

CENTERPOST

South Baldwin Jewish Center—Shaarei Shalom

February 2024

שכט-אדר א Shevat-Adar I_ 5784 תשפ"ד

South Baldwin Jewish Center is affiliated with The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Centerpost is the official publication of South Baldwin Jewish Center (USPS 096-260) 2959 Grand Avenue Baldwin.
New York 11510. (516) 223-8688.

Postmaster: Send change of address to South Baldwin Jewish Center.

centerpost is published monthly, except for July and August.



This month, Adar I, is an added month in the Jewish leap year.

The Jewish leap year, which occurs seven times in a 19-year cycle, has 13 months so that the lunar-based Jewish year (which is 354.37 days) should remain aligned with the solar year (365.25 days) and seasons.

It is important to keep the calendars aligned in order for the festivals to retain their positions relative to the seasons as prescribed by the Torah. The added month is called Adar I, and is inserted before the month of Adar (termed Adar II in leap years).

Adar is the official "happy month," as is written: "As soon as Adar begins, increase in joy!" In a leap year, we have two months of extra happiness!

The festival of Purim, celebrated on Adar 14, is in Adar II in leap years, while the 14th of Adar I is marked symbolically as Purim Katan—Minor Purim.

Chabad Website

February 2024 Shevat—Adar I 5784 candle lighting times come from the Chabad website and are calculated for Baldwin Check with office to confirm mid-week events

Sat	3 24 Shevat Services 9:30 am Parshat Yitro Birchat Hachodesh Shabbat ends 5:57 pm	1 1 10 1 1	17 8 Adar I Parshat Terumah Shabbat ends 6:13 pm	24 15 Adar I Services 9:30 am Parshat Tetzaveh Shabbat ends 6:20 pm	
Fri	Simchat Shabbat 8 pm P Candle lighting 1157	at sh ng 5:04	16 7 Adar I 17 Par Candle lighting 5:12 Shapm	23 14 Adar I S Candle lighting 5:20 P pm Ppm Ppm Ppm Ppm Ppm Ppm Ppm Ppm Ppm P	
Thu	1 22 Shevat Rabbi's Class		15 6 Adar I Rabbi's Class	22 13 Adar I Rabbi's Class	29 20 Adar I Rabbi's Class
Wed			14 5 Adar Folk Dancing 10:0 am Mabjong 1 pm	21 12 Adar I Folk Dancing 10:0 am Mahjong 1 pm	28 19 Adar I Folk Dancing 10:3 am Mahjong 1 pm
Tue		6 27 Shevat Canasta 7 pm	13 4 Adar I Canasta 7 PM	20 11 Adar I Canasta 7 PM	27 18 Adar I Canasta 7 pm
Mon		1	12 3 Adar I Nat's Group 2 pm	19 10 Adar I Presidents' Day Office Closed Presidents' Day	26 17 Adar I Nat's Group 2 pm
Sun		4 25 Shevat	11 2 Adar I	18 9 Adar I	25 16 Adar I

March 2024 Adar I—Adar II 5784 Candle lighting times come from the Chabad website and are calculated for Baldwin Check with office to confirm mid-week events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 21 Adar I Simchat Shabbat 8 pm Candle lighting 5:28 pm	2 22 Adar I Services 9:30 am Parshat Ki Tisa Shabbat ends 6:28 pm
3 23 Adar I	4 24 Adar I Nat's Group 2 pm Board Meeting	5 25 Adar I Canasta 7 PM	6 26 Adar I Folk Dancing 10:30 am Mahjong 1 pm	7 27 Adar I Rabbi's Class	8 28 Adar I Candle lighting 5:36 pm	9 29 Adar I Services 9:30 am Parshat Vayakhel Shabbat Shekalim Shabbat ends 6:36 pm
10 30 Adar I Rosh Chodesh Daylight Savings Time Begins	11 1 Adar II Rosh Chodesh Nat's Group 2 pm	12 2 Adar II Canasta 7 pm	13 3 Adar II Folk Dancing 10:30 am Mahjong 1 pm	14 4 Adar II Rabbi's class	15 5 Adar II Candle lighting 6:44 pm	16 6 Adar II Services 9:30 am Parshat Pekudei Shabbat ends 7:43 pm
17 7 Adar II	18 8 Adar II Nat's Group 2 pm	19 9 Adar II Canasta 7 pm	20 10 Adar II Folk Dancing 10:30 am Mahjong 1 pm	21 11 Adar II Ta'anit Ester Rabbi's Class	22 12 Adar II Candle lighting 6:51 pm	23 13 Adar II Services 9:30 am Parshat Vayikra Shabbat Zachor Shabbat ends 7:51 pm
Purim	25 15 Adar II , Nat's Group 2 pm	26 16 Adar II Canasta 7 pm	27 17 Adar II Folk Dancing 10:30 am Mahjong 1 PM	28 18 Adar II	29 19 Adar II Candle lighting 6:59 pm	30 20 Adar II Services 9:30 am Parshat Tzav Shabbat Parah Shabbat ends 7:59 pm
31 2 Adar II						

