

# Mitzvah Fund

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Alex Miller on graduating from Hillel Academy  
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SarahLynn Adamit	Susan Gilinsky	Laura Greger
Maria Kutz	Charney Oppenheim	Shirley Raff
Meryl Sasnowitz	Leslie Tuchman	

## Condolences to:

Claire Goldstein in memory of her brother  
Chaim Joy in memory of his mother  
The family of Norman Lazaroff  
Shalom Shoer in memory of his father  
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## \*PLEASE NOTE\*

The person to contact if you wish to send a Mitzvah Card or a Shul Beautiful Card is now Toby Kohn – 754-4297 or tgkohn@stny.rr.com

## SIYUM UPON COMPLETION OF TRACTATE ROSH HASHANAH

The Tuesday night Talmud class, taught by Rabbi Zev Silber, will be celebrating the completion of *masechet* (tractate) Rosh Hashanah with a brunch at the home of Steve and Dora Feuer on July 19. The participants in the class will be joined by their family and friends as they study the last section of text in this book that dealt with the establishment of the Jewish month and the various *mitzvot* and concepts of Rosh Hashanah.

The class has now begun studying the tractate of Bava Metziah, which discusses various property laws. Laws relating to conflicting claims of ownership, laws dealing with torts and damages. This study is of interest to anyone with a legal background or someone who is curious about how Jewish law develops and compares to American civil law.

The class is open to all members of the community. Men and women enjoy the give and take, discussions, and analysis that is the center of Talmud study and find satisfaction in the weekly class.

Now is a great time to join this stimulating class! The class is held each Tuesday evening, an hour before Mincha. As the days become shorter, the class will be held immediately following Ma'ariv, for one hour. For more information, please contact Rabbi Silber.

## Our Graduates

Mazel Tov to our graduates and their families:

Michael Alweis – Binghamton High School

David Bank – MA from The Fletcher School of Tufts University

Scott Bleier – BA from University of Buffalo

Jacqueline Karp – Hillel Academy

Alex Miller – Hillel Academy

Tom Triebwasser – MS from Cornell University

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# Sisterhood

Hope you have been having a great and fun summer. Meryl Sasnowitz, Programming VP and her chair people, Susan Wright and Judy Simon, have been busy planning this coming season's meeting events. Since there are no holiday conflicts, we will have ten meetings from September through June. Meanwhile, a Rummage Sale will be held August 9-11. Call Marlene Serkin, 729-3235, to volunteer your help. Our new Mitzvah Card coordinator is Toby Kohn, 754-4297.

Charney Oppenheim and husband Bob will be leaving us after many years of devoted service to the shul. They will be making aliyah to Israel and wintering in Florida. We will miss them and wish them luck. Enjoy the rest of the summer

Claire Ladenheim, Sisterhood President

## Customs and Practices “Nine Days” & Tish’a B’Av

**When:** The 9 days begin on Rosh Chodesh Av, which occurs on Wednesday, July 22, and continue through 9 Av, which occurs on Thursday, July 30.

**Mourning practices:** During the entire 3-week period we do not conduct weddings, we refrain from haircuts, and we avoid listening to live music. During the 9 days beginning on Rosh Chodesh we refrain from eating meat and drinking wine (or grape juice), and from wearing freshly laundered and ironed clothes. Freshly laundered undergarments are permitted. None of these restrictions apply to Shabbat. We may also drink the wine or grape juice used for Havdalah, even though it is no longer Shabbat, however it is preferable that a child drink the wine or grape juice. We also do not launder or dry clean those clothes during this period, even for use after the 9 days. Swimming and bathing for pleasure is likewise forbidden. Bathing for hygienic and health reason is permitted. Purchasing “items of joy” should be avoided unless their cost will be higher, or the item will not be available, after Tish’a B’Av. Shaving is avoided during the 9 days, or at least the week in which Tish’a B’Av occurs, and is forbidden on Tish’a B’Av itself – Wednesday night and Thursday.

**Erev Tish’a B’Av:** Before sunset it is customary to eat a *seudat hamafseket*, the last meal before the fast commences. The regular meal eaten in order to have the strength to fast is consumed earlier. This meal is a meal of mourning. It consists of just one course, usually a hard-boiled egg and bread. This meal is eaten while sitting on a low chair, just like during Shiva, and consumed in solitude. This is the last food that one should consume before the fast.

Tish’a B’Av is observed for the full 24-hour period, beginning at sundown on Wednesday, July 29. All the restrictions of Yom Kippur apply: It is prohibited to eat and drink, we are not allowed to wash, anoint oneself, wear leather shoes or engage in marital relations. If you need to take medication or consume food or drink due to health reasons, please consult with the rabbi. It is also customary to sit on a low chair or on the floor, as during Shiva, until Mincha on Tish’a B’Av.

