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**Our Mission:** To be a welcoming, caring and spirited Orthodox congregation that enables and inspires our members, our children and all Jews to deepen their commitment to live, learn and love Torah, applying it to everyday living in the modern world.

# SPOTLIGHT



# DONATIONS AND HONORS

**GENERAL SYNAGOGUE FUND** - used to meet the needs of the general synagogue budget

**PUSHKA FUND** - used at the discretion of the Rabbi and gabbai to donate tzedakah to worthy causes on behalf of BIAV

**RABBI GILBERT SHOHAM LIBRARY FUND** - used to acquire educational materials for the synagogue library

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** - used to cover costs outside of the congregational budget which serve to enhance the community at large

**GOLDSTEIN YOUTH FUND** - to provide financial assistance to BIAV youth, NCSY programs, Jewish summer camp programs and trips to Israel

**BIAV BUILDING FUND** - established to raise the funds for the outright purchase of the building and its refurbishment

**TREE OF LIFE** - donated by the Klein and Silverstein families in honor of Hyman and Sarah Zeldin. Gold leaves are available for purchase

**SARA & JOSEPH MEGERMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - used to provide financial assistance for children attending out-of-town Jewish based programs

**ROSE BORNSTEIN FUND** - for the purchase of prayer books for use during synagogue services

**IZZY BERGER MEMORIAL TORAH FUND** - established as a tribute to our beloved Gabbai, to make purchases and improvements in Torah reading

**SAM NUSSBAUM z"l ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - established as a memorial to provide assistance for March of the Living or other Israel experiences

**SHEFFIELD CEMETERY** - used to provide financial assistance for the upkeep and maintenance of our cemetery

**YOUTH PROGRAMMING** - to support youth activities at BIAV

**MATMIDIM EDUCATION FUND** - to assist in the welfare of the Matmidim Program at HBHA, under the direction of our Rabbi

**TODD AND NAOMI COHN CHAZAK FUND** - used to inspire and strengthen BIAV youth through inspirational role models and activities

**OVERLAND PARK ERUV** - to support the maintenance and upkeep of the eruv that serves our community

**CONVERSION TO JUDAISM FUND** - to support candidates pursuing conversion in their studies

## **General Donations**

**Mrs. Maureen Greenspan**  
for the yahrzeit of Mollie  
Rocheld z"l

**Mr. & Mrs. Gene Haney**  
for the yahrzeit of Morris  
Dresnick z"l  
for the yahrzeit of Juanita  
Dresnick z"l

**Dr. Sandi Isaacson**  
in honor of the yahrzeit of Larry  
Isaacson z"l

**Mr. Barry Krigel**  
from the Family Rosenblum  
Foundation

**Frank Loeffler and Phyllis  
Carozza**  
for the yahrzeit of Joseph  
Loeffler z"l

**Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shapiro**  
for the yahrzeit of Edith Shapiro  
z"l

**Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Singer**  
**Dr. and Mrs. Jason Sokol**  
in honor of Kaley Wajcman and  
her beautiful designs

## **Goldstein Youth Fund**

### **Donation**

**Mr. & Mrs. Craig Brown**  
in memory of Beth Oliver,  
Herman Goldstein, Sylvia  
Goldstein, Mark Goldstein z"l

## **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

### **Donation**

**Shauna Letta**  
in memory of Domenic Paul Letta  
z"l

**Rabbi & Mrs. Aron Rubin**  
complete refuah of all cholim

**Dr. M. Goldberg & Dr. R.  
Solomon**

**Mr. & Mrs. Davey Wajcman**  
birthday greetings to Josh from  
Mom & Dad  
continued Refuah Shleimah to  
Howard Rosenthal

## **Mr. Andy Ernstein**

*in honor of the 5th yahrtzeit of  
Barbra McKee z"l  
in honor of the 8th yahrtzeit of  
Shelby Ernstein z"l*

## **Rose Bornstein Prayerbook Donation**

**Mrs. Joyce Bratman**  
*for the yahrzeit of Gertrude  
Rosenberg z"l*

**DONATION CARD POLICY**  
Donations of \$10 or more will be  
communicated with a donation card  
sent to the family being recognized.

All donations, regardless of amount,  
will continue to be noted in the  
monthly Spotlight.

