



BEIT ECHAD  
ONE HOUSE

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2026 – ISSUE #20

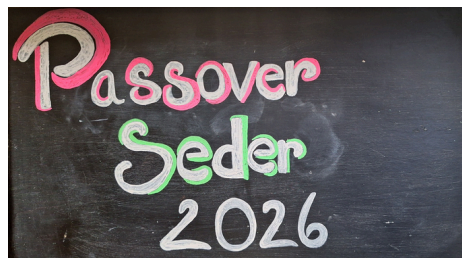
### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & DATES

- April 1, Pesach, 1<sup>st</sup> Seder at home
- April 2, Pesach 2<sup>nd</sup> Seder Ft Leavenworth
- April 3, Friday NO Shabbat Service
- April 4, Saturday 4 PM BE Seder
- April 10, Friday 6 pm Shabbat, Hans P
- April 11, Saturday 10 am Shir l'Shabbat  
hosted by Beth Shalom in KC
- April 15, Wednesday Open Door
- April 17, Friday 6 pm Shabbat – Sandy R
- April 19, Sunday Storage unit cleanup
- April 24, Shabbat Service Rabbi Padorr  
followed by dinner
- April 25, Saturday 10 am Adult Study  
(Mussar returns) with Rabbi Padorr
- April 26, Sunday 10 am Congregational  
Annual Meeting & Elections
- May 1, Friday 6 pm Shabbat – Todd H
- May 2, Saturday 5 pm StJ Museum

**SHABBAT SERVICE LEADERS NEEDED:  
LEAD, SERMON, CANTOR  
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Beit Echad's second annual seder was a great success, increasing our attendance with 45 adult reservations and 7 children. It was wonderful to see many new faces, with several visiting BE for the first time.

It was a huge feat to accomplish and could not have been done without the commitment of, and our deepest thanks to, Janet E. for all her time and effort in organizing the event, as well as all of the to-many-to-name members of our sisterhood and congregation who provided input, food, and support both publicly and behind the scenes.

Steve R., Bob O. and the musical talents of Brendan H. presented a wonderful and fun rendition of a traditional Passover seder, with education and song.

See photos on page 6.

## **SANDY SMAIL'S GIFT UNVEILED**



Sandy Smail's painting of Moses parting the sea was unveiled Saturday evening with Sandy's husband Curt joining BE President Bob O. for the presentation. Her donation will serve as an everlasting reminder of not only the gift itself, but also the gift that Sandy Smail was to a young, Jewish congregation.

# עץ חיים היא

It is a tree of life ...



A key piece of Judaica transferred to BE from Temple Adath Joseph is this Tree of Life with its commemorative leaves of life cycle moments. It holds a prominent place in our social hall.

*The first leaf from BE was revealed at our seder Saturday evening in memory of Sandy Smail as a charter board member.*

We invite and welcome our BE membership to add their honoraria. With your gift of \$180 we will engrave your thoughts on a leaf to be added to the tree.

In Judaism, numbers and letters are customarily linked with a system called gematria.

**yud = 10**

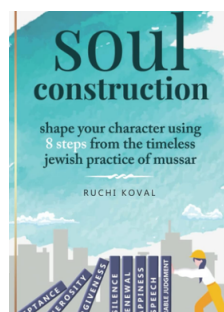
**chet = 8**

Each Hebrew letter has a number and when all letters of Chai are added together, they total 18.

As Chai means 18, the number itself has become equivalent to life.

Donations or gifts in multiples of 18 are an ancient Jewish practice.

# Adult Study with Rabbi Padorr



In March our study of perspectives on the after-life ended with the conclusion of the book Does the Soul Survive.

Starting in April, Rabbi Padorr will now pick up where Sandy Smail left off: resuming and continuing with a class on Mussar, a study on personal growth, using the Soul Construction

book as our guide.

Feel free to drop in and start any time. There's no single starting point as we explore six essential Mussar traits, being guided to develop strength, generosity, responsibility, patience, and more, thereby deepening a connection with our Jewish community.

## Jewish Learning Never Stops

If you enjoyed Rabbi Rudnick's sermons & teachings during our HHD services ... If you enjoyed the musical Shabbat service of Anna Jaffe - our Shabbat Shuvah guest Cantor during the HHDs ... You can still experience both every month in Kansas City - just 45 minutes away.

