

VOICE OF BETH ISRAEL
March/April 2026/5786



Passover April 1-9, 2026

President's Message

We recently had a disturbing incident at the shul. On Monday, February 9th, the flag that was mounted on the parking lot side of the building, in support of Israel, was ripped off of the building. Our office manager, Leslie, was able to pull footage from one of our security cameras, showing the vandalism as it happened. We are working with the Niskayuna police, who have been very responsive. In addition, Federation has been involved, contacting the agencies that deal with this type of vandalism. We don't need, or want, publicity about this, as we have no final resolution. Thank you to Nancy & Elliott Greene for immediately replacing the flag, and for their advice.

We have an open board meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd at 10:00. We'll be discussing and making decisions regarding our future. Non board members are welcome to come and participate in the discussion.

If you haven't been in a while, consider coming to services. Always happy to see more of our members. For me, it's a couple of hours when I can unplug, put the cell phone down and spend time with friends. The kiddushes are pretty good too! .

To our male members, we need you to help with our minyan. When the temperature is too cold and the sidewalks are snow covered, we have walkers who can't come. That means we may be short for the minyan. Please help us out.

We'll be sending you information regarding upcoming holidays, and the opportunities available in the area to attend services and celebrations.

Other than our skiers, I'm sure you've had enough of this snow already. Molly and I miss our walks. She's constantly checking out the weather and is always ready to go, just in case!

Debbie



CBI Shabbat and Holiday Schedule - March 2026

March 2nd - Evening Purim Megilla reading at Union College Chabad or at
Congregation Agudat Achim

March 3rd - Rabbi Shmuly Rubin - (Purim Megillah reading)*

March 7th - Rabbi Yonatan Korbman

March 14th - Rabbi Martin Rosenfeld

March 21st - Rabbi Moshe Mirsky

March 28th - Rabbi Martin Rosenfeld

*2:15 PM at the home of Jeannie and Marty Becker, 40 Schuyler Road,
Loudonville

CBI Shabbat and Holiday Schedule - April 2026

April 2nd - first day of Pesach - at another congregation of your choosing

April 3rd - second day of Pesach - at another congregation of your choosing

April 4th - Shabbat and Chol Hamoed Pesach - Joe Shiang*

April 8th - 7th day of Pesach - at another congregation of your choosing

April 9th - 8th day of Pesach, Yizkor - at another congregation of your choosing

April 11th - Rabbi Shmuly Rubin

April 18th - Rabbi Martin Rosenfeld

April 25th - Rabbi Martin Rosenfeld

*This service will be contingent upon sufficient interest.



Karen Mirsky, Saturday March 7, 2026
Margo Strosberg, Wednesday March 11, 2026
Sidney Zack, Thursday March 19, 2026
Donald Stracher, Monday March 30, 2026

Evan Lauber, Saturday April 4, 2026
Jean Becker, Saturday April 11, 2026
Fred Miller, Monday April 13, 2026
Joan Hanan, Wednesday April 15, 2026
Anne Deiber, Friday April 17, 2026
Stuart Lehrman, Tuesday April 28, 2026
Shelley Abelson, Wednesday April 29, 2026



**Sunday,
8 March
4 – 5 PM**

**Congregation
Agudat Achim
Handelman Room**
2117 Union St, Schenectady

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**Passover is about telling a story—
together.**

Whether you're hosting your first seder or rethinking a long-held routine, this session will offer guidance, ideas, and encouragement for creating a seder that feels meaningful, manageable, and welcoming to everyone at your table.

You'll leave with practical tips, a simple seder framework, and creative ideas you can use right away.

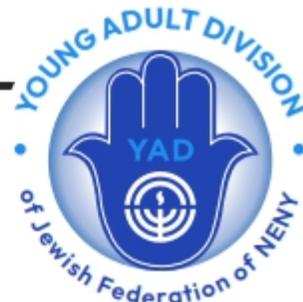
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and anyone welcoming friends or chosen family.**

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A few upcoming events in our community:

1. **A Journey Through Middle Eastern Spices with The Spice Detective** ~ On Thursday, March 19, at Congregation Beth Abraham-Jacob, come explore the world of Israeli and Middle Eastern spices with special guest Chef Yaniv Cohen! Begin with wine and light hors d'oeuvres to awaken your palate, enjoy an authentically prepared kosher family-style tasting menu, sample vibrant spices on popcorn, craft your own shawarma spice mix to take home, and finish with a selection of desserts and coffee—a flavorful, hands-on culinary experience to savor! **Tickets are required and may be purchased [here](#).** Flyer attached.
2. Mark your calendars for:
 - a. **A Community-wide Yom Hazikaron Commemoration & Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration**—Tuesday, April 21, starting at 6:30 PM, at Temple Israel in Albany.
 - b. **Community Shabbat**—Friday, May 15 at Albany JCC
3. We have some great **LAB Session offerings** coming up. Check them out [here](#).