Note that in order to allow time to  
prepare, the listings include  
donations recorded March 20  
through April 24.

**DONATIONS VIA CREDIT CARD**  
For those making donations by credit  
card please consider adding 2.5% to  
your donation to offset fees charged  
to the shul.

# In Our Family...

## May Birthdays

<b>1</b>	Raya Abramova
<b>2</b>	Isaac Soffer Shoshana White
<b>3</b>	Joseph Megerman
<b>5</b>	Leora Silver
<b>6</b>	LeeAm Noorollah
<b>8</b>	Sheila Miller
<b>11</b>	Heather Chambers
<b>12</b>	Lev Heching Esther Rudnick Katie White
<b>14</b>	Paula Reif
<b>16</b>	Brooke Meshel
<b>17</b>	Natalie Cohen Charli Bria Ernstein
<b>19</b>	Helene Singer Ezra Smith
<b>20</b>	Raz Cohen Eliana Heching
<b>21</b>	Phyllis Kohn
<b>22</b>	Kira Wajcman
<b>23</b>	Don Cohen
<b>24</b>	Naomi Cohn David Granoff Eric Swim
<b>26</b>	Sam Pener

**27**  
Ron Dimbert  
Asher Glass  
Scot Poslosky  
Matthew Siegel

**28**  
Harel Cohen

**29**  
Elisheva Sandler

**30**  
EliNoam Horesh  
Sy Miller

## May Anniversaries

**29**  
David Abramov & Raya  
Abramova  
Reggie & Paula Reif

## Yahrzeits

**May 1–7 Iyar**  
Molly Alpert  
Louis Shapiro  
Helen Sylvia Shear  
Allen Wurzburger

**May 3–9 Iyar**  
Sanford Byron Bronfman

**May 4–10 Iyar**  
Lewis Paul Chellin  
Eugene Lipsky  
Janice Rosen

**May 5–11 Iyar**  
Harry Goldstein  
Mollie Rocheld  
Florence Schuman  
Vera Tkatch

**May 6–12 Iyar**  
Leah Winer

**May 7–13 Iyar**  
Robert Krigel

**May 8–14 Iyar**  
Esther bat Mordechai  
Yitzchak

**May 13–19 Iyar**  
Jason Feinberg

**May 14–20 Iyar**  
Juanita Dresnick  
Moshe Moshonov

**May 15–21 Iyar**  
Mary Gortenburg  
Samuel Katzman  
Rose Zeldin

**May 19–25 Iyar**  
Arnold Hyman  
David Zusman

**May 20–26 Iyar**  
Harry K. Cohen

**May 21–27 Iyar**  
Jack Taylor

**May 22–28 Iyar**  
Judy Esrig

**May 23–29 Iyar**  
Gus Agron  
Gladys Amari  
Hannah Rose Dunn  
Sandra Green

**May 25–2 Sivan**  
Milly Green  
Joseph Mermelstein

**May 26–3 Sivan**  
Esther Rachel Kaufman  
Robert Spector

**May 27–4 Sivan**  
Sevi Krigel  
Julius Loeffler

**May 28–5 Sivan**  
Nellie Krashin  
Rose Evelyn Ravis  
David Schwalb

**May 30–7 Sivan**  
Louis Ben Heisler  
Albert Tevet

**May 31–8 Sivan**  
Louis Kaufman  
Ilana Libby Krashin

# Rabbi's Message



**Dear friends,**

The start of May finds us in much the same place as the start of April, with the shul closed and many local businesses still shuttered. One difference is that there are now pragmatic steps being planned to slowly return to a more normal life, albeit with social distancing and hygienic precautions.

We closed the shul before local authorities recommended it, since we felt it was important to be proactive in getting ahead of the pandemic's spread. A health committee was formed to advise the shul leadership on these matters, and the committee remains a vital resource as the situation evolves. I am proud that we responded so quickly to the situation and that BIAV showed leadership in the wider

community before other congregations followed suit. We remain committed first and foremost to the safety and well-being of our congregation and to the safety of our wider society. As local governmental authorities proceed with plans to restore the functioning of society and commerce we are also closely monitoring the situation to determine when it is appropriate to open the shul and hold services.