The 2-hour service led by Rabbi Rudnick and Anna Jaffe is hosted by Congregation Beth Shalom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Shabbat of each month in Prairie Village, KS. It combines both of their styles into an otherwise traditional Shabbat service, which is then followed by a Kiddush luncheon.

Jewish learning never stops and that includes through a Shabbat service.



# COUNT UP...

## Counting the (H)Omer

It's time to Count the Omer - ritually marking each of the 49 days from Passover to Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks. BE counts the Omer every Friday night until Shavuot.

One inspired person created a web site, Facebook and Instagram site for people to count the **Homer** (get it?).

It's one dumb joke taken waaay to far, but in addition to a clickable calendar with a new Homer for each day, there are downloadable weekly calendars with blessings, a 49-day pdf calendar, and background on the observance.

**More importantly**, there's a compilation of Jewish references on The Simpsons show, background, analysis, and lots more. Check it out at [homercalendar.net](http://homercalendar.net), with tons of stuff covering all things Jewish and Simpsons, and links to the Facebook and Instagram feeds.

# and COUNTDOWN...

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### \* OFFICER & DIRECTOR ELECTIONS \*

The current board consists of Bob Ott (Pres), Anne DeLeon (VP), Hans Peter (Sec'y), and Steve Rosenak, Michele Richman, & Janet Elie (Directors). Although all positions are open for candidates, we currently have no Treasurer or Secretary candidate due to other commitments.

**DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 10 AM**

~ ~ ~ SUBMIT BY APRIL 12 ~ ~ ~

YOUR NOMINATIONS (OR OFFER  
TO SERVE) IN 4 OFFICER AND 3  
DIRECTOR POSITIONS

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OFFER BYLAW CHANGES

## **Shabbat & A Show Returns**

**Friday, May 8th**

On Mother's Day weekend, Shabbat and a Show will return with the love-story movie that was canceled at Valentines Day: Crossing Delancey.

# THE BEIT ECHAD SISTERHOOD SCOOP



“We are family, I got  
all my sisters with me”

## SEDER 2026



### Strudel Making

Not to be forgotten and still on our radar is an opportunity to make strudel. The exact date is yet to be determined. So watch for an update.

**FROM OPEN DOOR  
TO 2ND HARVEST ...  
THE HUNGER  
COALITION'S  
Empty  
Bowls**   
*Fighting Hunger in Our Community*  
**HELPS FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

The Hunger Coalition's mission is to ensure that all people are food secure, self-sufficient and able to buy the foods of their choice at the stores of their choice. For this reason, the agencies of the Hunger Coalition continue to provide food in multiple ways to ensure that the basic need for nutritious food is met for all people in our community

The Empty Bowls luncheon raises funds for the Hunger Coalition which includes the Open Door Food Kitchen, Catholic Charities, InterServ and Second Harvest Community Food Bank. These organizations provide food to people in need in our community.

The luncheon this year was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 as guests of Word of Life Church. Thirteen restaurants donated and served their favorite soup to about 300 individuals who paid to attend.

Many thanks go to the participating restaurants, bakeries who donated cookies, bread sticks donated by a local pizza parlor and staff and volunteers of the four local agencies who contributed towards the success and enjoyment of this important luncheon. Proceeds raised are divided equally among the four charitable entities.

This popular and vital luncheon has enabled supporters to continue enjoying and supporting feeding the hungry for approximately 20 years. It's a labor of love and inspiration to know that St. Joseph is devoted to feeding our hungry.

Marsha Rosenthal

## Lafayette High School St Joe Jewish History Museum Display Opening



The LHS social studies project, developed by teacher Brooke Rich, to create a permanent Jewish History display at St Joseph Museum is being put assembled this month, with a private grand opening for the Jewish community scheduled for May 2nd at 5:30 PM.

***The after-hours grand opening of the exhibit is an invitation to everyone from the synagogue and Jewish community to come who are able.***

Jewish memorabilia from Temples Adath Joseph and B'nai Sholem were offered for the display, and presentations have already been made to the high school class on aspects of Judaism.

Opportunities are still available to speak to the class about aspects of Jewish life or St. Joseph Jewish history or Judaica. If you would like to make a presentation to Brooke's class, you can contact Brooke by calling or texting 816-617-1097, or send an email to brookeward6317 @ gmail.com.. she would love to hear from you.

