



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2026 - ISSUE #21

### Upcoming Events

- May 1, Friday 6 PM Shabbat - Todd H leader, Bob Cantor
- May 2, Saturday 2 PM - St. Joseph Museum, Jewish exhibit sneak preview
- May 8, Friday 6 PM Shabbat and a Show - Janet E Leader
- May 15, Friday 6 PM Shabbat - Julie M Leader; Marsha R Sermon; Steve Cantor
- May 21 -23, Thursday sunset to Saturday sunset - Shavuot
- May 22, Friday 6 PM Shabbat Shavuot & Yizkor - Bob O Leader
- May 29, Friday 6 PM Shabbat - Rabbi Padorr followed by dinner
- May 30, Saturday 10 AM Adult Study - Mussar class with Rabbi Padorr
- June 5, Friday 6 PM Shabbat - Leader TBD

### **SHABBAT SERVICE LEADERS NEEDED**

leader, cantor, sermon, or any combination

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH BEIT ECHAD BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS §1.** There shall be the following meetings: (a) An annual meeting of the membership shall be held.

On Sunday morning, April 26 at 10 AM, the second annual meeting of the Beit Echad congregation was held at Beit Echad with 20 members participating in person and via zoom. What follows is a summary of actions taken and discussed in the meeting.

- **PURPOSE:**
  - The purpose of the meeting was to report the state of the organization, consider amendments to the bylaws, elect Officers & Directors, and address other business.
  - The one hour and fifty minute meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM and adjourned at 11:55.
- **VOTING QUALIFICATION CHANGE:**
  - Changes in the voting rules were adopted defining a member in good standing.
  - Any member having satisfied the minimum membership requirements of \$25 in 2025 was eligible to vote.
- **STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION (Bob Ott):**
  - Treasurer, Doug Chyatte resigned after the first of the year, and the board chose to leave the position vacant pending elections at the annual meeting. President Bob Ott would serve as acting Treasurer in the interim until the annual meeting
  - Upon Sandy Smail's passing, Hans Peter was appointed Secretary in the interim until elections at the annual meeting
  - We continue to have strong participation with overwhelming attendance for the High Holydays, Hanukkah, and Passover. Throughout the year we have held dinners, holiday observances, and the new feature of Shabbat and a Show to add variety to our regular Friday night services which continue to be led by members volunteering to present sermons, lead, or cantor.
  - Rabbi Padorr continues to lead services and adult study monthly through December
  - Rabbi Rudnick led our 2025 High Holyday services and is open to returning in 2026
  - In the coming months we will continue to address appropriate security levels & safety features, add Tree of Life leaves, and develop a Yahrzeit memorial book based on the original plaques
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - **FINANCIAL** -
    - Acting Treasurer, Bob Ott, presented the treasurer's report
    - One time contributions by Temple Adath Joseph and Temple B'nai Sholem allowed a significant investment into a reserve account.
    - Annual expenses remain pretty much as projected, amounting to approximately \$45,000 per year, against income from donations of approximately \$25,000.
    - Current cash on hand and fluid assets will enable us to cover the deficit, if necessary, for the next 2 years allowing us to build member understanding of our financial needs and value/cost of services.
    - Depending on receipt of anticipated interest/dividends from the investment account, about half of the budget will need to be covered by contributions.
  - **MEMBERSHIP** - we currently have 59 individual members from 40 households
  - **WORSHIP** - Rabbi Padorr will continue to serve the congregation monthly through December, with members serving as leader, cantor and offering sermons when she isn't present
  - **FACILITY** - a decal will be added to the front door identifying the location as B.E.; One House ; and the phone number
  - **MEDIA** - we are still looking for someone to maintain the Facebook page and to take over as the newsletter editor
  - **SISTERHOOD** - the sisterhood has changed its meeting schedule from being monthly to as events merit and a quarterly business meeting
- **RABBI RUDNICK APPROVED TO LEAD 2026 HIGH HOLYDAY SERVICES**
- **BYLAW CHANGE OF OFFICER TERMS TO 2 YEARS:**
  - Directors (3) serve a 2-year term, effectively requiring elections in even years.
  - Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) currently serve 1-year terms, requiring elections every year.
  - The bylaw was changed to have officers serve 2-year terms, which will take effect with the 2027 elections, and officer elections in odd years.
- **OFFICER & DIRECTOR ELECTIONS:**
  - The following officers were elected for 1-year terms -
    - President - Steve Rosenak
    - Vice President - Anne Deleon
    - Secretary - Janet Elie
    - Treasurer - Bob Ott
  - The following directors were elected for 2-year terms -
    - Sherrie Ott \* Michele Richman \* Susan Weipert
- **OPEN DISCUSSIONS:**
  - Appropriate individual dues levels were discussed.
    - Based on current membership levels, it would require an average of \$750 per person to cover annual expenses of \$45,000
    - Allowing for conservative gains from our investment account, this would be lowered to an average of \$450 per person
    - It was understood and reiterated that this would be an average and not all could offer that much , and some could do much more.
    - The tiers were offered as suggestions, and other than the minimum \$25 annually, that was set for last year, any amount is voluntary.
  - Rabbi Padorr will need to be advised of whether she will be retained for 2027 by August or September.
    - Styles of service as well as the form and content of adult education were also discussed
    - It was requested that members share their thoughts over the coming months in anticipation of a special meeting in late summer