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

What Is a Torah Scroll?



The Torah scroll is a long scroll containing the entire text of the <u>Five Books of Moses</u>, hand-written by a pious scribe in the original Hebrew.

It is rolled up around two ornate wooden shafts, attached to either end of the scroll.

Kept in the Ark of each synagogue, the <u>Torah</u> scroll is regularly read aloud in all <u>synagogues</u>, and in its presence we offer prayers and blessings for all those in need.

We read from the Torah scroll four times a week, on Shabbat morning, Shabbat afternoon, and on Monday and Thursday mornings. In addition, the Torah is read on many Jewish festivals, the first day(s) of the new <u>Hebrew month</u> and <u>fast days</u>.

Yet the Torah scroll is much more than that. It is the core representation of <u>Judaism</u> itself. It is the tangible embodiment of our connection to G-d and of His wisdom and guidance. On the most joyous day of the year, we embrace it in our arms, as we dance ecstatically and celebrate that connection.

Our holiest and most precious treasure, the Torah, is literally G-d's gift to the world.

The Torah is our guide to life. Actually, the Torah is our life.

Without it, the Jewish People cannot live.

It is the heart, mind and soul of Judaism, right there in front of you, black on white. The original hard copy.

The first Torah scroll in history was dictated by G-d verbatim and written by Moses, just before his passing. In his parting words, he told them to listen to the words found in that scroll and to reference them in response to life's questions.

They taught their children to do the same, and that's how we've kept its tradition until this day.

From that Torah scroll, many identical copies were hand-written by a pious scribe, and likewise in all subsequent generations.

Today there are many hundreds of thousands of Torah scrolls in existence.

And by the way, the only place you will see and hear the Torah Scroll, is in a synagogue.

Hope to see you in SHUL, on Shabbat and Holidays.

Rabbi Sam,

You can always reach me @ 845-729-6814

שערי שלום יישערי

2959 Grand Avenue Baldwin, NY 11510 Phone: 516-223-8688 | Fax: 516-223-8689 Email: SouthBaldwinOffice@gmail.com

Co-Presidents Message

January has come and gone; winter has been kind to us so far. It won't be long until the snowbirds return from warmer climates. This past Shabbat was Holocaust Remembrance Day and we also celebrated Tu B'Shavat.

Thanks to all that attend services and help to keep SBJC a vibrant synagogue. Looking forward sisterhood has events planned, and the usual groups meet during the week. With that said, Purim is just around the corner and Passover is the end of April.

We were saddened by the loss of a few congregants in the last couple months, and this reminds us that our membership is shrinking. We thank those that have satisfied their obligations and implore those that can to clear them up as soon as possible.

Just a quick update on the HVAC replacement that was authorized. The unit has been installed and the ductwork is in process of being connected. By the time you are reading this, heat will have been restored to the Smog/Ballroom.

An ongoing theme the past year in our messages, is that we need you to make an effort to attend services. If each of you commit to just one Shabbat a month, our sanctuary would be filled with prayer. Just think, you might even meet some of your friends and enjoy a nosh afterwards.

