

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

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NEWSLETTER**

FEBRUARY 2026 / 5786



FEBRUARY SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Sunday, February 1	9:00 am	Hebrew School
Sunday, February 1	10:00 am	Joint Religious School
Monday, February 2		Tu B'Shevat
Tuesday, February 3	11:00 am	Gather & Gab at Beit Shalom
Wednesday, February 4	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, February 6	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, February 7	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, February 7	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, February 8	9:00 am	Hebrew School
Sunday, February 8	10:00 am	Joint Religious School
Tuesday, February 10	11:00 am	Gather & Gab at Beit Shalom
Wednesday, February 11	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Wednesday, February 11	6:30 pm	Secure Community Network Meeting
Friday, February 13	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, February 14	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, February 14	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, February 15	9:00 am	Hebrew School
Sunday, February 15	10:00 am	Joint Religious School
Tuesday, February 17	11:00 am	Gather & Gab at Beit Shalom
Tuesday, February 17	7:00 pm	Center Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 18	12:00 pm	Nosh & Mingle
Wednesday, February 18	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, February 20	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, February 21	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, February 21	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, February 22	9:00 am	Hebrew School
Sunday, February 22	10:00 am	Joint Religious School
Tuesday, February 24	5:00 pm	Gather & Gab at SinDo Pan Asian
Wednesday, February 25	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, February 27	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, February 28	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, February 28	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service



Monday, March 2

Purim Celebration and Dinner

Tuesday, March 10

Wine tasting event with Beth Israel Sisterhood, TBD



Blending Tradition with Today

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Celebrating 90 Years of Our Congregation Volunteers Needed!



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In 2026, our congregation proudly marks its 90th year — a remarkable milestone in the life of our community. For nine decades, our synagogue has been a home for prayer, learning, tradition, and connection. This anniversary is not only a celebration of our past but an opportunity to honor the generations who built and sustained our community.

As we look ahead, we are beginning to plan a special 90th-year celebration to be held later this year. To make this event meaningful and memorable, we are seeking one or two members to chair or co-chair the planning committee. This is a wonderful way to help shape a joyful moment in our congregation's history.

If you are interested in leading or assisting with this effort, please reach out—I would love to hear from you.

L 'Shalom,
Lee Blumberg
President
Congregation Beth Israel



Beit Shalom Happenings

On January 9th & 10th, Congregation Beth Israel and Temple Emanuel hosted Rabbinic candidate David Magazine Malamud and his family.

Temple Emanuel hosted a lovely Oneg Shabbat on Friday night prepared by Charmaine Gluba.

Congregation Beth Israel hosted a wonderful extended kiddush luncheon on Saturday morning. Chairing the luncheon were Vicki Levin, Marla Andich, Ryan Colgan, and Charmaine Gluba. Additionally, our wonderful Sisterhood bakers prepared a variety of baked goods. Those bakers included:

Sarah Andich	Lori Lefstein
Lorrie Blumberg	Laura Silverberg
Fallon Corey	Maryjo Tansey
Meg Farber	Kristine Teitle
Joni Geifman	Stephanie Tansey
Jenny Kitsis	Debbie Weindruch



On Saturday evening, appetizers and dinner were planned and prepared by Vicki Levin, Marla Andich, Ryan Colgan, and Charmaine Gluba.

A beautiful Havdalah service was held, followed by questions and answers of the Rabbinic candidate.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the interview weekend so meaningful and enjoyable!

A single lit candle with a bright flame, set against a black background. The candle is held in a simple white holder. The text "Sincere Condolences" is written in a flowing, cursive script to the right of the candle.

Congregation Beth Israel extends our deepest sympathies to:

Steve Landauer (Kelly Lonning Bjore), Todd (Ann) Landauer, and Julie (Bob) Negus on the passing of Temple Emanuel member N. Michael "Mick" Landauer on January 24th, 2026. We also extend our condolences to Mick's extended family and friends.

Rabbinic Search Update

Dear Congregation Beth Israel Members,

I'm pleased to share an important update in our rabbinic search. As you know, we recently welcomed Rabbinical Student David Magazine Malamud for an interview weekend. David led Friday evening, Shabbat morning, and a meaningful Havdalah service, giving our community a strong sense of his prayer leadership, teaching, and warmth.

Following the visit, the boards of both Congregation Beth Israel and Temple Emanuel with whom we share our building voted to extend a Letter of Intent to David. I'm delighted to report that David has accepted and signed the Letter of Intent.

Over the next few weeks, our two boards will work together to finalize the contract details and plan for a smooth transition. Rabbi David's expected start date is August 1, 2026, aligning with the completion of his rabbinical training and ordination timeline.

What to expect next

- ★ **Contract & logistics:** We are ironing out contract details now and will keep you informed as milestones are reached.
- ★ **Communication cadence:** We'll send the next formal update once contract terms are finalized, or sooner if there are notable developments.
- ★ **Transition coverage:** Regular Shabbat services and lifecycle support will continue as planned through our lay leaders and visiting clergy as needed.
- ★ **Community involvement:** As we move forward, there will be opportunities to help with welcome/transition efforts—more on that soon.

Thank you to everyone who attended services, asked thoughtful questions, and supported this process. Special thanks to our search committee and volunteers for their time and care.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me directly at
lblumberg74@gmail.com or 309-737-4726.