**As I step into the role of president of our congregation, I do so with humility and a deep awareness that this responsibility does not belong to one person alone. It belongs to all of us.**



From the very beginning, my hope has been simple: that we move forward together—with everyone's help, everyone's voice, and everyone's willingness to take part in building something meaningful. We may be small in number, but that gives us a unique strength. In a smaller congregation, no one is invisible. Each person matters. Each effort counts.

This year, our focus will not be on doing more, but on doing what matters—together. Success will not be measured by how many programs we create, but by how many people feel connected, included, and willing to participate in some way. That participation may look different for each of us, and that's okay. What matters is that we each find a way to contribute.

We will take a thoughtful and steady approach. First, we will listen—to understand what people value and what they hope for. Then, we will begin with small, meaningful steps to encourage involvement and connection. Over time, we will build consistency, share responsibilities, and grow stronger as a community.

There will be challenges. We will not always agree, and we will not always get everything right. But if we remain grounded in respect, patience, and a shared sense of purpose, we will continue to move forward.

I ask each of you to consider how you might take part this year. Whether it's offering an idea, helping with a small task, supporting someone else, or simply showing up with intention—every contribution matters.

I am here to listen, to support, and to work alongside you. Together, we can make this a year defined not by how much we do, but by how well we come together as a community.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me. I look forward to the work we will do—together.

Shalom, Steve

## **The many faces of our new President**

Let's face it, Steve changes his facial features as frequently as he changes his ... eyeglass styles.

So, is it better like this ... or like this ... this one ... or this one. How's that look?

Whichever you like best, know that it will change, but be sure to congratulate and work with him!

Best wishes, Steve, for a great year!



# Never Forget

## St. Joseph Museum Jewish History Exhibit

SNEAK PREVIEW FOR BEIT ECHAD  
& OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY

### Saturday, May 2nd, 2PM

[3406 Frederick Ave #2913, St Joseph, MO 64506](#)

There are war museums; military and sports museums; rock and roll, country, and jazz museums; US, state, county, and native American history museums. There are NASCAR, art, and transportation museums. And when it comes to Jewish history there are mostly holocaust museums. But ....

It took a high school teacher and her students who had never met a Jewish person - let alone knew anything about Jewish practice - to memorialize the history of Judaism in St. Joseph, MO. Brooke Rich, daughter of our BE member Jeff, granddaughter of Benny (zikhrono livracha), to see an opportunity as she researched her husband's family history.

Brooke rallied her social studies class to learn about, gather, and build the materials representing the background and history of the Jews of St. Joseph. The display at the St. Joseph museum (3406 Frederick Ave #2913, St Joseph, MO 64506) is scheduled for a public opening on Sunday, May 3.

The BE and Jewish community has an opportunity to preview their efforts on Saturday, May 2, at 2 PM in advance of the public opening.

