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On Monday, December 12, 2011, the Board of Directors of Congregation Beth Israel voted for our congregation to endorse **Washington United for Marriage**, the campaign to secure marriage equality for lesbian and gay couples in Washington State. This action was proposed to the board by Beth Israel's Social Action Committee.

In joining the Washington United for Marriage coalition, our congregation is following the lead of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, the Anti-Defamation League, and many civil rights, gay rights, and religious organizations whose endorsements are listed on the website www.washingtonunitedformarriage.org.

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism website <u>www.rac.org/</u><u>advocacy/issues/issuegl</u> lays out the Reform Movement perspective and other background information. Legislation in support of marriage equality will be introduced in the Washington State Legislature early in 2012.

Congregation Beth Israel's Social Action Committee is planning a forum on the issue in the coming months, as well as organizing other support. If you would like to help or contribute funds toward the campaign, contact Debbie Raas or Emily Weiner.



MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

"Kol ha-olam kulo gesher tzar m'od; v'haikar lo l'fakheid klal. The entire world is a narrow bridge; the most important thing – the main thing – is not to be afraid."

How do we conceptualize, understand and embody these words written by the great Hasidic master, Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav? Reb Nachman's words invite imagination and interpretation, and, as we begin this new year of 2012, I invite you to explore the possible meanings with me.

A bridge is a structure that connects one place to another. It is a place of transition, movement, "inbetweenness." Reb Nachman suggests that the whole world is a bridge – that is to say, everything is transition, movement, in-betweenness. Or stated differently: there is nothing but transition, movement, in-betweenness. This idea can be jarring.

And yet, the notion that "the only constant is change" is a familiar one. And Reb Nachman suggests that the bridge is narrow. Again, we are invited to envision and interpret the meaning of the world as a narrow bridge. I imagine a narrow bridge to be one that holds us – not in constriction but with support and guidance and the possibility of awareness that we are part of a structure of movement. A narrow bridge allows us to see, if we are willing, that we are actually part of a structure of transition, rather than part of anything stagnant or separate.

But if the whole world is a narrow bridge, then we humans, who are part of the world, do not have the option of getting off the bridge either. There is no place to go but the bridge – this present, impermanent moment. Being in a place or space of constant transition, movement, "in-betweenness" can be frightening. And Reb Nachman teaches that the most important thing is not to be afraid.

Fear is a natural reaction to feeling threatened or at risk. Fear is an important emotion. Fear can help protect us. But fear of change and transition can transform the narrow, supportive bridge into a prison of constriction. And our own hearts and bodies can constrict and freeze with it. It is our own constriction that causes pain – to us



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A Message from the President

As I write this it's still late December, and I still can't believe the whirlwind of activity that we as a congregation are going through.

We are in the middle of our second almost-weeklong visit of a potential new rabbi. The amount of planning and preparation on the part of our search team and the community is daunting. The participation from the community is essential in this important process. I'd like to thank everyone on the search team for what they are doing on our behalf, and I'd like to thank the community for its participation in the process.

With all of this going on, I almost forgot to mention that we were very lucky to have Miri Eisin come to speak with us about the current challenges in the Middle East. Thanks to Sabrina Freeman for making it all happen. May we all enjoy a successful 2012.

Tzleechu,

Jeff Jaffe

From the Rabbi (Continued from page 1)

personally and to others around us.

So our challenge, especially during times of significant transition but also in the day-to-day, is, as my teacher, Rabbi Sheila Weinberg puts it, is to find "stillness within fluidity." We cannot catch it or grab it or trap it or demand it. We can develop practices that quiet ourselves on the inside, that allow us to rest, breath by breath, moment by moment, in the midst of movement, transition, inbetweenness. Meditation, prayer, yoga and other embodied practices help us to relax into the present moment of fluidity and change.

As the secular new year of 2012 begins, our synagogue community finds itself in the midst of significant transition. Yes, we are always changing. But the pending transition of rabbinic leadership, now six months away, represents extraordinary change for a synagogue community. "In-betweenness" and uncertainty and movement are with us every day.

Our challenge – and our opportunity – is to find stillness within the fluidity, to remain open and connected - to our truest, best selves and to one another as well as to the Source of Life, which is breath and spirit and the flow and movement of life itself. Our challenge and our opportunity are to acknowledge that we are on the bridge, all of us together. We are in motion, in transition alive.

In this moment of aliveness - with all of its movement and its sacred connections – gratitude bursts through. I thank you for this moment of time in our lives together. This moment is precious.

To a healthy, peaceful, loving 2012,

Rabbi Cindy

Mission Statement of Congregation Beth Israel

Congregation Beth Israel is a diverse and inclusive synagogue affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism and committed to a tradition that honors both Jewish continuity and innovation. We warmly welcome people into our vibrant community, dedicated to the study of Torah and creative Jewish learning, joyous and meaningful worship, and engaging in the sacred obligation of *tikkun olam*, repair of the world. As inheritors of a rich past and creators of a future full of possibility, we continually seek new opportunities to support each other in participating and growing Jewishly.

