

THE SHUL SHOFAR

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Please Take Note:

☆ **Shabbat Service Schedule**

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☆ **Israeli Speaker**

Wednesday, July 17th 7:30 PM - Special presentation by Holocaust survivor Ze'ev "Tibi" Ram (pg. 6)

☆ **Religious School Pool Parties**

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Sunday, Aug. 17th 9:00 PM
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☆ **Sam Hunter Bar Mitzvah**

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☆ **David Zimmerman Bar Mitzvah**

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☆ **Ean Chalfie Bar Mitzvah**

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☆ **Holiday Greetings/Memorials**

Make sure you're included in our annual New Year's Greetings page by returning the form on **page four** by the **August 26 deadline**. And please use the enclosed **insert** for submissions to the 5774 Memorial Book.

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2013/5774 Schedule of Services

All services, except as specified, led by Rabbi Joshua Samuels, Musical Soloist Cindy Paley and Kim Moskowitz. PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF SERVICE LOCATIONS.



Saturday, Aug. 31	At Beth Israel Synagogue: 7:30 p.m. Study Session 8:30 p.m. Havdalah & Dessert Nosh 9:00 p.m. Selichot Service (Rabbi and lay leaders)
Wednesday, Sept. 4	At 751 San Juan Boulevard (New Synagogue building): 7:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Evening Service
Thursday, Sept. 5	At 751 San Juan Boulevard: 9:00 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Family Service 10:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah 1 st Day Morning Service (no child care available) At Lake Padden Park: 3:00 p.m. Tashlich
Friday, Sept. 6	At Beth Israel Synagogue: 10:00 a.m. Rosh Hashanah 2 nd Day Morning Service & Lunch (Rabbi Samuels, Hank Levine & Steve Ban)
Saturday, Sept. 7	At Beth Israel Synagogue: 9:30 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service at Beth Israel Cemetery
Sunday, Sept. 8	At Leopold Ballroom (1224 Cornwall Avenue): 7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service
Friday, Sept. 13	At Leopold Ballroom (1224 Cornwall Avenue): 9:00 a.m. Yom Kippur Family Service 10:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service 1:30 p.m. Study Session 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Service, Yizkor & Ne'ilah
Saturday, Sept. 14	At Leopold Ballroom (1224 Cornwall Avenue): 9:00 a.m. Yom Kippur Family Service 10:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service 1:30 p.m. Study Session 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Service, Yizkor & Ne'ilah

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

** Please see page nine for our High Holy Days ticket policies



MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

What A Year!

As I write this article for the July-August Shofar newsletter, I must reflect on this past year. It really does seem like yesterday when Nicole, Shoshana, Eytan and I arrived in Bellingham after a two-week road trip from Los Angeles. We had no idea what to expect. We had no clue how life would unfold (who does?). Thankfully, our first year has been a tremendous joy. This is mostly due to Beth Israel's embrace of my family. I can't image being luckier than I am right now. We all feel truly blessed to be here.

This year certainly has been historic for the Beth Israel community as well. Our new home has gone from a hole in the ground to a magnificent shell—a Jewish barn! Our membership has grown approximately 10%. We began our Gan Yeladim program for children ages 0-5 in our Religious School. Enrollment in the school nearly doubled to close to 100 students. We are even adding classes this coming year. We have upgraded our communications through a variety of platforms

such as a new website, Constant Contact, and a Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/BethIsraelBellingham). The Governance committee has worked extensively on creating mission statements for our many auxiliary groups, as well as job descriptions for our staff. This is all in an effort to help Beth Israel act as efficiently and professionally as we can.

I am also proud of our Social Action committee's work, especially on Mitzvah Day. We had a memorable interfaith weekend out of which Pastor Kent French and I are working on creating a shared text study group. Our Confirmation students shined as they led their service and spoke from their hearts about current Jewish and social issues. I am pleased with the variety of song-leaders that have worshiped with us and look forward to working with more talented musicians in the future. All in all, this has been a terrific year for us. I thank you once again for having confidence in me and being patient as I continue to become familiar with the Beth Israel community.

Looking forward is just as exciting as remembering what we should be so proud of. The biggest news I am delighted to share is that we will be welcoming the New Year in our new home on San Juan Boulevard. We will not be observing Rosh

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A Message from the President

I am honored to be your new President. I'd like to thank you all for showing your support for the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee. I am very excited to work with Marcia Lippman and Steve Spitzer as our two new Vice Presidents. I'd like to also welcome Dan Ohms onto the Executive Committee as Board Secretary. I am also looking forward to working with our new Board members.

It is a very exciting time to be a leader in our congregation community. I have had the pleasure of seeing the Board and its officers work through many challenging issues during the past few years.

My predecessors have worked tirelessly in helping to prepare our congregation for the future. I will continue this work.