Amidst the fears, concerns, and threats of antisemitism (historically and recently), do you realize how rare it is for someone outside of our community to validate, memorialize, and support the Jewish community? Although through marriage, now a member of a well-known Jewish family in our community, Brooke is not Jewish, but made it her personal mission to honor not only her adopted family but also their heritage - and our heritage.

You are sincerely encouraged to validate and support the efforts of Brooke and her high school students by attending the special preview we are being offered on Saturday, May 2nd at 2 PM,

For more insights into this project read the St. Joseph News Press article ([here](#)) providing more detail with student and local perspective. Brooke was recognized as the **2026 High School Social Studies Teacher of the Year**, We couldn't be prouder!



## Mussar Returns

Upon completion of our study on Jewish perspectives regarding the afterlife, Rabbi Padorr has now agreed to continue the study of Mussar begun by Sandy Smail (zikhronah livracha). Our first study session on April 25th helped us catch up by reviewing the first few chapters of the book ***Soul Construction: Shape Your Character Using 8 Steps from the Timeless Jewish Practice of Mussar*** being used as our guide. Rabbi Padorr shared additional perspectives with content from other books on the subject including *Every Day, Holy Day: 365 Days of Teachings and Practices from the Jewish Tradition of Mussar*.



Soul construction, serves as an introduction to what can be a much deeper and lifelong study of Mussar. The first 3 (of 8) chapters focused on *judging others favorably* (or rather not pre-judging), *forgiveness*, and *acceptance*.

Next month we will focus on *generosity* (and not just money). Over the rest of the year, each month we explore

another chapter. Upcoming topics will explore *constructive speech, silence, personal renewal, and happiness* (a choice within you).

## So What Is It?



The Jewish practice of Mussar is a strategy for ethical and spiritual character refinement. It has been helping people become more perceptive and purposeful in fulfilling their life and developing happy lives for generations.

Mussar provides a structured path to developing your inner character and living with greater holiness in everyday life. Through the study and practice of Mussar, you develop awareness of your soul traits and learn practical techniques to bring them into better balance.

Whether seeking to strengthen relationships, deepen your Jewish connection, or live more ethically, Mussar offers time-tested wisdom for navigating life's challenges with intention and compassion. \*

\* <https://www.mussarinstitute.org/>

**JOIN US AT OUR NEXT SESSION, MAY 29, AND EVERY SATURDAY OF RABBI PADORR'S VISIT FOR THESE ADULT STUDY CLASSES**

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## What's the greatest holiday celebration of our Jewish religion?

Ask this question, and what comes to mind? Are you a holiday Jew? A high Holiday Jew? A Passover Jew? Is it Hannukah or Purim?

Certainly we all have our favorites. There's the "social fit-in" of Hanukkah. The celebratory partying of Purim, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. There's the HIGH HOLY DAYS of Rosh Hashanah: the birth of the world (aka mankind), and Yom Kippur the moment of judgment (who is daring enough to blow off that one?). Another (and justifiably at the top of the list), Passover - a moment of celebration that is one of the most definitive moments in Jewish history.

Yet, somehow, what is also arguably the greatest moment in the history of the Jewish people (and there are oh-so-many that can be justified), is perhaps the least celebrated. Perhaps it is not because it isn't accepted as important, or isn't understood or well known, but because it comes at an "inconvenient" time.

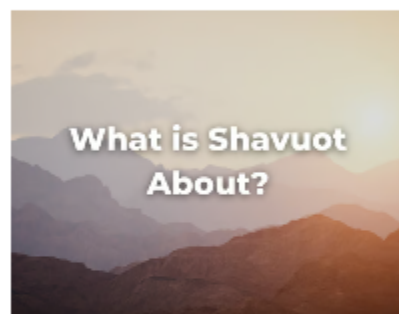
Shavuot (unfortunately) always occurs just as school years are ending, summer is beginning, often it's at Memorial day weekend, and there is Mothers Day and Fathers Day competing for attention (honor your mother and father). It's not like Passover (happening during Easter season), Hanukkah (happening during Christmas season), or Sukkot (happening around Halloween) where we have our "original versions" of secular or Christian holidays.

