

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL  
at the TRI-CITY JEWISH CENTER

# CENTERITE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024 / 5785



## NOVEMBER SCHEDULE of EVENTS



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

Blending Tradition with Today

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Monday: 10 am - 4 pm  
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*President*

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Kris Cawley



Friday, November 1	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, November 2	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, November 2	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service w/ Robyn
Sunday, November 3	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School
Wednesday, November 6	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Thursday, November 7	12:00 pm	Israel Discussion Group
Friday, November 8	6:30 pm	Gary Segal Memorial Veterans Service
Saturday, November 9	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, November 9	10:30 am	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Sunday, November 10	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School
Wednesday, November 13	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, November 15	8:00 pm	Robyn Eisenband-Strunk B'nai Mitzvah
Saturday, November 16	9:30 am	Robyn Eisenband-Strunk B'nai Mitzvah
Sunday, November 17	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
Monday, November 18	6:00 pm	Joint Sisterhood Diane Meade Health Center Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 19	7:00 pm	Nosh & Mingle
Wednesday, November 20	12:00 pm	Hebrew School
Wednesday, November 20	4:30 pm	Israel Discussion Group
Thursday, November 21	1:00 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Friday, November 22	6:00 pm	Torah Study
Saturday, November 23	9:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Saturday, November 23	10:30 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School
Sunday, November 24	9:00/10:00 am	Interfaith Thanksgiving Program at Unitarian Universalist Church
Sunday, November 24	7:00 pm	Beth Israel Thanksgiving Interfaith Service
Tuesday, November 26	7:00 pm	
Thursday, November 28	<b>OFFICES CLOSED - THANKSGIVING</b>	
Friday, November 29	<b>OFFICES CLOSED</b>	
Friday, November 29	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, November 30	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, November 30	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service



**FALL BACK  
NOVEMBER 3rd**

Remember to set your  
clocks back one hour.

## Rabbi's Message

Shalom, chaverim. October was stuffed with important Jewish holidays - between High Holy Days, the festival of Sukkot and Simchat Torah, only about a third of the month, 11 days, were “normal” days, not elevated in sanctity in some way. Now we enter November, starting a long stretch of day-to-day regular time only interrupted weekly by Shabbat. It can feel a little like living in Jerusalem and then moving away - like we are moving downwards in holiness.

But it doesn't have to feel that way. Remember, Judaism fills every day with unlimited potential for holiness. Holidays are of course holy, but so is prayer, and so is study, and so are all our efforts towards *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), whether they be acts of *gemilut chasadim* (loving kindness), *redifat tzedek* (seeking justice) or *redifat shalom* (seeking peace). I believe that even simply living with gratitude is holy (though I freely admit that I hope gratitude inspires generosity and kindness as well as thanksgiving).

One holy act God calls us to in November is meeting our obligations to the community by voting. Let's consider our sacred Talmudic sources:

- ★ Rabbi Yitzhak taught, "A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted" (Babylonian Talmud, Berachot 55a). Our vote is how we share our wisdom on who should lead us.
- ★ In Pirkei Avot 2:4, Rabbi Hillel admonishes, “do not separate yourself from the community.” In other words, we are obligated to be engaged.

More recently, the Chazon Ish (a Russian-born Orthodox rabbi who spent his later years in Israel, 1878-1953) was consulted by a Jewish man who didn't have enough money to pay his taxes and therefore would not be allowed to vote in an upcoming election. The Chazon Ish ruled: “You should sell your *tefillin* and pay the taxes... *tefillin*, you can borrow from another, but the right to vote you cannot get from someone else.”

We must use our sacred Jewish values to determine for whom to vote, and then, we cannot let anything deter us from casting our righteous vote. And if we are wise enough to vote early, we can even volunteer for the campaign that best represents our values and help other voters get to the polls on election day. The most righteous act one can commit is helping others to do their own righteous acts. Let us fill the month of November with righteousness and holiness!

