

HaTikva Exhibition Aims To Stimulate Discussion Through the Lens of Israeli Photographers

BY EMILY WEINER

Photographs documenting Israel's pro-democracy movement are on display at CBI from February 28 until August. "HaTikva: The Struggle for Israel's Future" is the first major exhibition to present the work of the Say-eret volunteer photography collective for international audiences.

The exhibition tells the story of the breadth and intensity of Israel's unprecedented civil protest movement and the struggle for solidarity, accountability, and the return of the hostages. The photographers view

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FROM THE RABBI

A Vote for Israel



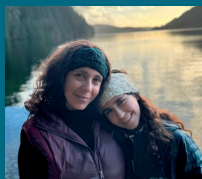
My column in the 2015 March/April *Shul Shofar* encouraged folks to vote in the upcoming World Zionist Congress

elections. Ten years later, I have the same message: vote! Below is an updated version of that article from a decade ago.

In 1897 at the First Zionist Congress, convened by Theodor Herzl, delegates ratified the text of The Basle Program which reads, "The aim of Zionism is to create for the Jewish people a home in Palestine secured by public law." It was at this conference that the Zionist Organization was founded. (It wasn't until 1960 that the name was changed to World Zionist Organization.) Today, the WZO continues to promote Herzl's vision through Israel education by working with communities all over the world.

The World Zionist Congress (WZO) is the highest legislative body of the WZO. It is basically the parliament of the Jewish people representing all of world Jewry. It meets every five years to discuss important issues such as Jewish

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From the President...

We're Only as Strong as Our Volunteers...We Need You



Many long-time congregants remember the days when we inhabited the little shul on Broadway Street. The building was inefficient. The windows didn't

open to let in light and fresh air to the small dark space. Nails poked through the pew row seats scratching and puncturing many a leg and backside. The basement we used for religious school doubled as a social hall, and finding a quiet space for a meeting or catch-up conversation was challenging. Despite all its shortcomings, 2200 Broadway was easy to maintain and required less upkeep to operate. Though small and old it was ours and it was all we had. We clung to that space during times of celebration and sorrow, through religious holidays and Purim Spiels. And we all worked together and made it our Jewish home.

In 1991 my then boyfriend, now husband, Brad, and I moved to Bellingham and joined CBI. At my first CBI service I went upstairs to sit and sweltered in the heat of that mid-September Rosh Hashanah service. I noticed members with name tags collecting the *siddurim* and doing the dishes by hand after the *oneg*. I saw congregants, rain and shine, patrolling the entrance to the building as a volunteer security service. I learned about lay-led social action programs that interested and fascinated me. An organized Mitzvah Day allowed the whole membership to be involved in community improvement. Early on I discovered that CBI was a congregation built on volunteerism.

Once my children were born and we entered the Sunday school program, I saw parents volunteering as a parent

council to support our then director and teachers by bringing snacks and modeling for our kids the spirit of *Tikkun Olam* — a pillar of Reform Judaism. We parents schlepped booths over to Bloedel Donovan park in the back of our pickup trucks to set up the Purim Carnival and broke it all back down and stored it once again at 2200 Broadway at the end of the long day. Yes, it was a lot of work, but through that work bonds were formed and connections deepened. My kids happily remember those times of buying *hamantaschen* made by older member congregants and giving rides to members who couldn't drive so they could attend Yizkor service on Yom Kippur. Families would regularly offer a seat at their own family seder table to those new in town or those who didn't have family nearby. We looked after one another, and the culture of volunteerism is what allowed us to grow and dream about building our now home on San Juan Blvd.

I wonder, now, quietly and aloud, since we moved into our big, beautiful space has that spirit of volunteerism diminished some?

We haven't had a Social Action committee in over a year, and it is sorely missed. Some celebratory holidays are being organized by staff, and while they are more than capable, I wonder where are the offers to lead Chanukah and Purim celebrations? In the last issue I wrote about the AV team needing volunteers to help bring religious services to the homebound in our community. A year ago, I asked at High Holy Days for an outgoing member or two to step up and act as our membership Ambassador welcoming new members into CBI. All of these areas can benefit from even a few hours of volunteering.

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From the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning

Keshet Hebrew Update!

BY LEAH BOARDMAN, KESHER CO-DIRECTOR

We are excited to update you on Keshet's thriving Hebrew program! We have an incredible Hebrew Specialist, Jason Benhaim, who has been working in Keshet for four years, and this is his second year in the specialist role. Jason and Keshet co-Director Leah Boardman work closely together to design and implement various aspects of this program, ensuring that our youngest kiddos up through our B'nei Mitzvah students begin learning and feeling comfortable with Hebrew.

To start off the day, this year Jason has implemented a "Hebrew word of the day" during *Tfillah* in the morning. These presentations are a fun way to engage the whole family in the joy of learning another language. Some of the words of the day this year have been: *Kol HaKavod*—All the Honor/Well Done; *Chatul*—Cat; *Aifo*—Where; *Chazak*—Strong; *Ruach*—Spirit/Wind; *G'vina*—Cheese; and, *Sheleg*—Snow. Jason always includes a skit or a fun fact about these words to teach them in ways that we'll find fascinating and remember! In the classrooms after *Tfillah*, everyone in Keshet gets exposure to Hebrew — even our youngest students in Gan learn a handful of Hebrew words each class.

