

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

**CENTERITE  
NEWSLETTER**

**MAY 2026 / 5786**



**MAY SCHEDULE of EVENTS**



**Blending Tradition with Today**

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<b>Friday, May 1</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service</b>
<b>Saturday, May 2</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Torah Study</b>
<b>Saturday, May 2</b>	<b>NO SERVICES</b>	
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Hebrew School</b>
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Joint Religious School</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 5</b>	<b>4-6 pm</b>	<b>Going Away Reception for Laura Williams</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 6</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Hebrew School</b>
<b>Friday, May 8</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>School-Led Shabbat Service</b>
<b>Saturday, May 9</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Torah Study</b>
<b>Saturday, May 9</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Beth Israel Shabbat Service</b>
<b>Sunday, May 10</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - MOTHER'S DAY</b>	
<b>Friday, May 15</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Men's Club Shabbat Service &amp; Sisterhood Dinner</b>
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Torah Study</b>
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service</b>
<b>Sunday, May 17</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>JRS Mitzvah Day / Cookout</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Beth Israel Board Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Nosh &amp; Mingle</b>
<b>Friday, May 22</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service</b>
<b>Saturday, May 23</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Torah Study</b>
<b>Saturday, May 23</b>	<b>NO SERVICES</b>	
<b>Monday, May 25</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY</b>	
<b>Friday, May 29</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service</b>
<b>Saturday, May 30</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Torah Study</b>
<b>Saturday, May 30</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Beth Israel Shabbat Service</b>
<b>Sunday, May 31</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Café on Vine</b>

**BIRDIES FOR CHARITY  
DUES & HIGH HOLIDAY HONORS**

We are pleased to once again participate in the John Deere Classic Charity Drive, "Birdies for Charity". Make a pledge on the Birdies for Charity pledge forms that have been mailed to you and return them to the Center office. Any pledge from our members can count towards your Dues & or High Holiday Honors. For additional pledge forms, stop by the center office. Please let the Center office know you are participating. Thank you and good luck!



## CENTER NEWS

The Congregation Beth Israel Board of Directors would like to extend its deepest gratitude to Maxine and Mel Kovitz for their many years of devoted service to our congregation. As Maxine and Mel prepare to move to Florida, we want to take a moment to reflect on their lasting impact on our community.

Maxine served with dedication and care as Center Administrator for 20 years, beginning in January of 1982. Mel has also given generously of his time and leadership, serving on the Board of Directors for many years and continuing his involvement today as a lifetime board member.

Together, Maxine and Mel played a vital role in launching the Center Bingo games, and their commitment helped ensure the program's ongoing success for years to come.

We will miss Maxine and Mel greatly, and we are grateful for the legacy they leave behind. We wish them happiness, good health, and much joy as they begin this exciting new chapter in Florida.

A leaf from the Tri City Jewish Center Board of Directors will be added to the Tree of Life in Maxine & Mel's honor.



*Best Wishes!*



**Congregation Beth Israel extends our deepest sympathies to:**

- ★ Kris Cawley, on the passing of her sister, Peggy Davidson on April 3rd, 2026 in Marshalltown, Iowa.
- ★ David & Marlyne Weiner, Steven Weiner, on the passing of Sandra Weiner Covell on April 8, 2026 in San Fransico, CA.

## CENTER NEWS



Mazel Tov once again to Center member Shira Bailey Mally and the entire Davenport Central Show Choir (CSI), after being crowned grand champions at Disney in Orlando, FL. CSI qualified to travel to Branson, MO, to compete in the National Show Choir tournament. We are so proud of this group of students (50 dancers & singers, 20 band members and 10 crew members. There were show choirs from CA, MO, ID, NY and IA performing and Davenport Central Show Choir was crowned national grand champions! What a year for Shira & CSI to end as national grand champions. Shira is the daughter of Genna & Terry Mac, granddaughter of Pam Mally, and great-granddaughter of Esther Weiner.

Fast of the First Born Service was held on Wednesday, April 1st at Beit Shalom.



