



## A Message from Rabbi Alter



*This essay is the second in an occasional series reflecting on the end of life and on mourning. You can find the first essay, published in our February bulletin,*

*at [bit.ly/AlterEssay01](http://bit.ly/AlterEssay01).*

We often describe the moment of death as “a person breathing their last” or “taking their last breath.” Given the notion that life begins when God breathes the breath of life into us, it might be more helpful to think of the moment of death as the one in which a person gives up their last breath rather than taking it. We release life back to its Source. With that letting-go, our soul – that mysterious entity that expresses our vital personhood – departs the vessel that has sustained it for a lifetime. And that vessel, which itself may have brought forth new life, becomes still – lifeless.

A blessing from many people’s most life-flowing moment helps us understand the gravity of death. The fourth of the *Sheva B’rachot* – the seven blessings offered under the *Chuppah* – wonders at human life. It celebrates that in fashioning people, God reproduced God’s likeness. Specifically, Eternal God set up Mortal Human as a structure or apparatus of eternity. In our capacity to generate new life, we are an instrument of eternity. This, in spite of our inevitable mortality.

The end of life is a time of urgent transformation. First, the body of the deceased retains its likeness of God and its incomparable preciousness. If the family is ready, the eyes and mouth are closed, and the family may draw a sheet over the face. One may compare this to the way we lovingly wrap a Torah scroll that is no longer fit for use. The sacred vessel, like the holy scroll, is treated with deepest respect even though

its functional life has ended. If circumstances allow (for example, where death has occurred at home), we light a candle in the room where the person lies. Just as we never leave a dying person alone, we also do not walk out on the deceased. Until the arrival of whomever will bring away the body, we quietly remain present. We don’t eat or chit chat in the presence of our loved one’s body. Perhaps we pray some psalms. Perhaps we weep or sob. We might quietly reflect. In our demeanor and presence, we demonstrate that though the person is no longer alive, they merit full respect.

An eloquent, incisive ritual is ideally done at the moment of death. (It’s more common now to practice it just before the funeral begins.) This is *keriyah*-tearing a garment. This ancient, visceral act externalizes the transformation that takes place when we learn of – or witness – the death of our loved one: that the fabric of our lives is inalterably rended. Offering the *dayan haEmet* blessing (see essay #1), we tear the fabric of our shirt. As we encounter the Mystery of the One in the sometimes tranquil, sometimes terrible, always awesome moment of life’s passing, our lives may (seem to, or in fact) come undone.

The person has passed from life to lifelessness in this world. Their soul has begun its journey to the World to Come. Their body must be prepared for its return to the earth from which it came. And we? The ones still living, literally at a loss, where are we? Who are we? We are in the process of becoming mourners. It is premature to be mourners when our loved one has only just left us and is not yet buried, so tradition gives us a temporary status: *Oh-ne’nim*. We are in *Aninut*. This status applies to first order relatives. These can include parents, spouse, siblings, and children. Obviously, many more than they may be grieving. But tradition recognizes that all people – if life goes the way it should – will

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## A Note from Hazzan Stein



Mondays are a special day for me. It's my day off from the synagogue, but more than that, I get to spend the day with Yishai, who has his day off from day care. We'll go for walks, play music (he's getting pretty good at banging on the piano keys), and just generally have some quiet

guy-time together. And when he naps, I try to get a little work done around the house.

On one recent Monday, in an act of civil disobedience, Yishai decided he would not take a nap. This was, conveniently, the Monday I had reserved to write my May bulletin article. So, I set him up in his bouncy seat, a wonderful contraption that allows him to half stand, half sit in a harness, jump around, and play with the various beach-themed gadgets around him. It's usually good to keep him busy long enough for his grownups to do tasks like prepare dinner, clean dishes, or, in today's case, write a bulletin article.

So, there I was, sitting at the dining room table, about to type my first words when Yishai called to me, "Abba, whatcha doing?" "I'm about to write my bulletin article," I replied. "Cool," Yishai responded, as he thwacked away at the spinning sun gizmo on his play console. "What's it about?" "I'm not sure," I said. "I haven't decided what to write. "Well," Yishai said, pausing to chew on the plastic sand bucket, "Passover is this month. Why don't you write about Passover?" "That's a good thought," I said, "but Passover is this month, and this article won't come out until May so by then, Passover will be, well, over. I appreciate the suggestion, but I think I'll be OK." Yishai nodded in agreement and began batting the mini beach ball with his left hand. (A southpaw? Maybe.)

