

THE SHUL SHOFAR

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Please Take Note:

☆ **Shabbat Service Schedule**

A complete schedule of services is printed on the back page

☆ **New Year for Religious School**

Sunday, Sept. 9th 9 AM Religious School kicks off a new year with a pancake breakfast, followed by classes for students and orientation for parents (pg. 6)

☆ **High Holy Day Memorials**

Please use the form on the back of the **Holiday Greeting insert** for submissions to the 5773 Memorial Book. Entries are due by September 15th.

LOOKING AHEAD

☆ **Sukkot and Simchat Torah**

Sunday, Sept. 30th 6/7:30 PM - Potluck dinner followed by Sukkot Festival evening service.

Monday, Oct. 1st 10 AM - Sukkot Festival morning service, with potluck Kiddush lunch afterward.

Monday, Oct. 8th

• **10 AM** - Shemini Atzeret service with Yizkor memorial

• **6:30 PM** - Simchat Torah service and Consecration of new students

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 a.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 a.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

Lessons From a Soap Maker

It was a beautiful day when a rabbi and a soap maker decided to go out for a stroll. They were both enjoying the warm weather when the soap maker abruptly turned to the rabbi and asked, "What good is religion? Religion teaches all these highfalutin' morals and all these lofty values and ethics, yet look at this world!" Without giving the rabbi a chance to respond, the soap maker continued his rant: "The world is corrupt. It's filled with pain and evil and wickedness. So I ask you, Rabbi, what good is religion?"

Before the rabbi could answer, out of nowhere a huge rubber ball came flying through the air, headed right toward him. Fortunately the rabbi had quick reflexes. He caught the ball before it smacked him in the face! The rabbi returned the ball to the apologetic young boy who had come after it. As the boy ran off to join his friends, the rabbi said, "Just look at that

young child. He's absolutely filthy! And you're a soap maker, so I ask you, what good is soap? There's all this soap in the world, and that young boy is still dirty!"

The soap maker protested. "How can you say that about soap? You're a learned man, Rabbi, so surely you understand that soap is good only if it's used."

"Aha," said the rabbi, with a slight grin. "And so it is with religion. We can teach it, and people can say they've learned it, but until they've used it and truly understand the meaning of its lessons, the power of its teachings, and the weightiness of its laws, then—and only then—can religion make a positive difference in the world."¹

Friends, we are entering the High Holy Day season. In other words, we're about to be face to face with intense Judaism for roughly a month. During this time, we might ask ourselves, "What is the point of all this?" or, "How am I supposed to get any meaning out of these services?" Perhaps some of us can answer these questions easily. I suspect,

(See FROM THE RABBI on page 2)



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A Message from the President

It seems like the summer has just started — finally, at last — and here we are already preparing for the High Holy Days.

I'm not sure where the time went, but I do know that I spent a lot of the evenings watching over our new building site. We have been subject to an ongoing series of vandalisms and thefts. In order to mitigate this situation we now have a young couple living on site to create an ongoing presence and ensure the security of our property. Due to the fact that we now have a construction zone and a security zone, please respect our situation and coordinate ALL visits to the building site through Warren Rosenthal

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year,

Jeff Jaffe

From the Rabbi *(Continued from page 1)*

however, that many of us struggle with religion in general (Judaism in particular) and especially the High Holy Days. It doesn't help that these *Yamim Noraim* (Days of Awe) only come around once a year. We tend to need constant repetition for anything to truly sink in.

The rabbi in this story makes a good point. For religion (or Judaism) to make a positive difference in the world, we need to peel away the many outside layers and expose the true beauty of our Tradition. We need to struggle with its concepts and learn its teachings so we can get the most out of our heritage. The same is true regarding the High Holy Days. Simply showing up, unfortunately, isn't going to do the trick. We need to push ourselves to uncover the beauty of this sacred time.

Perhaps all it takes is a little intention. Instead of entering the season as a passive participant, hoping for something to "click" inside us, we can begin by considering that the High Holy Days are about being part of a Jewish community and that together we celebrate how God has given us life and the opportunity to experience this world.

In his book, *Entering the High Holy Days*², Reuven Hammer writes, "Nothing is more precious than life, nothing as wondrous, and nothing as fragile. At this season especially, we are called upon to open our eyes and see the world, to feel that we are part of God's creative power. We are summoned to celebrate our lives and ask, 'What have we done to be worthy of this gift?'" And what a gift we've been given! Maybe for the High Holy Days to be a truly transformational experience, we ought to spend less time thinking about how we've missed the mark in various aspects of our lives (less, not zilch!) and more time focusing on the good we've done and plan to do. What *have* we done to be worthy of this gift? And *how* are we going to contribute to society once that last shofar blast has sounded? With a little intention and perhaps some studying up on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (see suggested reading list below), the High Holy Days will make a positive difference in each of us and in the world.