No, instead, Shavuot (comparable to the Pentecost established for this time in Christian religions) seems to be lost in the flow, despite BEING THE SINGLE MOST FUNDAMENTAL MOMENT in Jewish history outside of Gd liberating us from Egypt.

Imagine this: how do you ignore the moment that Gd literally raised a mountain and held it above the people; SPOKE the 10 commandments in one "word" (Ok Moses had to repeat it, but still), the hand of Gd "writes" those 10 commandments - and nearly abandons the Jewish people over their turning towards idolatry, and the Torah is transmitted to our people through Moses.

All of these moments represent "supernatural" moments associated with this holy day that is one of the most defined in the calendar in that it occurs at a specific moment - 49 days following the start of Passover. Yom Kippur is another that stands out being a specific number of days after Rosh Hashanah. Otherwise, throughout the year, Passover, Rosh Hashannah, Hannukah, and Purim seem to "float" around the secular calendar. But, once we celebrate Passover, we LITERALLY start to count (the Omer) until we reach Shavuot. It's that important! Think about it: children count the days to significant moments in their lives: a trip, a visit from Bubbe, a birthday, a special gift, Hanukkah. We all count the days to milestones, yet only Shavuot (and not even Yom Kippur) has a literal COUNT.

THIS YEAR, SHAVUOT ACTUALLY OCCURS DURING SHABBAT (often its mid-week) BUT NOW WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCENTUATE HOW SIGNIFICANT THIS HOLIDAY IS (despite being the Friday of Memorial Day weekend). RABBI PADORR WILL FOLLOW UP WITH HER EMPHASIS OF THIS DAY WHEN SHE VISITS ON MAY 29th BUT DON'T MISS THIS MOMENT IN JEWISH HISTORY, AND ATTEND SERVICES FRIDAY MAY 22nd & 29th FOR PERSPECTIVES ON ARGUABLY THIS GREATEST MOMENT IN JEWISH HISTORY!



# The BE Sisterhood:

## Reaching Out and Serving Communities

### The Charitable Arm of Beit Echad



At the core of Beit Echad is The Sisterhood: more than a bunch of women, more than the ones who prepare meals, more than the ones who make sure there is a challah after Friday's Shabbat service, and more than being monthly volunteers at the Open Door Food Kitchen. No, the BE Sisterhood in addition to all of the above also offers activities of fellowship and is a beautiful face of BE in the community and region.

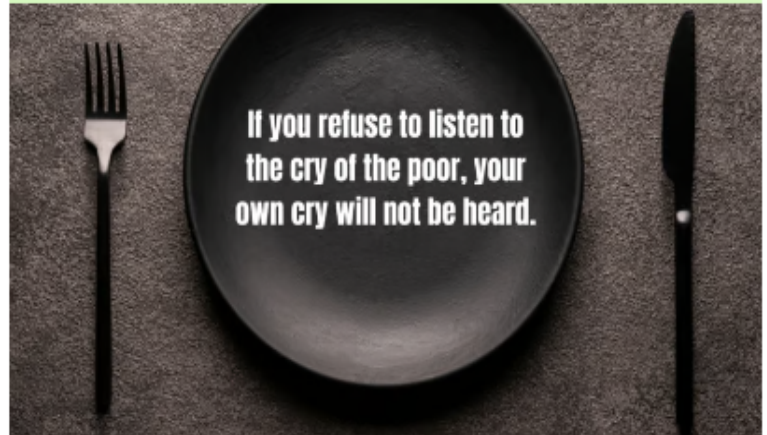
Part of that representation is the charitable giving in our community. Funds directed to the sisterhood - whether sent as direct donations, or given as as meal tips and contributions at events - are used for support of charities in and around St. Joseph. The Beit Echad board supports us by absorbing any meal costs and all overlapping costs for cleaning, kitchen supplies, and labor.

Recently the BE board also provided the initial funding to establish a benevolence fund for occasional, special charitable support for individuals.