**Ma’ariv service:** After the evening service we read the book of *Eicha* (Lamentations), followed by several *kinot*, poetic dirges which recall the destruction of the Temple.

**Shacharit service:** We do not don Tallit or Tefilin and following the service many *kinot* are recited which recall the many tragic events that occurred on this day.

**Mincha service:** We wear our Tallit and Tefilin and the traditional service for a fast day is recited.

**After Tish’a B’Av:** Some of the restrictions of Tish’a B’Av continue until noon of the next day. It is customary not to eat meat or drink wine or grape juice until after noon. It is permissible to wear leather shoes and bathe immediately after the fast. This year, since Tish’a B’Av occurs on Thursday, we are permitted to wash clothes, get a haircut and shave immediately after the fast in honor of the upcoming Shabbat.

**Our sages teach that whoever mourns over Jerusalem will merit the future vision of her joy. As it is written in Isaiah (Chapter 66, verse 10), "rejoice greatly with her, all who mourn her."**

## Recycle Sale

Sisterhood is planning to hold a Recycle Sale (notice the change in name to fit in with the times) Sunday-Tuesday, August 9-11. We will be setting up on Sunday morning, August 9, starting at 8:30 am. The sale is open to the public on Sunday, from 11:00 am-4:00 pm; Monday, 9:30 am-4:00 pm; and on Tuesday, there is a \$3.00 Bag Sale, from 9:30-11:30.

We will need help setting up, selling and cleaning up. Please call me, Marlene Serkin, 729-3235, to volunteer your time.

If you have merchandise to donate, you can bring it to the shul Tuesdays or Fridays, from 8:00 am-noon, and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm and on Wednesdays from 8:00 am-1:00 pm.

Keep in mind when donating merchandise, if it is dirty, broken, rusted or generally not in a condition to be sold, we do not want it. Thank you.

Marlene Serkin, Rummage Sale chair

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# Beth David Family

“The zucchini’s in!” That’s the cry heard round the Triple Cities these days. Our June rain, coupled with sunny days, has vegetable crops bursting forth from the ground.

Some say rain on Shavout brings rain for forty following days...who knows?

People have been in motion visiting friends and family. Judy and Irwin Simon spent time in Cincinnati, her old stomping grounds. They also managed to visit Erin and Sam and their children Eli and Cal in Burlington, and Sandi and Isaac and their children Ava and Ryan in NYC, bringing Ava back for a week in the woods with her grandparents. Shortly after Dora and Steve Feuer spent time with Amy and Amir and their children Yael and Rina in Lynbrook, NY, Allen and his boys Ari and Corey spent a weekend in Vestal. Claire and Sam Ladenheim enjoyed a month with their LA family, children Xianna and Michael Shifman. A steady stream of grandchildren and great-grandchildren joyously bonded with them. A highlight of the Ladenheim’s visit was an anniversary brunch celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary! A week later, the Ladenheims welcomed two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Arielle Gottesman, and grandson Ezra Ladenheim to their home for an extended visit. Daughter Susan Rendsburg arrived for a Shabbat visit with her family Rachel and Josh Abrams, David and Rebecca Rendsburg, and Dina Rendsburg for an east coast 60th anniversary gathering.

Sarah Lynn and Rabbi Ami Adamit had a full house when their family joined them for a summer Shabbat. Daughter Tal Behmenesch and her baby Avichai, here from Israel for a three week stay, were joined by Adina, Mike and their children from Teaneck, along with Gilad, Ahi, and Ayal. This was the first time in years all the Adamit children gathered at their parents’ home! Gary Weltman spent a Shabbat in Binghamton. He came south from his FT. Drum summer assignment to see his former community. He, Penina, and the four girls live in Jacksonville, Florida. Barbara and Les Bank traveled to Ann Arbor to celebrate the second birthday of their granddaughter, Lily, with her parents Tanya and Will Wright. Susan and Michael Wright spent their grandson Ephraim’s fifth birthday with his parents Davida and Gavin Lebowitz and sister Ahuva in Toronto.

Marion and Shmuel Morell had the pleasure of attending their grandson Avia Raskas’ marriage to Ruti Goloventsis in erez Yisrael. The chatan is the son of Malkie and Aron Raskas of Jerusalem. In Afula, Israel, Ruth and Ed Sacher attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Itiya, the daughter of Ari and Tova Sacher. While in Israel, the Sachers bumped into Anne and Jeff Rothenberg, former Binghamtonians. May the couples each build a bayit ne’eman b’Yisrael.

What a Shabbat we had on June 27th! Friends of four families who are leaving our community hosted a delicious luncheon. Tribute was paid to Charney and Bob Oppenheim who will relocate to Israel and Southern Florida, Ellen and Jerry Schachter who will winter in Florida and summer in the Philadelphia area, Stella and Shlomo Weiss and family who are settling in West Hempstead, and Yael and Dan Lewin and family who moved to Dallas. Although the Beth David sojourn varied greatly for each family, each of them is leaving a profound mark here at Beth David and will surely be missed.

