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From the Cantor's Desk...

Who's on your "TO CALL" list?

I know there are some of you to whom this does not apply, but if you're like me, the demands of everyday life overtake us, and I forget to connect with the people I am thinking about. Then when I get a quiet moment, I find it difficult to actually dial the phone. All kinds of "stories" go through my head – the person is busy. I haven't spoken to them for so long, it'll be weird. They don't really want to hear from me. We won't have anything to talk about. In almost every case, when I finally make the call, all those thoughts are just what I called them above – "stories." Stories that I made up myself from my own anxieties, and instead I have had some wonderful conversations and hang up feeling happier, even if the call was a "consolation" call, or something that was on my "should" list – you know those things we berate ourselves for NOT doing. (I should eat healthier. I should exercise. I should clean out my basement. etc.)

In our current technological age, it seems that a text or message on an app could substitute for these "old school" conversations. As our world becomes more disconnected and dominated by tech algorithms, the days of MY youth, when we'd come home from school and immediately call a friend on the telephone -- choosing the one with the cord long enough that we could take it to a room with a door -- and then spend hours tying up the house phone line.

A story in the Talmud explains a saying "Friendship or death." (Taanit 23a) presupposed to be a popular proverb of the time. In the story, there was a wise scholar named Choni Hama'agal who inexplicably fell asleep for 70 years. When he awoke, two generations had passed and no one recognized him, although they still referred to the great wisdom of the famous "Choni Hama'agal" in the study houses. When he protested that it was indeed he, Choni, everyone attributed this to mental illness. Finding himself completely alone, he prayed to die.

The truth is, we are all alone – unless we make the effort to reach out. By reaching out, we rewrite the story. Now it can be not a work of fiction, but a record of history. And what's the worst that can happen? The person you call may just say thank you, or not pick up. On the other hand, you may ignite that special spiritual spark that comes from feeling part of a community. And that spark can light up the person you called and yourself.

So, who's on your "to call" list? Make the call.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, July 13— Regular 9AM service for Fast of 17th Tammuz**
- ***TBA August 2nd & 3rd Tisha B'Av Services***

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

*Coffee
with the
Cantor*

Every Thursday
in July

Ancestor Coffee-
house & Creperie
36 E. Main St
Annville, PA



**INTRO TO JUDAISM—
Postponed for July**



**ISRAELI DANCING
WITH MALY**

Etsy: @MalySilkCreations

JULY 10 4:30PM-6PM AND 6:30PM-8PM

JULY 11 12PM-1:30PM

**** Times may vary****



MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, July 16th
7:30 PM via zoom only

Leaving Eastern Parkway by
Matthew Daub

Reviewed by Judith Clark

Join us at the home of Benjamin Shankroff!

HAVDALAH

Saturday, July 19th at 7PM

1811 Creek Run Lane
Lebanon, PA 17042

*Sign up available on our website
DAIRY/PAREVE ONLY*



CBI/ Steven P. Buzgon
lecture series
presents...

SEPT 10, 2025
LECTURE 8PM
\$25 GENERAL



Author of:

*The Collected
Regrets of Clover*

MIKKI BRAMMER

Congregation Beth Israel
411 South 8th Street Lebanon, PA 17042

Reception Ticket Holders Only \$125 -- Reception at 7PM

CBI Adult Ed Committee presents...

**United States
Holocaust
Memorial Museum
in DC.**

Sunday, October 26

Limited
seating



**\$50/per
person**

Must register with the
office or on our
website **by Aug 15!**

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HADASSAH lists 18 American Zionist Women You Should Know

NEW YORK, NY — In the face of rising anti-Israel sentiment across the globe, Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, the largest Jewish women's organization in the United States, is proud to announce its 2025 list of **"18 American Zionist Women You Should Know."** As in each of the last two years, the women Hadassah has chosen represent the ever-changing face of Zionism and the wide variety of Zionist identities today.

The 2025 list includes a Muslim women's-rights activist from Pakistan who once found herself racially profiled at the US border; an Emmy Award-winning actress and devout Catholic who is bringing Christians together to support Jews; a non-Jewish, Italian-American culinary star who posts new videos on Instagram about antisemitism and anti-Zionism almost every day; an Orthodox Jewish woman raising the visibility of other Orthodox Jewish women in communities around the world; and an Ethiopian-born former Israeli Defense Forces paratrooper who made battling antisemitism a key part of her campaign when she ran for the political office she holds today.

Whether they are activists, educators, writers, entertainers, politicians, business innovators, nonprofit leaders, several of those things or something else entirely, these 18 women are doing the critical work of advocating for Zionism and defending Israel in the US and around the world.

"Hadassah has fostered and promoted Zionist ideals for more than 100 years and the vision of our founder, Henrietta Szold, lives on through us," said **Carol Ann Schwartz, National President**. "We take to heart our responsibility to empower those who are standing up for Israel."

