

Kehillah Connection

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The Names We Go By from Rabbi Alter



A Ben Gurion Airport security agent asks a traveler, "Eich kor'im lecha – What's your name?" American Jewish travelers proudly, if clumsily, call out their "Hebrew" names: Sura Rochel bas Zvi Hirsh v'Sheindel ... Zecharya Natan ben Shlomo

haKohen ... and so on. But the agent isn't calling the traveler to the Torah, but rather is assessing their security risk. The agent wants their name, like a barista in Tel Aviv might when preparing them a *kaffe hafukh* – a yummy Israeli coffee. "How should I call you?" is all the agent wants to know.

I was inspired to write about Hebrew names as I was preparing for a funeral in the congregation and a family's files (and recollections) inconsistently recorded the deceased's Hebrew name. Only by piecing together indications from headstones and ketubahs were we able to resolve the inconsistencies. We scrambled this way so I could offer an accurate *Eil Maleh* at the funeral, when asking God to grant eternal peace to the soul of the person we were about to bury.

In our shul lives, we are regularly challenged to speak our Hebrew names – sometimes others', sometimes our own. For

example, when asking for healing prayers or offering a mazal tov, when taking an aliya, or engraving a headstone or memorial plaque. When babies are born into our community, a new name is conferred upon them. Similarly, when a person converts to Judaism, they need to choose a Hebrew name. And when a transgender person transitions, they, too, need a (new) Hebrew name appropriate to their target gender.

I might have made this essay simpler by urging you to make sure that your Hebrew name records are correct and accessible. Make sure the shul office's records match your own. And I do so urge you.

But I want also to introduce the questions of purpose and vision in our names. First, let's be clear that getting names right serves a kind of archival purpose. After our birth dates, our names are our first identifiers. Still, were I to have named the wrong name in the *Eil Maleh*, one imagines that God would sort it out.

When bureaucracy meets biography, though, our names take on greater significance. The names that appear on the ketubah of a couple marrying under the huppah are not mere bureaucratic details. Rather, they are the same names that were publicly announced to the Jewish community, typically at a bris or *simchat bat* (girls' naming celebration), shortly after birth. The typical formula for naming a Jewish person is, "Henceforth, he/she shall be known among the Jewish People as ..." / "Yi'karaei sh'mo / sh'ma b'Yisrael – X the child of Y and Z." Our Jewish names are always given in a communal context. At a bris, for example: Even if only the baby, his parent/s, and the mohel are present,

> the naming formula locates the baby among his entire people.

Thanks to the Jewish naming tradition, each new name launches a chapter in our Jewish national

biography. Our Western culture of selfactualization cheers us on to live in pursuit of our own fulfillment. This is a beautiful aspiration. Note, though, that our Hebrew names similarly summon us to *live among the* Jewish people as the person we were named to be at birth.

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'My mother's name ... is a calling.'

Join Me in Nonviolent Communication from Hazzan Stein



Earlier this year, I wrote about how I've been studying Nonviolent Communication. As a quick recap, Nonviolent Communication is a way of expressing ourselves through a process of making an observation (say, the sink is full of

dishes), recognizing what we are feeling in that moment (say, frustrated or upset), connecting the feeling to a need we have (say, cleanliness or order), followed by a request (e.g,. "Would you please help me load the dishwasher?").

It also serves as a process for listening to others and identifying their feelings and needs – which they may not even be fully aware of – offering empathy and being fully present with them rather than immediately offering advice or reassurance, or explaining our own perspective.

I shared that as I work through the process myself, I have seen the benefits it provides for connecting with myself as well as with others in pastoral, educational, and interpersonal settings. I also shared that I have been training as a facilitator, learning to guide small groups through this process to help them become more compassionate listeners and communicators. And this January, I will be running a five-session course open to anyone in the congregation.

I am excited for this endeavor, and already have a few interested participants, so I invite you all to join as well. Please see the flier below for dates and more information, and let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to working and learning with you.



The Names We Go By from Rabbi Alter (continued)

Consider the story of my mother's name. During the years of World War I and following, while waiting for his father to send money from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Brest-Litovsk, Belarus, so that he could bring his sisters and brother over to the States, my grandfather taught Hebrew to his Zionist/Hebraist peers. My great-grandmother, Bluma Rochel, had died in my grandfather's arms when he was all of 15 years old, making him the breadwinner and caregiver for his siblings.