L'shalom,

*Rabbi Linda*

# Center News



## Robyn Eisenband-Strunk B'nai Mitzvah

November 15th at 8:00 pm

November 16th at 9:30 am

Robyn Eisenband-Strunk is the child of Julie Eisenband and Chris Strunk (Rock Island), granddaughter of Dr. Bob and Kathy Eisenband (Atlanta, GA), Alison Cien Fuegos (St. Louis, MO), Juanita Strunk (Kansas City, MO), and the late Dr. Bob Strunk. Robyn is the sister of Noa Eisenband-Strunk. Robyn is 12 years old and in seventh grade at Washington Junior High in Rock Island. Robyn enjoys playing oboe, writing music, and reading as much as possible. During the summer, Robyn attends Camp Tavor, a Jewish camp in Three Rivers, Michigan. Robyn has always loved reading and animals, so their mitzvah project is planning, organizing, and running two events with the Rock Island Public Library and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center where children can read aloud to dogs. Our family is excited to celebrate Robyn's upcoming B'nai Mitzvah with services on Friday, November 15 at 8 p.m. & Saturday, November 16 at 9:30 a.m. The services will be held at Beit Shalom, and a brunch will be served following Saturday morning services. The entire congregation is welcome.

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!



to Karen & Ken Meyer on guessing the number of birdies made during the John Deere Classic golf tournament and winning the Birdies for Charity grand prize!



# Center News



## CIRCLE OF REMEMBRANCE

We are currently collecting donations for a group circle of remembrance in memory of Anita Schutman.

Please e-mail or call the office to make your pledge.

Minimum donation amount is \$10.

### ***Congregation Beth Israel extends our deepest sympathies to:***

- ★ The family & friends of Temple Emanuel member William "Bill" Abel, who passed away on September 22, 2024.
- ★ The family & friends of Temple Emanuel member Janet Leman, who passed away on October 1st, 2024.
- ★ Rabbi Charles Rubovits, Drs. David (Judy) Rubovits, and Robert (Julie) Rubovits, on the passing of Michelle Rubovits on October 5th, 2024.
- ★ Jayne (Gary) Kamp, Larry (Kathy) Schutman, and Michael (Debbie) Schutman, on the passing of Anita Schutman on October 8th, 2024. We extend our condolences to all of Anita's extended family and friends.

## Sisterhood

### **Order your 2025 Mah Jongg Cards**

**Large card is \$15.**

**Standard card is \$14.**

**Due date is February 1st**

Please write check to:

**Debbie Vesole**  
**6849 Grenadier Blvd #1104**  
**Naples, FL 34108**

Payment can also be made  
through Zelle,  
Venmo or Apple Pay.

Text or call Debbie at  
309-781-0926

[Debvesole@yahoo.com](mailto:Debvesole@yahoo.com)



# Yom Kippur 2024 Break the Fast



Bob Ellis and Laura Silverberg would like to thank everyone who joined us and contributed to the community break the fast in our backyard. We appreciate the support and love being part of the community. If you weren't able to join us this year, we really hope you will consider doing so next year. It's really just so nice to be together.

Hoping everybody got a good strong seal in the book of life for a safe and peaceful year ahead.

Best,

*Laura and Bob*



# Sukkah Decorating Party & Cookout on October 15th



# Gary Segal Memorial Veterans Service

## **13th Annual Gary Segal Memorial Veterans Service**

**Friday, November 8th, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

**Hosted by Congregation Beth Israel**



# *Veterans Day*

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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

We invite 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](mailto:mikew1577@aol.com) **309-292-1577**

