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Please Take Note:

☆ **Shabbat Service Schedule**

A complete schedule of services is printed on the back page

☆ **Adult Education— New for 2014**

"Living Room Learning" will begin in February, and "Aleph Bet Ease" returns in March. See the article on *page nine* for complete details.

☆ **Sisterhood Book Group**

Sunday, Jan. 19th 2:00 PM The group will meet at the home of Ann Suloway to discuss *Ritual Bath* by Fay Kellerman

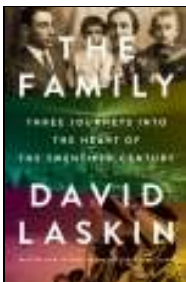
Sunday, Feb. 23rd 2:00 PM Join your sisters at the home of Joan Wayne for a discussion of *The Gift of Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok

☆ **School-Wide Ice Skating Social**

Sunday, Jan. 26th 1:00 PM Religious School students and their families are invited to enjoy some on-ice fun and fellowship (pg. 6)

☆ **Professional Services Directory**

CBI members can promote their business or service for free in this publication. Be sure to return the enclosed form by **January 31, 2014**



AUTHOR EVENT with DAVID LASKIN

Sunday, January 12, 2014 • 4:00 PM
Beth Israel Social Hall

Seattle author **David Laskin** will discuss his latest novel, *THE FAMILY: Three Journeys into the Heart of the Twentieth Century*, in a presentation that is jointly sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel and Village Books. The event is free of charge and open to the public, and is sure to be an interesting evening.

THE FAMILY tells the story of the twentieth century through the experience of three branches of David Laskin's own family. It addresses immigration, war, the Holocaust, and the founding of Israel. Unforgettable characters and vivid, heartbreaking scenes make *THE FAMILY* read like a novel — but it is a work of nonfiction drawn from sources that show history at its most intimate: letters, interviews, and family memoirs. It is a universally appealing (and critically acclaimed) account of the enduring love between parents and children, of faith and wartime, of innovation and astounding resilience.

Upcoming Events . . .



Tu B'Shevat (the 15th day of Shevat) is our celebration of the New Year of the Trees. Sometimes called the birthday of the trees, it hints at the beginning of spring and the holiday cycle. It is also an opportunity to explore how care of the environment and repair of our natural world are Jewish issues. The Religious School will observe the holiday on **Sunday, January 12** during regular school hours. They will enjoy a special tasting seder featuring natural treats, as well as activities related to the holiday. This event is for students only.



Purim is coming! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 16** and plan to join us at the Bloedel Donovan Community Center starting at 11 AM. This year the festivities will include the Megillah reading, Purim Shpiel and annual party — all at the Bloedel Donovan location. Be sure to wear your wackiest costume!



Back by popular demand: Beth Israel's **Community Seder** for the 2nd night of **Passover**. Please see the notice on *page four* for more details about this wonderful community event, scheduled for Tuesday, April 15 at B'ham Technical College, starting at 6:00 PM. You won't want to miss it!



MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Biennial Recap

Just a few weeks ago I was one of 5,000 attendees at the URJ Biennial in San Diego. To say that I was overwhelmed when I arrived at the convention center would be an understatement! For those of you who have been to past Biennials, you know exactly what I mean. After I finally got my bearings and ran into some old friends and colleagues I was able to take advantage of the convention's offerings. These were some of the workshops that I participated in over four days:

Mutual Ongoing Review: Creating an Effective Model for Clergy, Staff, and Board Evaluations; Enough Complaining About Religious School: Lessons Learned from 20 Years of Experimenting in Congregational Education; Re-Imagining Jewish Communities; Baby Steps: Practical Strategies for Attracting Families with Young Children; After Pew: Implications of the Pew Center Research Study, "A Portrait of Jewish Americans"; Cultivating Leaders for Small

Congregations; and Relational Judaism.

I feel exhausted just writing these out! In all, there were close to 200 workshops that catered to clergy, board members, lay leaders, educators, synagogue administrators, teens, and anyone else interested in the Jewish and Reform Jewish world. Beside the workshops, there were also innovative, moving and uplifting worship experiences led by cantors, song leaders and rabbis, Torah study sessions, concerts, social events, and a huge gallery of Jewish art, music, literature, architecture, food, jewelry, consultants, and clothing.

I have pages of notes from my sessions and I hope to transform some of these proven practices into our reality. The panel discussion I attended about the recent Pew Survey of Jewish Americans gave me much food for thought. Rabbi Elka Abrahamson (President of the Wexner Foundation), Rabbi Stephanie Kolin (Reform CA), and Dr. Sarah Benor (HUC-LA), were each asked toward the end of the panel if they could offer one "audacious idea" for the Reform Movement that could be a serious game-changer. Rabbi Abrahamson said synagogues should close their doors on Sundays. She said, "I would take

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A Message from the President

As we rapidly approach the end of 2013, I am amazed at how much has been accomplished in our synagogue community during the last year.

We have seen the transition of several committee chairs in our organization. Sara Geballe, Harriet Fine, and Linda Hirsh stepped down after serving many years as committee Chairs or co-chairs. Sylvia Fragner became the new Care Committee Chair. Linda Blackwell is the new Co-chair of the Social Action Committee. Katie Edelstein has been spearheading the birth of our New Building Fundraising Committee. Each of these folks has brought their unique energy and talents to these various committees, ushering in many new programs and projects.

Examples of some of these projects include writing a brochure of "What to Do When a Loved One Dies", starting a new Congregational Nurse Program or holding a workshop on the impact of our new national health care program.

