

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
at the TRI-CITY JEWISH CENTER

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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025 / NISAN 5785



APRIL SCHEDULE of EVENTS



BETH ISRAEL
at the TRI-CITY JEWISH CENTER
Blending Tradition with Today
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Office Hours

Monday: 10 am - 4 pm
Tuesday: 10 am - 3 pm
Wednesday: 10 am - 3 pm
Thursday: 10 am - 3 pm
Friday: 10 am - 1 pm

Rabbi

Linda Bertenthal

President

Lee Blumberg

Treasurer

Zach Tansey

Secretary

Lorrie Blumberg

Dues & Review

Kris Cawley

Wednesday, April 2	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Thursday, April 3	12:00 pm	Israel Discussion Group
Friday, April 4	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, April 5	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, April 5	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, April 6	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School
Sunday, April 6	7:00 pm	Exploring Judaism
Wednesday, April 9	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Thursday, April 10	9:00 am	First Born Passover Service
Friday, April 11	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, April 12	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, April 12	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, April 13	NO SCHOOL - PASSOVER	
Sunday, April 13	5:00 pm	Intergenerational Community Seder
Tuesday, April 15	7:00 pm	Center Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 16	12:00 pm	Lunch & Learn Program
Wednesday, April 16	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Wednesday, April 16	6:00 pm	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Seder
Thursday, April 17	12:00 pm	Israel Discussion Group
Friday, April 18	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, April 19	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, April 19	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, April 20	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School
Sunday, April 20	7:00 pm	Exploring Judaism
Wednesday, April 23	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, April 25	6:00 pm	Sisterhood on Bimah/Men's Club Kitchen
Saturday, April 26	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, April 26	10:30 am	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Sunday, April 27	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School
Sunday, April 27	7:00 pm	Yom HaShoah at Augustana College
Wednesday, April 30	4:30 pm	Hebrew School



Passover begins before sundown on Saturday April 12 and ends after nightfall on April 20, 2025.

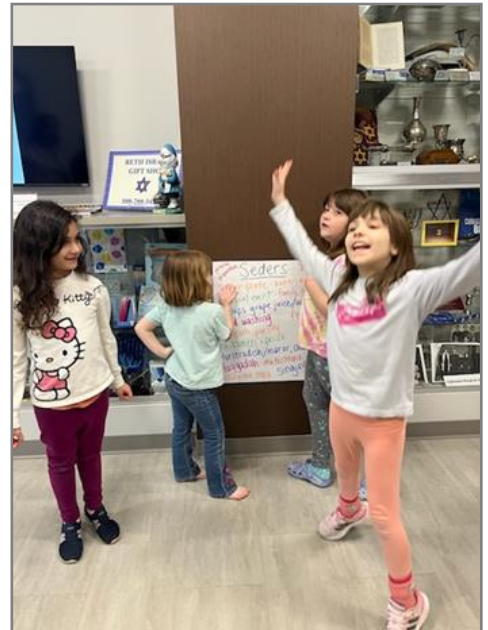
Rabbi's Message

The Jewish Value of Community

Our sages have always emphasized the importance of Jewish community:

- ★ Do not separate yourself from the community!
- ★ A community is too heavy for anyone to carry alone!
- ★ Community is society with a human face, the place where we know we are not alone.

This year our school has focused on community quite extensively, and our students have found joy in bringing their Jewish passion beyond our tiny school community to our larger Jewish community. Imagine my pride in the students when I told them that no one had stepped forward to plan our community Seder this year, and they immediately and enthusiastically volunteered to do so, then dedicated their morning to an intensive yet joyful planning process! Their vision is a family-style, intergenerational, community potluck Seder that is inclusive of all, from those with allergies (those bringing dishes are required to list all ingredients so that all can partake safely) to those with hearing loss (microphones will be used!) to those who are afraid of the plagues (alternative activities in the hallway)! Please join them, and me, as the school community hosts our first ever Family-Style Intergenerational Community Seder! It will truly be a place where you know that you are not alone!



Of course, for us as Jews, our community is not just those of us in the Quad Cities. Our Jewish community extends worldwide, and our Jewish community in Israel is always in our thoughts. This is the month to vote in the World Zionist Congress elections to support those in our Israeli community who strive for equality for the Conservative and Reform Jews of Israel, as well as for women and all minorities. Our votes ensure that some of our diaspora money goes to support our values and our vision for a democratic, egalitarian Israel that upholds the values of the founders of the state. Please vote, and please let the office know you have voted!

A community is too heavy for anyone to carry alone, so do not separate yourself from the community. Be involved! Support our children as they host our community Seder with your enthusiastic attendance. Support our fellow egalitarian Jews in Israel by voting in the WZC elections. Being involved in Jewish community is its own reward, for community is society with a human face, the place where we know we are not alone.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Linda

Center News

Mazel Tov!

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to Joann and Rick Vesole on the marriage of their son, Dr. Adam Vesole to Dr. Parthvi Dani, daughter of Alpa and Ketan Dani of Vadodara, Gujarat, India.