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May their memories be for a blessing.

Membership Committee ~ Sara Geballe

 ${f F}$ or our newest members, we are busily planning our New Member Dinner/ Havdalah event, which will be held on Saturday, February 4th. We'll soon be announcing a Sunday evening dinner out in March at a local restaurant. This social event will be geared toward adult members, and will give folks a chance to schmooze and visit with one another in a pleasant and relaxed setting. Details will follow in the February Shofar. We intend to offer several different social events in the coming year, geared toward a variety of age groups.

 ${f T}$ he Committee has also been revamping our new member packet, since some of the information in the current packet is now out of date. Expect to see the packet posted on our congregational website (www.bethisraelbellingham.org) soon. Meanwhile, the CBI Membership Directory and CBI Professional Services Directory are now available on the "members only" portion of the website . If you would like to have your business featured in next year's Professional Services Directory, please call the office to ask for a directory form. That publiction is updated yearly in early fall.

 ${f T}$ he new CBI Membership Roster has been posted in the "members only" section of our website (www.bethisraelbellingham.org). If you don't have email, or need help in accessing the "members only" section, please contact Mary Somerville in the synagogue office. Increasingly, timely information and vibrant photographs are being posted to our website — thanks to Melissa Schapiro — and you will want to check it more often.

Our next committee meeting will be held on **Monday**, **January** 9th at 7:00 pm at the home of Andrea Haas.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Leila Shavelson • Bellingham, WA

(CBI members may call the office for the address & phone number of our new congregant)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Purim Spiel Casting Call

Purim is early - laugh sooner and longer! We need adult actors to who are willing to be silly for a night to tap into their inner thespian and volunteer to be part of this year's great skit, which will take place on Saturday evening, March 10^{th} . If you want to join the fun, please contact **Debbie Raas** or **Rabbi Enger** by January 15th.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 411 – A LIST OF WHO TO CALL ABOUT WHAT

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Tim Baker Marta Brand Harriet Fine Debbie Adelstein (In transition) Joan Wayne Sara Geballe Gary Lazarus

Program Religion in Schools	Sabrina Freeman (In transition)
Religious School	Kendra Bradford
" Co-chair	Miriam Schwartz
Scholarship	Emil Hecht
Scrip Program	Joan Wayne
Social Action	Linda Hirsh
" Co-chair	Debbie Raas
University Liaison	McNeel Jantzen

Hosting a New Member for Shabbat Dinner

The Membership Committee would like to compile a list of those households willing to invite a new Beth Israel family to their home for a Shabbat dinner. This type of hospitality really makes a difference in helping new members feel welcomed into our community. If you would be willing to open your home on Shabbat evening from time to time, please let Membership Chair, Sara Geballe, know.

The Membership Committee will try to match new members with seasoned members sharing similar demographics. Thank you!



Happy Anniversary

January 4 Alan & Bonnie Stone January 6 David Goldman and Linda Blackwell

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Did we miss your anniversary this month? If so, please call the office at 733-8890 or send an e-mail to bishul@aol.com and let us know the month, day & year of your special day. We want to celebrate with you!

Shofar Schedule

PLEASE submit items for the February 2012 issue to the office by January 15th. You may email items to **bishul@aol.com**

Your editor thanks you in advance.

Sisterhood News & Notes

Book Group Meeting

Sunday, January 8th • 2:00 PM

Join the Sisterhood for a discussion of <u>One God Clapping: The Spiritual Path</u> <u>of a Zen Rabbi</u> by Alan Lew and Sherril Jaffe on Sunday, January 8 at 2:00 PM at the home of Roby Blecker. Lew's compelling spiritual autobiography traces a circle from his Jewish boyhood in Broklyn through a long, intuitive quest that brought him to Berkeley, California, where he practiced Zen Buddhism.

Deborah Oksenberg, who was a member of Rabbi Lew's congregation in San Francisco, will join us for the first hour of the meeting to share thoughts about Rabi Lew as a congregational rabbi.

If you haven't read the book, that's OK — please come anyway and share in an interesting discussion and a friendly gathering.

Hanukkah Gift Sale Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who came and shopped at last month's Hanukkah Gift Sale and contributed to its success. Your purchases will help support important Sisterhood programs like camp scholarships.

We also thank everyone who has paid their annual Sisterhood dues. If you are not yet included in that group, it's not too late to join us. Why not send in your dues today, while you're thinking about it?



<u>Thank You</u> to the **Garfinkle Family** for donating 25 copies of the prayer book used for family Shabbat services and Shabbatons, *Gates of Prayer for Young People*. We now have plenty of books to go around during these services.

