



**BEIT ECHAD**  
ONE HOUSE

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## **LIFE IS A ROLLER COASTER**

February ended like January began with mild, dry weather. The winter so far has been kind, but life has not. Unfortunately, we tragically lost a dear friend, congregant, and board member, Sandy Smail. Yet, even as we mourn, we know that life must, and does, go on. And even as life ends, and we think of it as a new beginning, the soul continues on, never dying, striving to reach new heights. Just as the Jewish cycle of our calendar continues. Just as the Torah readings end and begin on the same day on Simchat Torah.

The quote “Life is like a roller coaster,” highlights the idea that life (and this includes the journey of our soul) is filled with exhilarating highs and challenging lows, similar to the thrilling experience of riding a roller coaster. This comparison captures the unpredictable nature of life, where we encounter moments of excitement, joy, and fulfillment, as well as times of difficulty, uncertainty, and adversity. Ironically, as much as we revel in rising to the peak(s), it is the downhill part of a roller coaster that is often the most exhilarating. To be sure, some hate roller coasters, whereas others look for the most dynamic, with the highest highs and fastest dips and recoveries. To take this incongruity one step further, consider that for those who accept the “thrill”, the peaks give them glimpses of the world around, and the race downhill is a challenge that will be overcome. They look beyond, toward that next peak – in life – or beyond. We do live in interesting times. That’s the cycle of life; and to live is to experience all of it, the highs, the lows, the good, the bad, and a future day that will be better than the last. ... Bob Ott

“May the Lrd lift up His face to you and give you peace.”  
ישא יהוה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיִשַׁם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם Keyn y’hi ratzon

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### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & DATES**

PURIM – NO SPECIFIC  
PURIM EVENT THIS YEAR

March 2-3, Mon-Tue  
Purim Holiday (no event)

March 6, 6 pm Shabbat &  
Purim recognition

March 13, Friday 6 pm  
Shabbat (& not a show) ,  
Steve R

March 14, Saturday 10 am  
Shir l’Shabbat hosted by  
Beth Shalom in KC

March 18, Wednesday  
Open Door Food Kitchen

March 20, Friday 6 pm  
Shabbat – Sherrie O

March 27, Friday 6 pm  
Shabbat Service with  
Rabbi Padorr followed by  
dinner

March 28, Saturday 10 am  
Adult Study  
with Rabbi Padorr

April 1, Pesach 1<sup>st</sup> Seder  
with friends & family

April 2, Pesach 2<sup>nd</sup> Seder  
at Ft Leavenworth (pg.11)

April 3, Friday 6 pm  
NO Shabbat Service in  
preparation for Seder

April 4, Saturday 4 PM  
Community Seder

**SHABBAT SERVICE LEADERS NEEDED: LEAD, SERMON, CANTOR**  
**CONTACT JANET : janetelie @ yahoo.com**

# SANDY'S LEGACY ON CANVAS AND IN PAINT



**by Tom Morgan Crain - Crain Creations Gallery - Branson, MO**

Sandy Smail related a story of when she was in Branson, MO and saw a painting that deeply touched her soul. She was fortunate enough to meet the artist himself and expressed how much she loved his work. Amazingly, despite Branson artisans relying on the sale of their work for income, he instead gifted it to her.

As much as Sandy loved this painting, she also loved Beit Echad; and she wanted to assure a future home for it where it could be appreciated by others as much as it was by her.

At the time she offered it to us, Sandy Smail had no expectation of the direction that her life would soon take. She simply wanted a permanent, meaningful home for something that held deep meaning to her. Many of Sandy's gifts to Beit Echad were important and of great value to her, but few offering such a physical presence will be able to remain, other in memory.

This gift will hang in a prominent location inside Beit Echad as an everlasting reminder of the gift that Sandy Smail was to a young, Jewish congregation.

# IN MEMORIAM - SANDY SMAIL

May 5, 1960 ~ February 11, 2026



She was a beloved wife. A mother, a grandmother. A sister, a friend. She was a Jewish woman who represented and shined among the best in our community. She was a fighter, a survivor. She was—and will be forever remembered as—a Woman of Valor. Sandra Lea Smail, who we fondly knew as Sandy.

Born in Galesburg IL to her parents, William and Clara Gilbert, on May 5th, 1960, Sandra Lea Smail was one of four children, including her brothers, Tim and Tommy, and sister Kathy, Sandy met her devoted husband Curt and raised four cherished daughters: Amber, Christa, Corrie, and Kelly; and now has a legacy of 7 grandchildren: Olivia, Angeline, Emma, Ezra, Skye, Elizabeth, and Lennox.

An avid reader and accomplished seamstress, Sandy had a wide array of interests. She loved traveling and had a particular fondness for the majestic Redwood Forest and the breathtaking views from the top of Glacier Point in Yosemite National Park, which she hiked with great enthusiasm. Her adventurous spirit was matched by her generous heart, always seeking ways to help others and make a positive impact in her community.

