

THE SHUL SHOFAR

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Please Take Note:

☆ **Shabbat Service Schedule**

A complete schedule of services is printed on the back page

☆ **Asher Suloway-Baker Bar Mitzvah**

Saturday, August 4th 10 AM (pg. 4)

☆ **Religious School Pool Party**

Sunday, August 5th 9:45 PM All CBI members are invited to come for a morning swim at Bayside Pool (pg. 6)

☆ **Dani Tamir Bar Mitzvah**

Saturday, August 18th 10 AM (pg. 5)

☆ **Israeli Dancing: CBI Social Hall**

Sunday, August 19th 6:30/7:00 PM Come early if you're a beginner, and join in some folk-dancing fun. Open to the community. Cost: \$5 donation to the Building Fund.

☆ **Welcome Event for Rabbi Samuels**

Thursday, August 30th 5 PM Join us at the Squalicum Boathouse to welcome Rabbi Samuels and his family to the community. (pg. 2)

☆ **Holiday Greetings/Memorials**

Make sure you're included in our annual New Year's Greetings page by returning the form on page six by the August 25 deadline. And please use the enclosed insert for submissions to the 5773 Memorial Book.

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2012/5773

Schedule of Services



Saturday, Sept. 8

At **Beth Israel Synagogue:**

7:30 p.m. Study Session
8:30 p.m. Havdalah & Dessert nosh
9:00 p.m. Selichot Service

** Sunday, Sept. 16

7:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Evening Service **

** Monday, Sept. 17

8:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Family Service **
10:00 a.m. Rosh Hashanah 1st Day Morning Service **

At **Maritime Heritage Park:**

3:00 p.m. Tashlich

Tuesday, Sept. 18

At **Beth Israel Synagogue:**

10:00 a.m. Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Morning Service & Lunch (not a potluck)

Saturday, Sept. 22

At **Beth Israel Synagogue:**

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service

Sunday, Sept. 23

2:00 p.m. Memorial Service at **Beth Israel Cemetery**

** Tuesday, Sept. 25

7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service **

** Wednesday, Sept. 26

8:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Family Service **
10:00 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service **
1:30 p.m. Study Session **
3:00 p.m. Afternoon Service, Yizkor & Ne'ilah **

~ A Break-the-Fast meal will follow the conclusion of Ne'ilah ~

** **PLEASE NOTE:** All services, except as specified, will be held at the LEOPOLD BALLROOM, 1224 Cornwall Ave. Ticket guidelines can be found on page 6.



MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Esa enai el he-harim, mei-ayin yavo ezri? "I lift my eyes to the mountains, from where will my help come?" These words from Psalm 121 ran through my head as I drove into northern Washington for the first time with my family just a couple weeks ago. Seeing the majestic snow-covered Mount Baker

off in the distance, the tree covered hills ushering us into Bellingham and then the San Juan Islands speckling the coast, I knew I had arrived in the place I was meant to be in. Some people say that they find the Divine in the magnificence of nature. I understand exactly what they mean!

So here we are, finally! Along with my wife Nicole and our children, Eytan (2½) and Shoshana (3 months) I want to first thank everyone in the Beth Israel community for welcoming us with warmth and generosity. The moment

we arrived in town, we felt your loving embrace as you helped us settle in our new home and city. While we are still getting settled (boxes or bubble wrap, anyone?), I am confident we are going to feel like Bellinghamsters in no time.

This is a year of transition for all of us. What I am most looking forward to this year, and what is my highest priority, is meeting you face to face. Beth Israel exists for you and because of you. Each person is part of the heart and soul of this sacred community and I want to know more about the people that have sustained this pocket of Jewish life on the West Coast for so many years. I encourage you to call or email me (rabbisamuelscbi@gmail.com) and stop by for some conversation (and perhaps a game of backgammon) in order for us to get to know one another. I am also more than happy to meet you away from the office, on your turf.