Jason spends time each Sunday in every classroom from Kindergarten to sixth grade. The younger students in K/first and second/third have been learning the *aleph-bet* and even some Hebrew vowel sounds, which are the

building blocks to reading Hebrew. Students in fourth and fifth grade have been developing their Hebrew skills through reading drills as well as a variety of activities that invite them to engage with the language in different ways. For example, the fifth-grade class recently broke up into teams and competed to see who could find words in the Hebrew-English dictionary the fastest. Students in sixth grade have been fine-tuning their understanding of the Hebrew language as they approach their B'nei Mitzvah training.

In addition to this amazing Sunday learning, all students in fifth and sixth grades have mandatory weekday Hebrew on Zoom as well! They learn with Abby Kroopkin, Miriam Buckman, or Leah Boardman for 30 minutes each week to stay fresh on their reading skills and work through learning blessings they'll need for B'nei Mitzvah. This class was offered as an option for seventh graders to join as well, and most of this year's B'nei Mitzvah class opted in. There are currently 29 students engaging in weekday Zoom Hebrew lessons.

The Keshet team is extremely proud of the Hebrew program that has been developed here and the ways in which it continues to grow and improve. Next time you see Jason around CBI, make sure to wish him a *Kol HaKavod* for all the hard work and passion he puts into his work at Keshet!



Second and third graders listen to volunteer Marc Weinstein read a story.



Miriam Buckman teaches about Israeli History to seventh graders.



Rabbi with the 2025 Confirmation class.

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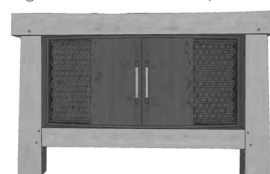
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Your Vote Counts for Israel

“Israel is far too important to be left in the hands of Israelis alone. What happens in Israel affects every Jew on the planet.”

— Anat Hoffman, Founder and Board Chair, Woman of the Wall; past Director of the Israeli Religious Action Center.

Your vote in the upcoming World Zionist Congress (WZC) election means your voice can be heard in Israel.

The WZC is an international body that annually allocates roughly \$1 billion to organizations inside Israel, appoints leaders of Israeli institutions and supports Israeli pluralism. Delegates to the WZC are elected every five years — and 2025 is an election year. You can vote for delegates if you:

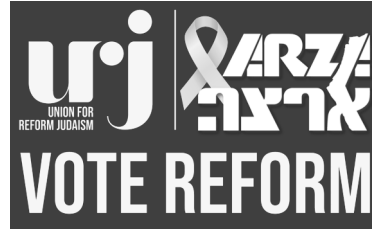
- (1) self-identify as a Jew (and do not subscribe to another religion),
- (2) are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident,
- (3) have your primary residence in the U.S.,
- (4) are 18 years old or older by June 30, 2025,
- (5) pay an administrative fee of \$5,
- (6) affirm your commitment to the Jerusalem Program (the Zionist movement platform).

If you voted in the last Knesset election you can't vote in the U.S. WZC election. Folks who live in Canada can vote in Canada through ARZENU.

Voting starts March 10 and ends May 4. Voters choose a slate from among the 21 on the ballot. The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and the American Reform Zionist Association (ARZA) support the “VOTE REFORM” Slate,

which is the third slate on the ballot. U.S. voters will elect 152 Delegates, approximately 30 percent of the WZC. You can vote online or by paper ballot.

The Vote Reform Slate



Choosing Vote Reform will assist in appointing officials who: favor an Israel that represents world Jewry, support institutions that reflect the different facets within Israel and will fund

organizations that support each Israeli rather than just those with a narrow view of who belongs in Israel. Your vote is a crucial opportunity for us to advocate for our values in Israel — values like democracy, pluralism, LGBTQ+ and women's rights, a path to peace and equity for Palestinians, and a future where Reform Jews can continue to feel safe and welcome. It is our chance to cast a vote that impacts policy and budget in the Jewish state. More is at stake than ever. Our ultraorthodox opponents are busy organizing to defund our movement in Israel and chip away at all our progress.

The CBI Board appointed Melissa Schapiro and Dan Raas as CBI “Captains” to get out the WZC vote. You'll be hearing from us (a lot) in the coming weeks.

— DAN RAAS AND MELISSA SCHAPIRO

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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If this article strikes a chord or if you want to know more about how you can get involved, please reach out to me via email jodi.litt@bethisraelbellingham.org or phone at 360-739-4825.

In the coming months look for more communication about ways big and small where you can raise your hand to help and feel the connection that only comes through acts of service to our Jewish community. Look for a volunteer corner where we highlight members or committees who give their time and energy to CBI. This spring we hope to have a volunteer fair where you can stop by and meet committee members to learn about their role in making CBI what it is.

To all of you who volunteer at CBI, thank you. To those who want to join in and revitalize the giving spirit of CBI, please jump on board...we can't wait to have you join in strengthening ourselves and our community.