Eventually, my grandfather brought his family over and met my grandmother. They married and had their first child, my mother. They had two imperatives in naming her: first, to honor her grandmother's memory and second, to honor their Zionist/Hebraist commitments. My mother received the Jewish name *Bluma Rochel* but was never called by it. She was always, and remains, Reina (pronounced Reena) – joyful song. And in English? With the integrationist eyes of new immigrants, my grandparents gave my mother the then-current name, Beatrice. But she was never really Beatrice; only Reina. Except for taxes and hospital admissions. But for *living* her life, her beautiful American and Jewish life, my mother is, indeed, Reina. In the years when she might be called to the Torah, she would call out her parents' names, as well.

My mother's name expresses her parents' aspirations for her: That she would be the same Reina in and out of the house. A contemporary, Hebrew literate, and passionately Jewish girl and woman who would honor her family's heritage. Her Jewish name was not just a tag for God to recognize her by in rarely-uttered prayers. No, her name is a calling.

I would be so delighted to learn of members of our community dusting off old family documents to be reminded of the Jewish and Hebrew names in their families. To uncover the stories of namesakes. To summon the visions and aspirations that inspired their parents to name them as they did. Let us strive to live up to our Hebrew-Jewish names.

How Not to be Reincarnated from Beata Abraham



Every worldly sojourner worth their Himalayan pink salt has likely pondered the possibility of whether reincarnation awaits them in the afterlife. And while reincarnation is not exactly a Jewish concept (you won't find it anywhere in the *Tanakh*),

it isn't *not* a Jewish concept either. In fact, there's a Hebrew term for it, and the notion that souls can be reborn after death figures prominently in the writings of Jewish mysticism.

According to the Zohar, the only reason that

a soul enters this world in the first place is to make a spiritual repair. If the soul does not complete this mission by the end of its lifetime, it will be given two more chances (a maximum of three per customer) to get that repair work done. Yes, the Zohar is always on-brand

with its unapologetically esoteric and complex teachings.

So let's break it down.

There are several mystical Jewish sources that address reincarnation, or in Hebrew; *gilgul ha'neshamot*, which literally means the recycling or transmigration of souls. According to one, the concept can be understood as the flame from a candle lighting another candle. Although the essence of the second flame comes from the first flame, the second flame is still its own independent entity. Nevertheless, the new flame now contains the imperfections inherited from the original flame, and it is these imperfections that the new flame is tasked with correcting – this is its *tikkun* or repair.

Of course from the perspective of the unfathomable scope of eternity, it is easy to feel overwhelmed by a sense of the insignificance of our existence in this world. So many have come before us, and so many will come after. But actually, the exact opposite is true; each soul exists before it enters the body, and continues to exist once the body has been laid to rest. This is because as a spark of the divine, a soul is both unique and eternal. However, the soul can only achieve its divine purpose in a body on its earthly mission rather than in the heavenly realms.

According to the rules of reincarnation, a soul that has not completed its task in the worldly realm will have another few goes at getting it right. But here's the catch; it may not be as a human. So if you thought being reincarnated would mean you return as a brilliant pundit, peace-negotiating world leader or the next Taylor Swift, think again. You are just as likely to return as an animal, vegetable, or mineral. Some sources say even inanimate objects are fair game as hosts for souls.

Fortunately, there is a way to avoid the risky business of returning to this world reincarnated in a form you never want to experience, and the formula is simple. We must each strive to identify our unique purpose and live our lives in fulfillment of this calling. Ok, it's not *that* simple...

The Tanakh is rich with examples of those who received and responded to their life's calling. It begins with Abraham hearing God's call to get up and leave his land and family (*Bereishit* 12:1). Moses' call came in the form of a burning bush (*Shemot* 3:4). And the very dramatic vision of God on a throne surrounded by angels was received by Isaiah, who responded as enthusiastically as I hope we all would in this kind of situation:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, **"Here am I. Send me!"** (Is. 6:8).

There is a good likelihood that you will not receive a direct call from God alerting you to your life's purpose, and that is ok. But, it is not an excuse to avoid seeking that purpose on your own, especially if you do not wish to return as a rock or worse, the second and third time around.

