

**CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL  
at the TRI-CITY JEWISH CENTER**

**CENTERITE  
NEWSLETTER**

**APRIL 2026 / 5786**



**APRIL SCHEDULE of EVENTS**



**Blending Tradition with Today**

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Wednesday, April 1	8:00 am	Fast of the First-Born Service
Wednesday, April 1	<b>NO SCHOOL - PASSOVER</b>	
Thursday, April 2	6:00 pm	Community Passover Seder
Friday, April 3	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, April 4	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, April 4	<b>NO SERVICES</b>	
Sunday, April 5	<b>NO SCHOOL - PASSOVER</b>	
Wednesday, April 8	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, April 10	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, April 11	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, April 11	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, April 12	9:00 am	Hebrew School
Sunday, April 12	10:00 am	Joint Religious School
Sunday, April 12	1:30 pm	Verschleppt Program at GAHC
Monday, April 13	7:00 pm	CPR / AED Training
Wednesday, April 15	Noon	Nosh & Mingle
Wednesday, April 15	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Wednesday, April 15	5:00 pm	Sisterhood Flower Arrangement Class at Cody Rose Flower Co.
Friday, April 17	6:00 pm	New Member Shabbat
Saturday, April 18	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, April 18	10:00 am	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Sunday, April 19	9:00 am	Hebrew School
Sunday, April 19	10:00 am	Joint Religious School
Sunday, April 19	7:00 pm	Yom HaShoah at Rogalski Center
Tuesday, April 21	7:00 pm	Beth Israel Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 22	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, April 24	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, April 25	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, April 25	10:00 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, April 26	9:00 am	Hebrew School
Sunday, April 26	10:00 am	Joint Religious School
Monday, April 27	7:00 pm	CPR / AED Training
Wednesday, April 29	4:30 pm	Hebrew School



**Fast of the First Born Service (Siyum Bechorim)  
April 1st at 8:00 a.m.**

**Bagels, cream cheese, juice, & coffee will be served  
Sponsored by Frank (Eirinberg) Anan**

## CENTER NEWS



Mazel Tov to Center member Shira Bailey who along with Davenport Central varsity show choir recently performed at the Hard Rock “Fame” event Center at Disney World in Orlando Florida. Central Singers Incorporated (CSI) was crowned grand champion competing against show choirs from Utah, Alabama, Georgia, Wisconsin, and Kansas.



Shira is the daughter of Genna & Terry Mac, granddaughter of Pam Mally and the great-granddaughter of Esther Weiner.



Congregation Beth Israel held Friday Evening Shabbat Services and a Coney Dog Dinner on March 13th. Bob Ellis & Laura Silverberg tossed out challah to all in attendance. Thank you to everyone who participated in the service and helped with dinner!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

On Thursday, March 5th, Lorrie Blumberg (director of Life Enrichment at Ridgecrest Village Retirement Community in Davenport) organized a hamantaschen baking party. Center members who helped were Debbie Weindruch, Vicki Levin, Marla Andich, Debbie Cini, Jenny Kitsis, and Lorrie Blumberg. Wonderful hamantaschen were assembled, baked, and enjoyed by all. Debbie Cini told the story of Purim and answered questions. Thank you to our members for helping!



# COMMUNITY PURIM CELEBRATION ON MARCH 2nd



**NEW MEMBER SHABBAT**

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**

**Dinner following  
6:00 P.M. Services**

**Help welcome our newest  
Congregation Beth Israel members!**



*Elijah Albrecht*  
*Aaron Baker*  
*Laylon Baucom & Brady Jones*  
*Fallon Corey*  
*Victor Lieberman*  
*Sylvia Roba*  
*Maryjo Tansey*



**RSVP by calling (309-788-3426) or emailing  
(office@tricityjewishcenter.org) the office no later  
than Monday, April 13th**

**\$15.00 per person**

## CENTER NEWS



Our **Tree of Life** continues to grow. For all happy occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, birth of a child, etc., remember the Congregation Beth Israel Tree of Life. This will be a permanent recognition of the special occasion. Leaves are \$300. Rocks are also available.



To remember a loved one, place a circle on Congregation Beth Israel's **Circle of Remembrance** memorial. This serves as a permanent remembrance of your loved one. Small circles are \$300. Larger circles are also available. Please call the office for more details.



