



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



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

Sauna 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.

May Birthdays**1**

Raya Abramova

2Isaac Soffer
Shoshana White**3**

Joseph Megerman

5

Leora Silver

6

LeeAm Noorollah

8

Sheila Miller

11

Heather Chambers

12Lev Heching
Esther Rudnick
Katie White**14**

Paula Reif

16

Brooke Meshel

17Natalie Cohen
Charli Bria Erinstein**19**Helene Singer
Ezra Smith**20**Raz Cohen
Eliana Heching**21**

Phyllis Kohn

22

Kira Wajcman

23

Don Cohen

24Naomi Cohn
David Granoff
Eric Swim**26**

Sam Perner

27Ron Dimbert
Asher Glass
Scot Poslosky
Matthew Siegel**28**

Harel Cohen

29

Elisheva Sandler

30EliNoam 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 Wurzbarger**May 3–9 Iyar**

Sanford Byron Bronfman

May 4–10 IyarLewis 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 IyarEsther bat Mordechai
Yitzchak**May 13–19 Iyar**

Jason Feinberg

May 14–20 IyarJuanita 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 IyarGus 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 dums 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

7 Iyar 5780 - 8 Sivan 5780

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

BIAV Online:

<https://zoom.us/j/5037068720> password 613613

unless otherwise noted

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