Read about them on Hadassah's website

FROM THE OFFICE: TIME SENSITIVE DATES:

- **JULY 15— Updated Name, address, & phone numbers DUE**
- **JULY 30— Luah Hashanah's— \$28 each DUE**
 - Do you want to know when holidays fall? What Hebrew Bible (Tanakh) readings the rest of the Jewish world is studying? The Luah is the guide to know what is happening when in the Hebrew calendar. Text the Word "LUAH" 717-200-4170 if you are interested in purchasing a 5786 Luah Hashanah. Office will accept E-mails & Phone calls as well.
- **JULY 31— In Loving Remembrance Pages DUE**
- **AUG 11— NYG & Flower Fund Paper DUE**
- **AUG 15— Holocaust Bus Trip— Registration & Payment DUE**
- **SEPT 10— Lecture Date**
- **SEPT 22—Erev Rosh Hashanah**

July 2025

All services are HYBRID: Thurs. 7:30 AM Minyan, Fri. 7:30 PM, Sat. 9:30AM & Sun. 9AM Minyan
1st Saturdays are 60 min Shabbat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 7:30AM Minyan 11AM–Coffee w/ Cantor	4 Sammi-OUT 7:30PM Service CL: 8:33 PM	5 Shabbat in 60 9:30AM Service
6 9AM Minyan	7	8	9	10 7:30AM Minyan 11AM–Coffee w/ Cantor Israeli Dancing	11 7:30PM Service CL: 8:31 PM	12 9:30AM Service
13 9AM Minyan <i>Fast of 17th of Tamuz</i>	14 10 weeks until Rosh Hashanah	15	16 BOOK CLUB 7:30PM zoom only	17 7:30AM Minyan 11AM–Coffee w/ Cantor	18 7:30PM Service CL: 8:27 PM	19 9:30AM Service Havdalah @ Ben Shankroff
20 9AM Minyan	21 BULLETIN DEADLINE	22	23	24 7:30AM Minyan 11AM–Coffee w/ Cantor	25 7:30PM Service CL: 8:21 PM	26 9:30AM Service
27 9AM Minyan	28 BOARD MEETING 7PM	29	30 Luah Orders DUE	31 7:30AM Minyan 11AM–Coffee w/ Cantor 6PM–Intro to Judaism In Loving Remembrance DUE		

Let's Celebrate our Members with JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Rabbi Louis Zivic	Berry & Geraldine Wexler	Cheri Kaplan	Donna Kaplan
Thomas Bowman	Miriam Yeaman	Daniel Siegel	Scott Frankhauser
Ben & Christine Slotznick	Nelson & Joanne Bennetch	Sharon Greenebaum	Edward Greenebaum
Louis & Karen Zivic	Michael Knarr	Barb Fishman	Noah Weiss

Yahrzeits



<u>Tamuz</u>	<u>July</u>	
5	1	Esther Kass-- Mother of Merle Raab
6	2	Jay Allen Weiss- Brother of Stephen Weiss
6	2	Mildred Perlmutter-- Mother of Stuart Perlmutter
6	2	Estelle Magdule-- Mother of Robert Magdule
7	3	Hy Berman-- Father of Judy Shwachman & Helene Levine
8	4	Tillie Smith-- Mother of Harold Smith & Mother-in-Law of Sandra Smith
10	6	Martha Klein-- Mother of Harold Klein
11	7	Irwin Krim-- Father of Fay Gitman
12	8	Sara Kantor-- Mother of Judith Clark
13	9	Esther Sonnenberg-- Aunt of Sandra Howard
17	13	John Christison-- Father of Gretchen Weintraub
19	15	Seymour Leibowitz-- Father of Edward Leibowitz
25	21	Bess Baroway-- Mother of Marcia Buzgon
26	22	Phyllis Rich-- Mother of N. Warren Rich

<u>Av</u>	<u>July</u>	
1	26	Mary Orel-- Mother of Dr. Irvin Orel
2	27	M. Harry Ostrow -Grandfather of Carolyn Frankhauser
6	31	Rita Krim Wells- Mother of Steven Wells & Sister of Fay Gitman

Our thanks for Remembering
Beth Israel in June

Yahrzeits:

Fay
Gitman

Stuart
Finkelstein

Elizabeth
Feller-Ballot

Mollie
Bronstein

Eileen
Arnold

Rogert
Magdule

Merle Kass
Raab

HOLOCAUST FUND

Debra Schaffer



Grief Support Group

Thursday June 19th, 2025
2:30-3:30p
Virtual group via Zoom

For registration and inquiries use QR code or:

717-233-1681
seniorsvcs@jfsfshbg.org
[Link to register](#)

This is an open group that provides a space for community members to connect with one another and share their experiences, learn new coping skills, gain insights into their grief and find mutual support. This group welcomes anyone who has lost a loved one.



WHAT DOES JFS SENIOR SERVICES DO?

In-home Assessments

Our Case Manager can provide in home safety and intake assessments to assess care needs that seniors might have and assist with referrals

Care Navigation

We can assist with navigating care options including in home care, long term care and the Waiver program

Support Groups

We offer a monthly grief support group and caregiver support group. These groups are open to any adult!

Libby Urie Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is open by appointment only on Tuesdays from 12-4:30pm and Thursdays from 10am-2:30pm. Call 717-233-1681 to register

Educational Programs

We run several adult educational programs, check out our Facebook page for the most recent information!

Referrals

Have a question about supports for seniors and don't know where to go? Always feel free to call in to JFS and we will do our best to assist!



How to Contact

Email: SeniorSvcs@jfsfshbg.org
Call: 717-233-1681

Caregiver Support GROUP

26
JUNE

2:30-3:30P VIA
ZOOM

Join our community of caregivers for support, encouragement, and shared experiences.

What We Offer: Peer support and understanding Emotional well-being resources Tips for managing caregiving stress, a safe place to connect and share experiences



[REGISTER HERE](#)



For more info contact
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