Shana Tova - have a wonderful and sweet New Year!

Rabbi Joshua Samuels

Recommended High Holy Day Reading

This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared by Alan Lew
Who By Fire and Who By Water by Lawrence Hoffman
All These Vows by Lawrence Hoffman

¹ Becker, Laney K., ed. *Three Times Chai*. Springfield: Behrman House, 2007

² Hammer, Reuven. *Entering the High Holy Days*. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 2005

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- Camp/Youth Activities Fund -

IN HONOR OF:

✧ Dani Tamir, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
From: *Karen Sloss
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✧ Asher Suloway-Baker, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
From: *Karen Sloss*

✧ Sylvia Glass, for her 90th birthday
From: *Joan & Marv Wayne*

✧ Anne Brown, for her continuing support of Hillel of WWU
From: *Larry & Melissa Stahlberg*

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

✧ Daniel & Sharona Feller, on the marriage of their daughter, Rachel
From: *Joan & Marv Wayne*

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

✧ David Edelstein, on the loss of his mother, Rosalind Kantor
From: *Larry & Melissa Stahlberg*

— Rabbi's Discretionary Fund —

IN HONOR OF:

✧ Rabbi Joshua Samuels and family — Welcome to Congregation Beth Israel!
From: *Larry & Melissa Stahlberg
 Karen Sloss*

-Religious School Tuition Fund-

IN APPRECIATION:

✧ To Anne Brown, with many thanks for her loving care
From: *Judy Soicher*

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✧ David Edelstein, on the loss of his mother, Rosalind Kantor

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

✧ Mary Somerville, on the loss of her father, Dr. Donald Somerville
From: *Carol & David Robinson*

— New Synagogue Fund —

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✧ Asher Suloway-Baker, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
From: *Leslie & Rick Adelstein*

✧ Esther Faber, on her Bat Mitzvah
From: *Karen Sloss*

✧ The marriage of Frank & Adrienne Champagne
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✧ Mary Somerville, on the loss of her father, Dr. Donald Somerville
From: *Aline & Sid Wanne*

YAHARZEITS

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

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:

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| Henry Gordon | September 8 |
| Miriam "Mimi" Segre | September 8 |
| Sadie Adelstein-Meyerson | September 8 |
| Harold Lazaroff | September 9 |
| Rebecca Shapira de Lindner | September 9 |
| Morton Stahlberg | September 9 |
| Louise Greenberg | September 10 |
| Joseph Naparty | September 10 |
| Art Jensen | September 11 |
| Dora Lebowitz | September 11 |
| Ted Zak | September 11 |
| Blossom Becker | September 12 |
| Blythe Cole Busch | September 13 |
| Ron Feiger | September 13 |
| Rita J. Witte | September 13 |
| Abe Singer | September 14 |

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

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| Viola Faber | September 16 |
| Helen Hildes | September 16 |
| Sarah Hecht | September 17 |
| John Smith | September 19 |
| Harry Berman | September 21 |
| Richard Meltzer | September 21 |

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:

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| Crystal Myers | September 22 |
| Jack Blecker | September 23 |
| Joseph Haas | September 24 |
| Mary Faber | September 25 |
| Geraldine Witte | September 25 |
| Jere Donegan | September 26 |
| Jonas Relin | September 27 |
| Sara Sylvia Seid | September 27 |
| Edith Sonneman | September 27 |
| Barry Shapiro | September 28 |

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:

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| Mary Singer | September 29 |
| Samuel Kahn | September 30 |
| Julius Briskie | October 2 |



~ In Memoriam ~

The Beth Israel community mourns the loss of long-time congregant **Shirley Zell**, who passed away on August 9, 2012.

We offer heartfelt condolences to her daughter, **Bonnie Zell**, and her son, **Fred Zell**.

Zichronah l'vrachah ~ May her memory be for a blessing.

Shul Shofar Schedule

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

Your editor thanks you in advance.

Membership Committee ~ Sara Geballe

Over the summer we have added four wonderful members to our Committee: Michelle Beller-Siegfried, Becki Van Glubt, Amy Whiting, and Sarah Witte. We are thrilled to have them on board!

