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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 2	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, September 4	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, September 5	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, September 5	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Saturday, September 5	7:00 pm	Selichot Service
Sunday, September 6		NO SCHOOL
Monday, September 7		OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY
Wednesday, September 9	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Wednesday, September 9	5:30 pm	Beth Israel Sisterhood Making Babka
Friday, September 11	7:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
Saturday, September 12	9:00 am	Children's/Family Service
Saturday, September 12	9:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Service
Saturday, September 12	4:00 pm	Tashlich at Leach Park
Sunday, September 13	9:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Service
Tuesday, September 15	7:00 pm	Beth Israel Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 16	12:00 pm	Nosh & Mingle
Wednesday, September 16	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, September 18	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, September 19	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, September 19	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, September 20	7:00 pm	Kol Nidre Service
Monday, September 21	9:00 am	Children's/Family Service
Monday, September 21	9:30 am	Yom Kippur Service / Yizkor
Monday, September 21	4:00 pm	Afternoon Service/Yizkor/N'ilah Service
Monday, September 21		Break the Fast at Silverberg / Ellis home
Wednesday, September 23	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, September 25	6:30 pm	Temple Shabbat Service & Sukkot Dinner
Saturday, September 26	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, September 26	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service / Sukkot
Sunday, September 27	9:00 am	Hebrew School
Sunday, September 27	10:00 am	Joint Religious School / Pizza in the Hut
Wednesday, September 30	4:30 pm	Hebrew School

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Saturday, October 3rd: Simchat Torah Dinner & Consecration

Sunday, October 4th : Crop Walk

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rebecca, Ben, Ari, Leah, Lilah (the dog), and I am so grateful and honored by your enthusiastic welcome this past month. In our short time here, we have been Whitey's at least 5 times, ordered Pad Thai at Soi 2 Thai Street Food, become card carrying members of Hyvee, and frequenters of Fresh Thyme. While the Quad Cities are starkly different from the community I grew up in, both communities are warm and genuine places. I have no doubt we will thrive here. For those who don't know, I am a Marylander, born and raised, in the DC suburbs. I grew up at a beautiful and passionate Reconstructionist shul. While I have since drifted away from the Reconstructionist movement, I am eager to participate in and lead similarly spirited community discussions and prayer spaces.



This language of the divine father as a disciplinarian can seem harsh. Growing up Reconstructionist, I actively struggled with the imagery of the divine father, which shows up throughout our liturgy, but particularly during the High Holidays (see, for instance Avinu Malkenu). Even after no longer identifying as Reconstructionist, I wrestled with this notion, particularly after hearing from folks who had less than ideal relationships with their fathers.

Sometimes, our relationship may feel warm and loving, and other times it may feel cold and distant. No matter how we interpret it, the metaphor of the divine father is a feature, not a bug, of High Holidays, of this penitential season.

A little over three years ago, my perspective shifted on the divine father metaphor. Having sons of my own, I finally understood the father/son relationship from a father's perspective. As a father, I feel a mix of deep love, pride, compassion, and joy for my boys, Ben and Ari. This does not erase the fact that many fathers act harshly towards their children.

As you know, Leah our daughter was born in June. I am finding these gendered notions of God as father somewhat stale, and inauthentic in my mouth. I am reading Mara Benjamin's, *The Obligated Self: Maternal Subjectivity and Jewish Thought*, and it is a breath of fresh air. She describes motherhood as, "compelled and beguiled, shackled and infatuated, all at once" by a newborn. This line deeply resonated with me as a second time father and parent. I thought, "Didn't I do this already?" I've also thought, "wow, this is miraculous watching her grow." I've also also wondered, "can she please stop spitting up on me?"

We can reexamine and find new meaning in Avinu Malkenu through exploring our connection to our children and our dependents (both financial and emotional). Over the following weeks leading up to the High Holidays, I encourage us all to explore this and other features of the High Holiday liturgy. Try it on for size. Maybe it works for you, maybe it doesn't. I invite you to choose any prayer, a piyyut, or some of the Torah portions. There are some challenging themes that I hope we can all wrestle with together.

-Rabbi David



Congregation Beth Israel extends our deepest sympathies to:

- ★ Maxine Kovitz, Rob (Pam) Kovitz, Mae (Phil) Gasa, and, Linda (Uwe) Berg, on the passing of longtime member Melvin Kovitz on August 16th, 2026. We also extend our condolences to Mel's grandchildren; Chad Kovitz, Jake Kovitz, and Alexandra (Matt) Coffey, and great-grandchildren Lillyana and Reagan.