But no sooner had I looked back at my blank screen, than Yishai said, "I know, how about you write about *Pesach Sheini*?"

Raising my eyebrow, I slowly turned to look at Yishai with equal parts suspicion and curiosity. "How do you know about *"Pesach Sheini*?" I asked with an air of skepticism. "I saw it on the calendar when you were looking at May." "You saw it on the calendar?" I asked. "Since when can you read?" "Since when can I talk?" Yishai retorted with a mischievous, yet adorable, grin before leaning in to gnaw at the smiley starfish. "Fair point," I said. "But *Pesach Sheini* isn't exactly a well-known holiday on the Jewish calendar. "All the more reason to write about it," Yishai countered, showing the starfish who's boss. "Again, fair point. But let me see what I can come up with on my own." "Go ahead, I'll just lounge here and kasher my play set for Passover," Yishai said, swiping away at the surface of his console.

Let's see, I thought. How about I write about... "So what is *Pesach Sheini* anyway?" Shai called out, endearingly ruining my train of thought. "*Pesach Sheini*," I responded, partly aggravated by the interruption but also eager to seize on an educational moment, "a second Passover, happens one month after the first day of Passover." "A second Passover?" Yishai called out in disbelief, letting go of the red, orange, and yellow fish from his powerful baby grasp. "Why would you need that?" "Good question," I said, turning away from my computer, realizing I was not going to get any work done this morning. "When God gave the Israelites the laws concerning the Passover sacrifice, there were some men who were unable to take part because they were ritually impure. Therefore..."

"Uuuuggghhh!" Yishai grunted. "What's wrong?" I asked. "Nothing. But I think my diaper is now ritually impure." "Wonderful," I said, rolling my eyes. "Anyway, for those who were unable to participate in the Passover offering, this was an opportunity to fulfill their Passover observance."

"So do we celebrate it like Passover with another seder?" Yishai asked while gleefully spinning the water wheel device. "No, but we don't recite *Tachanun* at Minyan. And some

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## Insights from Beata Abraham: Happy Birthday Israel!



On May 14, 1948, the streets outside of David Ben Gurion's home were filled with palpable jubilation as everyone waited for the future first Prime Minister to proclaim the independence of the state of Israel.

*"The Jews of Palestine ... were dancing because*

*they were about to realize what was one of the most remarkable and inspiring achievements in human history: A people which had been exiled from its homeland two thousand years before, which had endured countless*

*pogroms, expulsions, and persecutions, but which had refused to relinquish its identity — which had, on the contrary, substantially strengthened that identity; a people which only a few years before had been the victim of mankind's largest single act of mass murder, killing a third of the world's Jews, that people was returning home as sovereign citizens in their own independent state."* (Oren, Michael B. *"Ben-Gurion and the Return to Jewish Power."*)

Despite the enormous challenges still facing Israel 74 years later, we still have every reason to celebrate.

Yom HaZikaron (Day of Remembrance for Israel's Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism) falls on the day before Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day). As the sun sets to mark the end of a solemn and emotional Day of Remembrance in which the fallen soldiers of Israel are memorialized, Israelis are asked to transition into one of the most joyous national holidays on the calendar: Yom HaAtzmaut. From grief and sorrow to ebullient celebration; this

juxtaposition of extremes is intentional. Israelis know that they owe their independence to those who have sacrificed their lives to make it a reality, and there can be no celebration without gratitude and acknowledgment for those who perished in service.

The Talmud teaches us that Shabbat is our opportunity to taste a tiny fraction of *Olam HaBa*, the world to come (*Talmud Brachot 57b*). On Shabbat we sample a small taste of a realm in which our most elevated version of the world exists, the world as we would like it to be. We take a moment to reflect on the headway we have made in repairing our society, and devote ourselves to continue the

work that remains before the next Shabbat.

Similarly, Yom HaAtzmaut is an opportunity not only to celebrate, but also to examine and hold up our highest visions for Israel. To rejoice in all that we have achieved, and to dedicate ourselves to continuing the work that still remains to build a country that lives up to the dreams of its founders.