The late author Viktor Frankl writes that "the path to our purpose is not to ask ourselves what we want from life, but rather to figure out what life wants from us." Each of us is a distinctly one of a kind configuration (continued on next page)

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How Not to be Reincarnated from Beata Abraham (continued)

of artistry, cleverness, and abilities that make us uniquely equipped to accomplish a task that only we can do. That task, that special *Tikkun*, is our purpose in this world. When we encounter an injustice, a need for kindness or healing, or the opportunity to bring light into darkness and we hear it calling us to take it on in this specific moment, using our very specific tapestry of expertise and experience, *that* is our calling. It is up to us to keep open our hearts, eyes, and ears to be able to hear this call.

The late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks sums up the essence of how to find our life purpose perfectly in his book, *To Heal a Fractured World*. "Where what we want to do meets what needs to be done, that is where God wants us to be." May we all find our purpose and avoid the many uncertainties of having to do it all over again until we get it right.

A Goodbye and a Welcome from SAC

As we write this, our last update, and say goodbye to our former roles as co-chairs of the Social Action Committee (SAC), we want to introduce and warmly welcome the next co-chairs of the SAC – Felicia Miller and Don Bass! They are excellent individuals who will be outstanding new co-chairs as they work to further develop this committee's mission and take it to an expanded level and role.

Both Don and Felicia have held various positions on CBINT's board and committees over the past years and have enjoyed strong professional careers in the Milwaukee community. We know they will provide leadership that will be appreciated as they work with the committee's current members and recruit new members to enhance the SAC's work on behalf of those in need in our community and beyond.

We are excited about this new chapter and truly look forward to an ongoing interface with our current committee members and new members who will join SAC in the near future.

Our heartfelt thanks to the current committee members and the immediate past members who resigned due to other commitments or relocation. We have enjoyed working with each of you, appreciate all your efforts on behalf of social action, and look forward to continued involvement with each of you in the future of the Social Action Committee.

With gratitude, Barbara Simon and Beth Peterman

A New Mission for Social Action

We are honored and excited to take on new leadership roles as the co-chairs of the CBINT Social Action Committee. CBINT owes a huge thank you to Barbara Simon and Beth Peterman, the immediate past chairs of this committee, and to all of the volunteers who have served over many years. It is our hope that those currently involved will remain engaged, and that new faces will also choose to join in our efforts.

We share Rabbi Alter's vision to develop the work of this committee into a core value of our CBINT community. While we are currently reworking our formal mission statement, our goal is to offer direct help to those in need. We hope to assist members of our community to overcome challenges, allowing them to live their very best lives.

There are many individuals with needs both inside and outside of our CBINT community. Mental illness, literacy, and youth in crisis are examples of topics that we are currently exploring. We hope to provide tzedakah, offer educational programming for our congregational family, and engage in meaningful, hands-on, volunteer opportunities with organizations serving our greater Milwaukee community.

We look forward to sharing additional details with you in the coming months. In the meantime, we welcome your input and hope that you will reach out to us with your ideas and expertise.

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Shabbat In The Round

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024 6:00 PM

Enjoy a *Ruach*-filled Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a delicious dinner.

Adults: **\$20 each** Children (3-11 years): **\$12 each** Children (2 and under): FREE Family Maximum (same household): **\$60**

RSVP below or at Upcoming Events on our website. RSVPs must be received by Sunday, January 7

Shabbat In The Round - January 12, 2024

Name(s)
Phone Email
Adults(\$20 ea.) Youth 3-11(\$12 ea.) Children 0-2
OR Family Maxiumum Cost (\$60 ea., must reside in same residence)
Children's Names & Ages
Total Entrées Total Vegan Meals
Food Allergies
Return this form with your check, call the office, or register online.
Total amount enclosed Cash/Check #
Credit Card # Exp. Date
(We cannot invoice your synagogue account.)
Questions? Contact 414-352-7310
or marlynnb@cbintmilwaukee.org

2 NEW COURSES WITH RABBI ALTER

BETH ISRAEL

King David: Still Swooning After 3,000 Years A Study of the Book of Samuel with Rabbi Alter

Continuing the Book of Samuel, picking up where we left off last spring (I Samuel Chapter 21). Each class is a close reading of the text, highlighting meaning over plot. Through open and engaged discussion, we explore ambiguous questions of morality, humanity, ambition, devotion, and more.

Our core text is Robert Alter's translation and commentary *The David Story*, though we do access the Hebrew original.

Classes meet Tuesdays, January 2 - March 12, 7:00-8:30pm

Feel Like A Stranger in a Foreign Land?