I have several priorities that I will spend much effort addressing during my two-year term of office. These include the following issues:

1. I want to see us all work towards making moving into our new Synagogue a reality within my time as President. We are almost 2/3 of the way through the completion of this project. Our building will have a roof and windows installed by the end of summer. With one more major push, we will have the funds to be able to finish off key areas of the building, which would allow us to move in.
2. We need to focus on fostering an atmosphere of respect for each and every person in our congregation community. We also need to continue the work we have started in becoming more open, fair, objective and inclusive.
3. We have worked hard to put in place a structure for ensuring that all our employees, Board members and officers are clear about their roles and responsibilities. We will continue this process by clarifying the mission and goals for each of our committees. This will allow our organization to operate more efficiently and smoothly.
4. It is time for us to become more proactive as an organization instead of reacting to issues as they arise. Accordingly, we have started on the path to developing a long-term strategic plan for our Synagogue community. Steve Spitzer has worked with our Board members and Committee Chairs to begin the process by visioning what our Synagogue community could become in 5 years. Many great ideas came out of a 2-hour working session held recently. This process will continue over the next few years until we come up with a clear plan of long-term goals. From this we can plan our yearly goals and systematically make these happen.
5. We are committed to working closer with our Committees. The Committee chairs, along with our Board, Rabbi and Religious School Director, are our Synagogue's leadership team. We need to all work together to make things happen.
6. It is my hope to get many folks in our community more involved in whatever aspect

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From the Rabbi (Continued from page 1)

Hashanah at the Leopold, however we will be there for Yom Kippur. Be sure to look carefully at the High Holy Day schedule to know where to go. In a month you will receive a High Holy Day letter explaining, among many things, the logistics of Rosh Hashanah Eve and First Day. The synagogue will still be under construction, but it will be fit and safe for us to gather and pray. This decision was made in consult with those in charge of the project and the Board. I can't think of anything more exciting than sharing this news. It certainly will be a historic experience in the history of Beth Israel and in the greater Reform movement.

In case you are wondering, there will be chairs, bathrooms and sinks (outside), light, speakers, parking (please carpool!), wheelchair accessibility, an ark with Torah scrolls, prayer books, engaging musicians, and most importantly, all of us! As Theodor Herzl said, "If you will it, it is no dream." The building phase of our new home is nearing the final stages. We are almost there. Together we can make this longtime dream of ours a reality.

I am not sure anything else can quite compare to this. Although, as your rabbi, I am very much looking forward to: learning with you in some new adult education courses; celebrating 2nd night Pesach with the whole community; teaching post-Confirmation students; having Religious School retreats at Camp Kalsman; bringing in engaging speakers; organizing crafts projects after Family Shabbat; welcoming new people into Judaism; empowering more congregants to lead Torah Study and chant Torah on Saturday mornings; doing more outreach; supporting those in need through social action; visiting with more congregants (here, there, or anywhere); and sharing my love of this beautiful heritage with as many people as possible.

I am honored to continue to serve the Beth Israel community.

B'kavod rav (with much respect),

Rabbi Joshua Samuels

Yahrzeits

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

<p>FRIDAY, JULY 5</p> <p>Gittel Thal July 6 Leaine (Lee) Farkas July 7 Sandra Wilson July 7 Hyman Altose July 8 Helen L. Bean July 9 Philip Kahn July 11 Morris Thal July 11 Walter Mayers July 12</p> <p>FRIDAY, JULY 12</p> <p>Nelson Shkolnik July 13 Arnold Sylvester July 13 David Frantz July 14 Will Brown July 15 Lazer Schuman July 18 William Fox July 19 Sophie Streitmen July 19</p> <p>FRIDAY, JULY 19 SATURDAY, JULY 20</p> <p>Ethel Levitan July 20 Ira Benjamin Dement July 22 Samuel Farber July 22 Marvin Tartak July 22 Sophie Altose July 23 Nancy Parmett July 23 Berte Fischel July 25 Elsie Haas July 25 Simon Sokol July 25 Joseph Bernstein July 26 Sol Schneider July 26</p> <p>FRIDAY, JULY 26</p> <p>Shirley Zell July 28 Bernard M. "Bun" Jaffe July 29</p>	<p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 2 SATURDAY, AUGUST 3</p> <p>Joseph Feiger August 3 Sadie Goldman August 4 Irving Levin August 4 Goldie Dorfman August 5 Sarah M. Gordon August 5 Rose Horowitz August 6 Kaufman Katz August 6 Harry Thal August 6 Rose Z. Blecker August 7 Wally Moritz August 7 Gordon Wolfsachs August 8</p> <p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 SATURDAY, AUGUST 10</p> <p>Laura Netka August 10 Edna Milnes Walker August 11 Max Glass August 12 Reta Kahn August 12 Evelyn Kest August 12 Dinah Godfrey August 13 Albert Shkolnik August 13</p> <p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 16 SATURDAY, AUGUST 17</p> <p>Lily Marcus August 17 Eli Schuman August 17 Louis Thal August 17 William Wolf Friedman August 18 Mary Warshal Glazer August 18 Kate Shavelson August 18 Liam Balton August 19 Yitzhak Turovitz August 19 (continued, next column)</p>	<p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 16 SATURDAY, AUGUST 17</p> <p>Melanie Smith August 20 Josef Zimmerman August 20 Hella Elaine Weill Lyon August 21 Barbara Gartler August 22 Arthur Leventhal August 23 Abraham Marcus August 23 Sara Shaw August 23</p> <p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 23</p> <p>Rose Leventhal August 24 Janet Koplowitz August 25 Roslyn Wolpov August 26 Henry Gordon August 27 Miriam "Mimi" Segre August 27 Sadie Adelstein-Meyerson August 28 Harry Levitan August 28 Rebecca Shapira de Lindner August 28 Morton Stahlberg August 28 Harold Wolff August 28 Louise Greenberg August 29 Ted Zak August 30</p> <p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 SATURDAY, AUGUST 31</p> <p>Joseph Altose August 31 Blossom Becker August 31 Blythe Cole Busch Sept 1 Rita J. Witte Sept. 1 Abe Singer Sept. 2 Viola Faber Sept. 4 Nathan Glazer Sept. 4 Helen Hildes Sept. 4 Sarah Hecht Sept. 5 Bessie Glazer Sept. 6</p>
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of Synagogue is of most interest. There are numerous opportunities to help on a Committee or Task Force or with a particular project. Being involved can be extremely rewarding!