The Fundraising Committee started the Legacy Path to the Future Program to raise money through creating a pathway in the new building with inscribed bricks. They are looking now at other programs such as a comedy night and other fun events.

The Communications Committee introduced our new website this past year and made it far more functional and attractive. They are now working on developing a policy to help us communicate more efficiently and effectively within the congregation.

The Governance Task Force (now led by Marcia Lippman) has worked hard to put job descriptions in effect for almost all our employees. They recommended the creation of a new Human Resources Committee. This Committee (which was just approved by the Board) would help us develop procedures which would help us deal with all our employees in an open, fair, and consistent manner.

We began our Strategic Planning effort with a joint Board/Committee retreat in the spring where we discussed our vision for the future of our synagogue 5 to 10 years from now. Many great ideas were gathered and documented. The Strategic Planning Committee, under the leadership of Steve Spitzer and Lynn Korner, has continued this effort with a series of small meetings with selected congregants to get their view of what they would like to see in our future.

We made a concerted effort to get the Committees working closer with the Board and with each other. In addition to the joint retreat in the spring, we had a meeting of all our Committee Chairs to share ideas and issues. We hope to have more similar

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From the Rabbi (Continued from page 1)

one hour of my child experiencing Shabbat over three hours of Hebrew school on a Sunday morning." If we want our children to truly delight in Shabbat and feel prepared for their bar/bat mitzvah, then this audacious idea might just work. In fact it has in many communities. Saturdays would still incorporate a day of learning in addition to celebrating Shabbat. Dr. Benor said that every congregation should hire a Chief Relationship Officer, tasked with getting to know every member and newcomer, and connecting him/her with others of similar interest. Not a bad idea if we seriously want Beth Israel to be a relational community. Any volunteers?

Shabbat was certainly the highlight of the week. Imagine praying in a room large enough to seat all 5,000 people and every single person singing songs like Hallelu, L'cha Dodi and Mi Chamocha with abandon. And this was just the service. The song session after dinner was akin to a music festival with all of the great Jewish songwriters and musicians from the past 25 years on stage together. Grandparents were rocking out next to NFTY-ites.

It often feels easy to let our isolation from the larger Jewish world keep us from experiencing what's fresh in the movement. Yes, this 3,000 year old tradition of ours is still changing. It's never stopped changing. And this is why I think it is so crucial that we make every effort we can to attend the next Biennial in Orlando in 2015. By interacting with the larger Jewish community, experiencing different methods of Jewish prayer and education, hearing new melodies, and comparing notes with fellow Jews and even non-Jews dedicated to living a Jewish life, we will only strengthen what we do here as a community.

It was a joy sharing this extraordinary experience with Lynne and Rifka MacDonald and Dan and Debbie Raas. I know there are many more Beth Israelites who want to seek new ways to make Jewish life meaningful for our community. Join me in 2015.

Rabbi Joshua Samuels

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, along with your message and the recipient's name and address to **Shelley Wolfman**. For Hadassah cards, contact **Bonnie Stone**. For Hadassah certificates, call **Debbie Adelstein**. For Trees-For-Israel certificates or JNF "Blue Boxes", contact **Janis Ban**. Contact information for the above individuals, and a list of special synagogue funds, is available by calling 733-8890.

~ SPECIAL FUND DONATIONS ~

- Camp Scholarship Fund -

IN HONOR OF:

☆ Isaac, Raphael & Shoshana Schapiro,
on their B'nai Mitzvah

From: Karen Sloss; Donna Solomon
Joan & Marv Wayne
Miriam Zderic

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

☆ Roby Blecker, on the loss of her
beloved husband, Keith Baker

☆ Barbara Boothby and Jake Lebovich,
on the loss of beloved husband and
father, Joe Lebovich

From: Linda Blackwell and
David Goldman

IN APPRECIATION TO:

☆ Geraldine Reitz, with deep gratitude
for your caring to our family

From: The Lebovich/Boothby Family

☆ Miriam Zderic, in thanks for her gift

From: Harriet Fine

- Care Committee -

IN APPRECIATION TO:

☆ Joan Wayne, Sylvia Fragner, and the
members of the Care Committee for
your special support of our family in
the last year

From: The Lebovich/Boothby Family

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

☆ The Lazarus family, on the loss of
beloved wife & mother, Edith Lazarus

From: Sylvia Fragner

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

☆ Alfred and Shirley Steinmetz

From: Roy & Leslie Shankman

IN HONOR OF:

☆ Aaron Weiss, on his 95th birthday

From: Sylvia Fragner

- General Fund -

IN APPRECIATION TO:

☆ Floyd King and Karen Sloss, with
deep gratitude for your care & assis-
tance to our family

From: The Lebovich/Boothby Family

☆ Marta & Craig Brand - Thanks for my
birthday!