An Introduction to Jewish Prayer

We'll cover some essential what, how, and why's of Jewish prayer, opening closed doors even for experienced folks.

You can expect...to learn core prayer terms and concepts

• to try postures and practices that help prayer motions become prayer

• to consider questions like, Why Pray and Pray to Whom?

Note: Hebrew literacy is NOT required. All are welcome. We seek a mix of beginners and experienced service-goers.

Classes meet Sundays, February 25 - April 7, 10:15-11:30am

CBINT members - FREE Non-members - \$50 To register, contact the office: 414-352-7310 or use the link on our website

Order your Purim Hamentashen at the Glass Box Gift Shop Order now until February 28

Assorted boxes will be available for pick-up in the Glass Box on March 3.

This year's flavors will be

prune, poppyseed, apricot, cherry, raspberry, and chocolate.

\$9 per dozen

To order: Get a form from the office or contact Anita Bensman @ 414-368-3166 or abensman@sbcglobal.net

P.S. We will need to bake over 2,000 hamentashen this year and could use all the help we can get. It is well organized and a great way to meet other synagogue members! We will bake on the following dates: **February 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29, starting at 9 a.m.** Let me know if you can help! Anita

Glass Box Post-Hanukkah January Sale

Now that we're all latke-ed out, all Hanukkah merchandise is discounted 15%. We have the largest selection of hanukkiahs, candles, dreidels, children's, and other holiday items in the city. Our large selection of *tallitot* will also be 15% off.

Come in to browse and schmooze with the volunteer(s) who can help you with your purchases. A special note to Sisterhood members: If you can spare two hours a week to volunteer in the shop, you will get 15% discounted from all your purchases. (Are you seeing the pattern here with the 15%?) Contact Ellen Goldstein at 414-861-6734 for shop hours or to volunteer.

CBINT Youth Scholarship Application 2024 Submission Deadline: Friday, January 26

Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid is fortunate to have several endowment funds that were established to provide scholarships to children and young adults, up to age 26, of our current members in good standing.

Scholarships are available for CBINT youth to assist them in furthering their Jewish education. Activities include students attending Jewish overnight camps, USY programs, Jewish high school in Israel, organized Jewish educational tours in Israel, and Jewish advanced college studies in Israel. Preference is given to individuals who participate in programs sponsored by the Conservative Movement and/or who have a true financial need. These endowments <u>do not</u> fund day camp or non-Jewish education-based programs.

Contact the CBINT office, 414-352-7310, or Marlynn, marlynnb@cbintmilwaukee.org, with any questions. Applications must be submitted online through the link on the CBINT website (home page > "Learn" link> camp scholarships)

CALLING ALL MAH JONGG PLAYERS!

Please consider ordering your 2024 National Mah Jongg League card from Anita Bensman.

Regular Cards: \$14

Large Cards: \$15

Please send your order & check made out to CBINT Sisterhood to: Anita Bensman, 5798 N. River Forst Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53209.

Deadline is January 31

BETH ISRAEL NER TAMID

Nonviolent Communication for the Jewish Soul

How can Nonviolent Communication, Jewish music and texts make you an effective communicator and a compassionate listener?

Join Hazzan Stein for a 5 part series to find out.

Intro Session: Saturday, January 6 (during kiddush)

Sessions: Sundays, January 14 - February 11 After Minyan (about 9:45-10:45)

Contact the office (414-352-7310) or see our website to register.

Contributions

In Honor of Jeff Orshan's Marriage Social Action Committee Barbara and Al Simon

In Honor of Anita and Richard Bensman's 40th Wedding Anniversary Merry Atinsky Kiddush Fund Anita and Richard Bensman

In Honor of Laura and Henny Graupe's Anniversary Merry Atinsky Kiddush Fund Jackie Klein and Shoshana Abel

In Honor of Laverne Koltin's Special Birthday General Fund Phyllis Spector

In Appreciation of Dr. Naya Lekht Colton Education Endowment Fund Toby and Mark Lukoff

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In Memory of Corinne Horn General Fund Phillip Israel Jacobson Chapel Fund Joan and Bob Klein Family

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In Memory of Charles Kozoll Merry Atinsky Kiddush Fund Judy Eglash and Family Deanna Spanjar