JODI LITT
PRESIDENT

Community Seder

Please join us for this year's second night Community Passover Seder. The seder will begin at 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 13 (doors open at 4:30 pm), at the synagogue, 751 San Juan Blvd.

The seder will be catered for the third year by *A Taste of Elegance* and will include a delicious Passover buffet dinner with salmon or vegetarian, gluten-free and dairy-free options, as well as kosher for Passover wine. You may bring your own wine if you like.

Rabbi Samuels will be joined by Mikayla Goodkin in leading this year's seder which will include a fun and lively retelling of the Exodus story.

You must register by March 28. The link to register can be found on our website at: bethisraelbellingham.org or in the weekly *Timbrel*.

For questions, contact Nicole Samuels at nicolesamuels@gmail.com or Jane Hammerstrom, janeboman@gmail.com

We hope to see you there!

Numbers Game, part 2

Amanda Robins

ACROSS

- 1 Completed
 4 Sleeveless garments
 9 Daughter of David, in the Torah
 14 Lawyer's org.
 15 "Come on, ___ you!"
 16 Plains tribe
 17 Excitedly recited the digits of pi, for example
 19 Bulls or rams
 20 Attempts
 21 UFO crew
 23 Land-locked country in West Africa
 24 Half of zwei
 25 Like Haman's hat
 28 Droop
 29 Golden Girl Arthur
 30 Snitch
 31 School roughly 50 miles from 18-Down
 32 Persona Non ____
 34 Actress Witherspoon
 36 What a lulav is made up of
 39 Classic Fender guitar, for short
 41 Infield protectors
 42 Experiencing little to no romantic attraction, for short
 43 In the style of
 46 Certain sib
- 47 Horace's "___ Poetica"
 50 What befell the Egyptians
 53 Away from the wind
 54 See ya later!
 55 Logan Airport Code
 56 Gawk
 57 One of twelve in a Scrabble set
 59 Fish also called a sockeye
 62 Knight's horse
 63 You're ____ one, Mr. Grinch
 64 Commercial suffix with Motor
 65 Trunk
 66 Pick up on
 67 Some Mercedes -Benzes

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- 1 "The Count of Monte Cristo" hero
 2 Spain and Portugal's peninsula
 3 Unafraid to take risks
 4 Competes (for)
 5 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Roush
 6 ___ Paulo, Brazil
 7 "___ words were never spoken"
 8 Irish pooch
 9 Cartoon cat
 10 "Same for me"
 11 Aches and pains
 12 Forever young
 13 Leftover stuff
- 18 ___ Moines, Iowa
 22 Caribbean, e.g.
 25 Rip
 26 Roles, idiomatically
 27 Takes the paint away
 29 Merciless
 32 Indian state on the Arabian Sea
 33 Fitting
 35 Some MIT grads
 36 Budget airline
 37 Effortlessness
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 39 College entrance exam, redundantly
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 44 Chemist's workplace

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 47 Los ___, New Mexico
 48 Try to improve a Yahtzee turn
 49 Regarded to be
 51 Doesn't measure up
 52 "I'm here to help"
 53 N.L. East city
 56 Of sound mind
 58 Tokyo, formerly
 60 Bear's lair
 61 Airline to Oslo

The Care Committee Presents:

We are thrilled to welcome Rebecca and Erika Crichton to CBI on April 27, 2025 at 1:00 pm for their presentation "Here's to the Future: An Intergenerational Conversation about Aging."



Erika and Rebecca Crichton

Until then, please enjoy this article:

A Mother-Daughter Conversation About Aging, Care Support, and End-of-Life

Reprinted with permission from *3rd Act Magazine* (edited for length)

Rebecca Crichton's life stage and encore career align with her volunteer interests in aging and the field of hospice and end-of-life care. As Executive Director of Northwest Center for Creative Aging (NWCCA) in Seattle, she

designs programs and presentations that incorporate information and practices related to successful aging and its inevitable endpoint.

At 82, Crichton understands how important it is for her peer group to consider and discuss care needs as they age and get closer to end-of-life. A surprise is how much ambivalence or discomfort people feel about this issue. This can mean they avoid talking about their changing needs with families and friends.

Crichton's 50-year-old daughter Erika has worked in the fields of aging, caregiver support and training, and hospice and palliative care for the last 18 years. Because Erika's career mirrors Crichton's own interests and expertise, mother and daughter now work together to facilitate important discussions between older adults and those who care about, and for, them.

Rebecca and Erika sat down for a conversation about this topic and how it relates to them and their own family. For the full conversation in this article please go to: tinyurl.com/mr3b7m4e

Their thoughtful and important presentation will cover many aspects of aging and how parents and adult children can talk about them.

In the meantime, here is a list of suggested topics to consider for your own conversations:

The following can be a good starting point for anyone who has not yet talked about aging with their family.

- Parent/Elder: "I want to share with you what is most important to me as I get older and what support I might need as I age. Can we talk about this soon?"
- Parent/Elder: "As I see my friends getting older, I'm thinking about my own situation and I want to talk about how you can best support me."
- Adult Child: "I hope we can talk about what your needs for the future might be and how I will be involved."
- Adult Child: "I want to talk about what I can do to best support you if your need for support starts to change."