If you would like to support our mission, become a member of the sisterhood (dues are \$30), join us for our next project (we'll let you know by email), and share your ideas for a fun activity, community service, or needy charity or individual.

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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE OPEN DOOR FOOD KITCHEN



**The definition of the word CARING is displaying kindness and concern for others.**

**With the arrival of Spring comes new opportunities for our board of directors, staff, donors and volunteers of the Open Door Food Kitchen to show how we each CARE about our hungry patrons.**

When our board of directors meet monthly, CARING about everyone involved with feeding our hungry is always uppermost in our discussions and decisions.

We have a staff of 3 who are concerned, kind and CARE about each other and carry out their jobs effectively. We are indebted to our CARING donors for their generous monetary or inkind donations, as we receive no federal or state funding.

Our volunteers are charitable, good hearted and CARING when their scheduled day comes up to prep and serve a nutritious lunch. Preparing a meal for 200 hungry individuals takes lots of planning.

It is inspiring to recognize the continued dedication and advocacy that our community shows toward our less fortunate each and every day, because they CARE. Our Jewish community has been CARING and feeding hungry men, women and children since the beginning of the ODFK in 1984.

We must all CARE, because it's the right thing to do!

Marsha Rosenthal



## An End to Hoarding

The storage unit holding the remainder of objects from B'nai Sholem was cleaned out and closed out in April.

Many of the items were offered (and some accepted and returned) to their original donors. Photos, paintings, prints, and yahrzeit memorial plates were offered to families desiring their return. Those individual brass plates left unclaimed, along with the full size brass plaques that held them, were recycled with the help of Ken Barber. A set of Jewish encyclopedia books are being offered around to a new home. Unfortunately we ultimately had no home or use for the large aluminum menorah that fronted B'nai Sholem's building as well as various other fixtures and tables which had to be disposed.

With end of storage, the Temple B'nai Sholem chapter is now closed. TBS had previously turned over its sisterhood fund to the BE sisterhood, and TBS cash reserves were transferred to BE, establishing an investment account.

Temple Adath Joseph is continuing to move forward with the processing of its memorabilia and Judaica, still processing much in storage. Many items were offered and donated to both the Ft. Leavenworth congregation and the new St. Joseph Museum display. As previously reported, the TAJ Tree of Life has a home in our assembly hall and we have begun to add new leaves of recognition, honor, and memory.

See related stories regarding yahrzeit memorials on this page and the [museum display on page 4](#)

## And a New Beginning

One way BE is perpetuating the history of the large, brass, yahrzeit plaques and the families they represented, is to convert the brass plates to images in a memorial album.

The plates have been photographed and are being processed and arranged. The slow editing process (there are over 350 plates) means they aren't yet ready for display, but the work is ongoing.

The album will display six images per page as shown below.



“And if a man inflicts a wound in his fellow, as he did, so shall be done to him: a break for a break, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth...” (LEVITICUS 24:19-20)



**2 May 2026 / 15 Iyyar 5786**  
**Parashat Emor 5786 / פְּרֻשַׁת אֶמּוֹר**

Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Emor (“Say”) opens with laws regulating priestly behavior, working in the Mishkan (Tabernacle), and consuming sacrifices and priestly food. It describes the biblical holidays of Passover, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot, and ends with a story about a blasphemer and his punishment.



**16 May 2026 / 29 Iyyar 5786**  
**Parashat Bamidbar 5786 / פְּרֻשַׁת בְּמִדְבָּר**

Numbers 1:1-4:2

Bamidbar (“In The Desert”) is the first Torah portion in the Book of Numbers. It describes God’s command to take a census and details the camping formation of the Israelites in the desert. It also begins to enumerate the responsibilities of the Levites when transporting the Mishkan (Tabernacle).

# Torah Readings For May

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



**9 May 2026 / 22 Iyyar 5786**  
**Parashat Behar-Bechukotai 5786 /**

Leviticus 25:1-27:34

**פְּרֻשַׁת בְּהַר־בְּחֻקֹּתַי**

Behar (“On The Mountain”) details the laws of the sabbatical year (Shemita), when working the land is prohibited and debts are forgiven. It also sets out laws of indentured servitude and of the Jubilee year (Yovel), when property reverts to its original owner. Bechukotai (“In My Laws”) is the final Torah portion in the Book of Leviticus. It begins describing blessings that follow obedience to God’s laws and curses that come with desecration of them. It ends with laws of vows and consecration of people and property.