Do you have good news that you would like to share published in the Centerite newsletter?

Please email or call the Center office with your good news! Submissions for the June newsletter are due by April 24th.

### **Refuah Shleimah Healing List**



If you or a loved one would like to be added or removed from the healing list, please contact the Beth Israel office at [office@tricityjewishcenter.org](mailto:office@tricityjewishcenter.org) or by phone 309-788-3426.

### Candle Lighting Times

	<u>Parasha</u>	<u>Friday Night</u>	<u>Havdalah</u>
April 3 & 4	Passover	7:12 pm	8:13 pm
April 10 & 11	Shemini	7:19 pm	8:21 pm
April 17 & 18	Tazria-Metzora	7:27 pm	8:30 pm
April 24 & 25	Achrei Mot-Kedoshim	7:35 pm	8:38 pm

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



# VERSCHLEPPT:

## The Carrying off of Markus and Anna Mattes

Presentation by John Mattes and Debbi Nitekman Kohl  
Music Performance by Debbi Nitekman Kohl, piano



**Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2026**  
**1:30 refreshments 2:00 program**

 GERMAN AMERICAN HERITAGE  
center & museum

 VIOLINS OF HOPE  
IOWA

Markus and Anna Mattes moved from Poland to Germany in 1908 to raise their family including son Norbert and daughter Rose Nitekman (past, longtime members of Temple Emanuel and Congregation Beth Israel).

Through first-hand accounts in letters written by Markus, Anna, and their children, we learn of the couple's witness to the beginnings of the Holocaust, and their desperate attempts to escape and join their children who found a home in the Quad Cities. These attempts, which ultimately failed, are haunting and echo the experience of many Jewish families during this time.

Including slides of the family's letters, photographs, and documents, as well as music from the Holocaust, the program addresses universal and current themes of trauma, diversity, and resiliency.

The program will be held at the German American Heritage Center & Museum, 712 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Davenport. For more information, please call the museum at (563) 322-8844 or John Mattes at (763) 438-4701. Admission is free, but **reservations are recommended and available online at [gahc.org](http://gahc.org)**.

# APRIL YARHZEITS

<p><b>14 Nisan</b> <b>Wednesday, April 1</b> Rose Sasan Joe Slivken</p>	<p><b>21 Nisan</b> <b>Wednesday, April 8</b> Martin Cohen Samuel Cohn</p>	<p><b>27 Nisan</b> <b>Tuesday, April 14</b> Rivkah Siev Frieda Kantro Meyer Stein Wolf Rich Edith Frank Jack Slivken</p>	<p><b>3 Iyar</b> <b>Monday, April 20</b> Abram-Aba Gamburg William Sax Harriette Weindruch Sandy Ellis</p>	<p><b>9 Iyar</b> <b>Sunday, April 26</b> Celia Leman Esther Stein Jane Goldfein</p>
<p><b>15 Nisan</b> <b>Thursday, April 2</b> Blanche Blitz Helen Kisner Louis Siegel</p>	<p><b>22 Nisan</b> <b>Thursday, April 9</b> Lazar Schutman Jessie Leiberman</p>	<p><b>28 Nisan</b> <b>Wednes., April 15</b> Anne Satin Frieda DeLugish</p>	<p><b>4 Iyar</b> <b>Tuesday, April 21</b> Max Finkelstein Beverly Pesses Ida Andich George Lefstein</p>	<p><b>10 Iyar</b> <b>Monday, April 27</b> Benjamin Brownstein Hyman Leibovitz Zalm Gellerman</p>
<p><b>16 Nisan</b> <b>Friday, April 3</b> Morris Greenblatt David Slivken Herman Segal Henry Grobstein</p>	<p><b>23 Nisan</b> <b>Friday, April 10</b> Leona Herman</p>	<p><b>29 Nisan</b> <b>Thursday, April 16</b> Bernard Zaretsky</p>	<p><b>5 Iyar</b> <b>Wednes., April 22</b> Leon Faigen Moe Zukerman</p>	<p><b>11 Iyar</b> <b>Tuesday, April 28</b> Ferne Sonner</p>
<p><b>17 Nisan</b> <b>Saturday, April 4</b> Ruth Stillman Dr. Sam Solomon Helen Comess Harry Ringler Zan Faigen</p>	<p><b>24 Nisan</b> <b>Saturday, April 11</b> Edythe Paley Geraldine Grossman Lillian Leibowitz Phillip Voolach</p>	<p><b>30 Nisan</b> <b>Friday, April 17</b> Betty Sanders Bert Golofsky Chas. Goldberg Muriel Levin</p>	<p><b>6 Iyar</b> <b>Thursday, April 23</b> Eva Klassman Milton Cohen Simon Lefstein Esther Solomon Dr. Werner Hollander</p>	<p><b>12 Iyar</b> <b>Wednes., April 29</b> Bessie Finkelberg Bessie Shefren Bertha Whitebook Eleanor Wallace</p>
<p><b>18 Nisan</b> <b>Sunday, April 5</b> Ada Greenblatt Zindel Cohn Don Herzberg</p>	<p><b>25 Nisan</b> <b>Sunday, April 12</b> Mary Lipkin Marshall Minner William Manson Leona Siegel</p>	<p><b>1 Iyar</b> <b>Saturday, April 18</b> William Snyder Scott Kopitsky</p>	<p><b>7 Iyar</b> <b>Friday, April 24</b> Mary Schutman Morris Shefren Adolf Heuman David Learner</p>	<p><b>13 Iyar</b> <b>Thursday, April 30</b> Louis Weindruch Dr. Milo Brady Ann Pesses</p>
<p><b>19 Nisan</b> <b>Monday, April 6</b> Edna Learner Ben Sasan</p>	<p><b>26 Nisan</b> <b>Monday, April 13</b> Sophie Leman Samuel Goldstein Henry Fredlansky Hyman Filer Rose Fefferman Lea Fox Rabbi Chaim Garbaty Milton Wertheimer</p>	<p><b>2 Iyar</b> <b>Sunday, April 19</b> Rose Schiff Irene Jacobs Benjamin Wiesman Rose Fleischman Roy Tart Helen Leman Lillian Weiner</p>	<p><b>8 Iyar</b> <b>Saturday, April 25</b> Rose Star Morris Schaider Shia Satin</p>	
<p><b>20 Nisan</b> <b>Tuesday, April 7</b> Philip Gewarter Erna Heuman</p>				

