

# THE SHUL SHOFAR

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## Join in Pride Parade

Beth Israel community will march July 10

Congregation Beth Israel, led by Rabbi Joshua Samuels and the Social Action Committee, will participate for the first time as a community in Bellingham's Pride Parade.

"I remember thinking to myself at past parades why we didn't have a group when so many other local faith groups were marching in support of the

LGBTQ community. For Judaism too, especially the Reform and Conservative branches, unequivocally supports LGBTQ rights and marriage equality," Rabbi Samuels wrote in a letter to the congregation.

Linda Hirsh has designed a banner for Beth Israel to carry in the parade, which begins promptly at



Bellingham's Pride Parade ends at Depot Market Square, where a festival follows.

noon July 10. Our group from CBI will check in and line up at 10:30 a.m., at the parking lot of Habitat for Humanity, on the corner of Cornwall Ave. and Ohio St. The parade, in its seventh year, ends at Depot Market Square, with a festival.

We hope you can join Beth Israel at this event — and remember to bring some water to stay hydrated. .

FROM THE RABBI

## What now?

By now we have all had time to try to digest what took place at Pulse nightclub in Orlando a few weeks ago. I find myself reading article after article, blogposts, Facebook posts, and spiritual messages from various faith communities.



I have been trying to understand all of the many viewpoints that liberal and conservative pundits have regarding not only the shoot-

er's motives, but also the key issues at hand. Should we be talking about gun control and access to guns, terrorism, radical Islamic ideologies, homophobia, mental health, angry men, hatred, education, bad parenting? Or all of these and then some?

There are times that I just want to scream and cry out. I want to forcefully shake the lapels of our lawmakers and tell them to wake up and do something meaningful and historic. Because now is the time to make changes.

I am saddened how our reality is that we are living in a time of enormous pain. At the same time, we have each other. We have our community. And this

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*From the President ...*

# It's been a busy year for Beth Israel community

This last year the synagogue has been as busy as Grand Central Station. The state of our congregation is very healthy. We have wonderful and dedicated people supporting our many activities.

To begin, thank you for the confidence and support you have shown by allowing me to serve.

This year, the board has worked diligently. We met with the FBI and Homeland Security. We participated in a board retreat with other Northwest congregations. We have finalized a safety and security plan which you may review on the synagogue website. Thanks to a generous donation, we have an automatic external defibrillator (AED) in the social hall. There will be training on AED use in the coming year.

We developed an estimate of operations costs for the new building to assist in budgetary planning. We will continue efforts to sell our Broadway property when the time and terms are optimal. We revised the nomination policy for board members and proposed a revision of the bylaws, which was accepted at the annual meeting. We developed a formal food policy for events held in the synagogue. A leadership development program was initiated for those congregants interested in moving into leadership positions.

Prior to the annual meeting, the board voted to hold the first morning Rosh Hashanah service in the new building. As the High Holy Days ap-

proach, we will know better whether this dream can become a reality.

When I am asked about our vibrant congregation, I begin to list the events of this year:

— 20 new member families joined our congregation

— We met the Million\$Match.

— We enjoyed Purimspiel, Mishloach manot, a Hanukkah party, Beit Cafes, biblo-drama, and a Valentines Day theater.

— We shared a community Seder, attended the symphony, saw Millie and the Mentshn, and had a Gala Light up the Night (that still makes me smile).

— We were honored twice with scholars in residence, and offered adult Hebrew and siddur classes.

— We saw lots and lots of social action.

— We participated in the Interfaith auction, a community Shabbaton and Mitzvah Day.

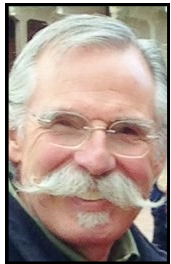
— We partnered with WWU in the development of the Jaffe professorship in Jewish history and the Ray Wolpov Institute for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity.

— On Yom Hashoah, we were honored to hear the perspectives of Naomi Ban, Dr. Sebastian Mendes, and Dr. Rachel Korazim.

— We took a sunset history cruise on Gato Verde, played at the Birch Bay water slides, and relaxed at a pool party.