Sandy lived a life full of love, service, and adventure, dedicating her life to serving the community, expressing her faith, and involvement in her community. As an active member of the Christian women's organization Women's Aglow, she was known for her leadership and dedication to hosting and coordinating numerous events that enriched the lives of many. One of her last goals was to host a tea party for her friends in Maryville and St. Joseph, until various circumstances caused repeated postponements, and finally, entirely prevented fulfillment of a social event of great importance to her.

Sandy, after a lifetime of searching for spiritual meaning, became a recent convert to Judaism. And when Beit Echad formed in St. Joseph, she truly felt she had found a home with us, physically, just as she had found a home with Judaism, spiritually. She embraced not only Judaism but also us—and we her. She was quiet, but always willing to give council, share her life experiences, and impart the life learnings that had brought her comfort—particularly through teaching our monthly Mussar class on personal and spiritual growth.

When I learned of Sandy's chosen Hebrew name—Mey'ira—I had to investigate and see the significance of this name. What Sandy gave to herself - and us - in her own way, was a name of deep significance that truly reflects HER: Mey'ira. **מֵי'ירָה** Mey'ira means "giving light," "illuminating," or "shining." It's a beautiful and meaningful Jewish/Hebrew name, that could not be more representative of this woman who shined among us and shared her light and enlightenment with all whom she encountered.

Similar to our matriarch, Ruth, Sandy was elected to leadership on the board of the Beit Echad congregation. As a new convert, she was humbled, expressing not only appreciation of such a recognition, but also the equality of each Jewish person regardless of lineage.

Sandra Lea Smail will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her warmth, kindness, and unwavering faith have left an indelible mark on the hearts of her family and friends. As we gather to celebrate her life, we remember her as a beacon of love and compassion, whose legacy will continue to inspire us all. *[Transcript of the Obituary & Eulogy by Bob Ott 2/13/26]*

# RABBI PADORR'S PERSPECTIVE

## Words from our Rabbi



Dear Chevre, Dear Friends,

We are in one of those in between times of year. One day we could have snow, the next day we could only need a sweater. But it fits with the themes for the holidays of this time of year. Purim is a time when everything seems upside down. We wear costumes to reflect the theme of the holiday because the good people seem to be the bad people, and the bad people seem to be the good people, until the end. The King does not know that Esther is Jewish when he picks her for his Queen, and then it is revealed that she is Jewish. Haman thinks he will be rewarded by the King, but it is Mordecai who is rewarded, and Haman builds the gallows for Mordecai, but then he is the one who is hung on it.

And Pesach is just around the corner, when I turn my kitchen upside down: getting rid of all the chametz, changing over all my dishes and pots and pans, and buying special foods, though I love my chicken soup and matzo balls!

It is a time of blossoming, it is spring. Beit Echad has been through a lot in the past year, and we continue to bloom and grow as a warm, loving community. As we experience the holidays this year, may we find joy in them and in each other. It is such an honor to be a part of the Beit Echad community.

Chag Sameach, Rabbi Beryl

### Adult Study with Rabbi Padorr

For the past year, Rabbi Padorr has led us in an interesting study on Jewish perspectives on "life after death" and "the soul" using the book *Does the Soul Survive* as our guide.

Considering the life challenges so many of our members have faced over the past year, this has been a timely (and often comforting) perspectives on life and death.

If you haven't chosen to join us - or dropped out - over the past year, we will complete our studies with the final chapter of this book and a summary of the entire course on her March visit.

### WHAT'S NEXT

With the conclusion of our after-life study, *Does the Soul Survive*, In March we will decide on our next study course.

Our initial thought is for Rabbi Padorr to pick up where Sandy Smail left off and continue her class on Mussar using the book *Soul Construction* as our guide in this study of personal growth.

*Rabbi Padorr has suggested (among others) the following study topics for the rest of the year.*

#### BOOKS:

- *The Golem: A Jewish Legend*
- *The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot*
- *The Dybbuk and Other Writings*

#### TOPICS:

- Shabbat prayers & meanings
- T'fillin and other Jewish practices

*Have a thought to share? Something that appeals to you? Join us? Email your input at office @ beit-echad.net*

# DOWN THE ROAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Passover begins on Wednesday evening, April 1<sup>st</sup>,  
with the first Seder observed at home with your family and friends.

