

THE SHUL SHOFAR

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Please Take Note:

☆ **Shabbat Service Schedule**

A complete schedule of services is printed on the back page

☆ **Interfaith Coalition Coat Drive**

From now until Thursday, October 25, please bring good quality adult and children's coats to the synagogue and help share the warmth with our neighbors in need (pg. 5)

☆ **Special Family Shabbaton**

Saturday, Oct. 13th 9:30 AM - 1 PM
This special service will take the place of Sunday School for the week, and will include concurrent programming for students and adults. A vegetarian potluck lunch will be part of our Shabbat observance (pg. 6)

☆ **Sisterhood Book Group**

Sunday, Oct. 14th 2 pm - The group will discuss *The Source* by James Michener (pg. 5)

☆ **Rally for Marriage Equality**

Sunday, Oct. 21st 3 pm - This rally in support of marriage equality will be held at the Mount Baker Theatre. It is free and will feature a performance by the Seattle Men's and Women's Choruses (pg. 5)

☆ **Israeli Dancing, CBI Social Hall**

Sunday, Oct. 21st 6:30/7:00 PM - Open to the community; come early if you're a beginner. Cost: \$5 donation to the Building Fund.

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SUKKOT

Sunday, September 30

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner
7:30 p.m. Sukkot Festival Evening Service

Monday, October 1

10:00 a.m. Sukkot Festival Morning Service. Potluck kiddush lunch afterward (in the Sukkah if permits)

~ Beth Israel Office Closed October 1st ~

SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday, October 8

10:00 a.m. Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor memorial

6:30 p.m. Simchat Torah Service and Consecration of new students in Beth Israel Religious School. All new students and their families are encouraged to attend this special service and ceremony.

~ Beth Israel Office Closed October 8th and 9th ~



A New Feature on the Website

Starting in October, when the yearly cycle of Torah begins again with Bereshit, the opening portion of the Book of Genesis, our website begins a new feature. Every week, we'll be posting something about the Torah study just completed. Sometimes it will be only a snippet, and sometimes (more rarely, we're sure) it might be a subject we debated about, or even a retelling of a full discussion.

We have different Torah study experiences, and this feature should reflect the various characteristics of our session. It might be fun, challenging, instructive, personal to the participants, inspirational, infuriating, confusing or enlightening — make up your own adjective here, and probably at least once a year, we'll hit it.

If you're curious about what goes on at weekly Torah study — or if you missed a week and want some notion of what happened — take a look at www.bethisraelbellingham.org. No login will be necessary to read the posts, but if you are uncertain about accessing the website, ask Mary in the synagogue office.



MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Power of Prayer

Ed Rosenthal *should* be dead. Lost in Joshua Tree National park for six days without food or water, Ed believed his life was coming to an end. A poet for many years, Ed never left home without a pen. During his saga - which probably seemed to him to last forever

- Ed used his khaki hiking hat to write down everything he wanted his wife, family, and friends to know: everything from his love for them to where he wanted his money donated to details about what he believed was his final hike. Perhaps it was this act that kept him alive when so many other people would have been killed by the harsh elements. Quite simply, he stayed focused and kept busy. Most importantly, Ed did not panic.

Perhaps Ed survived this nightmare because he is an

experienced hiker and in relatively decent physical shape. He is known to go hiking almost every weekend. His adventure in Joshua Tree was well planned, too. On this particular day-hike that took him eight miles away from where he left the trail, Ed had packed a couple flares (that did not work), a whistle and a blanket.

Or perhaps it was prayer that kept him alive and allowed him to reunite with his family. Harold Gidish, the president of Makom Ohr Shalom - the Jewish Renewal community in Encino, CA where Ed is a member - told me that soon after he heard of Ed's situation, he relayed the information to everyone at Makom and urged them all to pray for the welfare of their friend Ed. Harold encouraged his community to think about Ed every single hour and to pray for his safe return.

This communal prayer experience that takes place outside of the synagogue walls was not new to Makom.

(See FROM THE RABBI on page 2)



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Deadline for submission of all articles and calendar events for the November issue is OCTOBER 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 was preparing to leave for work I was challenged in my own back yard by the largest buck I have ever seen. He lowered his very expansive set of antlers and dug up my yard with his front hoof. I normally mix freely with the deer as they enjoy my yard, but today was different. It was not to be an encounter that would end without a victor.