I could go on. There is always something wonderful happening at our house of worship, our lively home.

— Dan Ohms



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# CBI helps test leadership program

Recently, we wrote about the nominating process and how people end up on Beth Israel's Board of Directors. But what makes a good leader? What does a leader need to know about the organization, and what does the organization need to know about the individual? For a faith organization, the parameters are even broader, with spiritual development and values intertwined.

The Union for Reform Judaism (of which Beth Israel is a member) is in the process of developing a leadership training program. The pilot project was launched this spring, and Beth Israel was selected as one of 20 congregations from across North America to participate!

The Emerging Leaders Pilot Initiative is designed to help congregations identify and train a pipeline of future lay leaders in their communi-

ties. The resource includes a set of self-guided workshops that congregations can use and adapt for their individual needs.

As part of this pilot project, Beth Israel will assemble a small cohort of "emerging leaders" to participate in four leadership workshops and provide thoughtful feedback. Workshop topics include: an Opening Session overview, What is Reform Judaism, Leadership Skills and Financial Responsibility, and more. Our feedback will help URJ staff strengthen the leadership development materials before they are made available to all URJ congregations in 2017. We plan to implement the full program in the future.

Beth Israel has access and guidance from top URJ leaders to make this a successful program. This is exciting because CBI has long intended to develop our own leader-

ship training program.

Congregational leadership is more than a management position – it is sacred work, with the goal of creating a world of wholeness, compassion, and justice by:

- \* Elevating the conversation around the sacred work of congregational leadership.

- \* Encouraging personal, educational and spiritual growth for leaders and potential leaders.

Participation in the pilot program is an opportunity to create meaningful new friendships, and to stretch and learn new skills. Information about workshops will be available soon.

If you are interested in being part of our community's leadership or know of someone who might be, please let us know. Contact pilot project leaders Melissa Schapiro, Paul Blum and Karen Sloss.

## Sisterhood book group meetings

The June 26 meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, July 10. We will meet at the home of Nancy Auerbach, and will be discussing *THE OCEAN AT THE END OF THE LANE* by Neil Gaiman.

On November 3, Mary Doria Russell will be speaking at Beth Israel. Dr. Russell is the best-selling author of *THE SPARROW*, *THREAD OF*

*GRACE* and many other titles. She also will be speaking at WWU & Village Books. Stay tuned for more information about Dr. Russell's visit.

## Celebrate 10 years at Camp Kalsman

URJ Camp Kalsman will be hosting a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to bring the community together to reminisce about the past, rejoice in the present, and welcome the future.

Please join us at 1 p.m. July 31 at

URJ Camp Kalsman in Arlington, for a day of camp activities, a Dan Nichols concert, and more!

Information and registration:  
[www.campkalsman.org/event/10](http://www.campkalsman.org/event/10)

## Haggen scrip

Happy News! Haggen Scrip will be available again in the fall. For now, Fred Meyer, Whole foods, Safeway, Terra Organica, Starbucks and Village Books are always available. Email: [jawayne2@gmail.com](mailto:jawayne2@gmail.com)

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## Shabbaton success

This spring CBI had the largest overnight Shabbaton to date — 63 of us spent Shabbat at Camp Kalsman in May.

This was up from 32 people the year before. The past few years young families were the main demographic, but this year, the majority were adults.

It was wonderful celebrating Shabbat outdoors, enjoying a camp fire and talent show, eating together, studying and schmoozing together, hiking, and swing-



ing on the giant swing.

While the weather wasn't perfect, it was a relaxing and memorable Shabbat.

The next overnight Shabbaton is scheduled for May 12-13, 2017.

Mark it on your calendars now!