**23 May 2026 / 7 Sivan 5786**

**שְׁבוּעוֹת יוֹם בִּי / Shavuot II**

Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17; Numbers 28:26-31; Ruth 1:1-4:22

Shavuot commemorates the anniversary of the day G-d gave the Torah to the entire Israelite nation assembled at Mount Sinai, although the association between the giving of the Torah (Matan Torah) and Shavuot is not explicit in the Biblical text. The holiday is one of the Shalosh Regalim, the three Biblical pilgrimage festivals. It marks the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer.



**30 May 2026 / 14 Sivan 5786**

**Parashat Nasso 5786 / פְּרֻשַׁת נָשָׂא**

Numbers 4:21-7:89

Naso (“Take A Census”), the longest portion in the Torah, opens detailing responsibilities of the Levites. It also describes laws of a woman suspected of adultery (sotah), the Nazirite, and the priestly blessing. The portion ends by listing the gifts that heads of tribes bring to the Mishkan (Tabernacle).



## YAHRZEIT -- May 2026 /



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

Lee Adler – May 1st...14 Iyyar/May 5, 1985<sup>^</sup>  
Bertha Becker – May 2nd...15 Iyyar/May 17, 1984<sup>^</sup>  
Yetta W. Binswanger – May 2, 1946<sup>±</sup>  
A J Einbender – Apr 26th...9 Iyyar<sup>^</sup>  
Dora Freedman – Apr 27th...10 Iyyar<sup>^</sup>  
Joel Friedson – Apr 29th...12 Iyyar/May 1, 2015<sup>^</sup>  
Robert Greenvald – Apr 30th...13 Iyyar<sup>^</sup>  
Susan Hamburger – April 29, 2025<sup>°</sup>  
Ester B. Harris – Apr 29, 1931<sup>±</sup>  
Ann Hochman – 8 Iyyar/Apr 30, 2002<sup>^</sup>  
Isaac Hodes – Apr 27, 1918<sup>±</sup>  
Carol Housh – 22 Nisan/Apr 27, 2019<sup>^°</sup>  
Joan Magoon – May 2nd...15 Iyyar/May 11, 1998<sup>^</sup>  
Julius Meyer – Apr 29, 1924<sup>±</sup>  
Marvin Nelson – 1 Iyyar 5774/May 1, 2014<sup>^±</sup>  
David Leon Netzorg – Apr 30th...13 Iyyar<sup>^</sup>  
Ellen Abraham Rosenfeld – 8 Iyyar/May 2, 2009<sup>^±</sup>  
Harry D. Rosenthal – Apr 29, 1985<sup>±</sup>  
Marian Levy Rosenthal – Apr 28th ...11 Iyyar/Apr 26, 2018<sup>^</sup>  
Sidney Leo Rothenberg – Apr 29, 1977<sup>×</sup>  
Melvin (Mel) Saferstein – Apr 27, 2022<sup>×</sup>  
Nathan Saferstein – May 2, 1989  
Rosetta Rosenbaum Slessor – Apr 26, 1922<sup>±</sup>

### May 3-9, 2026/16-22 Iyyar 5786

Sarah Alex – May 7th...20 Iyyar/May 11, 1985<sup>^</sup>  
Laura Apple – May 8, 1941<sup>±</sup>  
Melvin Barron – May 5th...18 Iyyar<sup>^</sup>  
Martin H. Braun – May 8, 1977<sup>±</sup>  
Joseph Droher – May 8th...21 Iyyar/May 30, 1986<sup>^</sup>  
Ann Hochman – May 5th...18 Iyyar/Apr 30, 2002<sup>^</sup>  
Eddie Mazvinsky – May 3rd...16 Iyyar/May 7, 1985<sup>^</sup>  
Robert M. Meyer – May 8, 2006  
Evelyn Voshell Oxford May 9, 2025<sup>°</sup>  
Arlene Richman – May 8th...21 Iyyar/May 26, 2019<sup>^</sup>  
Sidney Rothstein – May 6, 1999<sup>±</sup>  
Anna Schwarz – May 6, 2024



## May 10-16, 2026/23-29 Iyyar 5786

Howard L. Abramson – May 15, 1986<sup>+</sup>

William Abramson – May 16, 1980<sup>+</sup>

Jane Hirsch Albert – May 10, 1998<sup>+</sup>

Arnold Burnstein – May 16th...

