the Jewish teens in furthering this effort. We have named the scholarship after beloved retired Rock Island teacher and Headstart Director, Sara Detweiler. Her quilting friends and she have once again generously created a gorgeous quilt made from Kenyan fabric for us to raffle to keep the project going.

We thank you for your ongoing support. We know that educating one young person has a multiplying effect as the student becomes a contributing member of Kenyan society and helps others.

Sincerely,

Linda Golden
Chai Impact Committee

Quilt to be raffled: approximately
64 inches x 80 inches



You can buy raffle tickets for \$5 each at the synagogue or mail a check to Beit Shalom, and your name will be entered. Please make out checks to TEMPLE EMANUEL with Africa Project in the memo. Drawing will be held on Friday, November 21, right before the Chai Impact Shabbat Service begins.

Chai Impact Social Action Shabbat

The Beit Shalom Chai Impact Committee presents

SOCIAL ACTION SHABBAT

Friday, November 21st 6:00 PM



Enjoy an *oneg* at 6:00 before the service and another *oneg* following the service featuring delights from around the world.

Service will begin at 6:30 featuring special music and readings with social justice themes.

You will have an opportunity to *kvell* as congregants provide updates on Chai Impact supported projects including:

- *preparing dinners at Cafe-on-Vine and growing fresh produce
- *providing services to Jewish seniors
- *promoting accessible living for people with disabilities
- *helping Kenyan teens stay in school
- *assisting those living with cancer
- and more

“Justice, justice shall you pursue.”

Deut. 16:20

November Yahrzeits

10 Cheshvan
Saturday, Nov. 1
Dora Moskowitz
Max Drucker

11 Cheshvan
Sunday, Nov. 2
Becca Bass
Dorothy Kniff
Anna Rohrllich
Doris Rudman
Celia Racine

12 Cheshvan
Monday, Nov. 3
Grace Haft

13 Cheshvan,
Tuesday, Nov. 4
Susan Morris
Rose Shefren

14 Cheshvan
Wednesday, Nov. 5
Kayle Gold
Herman Cohn
Esther Friedman

15 Cheshvan
Thursday, Nov. 6
Louis Rich
Harry Herman

16 Cheshvan
Friday, November 7
Zlota Lisman
Nathan Learner
Minnie Rimmerman
R.M. Godow
Ben Friedman

17 Cheshvan
Saturday, Nov. 8
Rebecca Baker
Harry Kesten
Bessie Rich
Dr. William Comess
Esther Lefstein

18 Cheshvan
Sunday, Nov. 9
Rose Carp
Rev. Louis Learner
Ida Handelman
Stephen Hershberg

19 Cheshvan
Monday, Nov. 10
Ida Sitrick
Edward Slivken

20 Cheshvan
Tuesday, Nov. 11
Rebeccah Kaufman

21 Cheshvan
Wednes., Nov. 12
Nathan Curtis
Ida Harris
Edward Lipschitz
Ike Kershner
Joe Coppersmith

22 Cheshvan
Thursday, Nov. 13
Edythe Kohn
Abraham Gurewitz
Louis Isenberg
Jessie Wiss
Janet Weindruch

23 Cheshvan
Friday, Nov. 14
Rose Popofsky
Anna Weiner
Ann D. Harris

24 Cheshvan
Saturday, Nov. 15
Abraham Blitz
Rose Goldis
Morris Wiss
Paul Gorenstein
Anna Trager
Douglas Black

25 Cheshvan
Sunday, Nov. 16
Leo Finkelstein
Paul Berg
Philip Vinar
Fred Stroud

26 Cheshvan
Monday, Nov. 17
Simon Leman

27 Cheshvan
Tuesday, Nov. 18
Abraham Gendler
Tillie Morris
Joseph Weinstein

28 Cheshvan
Wednes., Nov. 19
Charles Kohen
Harry Wiesman

29 Cheshvan
Thursday, Nov. 20
Isaac Avruch
Norman Siegel

1 Kislev
Friday, Nov. 21
Joseph Buder
Shirley Kavensky

2 Kislev
Saturday, Nov. 22
Jack Rimmerman
Shirley Achler
Seymour Lipkowitz

3 Kislev
Sunday, Nov. 23

4 Kislev
Monday, Nov. 24
Gussie Ezring
Hyman Whitebook
Sonia Trop
Norman Ziffren
Ethel Carp

5 Kislev
Tuesday, Nov. 25
Bertha Brady
Fannie Axelrod
Samuel Maggid
Martha Geifman

6 Kislev
Wednes., Nov. 26
Annabelle Richman

7 Kislev
Thursday, Nov. 27
Hyman Avrck
Blanche Carp
Beatrice Geifman
David Nitikman

8 Kislev
Friday, Nov. 28
Rebecca Zeffren
Charles Brady
Max Lieflander
Walter Spector
Terry Shamon
Aleck Andich

9 Kislev
Saturday, Nov. 29
Esther Pesses

10 Kislev
Sunday, Nov. 30
Dora Goldberg
David Goldsmith
Helen Dubin
Julius Liebman

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.



Sisterhood Donor Luncheon

Thursday, November 13th

11:30 am

Ms Phay's Cafe

512 Brady St. Davenport

1:00 pm

Figge Art Museum

Tour of the exhibits

RSVP: Debbie Weindruch

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\$18, \$36, \$50, \$100, whatever you can donate benefits us all



Please join us for our November Nosh & Mingle!

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

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 chili, cornbread and dessert, all for \$5.00!

Please RSVP to Laura Williams by Monday, November 17, 2025

at 309-793-1300 or lwilliams@jfqc.org

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