

THE SHUL SHOFAR

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Please Take Note:

- ☆ **ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, Nov. 6**
Please vote your complete ballot and return by November 6!
- ☆ **Shabbat Service Schedule**
A complete schedule of services is printed on the back page
- ☆ **Haddasah's 100th Birthday**
Wednesday, Nov. 7th 6:30 PM - Celebrate Hadassah's centennial year & hear a special guest speaker (pg. 6)
- ☆ **Hanukkah Gift Sale**
Sunday, Nov. 18th 12:00 - 2:00 PM - Mark your calendar and be sure to attend this Gift Shop super sale, which includes handmade crafts and baked goods. (pg. 5)
- ☆ **Israeli Dancing, CBI Social Hall**
Sunday, Nov. 18th 6:30/7:00 PM - Open to the community; come early if you're a beginner. Cost: \$5 donation to the Building Fund.
- ☆ **Sisterhood Book Group**
Sunday, Nov. 25th 2 pm - The group will discuss *The Trials of Zion* by Alan Dershowitz. (pg. 5)

Adult Education at Beth Israel 2012-2013

In Pirke Avot (Wisdom of the Jewish Sages) 1:6, Joshua ben Perachai says, "Find yourself a teacher. Get yourself a friend." This year you will learn with enthusiastic teachers and find new friends who are eager to explore the Jewish tradition with you. We are excited to offer you a variety of courses that will surely pique your interest. You are encouraged to register ahead of time in order that we may provide appropriate materials and to ensure that a class will not be cancelled. Whether you are a veteran Adult Ed student or a newcomer, we look forward to engaging with you in Torah and the Jewish tradition and making new friends in the process. See the enclosed insert for a list of the rest of this year's classes and a registration form.

- ☆ **Judaism 201** Thursdays 7 - 8:15 PM beginning November 1
12 sessions: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29; Dec. 6, 20, 27; Jan. 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 21
Instructor: Rabbi Joshua Samuels



What's the deal with black hats, kabbalah water, braided bread and eco-kashrut? This class is an excellent introduction to Judaism or the perfect refresher. The course will answer the questions above as well as cover the following topics: Who is a Jew? What is Torah, Midrash and Talmud? The many Jewish views of God; the Jewish approach to life and death; the Jewish calendar and festivals; Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism; Israeli history; Jewish life-cycle events, and more.

The fee covers the cost of the primary text, *Settings of Silver*, and other texts.
CBI Members: \$36 Non-Members: \$72

- ☆ **Aleph Bet Ease**
3 sessions: Sat., Nov. 10, 1—2 PM; Sun., Nov. 11, 1—4 PM; Tues., Nov. 13, 6—9 PM
Instructors: Sagit Hall and Dr. Lawrence Hall



Are you planning a trip to Israel? Do you want to learn to read, write and speak Hebrew? Do you just want to get more comfortable with the Hebrew side in our prayer book? Whatever your ultimate goal, **Aleph Bet Ease** can be your gateway to the ancient and modern language of our people. This is a totally different Hebrew reading crash course. In 7 hours, over 3 days, this unique, multi-sensory, non-threatening intensive class will take the mystery out of the Hebrew aleph-bet. **You must attend all three sessions.** Class meets in the Social Hall.

CBI Members: \$60 Non-Members: \$80



MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

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Each election we always hear people say, "This is the most important election in our lifetime." Or, "Now more than ever, we need to get out the vote." And each time around these people are correct, as there is no time like the present. Each election is important, as there are always issues that may affect us or our loved ones, positively or negatively depending on how you look at them. This year there happens to be one such issue that has received substantial press, airtime, and chatter over the Internet and blog-o-sphere. That's right - I'm talking about Washington State Referendum 74. Marriage equality is actually on three other ballots this month, in Maine, Maryland, and Minnesota. Washington could join 6 states that already have legalized same-sex marriage.