# Out & About



## News From the Jewish Community at Fort Leavenworth

I'd love to work on developing as much joint programming as possible with BE, both in person and via Zoom.

We can bring community members from Leavenworth for a service and dinner. We will sponsor the dinner and provide the food.

BE community members are welcome to any service or event we organize.

Best regards,

Jonathan

Jonathan Freiden, Ft. Leavenworth DRGL  
(Designated Religious Group Leader)

### FIRST ANNUAL POST SEDER

The Fort Leavenworth Jewish community held its first annual Seder on April 2nd, the second night of Passover.

Members of the BE community were warmly welcomed and participated in the Seder. Janet E. and Barb V. assisted Jonathan Frieden with organization and setup, and a good time was had by all, with 50 turning out for the event.



# Torah Portions For April

from [hebc.com](http://hebc.com)

**4 April 2026 / 17 Nisan 5786**

**Pesach Shabbat Chol ha-Moed /**

**פסח שבת חול המועד**

**Exodus 33:12-34:26; Numbers 28:19-25;**

**Song of Songs 1:1-8:14**

The story of the Exodus, in which the ancient Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt.



**11 April 2026 / 24 Nisan 5786**

**Parashat Shmini 5786**

**פְּרַשַׁת שְׁמִינִי /**

**Leviticus 9:1-11:47**

Shemini (“Eighth”) opens with the consecration of the Mishkan (Tabernacle). Two of Aaron’s sons are consumed by a fire sent from God when they attempt to offer a “strange fire.” God describes the animals, birds, and fish that are permissible and prohibited for consumption, as well as some laws of ritual purity.



**18 April 2026 / 1 Iyyar 5786**

**Parashat Tazria-Metzora 5786**

**פְּרַשַׁת תְּזַרְיַע־מְצֹרָע /**

**Leviticus 12:1-15:33; Numbers 28:9-15**

Tazria (“She Bears Seed”) opens by describing the purification process for a woman after childbirth. It then describes different forms of tzaraat, a discoloration condition on skin or clothing, and the requirement of an infected person to dwell alone outside the camp and be inspected by a priest. Metzora opens by describing the purification process and accompanying sacrifices for one infected with tzaraat, a discoloration condition on the skin. It then describes the process of treating a house infected with tzaraat and the ritual impurity generated by certain bodily discharges.



**25 April 2026 / 8 Iyyar 5786**

**Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim**

**פְּרַשַׁת אַחְרֵי מוֹת־קְדוֹשִׁים /**

**Leviticus 16:1-20:27**

Achrei Mot (“After The Death”) opens by describing the ritual service of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It then details the prohibitions of offering sacrifices outside of the Mishkan (Tabernacle) and of eating animal blood, and ends with a list of forbidden sexual relations. Kedoshim (“Holy”) opens by instructing the Israelites to be holy. It details dozens of laws regulating all aspects of life, including observing Shabbat, loving one’s neighbor, and leaving portions of a field for the poor. It ends by detailing punishments for certain types of idolatry and sexual misconduct.





**Mar 29-Apr 4, 2026 / 11-17 Nisan 5786**

Samuel Arst -- Apr 1°  
 Andrea Block -- Apr 4°  
 Debbie Callaway – 6 Nisan/Mar 30, 2001^  
 Rebecca Eisen -- Apr 4, 1978\*  
 Benjamin Ettenson -- Mar 30, 1983\*  
 Sam Eveloff – Mar 29th...11 Nisan^  
 Beckie Fishman – Mar 29th...11 Nisan/Apr 15, 1976^  
 Max Flapan – Mar 29th...11 Nisan^  
 Alvin Jackson WWII -- Apr 1, 1942\*  
 Myrtle Gall Kobi – Apr 1, 1976°♡  
 Miriam Saferstein Kranitz – Mar 29th...  
 12 Nisan 5733/Apr 13, 1973^\*♡  
 Ann Lieppman – Apr 1st...14 Nisan/Mar 24, 2013^°  
 Leo N. Lowenberg -- Mar 30, 1947\*  
 Lilly Magoon – 7 Nisan/Mar 31, 2001^  
 Bessie Naidorf – Apr 3rd...16 Nisan^  
 Sid Naidorf – Apr 2nd...27 Adar 5760/Apr 3, 2000^  
 Benjamin L. Phillip -- Mar 30, 1949\*  
 Jon D. Pitluck -- Apr 2, 2023°  
 Minnie Rosenthal -- Apr 3, 1975°  
 Morris L. Rosenthal -- Apr 2, 1990\*  
 William Stone -- Apr 3, 1955\*  
 Bettie Weil -- Apr 1, 1953\*  
 Garland Wilson -- April 2, 2020°  
 Rose Young -- 21 Nisan/Apr 3, 2002^  
 Jack Zurow – 25 Adar I/Apr 1, 2008^