From: Martha Greenstone

- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund -

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

☆ Jerry Eisner, on the loss of his
beloved mother, Gladys Rose Eisner

From: Paul Blum & Alison Zak

IN MEMORIAM:

☆ In loving memory of Mom

From: Jerry Eisner

IN APPRECIATION TO:

☆ Rabbi Samuels, with deep gratitude
for your care & concern for our family

From: The Lebovich/Boothby Family

☆ Rabbi Samuels - Thank You

From: Stuart & Cinda Zemel

☆ Bonnie Siegel (Palo Alto, CA)

☆ Mr. & Mrs. Joe Feigenbaum (Palm
Springs, CA) - A special thank you

From: Rhoda & Peter Samuels

IN HONOR OF:

☆ The "special" birthday of Howard
Sunkins (Beverly Hills, CA)

☆ The birthday of Burt Sunkins (Rancho
Mirage, CA)

☆ The 50th Anniversary of Sharon & Len
Silverman (San Bruno, CA)

From: Rhoda & Peter Samuels

- Max Glass Library Fund -

IN HONOR OF:

☆ Isaac, Raphael & Shoshana Schapiro,
on their B'nai Mitzvah

From: Belle Shalom

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

☆ Joe Lebovich

From: The Lebovich/Boothby Family

- Religious School Fund -

IN HONOR OF:

☆ Isaac, Raphael & Shoshana Schapiro,
on their B'nai Mitzvah

From: Sylvia Fragner

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

☆ Joe Lebovich

From: The Lebovich/Boothby Family

- Gartner Scholarship Fund -

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

☆ Joe Lebovich

From: The Lebovich/Boothby Family

- New Synagogue Fund -

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

☆ Roby Blecker, on the loss of her
beloved husband, Keith Baker

From: The Lebovich/Boothby Family
Nancy Lloyd

☆ Jerry Eisner, on the loss of his
beloved mother, Gladys Rose Eisner

☆ The Lazarus family, on the loss of
beloved wife & mother, Edith Lazarus

From: Anne Brown

Dan & Debbie Raas

☆ Nora Fine, on the loss of her mother

From: Dan & Debbie Raas

☆ Barb Boothby & Jake Lebovich, in
memory of Joe Lebovich

From: Nancy Lloyd

☆ Sara Geballe, on the loss of her
beloved sister, Phyllis Heck

From: Dan & Debbie Raas

Karen Sloss

Joan & Marv Wayne

IN APPRECIATION TO:

☆ Lynn Korner, Miriam Schwartz and
Else Sokol, with deep gratitude for
your special care to our family in the
last year

☆ Mary Somerville, with deep gratitude
for all the myriad things you do for
our congregation

From: The Lebovich/Boothby Family

IN HONOR OF:

☆ Diane Garmo & Kathy Hagwell

From: Janis & Steve Ban

Mary Garmo Gold (Alameda CA)

Joan & Marv Wayne

☆ Isaac, Raphael & Shoshana Schapiro,
on their B'nai Mitzvah

From: The Landau Family

Judy Soicher

John Walton

☆ Nancy Lloyd — Happy Birthday!

☆ Bonnie Stone — Happy Birthday!

☆ The birth of Steve & Janis Ban's
grandson, Samuel Elijah Tefft —
Mazel Tov!

From: Dan & Debbie Raas

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

Archives	Tim Baker
Building	Floyd King
Care	Sylvia Fragner
Cemetery	Debbie Adelstein
Library	Joan Wayne
Membership	Rita Spitzer
“ Co-chair	Ann Suloway
New Synagogue Task Force	Warren Rosenthal

Program	(In transition)
Religious School	Deborah Oksenberg
“ Co-chair	Rebecca Orloff
Scholarship	Emil Hecht
Scrip Program	Joan Wayne
Social Action	Debbie Raas
“ Co-chair	Linda Blackwell
University Liaison	Sabrina Freeman
“ Co-chair	Marcia Lippman

Membership Committee ~ Rita Spitzer & Ann Suloway

The Membership Committee has completed the updated changes to the membership application form, which will soon be available on the website, along with a newly-developed "change of information" form for use by members to assist in keeping member information current. If you have any change in your family's information/status, please use the form to submit your changes to Mary in the office. This can be done on the website, or you may download and print out a copy to complete and mail in.

If you have a business or service you would like to advertise **for free** in our **CBI Professional Services Directory**, please be sure to submit your registration form to Shelley Wolfman by January 31. For your convenience, **a copy of the form is included in this issue**; it is also available on the website or can be picked up at the synagogue. **NEW** this year is a section for youth to advertise their services; please note that a parental signature is required for youth who wish to register. The directory is available to members only and can be found in the "Members Only" section of our website, www.bethisraelbellingham.org. If you haven't yet set up your personal login name and password for the members only section, contact the office to learn how to do so.

The Membership Committee meets on the first Monday of each month. However, in January we will meet on **Tuesday**, January 7 at 7:30 PM at the home of Anne Brown.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS ~

- Stephanie Korn and son Jaxon Mann, age 7
- Janet Hughes
- Arnold z"l & Bernice Loober

~ JANUARY BIRTHDAYS ~

Elias Anderson	Isaac Konikoff	Audrey Jaffe
Jeaninne Kahan	Tom Maxim	Jodi Litt
Binnie Perper	Anne Bruegmann	Stuart Berman
Alison Zak	Victoria Mayers	Joshua Greenberg
Seymour Pecarsky	Helen Feiger	Krystyna Faibish
Tobias Reitz	Lou Lippman	Marc Weinstein
Tahlia Somers	John Schapiro	Mitch Press
Julia Bakken	Talia Clarke	Geraldine Reitz
Linda Blackwell	Nora Mazonson	Adam Goldstein
Jeffrey Levine	Kathi Paluch	Leah Tabak
Asher Stoane	Julian Booker	Wendy Blum
David Sager	David Elkayam	Gib Morrow
Jack Schneider		

~ FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS ~

Bill Freeman	Gloria Lebowitz	Lynn Shuster
Andrea Evans	Dan Ohms	Hanan Soicher
Elizabeth Weinstein	Gordon Friedman	Todd Haskell
Nicola Morrow	Tom Oliver	Robert Meltzer
Elan Maxim	Sagit Hall	Avi Brennan
Samantha Schwartz	Ben Sokol	Genny Cohn
Ruth Evans	Karen Sloss	Jackson Helslout
Ella Barney	Jeannette Stephens	Orly Ziv-Maxim
Shalem Blum	Alan Stone	Ken Levinson
Gea Goldfeder	Harriet Emanuel	Michelle Salmans
Ted Schuman		



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.