# November Yahrzeits

<b>30 Tishri</b> <b>Friday, November 1</b> Cecile Levin	<b>6 Cheshvan</b> <b>Thursday, Nov. 7</b> Samuel Slater Goldie Karish Sarah Pesses Leah Polisky Henry Leman Rose Blott Jacob Sax Connie Dockterman Reuveni	<b>11 Cheshvan</b> <b>Tuesday, Nov. 12</b> Becca Bass Dorothy Kniff Celia Racine Anna Rohrlich Doris Rudman	<b>18 Cheshvan</b> <b>Tuesday, Nov. 19</b> Rev. Louis Learner Rose Carp Ida Handelman Stephen Hershberg	<b>24 Cheshvan</b> <b>Monday, Nov. 25</b> Douglas Black Abraham Blitz Rose Goldis Paul Gorenstein Anna Trager Morris Wiss
<b>1 Cheshvan</b> <b>Saturday, Nov. 2</b> Shirley Rudman Anna Gurewitz Millie Keller Rebecca Finkelstein Reuben Esrick Abram Winstein Ira Whitebook	<b>7 Cheshvan</b> <b>Friday, Nov. 8</b> Sam Axelrod Elka Edelman Abraham Gersick Ben Kenter Louis Lieflander Sam Orwitz Frances Slivken Max Stein Louis Bromberg	<b>12 Cheshvan</b> <b>Wednes., Nov. 13</b> Grace Haft	<b>19 Cheshvan</b> <b>Wednes., Nov. 20</b> Ida Sitrick Edward Slivken	<b>25 Cheshvan</b> <b>Tuesday, Nov. 26</b> Leo Finkelstein Paul Berg Philip Vinar Fred Stroud
<b>2 Cheshvan</b> <b>Sunday, Nov. 3</b> David Lampert Sarah Barmak	<b>3 Cheshvan</b> <b>Monday, Nov. 4</b> May Waxenberg Abraham Meyer Rickey Waxenberg William Horwitz Bessie "Hyka" Horwitz	<b>13 Cheshvan</b> <b>Thursday, Nov. 14</b> Susan Morris Rose Shefren	<b>20 Cheshvan</b> <b>Thursday, Nov. 21</b> Rebeccah Kaufman	<b>26 Cheshvan</b> <b>Wednes., Nov. 27</b> Simon Leman
<b>4 Cheshvan</b> <b>Tuesday, Nov. 5</b> Ida Goldstein Isaac Weinstein Barbara Helene Rich	<b>8 Cheshvan</b> <b>Saturday, Nov. 9</b> Herbert Goldberg Ida Blitz Joseph Lipsman Stephen R. Nessen	<b>14 Cheshvan</b> <b>Friday, Nov. 15</b> Kayle Gold Esther Friedman Herman Cohn	<b>21 Cheshvan</b> <b>Friday, Nov. 22</b> Nathan Curtis Ida Harris Ike Kershner Edward Lipschitz Joe Coppersmith	<b>27 Cheshvan</b> <b>Thursday, Nov. 28</b> Abraham Gendler Tillie Morris Joseph M. Weinstein
<b>5 Cheshvan</b> <b>Wednesday, Nov. 6</b> Abe Bernstein Reuben Leibovitz Lena Turner Isadore Brottman Freddie Cohen Harry Friedman	<b>9 Cheshvan</b> <b>Sunday, Nov. 10</b> Meyer Blitz Harry Cohn Sidney Deutsch Louis Livingston Bernice Gordon Rose Silverberg	<b>15 Cheshvan</b> <b>Saturday, Nov. 16</b> Louis Rich Harry P. Herman	<b>22 Cheshvan</b> <b>Saturday, Nov. 23</b> Edythe Kohn Abraham Gurewitz Louis Isenberg Janet Weindruch Jessie Wiss	<b>28 Cheshvan</b> <b>Friday, Nov. 29</b> Charles Kohen Harry Wiesman
	<b>10 Cheshvan</b> <b>Monday, Nov. 11</b> Dora Mokowitz Max Drucker	<b>16 Cheshvan</b> <b>Sunday, Nov. 17</b> Minnie Rimmerman Nathan Learner Ben Friedman Zlota Lisman R.M. Godow	<b>23 Cheshvan</b> <b>Sunday, Nov. 24</b> Ann Harris Rosa Popofsky Anna Weiner	<b>29 Cheshvan</b> <b>Saturday, Nov. 30</b> Isaac Avruch
		<b>17 Cheshvan</b> <b>Monday, Nov. 18</b> Harry Kesten Rebecca Baker Bessie Rich Esther Lefstein Dr. William Comess		

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.





# Beth Israel Sisterhood Donor Luncheon

**Tuesday, November 12th, 2024**

Join Beth Israel Sisterhood for the annual Donor Luncheon at Sippi's at **11:45 a.m.** followed by a Figge Art Museum Docent-led tour starting at **1:30 p.m.**



**Featured Exhibitions by:**

**Walter Wick: Hidden Wonders!**

(Author of the I SPY children's book series.)

**&**

**Art Bridges**

(Foundation program dedicated to bringing American art out of museum vaults and placing it on view in communities across the United States.)

**\*Figge members are free and non-members \$6**



**Please RSVP to Ryan by November 6th.**

**The Annual Diane Meade Health Program**  
*Sponsored by Temple Emanuel and Beth Israel Sisterhoods*

**Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners from Vera French Mental Health Center**  
*will be presenting on*  
***“Overcoming Loneliness: Building Social Connection At All Ages”***



*Chris McCormick Pries*

*Amy McCormick*

**Monday, November 18, 2024 @ 6:00 pm**  
***(In-person & Zoom at Beit Shalom)***

***Healthy light refreshments will be provided!***

***If you have any questions, please call or text***  
***Gail Karp @ 563.570-4600***