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JOIN US FOR

A Journey Through Middle Eastern Spices

FEATURING
CHEF YANIV COHEN,
The Spice Detective



Thursday, March 19, 2026
7:00 PM
Congregation
Beth Abraham-Jacob
380 Whitehall Rd | Albany, NY 12208

Come explore Israeli and Middle Eastern flavors with the Spice Detective, Chef Yaniv Cohen! Begin with wine and hors d'oeuvres, savor a kosher family-style tasting menu, sample spices on popcorn, craft your own shawarma spice blend, and finish with desserts and coffee. Chef Yaniv Cohen is the owner of Jaffa, a celebrated Israeli restaurant in Miami. Drawing on his family's journey from Iraq and Tunisia to Israel, Yaniv brings a lifelong love of spices and a passion for connecting cultures through food.

Live Cooking Demonstration
Chef Cohen will prepare two signature dishes live

Hands-On Spice Blending
Participants will create their own shawarma spice mix to take home—blending tradition, aroma, and personal touch.



Cookbook Signing
Chef Cohen will be signing copies of his cookbook, **My Spiced Kitchen**, available for pre-purchase or at the event for \$15.

TICKETS REQUIRED
To purchase: Scan the QR code, visit jewishfedny.org/spice-detective or call (518) 783-7800 ext. 234.



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Yahrzeit List From 3/1/2026 to 3/31/2026 (Adar 12, 5786 to Nissan 13, 5786)

Name	Observed on (civil)	Jewish
Blandino, Zelda	Sunday, 3/1/2026	Adar 12, 5786
Cohen, Lillian	Sunday, 3/1/2026	Adar 12, 5786
Cohen, Sam	Tuesday, 3/3/2026	Adar 14, 5786
Demsky, Harry	Thursday, 3/26/2026	Nissan 8, 5786
Eisenstadt, Beverly	Thursday, 3/19/2026	Nissan 1, 5786
Eisenstat, Morris	Monday, 3/2/2026	Adar 13, 5786
Feldman, Rivelle	Sunday, 3/15/2026	Adar 26, 5786
Finkel, Jacob	Friday, 3/20/2026	Nissan 2, 5786
Friedman, Shirley	Sunday, 3/1/2026	Adar 12, 5786
Green, Issy	Monday, 3/9/2026	Adar 20, 5786
Grosberg, Ben	Wednesday, 3/4/2026	Adar 15, 5786
Hershkowitz, Max	Sunday, 3/22/2026	Nissan 4, 5786
Holzberg, Pearl	Friday, 3/13/2026	Adar 24, 5786
Karol, Bertha	Thursday, 3/19/2026	Nissan 1, 5786
Kasman, Sharon	Thursday, 3/19/2026	Nissan 1, 5786
Lehrman, Carol	Monday, 3/30/2026	Nissan 12, 5786
Lehrman, Goldie	Tuesday, 3/24/2026	Nissan 6, 5786
Levenson, Gertrude	Thursday, 3/19/2026	Nissan 1, 5786
Levy, Lorraine	Sunday, 3/15/2026	Adar 26, 5786
Lubitz, Bessie	Thursday, 3/19/2026	Nissan 1, 5786
Meyer, Thea	Friday, 3/20/2026	Nissan 2, 5786
Miller, Helene	Thursday, 3/12/2026	Adar 23, 5786
Mishkin, Dina	Wednesday, 3/18/2026	Adar 29, 5786
Pomeranz, Gail	Sunday, 3/8/2026	Adar 19, 5786
Preiss, Marion	Saturday, 3/14/2026	Adar 25, 5786
Rubin, Harry	Tuesday, 3/17/2026	Adar 28, 5786
Sahr, Celia	Saturday, 3/21/2026	Nissan 3, 5786
Silverburg, Frances	Tuesday, 3/3/2026	Adar 14, 5786
Smerling, Harold	Thursday, 3/5/2026	Adar 16, 5786
Sussman, Ida Sahr	Monday, 3/2/2026	Adar 13, 5786
Taub, Sadie	Sunday, 3/22/2026	Nissan 4, 5786
Werthman, Ida	Tuesday, 3/10/2026	Adar 21, 5786