In Jewish tradition there are stages of mourning, which help a person through the process of grieving. Many synagogues, including ours, also have customs that help facilitate remembering your loved one.

*Yahrzeit* plaques serve to honor the memory of a loved one and ensure their name will be read before mourner's *kaddish*, even after relatives move or pass away. The plaque made of bronze will hang in a place of honor upon the dedicated Memorial Wall located inside Beit Shalom. To order a *yahrzeit* plaque, please call the office and provide the English name, Hebrew name and date of death.



# CPR/AED

## STOP THE BLEED TRAINING

Date: (Please choose one of the following dates)

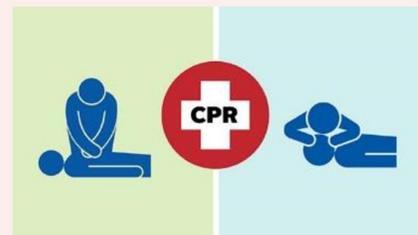
April 13<sup>th</sup> or April 27<sup>th</sup>

Place: Beit Shalom

Time: 7:00 pm

Guest Instructor from Medic EMS Scott County

Please RSVP to Beth Israel at  
309-788-3426 / [office@tricityjewishcenter.org](mailto:office@tricityjewishcenter.org) or  
Temple Emanuel at 563-326-4419 / [office@qctemple.org](mailto:office@qctemple.org)  
by April 7<sup>th</sup>.



# Nosh & Mingle

(It's not just for seniors!)

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities



**Date: Wednesday,  
April 15, 2026**

**Time: 12:00 Noon**

**Location: Beit Shalom  
2215 East Kimberly Road,  
Davenport, IA**

**Lunch will be your choice of:**

- ♦ **Tuna salad on croissant**
- ♦ **Pastrami on marble rye**
- ♦ **Chicken salad stuffed  
Tomato**

**\*Sandwiches served with  
chips**

**Please choose your lunch  
preference, and  
RSVP to Laura at  
309-793-1300 or  
lwilliams@jfqc.org by  
Sunday April 12, 2026**

**This month we welcome  
back father and son duo  
Ray and Scott Wierson,  
who will be playing songs from  
the 50's 60's & 70's**