## PESACH AT FORT LEAVENWORTH

The new Ft Leavenworth congregayion will hold its Congregational Seder for members, family, and friends on the second night of Passover, Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. See page 11)

## PESACH AT BEIT ECHAD

Beit Echad will hold its Congregational Seder for members, family, and friends on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. In preparation (and allowing for setup), the April 3 Shabbat service will be canceled. Watch your emails for more details, but mark your calendars now and make plans

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### \* OFFICER & BOARD ELECTIONS \*

DATE: APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 10 AM

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR  
4 OFFICER AND 3 DIRECTOR POSITIONS

OFFER BYLAW AMENDMENTS

## What about Shabbat & A Show?



There's always Shabbat, but not always a show; and February, March, and April make this point. In February circumstances precluded "celebrating" what would have been an otherwise fun evening. Now, with the March and April holidays of Purim and Pesach the core organizers of events are a bit overwhelmed. There are a lot of great Jewish themed movies out there to share, and this has been a popular event but we just need more help to do it every month. Throwing in another meal each month just seemed a bit much, so we're regrouping and spreading out some of our activities (and dinners) so we don't overdo it. Therefore, **look for Shabbat and a Show to return in May**. Of course, if you would like to offer your support - helping to host, organize, sponsor, or prep for this fun evening of community and worship, just let a sisterhood or board member know of your support, and maybe we can keep this a regular monthly event.

# THE BEIT ECHAD SISTERHOOD SCOOP



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

## Strudel Making

Still on our radar is an opportunity to make strudel. The exact date is yet to be determined - likely to be in April after Passover. I mean, seriously, Matzah strudel? Ugh. So watch for an update next month.

## FREE MEALS

(but not without cost)

The Beit Echad sisterhood provides several meals each month including light snacks or brunches after an adult study class or funeral, dinners for holidays and special events, including when Rabbi Padorr visits or our Shabbat and a Show evening, or just because.

Other than for certain holidays such as Pesach or Haniukkah, a fee is rarely charged, the cost entirely covered personally by individual members of BE Sisterhood. Tips are accepted (not required - but encouraged), if for no other reason that the preparers would feel that their efforts and personal gifts are appreciated.

Your donations are usually redirected toward the sisterhood's charitable giving, so even though your meal is free, please consider making a contribution in honor of those providing the meal on your behalf.

Or, better yet, SPONSOR A MEAL in Honor or Memory of someone special. You'll have lots of help bringing your vision together

## SOUP FOR SMILES 2026

### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PROJECT

After multiple false starts, cancellations and regroupings, 20 members and friends of our Jewish Community met at Beit Echad on Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> and in a matter of a couple of hours enjoyed lunch and successfully assembled 350+ bean soup packets for distribution to Interserv Food Pantry patrons.

At the heart of Beit Echad Sisterhood is the belief that small acts, done together, can make a real difference in the community.

The Sisterhood brought the community together for this annual Mitzvah Project that began in 2010 at Temple B'nai Sholem, once again bringing our Sisterhood's vision and mission to life.

Caylee Rich, a very energetic 6-year old, helped to fill bags along with her parents, Alex and Brooke Rich. Alex is Jeff and Nancy Rich's grandson. Volunteering as a child helps instill the inspiration needed and appreciation for charitable service when growing into adulthood.



Thank you Marsha R (and Dick) for all your work spearheading this project.

## Sisterhood Quarterly Business Meeting

The quarterly business meeting of the Beit Echad Sisterhood will be held on Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Join us to review finances, donations, and upcoming activities.

# **FROM THE OPEN DOOR FOOD KITCHEN**

**BY MARSHA ROSENTHAL**

**Our dedicated Jewish Community and friends team prepped and served 182 meals to our hungry men and women (kiddos were in school) on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.**

**The total number of meals served in 2025 totaled 74,849. That does not include 18+ meals that were handed out to hungry folks on our streets on Christmas Day, as two of our spouses drove together to feed some who could not make it to the ODFK. (Our bus transit system does not operate on major holidays.)**

**Our board of directors and staff are in awe of approximately 4800 volunteers who devote their time to keep our doors open 365 days a year. In addition, our donors who contribute monetarily and/or in kind donations are so very much appreciated.**

**On March 24, 2026, the Hunger Coalition involving the Open Door Food Kitchen, InterServ, Second Harvest Community Food Bank and Catholic Charities is hosting our annual Empty Bowls luncheon. Since its beginning several years ago, Empty Bowls supporters have contributed more than \$320,000 toward local hunger relief efforts. The true heart of Empty Bowls lies with the sponsors, restaurants and volunteers who make it special. Local restaurants donate soup and Word of Life Church provides the event space.**

**The ODFK mission continues with empathy and compassion: To build a better community by feeding and caring for all who come to the Open Door Food Kitchen. Our Jewish Community plays a big part in completing that mission.**

**Blessings,  
Marsha Rosenthal**

# TROUBLE DECODING HEBREW? ... AND FEELING LEFT OUT?

Have you ever wanted to ...

- \* Follow along in the siddur without feeling lost?
- \* Sound out Hebrew words confidently instead of guessing?
- \* Feel at home in the letters rather than intimidated by them?

Brendan Howard is offering one-on-one online Hebrew lessons for adults who want to build real reading confidence.

He begins with the alef-bet and vowels, and moves toward prayerbook Hebrew and steady fluency.