No one person can accomplish the goals I have listed above. As the President of our Congregation I plan to serve as a facilitator, communicator and leader--not a dictator. It takes a team of dedicated leaders on our Board and at the helm of our Committees to help make this Synagogue a place where all of us feel welcome. It also takes the "buy-in" of you, our Congregants.

I strongly encourage you all to become more involved in this place. Join a committee and attend an event. It will take all of us to help make our Synagogue community a better place.

Have a great summer!

Mitch Press

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.



~ In Memoriam ~

Our congregation offers heartfelt condolences to **Roby Blecker** on the loss of her cousin **Arnold Zolotrow** who passed away on **May 5, 2013**

*Zichrono l'vrachah ~
 May his memory be for a blessing.*

Membership Committee ~ Sara Geballe

At last year's Ice Cream Social (July 15, 2012), we welcomed Rabbi Samuels to his first day "on the job." In the year since, so many wonderful things have happened at Beth Israel: twenty-one new families joined our congregation, our new synagogue building has been taking shape before our very eyes, the Religious School has more than doubled in size, and we finally have a new photo directory! As we prepare for this year's Ice Cream Social on July 28th, I am very pleased to be turning the reins of the Membership Committee over to incoming co-chairs **Ann Suloway** and **Rita Spitzer**. I have tremendously enjoyed chairing the committee for these past three years, and I know Ann and Rita will capably lead the committee going forward.

Besides preparing for our Ice Cream Social, the Membership Committee is once again gearing up for the High Holy Days, which are early this year. We will be hosting the Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg on Wednesday, September 4th, and assisting with ticket distribution throughout the holidays — hopefully in our new synagogue!

Our next Committee meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 10th** at 7:30 PM at Anne Brown's home. Thank you for the privilege of having experienced a leadership role at Congregation Beth Israel.

- JULY BIRTHDAYS -

Sue Guenter-Schlesinger	Max Naiman	Melissa Schapiro
Meg Jacobson	Naomi Schapiro	Mel Damski
Sharona Feller	Avrom Lindner	Elliott Johnson
Mark MacDonald	Lisa Press	Bernice Rappaport
Julie Hunter	Jack Fisher	Rakefet Richmond
Ayla Oliver	Shelley Wolfman	Noah Booker
Jaelle Oliver	Rick Levine	Anya Rest
Aaron Sanger	Ali Morrow	David Robinson
Dan Raas	Sylvia Glass	Jeff Popp
Elsa Balton	Helen Morgan Parmett	Cynthia Roling
Michelle Beller-Siegfried	Jay Saxton	Larry Stahlberg
Rabbi Joshua Samuels	Gus Evans	Jesse Naiman
Nancy Steiger	Lior Somers	Asher Suloway-Baker
Larry Hildes	Nicky Naiman	David Edelstein
	Isaac Orloff	Evan Konikoff

- AUGUST BIRTHDAYS -

Andrea Haas	Joan Wayne	Janine Shaw
Asher Roling	Patty Yust	Aaron Landau
Richard Evans	Andrew Evans	Flora Booker
Arona Henderson	Victoria Garfinkle	Donna Soloman
Barry Paluch	Lilly Weiss	Sylvia Fragner
Ean Chalfie	Esther Kahn	Jacob Lebovich
Joseph Kahan	Betty Schwartz	Joe Lebovich
Amy Whiting	Saul Goodman	Daniel Boarnet
Anne Brown	Ron Bally	Leah Voit
Leigh Squires	Jerry Eisner	Harold Katz
Mitchel Lazarus	Marla Finkelstein	

♥ Happy Anniversary!

July

Warren Rosenthal & Amy Whiting (# 26)
 Joe Lebovich & Barb Boothby (# 16)
 Rebecca & Tom Oliver (# 18)
 Mark & Helen Packer (# 18)
 Ted & Penny Schuman (# 46)
 Anna & Noah Booker (# 14)
 Gary & Trisha Adelstein (# 26)
 Sara Geballe & Steve James (# 5)
 Christoph & Geraldine Reitz (#21)
 David & Katie Edelstein (# 40)
 Alan & Stephanie Soicher (# 11)
 Jack & Karen Fisher (# 40)
 Binnie Perper & Themeos Drossos (# 32)