## Birthdays

### JULY 2016

7/1 Sue Guenter-Schlesinger  
7/2 Meg Jacobson  
7/2 Brooke Kassen  
7/3 Jaxon Mann (10<sup>th</sup>)  
7/4 Sharona Feller  
7/4 Mark MacDonald  
7/5 Julie Hunter  
7/5 Ayla Oliver (10<sup>th</sup>)  
7/5 Jaelle Oliver (10<sup>th</sup>)  
7/6 Dan Raas  
7/6 Josh Shupack  
7/7 Elsa Balton (21<sup>st</sup>)  
7/7 Michelle Beller-Siegfried  
7/7 Rabbi Joshua Samuels  
7/8 Gary Lazarus  
7/10 Larry Hildes  
7/10 Nali Lippman Schneider (9<sup>th</sup>)  
7/11 Max Naiman (6<sup>th</sup>)

7/11 Naomi Schapiro (18<sup>th</sup>)  
7/12 Laura Langley  
7/12 Avi Lindner (10<sup>th</sup>)  
7/12 Lisa Press  
7/13 Jack Fisher  
7/14 Olivia Probst (12<sup>th</sup>)  
7/14 Shelley Wolfman  
7/15 Rick Levine  
7/15 Evan Shupack (1<sup>st</sup>)  
7/16 Ali Morrow (18<sup>th</sup>)  
7/17 Jay Saxton  
7/18 Gus Evans (21<sup>st</sup>)  
7/18 Ruth Shuster  
7/19 Lior Somers (8<sup>th</sup>)  
7/20 Nicky Naiman  
7/20 Isaac Orloff (12<sup>th</sup>)  
7/20 Melissa Schapiro  
7/21 Mel Damski  
7/21 Elliott Johnson (18<sup>th</sup>)  
7/22 Miles Bryant  
7/22 Rakefet Richmond  
7/23 Noah Booker

7/23 David Robinson  
7/23 Lindsay Wells  
7/24 Jeff Popp  
7/26 Julia Kassen (4<sup>th</sup>)  
7/26 Larry Stahlberg  
7/27 Jesse Naiman  
7/28 Jerry Johnson  
7/28 Asher Suloway-Baker (17<sup>th</sup>)  
7/29 David Edelstein  
7/29 Evan Konikoff (7<sup>th</sup>)  
7/30 Amalia Hall (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### AUGUST 2016

8/1 Diana Lindner  
8/2 Gabriella Genut (1<sup>st</sup>)  
8/6 Arona Henderson  
8/6 Barry Paluch  
8/7 Amy Whiting  
8/8 Anne Brown  
8/8 Leigh Squires

8/10 Joan Wayne  
8/10 Patty Yust  
8/11 Andrew Evans  
8/12 Victoria Garfinkle  
8/13 Mara Donner (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
8/15 Lilly Weiss  
8/17 Betty Schwartz  
8/19 Ron Bally  
8/20 Jerry Eisner  
8/20 Jordan Genut  
8/21 Marla Finkelstein  
8/21 Janine Shaw  
8/22 Wendy Holtzman  
8/22 Andrea Shupack  
8/23 Aaron Landau (20<sup>th</sup>)  
8/24 Flora Booker (12<sup>th</sup>)  
8/24 Donna Solomon  
8/25 Vermeda Fred  
8/26 Jacob Lebovich (14<sup>th</sup>)  
8/26 Sylvia Williams  
8/29 Leah Voit  
8/31 Harold Katz

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From our Cantorial Soloist ...

# Recharge with High Holy Days songs, music

BY ANDREA SHUPACK

The beginning of summer is my favorite time of year. There is a sense of rejuvenation as the weather warms and the long sunny days brighten everything. As the hustle and bustle of May winds down, there is time to reflect on the past year while gearing up for the next year to make it even better, professionally and personally. For me, summer means more time outside, getting on the water, reconnecting with family and friends, and time to recharge.



This is also the time that I begin preparing for High Holy Days. Summer lifts my spirit, but pulling out the melodies for High Holy Days to begin practicing reawakens my soul.

The melodies change dramatically from the rest of the year, reminding us to take special note of this time. Their beauty and uniqueness help us stop our habits, re-examine our lives, and delve into the spirit of change and growth with deeper reflection.

One cannot hear "Avinu Malkeinu" without pausing and becoming absorbed in its hauntingly beautiful melody. What do these melodies cause you to think about? How do the sounds make you feel?