As Jews, we all have spiritual skin in the game when it comes to the prosperity of Israel. We long for the land of our ancestors, while simultaneously clinging to the optimistic hope for an Israel that is the best version of itself. On Yom HaAtzmaut, let's join together in celebrating the independence of this small yet miraculous place.

To see the amazing ways in which Yom HaAtzmaut is celebrated in Israel, check out this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqXg5e1sg5s>

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## Men's Club News

Nothing says Men's Club like an event attached to whiskey. Particularly scotch. And steak. Well, not this time. We're doing something completely different: Beef & Bourbon in the Backyard on June 8, 2022.

Okay, sounds familiar, but the star of the menu isn't. Smoked brisket, my friends. There will be additional entrees as well, including a vegetarian option, and something sweet afterward. Our new chef, Yaakov Cohen, promises a culinary euphoria. Multiple bourbon selections will lighten the mood at this affair, which is open to all congregants 21 and above. Oh, and the backyard? Weather permitting, we will dine out back at the synagogue. Cost is \$48 per person, which covers everything including tip (lol).

Make sure you can forever brag that you were at the inaugural BBB. Register and pay on the synagogue website's Men's Club page. Congratulations, Rick Strait, this year's FJMC Man of the Year, and Shoshi Winkleman, our Youth of the Year! Both are incredibly deserving of their honors, as those who know them can attest. Rick and Shoshi will be recognized at a special event in Wilmette on May 22.

Join us for Beer & Bible on May 25. Dinner will be in-person at CBINT, beginning at 6:30 p.m., or right after minyan. Price is still just five



*Rick Strait and Shoshi Winkleman*

bucks for dinner, beer, and dessert! Or join us virtually at the synagogue's daily minyan Zoom link. RSVP for attending in-person to Mike Spanjar, 414-791-6457 or [mspanjar@gmail.com](mailto:mspanjar@gmail.com) no later than May 18.

Peering into the future, we've returned to in-person Brewers baseball too! Join us as we host the Chicago folks for a kosher tailgate followed by the Brewers vs. Cubs game, here in Milwaukee on August 28. Tickets are limited, so contact Rodney Ugent ASAP if interested.

Pinch me ... it looks like things are returning to normal. Here's hoping you'll join in on the fun!

All my best,  
Mike Spanjar, Men's Club President

## Hello and News from Sisterhood!

Toda Raba to the Hamentaschen Crew!

This year, the CBINT Sisterhood baking crew, along with many volunteers, got to know each other as we rolled and cut, filled and pinched, and baked hamentaschen to a golden brown. Together, we made over 1,000 apricot, poppyseed, chocolate, cherry, prune, and raspberry hamentaschen for individual orders and synagogue events. This job needs a kehillah and it was so much fun to be with so many wonderful synagogue members. I am hoping to be able to work with them all again.

Thanks also to all who supported this project with their orders of hamentaschen.

Anita Bensman

Heartfelt thanks to:  
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## A Message from Rabbi Alter *(continued)*

experience loss at one or more occasions in our lives. As mourning entails certain specific responsibilities, we don't step into that status unless we have to. The status of *Aninut*, then, is not a measure of love for the deceased but an indication of immediate relationship.

*Oh'ne'nim* are urgently tasked with making funeral arrangements and are exempted from daily prayer. It's too soon to pray the Mourner's Kaddish. With the body yet unburied, mourning cannot begin. And in any case, the high theological aspiration of Kaddish (more on that in another essay) is inappropriate to one grieving.

Eventually, the body will be brought to a facility under the supervision of a funeral home to await burial. There is a custom, called

*sh'mirah*, to extend respectful attendance on the body even at the funeral home. It's about not leaving the body alone. To be clear, once in the facility, the body is not available to be seen. To be "there" is to be elsewhere in the building. But still... some families want someone on site with their loved one at all times. We do not regard this practice as required, as the facility is a secure and respectful place. Those who want *sh'mirah* may arrange with members of their family or friends to take shifts as *shom'rim* at the facility, or arrange with the funeral home to bring on outside attendants.

In the next essay, I will discuss the family's preparations for the funeral, the role of the *hevra kadisha*, and the funeral itself.