As you are aware, this is a divisive issue in our state and country. Americans are split on this issue and so are Jews. In fact, you can find Jewish textual support for either side. This is always the case. Judaism does not teach us that we must vote one way or the other; however, the Reform Movement (of which Beth Israel is a member) has taken a stance on the

matter, several times. I would like to share one such resolution with you in the event you are still undecided or are simply curious as to what the leaders of Reform Judaism say.

In 2004, the Central Conference of American Rabbis (the Rabbinic organization within the Union of Reform Judaism) adopted a resolution in support of marriage equality for all people, regardless of sexual orientation. Below is part of the text. The full resolution as well as other articles can be found on the Religious Action Center's website (www.rac.org). I encourage you to surf this website.

The Reform Jewish Movement has long been committed to welcoming gay and lesbian Jews and their children into our synagogues and communal life. For too long, much of the world has treated them as 'strangers.' Our Scriptures teach us: 'You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of a stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt.' (Exodus 23:9). The Central Conference of American Rabbis has thus consistently supported full equality for lesbians and gays in society, adopting resolutions in 1977 encouraging the decriminalization of same-sex

(See FROM THE RABBI on page 2)



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A Message from the President

We have gone into fall mode. The rains are here, the sky gets dark early and the day seems too short. We are inside, out of the elements, for the next number of months. However, a group of hardy workers is out in the weather working on our new synagogue building.

The grounds have been prepared to handle the rains and not pollute the environs with a sea of mud. Our roads have been upgraded to handle the heavy truck and equipment traffic that will continue throughout the winter, building so that in the spring we will have the shell of our new CBI home.

The Religious School students and their parents got the grand tour of the building site in the middle of October. It was something else, to see the new home of our Religious School filled with activity, with kids everywhere and still plenty of space left over. I can't wait to see it in action for real. With your help, it will get there sooner than later.

Thanks to all who have made this happen.

Tzatzlekhu,

Jeff Jaffe

From the Rabbi *(Continued from page 1)*

intimacy between consenting adults and prohibiting discrimination against gays and lesbians as persons, and in 1996 supporting the right of gay and lesbian couples to share fully and equally in the rights of civil marriage.

As rabbis, we believe it is our obligation as people of faith to defend vigorously the dignity of every human being, consistent with the principle that each of us is created in the Divine image. (Genesis 1:27). While we respect those who may be single, we uphold the values of marriage and family. Marriage, imbued with the values of exclusivity, permanence, intimate companionship, and love, provides fulfillment for each partner and adds to the common good of the community. We affirm that every human being has an absolute right to such fulfillment, and that the loving, committed relationships of same-sex couples have the same potential for holiness as those of heterosexual couples.

At the same time, we recognize that not all people of faith and not all clergy share our affirmation. We respect their right to hold opposing views. Still, we contend that the civil rights of some should not be denied because of the religious beliefs of others. Government should treat all people equally and fairly under the law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeast Region of the Central Conference of American Rabbis applauds and supports the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's ruling in *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health* -- that denying same-sex couples access to civil marriage violates the constitutional guarantees of liberty and equality -- as a step toward ensuring the right of gay and lesbian Americans to share in the joys, privileges, and responsibilities of marriage afforded in law to heterosexuals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as citizens, we call upon the legislators of all states to affirm civil marriage rights of every person regardless of sexual orientation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose legislative efforts to substitute a separate and lesser legal status, such as civil unions, for the full marriage equality same-sex couples deserve, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we unequivocally oppose attempts to amend the constitution of any state or the Constitution of the United States in order to discriminate against same-sex couples and their families.

I am proud to be a Reform rabbi, and especially a rabbi at Beth Israel -- and I hope you feel proud to be part of the Reform Movement.