If you have a business or service you would like to advertise **for free** in our **2013 CBI Professional Services Directory**, please be sure to submit your registration form to Shelley Wolfman by **October 31**. For your convenience, a copy of the form is included in this issue of the *Shofar*.

To make it easier for Rabbi Samuels to learn all our names, please remember to wear your name tag when you attend services. If you need a new name tag, please let me know.

Since our Ice Cream Social on July 15, four new families have joined our community, with several more families expected to join soon. Please join me in making all our members — new and seasoned — feel welcome!

Please see the information at **right** → about our upcoming congregational photo directory — and mark your calendar now!

Finally, be sure to say hello to our friendly committee members at High Holy Day services at the Leopold. We will be there to welcome you and pass out tickets, as well as to provide the Rosh Hashanah oneg on September 16. L'Shana Tova!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW (& RETURNING) MEMBERS!

- Mel Damski • La Conner, WA
 - Dan & Cynthia Roling; sons Lucas & Asher and daughter Isla • Surrey, B.C
 - Aaron & Michele Sanger and daughter Talya • Bellingham, WA
 - Ted & Penny Schuman • Bellingham, WA
- (CBI members may call the office for the addresses & phone numbers of our new members)*

- SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS -

| | | |
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| Isla Roling | Bruce Van Glubt | Carrie Myers |
| Emil Hecht | Lydia Sherwood | Terri Weiner |
| Gaby Mayers | Michele Sanger | Nancy Miller |
| Chi-Na Stoane | Elizabeth Sheinkopf | Mark Hunter |
| Marilyn Eisner | Joel Bakken | Patti Zucker |
| Elliot Levinson | Elinor Pravda | Nancy Davis |
| Judy Berman | Esther Faber | Debby Meyers |
| Jane Sylvester | Mark Packer | Maurice Schwartz |
| Steven Garfinkle | Perry Somers | Arlene Feld |
| Elliott Noell | Melissa Stahlberg | Noémi Ban |
| Eytan Samuels | Darcie Donegan | Paula Friedman |
| Marcia Lippman | Zachariah Popp | Regan Levinson |
| Miriam Zderic | Roby Blecker | Else Sokol |
| Daniel Roling | Jenny Katz | |

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.

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

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| Archives | Tim Baker |
| Building | Marta Brand |
| Care | Harriet Fine |
| Cemetery | Debbie Adelstein |
| Library | Joan Wayne |
| Membership | Sara Geballe |
| New Synagogue Task Force Program | Warren Rosenthal Sabrina Freeman |

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| Religion in Schools..... | (In transition) |
| Religious School | Deborah Oksenberg |
| “ Co-chair..... | Miriam Schwartz |
| Scholarship..... | Emil Hecht |
| Scrip Program | Joan Wayne |
| Social Action | Linda Hirsh |
| “ Co-chair | Debbie Raas |
| University Liaison | McNeel Jantzen |



Photo Directory: Save the Dates!

In 2013 we will be publishing our first synagogue Photo Directory since 2006. To make the directory a success, we need as close to 100% member participation as possible. There is no cost to members. Professional portraits will be taken at the Gateway Centre in early January by Lifetouch photographers. Please mark your calendars now and save these dates so you can be sure to be included. You will be hearing much more about this project in the weeks and month ahead. A huge “thank you” to Jay Solomon for generously making the Gateway Centre available for this project!

- WHEN:**
Sunday - Wednesday, January 6 —9, 2013 (Several make-up dates in January may also be available)
- WHERE:** The Gateway Center
1313 E. Maple Street, Bellingham
- WHO:** Lifetouch Directories & Portraits
- COST:** Free; however, you may purchase extra photos if you wish
- BONUS:** Each participating household receives one free 8 X 10 portrait
- ?? - send an email to Sara Geballe

More details on times and how to sign up will be coming soon.....



Happy Anniversary

- Kendra Bradford & Todd Shuster (# 16)
- Jason & Chi-Na Stoane (# 13)
- Stuart & Cinda Zemel (# 36)
- Phyllis & Shelly Mazur (# 60)
- Emily Weiner & John McGarrity (# 31)
- Jeaninne & Joseph Kahan (# 58)
- Perry & Katie Somers (# 7)
- Marta & Craig Brand (# 34)



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 tell us the month, day & year of your special day. We want to celebrate with you!

Schleppers Wanted

We are looking for a few key volunteers to help with the logistics of holding the 2012/5773 High Holy Day services at the Leopold. Tasks include transporting prayer books and other materials, setting up and taking down tables and chairs, clean up following services, and returning our books and furniture items to the synagogue after the Break the Fast on Yom Kippur.