I felt the same way going to High Holy Day services this year. I was challenged by a number of congregants who were intent on winning some battle. Many other board members had similar experiences. Yes, there were some interesting moments this year but the members of the board deserve their time to practice their Judaism without being interrupted by the mundane during these Days of Awe. There is a time and a place for everything; a little bit of discretion goes a long way. Please show some respect to those who put in their time for our community.

Meanwhile, back to the buck. We each stated our position, making it very clear that we were not giving up our stand. I guess that one would say that we each felt that we could get along in my yard without competing for the same doe. I went off to work. As for the ungulate, he may still end up in someone's freezer for the winter.

Jeff Jaffe

From the Rabbi *(Continued from page 1)*

Every Wednesday afternoon from 6:00 – 6:15 pm, Makom engages in “Distance Healing.” The thought is that the power of prayer is effective no matter where people pray, so long as they pray together. Though the community was not physically together, they were spiritually together. And for most of Ed’s frightening journey, they prayed on his behalf around the clock. Gidish said, “I have no doubt in my mind that our prayers were received.” Though most of the articles describing Rosenthal’s outing do not mention this, Gidish informed me that the day before Ed was found by the search and rescue team, it rained in the park, allowing him to hydrate enough in order to survive another day.

We pray for many reasons. We pray to acknowledge the Holy One who brought everything into being and who continually creates. We pray for strength to get us through challenging times. We pray for the physical, emotional and spiritual healing of others. We pray for peace. We pray to make it in the Book of Life. We even pray that our favorite sports teams make it into the playoffs. What all these prayers need, according to Maimonides (1135-1204), is our concentration, or *kavanah*. In his influential *Mishneh Torah*, Maimonides writes, “The mind should be freed from all extraneous thoughts and the one who prays should realize that he (or she) is standing before the Divine Presence. He should therefore sit awhile before beginning his prayers, so as to concentrate his mind” and then “sit awhile after concluding his prayers.” (*Sefer Ahavah* 4:16). In other words, for our prayers to be effective and to reach God, we must be completely present when we pray, free from all distractions, and open to the possibility that prayer works.

I do not know why Ed Rosenthal survived. It might be a combination of all the factors stated above. However, I’d like to think that prayer played the biggest role in his survival; not his prayers but those from his supportive community. Every Friday evening and multiple Saturday mornings each month we have an opportunity to lift our prayers towards God, together. We can make a difference as a community. God knows our prayers are needed.

Rabbi Joshua Samuels

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:

☆ Eytan Samuels — Happy 3rd Birthday!
From: Nancy Lloyd

— Care Committee —

IN HONOR OF:

☆ Nalli Schneider (granddaughter of Marcia & Lou Lippman) - Happy 5th Birthday!
From: Nancy Lloyd

— Rabbi's Discretionary Fund —

IN HONOR OF:

☆ Eytan Samuels — Happy 3rd Birthday!
From: Francine Levy (Carmichael, CA)
 ☆ Our 60th Wedding Anniversary
From: Phyllis & Shelly Mazur
 ☆ Rabbi Samuels, for his High Holy Days leadership
From: Sarah & Todd Witte
 Larry & Melissa Stahlberg

- Beth Israel Religious School -

IN HONOR OF:

☆ The establishment of the Gan Yeladim pre-school class.
From: Todd & Sarah Witte
 ☆ Dani Tamir, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
From: The Witte Family

-Religious School Tuition Fund-

IN HONOR OF:

☆ Jacob Lebovich - Happy 10th Birthday!
 ☆ Asher Suloway-Baker, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
From: Nancy Lloyd

— New Synagogue Fund —

IN APPRECIATION TO:

☆ Karen Sloss
From: Nancy Lloyd
 ☆ The Beth Israel community - thanks for all the help and support we received at the time of Elizabeth's birth
From: Sarah & Todd Witte
 ☆ Rabbi Samuels & Family - Welcome to the community
From: Pearl Diamond

IN HONOR OF:

☆ The marriage of Frank & Adrienne Champagne
From: Steve & Debbie Adelstein
 ☆ Noémi Ban, for her 90th birthday
From: Anne Brown
 ☆ The marriage of Avi Feller to Jessie Weiser
 ☆ The marriage of Rachel Feller to Sigmund Cheren.
From: Nancy & Don Davis
 ☆ Isaac & Samantha Konikoff, on the birth of Emma Suzanne
From: The Witte Family
 ☆ Rabbi Samuels, for his High Holy Days leadership
From: Richard Widerkehr

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

☆ Bonnie Zell & Fred Zell, on the loss of their mother, Shirley Zell
From: Lilly & Jack Warnick (Tacoma)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

☆ David A. Cavell and Edith Negin Cavell
From: Dr. & Mrs. Richard Cavell
 (Camano Island)

YAHARZEITS

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

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6:

Edith Lindheimer	October 6
Helen Shure	October 6
Joseph Jay	October 8
Judy Steiger	October 9
Carol Van Glubt	October 9
Bernard "Barry" Shapiro	October 10
Julian Berenstain	October 11
Jay Harvey	October 11
Kurt Jerome Koplowitz	October 11

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13:

Joshua Louis Adelstein	October 15
Shirley Adelstein	October 18
Reuben Dechter	October 18
David Robinson, Jr.	October 19

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20:

Peter Harvey	October 21
Herman Horowitz	October 21
Jacob M. Fine	October 23
Donald Kite	October 23
Howard Shavelson	October 23
Dora Graff	October 24
Jack Irwin Moss	October 24
Harry Dubonsky	October 26
Richard Glazer	October 26
Ezra Meltzer	October 26

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26:

Don Cole	October 28
Eva Sanford	October 28
Aaron David Schlesinger	October 28
Cantor Pinchas Spiro	October 28
Gertrude "Onita" Glasco	October 29
Elsie Gaudine	October 30
Hazel Grieff	October 30
Annelise Guenter-Pedersen	October 31
Louis Glazer	November 1
George Bernard Levine	November 2
Bruce Phillips	November 2

~ In Thanks ~

I would like to thank everyone who made donations to the Beth Israel Building Fund in honor of my 90th birthday. Your wonderful generosity and caring are very much appreciated.

~ Sylvia Glass

~ In Thanks ~

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent cards, made donations, and offered such kind support following the death of my beloved father. I am truly grateful to all of you, and feel blessed to be part of such a caring community.

~ Mary Somerville

Shul Shofar Schedule

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

Your editor thanks you in advance.

Membership Committee ~ Sara Geballe

I'm sorry I wasn't in town to share the High Holy Days with you. G'day from Down Under, where my husband and I have been doing a month-long home exchange in Adelaide, Australia. From what I hear, September was a very busy month for our Committee, as eight new member families joined our shul! All new members will soon find their name tags in the hallway outside the sanctuary, marked with a Mogen David to show that they are new. Please be sure to help make them feel welcome.

Special thanks go to: Rita Spitzer for capably chairing the Membership Committee in my absence; Joan Wayne for flawlessly coordinating the Rosh Hashanah oneg at the Leopold; and to the many other Committee volunteers who graciously staffed the welcome table at High Holy Day services.

Last chance: If you would like to advertise your business for free in our 2013 **CBI Professional Services Directory**, please submit your registration form to Shelley Wolfman by October 31. Copies of the form were included in the August and September issues of the *Shofar*, and are posted online in the "Members Only" section of the CBI website. The new *Directory* will be available in January.

Later this month, we will begin the sign-up process for our new Beth Israel Photo Directory. Be sure to save the dates January 6 - 9, 2013 to have your family's portrait taken. All professional photo sessions will be held at the Gateway Center off Samish Way. You will be hearing much more about the photo directory in the weeks ahead. We are striving for 100% participation. There is no cost to members and each participating family will receive a free 8 x 10 professional portrait along with a free directory. An up-to-date photo directory helps congregants get to know one another better and builds a strong community.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

- Nicole & Darren Boarnet; sons Ian, Alex & Daniel • Bellingham
- Anna & Noah Booker; son Julian & daughter Flora • Bellingham
- Tammera & Daryl Dixon and son Orion • Bellingham
- Saul & Christine Goodman; daughters Rachel & Elisha • Chilliwack BC
- Lauren Hyman • Bellingham
- Ken & Diana Oplinger and daughter Rachel • Blaine
- Rebecca & Andrew Orloff; daughter Kayla ; sons Isaac & Owen • Bellingham
- Lauren Spitz-Moore & Aaron Moore and son Max • Bellingham

~ OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS ~

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|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Elena Buri | Shelly Mazur | Roy Evans |
| Isabel Buri | Isaiah Soicher | Gail Shuster |
| Tracey Levine | Talia Sheinkopf | Ila Anderson |
| Max Rosenthal | Beverly Harrington | Martha Greenstone |
| Warren Rosenthal | Kaya Sherwood-Bally | Rifka MacDonald |
| Kayla Orloff | Dane Siegfried | Jacob Anderson |
| Barry Meyers | Marta Brand | Renée Relin |
| Trevor Press | Megan Ohms | Steve Hoffman |
| Michael Lewis | Warren Taranow | Zoe Sheinkopf |
| K.J. Jantzen | David Zimmerman | Katie Somers |
| Orly Lindner | Elka Fink | Lynne MacDonald |
| Niles Roberts | Leslie Adelstein | Neri Maxim |
| Sarann Donegan | George Farkas | Jay Solomon |
| David Goldman | Sascha Guenter-Schlesinger | |



EXPERIENCE A "TASTE OF CAMP KALSMAN"

October 19-20, 2012

This retreat is a chance for 1st through 4th Grade students to spend a night at camp with Jewish kids from all over the Pacific Northwest for two days of fun and learning — camp style! You'll live in our comfortable cabins with our all-star staff. They'll be with you as you create masterpieces in arts & crafts, sample our sports activities, and celebrate a camp Shabbat.

The retreat cost is \$95/participant. This fee covers transportation from the Bellevue/Seattle area to camp, and all meals and programs throughout the weekend. Be on the lookout for more information about registration, coming soon. **NOTE: if enough campers sign up from Bellingham, a bus may be provided. If there is no bus, and parents drive their children to camp, then the cost will be reduced to \$85.**

The program will begin as campers board buses with our staff members to travel to camp Friday afternoon. We'll enjoy celebrating Shabbat together, get acclimated to camp, meet some new friends and settle in for the night. Saturday will be packed with fun and we'll invite all parents to join us late afternoon for a family program, dinner, and havdalah before we send you and your happy campers back home! Sign up at <http://kalsman.urjcamp.org/yearround/retreats/>



Happy Anniversary

- Belle Shalom & Marjorie Lightness (# 30)
- Roy & Leslie Shankman (# 24)
- Des & Leah Rochon (# 25)
- Mary Somerville & Gary Marzullo (# 20)
- Mitchel & Edith Lazarus (# 67)
- Lydia Sherwood & Ron Bally (# 19)



Did we miss your anniversary this month? If so, 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!

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

Archives	Tim Baker	Religion in Schools.....	(In transition)
Building	Floyd King	Religious School	Deborah Oksenberg
Care	Harriet Fine	“ Co-chair.....	Miriam Schwartz
Cemetery	Debbie Adelstein	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
Program	Sabrina Freeman	University Liaison	McNeel Jantzen

Sisterhood Book Group

This month, the Sisterhood book group will meet on **Sunday, October 14 at 2:00 PM** at the home of Joan Wayne. We will be discussing the book *The Source* by James Michener.

(From the book jacket): In the grand storytelling style that is his signature, James Michener sweeps us back through time to the very beginnings of the Jewish faith, thousands of years ago. Through the predecessors of four modern men and women, we experience the entire colorful history of the Jews, including the life of the early Hebrews and their persecutions, the impact of Christianity, the Crusades, and the Spanish Inquisition, all the way to the founding of present-day Israel and Middle East conflict. The *San Francisco Call Bulletin* described *The Source* as "...a superlative piece of writing both in scope and technique. It is...one of the great books of this generation...[that] will hold the interest of any reader, no what religion he [or she] may be."

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



Hanukkah, Craft & Bake Sale

Sunday, November 18th • 12 - 2 PM



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 18 from noon to 2:00 p.m.** for a Sisterhood Gift Shop Blowout, Handmade Gift and Bake Sale.