We are currently collecting donations for a circle of remembrance in memory of Mel Kovitz. Please e-mail or call the office if you would like to make a pledge. Minimum donation amount is \$10.



Get well soon

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 309-788-3426.

GOOD NEWS!

Do you have good news to share that you would like published in the Centerite newsletter? Please call or email the office with your good news. Submissions are due by the 25th of the month.



WELCOME SHABBAT WITH RABBI DAVID & FAMILY

Thank You

Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Emanuel, and the Beit Shalom community welcomed Rabbi David, Rebecca, Ben, Ari, and Leah Magazine Malamud at Shabbat services on August 7th, with a wonderful celebration.

A heartfelt thank you to Rene Gellerman for coordinating and organizing this special event.

We are also grateful to everyone who helped decorate, bake, shop, create centerpieces and gift baskets, recommend favorite spots, and contribute gift cards & welcome messages. Your generosity and dedication made the evening truly memorable. The warm welcome extended to Rabbi David, Rebecca, Ben, Ari, and Leah was a tremendous success because of the support and kindness of so many members of our community. Thank you for helping make this occasion so meaningful.



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TREE OF LIFE & CIRCLE OF REMEMBRANCE

The following rock have been added to the
Tree of Life in the Beit Shalom foyer:

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HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY

DAVID WEINER

LOVE,

MARLYNE & STEVEN
————— ❧ —————



Our Tree of Life continues to grow!

For all happy occasions such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, birth of child, etc., remember the Congregation Beth Israel Tree of Life. Leaves are \$300. Rocks are also available in various sizes. Please contact the office for more details.

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



IN MEMORY OF

SANDRA WEINER COVELL

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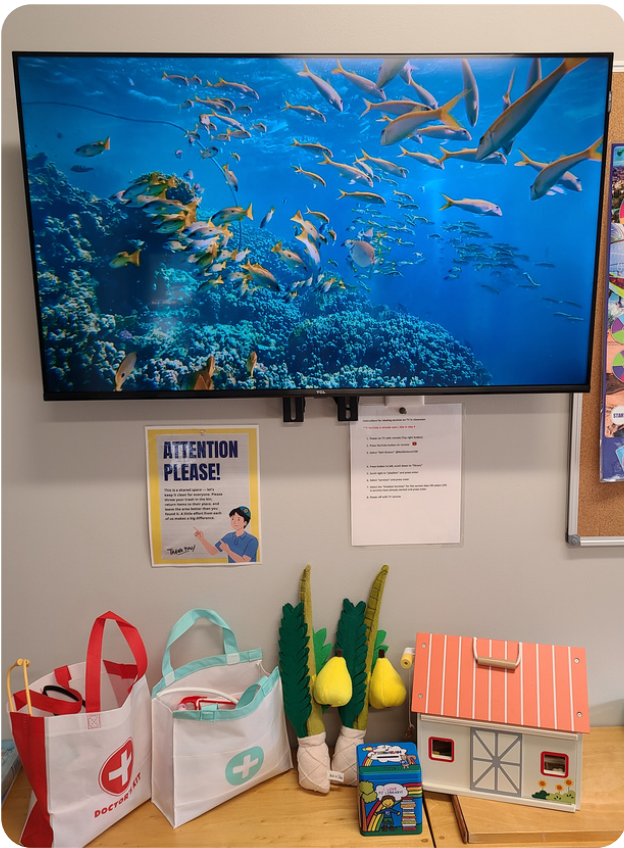
YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS




BEIT SHALOM HAPPENINGS

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESCHOOL ROOM

Beit Shalom is happy to announce several enhancements to our preschool room. We have installed a television so that services can now be livestreamed into the room, allowing families with young children to remain connected to worship. In addition, we have added several new toys and activities to make the room more engaging and enjoyable for our youngest congregants. We hope these improvements help make everyone's synagogue experience more comfortable, welcoming, and family-friendly.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Thank you to Laylon Jones & everyone who has helped make the Community garden a huge success again this year! Since June, over 2 gallons of produce a week has been donated to the YWCA!



Get ready for a sweet New Year!

All are invited! Sisterhood is learning how to make babka, right before the Holidays



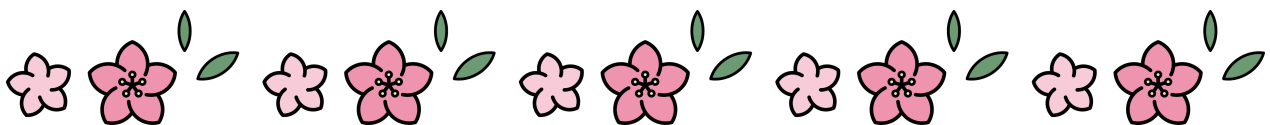
Wednesday, September 9th

5:30 pm at Beit Shalom



RSVP: Stephanie Tansey by Friday, September 4th
563 349 7475

The Beth Israel Sisterhood enjoyed a wonderful dinner at
Basil & Vine in Bettendorf on Tuesday, August 25th.
Thank you to everyone who joined us!