(See FROM THE RABBI on page 2)



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

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Deadline for submission of all articles and calendar events for the September issue is AUGUST 15TH. You are encouraged to submit your items via e-mail. Please call the office at 733-8890 for more information.

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A Message from the President

As I sat on our pile of crushed rock at our building site, the future home of Congregation Beth Israel, I was watching two well-antlered bucks and a doe resting on a pile of building sand. They were enjoying the quiet of our property. I could only think that in the coming weeks they would be sharing this beautiful place with a small herd of builders and workmen constructing our new synagogue. Work is underway, and we are spending our hard-earned donations making this all happen in an open and transparent process. If you have any questions about what is going on at the site, please contact Warren Rosenthal.

As most of you know by now, our new rabbi, **Joshua Samuels**, is in town with his family and we are pleased to welcome them to Bellingham. If you haven't met them yet, just introduce yourself next time you're at one of our services.

T'tzlihu,

Jeff Jaffe

From the Rabbi *(Continued from page 1)*

With the High Holy Days and the beginning of the school year fast approaching, I hope to be able to meet your spiritual and educational needs with new classes and opportunities to get involved. If there are adult education topics you would like to learn more about, let me know. I want to teach what I am interested in but also what you find fascinating as well. I would very much like to offer a "Basic Judaism" course this year. This course, while an excellent introduction to Judaism for potential conversion students or non-Jewish partners, is also the perfect refresher for all of us who would like to know more about our wonderful heritage. Social action and Mitzvah Day are also close to my heart and I encourage everyone to have new Jewish experiences this year.

In the meantime, enjoy these days of summer.

B'or uv'racha with light and blessing,

Rabbi Joshua Samuels



YOU ARE INVITED!

Thursday, August 30, 2012
5:00 - 7:30 PM

Squalicum Boat House • 2600 S. Harbor Loop



All Beth Israel congregants are invited to a special gathering to welcome Rabbi Joshua Samuels and his family — wife Nicole, son Eytan and daughter Shoshana — to our community. The event will take place on Thursday, August 30 from 5 - 7:30 PM at the Squalicum Boathouse, located in Zuanich Point Park.

We will be serving a light dinner and refreshments, including a dessert potluck. If you are planning to bring a dessert, please email Miriam Zderic at runmjz@gmail.com. Mark your calendar now and plan to join this congregational welcome on August 30th.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Beth Israel is pleased to acknowledge your donation to special Synagogue funds, Hadassah, or in honor of a special person, by sending a card to your designee. You may send donations (designated to a specific synagogue fund** if desired) along with your message and the recipient's name and address to **Donna Solomon**. For Hadassah cards, contact **Bonnie Stone**. For Hadassah certificates, call **Debbie Adelstein**. For Trees-For-Israel certificates or JNF "Blue Boxes", contact **Janis Ban**. Donations may also be sent to the synagogue office.

~ SPECIAL FUND DONATIONS ~

- Camp/Youth Activities Fund -

IN HONOR OF:

- ✧ Richard Widerkehr, on his Bar Mitzvah
- ✧ Esther Faber, on her Bat Mitzvah
**From: Rosalie & Stan Yacknin
Marta Brand**

- ✧ Eli Brennan, on his Bar Mitzvah
From: Larry & Melissa Stahlberg
- ✧ Leah Reitz, on her Bat Mitzvah
**From: Larry & Melissa Stahlberg
Bonnie & Alan Stone**

- ✧ Sylvya Glass, for her 90th birthday
From: Rosalie & Stan Yacknin
- ✧ Frank & Adrienne Champagne —
Mazel Tov on their marriage
From: Larry & Melissa Stahlberg

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- ✧ David Elkayam, on the loss of his father, Eli Elkayam
**From: Donna & Jay Solomon
Larry & Melissa Stahlberg
Joan & Marv Wayne
Miriam Zderic**
- ✧ Gea Goldfeder, on the loss of her brother
From: Rosalie & Stan Yacknin
- ✧ Mary Somerville, on the loss of her father, Dr. Donald Somerville
From: Larry & Melissa Stahlberg