The focus is comfort, accuracy, and rhythm – not chanting. This is about learning to see the letters clearly, hear the sounds, and read with ease.

Lessons are 30 minutes and \$30 per session.

*Aleph Isn't Tough* is a core text (students purchase their own copy), but if you prefer not to buy a book, we can dig up alternative materials that fit your goals.

Before beginning, you can schedule a short online conversation to share your background, experience, and what you're hoping for – and to see if together you're a good fit.

Email Brendan Howard at [brendan.howard@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.howard@gmail.com) or text 913.283.4470.

SHIR

L'SHABBAT

JOYFUL MUSICAL  
SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
10 AM - Noon

Venue:  
**Asbury Methodist Church**  
5400 W 75th St  
Prairie Village, KS 66208



# DUES REDUX

## AS MIRRORED IN THIS MONTH'S TORAH PARSHOT

1. In the Parsha Ki Tisa (Exodus 30:11-16 read on Mar 7) ***“When you take a census of the Israelites ... each shall pay GD a ransom for himself on being enrolled... This is what everyone who is entered in the records shall pay: ... a half-shekel as an offering to GD”***. This parallels our original, minimal, membership fees to identify our true membership without regard to wealth.
2. In the Parsha Vayakhel (Exodus 35:21 read on Mar 14) the Israelis were further instructed ***“everyone who excelled in ability and everyone whose spirit was moved came, bringing to GD an offering for the work of the Tent of Meeting and for all its service”***. Similarly, we asked those that were able to give more (because obviously \$10 or even \$25 will not be enough to support our synagogue).
3. Despite initial confusion, we still managed to receive a significant amount of member donations that nearly covered our budget. Yet, many still wanted to have an established dues amount.
4. In order to properly plan and budget, we decided to establish more formal dues. After reviewing options, the BE board came up with what should be a fair, structured - and yet still voluntary - dues level that provides members with a suggested donation.

## A REVIEW OF THE 2026 PLAN

**We ask that you seriously consider your place among the following 4 tiers and submit your pledge for 2026**

BASED ON YOUR FINANCIAL ABILITY, IDENTIFY YOUR COMMITMENT

**No one is asked to show financial condition; dues are per individual - not family.**

### **Tier 1 - Supporting member \$1,200 (\$100/mo)**

- Strong financial capacity (high income, substantial assets, investments, or comfortable retirement resources)
- Homeowner with significant equity; retiree with healthy portfolio
- Could afford unexpected \$5,000 expense without hardship

### **Tier 2- Standard member \$900 (\$75/mo)**

- Moderate financial capacity (middle income, or modest savings)
- Secure but not abundant resources
- Could handle unexpected \$2,000 expense with planning

### **Tier 3- Basic member \$600 (\$50/mo)**

- Limited financial capacity (lower income, minimal savings, tight retirement budget)
- Month-to-month financial management
- Unexpected \$500 expense would be challenging

### **Tier 4- Reduced member \$300 (\$25/mo)**

- Constrained financial capacity (student, very limited fixed income, economic hardship)
- Financial stress is a regular reality

**These are suggested annual dues amounts per person, based on the criteria indicated.**

**If you can do more - whether as dues or occasionally during the year - your support is appreciated.**

**If even the Tier 4 is a challenge, we invite you to do the best you can.**

**B.E. IS COMMITTED THAT DUES WILL NOT BE A LIMIT TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

## High School Project Update

Brooke Rich, a social studies teacher at Lafayette High School, continues to move forward with her class project that (including educating high school students about Judaism and Jewish history in St. Joseph) will establish a permanent display at the St. Joseph Museum. She remains ready to incorporate your story or presentation to her class as well consideration of personal artifacts for show-and-tell or the museum display.

Do you have an expertise/knowledge about Jewish practice? Perhaps Judaica that can be shared and explained (even explaining a yarmulke/kippah, menorah/hanukkah, torah, prayerbook. How about family history, Jewish settling and synagogue history in St. Joseph?

She is looking for any stories, memorabilia, show-and-tell, or history that you can share with her or her class. She will be collecting data and our input over the months of February and March in preparation for setting up the permanent display at the St. Joseph Museum on Frederick, with hopes of continuing to expand it over the coming years.

If you think that people, particularly in St. Joseph, know about us as Jews and our religion ... you're wrong!

Before you forget - or as you recall something - write it down and share your thoughts or stories with Brooke. Or perhaps you would like to make a presentation to her 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.

## Now ... the Rest of the Story ...

You may be thinking to yourself, "**Wow, this sure is ambitious and she is really exceptional, with a broad vision to try to pull this off.**"

Well, apparently, you aren't alone in your assessment. This month, Brooke was named *Missouri Social Studies Teacher of the Year* by the Missouri Council for the Social Studies for her exceptional commitment to students and the field of study.