HOME IS WHERE THE SHIVA IS

I wanted to reach out and truly thank our entire community for the love, support, and tremendous—and delicious—amounts of baked goods delivered with love and providing great comfort to me and my family over the past week.

About five years ago, my father was not doing well. He was very weak, had been hospitalized several times, and frankly, I began preparing myself for what I thought was coming. At the time, we were living in St. Louis. The good news was that my cousin, whom I was very close to, also lived there. She would support me, mourn with me, and organize Shiva. I knew enough people that I could probably get a minyan for a few days. But who would lead the services? How many true friends would be there to hold me up? How many people I had known most of my adult life would be in the room?



Thankfully, my dad should have been a cat—he had nine lives. I went through this emotional cycle at least two or three more times before he finally seemed to stabilize. I was fortunate to have more good time with him and to have deep, difficult, and healing conversations.

Recently, he was able to travel to Saint Paul, his childhood home, for a family wedding. He definitely wasn't drinking and dancing like he used to, but he was there, with a smile and some stories. He was the patriarch of the family, and for many years I have felt that because he was the oldest, it was now my job to help lead the way for the next generation. Over the years, Bob and I have gone out of our way to be the first ones to arrive at the simcha, to order lots of silly tchotchkes to commemorate whatever the event was and, yes, occasionally to pick up the bar tab for my underage cousins.

My dad loved being Jewish. He loved the feeling of community that was built into his heart simply by being a member of the tribe. He loved Jewish geography and finding the synagogue wherever he was. He ran the Sioux City Jewish cemetery for more than 50 years, sat on all the boards, taught Sunday school, and became very involved with the Orthodox shul.

I loved being home with him and going to services. He made such a stink that I had to let him know if I was coming so they could be sure to put up the mechitza. Then, one by one, the 10 men in the room would come lean over the thing to give me a hug and a kiss. Thank goodness it was in place.

My Sioux City bat mitzvah was epic: Friday night, Saturday morning, a band at the party, and a fabulous hot-pink satin pantsuit that would have made Arsenio Hall very, very proud.

My dad made sure I went to Herzl Camp and Israel, even when he couldn't afford it. He always told me that because I was a Jew, no matter where I went in the world, I would never be alone. He lived it, and he beat it into me. I'm doing my best to pass those values and lessons on to Madison.

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Community was everything to him. He truly believed he had a responsibility to help whenever he could—to do his part to keep things moving.

We had just begun a much-anticipated family vacation in Greece. My last conversation with my father was from the airport lounge. It was a classic daddy-daughter discussion: he argued with me about which mode of transportation was best and whether the road signs would be in English as well as Greek. He was 90, had lived with Parkinson's for many years, and was a bit out of it—but he was still in there, cantankerous as always.

After a long day of travel, we finally reached our destination, had a glass of wine, and settled in for some much-needed rest. A few hours later, I was awakened by pounding on the door. A day that had begun normally had quickly gone terribly awry. My father was not expected to survive the next few hours.

He was in Las Vegas. I was on another continent, many hours and several time zones away. And once again, my father pulled an ace and decided to hang on a little while longer.

The funeral was in his beloved Sioux City. It was the honor of my life to sit shomer with him. I finally got to pay him back—to watch over him the way he had watched over me when I truly needed him.

He has now been laid to rest and eulogized. And so we begin all of the countings. Why are Jews so numerology-based? Three stops with the casket on the way to the grave, three shovels of dirt, seven days of a candle, no mirrors, endless community, 30 days of Sheloshim...

I knew I wanted to sit Shiva. I knew it would be a bit of a big ask for a small community such as ours. But I also knew in my heart that my friends and my community would make it happen.

I knew my home would be filled with challah and mandelbread. I knew my friends would be here for me and that everywhere I looked, I would see the face of someone who truly cared about me—someone there with a hug, a kind word, a story, or simply their presence.

I am so grateful we are back in a community where we feel rooted and connected, and where we want to make a difference. Back in a community that shares in your joys and supports you in your sorrows.

Thank you for reminding me, once again, why we moved back.

Home is where the Shiva is.

-Laura Silverberg



Please join us for our September Nosh & Mingle!