- Care Committee -

IN HONOR OF:

- ✧ Esther Faber, on her Bat Mitzvah
From: Bonnie & Alan Stone

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- ✧ Nancy Lloyd, on the loss of her sister, Sandy York
From: Nancy & Don Davis

- General Fund -

IN HONOR OF:

- ✧ Esther Faber, on her Bat Mitzvah
From: Martha Greenstone

- New Synagogue Fund -

IN APPRECIATION:

- ✧ To the Beth Israel Board of Directors, the Rabbi Search Committee and all those working towards our New Synagogue Building.
From: Anne Brown

- ✧ To Rabbi Cindy Enger, for our beautiful wedding ceremony
From: Frank & Adrienne Champagne

- ✧ To Debbie & Dan Raas for their hospitality
From: Cliff & Andrea Haas

IN HONOR OF:

- ✧ Esther Faber, on her Bat Mitzvah
**From: Nancy & Don Davis
Debbie & Dan Raas; Judith Osman**
- ✧ Sylvya Glass, for her 90th birthday
**From: Steve & Janis Ban
Frank & Adrienne Champagne
Sara Geballe & Steve James**

- Irene, Irving & M.H. Gotlieb (Ventura, CA)
Susan & Burt Jay; Debbie & Dan Raas*

- ✧ The marriage of Frank & Adrienne Champagne
**From: Rick & Leslie Adelstein & Family
Bonnie & Alan Stone**

- ✧ Richard Widerkehr, on his Bar Mitzvah
From: Judith Osman

- ✧ Bernice Rappaport - Happy Birthday
- ✧ Rosalie Yacknin - Happy Birthday
From: Sylvya Glass

(donations continued on page six)

YAHARZEITS

Observances follow the Hebrew calendar, unless the civil date is requested.

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 4:

Goldie Dorfman	August 5
Elsie Haas	August 6
Kaufman Katz	August 6
Simon Sokol	August 6
Sol Schneider	August 7
Bernard M. "Bun" Jaffe	August 10

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 11:

Joseph Feiger	August 15
Sadie Goldman	August 16
Irving Levin	August 16
Sarah M. Gordon	August 17

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 17 AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 18:

Rose Horowitz	August 18
Liam Balton	August 19
Rose Z. Blecker	August 19
Wally Moritz	August 19
Melanie Smith	August 20
Gordon Wolfsachs	August 20
Josef Zimmerman	August 20
Hella Elaine Weill Lyon	August 21
Laura Netka	August 22
Arthur Leventhal	August 23
Edna Milnes Walker	August 23
Max Glass	August 24
Reta Kahn	August 24
Evelyn Kest	August 24
Rose Leventhal	August 24

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 24:

Dinah Godfrey	August 25
Albert Shkolnik	August 25
William Wolf Friedman	August 30
Mary Warshal Glazer	August 30
Kate Shavelson	August 30
Yitzhak Turovitz	August 31

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 31:

Barbara Gartler	September 3
Sara Shaw	September 4
Richard Farkas	September 5
Janet Koplowitz	September 6

~ In Memoriam ~

We offer deepest condolences to the following individuals & their families:

David Elkayam on the loss of his father, **Eli Elkayam**, on May 27, 2012.

Sylvia Fragner on the loss of her father, **Harold Boehi**, on May 31, 2012.

David Edelstein on the loss of his mother, **Rosalind Kantor**, on June 2, 2012.

Nancy Lloyd on the loss of her sister, **Sandy York**, on June 19, 2012.

Mary Somerville on the loss of her father, **Dr. Donald L. Somerville**, on July 12, 2012.

Zichronam l'vrachah - May their memories be for a blessing.