From the St. Joseph News Press:

**"Rich is also a finalist for the 2026 St. Joseph School District Teacher of the Year award.**

**In addition to teaching, Rich is also leading a partnership with the St. Joseph Museums, where her sociology students are researching and designing a public exhibit on Jewish life in St. Joseph during Holocaust Recognition Month."**

Mazel Tov to Brooke and her grandfather, Jeff Rich. We know you have many reasons to be proud, and we are thankful for such fine representation of our community by the Rich family.



# News From the Jewish Community at Fort Leavenworth

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



The Fort Leavenworth Jewish congregation will hold its community Seder on the second night of Passover at Fort Leavenworth on April 2nd at 5:30 PM in the Frontier Chapel Fellowship Hall.

Members of the BE community are warmly invited to join us for the Fort Leavenworth Jewish Community Seder.

As always, due to the nature of this meal, reservations are required , but more importantly ...

**ADVANCE NOTICE IS NEEDED TO ARRANGE BASE PASSES**

Anyone interested, please contact Jonathan Freiden beforehand:

[jfreiden@me.com](mailto:jfreiden@me.com)

913-963-2646

Warmly, Jonathan

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל

אַתֶּם קְרִבִּים הַיּוֹם לַמִּלְחָמָה עַל־אִיְבֵיכֶם

אֶל־יָרֵךְ לְבַבְכֶם

אֶל־תִּירָאָו

וְאֶל־תִּחַפְּזוּ

וְאֶל־תִּעַרְצוּ מִפְּנֵיהֶם:

כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הֵהָלֵךְ עִמָּכֶם לְהִלָּחֵם לָכֶם

עִם־אִיְבֵיכֶם לְהוֹשִׁיעַ אֶתְכֶם:

“Hear, O Israel!

You are about to join battle with your enemy.

- Let not your courage falter.
- Do not be in fear,
- or in panic,
- or in dread of them.

For it is the ETERNAL your Gd who marches with you to do battle for you against your enemy, to bring you victory.”

# Torah Portions For March

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

7 March 2026 / 18 Adar 5786

Parashat Ki Tisa 5786 / פְּרַשְׁת כִּי תִּשָּׂא  
Exodus 30:11-34:35; Numbers 19:1-22

Ki-Tisa (“When You Elevate”) opens as God tells Moses to collect a half-shekel donation from all Israelites and to anoint the Mishkan (Tabernacle), its vessels, and the priests. The Israelites worship the golden calf and Moses breaks the tablets. Moses beseeches God to forgive, and returns with a second set of tablets.



14 March 2026 / 25 Adar 5786

Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei 5786 / פְּרַשְׁת וַיַּקְהֵל-פְּקוּדֵי  
Exodus 35:1-40:38, 12:1-20

Vayakhel (“He Assembled”) opens as God commands the Israelites to observe the Sabbath. Moses asks for material donations for the building of the Mishkan (Tabernacle), and the people donate. A group of artisans designated by God begin building the Mishkan and its vessels.

Pekudei (“Accountings Of”) is the final Torah reading in the Book of Exodus. It describes the making of priestly garments worn in the Mishkan (Tabernacle) and the completion of its construction. At God’s command, Moses erects the Mishkan and puts its vessels in place, and God’s presence fills the Mishkan.



21 March 2026 / 3 Nisan 5786

Parashat Vayikra 5786 / פְּרַשְׁת וַיִּקְרָא  
Leviticus 1:1-5:26

In Vayikra (“He Called”), the first Torah portion in the Book of Leviticus, God tells Moses about the sacrifices offered in the Mishkan (Tabernacle). Among these are sacrifices entirely burnt on the altar, meal offerings made of flour and oil, peace offerings, and sacrifices brought for sinning inadvertently.



וַיִּקְרָא

28 March 2026 / 10 Nisan 5786

Parashat Tzav 5786 / פְּרַשְׁת צַו  
Leviticus 6:1-8:36

In Tzav (“Command”), God tells Moses about the sacrifices offered in the Mishkan (Tabernacle), including a meal offering brought by the high priest, guilt offerings, and offerings of thanks. Moses initiates Aaron and Aaron’s sons for priestly service in the Mishkan.



# זִיכְרוֹנָה לְבִרְכָה

“may their memory be a blessing”

## March Yahrzeits (Adar-Nisan)



### **Notes from our Yahrzeit archivist, Barb, regarding double listings**

I am often asked why some names appear twice on the Yahrzeit lists. This has to do with the differences between the Hebrew and Gregorian calendars. Since the Hebrew calendar is a linear calendar, the Gregorian date associated with the Hebrew date changes. Since TBS lists it's members by their Hebrew date of death (dod) and TAJ listed them by the Gregorian calendar, names on both lists will appear twice. Additionally, if I know there are still those mourning a person, I list those names under both dates, unless requested otherwise. Why? Because both dates, I have found are still hard when you are missing a part of your heart. Further, I list anyone who has died in the last 25 years on both lists under the assumption that someone within our congregation misses them. As my research into the people on these lists continues, I will eliminate those names on the TAJ list marked with an °, if there is no longer anyone in the community mourning their passing.