Yahrzeit List From 4/1/2026 to 4/30/2026 (Nissan 14, 5786 to Iyar 13, 5786)

Name	Observed on (civil)	Jewish
Barad, Vivian	Sunday, 4/19/2026	Iyar 2, 5786
Cohen, Allen	Tuesday, 4/14/2026	Nissan 27, 5786
Deiber, Charles	Wednesday, 4/22/2026	Iyar 5, 5786
Finkel, Bella	Wednesday, 4/8/2026	Nissan 21, 5786
Finkelstein, Sarah	Wednesday, 4/1/2026	Nissan 14, 5786
Fisher, Saul	Sunday, 4/12/2026	Nissan 25, 5786
Fox, Beatrice	Sunday, 4/19/2026	Iyar 2, 5786
Ginsberg, Lambert	Wednesday, 4/22/2026	Iyar 5, 5786
Grayson, Lewis	Saturday, 4/4/2026	Nissan 17, 5786
Hanan, Rose	Wednesday, 4/29/2026	Iyar 12, 5786
Harrison, Gertrude	Tuesday, 4/21/2026	Iyar 4, 5786
Huppert, Sidney	Saturday, 4/25/2026	Iyar 8, 5786
Klein, Frieda	Tuesday, 4/21/2026	Iyar 4, 5786
Koenig, Mary	Thursday, 4/9/2026	Nissan 22, 5786
Levey, Frederick	Tuesday, 4/28/2026	Iyar 11, 5786
Miller, Abraham	Monday, 4/20/2026	Iyar 3, 5786
Miller, Goldie	Tuesday, 4/7/2026	Nissan 20, 5786
Moskowitz, Lawrence	Monday, 4/20/2026	Iyar 3, 5786
Nosenchuck, Abraham	Thursday, 4/30/2026	Iyar 13, 5786
Nosenchuck, Ruth	Saturday, 4/4/2026	Nissan 17, 5786
Pereira, Ceceila	Tuesday, 4/7/2026	Nissan 20, 5786
Plaine, Ruth	Sunday, 4/19/2026	Iyar 2, 5786
Ponty, Belle	Monday, 4/27/2026	Iyar 10, 5786
Preisman, Benjamin	Thursday, 4/30/2026	Iyar 13, 5786
Preisman, Ruth	Monday, 4/20/2026	Iyar 3, 5786
Sahr, Fanny	Friday, 4/24/2026	Iyar 7, 5786
Schachter, Bernard	Wednesday, 4/15/2026	Nissan 28, 5786
Stambovsky, Bea	Sunday, 4/12/2026	Nissan 25, 5786
Stein, Abraham	Tuesday, 4/28/2026	Iyar 11, 5786
Wallace, Bea	Thursday, 4/16/2026	Nissan 29, 5786
Wallace, Sid	Thursday, 4/30/2026	Iyar 13, 5786
Weil, George	Monday, 4/27/2026	Iyar 10, 5786

Donations:

Yahrzeit of Chaim Kidary

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Yahrzeit of Karen Daffner

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Yahrzeit of Richard Feldman

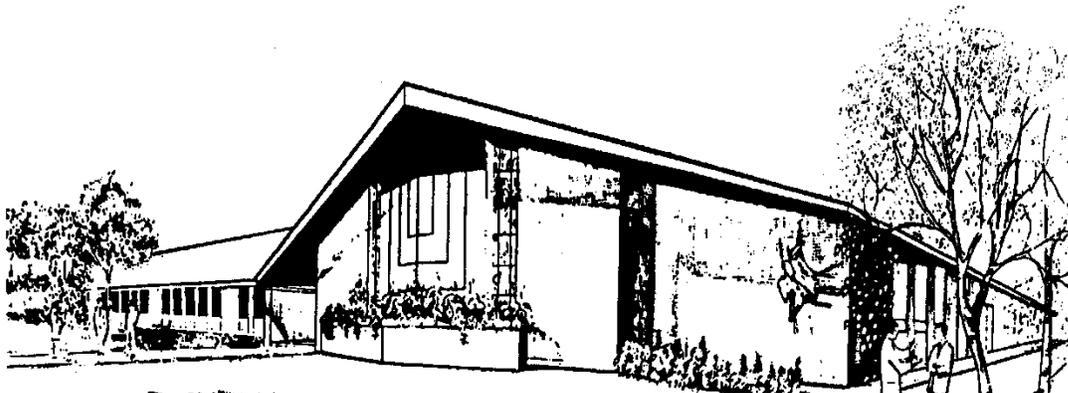
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