Shul Shofar Schedule

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

Your editor thanks you in advance.

Membership Committee ~ Sara Geballe

The Membership Committee was delighted to formally welcome Rabbi Joshua Samuels to his first official Beth Israel event on Sunday, July 15. The year's Ice Cream Social at Anne Brown's home was filled to capacity. More than 50 people attended — including Rabbi Samuels, his wife Nicole, and their two children Eytan, 2, and Shoshana, two months. There were at least twenty prospective members at the event, as well as many Board and Membership Committee members. Joan Wayne presented Rabbi Samuels with a lovely Welcome Basket, which included her delicious homemade *challah*. Quite a few folks picked up CBI application forms and Religious School brochures. Special thanks to Anne Brown for hosting this fun-filled social, and to Andrea & Cliff Haas for once again generously providing all the delectable ice creams, toppings, cookies, and other yummy treats. See the picture, below, for some of the happy attendees.

Included in this issue you will find the **CBI Professional Services Directory registration form** for the 2012-2013 edition. If you are a member who owns a business and would like to advertise it for free, please be sure to fill out the form and send it in by **October 31**. Also, if you advertised last year and wish to make any changes to your entry for 2013, be sure to fill out a new form.

It has been six years since our congregation published a photo directory. With so many new members, not to mention a new rabbi, we are way overdue for a new one. The Membership Committee is gearing up and we expect to soon confirm dates with Lifetouch, the same photography company that successfully produced all our other photo directories. We are aiming for studio dates in January. Be on the lookout for more information this fall.

Our next Membership Committee meeting will be held on **Monday, August 13th** at 7:00 pm at Joan Wayne's home.

~ AUGUST BIRTHDAYS ~

Andrea Haas	Joan Wayne	Jerry Eisner
Richard Evans	Patty Yust	Marla Finkelstein
Arona Henderson	Andrew Evans	Janine Shaw
Barry Paluch	Victoria Garfinkle	Aaron Landau
Ean Chalfie	Joel Steinberg	Donna Soloman
Joseph Kahan	Lilly Weiss	Sylvia Fragner
Amy Whiting	Esther Kahn	Jacob Lebovich
Anne Brown	Betty Schwartz	Joe Lebovich
Leigh Squires	Susan Hoffman	Harold Katz
Mitchel Lazarus	Ron Bally	



Thank you to the CBI Membership Committee for hosting such an enjoyable and successful Ice Cream Social!

Back row, from left:

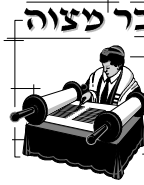
Michelle Beller-Siegfried, Amy Whiting, Ann Suloway, Bonnie Stone, Joan Wayne, Becki Van Glubt, and Andrea Haas.

Seated, from left:

Elinor Pravda, Anne Brown, and Sara Geballe.

Bar Mitzvah

Asher Suloway-Baker will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 4, 2012. He is the son of Ann Suloway and Tim Baker.



Asher will be in the 8th Grade at Cascades Montessori Middle School. He enjoys photography, kayaking and riding his bike.

For his *mitzvah* project, Asher is working with his father, Beth Israel's archivist, to build a website so that the history of Jews in Whatcom County will be accessible to all

We invite you to join us in celebration:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
August 3, 2012 at 7:30 PM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
August 4, 2012 at 10:00 AM

♥ Happy Anniversary!