August

Josh Greenberg & Anita Meyer (# 17)
 Karen Katz & Niles Roberts (# 12)
 Dan & Debbie Raas (# 40)
 Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw (# 13)
 Paula & David Friedman (# 22)
 Serge Lindner & Deborah Oksenberg (# 11)
 Tamar & Shawn Clarke (# 13)
 Isaac & Wendy Blum (# 15)
 Ray Wolpow & Diane Leigh (# 12)
 Harriet & Manuel Emanuel (# 43)
 Margaret Bikman & Jay Saxton (#38)
 Aaron & Michele Sanger (# 16)
 Ken & Regan Levinson (# 7)
 Marc & Elizabeth Weinstein (# 8)
 Gayle Gordon-Martin &
 Stephen Martin (# 26)
 Warren & Marybeth Taranow (# 17)
 Shelley & Jay Wolfman (# 43)
 Miriam & Greg Schwartz (# 12)
 Daniel & Sharona Feller (# 35)
 Emil & Tannia Hecht (# 42)
 Barry & Kathi Paluch (# 10)
 Steve & Janis Ban (# 37)
 Linda & Allan Hirsh (# 54)
 McNeel & KJ Jantzen (# 11)

Shul Shofar Schedule

PLEASE submit items for the September/October 2013 issue to the office by **August 12th**. (Please note the **earlier deadline, due to the new bi-monthly format**) You may email items to bishul@aol.com.

Your editor thanks you in advance!

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH IS
 SEPTEMBER 4, 2013**

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



As has been our custom, the September *Shofar* will include a page for you to express your High Holy Day wishes for a Sweet Year to all the members of our Beth Israel family. If you would like your name(s) included in this year's list, please complete this form, including a small donation (suggested: \$10) and return to the synagogue office **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 26TH**. You may also e-mail your greetings request to bishul@aol.com. Questions? Call the office at 733-8890.

GREETINGS FROM _____ (PLEASE PRINT!)

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

Bar Mitzvot

Sam Hunter will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 3, 2013. He is the son of Julie & Mark Hunter and younger brother of Louis Hunter.



Sam will enter the 8th Grade at Vista Middle School this fall. As a 7th grader he has been an honors student, studying advanced math and playing viola in the school orchestra. After school Sam can be found at the pool at least 5 days a week working out with the Bellingham Bay Swim Team. When he has any spare time, he is often on a board — a skate board, surf board, skim board, or skis.

For his *mitzvah* project, Sam has organized a one-person fund raiser through the USA Swimming Foundation "Make A Splash" program to prevent childhood drownings. On July 21, he will swim as many laps as he can in the Lummi Island lake. Everyone is welcome to pledge any amount of money per lap completed in a 2-hour period. All donations will go to fund swim lessons for as many underprivileged children as possible. Sam hopes these children come to love and respect the water as much as he does.

Please join our family in celebration:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
August 2, 2013 at 6:15 PM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
August 3, 2013 at 10:00 AM

Ben Sokol will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 10, 2013. He is the son of Else Sokol and the late Bip Sokol, and the brother of Adin.



Ben will be entering the 8th Grade in the fall, where he will continue to enjoy studies of his favorite subjects, math and science. In his free time Ben enjoys snowboarding, playing soccer, trampolining and water sports, hanging out with his friends and reading.

Ben's *mitzvah* project involved working with the TOPSoccer program, an adaptive program for athletes with physical or mental disabilities. As a soccer Buddy, Ben mentored a young player with autism. It was both fun and challenging! Ben and his family also volunteer annually with the Interfaith Coalition's Winter Coat Drive.

Please join our family in celebration:

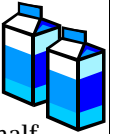
SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
August 9, 2013 at 7:30 PM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
August 10, 2013 at 10:00 AM

Social Action Committee

♦ Milk Money

We raised **\$1232** for the Bellingham Food Bank's Milk Money Fund in May. This was our most successful collection to date. The lines at the Food Bank have not gotten any shorter, and we have ensured that, for one month and more, each family that comes for food will receive a half gallon of milk. Thanks to all who donated!



♦ Mitzvah Day Recap

Thank you to all who participated in Mitzvah Day on June 2nd. At this time we have only some of your names, and want to be sure everyone gets recognition. If you are not mentioned in the following thanks, let us know and we will thank you in the next *Shofar*.

- ✦ Headstones in our cemetery were cleaned by Debbie and Steve Adelstein, Lindsey Adelstein, Carrie Myers, Victoria and Gaby Mayers, Julia Bakken, Marcia Lippman, Gayle Gorden-Martin, Bettina Fisher, Barbara Boothby, Jake Lebovich, and Andrew, Rebecca, Kayla and Owen Orloff. Leslie Adelstein was their leader
- ✦ Serge and Avi Lindner, Trevor Press, Louis Hunter, and Melissa, Shoshana and Isaac Schapiro worked in the We Grow Garden under the leadership of Leah Voit.

- ✦ Advocacy letters were written by Sara Geballe, Bob Meltzer, Rabbi Samuels, and Linda Blackwell. Emily Weiner led this activity.

- ✦ Doll making for hospitalized children and toy making for animals in the Humane Society shelter were made by Miriam and Samantha Schwartz, Deborah Oksenberg, Lilah and Isaac Blum, Kendra Bradford and Gail & Lev Shuster, Shelly Pravda, Lotem Raymond-Coe, Elinor Hall, Anna and Flora Booker, and Orly Lindner, all under the leadership of Linda Hirsh.