Wishing you and your families all the best, and please call the office with all of your good news.







Notes From Sisterhood

Betty Arzt, Sheila Goldsmith

"Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners."....Abraham Joshua Heschel

Do we stop and think about respecting ourselves? What does "respecting ourselves" mean? What does it mean to be an ethical person? How do we learn to be virtuous? Do we think about showing consideration for other people? Are we being respectful to others? Are we concerned about the principles of "right and wrong" behavior?

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel was a Jewish theologian, philosopher, and rabbi. We continue to learn from his meaningful teachings. The anniversary of Rabbi Heschel's yahrtzeit was observed recently. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on Rabbi Heschel's writings.

We remember his connection with the Civil Rights Movement. The photograph of Rabbi Heschel and Dr. King on the march from Selma to Montgomery, arms linked in a human chain of protest, is iconic.

When Rabbi Heschel returned from Selma he wrote, "For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying."

Every day affords us the opportunity to learn, revamp, and adapt. Do we take the time to make our daily journey meaningful? Do we only focus on the end result? Do we think that our own point of view is the only one that matters? Are we being reflective?

Reflections:

Your sisterhood continues to be a vital arm of our synagogue. Our educational programs are of high quality and are open to all of our congregants. We have taken advantage of Zoom to connect with each other. We continue to work diligently to meet the needs of our community. Thank you to Gloria Okin who consistently sends messages to our congregants when they experience sorrowful or joyous occasions. Shabbat meals are provided for the family in the event of the death of a member.

We are involved members of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. We benefit from their programs and teachings. We invite you to participate in these offerings.

Looking Ahead:

Adar is coming. It is said that the month of Adar is a time to feel especially joyous. The Rabbis instructed: "From the moment Adar arrives, we are to increase our joy." This year, being a leap year in our Jewish calendar, we celebrate Adar for two months: Adar 1 and Adar 2. So, we have two months to be especially happy. Purim will be celebrated in Adar 2. This year Purim begins on March 23. Yes, we will be preparing Shalach Manot bags for the congregation. We will continue the lovely custom of sending Shalach Manot to family, friends, and neighbors. A hearty and sincere "thank you" to all for participating in this delightful tradition and allowing us to provide Purim bags for all of the members of our congregation. Please watch for the invitation so that you will be included in this venture.

The next Rosh Hodesh Study Group meeting is scheduled for Sunday morning, February 4, 2024, at 10:30 via Zoom. The link will be sent out just prior to the meeting.

The Book Club has selected the next book to review. We will be reviewing Where the Lilacs Bloom Once Again by Roni Rosenthal. We will be meeting on Tuesday,

February 27, 2024, at 1:00, via Zoom. The Zoom link will be provided prior to the meeting. As always, we thank Cindy Gunther for her preparation and for facilitating the meeting.

Join us for Canasta on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 and for Mah Jongg on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the synagogue.

Torah Fund Cards are available for all occasions. Thank you to Rowena Weinstein for her dedication to Torah Fund.

Thank you for your support of Sisterhood.

Pirkei Avot teaches: Do not separate yourself from the community.

Gift Shop

Please visit the gift shop for your personal and gift giving needs.

Want to enhance your Shabbat? Looking for a special gift? Look at our beautiful challah covers, challah knives, and challah trays.

Need a "new home" gift for someone? Look at our mezuzot and kosher Torah scrolls.

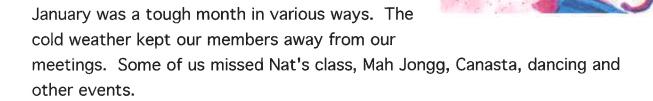
We may be able to accommodate requests.

We thank our gift shop managers, Carol Burker and Susan Lifshitz.

MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Hi All SBJC Members.



When Adar Begins, We Increase in Joy

Our board meeting was held and we are getting the work done to put heat in the synagogue hallways and bathrooms.