I feel very blessed that instead of

three days of High Holy Day music, I get three months! With the melodies and themes swirling around in my brain and heart for a much longer period of time, I now feel ready when Rosh Hashanah returns.

This year, I want to offer the gift I have to everyone in our congregation. Classes are free, but advanced signup is appreciated.

## Adult High Holy Day Choir

I will lead five rehearsals for congregants to learn melodies and harmonies for the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. These rehearsals are open to anyone who wants to learn. Your participation singing in services will be your gift of music. You will enhance the services from within the congregation (as opposed to on the bima, so no pressure!). Our music will soar with all your voices, which will encourage those around you to sing, lifting our prayers even higher.

Come to as many rehearsals as you can. You do not need to attend all of them to participate.

\* Sundays, 4:30-6 p.m., Aug. 28 & Sept. 11.

\* Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Sept. 6, 20, & 27.

**Youth High Holy Day Choir:** for students entering 3rd-7th grades, to learn and sing songs for the High Holy Day family services.

Rehearsals will be Sundays, 3:30-

4:30 p.m. Aug. 28, Sept. 11 & 18.

## High Holy Day Liturgy Class!

A 2-part class on the liturgy and music of the High Holy Days. We will use specific prayers from Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur liturgy, to explore the themes that weave through Elul and the 10 days of awe. Learn something new about the liturgy and yourself while immersing in beautiful melodies that prepare our souls for renewal and growth. No previous knowledge necessary.

\* Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 15 & 22.

## Music on our Website!

On the CBI website, you may have noticed under "Worship" and "Shabbat" there are many recordings of the Shabbat prayer services for Friday evening and Saturday morning. In addition to these learning tools, you will also now find recordings for many of the prayers for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Listen to them to remember old melodies, learn new ones, or simply get into the spirit of the days of awe. I encourage everyone to take a listen, sing or hum along if you wish, and reflect on the different moods our beautiful melodies evoke.

Register: (360) 733-8890 or [office@bethisraelbellingham.org](mailto:office@bethisraelbellingham.org)

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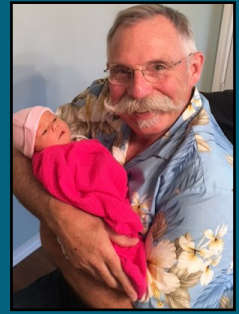


## The Yenta speaks ...

**Isabel Buri** received the **National Choral Award at Squalicum High School for 2016**. The award is the highest honor for high school choral performers. It recognizes the dedication and musical achievement of the top male and female choral students. She also was one of three students from SQHS selected in the state competition to qualify for Thespian nationals, held in Nebraska in June. Isabel is the daughter of Darcie Donegan and Philip Buri.



Mazel tov to **Daniel and Sharona Feller** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Miriam Hannah** on June 8, 2016. Miriam Hannah's parents, **Rachel and Siggie Cherem** are overjoyed and doing well.



**Dan Ohms** and his new granddaughter, **Scarlett Eve Ohms**.

## Anniversaries

### July 2016

**July 3** Warren Rosenthal & Amy WhitinG (#29)  
**July 3** Andrea & Josh Shupack (#11)  
**July 6** Rebecca & Tom Oliver (#19)  
**July 7** Yaniv & Meredith Attar (#9)  
**July 9** Mark & Helen Packer (#21)  
**July 9** Ted & Penny Schuman (#49)  
**July 10** Anna & Noah Booker (#17)  
**July 12** Gary & Trisha Adelstein (#29)  
**July 13** Sara Geballe & Steve James (#8)  
**July 18** Christoph & Geraldine Reitz (#24)  
**July 21** David & Katie Edelstein (#43)  
**July 26** Jack & Karen Fisher (#43)  
**July 26** Binnie Perper & Themeos Drossos (#35)  
**July 30** Orly Ziv-Maxim & Tom Maxim (#20)