29 Iyyar/ May 22, 2001<sup>^</sup>

Dodie Deutsch – May 12, 1994<sup>°</sup>

Hank Fishman – May 13th...

26 Iyyar/May 26, 2014<sup>^</sup>

Clara Gilbert – May 14<sup>°</sup>

Joseph Goldman – May 12, 1967<sup>+</sup>

Milton Herman – May 26th...

27 Iyyar/May 12, 2010<sup>^</sup>

George Hicks – May 15, 2014<sup>°</sup>

Sarah Liebling – May 11<sup>°</sup>

David Most – May 25th...27 Iyyar <sup>^</sup>

SariLee Optican – 5 Sivan/May 16, 2002<sup>±^</sup>

Milton Polsky – May 27th...

29 Iyyar/May 13, 1972<sup>±^</sup>

Louis Rocher – May 14, 1965<sup>+</sup>

Martha T. Rothstein – May 13, 1994<sup>+</sup>

John L. Shafer – May 11, 1986<sup>+</sup>

Sandra Marietta Wolfgang – May 16, 2023]=

## May 17-23, 2026/1-7 Sivan 5786

Edith Kaplan Buxbaum – May 17, 1999<sup>+</sup>

Max Droher – May 18

Nathan Fink – May 17<sup>°</sup>

Ida Greenvald – May 22nd...6 Sivan<sup>^</sup>

Lazarus Hassenbusch – May 17, 1902<sup>+</sup>

Lewis Jacobs – May 17, 2000<sup>+</sup>?

Mary Kranitz – May 17th...1 Sivan<sup>^</sup>

Robert Leff – May 18th, 2012<sup>°♡</sup>

Louis Leibowitz – May 17, 2024

Woodrow Wilson Levin – May 18, 1967<sup>+</sup>

Isadore Litvak – May 23, 1960<sup>+</sup>

SariLee Optican – May 21st...

5 Sivan/May 16, 2002<sup>±^</sup>

Corey Phillip Ott – May 19th...

3 Sivan 5785/May 30, 2025 <sup>°♡</sup>

Ida Kalis Persky – May 18, 1942<sup>+</sup>

Ben Rich – May 21st...5 Sivan/May 28, 2009<sup>^</sup>

Morton Rothenberg – May 23

Leonard Rothstein – May 21st...5 Sivan/May 28, 2009?

Max Shanin – May 19th...3 Sivan <sup>^</sup>

Sharon Vinitzky – May 20th...4 Sivan/May 18, 2018<sup>^</sup>





### May 24-30, 2026/8-14 Sivan 5786

Sheldon Braude – May 25th...9 Sivan ^  
Bess Bushman – May 29th...13 Sivan ^  
Ann Cohen – May 24th...8 Sivan ^  
Jacob Farber – May 30th...14 Sivan/June 14, 1965^  
Minnie Fine – May 25, 1992<sup>‡</sup>  
Anne Gordon Friedson – May 29, 1966<sup>‡</sup>  
Sophie Strauss Hassenbusch – May 28, 1978<sup>‡</sup>  
Steven Kotok – May 28th...12 Sivan ^  
Miriam Levy – May 29, 1865<sup>‡</sup>  
Corey Philip Ott – May 30, 2025 /3 Sivan 5785/^<sup>^</sup><sup>^</sup><sup>^</sup>  
Vicki Stine Pollman – May 28th...12 Sivan/June 6, 2017^  
Ben Rich – 5 Sivan/May 28, 2009^  
Bertha Rosen – May 26<sup>×</sup>  
Mose Rosen – May 24<sup>×</sup>  
Frederica Rosenbaum – May 29, 1930<sup>‡</sup>  
Leonard Rothstein – 5 Sivan/May 28, 2009?  
Jack Silverglat – May 29th...13 Sivan ^  
Nathan Steinberg – May 26th...10 Sivan/June 12, 1962^  
Sol Trenton – May 29th...13 Sivan  
Sol Ttrilinsky – May 29th...13 Sivan ^