Join us for this important conversation.



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March/April 2025 Service Schedule

PLEASE NOTE: Friday evening services and Saturday Torah study will be *hybrid*, allowing congregants and visitors to worship or study in person, or attend via Zoom. **Except for B'nei Mitzvah, all Saturday morning services will be in-person only.**

Saturday, Mar. 1	10:30 am Contemplative Services	Friday, Mar. 28	7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service with Mikayla Goodkin
Friday, Mar. 7	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service led by K/1 and 2nd/3rd Keshet Classes	Friday, Apr. 4	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service
Saturday, Mar. 8	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Tetzaveh</i>)	Saturday, Apr. 5	11:00 am Renewal Service
	10:30 am Saturday Shabbat Service	Friday, Apr. 11	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Friday, Mar. 14	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service-New Member Shabbat	Saturday, Apr. 12	Erev Passover-NO SERVICE
Saturday, Mar. 15	11:00 am Tot Shabbat	Friday, Apr. 18	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Friday, Mar. 21	6:15 pm Shabbat Shirah with Andrea Shupack	Wednesday, Apr. 23	7:00 pm Yom Hashoa Event (Holocaust Memorial Day Service)
Saturday, Mar. 22	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Vayakhel</i>)	Friday, Apr. 25	7:30 pm Shabbat Shirah
	10:30 am Conservative Minyan Service	Saturday, Apr. 26	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Shemini</i>)
			10:30 am Conservative Lay Led Minyan
			11:00 am Tot Shabbat



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Everything is Connected: Weaving from Heart and Mind

When she was eight years old, Jade asked her mother, Samantha Nadia Terriss, if she would stop working to join her in helping the earth. Samantha didn't actually end her working career, but she has been helping Jade help the earth through art and the love of nature ever since.

Together, they started *Kids Art for Climate Justice*.

Their moving story has a long pre-history, starting with Samantha, who was born and brought up in New York City. Her father was in advertising; her mother, who still lives in New York, was an actress, dancer, and singer. Samantha started in theater in New York, but went away for college, drawn to Colorado by her love of mountains. There as a student she worked on Peace and Justice projects and as a dancer. Recovering with difficulty from a rock-climbing accident, she was invited to Australia for treatment by a healer whose teacher was a man from Papua New Guinea. It turned out to be a life-changing experience. This remarkable Papuan, who spoke no English, practiced structural integration and subtle energy-body work. With his help, she recovered almost completely and trained in his methods.

Returning to Colorado to finish her BA, she then went to California,



Jade and Samantha Terriss

earned an MA in somatic psychology and a certificate in somatic experiencing, a therapy for trauma. She also studied with a renowned cranial osteopath who had been a student of Feldenkrais and became certified in the Feldenkrais method. It was in California that she met Jade's father (they have now parted ways), and where Jade was born. That was where Samantha was working as a therapist when Jade posed her transformative question. They brought *Kids Art for Climate Justice* with them two years ago, when they moved to Bellingham.

The enterprise creates art to fund trees and wells, siphoning off climate anxiety among children. It started with a small group of children whom Jade gathered to create artworks under Samantha's guidance. Samantha recruited practicing artists in different disciplines from the Bay area to lead workshops once a month. The group

often met to work outdoors, drinking in the air under the redwood trees. They sold their art — as prints — at local California fairs and other venues and used the proceeds to fund tree-planting and well-digging through organizations such as the Rainforest Action Network and the Women's Earth Alliance. And of course, they learned about the environment. It's a triple play: learning, calming anxiety, and planting more trees.

In Bellingham, Jade has recruited 150 young people to the project, including some from her Waldorf School and some from Kesher. Their biggest project has been a large giving tree made with a cedar trunk and crocheted branches and hung with leaves made by Kesher children for Tu B'shvat. They are also working on smaller giving trees that might be

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CBI'S BEIT CAFÉ



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1. Great turnout at Beit Café! 2. Andrea Shupack. 3. Holly Witte. 4. Jade Terriss. 5. Naomi Pomerantz. 6. Sarah Witte.

Oneg Schedule 2025/26

Oneg means pleasure and it is certainly pleasant to share a nosh or a potluck meal with fellow congregants after a service. Congregants contribute to our community by taking turns providing for this special time together.

Joan and Sarah will be creating the *oneg* schedule for the year July 2025-June 2026 soon.

If you would prefer not to host an *oneg*/potluck, please let us know now. It is much easier to create a workable schedule with this information ahead of time. If you don't let us know, we will assume that you want to volunteer.

If there is a special date when you would like to host, please let us know either a specific date or which service/which month.

The options are:

- First Friday potluck
- Second Friday *oneg*
- Third Friday potluck
- Fourth Friday *oneg*
- Saturday Conservative minyan
- Saturday Reform minyan
- Tot Shabbat

Please respond by **April 15**, just like for taxes. Thank you for working with us to create community!

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identity, antisemitism, civil society in Israel, and much more.

One very important action we can take, even though we live halfway around the world from Israel, is to vote in this year's Thirty-Ninth World Zionist Congress. Your vote will help send delegates to the WZC to represent your voice.