☆ **Roby Blecker** will offer a one-day workshop on "Writing as a Spiritual Practice" through Whatcom Community College on February 22. For details, contact WCC at 360-383-3200.

☆ **Linda Hirsh** has a new website with ceramics and poetry: www.lindahirsh.com



CBI 2nd Night Community Seder

Join us for a family-friendly seder on the Second Night of Pesach, open to CBI members and nonmembers alike!

Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6:00 PM
(doors open at 5:30 PM)

**Settlemyer Hall,
Bellingham Technical College**

- ☆ Delicious ritual foods
- ☆ Holiday melodies
- ☆ Free parking
- ☆ Easy access/wheelchair accessible
- ☆ Reserve a table for family & friends

Members: \$30 Nonmembers: \$40
Youth: (AGE 6-12): \$15 Child (UNDER 6): Free

Visit www.bethisraelbellingham.org for a link to registration.

Contact the **Seder Committee** with your questions: Amy Whiting, Nicole Samuels, Suzanne Kite, Victoria Mayers, Rita Spitzer, Larry Stahlberg, and Sarah Witte.



Happy Anniversary

Ella & Alan Barney (# 1)
Jack & Ruth Schneider (# 45)
Alan & Bonnie Stone (# 61)
David Goldman & Linda Blackwell (# 30)
Richard & Ruth Evans (# 51)
Raphael & Lynda Engle (# 8)
Jim & Michelle Salmans (# 25)
Rob & Kathy Grossman (# 8)
David & Carol Robinson (# 34)
Robert & Jane Sylvester (# 44)



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

~ In Thanks ~

Jake Lebovich and **Barbara Boothby** would like to thank everyone in the Beth Israel community for all the support and care given to us during the last year. Every act, great or small, has touched us, made this time easier, and been a rock for us to rest on. We are truly grateful and blessed.



L'taken Social Justice Trip

This March, I will have the honor of accompanying seven of our teens to Washington, DC to participate in the **L'taken Social Justice Seminar** run by the Religious Action Center (RAC). The RAC is the social action and political advocacy arm of the Reform movement. Each year, many Jewish teens travel with their peer community and a chaperone to DC to participate in this life-changing conference.

During this long weekend, our teens will learn about various contemporary issues through a Jewish lens. The trip culminates in a day on Capital Hill when each student lobbies a congressman/woman or other elected officer on an issue that is personally meaningful. I have been a chaperone on this trip before and it is an exceptional program. The atmosphere is similar to a NFTY convention, yet the program is focused on serious issues and led by young Jewish professionals who work in the field and/or for the RAC.

In addition to learning about issues and having fun there is also a site-seeing component to the trip as well. Students will go to the Holocaust museum, Smithsonian National Mall, MLK and Lincoln memorials and have havdallah at the Jefferson memorial.

This is also a wonderful opportunity for our teens to engage with other Jews from all over the country.

As you can imagine, a trip like this is not inexpensive. The group and I have thought about various fundraising opportunities to help offset the costs and we have come up with the idea of hosting a "Parent's Night Out." At a couple dates in the future, parents can drop their young children off at the Social Hall where the teens will entertain them for the evening, giving the parents a deserved night out. Dates and suggested donations are still being worked on so stay tuned.

The easiest way to raise money for the trip is simply to ask for it. If this is an experience you believe in, I strongly encourage you to make a donation to our "Youth Fund" with "L'taken" written on the memo line. I know many organizations ask you to support them throughout the year — CBI being one of them — but I promise that your donation will make a difference. This is a life-changing trip. Our teens will gain confidence, find their voices, learn about serious issues and connect to Judaism in ways they haven't before.

This trip is going to bring our Confirmation curriculum to life. Please help support this experience.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Samuels

Social Action Committee

♦ Thank You, Lindas

Linda Hirsh has resigned as co-chair of our committee, and Linda Blackwell has agreed to become the new co-chair. We all owe a large *Toda Raba* to Linda Hirsh for her years of securing speakers, finding projects, writing *Shofar* articles, and serving as a leader. We welcome Linda Blackwell and thank her for being willing to work with our committee. She has big shoes to fill!

♦ Loving Care For Our Four-Footed Friends

We are collecting old towels/blankets for the cats and dogs at the Whatcom Humane Society. They would also appreciate donations of kitten, cat, puppy and adult dog food. Please leave your donations in our collection baskets outside the Social Hall. If you would like to volunteer at the shelter, or want to adopt a pet, call the Humane Society at 733-2080.



♦ Severe Weather Shelters

At the time this article was written we had already experienced extremely cold weather, and Interfaith Coalition's severe weather shelters were open for more than a week. Several members of Beth Israel have volunteered and worked in the shelters. We don't know if there is more severe weather in our future this winter, so if you would like to volunteer at one of the shelters please call Laura Harker at Interfaith (733-3983).



♦ Many Thanks

Thank you, everyone, for the donations of baby food and formula for the Bellingham Food Bank, pillows for the YWCA, and hats for CAST. Our baskets were overflowing!