- Josh Greenberg & Anita Meyer (# 16)
- Karen Katz & Niles Roberts (# 11)
- Dan & Debbie Raas (# 39)
- Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw (# 12)
- Paula & David Friedman (# 21)
- Serge Lindner & Deborah Oksenberg (# 10)
- Tamar & Shawn Clarke (# 12)
- Isaac & Wendy Blum (# 14)
- Harriet & Manuel Emanuel (# 42)
- Margaret Bikman & Jay Saxton (#37)
- Ken & Regan Levinson (# 6)
- Marc & Elizabeth Weinstein (# 7)
- Julia & Joel Bakken (# 7)
- Warren & Marybeth Taranow (# 16)
- Shelley & Jay Wolfman (# 42)
- Miriam & Greg Schwartz (# 11)
- Daniel & Sharona Feller (# 34)
- Emil & Tannia Hecht (# 41)
- Barry & Kathi Paluch (# 9)
- Jeffrey & Patty Zucker (# 7)
- Steve & Janis Ban (# 36)
- Linda & Allan Hirsh (# 53)
- McNeel & KJ Jantzen (# 10)



☎ COMMITTEE CHAIRS 411 — A LIST OF WHO TO CALL ABOUT WHAT

Archives	Tim Baker	Program	Sabrina Freeman
Building	Marta Brand	Religion in Schools.....	(In transition)
Care	Harriet Fine	Religious School	Deborah Oksenberg
Cemetery	Debbie Adelstein	“ Co-chair.....	Miriam Schwartz
Fund Raising	(In transition)	Scholarship.....	Emil Hecht
Library	Joan Wayne	Scrip Program	Joan Wayne
Membership	Sara Geballe	Social Action	Linda Hirsh
New Synagogue Task Force	Warren Rosenthal	“ Co-chair	Debbie Raas
		University Liaison	McNeel Jantzen

Bar Mitzvah

Dani Tamir will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 18, 2012. He is the son of Sabrina Freeman and Isaac Tamir and the younger brother of Miki Tamir



Dani will be entering the 8th grade at Fairhaven Middle School. His favorite subjects are geography, Extreme Weather, and music. Dani is a blue belt in Taikwondo. He plays piano, cello and clarinet, and loves to sail in FJs.

For his *mitzvah* project, Dani chose to publicize the Food Bank Gleaning Project. He hand-delivered approximately 1000 homemade postcards to his entire neighborhood, encouraging everyone with backyard fruit trees to call the Food Bank to harvest and donate their fruit and vegetables when ripe.

Please join our family in celebration:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
August 17, 2012 at 7:30 PM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
August 18, 2012 at 10:00 AM



Sisterhood Book Group

This month, the Sisterhood book group will meet on **Sunday, August 19 at 2:00 PM** at the home of Esther Faber. We will be discussing the book *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman.

Alice Hoffman's most ambitious novel is set during the Roman siege of Masada nearly two thousand years ago. It tells the tale of four complex and fiercely independent women, each of whom arrive at Masada by different paths, and whose lives intersect in the desperate days of the siege. All are dovekeepers, and all are also keeping secrets — about who they are, where they come from, and whom they love.

As always, if you haven't read the book, please come anyway and share in an interesting discussion and friendly gathering.

~ In Thanks ~

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who made donations to a number of charities in honor of our wedding. Thank you for your generosity and caring.

~ Frank & Adrienne Champagne

Social Action Committee

◆ There Was Light!

Beth Israel raised \$700 for last month's Relay for Life. Congregants gathered at Joan and Marv Wayne's home and decorated luminaria for a \$10 donation for each bag, and the Waynes provided a 100% match for each donation. All the money raised will go to support cancer patients, their families, and caregivers. Thank you, all!

◆ Marriage Equality - We Still Have to Vote

For Marriage Equality to become legal in Washington State, voters will have to approve Referendum 74 to affirm the law passed by the state legislature. It will be on the November ballot because opponents collected 240,000 signatures. 80,000 pledges to approve Ref. 74 were collected statewide, and we thank all of you who signed pledges.

You can still pledge your support for Marriage Equality by going to the website www.washingtonunitedformarriage.com. You can also help support the campaign for Ref. 74 by volunteering for phone banking for Washington United for Marriage (the coalition that Beth Israel joined) or by taking part in other events that you will find on the website. If you have questions, call Emily Weiner or Debbie Raas.