At this time, the American Zionist Movement (AZM) has 152 seats in the Congress and these seats are up for grabs. You may cast your vote for one of 21 groups, such as:

Hatikvah: a broad coalition of liberal and progressive Jews; Herut North America: The Jabotinsky Movement; Am Yisrael Chai: Investing in the Jewish Leaders of Tomorrow; Mercaz USA: The Voice of Conservative/Masorti Judaism; and Vote Reform:

Representing Reform Judaism. I encourage you to read all of the different platforms. (You can find them all at azm.org/elections/)

Vote Reform represents the U.S. Reform Movement (of which CBI is a member), including 2 million people across congregations, affiliates, and institutions, making us the largest Zionist Movement in the U.S. A vote for the Reform Movement is a vote for:

- A strong, secure, democratic, and Jewish Israel, as envisioned in its Declaration of Independence,
- Full equality under the law for all Israelis, including minorities, women, and LGBTQ+ people,
- Supporting government policy and societal initiatives that pursue a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians through a two-state outcome,

- Israel's right to exist as a Jewish State and defend its people from terror,
- Assuring that liberal streams of Judaism are provided equal financial support and resources in the Jewish State, ensuring that our Movements in Israel and all Jewish denominations in Israel remain strong, vibrant, and growing.

Open registration is between March 10-May 4, 2025. In the coming weeks you are likely to see articles in the *Timbrel*. There is an article in this issue of *Shul Shofar* from Dan Raas and Melissa Schapiro with additional information. For even more, please visit either www.vote4reform.org or azm.org/elections/ to see the full slate of groups.

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their role as chronicling a pivotal moment in the nation's history — a fight for Israel's realization of its historic mission, fundamental values, and for hope itself (*HaTikva*).

In the photographs we see Israeli society in its fullness and diversity: young people and old; soldiers and civilians; secular and religious; women and men; Jews, Arabs, and Druze. The exhibition also chronicles the ways in which the demonstrations — which began as protests of government corruption and controversial judicial reforms — changed after October 7, centering on the families of hostages and displaced communities. These are not the typical tourist photos of Israel you may have taken, but you will likely recognize iconic locations that every tourist visits.

Labels accompany the photos, and visitors may access a digital catalog using a QR code to learn the story behind each image.

By agreement with the organizers of HaTikva, the photo exhibition will be open to the public and free. As always for public events, CBI provides security.

Goals of the CBI Programming Committee in presenting this exhibition and related programming are to open up a more nuanced conversation about Israel, create a good-faith container for respectful conversation, deepen congregants' and the public's knowledge and understanding of what is happening in Israel today, and facilitate discussions of difficult topics with "more light than heat."

In association with the photo exhibition, speakers with a variety of perspectives will come to CBI (in person or on Zoom) to present information and lead discussions. In the spirit of the Talmudic value of constructive argumen-

tation (*machloket l'shem shamayim* — disagreement for the sake of heaven), we are offering opportunities for our congregation and our community to come together to learn, to share thoughts on the exhibition, and to engage in respectful dialogue in pursuit of wisdom.

Dr. Smadar Ben-Natan is our first speaker, at 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 9.

Dr. Smadar Ben-Natan is a professor in the Department of Global Studies, University of Oregon, specializing in human rights, international law, armed conflict,



criminal justice, incarceration, colonialism, and Israel/Palestine. Her research and teaching examine law, politics, and inequality on the local and global levels, focusing on military courts and incarceration in Israel/Palestine. Before transitioning to academia, she was a longtime Israeli and international human rights and criminal defense lawyer, working with many Israeli human rights

organizations. She is currently a board member in the Israeli NGOs B'tselem and Academia for Equality.

The Programming Committee is in the process of selecting and scheduling additional speakers, as well as planning community conversations and book discussions related to the exhibition. Please contact co-chairs Emily Weiner or Melissa Schapiro with suggestions.

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Anniversaries

March 15	Isaac & Samantha Konikoff	#17
March 18	Don & Nancy Davis	#41
March 19	Robert & Jody Meltzer	#25
March 21	Jerome Rosen & Katlaina Rayne	#37
March 24	Laura & Cassandra Wolfson	#21
March 25	Mark & Judith Konikoff	#57
March 29	Joel David & Kristin Sykes-David	#44
April 6	Kristan & Mike Brennan	#29
April 7	Leviah Landau & Alex Bokser	#9
April 9	Dana & Luke Goodwin	#9
April 15	Aline & Sid Wanne	#62
April 16	Michael & Jay Braunstein	#25
April 20	Danny & Marla Finkelstein	#40
April 26	Howard Sharfstein & Mary Francell-Sharfstein	#38

Did we miss your anniversary? Call the office at (360) 733-8890 or email office@bethisraelbellingham.org with the month, day, and year of your special day.

The Kvelling Corner

Welcome to our new members!

- **Scott and Steven Foss** – Bellingham
- **Andrew and Hannah King** – Bellingham, son: **Julian** (5 months)
- **Paul David Richmond** – Bellingham

Evan Konikoff (15) competed in the Thespys Regional Competition on January 18 for Sound Design. He received a perfect score and is now a National Qualifier.