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

Please email or call the Center office with your good news!



First Born Passover Service

You are invited to attend the First Born Passover Service at Beit Shalom on **Thursday, April 10th at 9 a.m.**

A light continental breakfast will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Congregation Beth Israel extends our deepest sympathies to:

Kris Cawley, on the passing of Bob Cawley on March 2, 2025. We also extend our condolences to all of Bob's extended family and friends.

Candle Lighting Times

	<u>Parasha</u>	<u>Friday Night</u>	<u>Havdalah</u>
April 4 & 5	Vayikra	7:13 pm	8:14 pm
April 11 & 12	Tzav	7:21 pm	8:23 pm
April 18 & 19	Passover	7:29 pm	8:31 pm
April 25 & 26	Shemini	7:36 pm	8:40 pm



Community Purim Celebration on March 13

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Purim spiel!



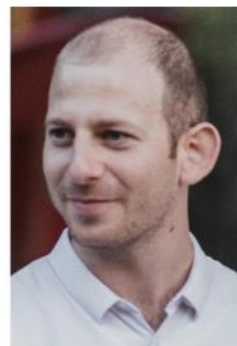
Jewish Federation - Lunch & Learn

The Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities cordially invites you to the following lunch & learn program:



Israeli Society Since October 7th: Our Personal Account

With Rotem and Tomer Ur Soco



When: 12:00 noon-1:15 pm, Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Where: Beit Shalom, 2215 E. Kimberly Road, Davenport

****Lunch will include of crustless quiche, salad, matza and flourless chocolate cake for \$5.00.

Please RSVP to Laura Williams at
(309) 793-1300 or llwilliams@jfqc.org, by April 14.

Beth Israel Sisterhood

BETH ISRAEL GIFT SHOP

Looking for a one-stop-shop for all your Judaic needs? Look no further than the Beth Israel Gift Shop! Our shelves are stocked with a wide variety of items including cards, jewelry, toys, candles, Chanukah and Passover items, and much more.

Please call the office for an appointment. (309)788-3426

Passover begins on April 12th!



Intergenerational Community Passover Seder

Please join our school families for our Family-Style Potluck Intergenerational Community Passover Seder

Sunday, April 13, 2025

5:00 PM at Beit Shalom

2215 E. Kimberly Road, Davenport

This year's meal will be a Potluck dinner:

- Please check in with Rabbi Linda about what you're bringing.
- Kosher-style meat meal: no dairy, and no chametz*, of course!
 - Please label your potluck offering with **ALL** ingredients.

*chametz=wheat, rye, oats, barley and spelt that are **NOT** Passover matzah.

Please RSVP by

Wednesday, April 9 to:

309-788-3426/563-326-4419

office@tricityjewishcenter.org

office@qctemple.org

No Charge.

Ritual foods provided.

All members &
members' guests
welcome.

Joint Religious School students planning the Passover Seder



Sisterhood on the Bimah / Men's Club in the Kitchen

SISTERHOOD ON THE BIMAH

MEN'S CLUB

SHABBAT DINNER



FRIDAY, APRIL 25

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT SERVICE @ 6 PM

MEN'S CLUB DINNER FOLLOWING SERVICES

\$10 PER PERSON

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "MEN'S CLUB"

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WE WELCOME THE ENTIRE BEIT SHALOM COMMUNITY TO JOIN OUR
FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICE FOLLOWED BY DINNER