To all Beth Israel artists and crafters: We're looking for a few good crafts — items you make that can be sold for \$1.00 to \$25. We'll ask for you to make a minimum donation of 18% of your total sales to the Sisterhood. What do you, or can you, make to sell? Gift cards, painted pots, small knitted, crocheted, sewn items are all welcome. Think about gifts...they do not have to be of a Judaic nature.

Bakers...we need you to donate baked goods, either whole items or small portions individually packaged. We'll have coffee and hot chocolate for sale also.

The Sisterhood uses its funds for the annual Break the Fast, B'nai Mitzvah gifts, support for the Camp Scholarship/ Youth Activities Fund, and purchase of kitchen and oneg supplies.

Please contact **Miriam Zderic** or **Joan Wayne** if you have any questions.

Social Action Committee

♦ High Holy Day Food Drive

Many thanks to the Religious School students who decorated bags for this year's food drive! We also thank all of you who donated food. If you missed your chance to donate, we will still pick up cans and dry food from the bins outside the Social Hall. We will let you know next month how many pounds of food we collected. The idea around the High Holy Day Food Drive is that if everyone donated an amount of food they would have eaten during Yom Kippur, we would feed a lot of hungry people. Thank you all for taking care of the hungry in Whatcom County.



♦ Annual Interfaith Coalition Coat Drive

This month Interfaith Coalition is holding its highly successful annual winter coat drive, which brings warm coats to people in need throughout the county. Both children's and adult coats are needed. From now through **Thursday, October 25**, please leave clean, gently used coats in the large box outside the Social Hall; we cannot take coats after this date. Anyone wanting to help distribute coats at Assumption Church on **Sunday, October 28** during the Community Meal is asked to call **Laura DeRose Harker** at Interfaith Coalition — 734-3983.



♦ Marriage Equality Reminder

There are six weeks remaining to get out the vote for marriage equality. As Election Day approaches, there are many ways congregants can participate in supporting Referendum 74 which, if approved, will ensure the freedom to marry for all Washington residents.

Speak to people you know, because polling indicates voters are 70% more likely to approve Ref. 74 if a family member or friend talks to them about marriage equality. If you are on Facebook, please "like" Washington United for Marriage — the coalition our congregation has joined. For more information on other means of support (phone banks, yard signs, etc.), please contact **Emily Weiner**.

♦ Next Committee Meeting/ Marriage Equality Rally

The next Social Action Committee meeting will be **Sunday, October 21 at 1:30 p.m.** at the home of Debbie Raas. If you would like to be part of the committee, please contact Debbie or Linda Hirsh.

Following the committee meeting, please join the Social Action Committee, Rabbi Samuels, and other members of Congregation Beth Israel at a Marriage Equality Rally at the **Mount Baker Theatre at 3:00 p.m.** It's free, and will include a performance by the Seattle Men's and Women's Choruses.



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.

✧ **Steve & Debbie Adelstein** are proud to announce the birth of grandson **Levi Marten Adelstein**, who was born in August to their son Aaron and daughter-in-law Tina Adelstein.

✧ Beth Israel happily welcomes our newest addition to the community, **Emma Suzanne Konikoff**, who was born to **Samantha & Isaac Konikoff** last month. Mom, dad and big brother **Evan** are doing well and enjoying every minute with baby Emma. May she enjoy a life filled with love, happiness, and of course, Torah. Mazel Tov!

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.

Religious School News AND Notes ~ Miriam Schwartz

We had a wonderful kick-off to our **Opening Day of Religious School** on September 9th. The Brotherhood (and a couple of female helpers) hosted a pancake breakfast for the returning students and their families, and it was great fun! We thank you so much! We also thank the Social Action Committee, which sponsored a fun art project: kids painted grocery sacks that they then took home to fill with food for the Food Bank on Yom Kippur. The *Tefilah* at the beginning was standing room only - it was fabulous to see the sanctuary filled with kids and their parents! Rabbi Samuels and Aaron Sanger led a lovely, music-filled service and we met the teachers, including some new faces. The kids then went to their new classrooms — some at Cedar Tree Montessori and the others at CBI. They regrouped for snack, which this week was led by Barbara Boothby (thank you).

The **Rosh Hashanah Family Service** was at a new time this year: 8:30 AM. We had an abbreviated oneg for the kids — apples and honey sticks — due to constraints of time and space.