Upcoming Events and Holidays at CBI

Erev Purim

Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 pm

Join us for our annual erav Purim celebration on Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 pm. There will be the boisterous chanting of *Megillat Esther*, the *Wicked* shpiel, a costume contest, a good ol' Jewish food debate, and tasty *hamantaschen*.

Adult Education

Zionist Ideas

Instructor: Rabbi Joshua Samuels

Tuesdays: 7:00-8:15 pm

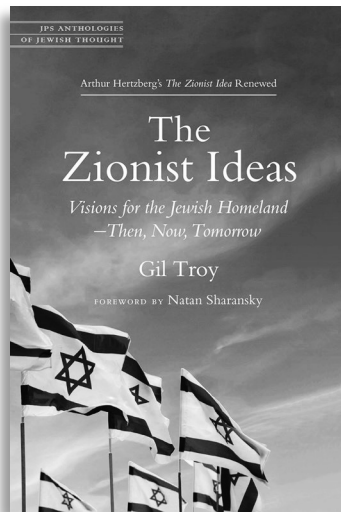
8 Sessions: March 18, 25; April 1, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 20

In this course, students will deepen their knowledge of Zionism by exploring six different Zionist schools of thought: Political, Labor, Revisionist, Religious, Cultural, and Diaspora Zionism. Students will read Gil Troy's *The Zionist Ideas* which is a follow up to the widely respected *The Zionist Idea* by Arthur Hertzberg.

Fee: CBI Members: \$40;

Non-Members: \$72

Register via the *Timbrel* or by contacting the office.



Community Seder

Sunday, April 13

See page 4 for more information.

Yom HaShoah Ve-Hagevurah:

Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 23, 7:00 pm

Please join us for our annual *Yom HaShoah* service of Remembrance. This intergenerational event will include music led by our cantorial soloist, Andrea Shupack, as well as readings from previous Keshet classes.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut:

Israeli Independence Day

Wednesday, April 30, 6:00 pm

Please join your CBI community as we sing, dance, and eat in celebration of *Medinat Yisrael*. Our evening will begin with a *Yom HaZikaron* (Israeli Memorial Day) siren and moment of silence, followed by "Hatikva." Rabbi Samuels will lead the eighth annual *Hidon haTanakh* (Torah trivia) so brush up on your Hebrew Bible! Happy seventy-seventh birthday, Israel!



Challah Baking with Erin Cohen

March 28-29

More information coming soon.

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Jodi Litt and her dedication and service as our Board President.

From: *Carol and David Robinson*

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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN APPRECIATION OF:

Rabbi Samuels and the CBI community were so welcoming during our visit.
From: *Marcia and Herbert Liberson*

IN HONOR OF:

Brenda Miller's Bat Mitzvah
From: *David Goldman and Linda Blackwell*

Betsy Becker's Bat Mitzvah
From: *Patrick Crane*

IN MEMORY OF:

Leanne Steiner
Edwin Rosenberg
From: *Rhoda and Peter Samuels*

In loving memory of Joy Borgos.
From: *Bob and Jody Meltzer*

Yahrzeit:

In Loving Memory of Arthur Ingberman.
From: *Daniel Ingberman and Renee Elder*

In memory of Willie Kluger Pollack
From: *Ira Kaufman*

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IN APPRECIATION:

Geraldine Reitz and the Hillel Board for their dedication to our college students.
From: *Carol and David Robinson*

GENERAL FUND

IN HONOR OF:

Brenda Miller becoming a bat mitzvah. Mazel tov!
From: *Steve & Janis Ban*

IN MEMORY OF:

The Yahrzeit of Bernice Kaufman
From: *Ira Kaufman*
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FACES IN OUR COMMUNITY

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hung on a wall in supporting homes or organizations. Jade and Samantha have reached out to the Vancouver Aquarium and schools in Portland and Seattle. They are working with *One Tree Planting*, which plants a tree for every dollar contributed, and hope to connect with the *One Million Trees* project as well. Jade is also writing a book of poetry about earth and the world — her eighth-grade project. She is emphasizing the connections between hope, love, and faith — which are also Jewish values.

Samantha's family had Jewish roots, but she was educated in the Ethical Culture Society school in New York. As a child, she wondered where she belonged. Sad that she was raised without her Jewish heritage, she determined that Jade would have one. They belonged to several havurahs in California and joined Congregation Beth

Israel as soon as they moved to Bellingham. Now Jade will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah in June.

Meanwhile, Samantha has continued to work remotely with her clients in California. She is also offering Somatic Coaching for individuals and couples as well as Parent Coaching in Bellingham and has Zoom groups for parents and for women who want to talk about their lives—groups in which people are free to come and go. Certified as a mediator, which continues her love of conflict resolution, she also offers Resilience Trees to help families with mind-body skills, uniting art and communication (samantha@samanthaterriss.com).

She and Jade are happy here. They have adopted a puppy from a neighboring Ukrainian family, further enriching their lives. Jade likes her school and Keshar. She says that the earth is more alive in the Pacific Northwest. Art, nature, healing, hope, love, and faith—everything is connected—particularly evident in the love this mother and daughter share for one another, for the earth, and for art and healing.