### August 2016

**Aug. 1** Alyson & Brooke Kassen (#6)  
**Aug. 2** Sylvia & John Williams (#2)  
**Aug. 4** Josh Greenberg & Anita Meyer (#20)  
**Aug. 5** Karen Katz & Niles Roberts (#15)  
**Aug. 5** Dan & Debbie Raas (#43)  
**Aug. 6** Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw (#16)  
**Aug. 7** Millie & Jerry Johnson (#35)  
**Aug. 11** Serge Lindner & Deborah Oksenberg (#14)  
**Aug. 13** Tamar & Shawn Clarke (#16)  
**Aug. 14** Kevin Donner & Angie Lee (#12)  
**Aug. 15** Isaac & Wendy Blum (#18)  
**Aug. 15** Ray Wolpow & Diane Leigh (#15)  
**Aug. 16** Harriet & Manuel Emanuel (#46)  
**Aug. 17** Margaret Bikman & Jay Saxton (#41)

**Aug. 17** Stephanie Korn & Scott Mann (#14)  
**Aug. 19** Shala Erlich & Warren Cornwall (#15)  
**Aug. 20** Laura Langley & Lindsay Wells (#11)  
**Aug. 20** Ken & Regan Levinson (#10)  
**Aug. 20** Marc & Elizabeth Weinstein (#11)  
**Aug. 21** Julia & Joel Bakken (#11)  
**Aug. 21** Gayle Gordon-Martin & Stephen Martin (#29)  
**Aug. 25** Warren & Marybeth Taranow (#20)  
**Aug. 25** Shelley & Jay Wolfman (#46)  
**Aug. 26** Miriam & Greg Schwartz (#15)  
**Aug. 27** Daniel & Sharona Feller (#38)  
**Aug. 27** Emil & Tannia Hecht (#45)  
**Aug. 27** Barry & Kathi Paluch (#13)  
**Aug. 29** Steve & Janis Ban (#40)  
**Aug. 30** Linda & Allan Hirsh (#57)  
**Aug. 31** McNeel & KJ Jantzen (#14)

Did we miss your anniversary? Call the office at (360) 733-8890 or email [office@bethisraelbellingham.org](mailto:office@bethisraelbellingham.org) and let us know the month, day & year of your special day.



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From the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning ...

# Fortifying our children with love

Like many, I was shaken by the news reports coming from Israel and Orlando during the first couple of weeks in June. After the initial shock, I heard many people in Tel Aviv and Florida say that they are coming back to the sites to spread love where senseless acts of inhumanity were carried out hours earlier. I watched video clips of spontaneous vigils at the sites and around the world. Even here, thousands of miles away, our synagogue had a Yizkor gathering to give people the space to connect and mourn in community. Sometimes, it is moments like these that make me appreciate the power of prayer and of community.

As a mother and as a teacher I feel that one of the most important tools we can give our children before they are out in the world is the fortitude to process moments that are so hard to comprehend. For many of us adults, this fortitude is comprised of the intangible power of a prayer, a chant, and a communal connection. Teaching those skills to our children is not a straightforward road and one cannot measure the progress of the learning curve, but it can be practiced and this practice is what we do here, at Keshet, on a weekly basis. We pray, sometimes with more Kavanah (intention) than others, we sing in community, we connect our spirits and strive to create this fortitude, one Sunday at a time.

As we head off to summer break, I want to share with you the words of what I think is the most beautiful blessing in the Torah, which is often used to bless children, namely Birkat HaKohanim (the priestly blessing). A big hug, a good laugh with a friend, and sometimes a prayer is the most powerful way to fortify our children with the love that we wish they will carry with them forever.



## KESHER 5777

It is time to sign up for Keshet 5777! If you have not received an email from TADS, or have questions about registration, please contact us at [keshet@bethisraelbellingham.org](mailto:keshet@bethisraelbellingham.org) or

call the office, (360) 733-8890.

Keshet's kick-off Pancake Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. Sept. 25, 2016, followed by first day of classes at 10 a.m. and parent orientation at 10:30 a.m.

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(ספר במדבר, פרק ו' כ"ד-כ"ו)

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## Faces in our community

# Music, art binds Margolis family

## Jeff and Amy Margolis own Everybody's Store

BY LINDA HIRSH

Creative genes have blessed every member of the Margolis family.