♦ How We Celebrated "Thanksgivukkah"

Womencare Thanksgiving: We continued our tradition of providing Thanksgiving dinner for the residents of Womencare, a shelter for women and children who have experienced domestic violence. We thank the following people for their generosity: Janis & Steve Ban; Barb Boothby & Jake Lebovich; Anne Brown; Sarann Donegan; Jill & David Elkayam; Richard & Ruth Evans; Elka & Myron Fink; Sylvia Fragner; Gary Lazarus; Marcia Lippman; Dan & Debbie Raas; the Reitz family; Rabbi Joshua Samuels; Aaron & Michele Sanger; Miriam, Greg, Julia & Samantha Schwartz; Belle Shalom; Lee Shapiro; Joan & Marv Wayne; Karen Weill; Emily Weiner; and Terri Weiner & Rob Lopresti.



On the Fourth Night of Hanukkah, we donated toys and enjoyed dessert at the home of Yaniv and Meredith Attar. Instead of giving gifts to each other, we brought toys to be distributed by PLAAY, a group devoted to making life fun for those in need. We thank Meredith for organizing this wonderful event. Please contact her for more information about PLAAY.

♦ Coats in October

The Interfaith Coalition Fall Coat Drive at the end of October was a great success. Thank you to all who contributed coats, and thanks especially to Jeff Popp and Patty Yust for providing the collection box and transporting the coats to Assumption Church for distribution. Thanks also to Jeff and Patty, Linda Blackwell and Roy Shankman for helping to hand out coats on distribution day. If you helped and we didn't mention your name, please let us know and we'll include you in the next issue.



♦ Obamacare Speaker

On Sunday, November 17, about twenty of us listened to Elya Moore, from Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement (WAHA), speak about the Affordable Care Act. She was a wonderful and very informative speaker. If you are part of a group or organization that would like to learn more about the ACA, we encourage you to ask her to make a presentation.

If you still need to sign up for health insurance, you can go to the state website www.wahealthplanfinder.org or call 1-855-923-4633. If you need more help you can contact a local In-Person Assister at Interfaith Community Health Center, Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood, the Opportunity Council, PeaceHealth, SeaMar Community Health Center, or WAHA. You can find all these phone numbers online. If you are currently on Medicare, don't worry about the Affordable Care Act — you are already covered.

♦ Next Meeting

The Social Action Committee will meet on **Sunday, January 12 at 1:00 PM** at the home of Debbie Raas. Contact Debbie for directions

Religious School News AND Notes

HANUKKAH

The Religious School community celebrated Hanukkah at its annual party at the Squalicum Boathouse on December 1. Even though the party was held over the Thanksgiving weekend, the festivities were well attended by member families as well as some unaffiliated locals. The performances by the Religious School classes were extremely entertaining, and the kids really enjoyed the craft stations and dreidel-spin contest. A big "thank you" to Sarah and Todd Witte for organizing and to Marcia Lippman, Joan Wayne, Amy Whiting and Sylvia Fragner for preparing all the amazing food.

The RS Hanukkah fundraiser brought in more than \$700 by selling Hanukkah candles along with student- and parent-made necklaces! Thank you to everyone who purchased items and supported our school. A big "thank you" also to Rebecca Oliver and Marcy Probst for their tremendous work on this project.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☆ **It's time for Tu B'Shevat**, the New Year for the Trees! The students will celebrate this holiday on Sunday, January 12 during regular school hours. They will enjoy a special tasting seder featuring natural treats, as well as activities related to the holiday. This event is for students only.
- ☆ Please join us for our **school-wide ice-skating social** on Sunday, January 26 from 1:00 - 3:15 PM. Meet us at the Sportsplex for fun on the ice and, of course, pizza.
- ☆ **Purim is coming!** Please mark your calendars for March 16 and join us at Bloedel Donovan starting at 11 AM. This year the festivities will include the Megillah reading, Purim Shpiel and annual party — all at the Bloedel Donovan location. Be sure to wear your wackiest costume!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ☆ Do you have an eye for design? Do you love to decorate? If you do, please join Sagit Hall in **revamping the Social Hall**. Sagit will be working on this project into the spring, and could use some helpers to really beautify our space.
- ☆ Are you a **computer whiz**? The Religious School would like to use Access to manage data, but needs a tech-savvy volunteer to set this up.
- ☆ The **Purim party** needs volunteers! From setup to manning the games to serving food, we need assistance with all aspects of this large and fun event.

If you can help us with any of these projects, please contact Sagit Hall at rs.bi@bethisraelbellingham.org.



Annual Hope Auction

Saturday, March 22, 2014 5:30 p.m.

event of the year is spring, when the annual Hope Auction is held. This year the event is on **Saturday, March 22**. You will enjoy an evening of fun and community spirit, and the proceeds will support housing for homeless families and health care for all in need. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. at the **Best Western Lakeway Inn** in Bellingham.

Your help is needed to ensure the auction's success. Do you have an auction item or service to donate? Simply think of what appeals to you; chances are those same things will appeal to others. Financial contributions and event sponsorships are another option. If you'd like to take part in making the auction a huge success, please call Interfaith Coalition at 734-3983.

Handy Volunteers Needed for "Our House" Construction

Interfaith Coalition has broken ground on construction of the "Our House" project for homeless families. Located in Ferndale, the home will provide emergency and transitional housing to three families at one time. Once completed, Interfaith will have a total of 11 residences for homeless families. After 3 months or more in Interfaith housing, 90% of families find stable housing.

There will be many opportunities for individuals and groups to provide construction support to the building process and renovation of the current home. Please contact kara@interfaith-coalition.org if you are interested in volunteering.