**Apr 5-11, 2026 / 18-24 Nisan 5786**

A.J. August -- Apr 11, 1940\*  
 Harry Carmen – Apr 10th...23 Nisan/Apr 21^°  
 Jacob Block -- Apr 9, 1897\*  
 Yetta Wolinsky Coleman Cohen -- Apr 5th...  
 18 Nisan/Apr 20, 2003^  
 Bernice Day – Apr 8th ... 21 Nisan/Apr 25, 2019^  
 Samuel Epstein -- Apr 6, 1974°  
 Aileen Fishman -- 3 Iyyar/Apr 17, 2010^  
 Bernard H. Greenwald -- Apr 11, 1983/ 28 Nisan^\*♡  
 Morris Hirsch -- Apr 7, 1963/26 Nisan^\*^  
 Carol Housh -- Apr 9th...22 Nisan/Apr 27, 2019^°  
 Basil Kaufmann -- Apr 7, 1989°  
 Paul Arthur Leibowitz -- Apr 11, 1985\*  
 Maurice Mantel -- Apr 16th ...18 Nisan^  
 Susan Nemzoff Marx -- Apr 8, 1987\*  
 Leo Steinberg -- Apr 20th...22 Nisan^  
 Samuel Weinberg -- Apr 9th...22 Nisan/Apr 26, 1962^  
 Paul Yanuck -- Apr 7, 2010°  
 Rose Young -- Apr 8th -- 21 Nisan/Apr 3, 2002^

**Apr 12-18, 2026 / 25 Nisan-1 Iyyar 5786**

Rose Aronson -- Apr 12th...25 Nisan^  
 Leo Block -- Apr 18, 1913\*  
 Herman Donsker -- Apr 13°  
 Abe Dubansky -- Apr 13th...26 Nisan^  
 Sam Freed – Apr 13th...26 Nisan/Apr 7, 1975^  
 Sophia F. Green -- Apr 17°  
 Bernard Greenwald -Apr 15th... 28 Nisan/Apr 11, 1983^  
 Anne Gross -- Apr 13, 1999°  
 Morris Hirsch -- Apr 13th...26 Nisan^  
 Rudolf Hofheimer -- Apr 13, 1978\*  
 Bettie Just -- Apr 15\*  
 Miriam Saferstein Kranitz -- Mar 29th...  
 12 Nisan 5733/Apr 13, 1973^\*♡  
 George Mandler -- Apr 18, 1995°  
 Mollye L. Naken -- Apr 15, 1982\*  
 Marvin Nelson -- Apr 18th...1 Iyyar 5774/May 1, 2014^\*  
 Morris Polsky -- Apr 16th...29 Nisan/May 8, 1986^  
 Simon Polsky -- 4 Iyyar/Apr 16, 2002^°  
 Abraham Rosenthal -- Apr 18th...1 Iyyar^  
 Jack Spector -- Apr 15th... 28 Nisan/May 7, 1986^  
 Harry Wasserman -Apr 13th ... 26 Nisan/May 3, 1978^

Regarding symbols next to names :

☆ Beit Echad's yearzeit list.

^ B'nai Sholem's yearzeit list.

\* Adath Joseph's permanent memorial plaques.