RSVP BY APRIL 22

April Yahrzeits

3 Nisan Tuesday, April 1 Edith Margoles Wolf Nitekman Zelda Greenblatt	9 Nisan Monday, April 7 Mollie Dockterman Benne Alter Harry Tart	16 Nisan Monday, April 14 Morris Greenblatt Henry Grobstein David Slivken Herman Segal	24 Nisan Tuesday, April 22 Geraldine Grossman Edythe Paley Lillian Leibowitz Phillip Voolach	30 Nisan Monday, April 28 Betty Sanders Bert Golofsky Chas. Goldberg Muriel Levin
4 Nisan Wednesday, April 2 Irving "Sonny" Fisher Lena Weindruch Lou Gordon Rose Grobstein	10 Nisan Tuesday, April 8 A.I. Hellman	17 Nisan Tuesday, April 15 Zan Faigen Ruth Stillman Helen Comess Dr. Sam Solomon Harry Ringler	25 Nisan Wednes. April 23 Mary Lipkin Marshall Minner William Manson Leona Siegel	1 Iyar Tuesday, April 29 William Snyder Scott Kopitsky
5 Nisan Thursday, April 3 Harry Levinson David Orwitz	11 Nisan Wednesday, April 9 Elmar Taxman Samuel Feldman Rose Orenstein Lynne Vinar	18 Nisan Wednes. April 16 Zindel Cohn Ada Greenblatt Don Herzberg	26 Nisan Thursday, April 24 Henry Fredlansky Hyman Filer Rose Fefferman Lea Fox Milton Wertheimer Sophie Leman Samuel Goldstein Rabbi Garbaty	2 Iyar Wednes. April 30 Rose Fleischman Benjamin Wiesman Irene Jacobs Roy Tart Lillian Weiner Helen Leman Rose Schiff
6 Nisan Friday, April 4 Sam Harris Saul Avruch Harry Grobstein Martha Stone	12 Nisan Thursday, April 10 Dinah Morris George Steck Ida Steck Deltha Bender Polly Brotman	19 Nisan Thursday, April 17 Edna Learner Ben Sasan		
7 Nisan Saturday, April 5 Shimshon H. Baron Ben Frank Aaron Rimmerman Samuel Schiff Rose Kelson Jennie Morris	13 Nisan Friday, April 11 Irving Cooper Meyer Fredlasky	20 Nisan Friday, April 18 Philip Gewarter Erna Heuman	27 Nisan Friday, April 25 Rivkah Siev Wolf Rich Meyer Stein Frieda Kantro Edith Frank Jack Slivken	
8 Nisan Sunday, April 6 William Trager Dora Kaplan Stephanie Vinar	14 Nisan Saturday, April 12 Rose Sasan Joe Slivken	21 Nisan Saturday, April 19 Martin Cohen Samuel Cohn	28 Nisan Saturday, April 26 Anne Satin Frieda DeLugish	
	15 Nisan Sunday, April 13 Blanche Blitz Helen Kisner Louis Siegel	22 Nisan Sunday, April 20 Lazar Schutman Jessie Leiberan	29 Nisan Sunday, April 27 Bernard Zaretsky	
		23 Nisan Monday, April 21 Leona Herman		

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.





Beit Shalom Community and friends
are invited to attend

Passover Seder

Hosted by Temple Emanuel Sisterhood

(This is Not for women only!)

Wednesday, April 16, at 6:00 pm

Join us for an evening of
celebration, food and friendship.
Chicken and salmon are on the menu!

Please RSVP by April 11
to office@qctemple.org (563) 326-4419
or office@tricityjewishcenter.org (309) 788-3426

\$18 for Beit Shalom family
\$25 for friends (children under 12 are free)
A portion of the cost will benefit MAZON.
Scholarships available, just ask!

We are stronger together!

2025 Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance



Keynote Speaker:
Marion Blumenthal Lazan



Sunday, April 27, 2025, 7:00 PM

Wallenberg Hall, Denkmann Building,
Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois

This program is Free and Open to the Public.

For more information, call (309) 793-1300.

******The winners of the student Holocaust essay
and visual arts contests will be recognized******

Presented By:

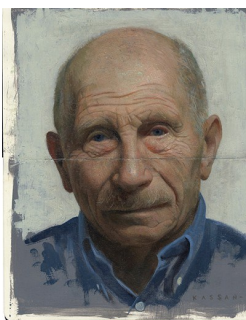
- Yom HaShoah Committee of the Quad Cities
- Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities • Temple Emanuel
- Congregation Beth Israel • Churches United • Augustana College
- St. Ambrose University • Eastern Iowa Community College



About Marion Blumenthal Lazan

Marion Blumenthal Lazan is a Holocaust survivor, author, and speaker, best known for her memoir "Four Perfect Pebbles," which recounts her harrowing experiences during World War II. Born in Germany in 1934, Marion and her family fled to the Netherlands, but they were eventually captured and sent to concentration camps. She survived the war and emigrated to the United States in 1948. Marion has dedicated her life to educating others about the Holocaust and the importance of tolerance, sharing her story through lectures and her writings. Her work emphasizes the resilience of the human spirit and the need to remember history to prevent future atrocities.

The Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities and the Moline Public Library cordially invite you to the following free presentation:



I Survived the Holocaust; My Parents Died in Auschwitz

With Andre Holten

When: 6:30-7:30 pm, Thursday, April 24, 2025

**Where: Moline Public Library
3210 41st Street, Moline, Illinois**

BIO—Andre Holten, 86, is the only survivor of his immediate family during the Holocaust, staying alive by stowing away with a righteous gentile family for the last two years of World War II. Andre's experience is as a "hidden child," after his birth parents made the excruciating, but ultimately life-saving decision to ask a Christian family to take him in. Andre was a Jewish 5-year-old, when he went "underground" with Johannes and Petronella Meijer in the town of Haarlem, not far from where he was born in Holland, where he hid out under a false name for the last two years of World War II. In January 1944, his parents and maternal grandparents were loaded onto a train with nearly 1,000 others, bound for Auschwitz. His mother and grandparents were immediately sent to the gas chamber, while his father was forced to work in a nearby camp and was murdered in August. Holten survived the war, completing high school under the wing of the Meijers, before immigrating to the United States in 1956, where he earned a physics degree from the City College of New York. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, reaching the rank of captain, and after the Air Force spent 22 years as a substitute teacher in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

For more information on this program, contact the Jewish Federation at (309) 793-1300 or aross@jfqc.org.



THE **STRENGTH** OF A PEOPLE.
THE **POWER** OF COMMUNITY.