Rabbi Joshua Samuels

CONTRIBUTIONS

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~ SPECIAL FUND DONATIONS ~

- Camp/Youth Activities Fund -

IN HONOR OF:

- ☆ The Hecht Family — Mazel Tov on Avi's wedding!
- ☆ Noémi Ban, for her "special" birthday
From: Joan & Marv Wayne
- ☆ Sylvia Glass, for her 90th birthday
From: Elinor & Shelly Pravda

- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund -

IN APPRECIATION TO:

- ☆ Steve Ban, Hank Levine, and the Religious Practice Leadership Team, in thanks for their contributions to successful Yom Kippur services
From: Larry & Melissa Stahlberg
- ☆ Rabbi Samuels
From: David Goldman & Linda Blackwell

IN HONOR OF:

- ☆ The birth of our granddaughter, Emma Suzanne Konikoff
From: Judith & Mark Konikoff
- ☆ Noémi Ban, for her 90th birthday
From: The Cutler Family: Rebecca, David & Addie

-Religious School Tuition Fund-

IN MEMORY OF:

- ☆ Kevin Mooney
From: Bettina Fisher

- New Synagogue Fund -

IN APPRECIATION TO:

- ☆ Rabbi Samuels, the Religious Practice Leadership Team, and everyone who helped make our Rosh Hashanah celebration so meaningful
From: Joan & Marv Wayne

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- ☆ Mark Hunter and family, on the loss of his father, Dale Hunter
From: Anne Brown

- Social Action Committee -

CONTRIBUTION FROM:

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~ In Memoriam ~

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

Mark Hunter and family on the loss of his father, **Dale S. Hunter**, on September 19, 2012.

KJ Jantzen and family on the loss of his mother, **Patricia Jantzen**, on October 13, 2012.

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

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.

YAHARZEITS

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

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Max Mazonson	November 3
Anna Mae Baker	November 6
Anne Enger	November 6
Bette Bikman	November 7
Bernard Feerer	November 8
Frances Studen	November 8
Samuel Hecht	November 9

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Irving Grossman	November 11
Hilda Meltzer	November 11
Henry (Hank) Gordon	November 12
May B. Schwartz	November 12
Helen Skinner	November 12
Lazar Emanuel	November 14
Esther Mazur	November 14
Julian Lewis	November 15
Pam Champagne	November 16
Henry David Weill	November 16

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Margaret (Peggy) Korner	November 18
Leah (Lilly) Kleiman	November 19
Philip Klein	November 20
Irmgard K. McNulty	November 20
Sylvia Sulkin	November 20
Irma Stone	November 21
Lanny "Bip" Sokol	November 22
Zelda Turovitz	November 22
Otto Korneck	November 23

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Louis Groper	November 24
David Shavelson	November 24
Bud Robinson	November 25
Rose Wick Eigen	November 26
Jack Sheinkopf	November 26
Todd Wolfsachs	November 26
Elka Rudolf	November 27
Frederick Zibulewsky	November 27
Abraham A. Widerkehr	November 28
Samuel M. Pravda	November 30

TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

David Dubonsky	December 1
Elaine Cohn	December 2
Sanford Thal	December 2
Ida Zderic	December 3
Edith Jensen	December 4
Fred Damski	December 5
Joseph Koplowitz	December 5
Paula Brown	December 7
Victor Geretz	December 7
Diane Lewis	December 7

Membership Committee ~ Sara Geballe

It's great to be back in Bellingham after a wonderful month traveling in Australia. Too bad that just as we returned our 70 straight days of sunny weather ended, while spring was still a-bloom Down Under.

Speaking of things blooming...since Rabbi Samuels joined our congregation in mid-July, 16 new families have joined CBI. To celebrate and to help our newest members get oriented and acquainted, the Membership Committee is planning (as of this writing) a special Dessert Social just for them on October 28. Next month I'll write more about how it all turned out. In the meantime, be sure to say "hello" and introduce yourself to some of the many new faces you'll be seeing at services, Religious School, Torah study, Israeli folk dancing, and many other shul events.