## A Note from Hazzan Stein *(continued)*

people eat matzah to mark the day." "That's it?" Yishai said, drooling on the plastic mollusk. "More matzah and no *Tachanun*? That's not much of a festival." "No, it's generally not considered such a big deal, but in some Hasidic communities, it's celebrated as a holiday of second chances, reminding us that when we don't do something we should

the first time, we should always look for another opportunity to do the right thing." "I like that message," Yishai said, bouncing up and down in his harness before making another go at the starfish. "Maybe you should write about that." "Maybe I will," I said. Maybe I will. Now, let's check out that ritual impurity of yours..."

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Molly Kranitz	8	Aaron Katch	17	Elaine Appel	31
Sandra Weinstein	8	Edith Pump	18	Jennifer Saber	31
				Gertrude Mollick	31

### Book Club

The CBINT Book Discussion group meets Monday, May 23, 1 p.m., in the synagogue promenade (enter at the office door). The group will discuss *Florence Adler Swims Forever*, by Rachel Beanland. Please contact Bobby Miller for additional information: 414-365-8581

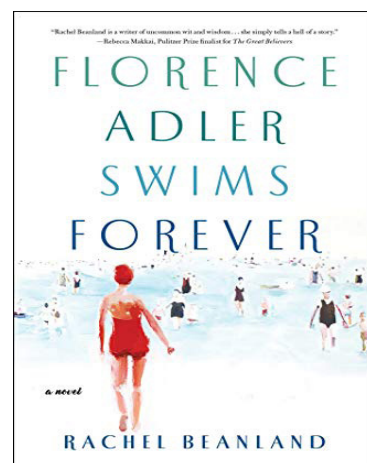
#### Summer Meetings

Immerse yourself in the CBINT Book Discussion group's selection of summer reading on the dates below at 1 p.m. Weather permitting, discussion will take place outdoors. Please contact Bobby Miller with any questions and details to join this group.

**June 20:** *Agent Sonya: Moscow's Most Daring Wartime Spy* by Ben MacIntyre.

**July 18:** *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish.

**August 15:** *Kaddish.com* by Nathan Englander.



## Yahrzeits for May beginning on the evening prior to:

### May 1

Mildred Stark  
Chris Babcock  
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### May 2

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Melvin Pomerantz  
Ruth Rose Kohler  
Harry Petashnick

### May 3

Sally Lisberg  
David Kahn  
Sam Gollin  
Albert Wagner  
Esther Driss  
Elizabeth Polisky  
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### May 4

Bessie Mendelson  
Sylvia Lampenfeld  
Jack Stern  
Esther (Erna) Kleiner  
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### May 5

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Isaac Silbar  
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### May 6

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Marla Berman  
Goldye Serge  
Minnie Mitz  
Harry Schwid  
Aaron Leff  
Sofia Burstein  
Barbara Kaiser Lillge

### May 7

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Berman  
Louis Lerner  
Tracy Jo Sweet  
Isadore Traxler  
Lawrence Willenson  
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Samuel Epstein  
Arthur Sweet  
Norman Balkansky  
Esther Wax

### May 8

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Celia Schnell  
Louis Weiss  
Dora Haber  
Kenneth Cooper  
Esther Zilberbrand  
Rabbi Emanuel  
Lifschutz  
Marie Singer  
Oscar Feller  
Sharon Solochek

### May 9

Israel Friedman  
Ann Jacobson  
Charles Marks  
Steven Enright  
Mollie Meisel  
Bess Rosenberg  
Marilyn Eskin  
Rudolph Ottenstein  
Anna Kaiser  
Paul Selensky  
Leonard Babrove  
Henry Baer  
Samuel Silverstein

### May 10

Milton Mandelbaum  
Anne Stameshkin  
Fannie Kaner  
Benjamin Mazer  
Pearl Kurzon  
M. Blumberg  
Rose Pachefsky  
Steven Korobkin  
Sylvia C. Schecter  
Ruth Popuch  
Richard Tarkinow  
Harry Pollack  
Ralph Hammes  
Roselind Weinberg

### May 11

Emanuel Michael  
Oxman  
Jack Spector  
Morris Shlimovitz  
David Graves  
Dr. Jacob Serge  
Max Lichter  
Marion Polansky  
Moritz Yale Zamosh

### May 12

Rose Raznick  
Dr. Jerry Isadore  
Zussman  
Bruce Gerald Rice  
Rose Stark  
Esther Selensky  
Sophie Wolfman  
Jennie Wagner  
Berson  
Sam Druch  
Anita Chudnow