Unfortunately, on the sad side, we lost a wonderful member who passed away: Fritzi Wolk. Mike Eisman always picked her up and brought her to the synagogue on Shabbos. Regardless of her medical condition, she would come in with her walker to enjoy Shabbos and a nice kiddush. A true Eyshes Chayil! A Woman of Valor and a good Jewish gal. We will always miss her.

Also sadly, Marc Cohen lost a brother who lived in Florida. Condolence to the rest of the family members. We hope for no more tzures for all of our members and to all Jews all over the world.

On Shabbat, January 27, we were delighted to experience a Tu B'Shevat Seder. Thank you to Malka for her preparation and for facilitating this meaningful program. The Men's Club was pleased to fund the special food for the seder.

Hopefully the war in Israel will end for the betterment for all Israelis and all good people.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY MEN'S CLUB DUES - \$40.00. Boruch HaShem and Zei Gezunt! Irving Epstein, President

Joke Time:

- 1. I fell in love with a gal from South Korea she wanted to be my Seoul mate.
- 2. What animal always goes to bed with shoes: A HORSE!
- 3. Why do bears have hairy coats? Fur protection.
- 4. Never play games in the jungle! Why, because there are too many Cheetahs.
- 5. What's the best way to catch a fish? When someone throws it at you!
- 6. I used to search for shellfish until one day I pulled a Mussel!
- 7. Why did the cow jump over the moon? To get to the Milky Way!

Quote: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

......Eleanor Roosevelt



OJohnny Sajem * illustrationsOf.com/1115561

Don't Separate Yourself From the Community!

In case you missed it...

In case you missed it...on January 27 the entire world commemorated International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The world acknowledged a horrific time when six million parents, children, grandparents, relatives, and friends were tortured and



murdered for no other reason than that they were Jewish.

We'll continue to remember those who perished in the Holocaust.

We, as a congregation, will move forward in our dedication to preserve and practice our Jewish traditions. We'll persevere as we study and learn about our heritage. We'll be persistent as we regard our homes to be "holy places" in which our Jewish values are observed. From generation to generation, we'll reinforce our Jewish ethics and teachings. Each one of us has the responsibility to insure the future of Judaism with love, laughter, and peace.

In case you missed it... we need to treat our fellow human beings with kindness. We need to draw strength from one another.

The Tu B'Shevat Seder was memorable for all of us who attended. The New Year of the Trees is experienced with food and prayer.

Much of the food is symbolic and the dialogue is metaphoric.

Tu B'Shevat has also become a day of commitment to protecting the environment. Judaism teaches that the earth is the Creator's, and that we are to be partners and co-workers with G-d in preserving our planet and its resources.



Thank you to Malka Mittelmann for her diligence in preparing for this seder and for facilitating the program.

Condolences

With sadness, we mourn the passing of Fritzi Wolk, our dear friend and beloved congregant. Our deepest condolences and love to the Wolk Family.

With sadness, we mourn the passing of Joel Michael Cohen, brother of Marc Cohen. Our deepest condolences and love to the Cohen Family.

With sadness, we mourn the passing of Andrew Shuldman, son in law of Rabbi Sam Waidenbaum and Susan. Our deepest condolences and love to the Waidenbaum and Shuldman families.

May G-d comfort you together with all the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

May their memories be a blessing and an inspiration.

Our greatest impact is on the next generation, who hold our hopes and our dreams and launch them into a future beyond our reach!

Share your love forward!