With so many new folks joining, we are once again looking for a number of seasoned members to host a new family for Shabbat dinner. A home-cooked Shabbat meal is the perfect way to say "shalom and welcome to our community." Please let me know if I may add you to our list of Shabbat hosts.

And finally, we will officially launch our new CBI Photo Directory campaign on **Thursday, November 8**. Beginning that day, you will be able to sign up for your family's free personal photo session simply by going to our synagogue website www.bethisraelbellingham.org and clicking on the signup link. Each family that participates will receive a free 8" x 10" professional portrait and a free copy of the 2013 CBI Photo Directory. We're shooting for 100% participation! See the information at **right** → and register NOW for your portrait sitting.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Diana Firestone & Marcus Swed • Bellingham

Bettina Fisher • Bellingham

Leah & Jeffrey Grossman and daughter Aviva (17 mo.s) • Bellingham

Leah Sacks • Bellingham

(CBI members may call the office for the addresses & phone numbers of our new members)



Picture Yourself IN Our Directory

It's time to sign up for the 2013 CBI Photo Directory! Beginning on **Thursday, November 8**, you can sign up for your FREE professional photo session.

Just go to the congregation's website, www.bethisraelbellingham.org, find the sign-up link and follow the prompts. Early birds get the best spots!

Photos will be taken from Sunday thru Wednesday, **January 6 —9, 2013** at the Gateway Center, 1313 E. Maple Street, Bellingham by Lifetouch Directories & Portraits.

Every family that participates in the photo directory will receive a free 8 x 10 professional portrait and a free CBI photo directory.

If you have questions or need help signing up, contact **Shelley Wolfman** at shellwolfman@gmail.com at 360-778-1771



Happy Anniversary

- Lisa & Chris Balton (# 26)
- Sarah and Norman Des Rosiers (# 8)
- Sheldon & Elinor Pravda (# 31)
- George & Fay Farkas (# 16)
- Clifford & Andrea Haas (# 20)
- Nancy Steiger & Jackson Helsloot (# 35)
- Floyd King & Leigh Squires (#10)



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!

Shul Shofar Schedule

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

Your editor thanks you in advance.

~ NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS ~

Susan Jay	Rebecca Garfinkle	Rita Spitzer
David Ziegler	Gary Goldfogel	Anita Meyer
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Elinor Hall	Miriam Schwartz	Olivia Noell
Dani Tamir	Ian Boarnet	Jenna Shankman
Aaron Weiss	Isaac Schapiro	Sylvan Weinstein
Lauren Goldman	Raphael Schapiro	Tamar Clarke
Bennie Salas	Shoshana Schapiro	Jeffrey Zucker
Steve James	Kristan Brennan	Karen Katz
Leigh Klein	Ellie Greenberg	Floyd King
Rob Grossman	Jane Relin	Judy Soicher
Isaac Tamir	Nancy Lloyd	Orion Dixon
Jaime Korner	Bonnie Stone	Priscilla Feld
Wendy Schwartz	Jay Wolfman	Sarah Witte
Jakob Garfinkle		

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

Archives	Tim Baker	Religious School	Deborah Oksenberg
Building	Floyd King	“ Co-chair	Miriam Schwartz
Care	Harriet Fine	Scholarship	Emil Hecht
Cemetery	Debbie Adelstein	Scrip Program	Joan Wayne
Library	Joan Wayne	Social Action	Linda Hirsh
Membership	Sara Geballe	“ Co-chair	Debbie Raas
New Synagogue Task Force	Warren Rosenthal	University Liaison	Sabrina Freeman
Program	Sabrina Freeman	“ Co-chair	Marcia Lippman

Sisterhood News & Notes

BOOK GROUP This month, the Book Group will meet on **Sunday, November 25 at 2:00 PM** at the home of Joan Wayne. We will be discussing the book *The Trials of Zion* by Alan Dershowitz.