Naftali and Gila Polacheck happened to join us that Shabbat during a visit to their parents Dora and Sol Polachek. That same week, most of the Coleman family was in shul as well. Zipora, Gary, Orit Mazal, Rivka, and Yosef shared stories of Cleveland, their new hometown. To top things off, the Feldhamers had a houseful that weekend. Suzanne and Max were in from Israel, much to Leon’s delight. Lulu arrived from NYC, and Rachel and Rami Elbaz and their baby Nathan came from Toronto. It was a joy to have a full complement of friends in our shul building.

Marilyn Bell welcomed her children David and Jen Bell of Passaic and their children, Natan, Reuven and Gavriel, here for an early summer retreat. Susan and Michael Wright were elated when Jeremy and Marissa, Kerry, and Natania arrived in town to celebrate Susan’s special birthday. Marion and Norman Rudin enjoyed their visit from Debbie and Hal Rudin and three of their children from Passaic. This came on the heels of the Rudins celebrating their grandson Michael’s Bar Mitzvah in Teaneck the week before. Michael is the son of Sue and Louie Rudin. Ruth and Bob Groh were thrilled with several visits from their children Sharon and Howie Mintz of Providence and their grandchildren Abigail, Orli, and Michael.

We welcome two people, each of whom are enrolled in Binghamton University’s graduate nursing program. Miria Ginnis hails from Seattle and Jay Frenkeo from Woodmere, Long Island. It so happens that Jay’s brother Ari is participating in a residency program at Wilson Hospital.

Mazal Tov to Yael and Dan Lewin on the birth of a boy, Yitzchak Tzvi. A boy was born to Rachel and David Levon. He’s the grandson of Tziviah and Maish Staiman and the great-grandson of Naomi and Sholom Staiman, all of Hollywood, Florida. May the boys grow to Bar Mitzvah and chupah and to 120 in good health! Kol Hakavod to Barbara and Les Bank on Les and his partners forming the Binghamton Gastroenterology Associates. Yasher koach to Suzanne Treibwasser on her acceptance to St. John’s University Law School. She’ll be a commuter several days a week starting this fall.

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Refuah shelemah to Sarah Lynne Adamit, Anne Brilliant, Bob Kutz, Maria Kutz, Marion Morell, and Charney Oppenheim.

With sadness I note the passing of Nancy Joy, the mother of Chaim Joy, Norman Lazaroff our shul member and husband of Sandra Lazaroff, and Rabbi Joseph Kelman, brother of Claire Goldstein. May Kathy Velenchik and Chaim Joy, Sandra Lazaroff and her children Alan and Deborah, and the Goldstein Family find comfort amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

We’ve begun a pivotal time in the Jewish nation’s history, the three weeks leading to Tisha B’Av and the destruction of the Temple. Although it’s crucial at this time to mourn and remember what we lost, we also know that it’s followed by Shabbat Nachamu, a time of comfort and of commitment to rebuilding. Although our shul numbers have diminished, we should continue our Beth David spirit by attending services, supporting our shul functions, and volunteering to lend a hand.

## Contributions

### General Fund from:

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Dora & Solomon Polachek in honor of the Schachters being honored at Beth David dinner  
Dora & Solomon Polachek in honor of Saba Wiesner being reelected to President of Beth David  
Dora & Solomon Polachek in honor of Marti Klionsky’s coordination of CJS events

Bentzil & Susan Kasper wishing a complete and speedy recovery to Paula Rubin  
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Shirley Bronsky wishing a speedy recovery to Shirley Raff

### In Memory of Norman Lazaroff

Bertrand & Herta Horwitz	Lynn Dumoff
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Ellen Willard

Sholom & Naomi Staiman in memory of Naomi’s sister, Miriam Bloom

### Shul Beautiful to:

SarahLynn Adamit wishing you a complete and speedy recovery from Gerry & Susan Hubal

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Susan Gilinsky wishing you a complete and speedy recovery from Gerry & Susan Hubal

In honor of Toni Grekin from Claire Sheftz

Charney Oppenheim wishing you a complete and speedy recovery from Gerry & Susan Hubal

Shirley Raff wishing you a complete and speedy recovery from Gerry & Susan Hubal

Paula Rubin wishing you a complete and speedy recovery from Gerry & Susan Hubal

Meryl Sasnowitz wishing you a complete and speedy recovery from Gerry & Susan Hubal

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Jerry & Ellen Schachter wishing you Mazel Tov on receiving the Jack & Mary Ferber Memorial Award from Sam & Claire Ladenheim

## \* THANKS\*

Many thanks to our friends at Beth David for honoring us with the Mary and Jack Ferber Memorial Award, and for the generous donations made in our names.

Ellen and Jerry Schachter

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