Singing brought Jeff and Amy together. They have two daughters: Elea, now 54, who teaches piano and voice and has two musical children of her own; and Beth Anna, 45, whose painting and poetry come together in a 187-page autobiographical book, "Uplifted Down Syndrome."

"They recognize the importance of the arts," said Laurie Riskin Snow, neighbor and family friend for more than 40 years. "They are impassioned about creating. They grew up with it, and were encouraged to pass it down."

In her book, Beth's writing reveals insight into her family and confidence in herself:

*"I like myself. It's wonderful.*

*I am unique because I have Down Syndrome.*

*Nevertheless I read and write  
and I am able to meet and socialize with people..."*

Beth said Elea's poetry inspired her to write poetry. Beth catches the essence of the love between them:

*"Mangoes are sweet.  
Sister, the most of all."*

Beth reveals a sense of humor, writing about Elea's husband Andy:

*"Elea wanted to be married to a nice Jewish doctor.  
She got her wish with Andy.  
He is very nice and loving sweet and mellowed out."*

And father, Jeff, born and raised in Brooklyn:  
*"When he was a little boy he was quite a talker boy.  
He used to be a lifeguard.  
He talked to everyone on the beach.*



Clockwise from front: Beth Anna Margolis, her mother Amy Margolis, Maida Buckley (Jeff's sister), Zach Plotkin (Margolis' grandson), Jeff Margolis and Laurie Riskin Snow (family friend and editor of "Uplifted Down Syndrome").

*He liked to walk a lot in New York. That was his city."*

At Michigan State University, Jeff studied philosophy and political science. He met Amy, a music major, when they performed in the university choir.

Beth wrote of her mom, a native of Kalamazoo, Mich.:  
*"My Amy was terrific musician on her hands  
touching together on the violin  
playing with her shoulders and arms together..."*

Jeff and Amy married in their senior year, 1962. They spent three years at University of Massachusetts where he earned a master's degree in philosophy and constitutional law, then continued with preparation for a PhD. While studying and teaching there, he demonstrated against the Vietnam War as a member of the Students For a Democratic Society.

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# L'HITRAOT

## Congrats to our 2016 graduates

Thanks for your commitment to our  
Beth Israel community!  
From Sehome High School in Bel-  
lingham:



**Becca Garfinkle** will be studying  
biology at Bryn Mawr College, PA,  
in the fall.



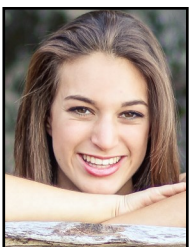
**Jakob Garfinkle** will be studying  
humanities at Western Washington  
University in the fall.



**Naomi Schapiro**  
will be studying edu-  
cation at Western  
Washington Univer-  
sity in the fall.

**Ali Morrow**, valedictorian, will  
study history and chemistry at  
Haverford College, PA, in the fall.

From Mount Vernon High School:



**Hannah Levine** will  
go to the University  
of San Diego, Calif.,  
in the fall. She is  
undecided about  
her major, but is  
leaning towards  
social sciences.



From left: Rabbi Samuels and Bnot Mitzvah Kathi Paluch, Gayle Gordon Martin, Ann Suloway, Marcy Probst and Vermeda Fred on June 11, 2016.

The B'not Mitzvot Class of 2016  
would like to extend our heartfelt  
thanks to our Beth Israel community  
for your support as we were called to  
the Torah in June.

Many of you made or brought food  
or dessert, helped with an oneg or  
kiddush lunch, or helped set up and  
take down the social hall. Some of  
you did all of these things! You are  
too many to name, but we want you  
to know how much we appreciate  
your help, and that we couldn't have  
done it without you.

A special thank you to Don  
Fenbert, who thoughtfully offered to  
take pictures for us. We will treasure  
them always.

The presence of each of you who attended services during these two  
Shabbats added meaning and richness to our experience. Thank you so  
much for being there.

We also want to extend our endless appreciation to Rabbi Samuels and  
cantorial soloist Andrea Shupack for teaching us with patience and love.  
We are so proud to be part of such a heartwarming and generous  
community.