A famed Jewish-American criminal lawyer must join in the defense a (possibly innocent) Palestinian terrorist bomber accused of setting off an explosion that has killed several of the world's leaders. To do so, he must take into account the tormented history of the Holy Land from every possible angle. The book is "a thriller based on current events that combines exciting action with courtroom drama and a lesson in the history and politics of the Middle East." (*Booklist* review)

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

THANK YOU We are grateful to everyone who helped make the Break the Fast such a success. Many members donated food items, and we also received several cash donations to offset expenses. A special thank you goes to Roby Blecker and Keith Baker for the delicious smoked whitefish. With these donations, plus careful planning, we spent 33% less than last year and still happily fed 170 people at this very pleasant, convivial event.

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

◆ Election Day is Tuesday, November 6

Please make sure to return your ballot by November 6. Remember to vote the whole ballot — vote for our state representatives, judges, and local officials, all of whom make important decisions. And remember that a "yes" vote on Referendum 74 is a vote **FOR marriage equality**.

◆ High Holy Day Food Drive

We collected almost **700** pounds of food and \$106 during our food drive for the Bellingham Food Bank. Special thanks to those who helped us schlep food to our cars. Thanks to everyone for making this so successful!



◆ Womencare Thanksgiving

Every November for many, many years Beth Israel has provided the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal to Womencare, a shelter for women and children who have experienced domestic violence. The residents are able to prepare a festive dinner for themselves and their kids with the food items we provide.



There will be a list posted above our donation bins so you can sign up for the items you will bring. Money is always appreciated; we will use it to let Womencare buy a turkey or buy groceries for other celebrations during the year. Please send your checks — made out to Debbie Raas — before November 18 and she will purchase scrip to give to Womencare. All food must be at the synagogue, in the bins or labeled "Womencare" in the refrigerator or freezer, **by noon on Sunday, November 18**.

◆ Interfaith Coalition Severe Weather Shelters

In anticipation of the colder days and nights ahead, Interfaith Coalition is gearing up to open its two severe weather shelters. The shelters, staffed by **volunteers** from 5 PM to 8 AM, open when temperatures or weather conditions may be life threatening to some homeless individuals. Interested individuals and couples may volunteer for one of three shifts, including an overnight shift, during which volunteers take turns sleeping. Only female volunteers staff the women's shelter, but women also may work at the men's shelter during the evening and morning shifts.

A training for new volunteers will be offered on **Thursday, Nov. 15** from **7—8:30 PM**. The trainings will be offered at the two shelter sites. Please go to the site where you re interested in volunteering. The men's shelter is at Faith Lutheran Church, 2750 McLeod Road, and the women and children's shelter is at Garden Street United Methodist Church, 1326 N. Garden Street in Bellingham. The training does not commit you to volunteering, but it is a great experience. If you have questions, you can call Debbie Raas.



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.

✧ **Avi Hecht** was married to Corinne Taraska in September. **Emil and Tannia Hecht** are the proud parents of the groom.

✧ **Toby Sonneman** is happy to announce the birth of her grandson *Levi Zigadene Steigmeyer*, who was born last month to her son Zak Steigmeyer and daughter-in-law Tara Madsen-Steigmeyer. This has been a busy fall for Toby — her book, *Lemon: A Global History*, was published in September, and she gave an illustrated talk about it at Village Books last month. The book contains a chapter on the lemon's ancestor, the citron, or etrog.

Israel Trip 2013 - Correction

The June 2013 Israel tour led by Victoria Mayers is not an official Congregation Beth Israel trip. It is open to our community as well as to the general Bellingham community.

Religious School News AND Notes ~ Deborah Oksenberg

Children, teachers and parents continue to enjoy having a **single Religious School session** on Sunday mornings, with the younger children meeting at Cedar Tree Montessori and the older children meeting at Beth Israel. It has been wonderful to gather the whole community at the beginning of each session for *T'filah*, with voices young and old joining in song.