### May 13

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Tillie Bodner  
David Blacher

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Lawrence  
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Sheldon Silberg  
Isaac Nelson  
Betty Gordon  
Eva Lazarus  
Harold Siegel  
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### May 15

Gertrude Forbes  
Julius Markoe  
Abraham  
Rubenstein  
Libby Kosberg  
Samuel Schulman  
Muriel Diamond  
Miriam Willenson  
Ida Sarah Sires  
Solomon Siegel  
Nichle Erlie  
Oren Steinberg  
Esther Lubotsky

### May 16

Ruben Fischer  
Nathan Waldman  
Hyman Boym  
Isadore (Izzy)  
Honigman  
William Feldman  
Howard Bloom  
Rabbi Saul Solomon  
Spiri

### May 17

Carl Maness  
T. Sgt. William M.  
Miller  
Ida Kaminsky  
Pittelman  
Irving Blumenfeld  
Barnett Medress  
Samuel Wasserman  
Minnie Cornfield  
Gene Mayer  
Mark Mollick

### May 18

Frederick Charles  
Bergtrom  
Sylvia Garrett  
Esther Bergman  
Rose Jakubowicz  
Mr. Robert Inez  
Youman  
Lewis Shlimovitz  
Gitta Pittelman  
Bessie Polakow

### May 19

Ben-Tzion Karsh  
Phyllis Lensky  
Benjamin Glazer  
Jack Greenberg  
Nathan P. Schnoll  
Harry Markowitz  
Lena Silverstein  
Robert M. Siegel

### May 20

Joan Cornfield  
Alvin Kernis  
Marilyn Cohen  
Libby Muchin  
Emil Hansher  
Benjamin Thomas  
Epstein Ross  
Herbert (Haim)  
Bomzer  
Martin Raffie  
Sanford Mitz  
Esther Shapiro

### May 21

Reva Greenberg  
Emanuel Herskovits  
Mariam Herskovits  
Jennie Hiken  
Ilene F. Wasserman  
Meyer Cohen  
Hy Gordon

### May 22

Samuel Lampell  
Louis Kimmel  
Jonas Borkin  
Joan Schwade  
Max Kimmel  
Molly Pearlman  
Seymour Perchonok  
Bessie Krasno

### May 23

Joseph Malkin  
Muriel Levin  
Jack Margulis  
Harry Turnansky  
Edward A. Stein  
Mariashe Shapiro  
Morris Schuster  
Lillian Gottstein  
Blumberg  
Sarah Pearl Siegel  
Rose Taitelman  
Harriet Solomon  
Winsten

### May 24

Rachel Popuch Kelcz  
Sarah Volk  
Jean E. Maness  
Anna Neubauer  
Oscar Stern  
Sam Stern  
Grace Asman  
Freda Barash  
Pauline Fefer  
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### May 25

Fannye Malkin  
Louis Berkoff  
Meyer Resnick  
Rose H. Kahn  
Ruth Galatzer  
Zelda Gershon  
Sigmund Kleiner

Abraham Schuster  
Michael Sparber  
Louis Himmelreich  
Paula Zitron  
Sabina Fink

### May 26

Sylvia Bensman  
Anne Riches  
Seymour Pikofsky  
Abraham A. Gindlin  
Erwin Grossmann  
Harry Shuger

### May 27

David Volk  
Leah Krasno  
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Jacob Siegel  
Anna Shapiro  
Anna Rymland Levin  
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Dorothy J. Shurman  
Jack Mishlove

### May 28

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### May 29

Hilda Jacobson  
Hazel Jacobson  
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Lucille Ruben  
Jack Kohlenberg  
Robert Meyer  
Milton Sogol  
Robert Cohen

### May 30

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Irving Rosengarten  
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Abraham L. Reitman  
Bernard Isaac  
Glicksman  
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Ruby Fleider  
Anna Jacobson Blum  
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Alex Farkas  
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## Our congregation mourns the passing of:

### Brian Wolkenberg

We extend our condolences to his wife Sari R. London, children Avi, Shaina, and Micah, mother- and father-in-law Roberta and Richard London, parents Joan and Warren (z"l) Wolkenberg, family and friends.