This month you will also see some dates listed as Adar I. The Hebrew calendar, to keep aligned with the solar year also has a leap month, Adar I, and extra days in some months. Thus, in some years, the “months” of Adar encompass 59 days, not just the 29-30, like some months. In years without Adar I, like this year, yahrzeit lists will be particularly long, since all deaths in Adar I and II are listed in the 29 days of Adar. In non-leap years, the 30 days of Adar I are listed with the corresponding dates in the month of Adar.

Finally, a note regarding symbols next to names :

☆ indicates names on Beit Echad's yahrzeit list.

^ indicates names on B'nai Sholem's yahrzeit list.

\* indicates names on Adath Joseph's permanent memorial Plaques.

° indicates names from Adath Joseph's list that are not on a memorial plaque and will be dropped when no mourners remain in our community.

### **Of Recent Passing: Sandy Smail – Feb 11, 2026 ☆**

#### **Mar 1-7, 2026/12-18 Adar 5786**

Ida Burnstein – Mar 1 ... 12 Adar/Mar 10, 1998^  
Max Cohen – Mar 4 ... 15 Adar I^  
Ben Deitchman – Mar 1 ... 12 Adar I ^  
Joel Feltenstein – Mar 4\*  
Dr. Joe Friedman – Mar 14 ... 3 Adar/Feb 12, 2016^\*  
Rose Greenberg – Mar 1 ... 12 Adar^  
Matilda Hertz – Mar 7 ... 18 Adar^  
Mollie Hochman – Mar 6 ... 17 Adar/Mar 2, 1983^  
Anna Kaplan – 6 Adar/Mar 5, 1914\*^  
Elaine Kranitz – Mar 5th ... 16 Adar/Mar 10, 2012^°  
Lillian (Lilly) Landau – Mar 1 ...  
12 Adar 5734/Mar 5, 1974^°  
Harriett Freedman Levin -- Mar 2, 1991\*  
Maxine Lewis – 9 Adar 5764/Mar 2, 2004^  
Dorothy Liberman -- Mar 1, 1988°

Anna Lee Droher Litvak – Mar 4 ...  
15 Adar 5768/Mar 22, 2008^\*  
Jerome Lund -- Mar 4, 2012\*  
Meyer Magoon – Mar 2 ... 13 Adar/Feb 28, 1972^  
Dr. Benjamin J. Mayer – Mar 5, 1914\*  
Nannette Mayer -- Mar 1°  
Sarah Mayer -- Mar 4°  
Simon Pitluck -- Mar 4°  
Lil Rich – Mar 3rd ... 14 Adar I/Mar 16, 1995^  
Ben L. Rosenthal -- Mar 6, 1975/23 Adar\*  
Alexandra D. Ross -- Mar 3, 2003/29 Adar 5763^\*  
Joseph Rubenstein -- Mar 5°  
Jacob Aaron Schloss -- Mar 3°  
Harry Silverglat – Mar 5th ... 16 Adar^  
Harry Steinberg – Mar 2nd... 13 Adar I/Feb 18, 2019 ^  
Earl Trilinsky – Mar 2nd ... 13 Adar/Feb 14, 1957^

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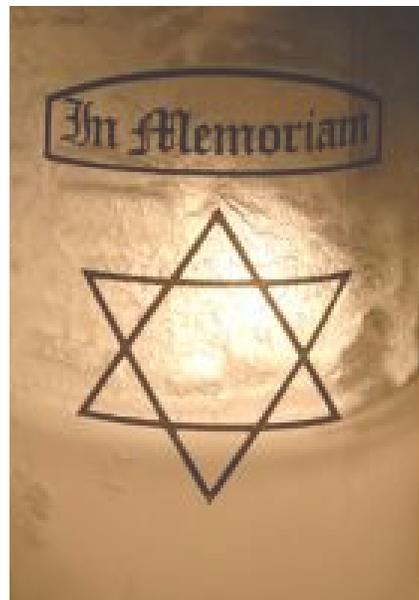
*"may their memory be a blessing"*