Birthdays

MARCH 2025

3/1 Richard Cavell
 3/1 Tannia Hecht
 3/1 Brenda Miller
 3/1 Debbie Whitney
 3/2 Ivy Hammerstrom (4th)
 3/2 Nadia Mazonson (20th)
 3/4 Renee Elder
 3/4 Nancy Luster
 3/4 Talya Sanger (24th)
 3/5 Lev Cornwall (19th)
 3/6 Christoph Reitz
 3/6 Mary Somerville
 3/6 Judith Zibbell
 3/7 Jay Braunstein
 3/7 Theo Skolnik
 3/7 Jesse Weinreb Benedict
 3/7 Sara Geballe
 3/8 Norman DesRosiers
 3/8 Deborah Oksenberg
 3/8 K.C. Sulkin
 3/9 Bert Curtis
 3/9 Leeya Shoshana Genut (12th)
 3/9 Ryan Goldman (20th)
 3/9 Scott Kennedy
 3/11 John LaMont
 3/11 Samuel Pomerantz (10th)
 3/12 Sivan Wells-Langley (14th)
 3/13 Carly Benhaim
 3/13 Rebecca Orloff
 3/13 Steve Schwartz
 3/14 Jeff Galbraith
 3/14 Jordan Verkh-Haskell (23rd)
 3/15 Yaniv Attar
 3/15 Esther Horton (13th)
 3/16 Jason Benhaim
 3/18 Jessica Cohen
 3/18 Samantha Sinai
 3/19 Carol Robinson
 3/20 Jody Meltzer
 3/20 Matthew Schall

3/21 Naomi Pomerantz
 3/21 Bonnie Quam
 3/22 Jonah Attar (15th)
 3/22 Sonorah DesRosiers (17th)
 3/22 Sue Mahar
 3/22 Roy Shankman
 3/23 Camille Keefe
 3/23 Elle Kronenberg
 3/23 Jerome Rosen
 3/24 Ruth Ingberman
 3/25 Tami DuBow
 3/25 Ariel Sarah Gott (12th)
 3/25 Tahlia Grace Gott (12th)
 3/27 Marybeth Taranow
 3/27 Aviva Weinstein (18th)
 3/28 Josie Ellis (18th)
 3/28 Nancy Thomson
 3/29 Rick Romito
 3/30 Meghan Galvin
 3/30 Magnolia Jeffers (2nd)
 3/30 Samantha Konikoff
 3/30 Niilo Witter McGarrity (6th)
 3/31 Jeff Margolis
 3/31 Gabriel Witte (16th)

APRIL 2025

4/1 Amy Kraham
 4/3 Ethan Oliver (23rd)
 4/3 Alisa Sachs
 4/4 Daniel Feller
 4/4 Mary Jo Lewis
 4/5 Jeff Crollard
 4/6 Tammy Dixon
 4/6 Katie Edelstein
 4/6 Hank Levine
 4/6 Daniel Zagnoli
 4/7 Lisa Balton
 4/7 Steven Cohen
 4/7 Brooke Bocast
 4/7 Samuel Donner (18th)
 4/7 Kevin Parker

4/8 Jade Terriss (14th)
 4/10 Katie Comstock
 4/10 Jeffrey Feld
 4/10 Susan Katz
 4/11 Lilah Blum (24th)
 4/12 Cora Boothby
 4/12 Sarah DesRosiers
 4/13 Steve Ban
 4/13 Karen Fisher
 4/14 Jeffrey Probst
 4/15 Gabriel Burkill (4th)
 4/16 Mia Clarke (19th)
 4/16 Elizabeth Witte (13th)
 4/17 Paul Blum
 4/17 Benjamin Sommers (19th)
 4/18 Navah DesRosiers (20th)
 4/18 Ian Horton
 4/18 Liza Jane Price (17th)
 4/18 Linda Read
 4/18 Ruby Simon (16th)
 4/18 Alexandra Verkh
 4/19 Jaz Balasa
 4/19 Orly Ravitsky
 4/23 Lindsay Roberts (15th)
 4/24 Leah Lippman
 4/24 Aniel Wells-Langley (16th)
 4/25 Margaret Bikman
 4/25 Ian McCurdy
 4/25 Jason Stoine
 4/26 Spencer Jantzen (20th)
 4/27 Philip Wolff
 4/28 Joel David
 4/28 Andrew Orloff
 4/28 Katlaina Rayne
 4/28 Shoshana Samuels (13th)
 4/29 Abigail Comstock (17th)
 4/29 Richard Widerkeh
 4/30 Shiloh Gentry (15th)
 4/30 Jonah Hawthorne (13th)

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Yahrzeits

Observances follow the Hebrew calendar, unless the secular date is requested, and are read on the Shabbat prior to the observance date.