◆ School Supply Drive

For the past 20 years the Whatcom Opportunity Council has collected school supplies for needy families before the start of the school year. Between now and August 29, you can deliver donated supplies to the bins outside the Social Hall. We will take them to the Opportunity Council, which will distribute the supplies to needy children throughout the county. Here's a list of what's needed:



- ◆ **All children** need a backpack.
- ◆ **Pre-School:** crayons, child-size blunt scissors, glue or glue sticks, construction paper, water colors, clear craft paper, pipe cleaners, buttons, beads, plastic bags.
- ◆ **K - 5th Grade:** pencil box or pouch, notebook or binder, colored markers.
- ◆ **Middle and High School:** USB flash drives, colored pens or pencils, composition notebooks, scientific calculators.

There is always a need for reams of copy paper, college-ruled lined paper, highlighters, and black markers. Money is always good, too; make checks payable to **Whatcom Opportunity Council** and include "supply drive" on the memo line. The funds will help support class or activity fees.

If you would like more information about these or other Social Action activities, please call **Debbie Raas** or **Linda Hirsh**



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.

☆ **David & Genny Cohn** are proud to announce that they are now grandparents! David's daughter **Andrea Cohn** and husband Josh Shupack, who live in Ashland, Oregon, welcomed their son **Aiden Ezra Shupack** to the world in June. Mazel Tov to the family!

☆ **Hank Levine & Corinne Gimbel-Levine** are *kvelling* over their son **Jeremiah's** graduation — with honors — from Harvard Law School in June.

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.

☆ High Holy Day Ticket Guidelines ☆



Please note: Tickets will be held at the door, or can be picked up in advance at the synagogue during the week preceding the holidays. All ticket payments must be made to the office before Rosh Hashanah, or during the week prior to Yom Kippur. Questions? Call the office at 360/733-8890.

- ☆ **Members in Good Standing** (those who have returned their dues pledge form and are meeting their obligation for the current year) will receive complimentary tickets for their household, including adult children up to age 25.
- ☆ **Visiting Relatives of Members** in good standing can buy tickets at 50% of the non-member guest rate.
- ☆ **Affiliated Guests** - Out of town visitors who provide documentation of current membership at another Reform congregation receive complimentary tickets.
- ☆ **Students and Armed Forces** - Full-time students age 18 or older, and active duty military personnel will receive complimentary tickets.
- ☆ **Non-member Guests** other than above may buy tickets good for *all* High Holy Days services, at a cost of **\$180/person (adults)**. This fee can be applied toward membership dues if they become members of Congregation Beth Israel by December 31, 2012.

VENUE INFO: All services EXCEPT as specified will be held at the **Leopold Ballroom**, 1224 Cornwall Ave. in downtown Bellingham. This location is wheelchair accessible, but has no on-site parking available. However, ample free daytime parking is available on Cornwall Avenue 3 blocks south of the Leopold, just over the bridge south of Maple Street. All downtown street parking, meters, and the city's Parkade Garage are FREE evenings after 5 PM and on weekends. Carpooling to services is encouraged!

~ SPECIAL FUND DONATIONS ~

— New Synagogue Fund —

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

☆ David Edelstein and family, on the loss of his mother, Rosalind Kantor

From: Nancy & Don Davis
Debbie & Dan Raas
Donna & Jay Solomon
Ann Suloway & Tim Baker
Joan & Marv Wayne

☆ David Elkayam and family, on the loss of his father, Eli Elkayam

From: Nancy & Don Davis
Ann Suloway & Tim Baker

☆ Nancy Lloyd, on the loss of her sister, Sandy York

From: Anne Brown
Debbie & Dan Raas

☆ Mary Somerville and family, on the loss of her father, Dr. Donald Somerville

From: Steve & Janis Ban
Syhyva Glass

— Social Action Committee —

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

☆ Jerry Eisner and family, in memory of his father, Harry M Eisner

☆ David Elkayam and family, in memory of his father, Eli Elkayam

From: Hank & Corinne Levine

IN HONOR OF:

☆ Richard Widerkehr, on his Bar Mitzvah

From: Hank & Corinne Levine

Religious School News

END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY Sunday, August 5, 2012 • 9:45 am • Bayside Pool (502 Clark Rd. in south Bellingham)



The Religious School invites you to join old and new friends for a refreshing morning swim at the Bayside Pool on Sunday, August 5 from 9:45 - 11:45 AM, with a bagel nosh following the swimming. Please RSVP by August 1st to ensure there will be the proper number of lifeguards. A suggested donation of \$5 per family would be appreciated to cover the cost of the pool rental and refreshments. This event is open to the entire congregation, not just Religious School participants, so we hope to see you there. To RSVP, or if you have questions, please contact **Sagit Hall**

Rabbi Gartner Scholarship Fund

The Rabbi Gartner Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance for members pursuing college or post-graduate studies.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please contact Emil Hecht or Mark Packer for more information and for application guidelines.

Brotherhood Poker Night



Thursday, Aug. 16 • 7 PM
Gateway Centre 1313 E. Maple

The men of Beth Israel are invited to join their brothers on Thursday, Aug. 16 for an evening of socializing, some light refreshments, and a few friendly games of poker. Eyeshades are optional! Questions? Contact Alan Stone or Mark Steinberg.



J & J NEEDLE ART

Summer Sale! thru Sept. 1, 2012

Bring in this ad and receive **25% off** your purchase of \$30 or more during sale

Great selection of needlepoint, cross stitch, knitting & crochet supplies, books and more

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Open Monday - Saturday, 12 - 5 pm Closed Sunday



EREV ROSH HASHANAH IS SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



As has been our custom, the September *Shofar* will include a page for you to express your High Holy Day wishes for a Sweet Year to all the members of our Beth Israel family. If you would like your name(s) included in this year's list, please complete this form, including a small donation (suggested: \$10) and return to the synagogue office **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 25TH**. You may also e-mail your greetings request to bishul@aol.com. Questions? Call the office at 733-8890.

GREETINGS FROM _____ (PLEASE PRINT!)

Make checks payable to "Congregation Beth Israel". Return to 2200 Broadway Bellingham, WA 98225

Businesses that advertise in The Shul Shofar 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 Shofar, please phone the office at (360) 733-8890.

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— Schedule of Services —

Friday, August 3rd 7:30 am Shabbat evening service with leadership from Asher Suloway-Baker

Saturday, August 4th 10:00 am

Bar Mitzvah of Asher Suloway-Baker

Friday, August 10th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service

Saturday, August 11th

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

Friday, August 17th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service with leadership from Dani Tamir

Saturday, August 18th 10:00 am

Bar Mitzvah of Dani Tamir

Friday, August 24th

- **5:45 pm** - Pre-service *nosh*
- **6:30 pm** - Shabbat evening service

Saturday, August 25th 9:30 am Torah Study

Friday, August 31st 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service

Saturday, September 1st 9:30 am Torah Study

Friday, September 7th 6:15 pm Shabbat family service with potluck dinner* afterward

Saturday, September 8th

- **9:30 am** - Torah Study
- **7:30 PM** - Selichot study session
- **8:30 PM** - Havdalah and potluck dessert nosh
- **9:00 PM** - Selichot service

Sunday/Monday/Tuesday, September 16 - 18

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Friday, September 21st

- **5:30 pm** - Pre-service *nosh*
- **6:15 pm** - Shabbat evening service

Saturday, September 22nd

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

Tuesday, Sept. 25th and Wednesday, Sept. 26th

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Friday, September 28th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service

Saturday, September 29th 9:30 am Torah Study

Sunday, September 30th

- **6:00 pm** - Sukkot potluck* dinner
- **7:30 pm** - Sukkot Festival service



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