- ✦ Martha Greenstone and Bettina Fisher worked side by side at the Sterling Meadows Garden. Martha arranged for both this community garden and the We Grow Garden to be projects.

- ✦ Belle Shalom led the group that gardened at Interfaith Coalition's Garden Street house. John, Naomi and Raphael Schapiro helped out.

- ✦ Marcie, Jeff, Olivia and Eliot Probst did a great job cleaning the pond and gardening at the Sean Humphrey House, under Esther Faber's leadership.

- ✦ Rebecca, Ethan, Jaelle and Ayla Oliver, Rebecca and Owen Orloff, Ben and Else Sokol, Rabbi Samuels and Eytan Samuels, Elinor Hall, Isaac and Evan Konikoff, and Elinor Pravda were led in letter writing and card making by Sagit Hall, Sabrina Freeman and Sachs.

- ✦ Brotherhood provided our breakfast nosh. Thanks to Bonnie and Alan Stone who led, and to Isaac Konikoff, Bruce Van Glubt and Bob Meltzer. And Becki Van Glubt ran the bake sale with the help of Dani Tamir, Jake Lebovich, and other able assistants (including the bakers of yummy treats). Thanks to all who made this day very successful!

♦ "Books to Prisoners" July Collection Drive

Bellingham Books to Prisoners is a 100% volunteer non-profit group that sends books on request to prisoners throughout the U.S. Last year the group sent out over 10,000 books, and the need is always there. They would like new or gently used adult books. The most popular are dictionaries and used text books, but all books are welcome. We are collecting books for them during July. If you would like to volunteer with this organization, contact Belle Shalom.

♦ Wait, Didn't We Just Get Out of School?

For the past 21 years the Whatcom Opportunity Council has collected school supplies for needy families in August to make sure every child has the tools they need to start the school year, and Social Action is again helping with that effort. A list of needed supplies will be placed above our bins in the foyer of the Social Hall. Please be sure to drop off all donations before August 31.



♦ Project Homeless Connect

Project Homeless Connect is a day of providing medical and other essential services for people experiencing homelessness in Bellingham and Whatcom County. Please see the article on **page 9** for more info on how to get involved.

♦ Next Meeting

Please come to our next meeting on **Sunday, July 14th at 1:00 PM** at the home of Debbie Raas. Everyone is welcome. Call or email Debbie for directions.

Religious School News AND Notes

SUMMER POOL PARTIES: Sunday, July 28 • 9:30 -11:30 AM
AND Sunday, August 17 • 9:00 -11:00 PM



Thanks to the Religious School community for making our picnic on June 9 such a fun celebration of a wonderful year! We look forward to many more exciting events, starting with two outdoor pool parties at Bayside Pool this summer. The first will be on **Sunday morning, July 28** from 9:30 -11:30 AM. Please plan on coming, and bring a breakfast dish to share! Then join us in the evening on **Saturday, August 17** from 9 - 11 PM and bring a sweet treat. The Bayside pool is located in the Edgemoor neighborhood at 502 Clark Road.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS



If you haven't yet registered for Religious School for the 2013-14 school year, please return your registration materials to the Beth Israel office as soon as possible. Registration forms are available on the CBI website: www.bethisraelbellingham.org.

In addition to our preschool through 9th Grade Confirmation classes, Beth Israel is adding a **new Post-Confirmation** class for 10th through 12th graders, led by Rabbi Samuels. This new program, which starts in October, is an exciting mix of seminar-style classes, mitzvah projects and cultural opportunities, and will meet seven times during the year from 6 to 7:30 PM on selected Wednesdays. The program aims to integrate the many ways our teens are involved in Jewish life to build and sustain a true community among this age group. Activities will include:

- Discussions on current Jewish/Israel news
- Informal hands-on education
- Exploration of God and spirituality
- Jewish values and text presented with practical applications
- Building a teen community within our congregation
- Discussing Jewish issues commonly faced in college

For further information about the Post-Confirmation class, please contact Rabbi Samuels at the Beth Israel office.

Israeli Speaker Presentation

Holocaust survivor **Ze'ev (Tibi) Ram** will be in our community on **Wednesday, July 17**, and will give a presentation at **7:30 p.m.** at First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Ave in Bellingham. This will be his first and only speaking engagement in the US.



Tibi Ram was born in the town of Munkatch, Czechoslovakia. In May 1944, at the age of 13, he was sent to Auschwitz along with his parents and 18-year-old brother. In January 1945 he was sent on a death march to Bergen Belsen. His entire family perished in the Holocaust. Tibi came to Israel in 1948 and served in the IDF from 1948 to 1951, and again from 1964 until 1967, attaining the rank of major. In 1958 he joined kibbutz Afikim and remains there to this day. He has three children and two grandchildren.

Tibi's incredible story of survival and his unique perspective on life have been an inspiration and motivation for thousands. He is one of only two men in Israel who has fought in every war, and at the age of 83 is still utilized by the IDF as an educator. Tibi is a requested speaker throughout Europe and has traveled as far as New Zealand to share his story. He is a regularly featured speaker at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

Tibi Ram is one of Israel's national treasures — his story is the story of Israel. **Please mark your calendars now and make sure you don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.**



Bar Mitzvot

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August 16, 2013 at 6:15 PM
 (PRE-SERVICE NOSH AT 5:30 PM)

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
August 17, 2013 at 10:00 AM

Ean Chalfie will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 31, 2013. He is the son of Alan Chalfie and Teresa Allison. He has a younger sister, Robin, and older siblings Daniel, Amanda, Christopher and Noel.