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Beit Shalom, 2215 E Kimberly Road, Davenport

This month, Rabbi David Magazine Malamud will be our esteemed guest speaker, and share his insights into his journey to the Quad Cities.



Lunch will be:

Kosher deli sandwich on rye, kosher pickle spear, potato salad, and a special “parve” dessert.

RSVP is REQUIRED by Monday, September 14. RSVP to Laura Lade at 309-793-1300 or llade@jfqc.org

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SEPTEMBER YAHRZEITS

19 Elul Tuesday, Sept. 1 Morris Handelman William Brown Shari Baker	26 Elul Tuesday, Sept. 8 Aline Gordon	2 Tishrei Sunday, Sept. 13 Hyman Andich Anna Hanen Ike Robinson Robert Yazman Lillian Zessar Elaine Dockterman	7 Tishrei Friday, Sept. 18 Mural Winstein Harry Faigen	14 Tishrei Friday, Sept. 25 Rose Ziffren
20 Elul Wednesday, Sept. 2 Meyer Schutman Dr. Edward Miller Mary Rosenberg Sidney Lipkowitz Robert Black	27 Elul Wednesday, Sept. 9 Herman Goldstein Roz Manson Stanley Harris Eva Meyer Tillie Newman Sadie Seidel Barbara Singer Shalom Whitebook David Ziffren	3 Tishrei Monday, Sept. 14 Rose Birndorf Saul Feldman Hinda Sirota Dora Taxman Simon Williamson Dr. Sidney Ziffren Israel Zukerman Ruth Silverberg	8 Tishrei Saturday, Sept. 19 Abraham Stein Sophie Fregger Ciel Cohn	15 Tishrei Saturday, Sept. 26 Lily Leibovitz Anna Etta Weinberg Ella Belle Siegel Jeannette Orwitz Esther Handelman Betty Katz
21 Elul Thursday, Sept. 3 Rosy Hollander Benjamin Friedman Perry Cohn Armin Hollander Gerald Bender Albert Dockterman	28 Elul Thursday, Sept. 10 Rose Brady Belle Rita Nitikman Al Tunick Jacquelyn Sandler Moyshe Feiner Sherwin Goldberg Feiga Sheina Levitan Alex Pesses	4 Tishrei Tuesday, Sept. 15 Max Cohen Nathan Carp Abe Morris Rachel Wiss Jacob Zabolsky	9 Tishrei Sunday, Sept. 20 Ethel Gorenstein Abe Geifman Lillian Napsky June Slivken	16 Tishrei Sunday, Sept. 27 Anna Biberfeld Fruma Greenblatt Henry Paley Abbie Sax Gershon Zaretsky David Sitrick
22 Elul Friday, September 4 Rebecca Schneidman	29 Elul Friday, September 11 Louis Gold Louis Gilman Ben Fuhrman Clara Hullis Lee Shamon	5 Tishrei Wednesday, Sept. 16 Meyer Nitikman Sara Shlaes Itza Meir Meyer Richard J. Drevich Ray Porter Rosalie Nitekman	10 Tishrei Monday, Sept. 21 Isaac Farber Sam Greenblatt Rudy Lipkowitz	17 Tishrei Monday, Sept. 28
23 Elul Saturday, Sept. 5 Anna Levin	1 Tishrei Saturday, Sept. 12 Sarah Leman Sylvia Weiner Bryna Dalkoff Robert Manson Dr. Alex Stone Linda Silverberg	6 Tishrei Thursday, Sept. 17 Sarah Sax Morris Markovitch Anne Levy Anita Schutman	11 Tishrei Tuesday, Sept. 22 Irwin Shapiro Zeivel Harris Phillip "Jerry" Spector Seymour Golden	18 Tishrei Tuesday, Sept. 29 Morris Garber Chasie Garber Frieda Learner June Braverman Gary Sona
24 Elul Sunday, September 6 Ethel Epstein Bessie Tart Jacqueline Brotman			12 Tishrei Wednesday, Sept. 23 Helen Feldman Gerry Geifman Gertrude Picard Herman Vesole Rose Versman	19 Tishrei Wednesday, Sept. 30 Mollie Slater Abraham Greenswag Morris Dubin Robert Slivken Rick Kovitz
25 Elul Monday, September 7 Elroy Gellerman Louis Marks Julia Livingston			13 Tishrei Thursday, Sept. 24 Edith Kalika Harry Kelinson Rose Lefstein Archie Weindruch	



YAHRZEIT 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 Beit Shalom. To order a yahrzeit plaque, please call the office and provide the English name, Hebrew name, and date of death.