<u>Thank You</u> to **Floyd King** for repairing our old outdoor light to illuminate the Gaga Pit, making it possible to play Gaga during the dark winter afternoons and into the evening.

<u>Thank You</u> to **Richard Trank** for all the work he has been doing recently in and around the synagogue building. From (humanely) evicting squirrels from the attic to upgrading the shul bathrooms, Richard has been very busy, and our building is much nicer as a result.

Social Action Committee

Beth Israel Supports Marriage Equality

Acting on a proposal from the Social Action Committee, the Beth Israel Board of Directors voted on December 12 to endorse **Washington United for Marriage**, the campaign to secure marriage equality for lesbian and bay couples in Washington State. There is more information about this issue, and how you can support it, in the article on the front page of this *Shofar*.

• Pillow Drive for the YWCA

Thanks to everyone who brought pillows for the pillow drive last month! Thank you for making sure that the women living at the YWCA's emergency and transitional housing residence have the comfort of a new pillow.

Baby Food and Formula Drive

Thank you also to those who brought baby food for the youngest members of our community. Baby food and formula are always in short supply at the Bellingham Food Bank.

Please continue to bring food for the Food Bank. The need has increased 50% since the beginning of the recession. We collect only packaged and canned food in our bins outside the Social Hall.

• Animals Are Hungry and Cold, Too!

Our four-footed friends at the Whatcom Humane Society would be very happy to receive your old towels and blankets. The would also be glad for donations of adult dog and cat/puppy and kitten food.



Throughout the month of January, please drop off donations of these items to our collection bins outside the Social Hall and we will take them to the Humane Society shelter.

If you are thinking of adopting a pet, the folks at the shelter would love to help you. They also have volunteer opportunities available . Please contact them at 733-2080

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Poverty Action March

Bellingham/Whatcom Project Homeless Connect is sponsoring a march and essential needs drive on January 16 to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. and ehlp those in need in our community. Food, diapers and toiletries can be delivered to the County Courthouse, 311 Grand Avenue, on January 16. There will be a march starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse, proceeding to the Federal Building, and ending at the City Municipal Court building for the MLK program which begins at noon. We encourage you to take part in these activities. For more information, call Jim Cozad at 360-961-8841.



Annual Meeting Promises Inspiration and Hope

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend Interfaith Coalition's annual meeting with a friend or two on **Tuesday, January 24 at 7 p.m.** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1110 14th Street in Bellingham.

The program will include first-hand accounts of how the homeless housing and health-care services the coalition supports make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. Following the program, you'll enjoy refreshments and fellowship with Interfaith friends, and when the evening ends, you'll leave feeling inspired and hopeful.

In appreciation, *Laura DeRose Harker,* Executive Director

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<u>Religious School News and Notes</u>

SHABBATON: Saturday, January 28 • 9:30 a.m.

Our third Shabbaton of the school year will take place on Saturday, January 28, starting at 9:30 a.m. Shabbaton is an engaging family Shabbat service followed by concurrent programming for both Religious School students and adults, which revolves around the subject of the week's Parashat HaShavua. At this month's Shabbaton, we will study a few aspects of *Parashat Bo*. Our Shabbat observance will conclude with a vegetarian/dairy potluck Kiddush lunch.

The Shabbaton will replace Sunday School classes for the week, and attendance by all Religious School students and parents is expected. Assignments for the potluck lunch will be sent via email later this month. <u>Please make sure that</u> <u>food items do not contain nuts of any kind</u>. **Please note** that all Beth Israel members, whether or not they are involved with Religious School, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

HANUKKAH PARTY THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped make last month's Family Hanukkah Party such a huge success. It was a real community effort, and the big crowd that came out enjoyed a wonderful time, with singing, games, prizes, entertainment (thanks, juggler Jason Quick!) and plenty of delicious latkes and *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts). A good time was definitely had by all!

Israeli Folk Dancing @ CBI

Join us for our third monthly dance session on **Sunday**, **January 15**, from **7 to 9 p.m.** in the Beth Israel Social Hall. An early session, from **6:30 to 7 p.m.**, will get those with NO experience up to speed. Last month we saw an increase in the number of folks who attended, and we'd like to invite everyone in the community who loves folk dancing to spread the word and come out and dance! The group meets on the <u>third Sunday</u> of each month. It is open to the entire community, so please invite your friends to join you. You don't even need to dance — if you'd like to come and enjoy the music from the sidelines, that's great! The cost is a **\$5 donation**, 100% of which goes to the New Building Fund.

The fun begins with the easiest dances first. Requests are taken also, as long as we have the music and someone knows the dance. If you're new to folk dancing, here's your opportunity to learn. If you have danced before, please bring your expertise (and your CDs)! For more information or a list of the 80 dances that we already have, please contact Sabrina Freeman.