Ean and his family moved to Bellingham when he was 6 years old. He has attended Lowell Elementary and Fairhaven Middle School. His talents over the years have included a remarkable skill at solving puzzles and assembling Legos, and he enjoys math, swimming, and playing the electric guitar. He does not have one passion but is interested in many things. He is presently working on a school project to save the Siberian Tiger. He plays the clarinet in the school band. He enjoys traveling, and over the years has gone frequently to Wisconsin with his family to visit his grandmother and other relatives.

Ean works well with little children, and this summer will be working with children on reading and math skills at the Lummi Nation School and Lummi Head Start Program.

Please join our family in celebration:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
August 30, 2013 at 6:15 PM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
August 31, 2013 at 10:00 AM

\$CRIP Note


We are now able to **RECYCLE USED GIFT CARDS**. You can return them to the mail box (outside the Social Hall) marked "Gift Card Recycle" or mail them back with your payment for new scrip. Please put an "X" over the denomination sticker on the front of each returned card so we'll know it has been spent.

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. Contact **Joan Wayne** for more information about the Scrip program.

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

JULY 2013

TAMMUZ-AV 5773

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 23 Tammuz	2 24 Tammuz	3 25 Tammuz	4 26 Tammuz  INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 27 Tammuz 8:57 6:15 PM Family Service w/ Eve Smason-Marcus Potluck dinner afterward	6 28 Tammuz <i>Matot-Masei</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study
7 29 Tammuz	8 1 AV 7 PM Board of Directors	9 2 AV	10 3 AV	11 4 AV	12 5 AV 8:53 7:30PM Shabbat Service	13 6 AV <i>Devarim</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study
14 7 AV 1 PM Soc. Action Comm. Meeting @ D. Raas' 3 PM -Text Study,Soc.Hall	15 8 AV	16 9 AV 12 PM - Lunch Bunch group @ Anne Brown's 1:30 PM - Stitchery Group @ Anne Brown's	17 10 AV 7:30 PM - Mem'ship Comm. @ Anne Brown's	18 11 AV 7 PM Mussar study Make-up class	19 12 AV 8:47 5:30PM Pre-Service Nosh 6:15PM Shabbat Service with Kim Moskowitz	20 13 AV <i>Va'etchanan</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
21 14 AV 2 PM - Sisterhood Book Group @ Esther Faber's	22 15 AV	23 16 AV	24 17 AV Zeev "Tibi" Ram (location TBA)	25 18 AV	26 19 AV 8:39 7:30PM Shabbat Service w/ Ma'ayan Shir ensemble	27 20 AV <i>Ekev</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat
28 21 AV 9:30 AM RS Pool Party Ice Cream Social for Prospective Members 3 PM -Text Study,Soc.Hall	29 22 AV 12 PM - Golden Girls @ Skylark's Hidden Café	30 23 AV	31 24 AV			

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL AUGUST 2013 AV - ELUL 5773

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 25 AV	2 26 AV 8:30 6:15 PM Family Service with Sam Hunter Potluck dinner afterward	3 27 AV Re-eh 10:00 AM Sam Hunter Bar Mitzvah
4 28 AV	5 29 AV	6 30 AV	7 1 Elul	8 2 Elul	9 3 Elul 8:19 7:30PM Shabbat Service with Ben Sokol	10 4 Elul Shofetim 10:00 AM Ben Sokol Bar Mitzvah
11 5 Elul 3 PM -Text Study,Soc.Hall	12 6 Elul SHOFAR DEADLINE (For Sept/Oct 2013)	13 7 Elul 7 PM Board of Directors	14 8 Elul	15 9 Elul	16 10 Elul 8:06 5:30PM Pre-Service Nosh 6:15PM Shabbat Service w/ David Zimmerman	17 11 Elul Ki Tetze 10:00 AM David Zimmerman Adult Bar Mitzvah
18 12 Elul	19 13 Elul	20 14 Elul 12 PM - Lunch Bunch group @ Anne Brown's 1:30 PM - Stitchery Group @ Anne Brown's	21 15 Elul	22 16 Elul	23 17 Elul 7:53 7:30PM Shabbat Service	24 18 Elul Ki Tavo 9:30 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat at Bayside Pool
25 119 Elul 3 PM -Text Study,Soc.Hall	26 20 Elul 12 PM - Golden Girls @ Skylark's Hidden Café	27 21 Elul	28 22 Elul	29 23 Elul	30 24 Elul 7:39 6:15PM Shabbat Service with Ean Chalfie	31 25 Elul Nitzavim-Vayelech 10 AM Ean Chalfie Bar Mitzvah 7:30 PM Study Session 8:30 PM Havdalah and potluck dessert nosh 9 PM Selichot Service

High Holy Day Ticket Policies

Please note: **Tickets are going paperless!**
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- ✧ **Members in Good Standing** (*those who have returned their dues pledge form and are meeting their obligation for the current year*) will receive complimentary tickets for their household, including adult children up to age 25.
- ✧ **Visiting Relatives of Members** in good standing can buy tickets at 50% of the non-member guest rate.
- ✧ **Affiliated Guests** - Out of town visitors who provide documentation of current membership at another Reform congregation receive complimentary tickets.
- ✧ **Students and Armed Forces** - Full-time students age 18 or older, and active duty military personnel will receive complimentary tickets.
- ✧ **Non-member Guests** other than above may purchase tickets good for *all* High Holy Days services, at a cost of **\$180/person (adults)**. This fee can be applied toward membership dues if they become members of Congregation Beth Israel by December 31, 2013.