From the Bima

IN THANKS: A BIG "thank you" to everyone who filled in for me when I was at Biennial and on vacation. Thank you Mark Packer, Miriam Zderic, Dan Ohms, Rena Ziegler, Gayle Gordon-Martin, and Roby Blecker. It's wonderful being in a community with so many leaders.

SHABBAT AT HOME: Don't forget that each 5th Friday of the month will be a Shabbat at Home evening. Shabbat is really a home observance, so let's bring the experience of Shabbat to our homes. Invite friends, neighbors, and CBI congregants to a relaxing Shabbat dinner. Observe Shabbat however you choose. There is no "right way" to do Shabbat. Since January has five Fridays, January 31 will be a "Shabbat at Home" observance; we will not hold services at the synagogue that evening. If you would like to attend a Shabbat at Home dinner, please let the office know and we will try and connect you with a member that is hosting and has extra seats at his/her table.

Rabbi Joshua Samuels

♥ Care Committee News

The CBI Care Committee is a group of dedicated congregants who provide help to the local Jewish community as needs arise. We assist with ongoing needs, such as transportation to doctors' appointments or synagogue functions and visiting home-bound and nursing home residents. We are also available to provide short-term assistance such as meal coordination, visitation, and general support for individuals and families experiencing birth, illness, the death of a loved one, or other hardships.

The Care Committee met recently and welcomed new members Geraldine Reitz, Else Sokol, and Joan Wayne.

We are here to take care of each other. If you know of someone who might benefit from our support, please contact Rabbi Samuels or Care Committee Chair Sylvia Fragner.

We have one special request for transportation to Swedish Hospital in Seattle on **January 20**. Please call **Nancy Lloyd** if you are able to assist. Your gas will be paid for.

Shul Shofar Schedule


PLEASE submit items for the March/April 2014 issue to the office by **February 12th**. You may email items to office@bethisraelbellingham.org

Your editor thanks you in advance!

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

JANUARY 2014

TEVET - SHEVAT 5774

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 29 Tevet  HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 1 Shevat 	3 2 Shevat 8:40 4:11 6:15 PM Family Service Potluck dinner afterward	4 3 Shevat Bo 9:30 AM Torah Study
5 4 Shevat 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School	6 5 Shevat	7 6 Shevat 7:30 PM - Mem'ship Comm. @ A. Brown's	8 7 Shevat 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	9 8 Shevat 7-8:15 PM Judaism 201 Adult Education class	10 9 Shevat 8:40 4:19 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	11 10 Shevat Beshalach 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
12 11 Shevat 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School (Gan) Tu B'Shevat seder 1 PM SocActionComm. Meeting @ D. Raas' 3 PM - Text Study, Soc. Hall 4 PM Author David Laskin on THE FAMILY - Soc. Hall	13 12 Shevat	14 13 Shevat 7 PM Board of Directors	15 14 Shevat 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	16 15 Shevat 7-8:15 PM Judaism 201 Adult Education class TU B'SHEVAT	17 16 Shevat 8:40 4:29 5:30 PM Pre-Service Nosh 6:15 PM Shabbat Service w/ Eve Smason-Marcus	18 17 Shevat Yitro 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
19 18 Shevat NO Sunday School 2 PM - Sisterhood Book Group @ Ann Suloway's	20 19 Shevat M. L. KING, Jr. HOLIDAY	21 20 Shevat 12 PM - Lunch Bunch group @ Anne Brown's 1:30 PM - Stitchery Group @ Anne Brown's	22 21 Shevat 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	23 22 Shevat	24 23 Shevat 8:40 4:40 7:30 PM Shabbat Service w/ Ma'ayan Shir ensemble	25 24 Shevat Mishpatim 9:30 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat
26 25 Shevat 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School 1 PM - RS Ice Skating event at Sportsplex Center 3 PM - Text Study, Soc. Hall	27 26 Shevat 12 PM - Golden Girls @ Skylark's Hidden Café	28 27 Shevat	29 28 Shevat 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	30 29 Shevat 7-8:15 PM Judaism 201 Adult Education class	31 30 Shevat 8:40 4:51 NO Shabbat Service "Shabbat at Home"	

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

FEBRUARY 2014

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 1 Adar 1 <i>Terumah</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study
2 2 Adar 1 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School	3 3 Adar 1 7:30 PM - Mem'ship Comm. @ Anne Brown's	4 4 Adar 1	5 5 Adar 1 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	6 6 Adar 1	7 7 Adar 1 6:15 PM Family Service w/ 4th Grade Class Potluck dinner afterward	8 8 Adar 1 <i>Tetzaveh</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
9 9 Adar 1 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School 3 PM - Text Study, Soc. Hall	10 10 Adar 1	11 11 Adar 1 7 PM Board of Directors	12 12 Adar 1 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	13 13 Adar 1	14 14 Adar 1 SHOFAR DEADLINE (For Mar/Apr 2014) ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼	15 15 Adar 1 <i>Ki Tissa</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
16 16 Adar 1 NO Sunday School	17 17 Adar 1 PRESIDENTS' DAY	18 18 Adar 1 12 PM - Lunch Bunch group @ Anne Brown's 1:30 PM - Stitchery Group @ Anne Brown's	19 19 Adar 1 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	20 20 Adar 1	21 21 Adar 1 5:25 5:30PM Pre-Service Nosh 6:15PM Shabbat Service w/ Eve Smason-Marcus	22 22 Adar 1 <i>Vayakhel</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM New Member Havdalah and Dinner
23 23 Adar 1 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School (Gan) 2 PM - Sisterhood Book Group @ J. Wayne's 3 PM - Text Study, Soc. Hall	24 24 Adar 1 12 PM - Golden Girls @ Skylark's Hidden Cafe	25 25 Adar 1	26 26 Adar 1 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	27 27 Adar 1	28 28 Adar 1 5:36	1 1 MARCH 29 Adar 1 <i>Pekudei</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study