Friday, March 7

Sandra (Sandy) Miller	3/8
Sandra Glazer Lake	3/8
Robert W. Lippman	3/8
Carole Bajema	3/8
Jonathan David Mayers	3/9
Archie Fine	3/9
Judith Ferbel	3/9
Floyd Pritchett	3/10
Monica Zderic	3/10
Ruth Lippman	3/10
John H. Bruns	3/10
Victoria Goldstein	3/11
Irwin Weiner	3/11
Paul Zentner	3/11
Jack Eigen	3/12
Thomas Josiah Boothby	3/12
Alice Duckworth	3/12
Joseph Sonneman	3/12
Corey Skelton	3/13
Esther Redel	3/13
Elsa Zentner	3/13
George Schwartz	3/14
David Boman	3/14
Gilbert Orlik	3/14
Phyllis Goldin	3/14
Ida Chia Kahn	3/14
Harold Shepard	3/14
Fred Corman	3/14

Friday, March 14

Charles Blackwell	3/15
Marcia Landau	3/15
Judith Goldstein Zibbell	3/16
BJ Elder	3/16
Harry Skinner	3/16
Colleen Koplowitz	3/17
Walter von Hollander	3/17
Saul Faber	3/17
Leonard "Lenny" Levine	3/21
Benjamin Goldberg	3/21
Mabel Berman	3/21

Friday, March 21

Elaine Fox Suloway	3/22
Felicia Elizabeth Romito	3/22
Raymond DeVries	3/22
Eduardo Filgueira	3/23
Shirley Boman	3/23
Norma Soode	3/23
June Krauzer Mazonson	3/23
Anna Kushner	3/24
Ben Zderic	3/24
Muriel Anzman	3/24
Charles B. (Bud) Koplowitz	3/25
Harold Schneider	3/25
John Howard Finley	3/25
Lylyan Wick	3/26
Marjorie L. Hanley	3/26

Gordon Eli Stolzoff	3/27
Abraham Blum	3/27
Harry Zemel	3/27
Herbert Sulkin	3/27
Helen Sharfstein	3/27
Alyson Weinstein	3/28

Friday, March 28

Esther Katz	3/29
Frank McKelvey	3/29
Morrie Feller	3/29
Eliezer Spiro	3/29
Louis Sloss	3/30
Loren Lund	3/30
Ann Perper	3/30
Amy Louisa Blank	3/30
Norman Fallet	3/30
Leila Fallet	3/30
Debbie Raas	3/31
Jimmy Goldstein	4/1
Leonard Price	4/1
Martin Spigelman	4/1
Joyce Zvenia	4/2
Beatrice Lazaroff	4/2
Megan Guppy	4/2
William A. Gordon	4/3
Lou Mazel	4/3
Dr. Michael E. Becker	4/3
Naomi Stone	4/4

Friday, April 4

Manfred Vernon	4/5
Curt Jay Alper	4/7
Fred Heller	4/7
Max Wolfman	4/8
Thelma Mayerson	4/8
Leah Rachel Shapiro	4/8
Justin Scharff	4/9
Arnold Behrstock	4/9
Lois Oksenberg	4/10

Friday, April 11

Ray Schapiro	4/12
Burl Ives	4/12
Dorothy M. Fine	4/13

Mildred Ragosin	4/13
Yochevad Katz Zimmerman	4/14
Marcelo Lindner	4/14
Arthur Feld	4/14
Donna Raugust	4/14
Sue Ohms	4/15
Arnold Somers	4/15
Max Swartz	4/15
Harry M. Eisner	4/15
Jean Cheever	4/15
Jennie Shuster	4/16
Dennis Scharff	4/17
James Edward Witte	4/18

Friday, April 18

David Alper	4/19
Esther Suloway	4/19
Morris Fischel	4/20
Emil Kovacevich	4/21
Akiva Schoen	4/21
Emanuel M. Lindheimer	4/21
Benjamin Shapiro	4/21
Hy Zimmerman	4/22
Violet Shaw	4/22
Henrietta Siegel	4/23
Joanne M. Lund	4/24
Ethel Berger	4/24
Fragner Family	4/25
Harold Jules (Hal) Kaplowitz	4/25
Selma Lebovich	4/25

Friday, April 25

Ronald King	4/26
Gregory Kurman	4/27
Thelma Weiner	4/29
Regina Hiatt	4/29
Rachel Kaplan Tartak	4/30
Edward Stone	4/30
Leonard Halpern	5/1
Manly Spigelman	5/1
Rose Sondik	5/1
William Deas	5/2
Eliezer Strich	5/2
Karleen Press	5/2

In Memoriam

Zichronam l'vrachah ~ May their memories be for a blessing

Our congregation offers heartfelt condolences to the following individuals and their families:

John Jasper McGarrity passed away at the age of 75 Sunday morning in the comfort of his home and surrounded by his family. John was father to Patrick and Robert McGarrity, father-in-law to Rachel McGarrity, and grandfather to Niilo and Eleanor.

John was a long-time member of Congregation Beth Israel. In every community he lived, John was deeply involved in encouraging change and loved recruiting people to join him in getting involved.

THE SHUL SHOFAR

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CBI'S ANNUAL PURIM CARNIVAL

***Sunday, March 16,
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm***

Please join us for CBI's Annual Purim Carnival!

Wear your best costume and enjoy face painting, a costume contest, carnival games, and a variety of delicious foods.