Rabbi Bradley Artson

DONATIONS: DECEMBER, 2023-JANUARY, 2024

Cynthia & Robert Gunther	in memory of	Andrew Shuldman
Barbara Sterler	in memory of	Fritzi Wolk
Jeff Jasper	in memory of	Alice Jasper
Jeff Jasper	in memory of	Stephen Jasper
Goldie Kieval	in memory of	Fritzi Wolk
Goldie Kieval	in memory of	Joel Michael Cohen
Rowena Weinstein & Family	in memory of	Fritzi Wolk
Jeff & Sheila Jasper	in memory of	Fritzi Wolk
Rowena Weinstein & Family	in memory of	Joel Michael Cohen
Dona Schwab	in memory of	Andrew Shuldman
Dona Schwab	in memory of	Fritzi Wolk
Rochelle Dorfman	in memory of	Philip Schaffer
Rochelle Dorfman	in memory of	Selma Feldstein
Rochelle Dorfman	in memory of	Irene Hoffman
Rochelle Dorfman	In memory of	Sybil Dorfman
Rochelle Dorfman	in memory of	Meyer Dorfman
Rochelle Dorfman	in memory of	Jennie Abrams
Joan Finkelman	in memory of	Fritzi Wolk
Joan Finkelman	in memory of	Joel Michael Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Ascher	in memory of	Fritzi Wolk
Eleanor & Irving Epstein	in memory of	Fritzi Wolk
Eleanor & Irving Epstein	in memory of	Joel Michael Cohen
Evelyn Estrine	in memory of	Andrew Shuldman
Evelyn Estrine	in memory of	Joel Michael Cohen
Evelyn Estrine	in memory of	Fritzi Wolk
Mark & Pam Guttman	in memory of	Fritzi Wolk
Cheryl & Marc Cheron	in memory of	Fritzi Wolk
Barbara Sterler	in memory of	Joel Michael Cohen

Eleanor & Irving Epstein	in memory of	Alfred Nevins
Elle & Hy Kapito	in memory of	Andrew Shuldman
Rosine Wolpert	in memory of	Wallace Wolpert
Jan & Louis Weisblum	lovely Oneg Shabbat	Mike & Phyllis Eisman
Gloria Okin	in memory of	Leonard Tannenbaum
Gloria Okin	in memory of	Harry Okin
Marilyn & Marc Cohen	in memory of	Andrew Shuldman
Cheryl & Marc Cheron	in memory of	Andrew Shuldman
Cheryl & Marc Cheron	in memory of	Joel Michael Cohen
Goldie Kieval	Eisman's generosity	Mike & Phyllis Eisman
Nat Greenfeld	lovely Oneg Shabbat	Mike & Phyllis Eisman
Ray Streiter	in memory of	Joseph Streiter
Barbara Libman	in memory of	Henry Bernstein
Albert & Barbara Libman	in memory of	David Michael Libman
Barbara Libman	in memory of	May C. Bernstein
Richard Katz	in memory of	Anne Katz
Susan Cohn	in memory of	Richard Bloom
Susan Cohn	in memory of	Eleanor Bloom
Dona Schwab	in memory of	Nettie Bressner
Laurie Klein	in memory of	Fannie Goldmacher
Laurie Klein	in memory of	Theodore Hertz
Laurie Klein	in memory of	Rosalie Hertz
Diane Ghamar	in memory of	Leah Plato
Janice Weisblum	in memory of	Bette Brodsky
Lewis Weisblum	in memory of	Lester Weisblum
Michele Bergsohn	in memory of	Esther Zapken
Joseph Kahn	in memory of	Sam Gartenberg
Carryl Lazarus	in memory of	Ada Goodman
Paul Levy	in memory of	Stanley Levy
Joan Finkelman	in memory of	Barry Finkelman
Joan Finkelman	in memory of	Michael Finkelman

Joan Finkelman	Refua Shleimah	Fritzi Wolk
Deborah Kurtzberg	in memory of	Sherman Kurtzberg
Deborah Kurtzberg	in memory of	Dora Teitelbaum
Deborah Kurtzberg	in memory of	Miriam Kurtzberg
J. Parnes	in memory of	Sylvia Parnes
J. Parnes	in memory of	Irving Parnes
Marcia Kerr	in memory of	Shirley Weiner
Susan Cohn	in memory of	Joel Cohn
Pamela Guttman	in memory of	Lillian Barron
Ruth Miller	in memory of	Sarah Lander
Ruth Miller	in memory of	Samuel Miller
Robert & Cynthia Gunther	in memory of	Beverly Gunther
Robert & Cynthia Gunther	in memory of	Benjamin Gunther
Sheila Orenstein	in memory of	Ruth Spiro

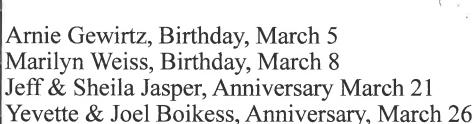
Thank you for your generous donations.