Adult Education 2014

Beginning in February 2014 ~

Living Room Learning

Thursdays from 7-8:15 PM

What Jewish topic do you want to learn about or discuss? What text have you always wanted to explore but never had the opportunity? What current Jewish issue is on your mind? With **Living Room Learning** you open up your home to a small group (around 8) of friends and neighbors, come up with a Jewish topic and Rabbi Samuels will bring the materials to study. We can sit around your living room noshing on sweets, and discuss any number of Jewish topics that pique your group's interest. Please schedule all dates with Rabbi Samuels. There is no course fee.

Returning in March 2014 ~

Aleph Bet Ease

Do you want to learn to read, write and speak Hebrew? Do you just want to get more comfortable with the Hebrew side of our prayer book? Whatever your ultimate goal, **Aleph Bet Ease** can be your gateway to the language of our people. The class was developed by Dr. Lawrence Hall, a master Hebrew teacher and noted linguist, and will be taught by him and CBI Religious School director Sagit Hall. In seven hours, over four days, this unique, multi-sensory, non-threatening intensive class will take the mystery out of the Hebrew aleph-bet. It is highly recommended to attend all sessions.

Sunday, March 2 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Monday, March 3 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday, March 4 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, Mar. 5 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Fee: CBI Members: \$60 Nonmembers: \$80
Class meets in the Social Hall. Register through the Beth Israel office (733-8890).

President's Message (from pg 2)

meetings of Committee Chairs going forward.

Many committees such as the Religious School, Religious Practices Leadership Team, Membership, Finance, Capital Campaign Committees and the New Synagogue Task Force have not been mentioned, but have been hard at work throughout the year.

We are much closer to the completion of our new building as this year ends. The last of the windows are about to be installed, the roof is up, and we have enough funds to begin the next phase of building.

I'd like to thank all of you who helped make these wonderful things happen. I am looking forward to working to make 2014 an even better year.

Mitch Press

Thanks from the Capital Campaign

As the Capital Campaign is diligently working to raise funds to complete our new synagogue, ***we want to extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all those who have made donations and who are paying their pledges toward this monumental undertaking.***

Funding this magnificent project falls predominantly on the Beth Israel membership, rather than relying on outside gifts or grants, so the Capital Campaign continues its work of updating the Beth Israel community the building's progress and soliciting greater participation in its financing. We do still have a way to go, but for a small congregation we have accomplished a great deal.

While the stated goal is to keep the construction going, an added bonus of the Campaign effort is getting to know each other along the way. After all, we are building a community as well as a New Synagogue!

David Goldman, Chair
Capital Campaign

"Legacy Path to the Future" Update

We are happy to report that since the Legacy Path campaign was rolled out on November 15, 2013, we've received lots of exciting feedback. People are getting creative in terms of what goes on their bricks; however, we've also been asked numerous great questions that we'd like to share. (You can see samples of the bricks in the Beth Israel Social Hall).

1. Should the names be linked by "and" or by "&"? ***You may use either form***
2. How many spaces are on each line? ***Each line has a total of 15 spaces, to include all letters, symbols and spaces.***
3. How many lines are on each brick? ***The 4"x 8" (\$250) brick has three lines, but you need not use all three; the 8"x 8" (\$500) brick has six lines, but you can use less than six.***
4. Who makes sure that the words are centered? ***The engraver takes care of this, but we suggest you center words approximately to show what you'd like.***
5. Do we need to have an asterisk (*) in front of those who have passed? ***This is a personal decision at the discretion of the purchaser. It has to do more with the certificate that is created when a brick is donated.***
6. Can I send a certificate to someone besides myself? ***Yes, you can designate who you would like to receive the certificate.***
7. Does the asterisk (*) count as a letter? ***Yes***
8. Can we leave out spaces between words to fit everything in? ***It is important to leave one space between each word; otherwise, it will be unintelligible.***
9. Will the lettering be done in the same size font? ***Yes, all lettering will be done in the same font and all in capital letters to maintain consistency on all bricks.***
10. If I order more than one brick, can I have the bricks next to one another? ***We cannot guarantee that specific bricks will be placed side by side, but please make a note on your order form and we'll do our best if the bricks are ordered at the same time.***
11. Is it OK to include quotes on bricks? ***Yes, it is OK but we suggest you enclose the quote in quotation marks.***
12. Is it OK to include only quotes and no names on a brick? ***Yes***
13. How long will the Legacy Path to the Future brick campaign last? ***We anticipate that this campaign will last at least 6 months, but will continue to update and announce in the Shul Shofar in advance of the campaign ending.***

Your participation in this program will be an opportunity to show your continued support of the New Synagogue, in addition to your pledge or donation already made. Become a part of this extraordinary celebration and join the Congregation Beth Israel community as we commemorate the past and pave the path to tomorrow.

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.