Frank (Eirinberg) Anan led the service and provided everyone with a wonderful bagel breakfast. Thank you to those who participated.

# COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER 2026

Our Community Passover Seder was held on Thursday, April 2nd, at Beit Shalom.

Over 70 members and guests participated in a wonderful Seder led by Lee Blumberg & Becky Meade and catered by Linda Porter.

The Seder was co-chaired by Vicki Levin & Marla Andich with assistance from Allan Ross and the Jewish Federation.



# COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER 2026



*Thank you!* Thank you to the following people who helped make the Community Passover Seder a success:

Greg Rothbardt, Lee Blumberg, Jeff Holland, Karen Meyer, Sylvia Roba, Debbie Weindruch, and Lorrie Blumberg. Special thank you to Charmaine and Ryan.

## NEW MEMBER SHABBAT

On Friday, April 17th, New Member Shabbat was held with a lovely service and dinner to welcome our newest members. New members honored were:

**Aaron Baker**

**Victor Lieberman**

**Laylon Baucom & Brady Jones**

**Sylvia Roba**

**Fallon Corey**

**Maryjo Tansey**

Thank you to the new member committee Lorrie Blumberg, Jenny Kitsis, and Michael Weindruch and thank you to Lee Blumberg, Debbie Cini, and Debbie Weindruch for a delicious dinner!



# NEW MEMBER SHABBAT



## BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood enjoyed a fun and creative flower-arranging class at Cody Rose Flower Co. in LeClaire, Iowa on Wednesday, April 15th. Participants learned the basics of floral design, created their own arrangements, and enjoyed spending time together. Thank you Cody Rose Flower Co. for hosting us, and to everyone who participated and made this a fun event.



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 May 26.

### *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 309-788-3426.

MEN'S CLUB & SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD  
*Shabbat Dinner*

SERVICES LED BY THE CENTER MEN'S CLUB



**FRIDAY  
MAY 15TH**

**6:00 PM SERVICE  
DINNER FOLLOWING**

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**ADULTS: \$10  
CHILDREN (5-12): \$5  
CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE  
MENU: PASTA, SALAD, & DESSERT**

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**PLEASE RSVP TO THE CENTER OFFICE  
309-788-3426 OFFICE@TRICITYJEWISHCENTER.ORG**

## CENTER NEWS

### Circle of Remembrance

We are currently collecting donations for a group circle of remembrance in memory of Sandra Weiner Covell.

Please call or email the office to make your pledge.

Minimum donation amount is \$10.



*Café  
On Vine*



*Thank You!*

We would like to thank everyone who donated food, made monetary contributions, and/or volunteered at Café on Vine on March 29th. As a non-profit, the Café relies upon the generosity of our members & community for food and funding.

If you would like to donate or volunteer, the next Café on Vine is on Sunday, May 31st.

Thank you again for your continued support!

### Candle Lighting Times

	<u>Parasha</u>	<u>Friday Night</u>	<u>Havdalah</u>
May 1 & 2	Emor	7:42 pm	8:47 pm
May 8 & 9	Behar-Bechukotai	7:50 pm	8:56 pm
May 15 & 16	Bamidbar	7:57 pm	9:04 pm
May 22 & 23	Shavuot	8:04 pm	9:12 pm
May 29 & 30	Nasso	8:10 pm	9:19 pm



# JEWISH FEDERATION / NOSH & MINGLE

## Please join us for Nosh and Mingle

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 12:00 Noon**  
**Beit Shalom, 2215 E Kimberly Road, Davenport**

Join us as we  
welcome back

### The Quad City Ukulele Club.

They will be performing  
fun, rousing music from  
the 1920's—1970's!

Come visit with your  
friends, have a good  
meal, and enjoy the  
entertainment.