We had a visit from Warren Rosenthal and David Goldman during school on Sunday, October 7, with an informative presentation about the **New Synagogue building**. Families then had the opportunity to visit the construction site, where it was exciting to see how much progress has been made. The building is really taking shape! (See *New Synagogue Update*, below)

Events last month included a **Shabbaton** on October 13, when parents and children had the opportunity to explore and discuss Bereshit. The Kindergarten through 3rd graders made delicious Bereshit-inspired brownies, while the 4th and 5th grade kids practiced and then performed a delightful play. 6th through 9th graders went to Elizabeth Park and enjoyed a Torah lesson and hot chocolate under true Bellingham Fall weather. The Gan Yeladim had a fun lesson that included singing, movement, storytelling and a craft — all revolving around the story of creation. And then...we feasted!

There also was an **Adult Learning Day** on October 28th, led by Rabbi Samuels and titled "Raising Jewish Children in a Non-Jewish World." Parents met while their children were in class, and it was a morning of engaging conversation. Wednesday Hebrew School will host an **Open House** this month on **Nov. 14**.

The next **Religious School Committee meeting** is scheduled for **November 4**. We will begin planning the Hanukkah party, which is scheduled for December 9, as well as discuss topics of concern to all parents. Coffee and bagels will be provided.

New Synagogue Update ~ Steve Spitzer

On October 7, 2012, the Religious School students, parents and teachers were invited for a tour of our new building site. The group enjoyed the walk around in the building basement where the school will be housed. Rabbi Samuels and Beth Israel President Jeff Jaffe also attended this fun event for a couple of hours. Pizza was served and all had a great time (see below).

The building continues to take shape. Here is a quick summary of the progress: In preparation of installing the internal steel structure, grading of the roads and some parking lots has been completed. Waterproofing of the foundation walls is complete. Backfilling around the foundation continues in conjunction with the installation of the diaphragm.

This is a very active construction site and can be dangerous. Please do not go to the site without a Task Force escort. Have any questions? Call Warren Rosenthal.



Hillel of WWU ~ Marcia Lippman

Hillel is off to a roaring start! They added 56 names to their contact list during Info Fair, a group of 10 students attended Beth Israel's Kol Nidre service, 18 students attended a Hillel-sponsored Break-the-Fast, and 38 students participated in Hillel's first Shabbat dinner (making for one very crowded student apartment!).

In celebration of Sukkot, Hillel students gathered under the sukkah in the front yard of one of their members and enjoyed their own fresh-baked baklava. The first monthly "Monday Night at Mallards" event was a big success also, with game playing and schmoozing accompanying the ice cream. Rabbi Samuels will join the students for Monday Night at Mallards this month.

New to Hillel this year is part-time coordinator **Eve Smason-Marcus**, who is helping with outreach and with planning and implementation of programming. Hillel appreciates CBI's ongoing support and open invitation for students to participate in services and events, and, of course, we at CBI love having students join us.

University Liaison

Calling all parents of college students! The University Liaison Committee is creating a list of all children of members of Congregation Beth Israel who are studying at college, either locally or out of town. We'd like the community to be able to stay in touch by sending them holiday greetings. Although they may be in college, we'd like them to know that the community supports them and misses them!

Please send students' contact information to **Sabrina Freeman**

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HADASSAH...we're not waiting for the future...we're building it now!

Join us as we celebrate Hadassah's 100th Birthday

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Home of Katie & David Edelstein

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Osnat Levtzion-Korah
Director of Hadassah University Hospital-Mt Scopus

**Light Supper Served

RSVP by Nov 1 to kedelstein@hadassah.org

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

Remember to set clocks ***BACK***
1 hour on Saturday night

— Schedule of Services —

Friday, November 2nd 6:15 pm Shabbat family service with leadership from the Religious School 6th Grade class & song leader Sarah Philips; 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

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

Saturday, December 8th

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

Friday, December 14th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service

Saturday, December 15th

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

Friday, December 21st

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

Saturday, December 22nd

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

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

Saturday, December 29th 9:30 am Torah Study



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