In Memory of Geri Hirschtritt Jacobson Chapel Fund Joan and Bob Klein Family

In Memory of Gertrude Sadowsky Merry Atinsky Kiddush Fund Arlene and Howard Rubin

In Memory of Harriet Goldman General Fund Phyllis Spector

In Memory of Diane Lily's Sister General Fund Phyllis Spector

Yahrzeits for January beginning on the evening prior to:

January 1

Jack Fink Joseph G. Kahn Isadore Kohler Naomi Meyers Kaufman Sander Landfield Dora Eisendrath Louise Litow Toll **Gilbert Palay** January 2 Ruth Berger Daniel Lewis Ruth Pomerantz Gertrude Rabin Jennie Ordens Gilbert Elovitz Ben Blumbera Daniel Lewis **January 3** Shirley Aaron Julius Bilansky Lee Devorkin Benjamin Fishman Rose Hulbert Alfred H. Jacobson Ben Lane Theodore I. Matsoff Ethel Becker Joseph E. Jacobson William Schapiro **Robert Nankin** Stanlev Kellman Maurice Loeb Shirley Kane Goldie Buckspan Dora Becker Cash Sheila Botnick Earl Berman Shirley Cohen January 4 Dr. Maurice Brenner Jennie Brill Dora Becker Cash Bessie Hansher Alfred Hirschbein Pauline Kahn Herbert H. Miller Alfred Muchin Norman Persten Hal Stein Bernard Sims Nathan Lakam Ida Dubin Harry Tassell Mark Kofman

Charles Litow Diana Siegel-Lipshultz January 5 Abe Odessky Lena Polewsky Jacob Pump Mary Schalk Tanchum Stark Gerald Walder Rosalvn Matsoff Marcus Taitelman Ida Marcuvitz Fanny Kirtz Tessa Blumberg Rebecca Witter Rebecca Witter Januarv 6 Max Berland Samuel Kaufman Ethel Ottenstein Daniel Pomerantz Sari Lynn Rappaport Abraham Shlensky Sylvia Shaw Esau Bernstein Moey Lampenfeld Grace Borowitz Dr. Joseph Himes Leo Rogatnik January 7 Dr. Donald Ackerman Elias Garfinkel Isadore Lisberg Mollie Merdinger Robert I. Nelson Esther Silverstein Sam Friedman Phillip Jacobson Anna Mayer Rishke Ottenstein Joseph Rossin Rachel Zolot Sam Friedman Lawrence Schwade Kiesl Kaufman Shulamit Elkayam **January 8** Dr. Jacobo Josef Baron Edward Freiman Dorothy Merdinger Esther Spector Marvin Blankstein Minnie Hassel Berty Kagan Barton Peck

Anneliese Esser Herman Goldstein January 9 Bernard Crane Israel Frydman Rena Cohen Meyer David Savick Bernard Korach Rose Margoles Max Stein Bernard Crane Rose Blackman Allen Saltzman Armand Mazius January 10 Fred Bard Sevmour Faermark Meyer Goldin Anne Malkin Nathan Solochek Edward Zucker Morris Zucker George Stein Nathan Cohen Fanny Galatzer Abraham Bodner Sam Schiewitz Yetta Stern Bess Klugman Ruth Abramson January 11 Harold Kramer Max Medved Goldie Tishler Newton Peckarsky January 12 Louis Blacher Ann Bursak Millard Durchslag Ruth Gosman Minette Hersh Sarah Hornstein Sylvia Maiman Robert Gore Nathan Hirshberg David Kramsky Edna Lipshultz Norman Schneider Herbert Brod Joseph P. Lerner David Blumberg Ruth Rubin Arlene Arnstein Dora Weisz Avis Lebow

Col. Chuck Wallens January 13 Solomon Belinky Jack Kessler Rose Sadowsky Daniel Weinstein Eva Zucker Ida Shumow Arthur Feldschriber January 14 Alfred D. Barnett Esther Blankstein Yitzchak Devorkin Harry Garfinkel Rose Haberman Sylvia Jacobson Hans E. Schapira Meyer Strauss Harry B. Fine Setareh Khajezadeh Gabriella D. Rivilis Ben B. Weiss Jill Mccullough Martin Craig Davison Reuben Eisenstein January 15 William Chernoff Mary Goldman Samuel Liebenberg Anita Messerman Jennie Plotkin Ernest L. Rothschild **Tillie Wheeler** Rubin Zeiger Samuel Dreen Jacob Stein Max Levinson **Minnie Silver** Salvator Moshe Grisha Cantor January 16 Pola Fahuna Elihu Horwitz Joseph Pachefsky Max Pomerantz Max Stein Morris Zuckerman Pearl C. Frenkel Wayne Babcock Fannie Hansher Phil Hymovitz Oscar Schlomovitz Tillie Kulakow Max Sweet Albert Friedman