YAHREZITS

Observances follow the Hebrew calendar, unless the civil date is requested, and are read on the Shabbat prior to the observance date.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Anne Alpert	January 4
Morris Kalman Patinkin	January 4
Frances Poplack	January 4
William Aron Dorfman	January 5
Nathaniel Jacob Hirsh	January 5
Sherwood Jacobson	January 5
Dorothea Zimmerman	January 5
Isaac M. Grieff	January 6
Victorie Haislip	January 6
Martin Katz	January 6
Bertha Rochwerger	January 6
Florence Weintraub	January 6
Henry Jantzen	January 7
Louis Lebowitz	January 7
Mary Bayer Koplowitz	January 8
Samuel Orloff	January 8
Jerome Selznick	January 8
Rachel Adirim	January 9
Magda Dorman	January 9
(Arabelle) Chaya Schlanger	January 9
Anna Schwartz	January 9
Leo Damski	January 10
Joyce Landau	January 10

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**

Joel K. Rubenstein	January 11
Morris Faber	January 12
Mary Glazer	January 12
Fred Graff	January 12
Lillian Mauer Pravda	January 12
Earl Krauzer	January 13
Florence D. Shain	January 13
Amos Steiger	January 13
Florence Kleinfeld	January 14
Sylvan Rosenthal	January 14
Jerry Kleinfeld	January 15
Ely Engle	January 16
Sally Evans	January 16
Rabbi Samuel Gartner	January 16
Edna Kaminsky Hecht	January 16
Peter Bayliss	January 17
Sarah Mendelsohn	January 17
Celia Zak	January 17

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

Claire P. Mayer	January 20
Lawrence Weintraub	January 20
Adam Block	January 21
Frank Kraus	January 21
Meyer Wolpow	January 22
Derrek Jeremy Adelstein	January 24
David Shain	January 24
Barbara Steiger	January 24

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Sandor Garfinkle	January 25
Michael Grieff	January 25
Simcha Hayim Miller	January 25
Morris Leibo	January 26
Norma Schwartz	January 26
Rita Gordon	January 28
William Freeman	January 29
Helen Pecarsky	January 29
Helen Stone	January 29
Jennie Cohl	January 30
Gloria Perper	January 30
Rochelle Blum	January 31
Laura Ann Bourne	January 31
Isadore Graff	January 31
Deena Leventhal	January 31
Michel Oksenberg	January 31

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**(WILL BE READ ON JANUARY 24)**

Ruth Berman	February 1
Clarence Weiner	February 1
Lillian Heller	February 2
Benjamin Solomon	February 2
Hally Vernon	February 4
Hannah Jacobson	February 5
David Fine	February 6
George Gabriel Krauzer	February 6
Sadie Leon	February 6
Sadie Gordon Schiller	February 6
Rose Schneider	February 6
Dr. William Schwartz	February 7

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

Sonia Kohl Krauzer	February 8
Jean B. Blank	February 9
David Shure	February 9
Ruth Gordon	February 10
Clara Lazarus	February 11
Alice Duckworth	February 12
Jack Eigen	February 12
Joseph Sonneman	February 12
Frieda Blank	February 13
Albert Lebovich	February 13
David Wilner	February 13
Jack Kahn	February 14
George Schwartz	February 14
Harold Shepard	February 14
Celia Strang	February 14

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Lou Fine	February 15
Max J. Schwartz	February 15
Ralph Leo Greenblat	February 16
Cassandra Champagne	February 17
Walter von Hollander	February 17
Ida Schwartz	February 18
William E. Whiting	February 18
Robert Baker	February 19
Lena Wilner-Golub	February 19
Emma Gartner	February 20
Jerry Glass	February 20
Dora Schuman	February 20
Gussie Zoberblatt	February 20

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Nelson Beller	February 22
Ariel Thal	February 26
Lylyan Wick	February 26
Marcelline Naparty	February 27
Harry Zemel	February 27

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Gene Adelstein	March 1
Eliezer Spiro	March 1
Robert Fife	March 2
Mel Adelstein	March 3
Ida Mae Simon	March 3
Steve Sokol	March 3
Herman Weill	March 3
Jessie Edinger	March 4
Barton Frank	March 6
Fred Fragner	March 7

~ In Memoriam ~

Our congregation offers heartfelt condolences to the following individuals and their families:

Mitchel Lazarus, on the loss of his wife, CBI congregant **Edith Lazarus**, who passed away on November 1, 2013

Sara Geballe, on the loss of her sister, **Phyllis Heck**, who passed away on November 30, 2013

Bernice Loober, on the loss of her husband, CBI congregant **Arnold Loober**, who passed away on December 24, 2013

Zichronam l'vrachah ~ May their memory be for a blessing.

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THE SHUL SHOFAR

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— Schedule of Services —

Friday, January 3rd 6:15 pm Shabbat family service;
potluck dinner* afterward

Saturday, January 4th 9:30 am Torah Study

Friday, January 10th 7:30 pm - Shabbat evening service

Saturday, January 11th

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

Friday, January 17th

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

Saturday, January 18th

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

Friday, January 24th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service
with vocal ensemble Ma'ayan Shir

Saturday, January 25th

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

Friday, January 31st NO SHABBAT SERVICE

Please welcome Shabbat at home with family & friends

Saturday, February 1st 9:30 am Torah Study

Friday, February 7th 6:15 pm Shabbat family service with
leadership from Religious School 4th Graders; potluck
dinner* afterward

Saturday, February 8th

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

Friday, February 14th 7:30 pm - Shabbat evening service

Saturday, February 15th

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

Friday, February 21st

- **5:30 pm** - Pre-service *nosh*
- **6:15 pm** - Shabbat evening service; musical leadership from Eve Smason-Marcus

Saturday, February 22nd

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

Friday, February 28th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service
with vocal ensemble Ma'ayan Shir

Saturday, March 1st 9:30 am Torah Study

* All potluck meals are vegetarian/dairy only; **no nut products of any kind** at Tot Shabbat