Trees for Jsrael **Reminder:** If anyone has a JNF Blue Box to empty, please call Janis Ban at 734-5021. If you would like to have a Blue Box to collect change for the Land of Israel, call Janis and she will get one for you.

In Loving Memory of ... Elsbeth Robinson Evelyn Mason Patrick Duffy Mary Ross From: Cinda & Stuart Zemel In Loving Memory of ... Reta Kahn From: Anne Brown





The Yenta Speaks...

Each month the Yenta brings you "interesting news about Jews" - good news about our members & general glad tidings from our community. Mail or email items for the Yenta to the office.

Mazel Tov to Louis Auto Glass, which was chosen from among five nominees as "Large Business of the Year" by the Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce & Industry last month. Louis Auto Glass was founded in 1928 by Louis Adelstein and is in its fourth generation as a family business. Louis Auto Glass president Rick Adelstein — grandson of founder Louis — wishes to thank the community for all its business and support.

CBI Brotherhood

The Beth Israel Brotherhood thanks everyone who attended our presentation on craft beers on December 7. Our group will meet again in February, and we hope to have an equally stimulating topic. A notice will be sent out early next month with more details.

For more information about Beth Israel Brotherhood, please contact Alan Stone or Jay Solomon.

You (Should) Have Mail

All Beth Israel members with email should be receiving our weekly E-News and other announcements. If you are not getting these notices, please let the office know right away. The E-News is one of our most effective ways of keeping you informed!



Golden Girls Lunch Bunch —

The Golden Girls will meet at 12:00 pm on Monday, January 30 at *Skylark's Hidden Cafe* in Fairhaven, to enjoy a no-host lunch and to have a good time.

For information, please call **Elka Fink**.

SCRIP Note

Thank you to everyone who helped make November 2011 the **Scrip program's** biggest sale month ever! Scrip sales were \$19,155! The average scrip percentage to Beth Israel is 5% — which means that the Scrip program earned almost \$1,000 for Beth Israel in one month. It would be wonderful to make every month a \$20,000 sales month, and we can do it with your help. THANK YOU!

The **Scrip program** is Beth Israel's only year-round fundraiser. If you shop at Fred Meyer, Haggen, the Food Co-op, or The Market (formerly Cost Cutter), you can support Beth Israel by using scrip from these stores. And did you know that Haggen and Fred Meyer scrip can be used to buy other gift cards sold by these stores? You're sure to find the perfect gift for that special occasion.

To learn more about this program, contact **Joan Wayne** by phone or email. For an order form, call the Beth Israel office at 733-8890.

Businesses that advertise in <u>The Shul Shofar</u> help underwrite the cost of publishing and mailing our newsletter. We are grateful to these local companies and service providers for their support of Congregation Beth Israel. If you are interested in promoting your business in the <u>Shofar</u>, please phone the office at (360) 733-8890.













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— Schedule of Services —

Friday, January 6th 7:30 pm Shabbat Family service Saturday, January 7th

- 9:30 am Torah Study
- 11:00 am Shabbat meditation service

Friday, January 13th 6:30 pm Shabbat evening service, followed by potluck dinner*.

- Saturday, January 14^t
- 9:30 am Torah Study
- **10:30 am** Shabbat morning service; potluck Kiddush lunch* afterward.

Friday, January 20th 8:00 pm Shabbat evening service, featuring Beth Israel's vocal ensemble, Ma'ayan Shir Saturday, January 21st

- 9:30 am Torah Study
- **11:00 am** Tot Shabbat service for families with young children; potluck Kiddush lunch* afterward

Friday, January 27th

- 5:45 pm Pre-service nosh
- 6:30 pm Shabbat evening service
- Saturday, January 28th 9:30 am Torah Study and Family Shabbat service with programming for students and adults, concluding with a potluck Kiddush lunch*.

Friday, February 3rd <u>6:00 pm</u> (*Please note early time*) Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by potluck dinner* and Tu B'Shevat sing-along.

Saturday, February 4th

- 9:30 am Torah Study
- 11:00 am Shabbat meditation service

Friday, February 10th 8:00 pm Shabbat evening service Saturday, February 11th

- 9:30 am Torah Study
- **10:30 am** Shabbat morning service; potluck Kiddush lunch* afterward.

Friday, February 17th 8:00 pm Shabbat evening service Saturday, February 18th

- 9:30 am Torah Study
- **11:00 am** Tot Shabbat service for families with young children; potluck Kiddush lunch* afterward

Friday, February 24th

- 5:45 pm Pre-service nosh
- 6:30 pm Shabbat evening service
- Saturday, February 25th 9:30 am Torah Study and Family Shabbat service with programming for students and adults, concluding with a potluck Kiddush lunch*.



* All potluck meals are vegetarian/dairy only; NO NUT PRODUCTS at Family or Tot Shabbat services