If you are able to help with these important tasks for a few hours on one or more of the High Holy Days, please contact **Floyd King**.

Library News



The majority of the Beth Israel Library is now in storage awaiting its new home. This move gives us a roomier Social Hall. Thank you to Jeff Jaffe for storing our books. All that we now have available for check out are children's and youth items.

We do have a wish list of children's books, DVDs and CDs. Please contact Sagit Hall for more details about specific items we are hoping for.

We regret that we CANNOT accept any donations of adult books until we are in our new space. Thank you for NOT bringing book donations to Beth Israel.

Oneg Committee News

The oneg list for 2012-2013 was mailed on August 14. If we left you off — sorry. Please contact us; we always need substitutes and help with special events.

The rhythm of monthly services/onegs for this year is as follows (Torah study meets every Saturday at 9:30 AM):

- 1st Friday:** 6:15 PM Family service followed by potluck dinner
- 1st Saturday:** No service
- 2nd Friday:** 7:30 PM service; oneg after
- 2nd Saturday:** 10:30 AM service; potluck Kiddush lunch after
- 3rd Friday:** 5:30 PM nosh; 6:15 service
- 3rd Saturday:** 10:30 AM service; potluck Kiddush lunch after
- 4th Friday:** 7:30 PM service; oneg after
- 4th Saturday:** 11 AM Tot Shabbat; potluck lunch after
- 5th Friday:** 6:15 PM service

Many thanks—Joan Wayne, Miriam Zderic

Break the Fast Help Needed!



Breaking the Fast in community after Yom Kippur is an important Beth Israel tradition, and this year the Sisterhood needs your help to make our meal a success. A list of specific food items needed is below. All food items must be delivered to Beth Israel by Sunday, September 23. Cookies can be brought to the Leopold on September 26. Cash donations to help offset the cost of the Break the Fast are also welcome, and can be sent to Bonnie Stone. Please contact **Joan Wayne** or **Miriam Zderic** and let them know what you can contribute. Thank you, and best wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year!

- Sliced and packaged cheeses (like cheddar, harvarti and Swiss)
- Costco-size containers of hummus
- Large containers of spreadable cream cheese
- Costco-size jar of pickles
- 64 oz. bottles of fruit juice
- Cookies

Sisterhood will purchase the balance of the supplies for the Break the Fast.

Social Action Committee

◆ School Supply Drive a Success

Paper, notebooks, calculators, crayons, zip drives, colored pencils, backpacks, and more! You made sure that students in Whatcom County can go to school with what they need through our contribution to the Whatcom Opportunity Council. Thank you for your shopping and your thoughtfulness!



◆ High Holy Day Food Drive

Another opportunity to be generous is coming this month — our annual High Holy Day Food Drive. On Sunday, September 9, the students in our Religious School will decorate paper grocery sacks for congregants to take home on Erev Rosh Hashanah. Bring your bag back filled with food on Yom Kippur and it will be donated to the Bellingham Food Bank. A blue or red van will be parked in front of the Leopold waiting for your donations. If you forget or would rather leave your donation at the synagogue, please leave canned or dry food in our bins near the Social Hall.



◆ Gently Used Coats Can Find a Home

Next month Interfaith Coalition will be collecting new and used coats to distribute to the needy on the last Sunday of the month at their annual coat distribution drive. They are looking for **volunteers** as well as coats, so if you'd like to help call Debbie Raas or Linda Hirsh for more information.

◆ Next Committee Meeting

The Social Action Committee will meet on **Sunday, October 21 at 2:00 PM** at the home of Debbie Raas. If you are interested in becoming involved with the work of the committee, contact Debbie or co-chair 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.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR! MAZEL TOV TO ALL THESE FAMILIES....

- ☆ **Steve & Rita Spitzer** are proud to announce the engagement of their son, **Jonathan**, to Rachel Greenberg of Portland, Maine.
- ☆ **Joshua Mayers** was married to Jaymie Darden in August. The couple will make their home in West Seattle. Josh's proud parents are **Gaby and Victoria Mayers**.
- ☆ **Rachel Feller**, daughter of **Daniel and Sharona Feller**, was married in Seattle to Sigmund Cheren in August. And, as if the Feller's year hasn't been busy enough, their son **Avi** wed Jessie Weiser in Phoenix earlier this year in March.



RS News AND Notes

WELCOME BACK TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL!