### May 31–June 6, 2026/15-21 Sivan 5786

Bess Bush – Jun 3rd...18 Sivan ^  
Kismet Eveloff – Jun 6th...21 Sivan/June 20, 2022<sup>^</sup><sup>^</sup>  
Samuel Goldman – Jun 6th...21 Sivan ^  
Hortense I. Hassenbusch – June 5, 1964<sup>‡</sup>  
Joseph H. Heiten – June 3, 1944<sup>‡</sup>  
Florence H. Hirsch – June 5, 1964<sup>‡</sup>  
Nathan Kohn – May 31<sup>×</sup>  
Herschel Levin – June 6, 1972<sup>‡</sup>  
Isadore Lichtenstein – Jun 3rd...18 Sivan/June 27, 1967^  
Nancy Lowenberg – June 1, 2003<sup>‡</sup>  
Morris Nelson – Jun 5th...20 Sivan 5715/June 10, 1955<sup>^</sup><sup>^</sup>  
Julius Rosen – June 6<sup>×</sup>  
Dorothy Rosenthal – Jun 6th...21 Sivan/June 17, 2006Y^  
Ida Rosenthal – Jun 1st...16 Sivan ^  
Ruth Rothlin – Jun 1st...16 Sivan ^  
Steven White – Jun 3rd...18 Sivan ^

**Please note: If you find a mistake, I ask your forgiveness. Please contact me at [voshellbarbara@gmail.com](mailto:voshellbarbara@gmail.com) so I can correct our records. Thank you.**

# Thanks for the support

It has been my pleasure to serve as President for the past 2 years and be involved in building a firm foundation for our fledgling congregation. Thank you for having the confidence in electing me as President through our startup.

Despite what the page title [*It's a wrap -*] indicates, this is the moment when I wrap up my years as President. But, wrap also indicates there is a present inside, and we should all look forward to what gifts new leadership will bring. The second part [*It's not goodbye, it's just that 'I survived the minutes'*] is a reference to not only that I will remain a part of leadership, but also survived the 1-million+ minutes of the past 2 years, but also the "minutes" from every 2-hour monthly board meeting that kept us on track.

So much of what has been accomplished would not have been possible without a strong and active board of directors that is willing to put in the time, thought, and both financial and sweat equity, that the successful launch and growth of BE required.

As President I attempted to look at the big picture - and when you consider all the facets of a startup it was a huge picture - and keep us always moving forward. As we move into the next phase of building financial stability, membership growth, and balanced activities, with an eye on appropriate levels of security, I am confident that under Steve's leadership we will only strengthen as a congregation.

I strongly encourage each of our members to support Beit Echad to whatever leadership, activity, and financial ability you can. Our greatest danger is "burnout": too few doing too much. Spreading out our people resources means fresh perspectives

- as worship leaders, give a sermon, lead a service, try your hand as cantor, support for a holiday celebration
- suggest and lead on a special activity or holiday celebration we may be missing
- for financial support, select a dues and contribution level that fits your circumstances, whether its **the previous minimum of \$25, OR one of the structured tier amounts** previously described (300, 600, 900, or 1200 annually), **OR your own comfortable level, OR occasional contributions** when the opportunity or feeling occurs.
- Sponsor, prepare, and/or contribute on one of the many meals that so often bring us together: Rabbi dinner, Rabbi luncheon, Shabbat & a Show, HHD reception, luncheon & break fast, holiday meals (Hanukkah, Purim, Passover, Sukkot)

In my next roll on the board, as Treasurer, I will continue to support BE's growth, and I hope you will find a place where you too can fit in and make a difference.

Looking to more growth and a future greater than our vision,

Bob

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