New Synagogue Update ~ David Goldman

The new synagogue is under construction and we expect most of the basic structure — the shell — to be completed this summer. We invite all members of the congregation to visit the construction site this summer and tour the new synagogue to see the progress. You will be amazed! Please contact **David Goldman** to arrange a personal tour.



From the Bima . . .

Please note that I am now out of the office every Monday. This recent change will allow my family to have more experiences exploring the beauty of the Pacific Northwest. Mary Somerville will also be out of the office on Mondays when Religious School is in session (during the summer she will be there Monday through Friday). This change also moves synagogue Board meetings from Monday to Tuesday evenings.

Also, I want to remind everyone that during the first Friday evening Shabbat service of each month, I offer special birthday and anniversary blessings for those congregants who will celebrate these special occasions during the month.

Rabbi Joshua Samuels

In the Community — International Student Exchange

International Student Exchange has recently received an application from a 10th grade Brazilian Jewish boy looking for a volunteer host family for his first semester of the 2013-14 school year (late August to January) at a local Bellingham high school. Please contact **Kim Moskowitz***, the ISEUSA area representative, if you are interested in learning more about hosting this delightful young man. Together we can make a difference!

* Cell: 818-903-3714 W: 360-778-1751
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Project Homeless Connect Friday, July 26, 2013

Project Homeless Connect is a wonderful community-wide day of providing services to people experiencing homelessness in Bellingham and Whatcom County. Last year, 210 volunteers and providers from over 50 health and human service agencies joined together to deliver encouragement and services to roughly 700 homeless neighbors. This year it will be held on **Friday, July 26 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM** at Bellingham High School. Interfaith is assisting in the give-away section of the event, and is seeking donations of the following items:

- Personal hygiene kits: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, razors, shampoo, washcloth, deodorant, floss (items can be hotel or regular size)
- Sleeping bags, tents, tarps, sleeping pads
- Blankets
- Backpacks (used are welcome)
- Rain gear
- New socks and underwear

Donations can be dropped off at Bellingham High School on Thursday afternoon, July 25. If earlier delivery is necessary, please let us know and alternative arrangements can be made. If you are interested in volunteering, many half and whole day shifts are available in a wide range of services. A brief training may be required before or on the day of the event. Please call the Whatcom Volunteer Center at 734-3055 to be part of this great day of service. Or for more information, contact Kara Hauerwas at kara@interfaith-coalition.org or 734-3983)



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** is teaching two classes at Whatcom Community College in the fall: Public Speaking, starting October 2, and Copy-Editing, starting October 28. More details about both classes will be available in the Fall Course Catalog
- ✧ **Jaime Korner** graduated with honors from Bellingham High School and is working for the summer as a camp counselor at Camp Kalsman. She will be attending Brandeis University in Massachusetts starting in August with concentration on chemistry and Judaic Studies. Jaime's proud parents are **Lynn and Michael Korner**.
- ✧ **Dan Raas** was appointed as the URJ Pacific Northwest Community Chair at the June URJ Board meeting. He will be one of the faces of the URJ in the PNW region and help organize at least one community event and one meeting of congregational presidents in the next twelve months. Dan was also nominated for another four-year term on the North American URJ Board of Trustees.
- ✧ **Joel Prickett**, the son of **James Prickett and Janet Seltzer**, will be married to Lena Buell on August 17. The couple will make their home in Bellingham.

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. Contact information for the above individuals is available by calling 733-8890.

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- ✧ Aaron & Lilly Weiss, on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary
- ✧ Francine Hoch - Happy Birthday
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IN HONOR OF:

- ✧ The 2013 Confirmation Class: Jakob Garfinkle, Rebecca Garfinkle, Hannah Levine, Leah Reitz, and Naomi Schapiro
From: *Dan & Debbie Raas*
- ✧ Beth Israel's 2013 High School grads: Elsa Balton, Gus Evans, Jaime Korner, Jeffrey Levine, Nicola Morrow, Trevor Press, Zoe Sheinkopf, and Julie Siegfried.
From: *Dan & Debbie Raas Karen Sloss*
- ✧ Elan Maxim, on his Bar Mitzvah
- ✧ Sam Hunter, on his Bar Mitzvah
- ✧ Ben Sokol, on his Bar Mitzvah
- ✧ David Zimmerman, on his Bar Mitzvah
- ✧ Ean Chalfie, on his Bar Mitzvah
From: *Karen Sloss*

- DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:**
- ✧ Richard Trank, on the loss of his mother, Joanne Mae Lund
From: *Larry & Melissa Stahlberg*