September 23rd was the next Sunday Religious School, and was also our **Rosh Chodesh birthday celebration**. We had a special snack and recognition of those who had birthdays in July, August, and September.

On September 30th the classes took turns decorating the Sukkah in preparation for the start of Sukkot. There was some pretty good lulav shaking!

Our first **Religious School Committee meeting** will be **October 7**, in the sanctuary after *Tefilah*. The Co-chairs, class reps and all interested parents will meet to go over the events coming up, and get feedback about the start of the year and any feedback about how things are going so far.

Simchat Torah on October 8th is also the occasion of the consecration of the new Religious School students. The service includes a time for the new students to come to the bima to get our blessings for a successful career as a learner of Judaism and Hebrew.

October 13th is our first Shabbaton. This is a time for students and their families to come for a special Saturday morning service aimed at families, and then have age-appropriate study sessions (adults, older kids, younger kids), followed by a potluck oneg (dairy, no nuts). The Gan Yeladim (preschool kids) will join us that day and we will also celebrate the Rosh Chodesh birthdays for that month. Then on Sunday the 14th we can all sleep in even later, as there will not be class that morning!

Last but not least - on **October 28th**, we will have our **first Adult Learning Day** during Religious School hours, after *Tefilah*. Rabbi Samuels will lead a session about "Raising Jewish Children in a Non-Jewish World." All parents are invited to attend to hear about this topic that we all face. It should be an interesting discussion.



Israel in June 2013, Anyone?

Victoria Mayers is planning another trip Israel for the Congregation Beth Israel community.

Why this tour? Victoria has led several tours overseas and tends to personalize each one according to the group's needs and interests

Dates: June 26 through July 9, 2013

Cost: Begins at \$2,600 — LAND ONLY, double occupancy

Includes: Transportation, lodging, tour guide, entrance charges to sites, all breakfasts, most dinners, a hospitality lunch in a Druze village, and a Shabbat dinner with a family in Jerusalem

Main attractions include: Diaspora Museum, Caesarea, Rosh Hanikra cable car ride, Ethiopian Absorption center, rafting down the Jordan river, a camel caravan, Massada, Ein Gedi, Yad Vashem, and the Old City in Jerusalem

If you are interested in learning more about this adventure, please contact Victoria Mayers by email or call her at home.

Membership Directory EMAIL ADDRESSES TO BE ADDED

Beginning in January 2013, Beth Israel's membership directories will include members' email addresses in addition to phone numbers and mailing addresses. The decision was made by the board at its meeting on September 10, 2012, in order to improve communication to and amongst congregants.

If you **don't want your email address to be included** in the directory, which is available to Beth Israel members only, please "opt out" by sending a written note to the synagogue office by mail (2200 Broadway, B'ham 98225) or email (bishul@aol.com).

Also, please remember that the information in the membership directory is not to be used for solicitation purposes or shared with any outside groups.

\$CRIP Note

Our Scrip Program is Beth Israel's only ongoing fund raiser. At present it contributes between \$800 and \$900 to the general fund each month. Beyond helping our synagogue, the other great thing about this program is that it does not cost you anything! We all purchase groceries, books and coffee — why not use scrip? Local grocery stores give us 5% on scrip purchases, our local book store gives us 8%, and Land's End gives us 15%.

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.



Golden Girls Lunch Bunch —

The Golden Girls will meet at 12:00 PM on **Monday, October 29** 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

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 —

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
~ *Beth Israel office closed October 1st ~*

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.

~ *Beth Israel office closed October 8th and 9th ~*

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

Saturday, October 13th 9:30 am Shabbaton: Torah study
and Family Shabbat service with programming for
students and adults, concluding with a potluck Kiddush
lunch*.

Friday, October 19th

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

Saturday, October 20th

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

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

Friday, November 2nd 6:15 pm Shabbat family service
with leadership from the Religious School 6th Grade class
potluck; dinner* afterward

Saturday, November 3rd 9:30 am Torah Study

Friday, November 9th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service

Saturday, November 10th

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

Friday, November 16th

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

Saturday, November 17th

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

Friday, November 23rd 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service

Saturday, November 24th

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

Friday, November 30th 6:15 pm Shabbat evening service

Saturday, December 1st 9:30 am Torah Study



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