Yahrzeits for January: (continued)

January 17 Joseph Luber Lena Glass Ida Cohen Bremer Basse Kantrowitz Sarah Schmidt January 18 Lifshe Dennen Rose Geller Leon Lewin Bessie Davis Sam Glazer Joseph Heimovitt Chaie Pesha Schapiro Leff Sarah Morton Komisar Martin Botnick Sara Leff January 19 Isidor Anschel Dr. Emanuel Horwitz Anna Marozofsky David Schlonsky I. Schwartz Harry Vinarsky Helen Kupper Irving Weindling January 20 Jodi Look Sharon Kaiser Nashban Abraham Sager Benjamin Gindlin Paul Kuritz Eta Sarah Ruderman Ida Hirschberg Rose Kellman Dorothy Loeb Ganz Edith Rothschild Victor Goodstein January 21

Fanny Jacobs Sam Hersh Philip Rosenfeld Irene Sattler Maxine Jawor Michael Schuster Ruth Beder Kenny Richmond Reva Schlonsky Dorothy Goldman January 22 Farl Friedland Irving Gutt Evelyn London David D. Selby Joseph J. Wolfe Harry Steinberger Max M. Meisel Abraham R. Dubin Chaim Siegel Leo Ruben Silbar Edward Mason Marcey Strick Lola Lemel Weinrauch January 23 A.C. Gelin Esther Hettman Louis Liebenberg Harold Isaacson Cpl. Solomon S. Doren Bertha Shapiro Dave Sweet Yetta Slafer Lillian Rakita Milton Shapson January 24 Alvin Berlin Morris Cohen Libby Forman Albert Ginsburg Philip Jacob Sam Polonsky Mary Zubatsky Joseph Zembrosky Ida Zimmerman Louis Hammes Molly Cohen Drazner Benjamin Goldman January 25 Harry R. Ausman

Rose Ottenstein Marian M. Wallens Dr. Joseph Weber Lena Dwoskin Adele Koven Mollie Levenson January 26 Betty Aizicovici Norman Burstein Esther Kernis Esther Luban Isadore Weiner Melroe Liebenberg Sophie Cohen Ernest Keene Jerome Litow Saralee Gutkin-Begun January 27 Samuel Paul Fishman Simon Hoffman Hannah Jacobson Anita Trapedo Jacob Youdovitz Sadie Reitman Morris L. Folbera Jack Wein Joe Silver Bessie Albert Anna Rubin Basil Gilbert Elaine Durchslag January 28 Shirley Askot Bessie Brier Nathan Kessler Sarah Wedren Kessler Jack Kupersmith Lina Weiss Arnold Wine Samuel Zaichick Jennie Dubin Anna Liess Frances Pittelman Jeanette Spiegel Albert Rosen

I othar Lehman January 29 Helena Frydman Douglas Granof Benjamin Keith Morris Malkin Maurice Maness Alfred Spitzer Sam S. Stall Ethel Stein Leonard Kleinerman Marvin Marcus William Abramson Lea Matz Ben Kellman Rony Klein Allen Blumenfeld Molly Sanchick January 30 Sam Bass Albert Gosman Julius Lichterman Meyer Sussman Isaac Zubrensky David Golper Deborah Welitzkin Shirley Jane Blumberg Robert Peterman Marcia Kleinerman Kenneth Berke January 31 Carla Roberta Brillman Alfred Ginsberg Katie Glicksman Samuel Lande Molly Levy Saul B. Schiewitz l ea Perl Edward Plotkin Becky Solochek Donald Taitelman Dr. Aaron Bodner

We Celebrate January's Member Birthdays!



Please find the complete list of this month's birthdays on our website:

CBINTMilwaukee.org/celebrate/birthdays





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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.

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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Please call to confirm office operation hours.

Worship & 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 Havdalah services are through Zoom only. See the website or your eblast for the Zoom service link. Please advise Rabbi Alter or Hazzan Stein if needed to help recruit attendees for a yahrzeit minyan.

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