### Rosie Bamberger

We extend our condolences to her husband **Michael**, children Ilana (Adam) Spector, Mara (Joshua) Berman, and Robert, sisters Gitta (Barry) Chaet and Esther (Ric) Ancel, grandchildren, family, and friends.

### Lorraine Mitz

Preceded in passing by her husband Morry (z'l), we extend our condolences to her children Natalie (Roger) Palay, Richard Mitz, Carrie (Ralph) Jacobson, Michael Mitz, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family, and friends.

### Donald Styler

We extend our condolences to his daughters **Felicia (James) Miller**, Paige (Craig Johnson) Styler, Kim (Michael Sinder) Styler, grandchildren, family, and friends.



## Social Action: Meet 'newcomer' Ellen Goldstein



As a newcomer to the Milwaukee area (only 52 years), I found my home in Glendale. I moved there in 1987 with my husband, Stephen, and three children: Sam Goldstein, Barbara Tenin (nee Goldstein), and Benjamin. They all went to Nicolet and two of them to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Sam, who went to Michigan State University (like his dad), is a wildlife disease biologist in Hawaii. Barbara is a special education person with MPS, and Ben, who now lives in Appleton, is a forensic psychiatrist. I feel quite content with my family (which now includes four grandchildren and a dog).

I worked for 32 years at GE Healthcare, the last several designing training programs for those who worked on diagnostic imaging equipment. I also taught for 23 years (evenings and weekends) at Alverno College, where I got my undergraduate degree.

We joined Beth Israel Ner Tamid after several years at a local reform synagogue. We have enjoyed our time here, found a lot of good friends, and it is conveniently right around the corner from our home.

It was important that I stay connected as a contributor to our society both secular and Jewish. When we first arrived in Milwaukee, I joined B'nai B'rith Women and was able to become an officer. I also wanted to get involved in CBINT once I had retired from GE and Alverno and approached Marge Kulakow, who told me the dates/times for knitting, which I've been doing since I was a teen. The knitting group is part of the Social Action Committee and serves a wonderful purpose in providing handmade scarves, hats, and cowls to both kids and adults. Given the number of times my kids lost their scarves/hats/gloves, I could relate to other families trying to provide these items to their kids. All kids love new "stuff," and the hundreds that this group provides is just the ticket!

### May Knitting

Marge's Mitzvah Knitters will meet May 1 and May 15, from 10 – 11:30 a.m. We would love to see all our great regular knitters (promenade at CBINT) and welcome any newcomers. We donate a lot of scarves and hats to those in need. If you are an experienced knitter or need "lessons," come and join us. For more information, please contact Ellen Goldstein 414-861-6734.

## Glass Box calls all May Birthday celebrants!

Pesach is over and it is time to consider refreshing your home's Judaica. The Glass Box should be your destination for any of your everyday needs. If your birthday is in May, you will receive a 10% discount to celebrate. We have the largest selection of Judaica and giftware in the Milwaukee area. Our hours are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday; 10 a.m. - noon Friday; and 10 - 11:30 a.m. on Sundays when Sunday school is in session. For other times, please call Ellen Goldstein 414-861-6734 for an appointment.



## Glean Machine

CBINT will once again be a host donation site for Tikkun Ha'ir's Annual Glean Machine.

We are collecting toys, small kitchen goods and utensils, and household items.

Collection times are Sunday, May 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m., and Monday, May 9, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Use the East (main entry) to drop-off your generous donations.

The Men's Club thanks everyone who donated to our Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program. Donations are used to support our Holocaust programming. It is important to never forget the Holocaust and to keep the memories of those who died.



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**Save the Date**

**CBINT Annual Meeting**

**Monday June 20, 2022  
7 p.m.**

**In-Person and Virtual  
Participation Opportunities**

**Join us as we honor our past,  
celebrate our present,  
and usher in our future.**

### Urban Tree Project:

#### Mitigating Climate Change In Our Inner-City Neighborhoods

At the CBINT Tu B'Shvat Seder this past January, participants suggested a wonderful way to use trees to mitigate the effects of climate change, especially in the inner-city neighborhoods, which have a paucity of tree cover. The idea that our congregation partner with an inner-city neighborhood to plant trees is now growing roots. A growing coalition of inner-city neighborhood groups, environmental health professionals and activists, inner-city businesses and church groups, and local MPS schools will be working together with the express purpose of enhancing the tree cover in the Walnut Hill and Grandview neighborhoods (the area around 25th-45th Streets and Lisbon Avenue). They are very interested in enlisting our synagogue's assistance. It is our goal to connect our two communities in a coordinated effort to address the environmental injustices that are compounded by climate change and institutional racism.