— General Fund —

IN APPRECIATION TO:

- ✧ Rabbi Samuels, for Rita Gordon's funeral service
From: *Gayle Gordon-Martin & Stephen Martin*

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- ✧ Richard Trank, on the loss of his mother, Joanne Mae Lund
From: *Martha Greenstone*

— Rabbi's Discretionary Fund —

IN HONOR OF:

- ✧ Shoshana Samuels, on the occasion of her first birthday
- ✧ Nicole and Rabbi Joshua Samuels, on the occasion of their 8th anniversary
From: *Fran Levy (Carmichael, CA)*
- ✧ Uncle Josh (Rabbi Samuels)
From: *Rachel Goldberg (New York)*
- ✧ Rabbi Stephen Pearce, on his retirement
- ✧ Cantor Martin Feldman, on the occasion of his 85th birthday
From: *Rhoda & Peter Samuels (Rancho Mirage, CA)*
- ✧ Nicole and Rabbi Joshua Samuels, on the occasion of their birthdays
From: *Fran Levy (Carmichael, CA)*

IN MEMORIAM:

- ✧ In memory of Grandpa Jack (to Rabbi Samuels)
From: *Rachel Goldberg (New York)*
- ✧ In memory of Mike Miller (to Cookie Miller)
- ✧ In memory of Stephen Mittle (to Pam Mittle)
From: *Rhoda & Peter Samuels*

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- ✧ Nora Mazonson, on the loss of her father, Sergio Shwadsky
From: *Jerry & Marilyn Eisner*
- ✧ Nicole Samuels, on the loss of her grandmother, Bette Levy
From: *Fran Levy (Carmichael, CA)*

IN APPRECIATION TO:

- ✧ Todd & Sarah Witte, for their hospitality
From: *Fran Levy (Carmichael, CA)*
- ✧ Susan & Burt Sunkin - thank you
- ✧ Joe & Cheryl Feigenbaum - thank you for your friendship
From: *Rhoda & Peter Samuels*

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SPECIAL GREETINGS TO:

- ✧ Nicole Samuels - Happy Mothers Day
- ✧ Rabbi Joshua Samuels — Happy Fathers Day
From: *Fran Levy (Carmichael, CA)*
- ✧ Fatma Sonmez & Michael Leopold - Congratulations
From: *Rhoda & Peter Samuels*

— New Synagogue Fund —

IN APPRECIATION TO:

- ✧ Jim & Michelle Salmas
From: *Melissa Schapiro*
- ✧ Mary Somerville, for all that she does
From: *Anne Brown*
- ✧ Marta & Craig Brand, for their warm friendship and hospitality
From: *Sylviane Levy-Boyd (Arcata CA)*

IN HONOR OF:

- ✧ Beth Israel's 2013 High School grads: Elsa Balton, Gus Evans, Jaime Korner, Jeffrey Levine, Nicola Morrow, Trevor Press, Zoe Sheinkopf, and Julie Siegfried.
From: *Anne Brown Karen Sloss*
- ✧ Todd Witte, on the occasion of his 40th birthday
From: *Joan & Marv Wayne Amy Whiting & Warren Rosenthal*

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- ✧ Richard Trank, on the loss of his mother, Joanne Mae Lund
From: *Dan & Debbie Raas Joan & Marv Wayne*

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Archives	Tim Baker	Program	(In transition)
Building	Floyd King	Religious School	Deborah Oksenberg
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Cemetery	Debbie Adelstein	Scholarship	Emil Hecht
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— Schedule of Services —

Friday, July 5th 6:15 pm Shabbat family service with musical leadership from guest song-leader Eve Smason-Marcus; potluck dinner* afterward

Saturday, July 6th 9:30 am Torah Study

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

Saturday, July 13th 9:30 am Torah Study

Friday, July 19th

- **5:30 pm** - Pre-service *nosh*

- **6:15 pm** - Shabbat evening service with cantorial soloist Kim Moskowitz

Saturday, July 20th

- **9:30 am** - Torah Study

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

Friday, July 26th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service with vocal ensemble Ma'ayan Shir

Saturday, July 27th

- **9:30 am** - Torah Study

- **11:00 am** - Tot Shabbat; potluck Kiddush lunch* after

Friday, August 2nd 6:15 pm Shabbat family service with leadership from Sam Hunter; potluck dinner* afterward.

Saturday, August 3rd 10:00 am

Bar Mitzvah of Sam Hunter

Friday, August 9th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service with leadership from Ben Sokol

Saturday, August 3rd 10:00 am

Bar Mitzvah of Ben Sokol

Friday, August 16th

- **5:30 pm** - Pre-service *nosh*

- **6:15 pm** - Shabbat evening service with leadership from David Zimmerman

Saturday, August 17th 10:00 am

Adult Bar Mitzvah of David Zimmerman

Friday, August 23rd 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service with vocal ensemble Ma'ayan Shir

Saturday, August 24th

- **9:30 am** - Torah Study

- **11:00 am** - Tot Shabbat; potluck Kiddush lunch* after

Friday, August 30th 6:15 pm Shabbat evening service with leadership from Ean Chalfie

Saturday, August 30th 10:00 am

Bar Mitzvah of Ean Chalfie

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



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