"Who is wise? One who learns from every man... Who is strong? One who overpowers his inclinations... Who is rich? One who is satisfied with his lot... Who is honorable? One who honors his fellows." – Ben Zoma, Ethics of the Fathers, 4:1



FEBRUARY & MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Rosalyn Chumsky, Birthday, February 3 Yosef Weiss, Birthday, February 8 Joel Klausner, Birthday, February 20 Richard Zuckerman, Birthday, February 23 Dona Schwab, Birthday, February 27 Evelyn Estrine, Birthday, February 27



מזל טוב

Please join us: Simcha Shabbat

On the first Friday evening service of each month we celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and joyous occasions



Ben's Is Proud To Support... South Baldwin Jewish Center



,(516) 621-3340 ,(516) 621-3340 ,(212) 392-7367 ,(514) 496-4236 OODEURY HASSAU 5, STIORE - (516) 868-2072 SUMOLK COUNTY- (631) 724-3030 WESTCHESTER DELIVERY - (514) 468-2347

UNDER RABBINICAL SUPERVISION DAILY





75 Seamon Avenue Rockville Centre, NY 11570 SignaturePremier.com

Mobile: Office:

516.521.6637 516,766,7900

Fax:

516.766.2900

AlanLevine444@yahoo.com www.drewloren,com



Alan D. Levine, GPA

Licensed Real Estate Associate Broker Multi-Million Dollar Sales Producer



Kosher Restaurant & Caterers WALLY & RUSS GOETZ Owners

641 East Park Avenue Long Beach, New York 11561 (516) 431-4411 • (516) 431-4457

(516) 333-1616 ALFIE

ALL OUR MEATS ARE SOAKED AND SALTED MASHGIACH ON PREMISES



NASSAU KOSHER MEATS AND KITCHEN





495 Bellmore Avenue Fast Meadow, N.Y. 11554



Phones:

(516) 766-1581

(516) 766-1582

405 Merrick Rd. Oceanside NY 11572



Fax (516) 763-6528

> Wholesale & Retail Bagels & Bialys





835 Atlantic Avenue Baldwin Harbor, NY 11510

Lyndell Senior

Assistant Vice President & Branch Manager Isenior@ridgewoodbank.com

Office: 516-223-2835 Fax: 516-377-0345

www.ridgewoodbank.com







Catering Shiva Baskets Gift Baskets Shipped Anywhere

Shomer Shabbat

Mon. thru Thurs. 9 AM - 7:00 PM Fri. 8 AM - Sundown Sat - Closed Sun - 9 AM - 6 PM

Mediterranean Food Market FRESH MIDDLE EASTERN SALADS MADE DAILY - ALL NATURAL 2828 Merrick Road, Bellmore, NY 11710 (516) 221-9008



One of The Largest Family Owned & Operated Jewish Funeral Homes Serving Long Island, New York & Florida

Directors: *STEWART GUTTERMAN • PHILIP GUTTERMAN

STEVEN KANOWITZ • *HOWARD C. KOTKIN *ROBERT SHERMAN • * ELLIOTT H. WOLFE

Chapels In:

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L.I.: 175 N. Long Beach Rd. • 516-764-9400

WOODBURY, L.I.: 8000 Jericho Turnpike • 516-921-5757 BROOKLYN: 1283 Coney Island Avenue • 718-284-1500

In Florida:

GUTTERMAN-WARHEIT MEMORIAL CHAPEL • 1-800-992-9262

SERVING MIAMI-DADE, BROWARD, PALM BEACH & MARTIN COUNTIES

Arrangements for Out-of-State Burials

* Of Blessed Memory

MONUMENTS BY GUTTERMAN'S

www.guttermansinc.com



USPS 096-260

Congregation Shaarei Shalom South Baldwin Jewish Center

2959 Grand Avenue Baldwin NY 11510

516-223-8688

www.SBJC.NET