We are very strongly motivated to reopen. Just think of the Sifrei Torah gathering dust in the closed ark. What a sad image. The walls of the shul have not reverberated with the words yhei shmei rabba for so many weeks, and our mouths have not been able to utter those words of praise to Hashem. The pitter patter of children's feet running happily to collect one of Mrs. Nussbaum's dum dum's is replaced by the silence of an empty and dark sanctuary. The shul needs us and we desperately need the shul. But this doesn't mean that we will resume services before it is safe to do so. It would be selfish and irreligious to open when it serves our needs, if there is a good chance that our gathering will contribute to the carnage that the pandemic is wreaking on society. We shut the shul doors before the closure was mandated, and chances are we will remain shuttered for a little longer, even if local businesses begin to open around us. We will closely follow the recommendations of local health authorities and together with our committee of experts we will gauge when it is safe and responsible to resume services, and under what conditions.

In the meantime we can be heartened by the knowledge that we are best serving Hashem by staying home, by doing our part to isolate the virus so its impact will be mitigated. Who knows how many lives and limbs were spared because of our shelter-in-place practices. We will never know the numbers, but models show that the pandemic would have been far more catastrophic if it was not checked by social distancing. Sometimes the halacha mandates that we act. Less frequently the halacha mandates that we retreat and remain alone. To every season... A time to mingle and a time to stay apart.

Stay tuned as we work to develop our program for Shavuot which is upcoming.

**Stay strong and be well.**

**Rabbi Yitzchak Mizrahi**

# May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:53PM Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom - 6:30 PM	2 8:57P

3 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM	4 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM	5 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM  Women's Rosh Chodesh - 8:00 PM different Zoom Meeting ID: 839 1716 4463, Password: Iyar	6 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM  Daf Hashavua class with Rabbi Rubin on Zoom - 8:30 PM	7 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM  Parshat Hashavua class with Rabbi Rubin on Zoom - 8:30 PM	8 §9:03PM/  8:00PM Pesach Sheini Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom - 6:30 PM	9 §9:04PM
9 Iyar/24 L'Omer	10 Iyar/25 L'Omer	11 Iyar/26 L'Omer	12 Iyar/27 L'Omer	13 Iyar/28 L'Omer	14 Iyar/29 L'Omer	15 Iyar/30 L'Omer
10 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM	11 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM	12 §9:07PM Lag B'Omer Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM	13 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM  Daf Hashavua class with Rabbi Rubin on Zoom - 8:30 PM	14 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM  Parshat Hashavua class with Rabbi Rubin on Zoom - 8:30 PM	15   8:06PM Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom - 6:30 PM	16 §9:10PM
16 Iyar/31 L'Omer	17 Iyar/32 L'Omer	18 Iyar/33 L'Omer	19 Iyar/34 L'Omer	20 Iyar/35 L'Omer	21 Iyar/36 L'Omer	22 Iyar/37 L'Omer
17 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM	18 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM	19 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM	20 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM  Daf Hashavua class with Rabbi Rubin on Zoom - 8:30 PM	21 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM  Parshat Hashavua class with Rabbi Rubin on Zoom - 8:30 PM	22 §9:16PM/  8:13PM Yom Yerushalayim Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom - 6:30 PM	23 §9:16PM
23 Iyar/38 L'Omer	24 Iyar/39 L'Omer	25 Iyar/40 L'Omer	26 Iyar/41 L'Omer	27 Iyar/42 L'Omer	28 Iyar/43 L'Omer	29 Iyar/44 L'Omer
24 Rosh Hodesh Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM	25 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM	26 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM	27 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM  Daf Hashavua class with Rabbi Rubin on Zoom - 8:30 PM	28   8:17PM Erev Shavuot Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM  Parshat Hashavua class with Rabbi Rubin on Zoom - 8:30 PM	29 §9:21PM/  8:18PM Shavuot Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom - 6:30 PM	30 §9:22PM Shavuot II (Yizkor)
1 Sivan/45 L'Omer	2 Sivan/46 L'Omer	3 Sivan/47 L'Omer	4 Sivan/48 L'Omer	5 Sivan/49 L'Omer	6 Sivan	7 Sivan
31 Mincha on Zoom - 7:30 PM						
8 Sivan						

[i]Candle Lighting, §Observance End, Printed April 30, 2020/6 Iyar 5780 for Kansas City, KS]