The CBINT Social Action Committee through its Green Team is looking for people interested in being a part of the planning committee for this long-term effort that will put our Jewish values into action. Initial meetings will 1) provide information about climate change, the role of trees to mitigate these changes, and the large effect climate change will have on inner-city communities and 2) develop action plans that will involve integrating the efforts of our two communities.

If you are interested, please contact Dan Weber ([kibbutzweber@gmail.com](mailto:kibbutzweber@gmail.com)).



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## CBINT Funds

**Alan & Rita Marcuvitz Education Endowment Fund** – Funds to be used for adult, youth, and family education.

**Balkansky Fund** – Provides scholarships for Camp Ramah.

**Beth Hearst Fund (Formerly Passport to Israel)** – Provides funds for current youth and educational programs.

**Carl S. and Sandra G. Zetley Generation to Generation Fund** – Provides funds for education and family programming.

**CBINT/Religious School Fund** – Underwrites tuition for children of members attending the CBINT School of Religious Studies.

**Ervin & Suzann Colton Education Endowment Fund** – Provides funds for Scholars in Residence and other speakers.

**Gemilut Hasadim** – Provides funds for Shabbat meals for CBINT families with newborns or families in mourning.

**General Fund** – Provides funds to maintain CBINT.

**Harold M. Kramer Beautification Fund** – Provides funds for beautification projects at CBINT.

**Hazzan's Discretionary Fund** – Fund established for charitable causes.

**Isadore & Sylvia Blankstein Library Fund** – Provides funds for CBINT library acquisitions.

**Jacobson Chapel Fund** – Provides funds for the maintenance of Jacobson Chapel.

**Kenneth Weber Choir Fund** – Fund dedicated to supporting the choir and other musical programs.

**Landscape Fund** – Provides funds for the ongoing enhancement and maintenance of the CBINT grounds.

**Marilyn Zetley Children's Library Fund** – Provides funds for the children's section of the library (books, furniture, etc.)

**Merry Atinsky Kiddish Fund** – Helps CBINT Sisterhood provide kiddish lunches after Shabbat services

**Panitch CBI Family Education Fund** – Assists CBINT families with financial needs who wish to attend family education retreats.

**Pentateuh/Humash Fund** – Provides funds to purchase Pentateuh/Humashim. Books will have a dedication bookplate.

**Prayer Book Fund** – Provides funds to purchase prayer books/siddurim. Books will have a dedication bookplate.

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** – Fund established for charitable causes.

**Rabbi Panitch Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund** – Provides scholarships for Camp Ramah.

**Sam & Aidee Cooper Art Fund** – Provides funds to purchase art for CBINT.

**School Fund** – Provides funds for the school and special school projects.

**Senior Activities Fund** – Provides funds for social, spiritual and educational opportunities for mature adults.

**Shirley Bass Floral Fund** – Provides bima flowers for the holidays.

**Sol & Esther Blankstein Scholarship Fund** – Assists high school/college students to pursue Jewish Education.

**Soloman & Yetta Soloff Memorial Adult Education Fund** – Established in the memory of Dr. Soloman & Yetta Soloff. Promotes and supports Adult Education programs.

**Special Scholarship Endowment Fund** – Provides scholarships for Jewish education.

**Stein Mendelson Scholarship Fund** – Provides funds for a Camp Ramah scholarship for one student per summer.

**The Schuster Family Endowment Fund for Second Home Cemetery**

**William & June Sherkow Scholarship Fund** – Provides funds for charitable, educational, or religious purposes.

**Youth Scholarship Endowment Fund (YSEF) (Formerly Youth Education Endowment Fund)** – Provides scholarships for trips to Israel, Jewish overnight camp and advanced Jewish education.

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## Worship and Service Information

### Weekday Services:

7:30 am and 6:00 pm

### Sunday and Civic Holidays:

9:00 am and 6:00 pm

### Shabbat:

9:30 am

Saturday evening services are held weekly on Zoom after sunset. See the weekly eblast or contact the office for service times.

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