— Vermeda Fred, Gayle Gordon-Martin, Judy Osman, Kathi Paluch,  
Marcy Probst, Ann Suloway, and Becki Van Glubt



Bnot Mitzvah Judy Osman and  
Becki Van Glubt June 18, 2016.

## FROM THE RABBI

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community came together the evening of the attack to be in each other's presence. We embraced strangers. We sang and prayed outside and felt supported by one another.

Yet the question I kept hearing, was "What now?" In other words, what can we do about this sickness in our culture?

Of course there is prayer. However, in Judaism, prayer is meant for our comfort. God does not need our supplications. (Is God even paying attention?) Prayer can be healing for our souls but it certainly can't bring healing to those individuals who lost loved ones nor will it bring the dead back to life. And I don't think our prayers will cause peace and love to spread over the earth. I hope I'm wrong. And I try to prove myself wrong all the time. But what our prayers can do, other than offer ourselves comfort, is remind us that

change is possible. Praying can give us the strength to act.

Here are a few other ways we can get involved in trying to build a safer world for the younger generations.

Surf the Religious Action Center's website ([www.rac.org](http://www.rac.org)) and follow the links to "Gun Control." There are action steps such as urging members of Congress to reinstate the Assault Weapons Ban as well as urging those members to enhance our background check system.

Follow links to "LGBT Rights" on the RAC website. Learn more about The Equality Act (H.R.3185/S.1858) which plans to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity among the prohibited categories of discrimination or segregation in places of public accommodation. Don't forget to familiarize yourself with the Washington Won't Discriminate Initiative 1515.

Support the families of the victims by donating what you can on their

Gofundme page (<https://www.gofundme.com/PulseVictimsFund>).

And please consider walking with the CBI community in Bellingham's Pride parade on July 10. We will be lining up at 10:30 a.m. in the Habitat for Humanity parking lot downtown. The parade will start promptly at noon and will commence from the corner of Cornwall and Ohio, ending at the Depot Market Square. At the very least we will show the greater community that our Jewish values teach us to be inclusive and most importantly, to love.

Finally, think about any changes you can make as individuals or as a family which will bring about a more accepting and peaceful society. Build bridges with communities you are not familiar with. Advocate, participate, educate. Just do something. Congregation Beth Israel supports you. May we have the courage to repair this broken world.

— Rabbi Joshua Samuels

## THE MARGOLISES

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A turning point came when he brandished a profane sign in front of the administration building. Friends told him to quit for the sake of his future as a professor. He did. But he never stopped speaking his mind.

In 1970, while seeking teaching jobs in British Columbia, he and Amy drove down to Bellingham. A coincidence Jeff calls "cosmic" happened when he chanced upon an old school friend. The friend's entourage included twins, Jeffrey and Steven, Jeff's two names. They happened to share his birthday too. Jeff took it as a sign to settle in Whatcom County. They found Van Zandt, a town without a census, that drew people from the '60s back-to-earth movement.

"It was a wilderness area where

people would not have to conform," Amy said.

That snowballed into a close community. "When I moved there, I said 'I'm home.' " Laurie said. "We grew up together. We're mishpocheh."

Beth revels in her home town in "The Poetry of Roots":

*"... like paradise living in the valley.*

*Van Zandt is more open woods and trees and mountains...*

*What's near?*

*Listen to sounds of deer walking footsteps*

*and coyotes in back yards..."*

The Margolises quickly saw the light when it shone upon a funky early 19th century building in the town center. They bought it and created Everybody's Store, "a hub," Laurie called it.

Now bright yellow with red trim, the

floors inside Everybody's Store creak comfortably. The wood cabinets are burnished with age. The stock of organic food and clothing comes from all over the world. People do too, mainly by word of mouth.

Elea chose the sobriquet Everybody's Store.

"This is a good place to raise a child," Amy said. "The children were there all the time, and the population came in and treated them like regular kids."

It is a place where everyone fits in and anyone can speak out. As Jeff said, "in Everybody's Store, there is no 'other.'"

The Margolises live in harmony with their Christian neighbors.

"The closer you get, the more heterogeneous people become," Jeff said, Amy nodding in agreement.