Lunch will consist of  
pasta, salad, and dessert,

**all for just \$5.00!**

Please **RSVP by**

**May 18th** to

Laura Lade

at 309-793-1300,

or email to

[llade@jfqc.org](mailto:llade@jfqc.org)



**Hosted by the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities**

# MAY YARHZEITS

<b>14 Iyar</b> <b>Friday, May 1</b> Betty Pearlman Louis Harris Meyer Edelman	<b>20 Iyar</b> <b>Thursday, May 7</b> I.C. Gellman Charles Rauch Judith Abshez Rose Gellerman	<b>27 Iyar</b> <b>Thursday, May 14</b> Charles Feldman Jennie Weisman George Young Norma Shagrin Anna Gellman	<b>4 Sivan</b> <b>Wednesday, May 20</b> Abraham Goldwasser Louis Andich	<b>11 Sivan</b> <b>Wednesday, May 27</b> Betty Strum Rose Fuhrman Esther Marks Morris Goldstein
<b>15 Iyar</b> <b>Saturday, May 2</b> Anna Cohn Jochebed Trachtenbarg Sam Ziffren Max Gendler Lillian Fink	<b>21 Iyar</b> <b>Friday, May 8</b> David Shuman Miriam Slivken Frank Rimmerman Arlen Richman	<b>28 Iyar</b> <b>Friday, May 15</b> Zeivel Dockterman Suzman Ezring Max Brotzman Ruth Bricker Mary Rich	<b>5 Sivan</b> <b>Thursday, May 21</b> Edith Linado	<b>12 Sivan</b> <b>Thursday, May 28</b> Clarence Grobstein Sarah Levy Harry Lipsman
<b>16 Iyar</b> <b>Sunday, May 3</b> Victoria Levin Alfassa Morris Barmash Elsie Kohen Sam Vesole Janette Nitikman Leo Geifman	<b>22 Iyar</b> <b>Saturday, May 9</b> Barney Brotman	<b>29 Iyar</b> <b>Saturday, May 16</b> Bernice Harris	<b>7 Sivan</b> <b>Saturday, May 23</b> Louis Alter Ronald Press Delmar Levy	<b>13 Sivan</b> <b>Friday, May 29</b> Sol Meyer Abe Friedman Sanford Sonner
<b>17 Iyar</b> <b>Monday, May 4</b> Stanley Goldman Sophie Smuleson	<b>23 Iyar</b> <b>Sunday, May 10</b> Irving Andich	<b>1 Sivan</b> <b>Sunday, May 17</b> Celia Rachelewsky Paul Halpern Sam Comess Louis Rosengard	<b>8 Sivan</b> <b>Sunday, May 24</b> Esther Winstein Matli R. Ziffren Isabel Seigal	<b>14 Sivan</b> <b>Saturday, May 30</b> Eva Manvitz Lottie Carp
<b>18 Iyar</b> <b>Tuesday, May 5</b> Hersh Fundilir Samuel J. Baker Gizella Strulowitz Jack Miller	<b>24 Iyar</b> <b>Monday, May 11</b> Abe Goldman Minnie Williamson Carole Barkan William Levin Sam Blott	<b>2 Sivan</b> <b>Monday, May 18</b> Koss Klassman Sam Ekstein	<b>9 Sivan</b> <b>Monday, May 25</b> Norman Rich Samuel Rohrllich Michael Brotman	<b>15 Sivan</b> <b>Sunday, May 31</b> Meta Docterman Bernard Goldman Rose D. Perlberg
<b>19 Iyar</b> <b>Wednesday, May 6</b> Merle Goldman Anna Ringler	<b>25 Iyar</b> <b>Tuesday, May 12</b>	<b>3 Sivan</b> <b>Tuesday, May 19</b> Aizik Kagan Ida Siegel Irwin Urdangen Penny Sunleaf Sarah Siegel	<b>10 Sivan</b> <b>Tuesday, May 26</b> Ruth Balch Cohen Herman Farber Ronald Gordon Dorothy Lefstein Jack Racine	
	<b>26 Iyar</b> <b>Wednesday, May 13</b> Lucie Aronheim Julius Pesses Sam Gurewitz Charles Rimmerman Blanche Weindruch Roslyn Zeffren			

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.