## Mar 8-14, 2026/19-25 Adar 5786

Jacob Barron – Mar 9th...20 Adar/Feb 24, 1965<sup>^</sup>  
Mollie Bell – Mar 11th...22 Adar/Mar 5, 1975<sup>^</sup>  
Ida Burnstein – 12 Adar/Mar 10, 1998<sup>^</sup>  
Rose Bushman – Mar 12th...23 Adar<sup>^</sup>  
Mollie Droher -- Mar 8<sup>o</sup>  
Bertha Donsker -- Mar 13<sup>o</sup>  
Ida Dubansky – Mar 14th...25 Adar/Mar 18, 2004<sup>^</sup>  
Rachel Eveloff – Mar 8th...19 Adar/Feb 23, 1981<sup>^</sup>  
Isaac J. Feltenstein -- Mar 11, 1950\*  
David Fine – Mar 13th...24 Adar<sup>^</sup>  
Rabbi A. H. Fink -- Mar 12<sup>o</sup>  
Stanley Fishman – Mar 8th...19 Adar<sup>^</sup>  
Michael Garelich – Mar 8th...19 Adar<sup>^</sup>  
A. David Goldberg -- Mar 14, 1947\*  
Gloria L. Gordon -- Mar 13, 2023<sup>o</sup>  
Abraham Simon Haber -- Mar 11, 1930\*  
Dr. Allen Herman -- Mar 10, 1999\*  
Amelia Hertz -- Mar 8, 1962\*  
Hinda Hochman – Mar 9th...20 Adar<sup>^</sup>  
Israel Hochman – Mar 10th...21 Adar I<sup>^</sup>  
Milton Katelman ---Mar 11th... 22 Adar<sup>^</sup>  
Anna Keller -- Mar 13, 1980\*  
Elaine Kranitz -- Mar 10, 2012/16 Adar<sup>o</sup>  
Clara Lindenbaum -- Mar 11<sup>o</sup>  
Walter S. Naken -- Mar 9, 2016/29 Adar<sup>o</sup>  
Bessie Gordon Nelson -- Mar 14th...  
25 Adar 5722/Mar 1, 1962<sup>o</sup>  
Mortin Jacob Netzorg – Mar 12th... 23 Adar<sup>^</sup>  
Lillian (Lily) Optican – Mar 10, 2019/3 Adar 5779\*  
Louis Reicher -- Mar 10, 1970\*  
Dr. Arthur Rosenthal -- Mar 12<sup>o</sup>  
Ben Rosenthal – Mar 13th...24 Adar/Mar 7, 1975<sup>^</sup>  
Irene Rothstein -- Mar 11, 1985\*  
June M. Rothstein -- Mar 13, 1978\*  
David Joel Schlachter – Mar 13th...24 Adar<sup>^</sup>  
Lillian Shoenberg – Mar 11th...22 Adar I<sup>^</sup>  
Bloom Silverman -- Mar 13, 1953\*  
Bess Stine -- Mar 11<sup>o</sup>  
Marie Toffler -- Mar 14<sup>o</sup>  
Jack Zurow – Mar 14th...25 Adar I/Apr 1, 2008<sup>^</sup>

## Mar 15-21, 2026/26 Adar-3 Nisan 5786

Abraham Becker – Mar 21<sup>st</sup>...3 Nisan/Apr 4, 1957<sup>^</sup>  
Linda Jo Becker – Mar 20, 2021/7 Nisan 5781<sup>o</sup>  
Lester J. Binswanger -- Mar 15, 1936\*  
Murray Birchansky -- Mar 15, 2020<sup>o</sup>  
Charles Coleman Brady -- Mar 21<sup>o</sup>  
Arthur Chapman – Mar 21<sup>st</sup>...3 Nisan<sup>^</sup>  
Blanche Hodes Dermott -- Mar 18, 1933\*  
Dr. Phillip H. Droher – Mar 20<sup>th</sup>...  
2 Nisan 5731/Mar 28, 1971<sup>o</sup>  
Ida Dubansky – 25 Adar/Mar 18, 2004<sup>^</sup>  
Nathan Greenbaum – Mar 20, 1936\*  
Samuel Greenwald – Mar 15<sup>th</sup>...26 Adar<sup>^</sup>  
Rabbi Wolfgang Hamburger – Mar 15<sup>th</sup>...  
Mar 20, 2012/26 Adar<sup>o</sup>  
Louis Jackson – Mar 21<sup>st</sup>... 3 Nisan<sup>^</sup>  
Doris Kangisser -- Mar 20<sup>o</sup>  
Sarah Kaplan –Mar 18<sup>th</sup>... 29 Adar<sup>^</sup>  
Harlan Milder WWII Philippines -- Mar 21, 1945\*  
Walter S. Naken – Mar 18<sup>th</sup>... Mar 9, 2016/29 Adar<sup>o</sup>  
Sidney Naidorf – Mar 16<sup>th</sup>...  
27 Adar 5760/Apr 3, 2000<sup>^</sup>  
Rhea Polsky – Mar 20<sup>th</sup>... 2 Nisan/Mar 24, 2004<sup>^</sup>  
Lillie F. Rich -- Mar 16, 1995\*  
Harriet Rosenthal – Mar 15<sup>th</sup>...  
26 Adar/Mar 19, 1993<sup>^</sup>  
Alexandria Ross – Mar 18<sup>th</sup>...  
29 Adar/Mar 3, 2003<sup>o</sup>  
Fannie Segell –Mar 17<sup>th</sup>... 28 Adar<sup>^</sup>  
Sarah I. Wasserkrug – Mar 20, 1955\*



*A Yahrzeit is when we stop time-*  
to remember, to reflect, and to bring a  
soul's light back into the world.