Warm Regards,

Lee Blumberg
President
Congregation Beth Israel

Beth Israel Sisterhood

BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

invites you to

GATHER & GAB

No program - just an opportunity to enjoy good company and a chat

*Coffee and treats provided for the morning dates

- February 3, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Beit Shalom
- February 10, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Beit Shalom
- February 17, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Beit Shalom
- February 24, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm at SiDo, Pan Asian Restaurant, 1591 Grant Street, Bettendorf



SAVE THE DATES

- March 10th: Wine tasting, TBD
- April 15th: Flower arranging at Cody Rose Flower Co.
- May 15th: Men's Club on the bimah, Sisterhood in the kitchen, service and dinner

Center News



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 call the office for more details.



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

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

Refuah Shleimah Healing List

If you or a loved one would like to be added or removed from the healing list, please contact the Beth Israel office at office@tricityjewishcenter.org or by phone 309-788-3426

Candle Lighting Times

	<u>Parasha</u>	<u>Friday Night</u>	<u>Havdalah</u>
February 6 & 7	Yitro	5:07 pm	6:09 pm
February 13 & 14	Mishpatim	5:15 pm	6:17 pm
February 20 & 21	Terumah	5:24 pm	6:25 pm
February 27 & 28	Tetzaveh	5:32 pm	6:33 pm



Nosh & Mingle / Jewish Federation

Please join us for our February Nosh & Mingle

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m.

This month we welcome back

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.



Lunch will be veggie mac and cheese, salad and dessert.

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

Please RSVP by Monday, February 16th to

Laura Williams at lwilliams@jfqc.org, or call 309-793-1300.

Hosted by the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities

February Yahrzeits

14 Shevat Sunday, February 1 Morris Newman Carol J. Finkelstein Dora Edelman Ann Wiss	20 Shevat Saturday, Feb. 7 Charles Halpern Mac Barkan Dr. Zal Sanders Elka D. Taxman	26 Shevat Friday, February 13 Abe Abramovitz Tillie Kelinson Sam Lefstein Sylvia P. Migdal	2 Adar Thursday, Feb. 19 Saretta Karon Mary Kofsky Bessie Glazer Bob Cawley	7 Adar Tuesday, Feb. 24 Rachel Cohn Samuel Packer Florence Gersick Mary Marcovis
15 Shevat Monday, February 2 Sam Gellerman Jacob Goldstein Rose Rakow Sarah Schiff Andich Tybe Kissel	21 Shevat Sunday, February 8 Isadore Falkovitch Rose Goldman Gertrude Green M.I. Morris Sol M. Waytz Frank Wallace	27 Shevat Saturday, Feb. 14 Bessie Honeyman Myrtle Gordon Edna Shamon Evelyn Morris Dorothy Mayesh Violet Strum	3 Adar Friday, Feb. 20 Joseph L. Bernstein John Brady Donald Cohn Lilyann Gantz Jerry Dockterman	8 Adar Wednesday, Feb. 25 Rebecca Goldstein Lena Kanter Harry Rich Selma Orwitz Rebecca Hanchin Arnold Karon Max Shenk Evelyn Halpern
16 Shevat Tuesday, Feb. 3 Mary Maizen Max Sabbath Touba Geifman Rebecca Kline Herman Levin Robert Joseph Zare	22 Shevat Monday, February 9 Mindy Hoffman Celia Mintz Rosetta Moskowitz	28 Shevat Sunday, Feb. 15 Sarah R. Cohn Light Isadore Katz	4 Adar Saturday, Feb. 21 Isadore Brotman Herbert Strum Morris H. Geifman Harry Marantz Walter Nitekman Sonia Goldstein Jacob Levin Doris Lee	9 Adar Thursday, Feb. 26 Phil Napsky Louis Levy Rose Minner
17 Shevat Wednesday, Feb 4 Bessie Rimmerman Violet Rosengard Rebi Rosenfield Gordon Ney	23 Shevat Tuesday, Feb. 10 Charles Schrager Sophie Kenter	29 Shevat Monday, Feb. 16 Nathan Marblestone Morris Shamon Sidney Achler	5 Adar Sunday, Feb. 22 Oscar Teper Craig Kavensky	10 Adar Friday, Feb. 27 Yetta Kershner Ben Dobrofsky Joe Handler Samuel Harris Harris Klass Abe Baron Fernande Landsmann Elizabeth Grobstein
18 Shevat Thursday, Feb. 5 Etta Garbar Max Marantz	24 Shevat Wednesday, Feb. 11 Harry Gorenstein Jean Satin Lena Rimmerman Fannie Goldstein Geraldine Turner	30 Shevat Tuesday, Feb. 17 Dora Redman Sadie Andich Harry Green Bruce Gordon	6 Adar Monday, Feb. 23 Jake Gorovoy Leib Morris	11 Adar Saturday, Feb. 28 Oscar Goldfein Harry Kofsky Phillip Leibovitz Joseph Richman Shirley Press Ira Weindruch Olga Volfson
19 Shevat Friday, February 6 Julius Baker Maurice Landsmann Bernard Margoles Mitchell Rudman Randy Tunnell Louis Urdangen	25 Shevat Thursday, Feb. 12 Harry Blitz Max Ziffrin Rose Dockterman Herman Wiesman	1 Adar Wednesday, Feb. 18 Esther Farber Morris Dockterman Jacob Wolfson	Linda Dalkoff Louis Ziffrin Rose M. Goldstein Herbert Gellerman Ethel Friedman Dorothy Goldwasser Charlotte Frankel Ann Goldman	

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