The **first day of class is Sunday September 9, and for the Hebrew classes, September 12.** We have lots of news for this school year! First of all, Sagit Hall continues in her role as Religious School Coordinator and is putting lots of time and energy into making the Religious School experience fun, interesting, and educational. Also, we have some new teachers this year: as of this writing, we welcome Rebecca LaMarsh (K/1 class), Lotem Raymond-Coe (grades 4 - 5), and Sarah Geliebter (grades 7 - 8). Rabbi Samuels will be teaching the 9th graders and b'nai mitzvah students. Older students who are interested in continuing their education should contact Sagit or Rabbi Samuels. We have a new group, the Gan Yeladim, for ages birth to 5 years, which will meet once a month, taught by Miriam Zderic - dates are on the website.

This year, we have been able to combine both sessions of Sunday classes into one session, which goes from **10 AM to 12 PM.** We are able to do this because our neighbors at Cedartree Montessori have agreed to rent us their space at a most affordable rate. The K/1, 2/3, and 4/5 classes will meet over there after *tefilah* and will come back over just before snack. We are excited about the later start time and the added convenience for families with kids in different classes. It also makes Religious School Committee meetings a lot easier to attend, and all parents are invited to participate. Coffee and bagels are planned! We are also providing the snack this year as part of tuition, thanks to McNeel Jantzen who has graciously offered to be our Snack Fairy! This makes life easier for our busy parents while allowing our kids that time to socialize and celebrate together.

Among the plans for the upcoming year are three *Shabbatonim*, three adult learning opportunities, an Earth Day Hike, as well as our traditional Hanukkah Party, Purim Carnival, Yard Sale, and End-of-Year Picnic. Consecration of new students is Monday October 8th at Simchat Torah evening service. The Religious School Committee will be involved in organizing and supporting these events as well as hosting the oneg after the family service at Rosh Hashanah, and the oneg after the Teacher Appreciation Shabbat service in the spring. RSC meetings are generally the first Sunday of the month during Religious School, and all parents and interested community members are encouraged to participate. Meeting dates are on the secure website under the Religious School tab - many thanks to Melissa Schapiro for keeping this updated!

On **Sunday September 9th**, our first day back, the Brotherhood is graciously hosting a Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast in the Social Hall for returning students and their families, starting at **9:00 AM.** Registration materials and information will be available at that time, and members of the Social Action Committee will be on hand with an activity for the kids to get them started. The Orientation for Parents will take place in the sanctuary after *tefilah* - all parents are encouraged to attend.

Please return your registration materials as soon as possible so we can best prepare for the year ahead. Contact Sagit Hall (email) or Mary Somerville in the office for registration materials, or check the CBI website.

High Holy Day Ticket Policies

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. 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!

Care Committee



Beth Israel members who need a ride to services, or who would like to offer a ride to services for a member, are asked to please call **Sylvia Glass**.



Trees for Israel

Reminder: If anyone has a JNF Blue Box to empty, or would like a new box to fill up, please call Janis Ban.

In Loving Memory of ...

Shelley Buntman
Charlotte Zieve
Cecil Urquhart
Betty Lorenz

From: Cinda & Stuart Zemel

To: The Elkayam Family

In loving memory of your dear father and grandfather, Eli Elkayam
From: Cinda & Stuart Zemel

To: Shirley Silverberg

In honor of her 90th birthday
From: Steve & Janis Ban

To: Asher Suloway-Baker

In honor of his Bar Mitzvah
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— Schedule of Services —

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
~ See *Selichot/High Holy Day schedule on front page* ~

Friday, September 14th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service
Saturday, September 15th

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

Sunday/Monday/Tuesday, September 16 - 18
~ See *High Holy Day schedule on front page* ~

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
~ See *High Holy Day schedule on front page* ~

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

Monday, October 1st 10:00 am Sukkot Festival service
with potluck Kiddush lunch* afterward

Friday, October 5th 6:15 pm Shabbat family service with
potluck dinner* afterward
Saturday, October 6th 9:30 am Torah Study

Monday, October 8th

- **10:00 am** - Shemini Atzeret service with Yizkor
- **6:30 PM** - Simchat Torah service with Consecration of new students.

Friday, October 12th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service
Saturday, October 13th

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

Friday, October 19th

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

Saturday, October 20th 9:30 am Shabbaton: Torah study
and Family Shabbat service with programming for
students and adults, concluding with a potluck Kiddush
lunch*.

Friday, October 26th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service
Saturday, October 27th

- **9:30 am** - Torah Study
- **11:00 am** - Tot Shabbat service; potluck Kiddush lunch* afterward



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