° Adath Joseph's list that not on a memorial plaque



**Apr 19-25, 2026 / 2-8 Iyyar 5786**

- Samuel K. Alberts -- Apr 24, 1963\*
- Harvey Beck -- Apr 20th ... 3 Iyyar/Apr 24, 2004^\*
- Earl Becker -- Apr 19th... 2 Iyyar/May 4, 1984^
- Simon Binswanger -- Apr 19\*
- Carmen, Harry -- 23 Nisan/Apr 21^°
- Etta Wolinsky Coleman Cohen --18 Nisan/Apr 20, 2003^
- Day, Bernice--21 Nisan/Apr 25, 2019^°
- Sylvia Einbender -Apr 20th... 3 Iyyar/May 8, 1989\*^
- Jean Esther Ferber--Apr 25th...8 Iyyar/May 6, 2006^
- Leah D. Gordon -- Apr 22, 1969\*
- Dan Gustafson -- April 23, 2025°♡
- Morris Kaplan -- Apr 24th...7 Iyyar^
- Al Karf -- April 19°
- Dr. Melvin Leppo -- Apr 23rd...6 Iyyar/Apr 21, 2018^
- Jeanette Liebling -- Apr 20, 1989\*
- Isador Meites WWII Bataan -- Apr 19, 1942\*
- Regina Meyer -- Apr 19°
- Alex Mendell -- Apr 20th... 3 Iyyar/May 7, 1981^
- Simon Polsky -- Apr 21st ... 4 Iyyar/Apr 16, 2002^
- Sabine M. Potlitzer -- Apr 22, 1925\*
- Ellen Abraham Rosenfeld -- Apr 25th...8 Iyyar  
/May 2, 2009\*^
- Aralau Rosenthal -- Apr 25°
- Martha Voshell -- April 22, 2025°♡
- Henry Solomon Weil -- Apr 19, 1973\*

**Apr 26-May 2, 2026/9-15 Iyyar 5786**

- Bertha Becker -- May 2nd... 15 Iyyar/May 17, 1984^
- Yetta W. Binswanger -- May 2, 1946\*
- A J Einbender -- Apr 26th...9 Iyyar^
- Dora Freedman -- Apr 27th...10 Iyyar^
- Joel Friedson -- Apr 29th... 12 Iyyar/May 1, 2015^
- Robert Greenvald --Apr 30th...13 Iyyar^
- Susan Hamburger -- April 29, 2025 °
- Ester B. Harris -- Apr 29, 1931\*
- Ann Hochman -- 8 Iyyar/Apr 30, 2002^
- Isaac Hodes -- Apr 27, 1918\*
- Carol Houch -- 22 Nisan/Apr 27, 2019^°
- Joan Magoon -- May 2nd...15 Iyyar/May 11, 1998^
- Julius Meyer -- Apr 29, 1924\*
- Marvin Nelson -- 1 Iyyar 5774/May 1, 2014\*\*
- David Leon Netzorg -- Apr 30th...13 Iyyar ^
- Ellen Abraham Rosenfeld -- 8 Iyyar/May 2, 2009\*\*
- Harry D. Rosenthal -- Apr 29, 1985\*
- Marian Levy Rosenthal --Apr 28th...11 Iyyar /Apr 26, 2018^
- Sidney Leo Rothenberg -- Apr 29, 1977\*
- Melvin (Mel) Saferstein -- Apr 27, 2022\*
- Nathan Saferstein -- May 2, 1989
- Rosetta Rosenbaum Slesser -- Apr 26, 1922\*



# From the Board

Please consider becoming a part of the BE board: Elections will be held for 4 officers and 3 directors on April 26.

## BOARD MEETING NOTES

At our most recent board meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>, the following actions were taken, and issues being considered:

- “Simple” Beit Echad signage will be added to our door, consisting of the wording “B. E.”, “One House”, and phone #. There would be no Jewish symbols or phrasing. It is hoped that this will be an affirmation of our location for those looking for us without advertising our presence.
- As an added level of security we are focusing on adding a lock to the interior front door.
- Engraved Tree of Life leaves will be offered for a gift of 10-Chai or \$180.
- April 19 has been set as a clean out date for our storage unit on Gene Field.
- The timeline for the annual meeting is  
April 5: Call for nominations & amendments  
April 12: Official notice with nominees/agenda  
April 22: Board reviews amendment proposals
- In anticipation of the upcoming Board elections, the board will be contacting members for interest in serving as an officer or director.
- In addition to office@, new email accounts are available under the beit-echad.net domain: sisterhood@, treasurer@, and president@
- Individual plates from the Bnai Sholem YZ plaques will be returned to relevant families upon request. Every attempt will be made to identify and contact families.

## **And one last thing ..... or is it the first?**

You may have noticed a few things about this months newsletter...

1. This month’s newsletter is “late” having gone out after Passover seders. This gave an opportunity to add information about the various events - after the fact - especially since any “news” before April 1 wouldn’t be helpful since reservation deadlines had already passed.
2. As a test, the format has been changed to a single column style to see if it is more mobile-friendly.
3. We are still in need of a permanent editor for this newsletter.