**Mar 22-28, 2026/4-10 Nisan 5786**

Linda Jo Becker – Mar 25<sup>th</sup>...  
7 Nisan 5781/Mar 20, 2021<sup>^</sup>°  
Herb Bray – Mar 28<sup>th</sup>...10 Nisan/Apr 10, 1995<sup>^</sup>  
Debbie Callaway – Mar 24<sup>th</sup>...  
6 Nisan/Mar 30, 2001<sup>^</sup>  
Ruth L. Cox -- Mar 24, 2014<sup>°</sup>  
Bertha Donsker – Mar 13<sup>°</sup>  
Dr. Phillip H. Droher –  
2 Nisan 5731/Mar 28, 1971<sup>^</sup>\*  
Joseph "Kewpie" Epstein -- Mar 27, 1999\*  
Gerald Feltenstein -- Mar 27, 1983<sup>°</sup>  
David Friedman – Mar 26<sup>th</sup>...  
8 Nisan/Apr 12, 1962<sup>^</sup>\*  
Dora Goldman -- Mar 24, 1917\*  
Sidney Haber -- Mar 26, 1970\*  
Murray Charles Kalis -- Mar 24, 1938\*  
Leonard Klamsler WWII France -- Mar 24, 1945\*  
Ann Lieppman – 14 Nisan/Mar 24, 2013<sup>^</sup>°  
Anna Lee Droher Litvak –  
Mar 22, 2008/15 Adar 5768<sup>^</sup>\*  
Lilly Magoon – Mar 25<sup>th</sup>... 7 Nisan/Mar 31, 2001<sup>^</sup>  
Rhea Polsky – 2 Nisan/Mar 24, 2004<sup>^</sup>  
Isaac Rosen -- Mar 23<sup>°</sup>  
Freda Shanin – Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>...4 Nisan<sup>^</sup>  
Elliot Shklar -- Mar 24, 1976<sup>°</sup>  
Lillian Shoenberg – Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>...22 Adar<sup>^</sup>  
Sarah Rosenbaum Silberberg -- Mar 23, 1924\*  
Rose Trilinsky – Mar 28<sup>th</sup>...10 Nisan <sup>^</sup>  
Daryl L. Voshell -- Mar 26, 2012<sup>°</sup>  
Samuel H. Wasserkrug -- Mar 28, 1963\*  
Herman Weiner -- Mar 22<sup>°</sup>

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

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

# Info from the Board

The BE Board continues to meet monthly to do the background work required to continue moving our congregation forward and build a future for many years to come. It's hard to conceive of how far we have come and yet, how much more work is ahead. Typically the board will meet for 2 to 2-1/2 hours each month, in addition to ongoing planning for observance and activities.

As we approach another election of BE leaders in April, please consider being a part of this group with all 4 officer and 3 director positions open.

## **BOARD MEETING NOTES**

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

- Temple B'nai Sholem, upon dissolution, closed its accounts and donated all of its remaining funds to BE. Most of the meeting was focused on available investment options.
- The board voted to place those funds in long-term investments that will sustain Beit Echad for many years to come.
- It was reaffirmed that the 4 tier dues structure is being established, but inability to pay will not exclude membership. Members will be encouraged to make a pledge to help establish budgeting goals.
- Security concerns are being reviewed regarding external cameras, door locks, and keyed access.
- We will continue to review, but for now are pulling back on having so many activities each month - especially those requiring meals - so that we don't burn out our core group with too much in a month.
- Additional Beit Echad identification signage: Woodlawn Shopping Center road sign, and/or at the door. Consideration is being weighed between legitimate location needs and security.
- Individual memorial plates from Yahrzeit plaques are being photographed and processed for inclusion in a memorial album. The individual plates will then be returned to families upon request.

## **And one last thing ....**

**No, not that mistake thing, although it still holds true (see last months "one last thing").**

In the past month there was a case of antisemitism that hit close to home in our shopping strip. The police response (or lack thereof) aside from being underwhelming, also showed the lack of understanding of antisemitism and Jewish concerns in the St. Joseph community. In response, our regional ADL representative, Jordan Kadosh, met with the SJPD chief of police, and BE members to address how to move forward in a positive way.

As a result of these meetings, the SJPD will arrange a regular BE patrol when we are present, and more specific security during the HHDs (with details to be determined). Furthermore, Jordan (and the ADL) is prepared to provide more focused training on antisemitism for the SJPD and SJSD. BE members with questions or concerns are invited to, and welcome to, contact Jordan Kadosh at [jkadosh@adl.org](mailto:jkadosh@adl.org) or 314-302-8533.