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# Painting, poetry come together in 'Uplifted'

BY LINDA HIRSH

A lattice of stems and leaves stripe the surface of Beth Anna Margolis's painting Go Green. Yellow ochre makes parts of it glow, yet hunter green imparts the depths of a forest. Beth adds subtle strokes of purple to complete the statuesque vision of nature.

"I love bright colors," she said. "[Also] I like details in my paintings, putting in pencil lines, she said.

This painting is one of many in her new book, "Uplifted Down Syndrome." It is clear from her pencil marks that she has observed many shapes of leaves. Beth, 45, both draws from her imagination, sketches and remembers actual scenes from her numerous walks, saying "I take a lot of ginkgo" for memory.

Beth grows echinacea, peppermint and bay leaves in a tub garden, a salute to her mother who believes in herbs as curatives.

Both independent and determined, Beth gets around by bus. A trip she anticipates is the weekly foray from Fairhaven, where she lives, to Bellingham's Max Higbee Center, a grassroots organization for people with developmental disabilities, that

features recreational activities such as movies, art walks and cooking classes. For 16 years, she has earned a salary at Haggen, across from her apartment.

Painting was her first love. She began writing poetry in the 1990s, saying "In writing anything goes,"

Seven years ago, Laurie Riskin Snow, a family friend, first noticed a poem on Beth's desk, then a stack of journals and notebooks that comprised 20 years of Beth's life. Laurie pored over the material and said, "Oh wow, this is so beautiful."

Compelled to collect all Beth's efforts into a book, she spent two years sorting the writing, matching it to art and photos.

Beth dubbed the book, "Uplifted Down Syndrome" because "I don't want people to be down," she said. "I want to uplift them. I've always been upbeat."

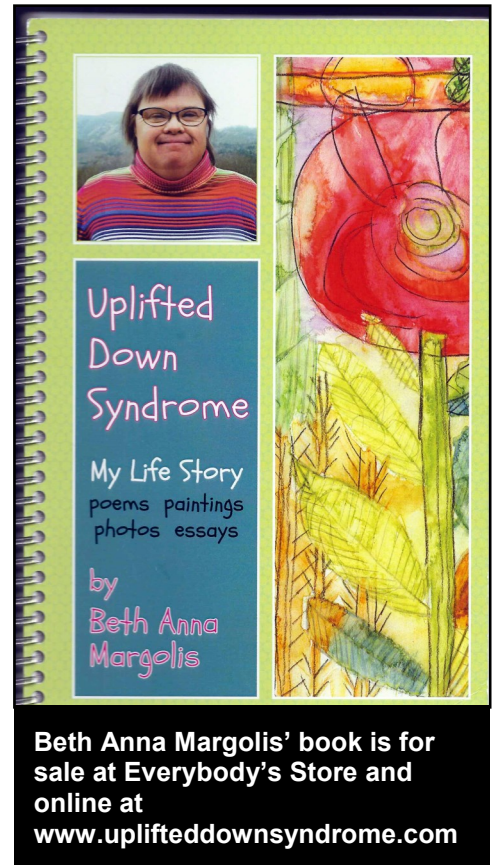
Beth writes with humor about Laurie's role on the book:

*Thank you so much Laurie.*

*You saved my life.*

*I don't need to do it myself.*

Laurie has known Beth since she was a 3-year-old. From Chicago, Laurie joined the back-to-nature momen-



tum like the Margolises and bought property in 1975. First she created an art program for local schools, then she and her husband founded Well-spring School, an arts and sciences private school dedicated to enhancing each child's ability.

She understands Beth's ability.

"She has a passion for her art and it has given her chutzpah to continue with this," Laurie said. "She has one goal, to show you can do anything if inspired."

## THE MARGOLISES

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Jeff's early protests gave way to activism. Both he and Amy founded an environmental group, Mount Baker Watershed Association. They manage the South Fork Valley Community Association, once a school now rented out for gatherings. Recently they stood up against the coal trains. Then there are the two radio stations they helped start with a core

group: KAVZ and KMRE. Then the music: Jeff sings in Whatcom Chorus. Amy played violin for the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra for six years until her shoulder gave out.

In defining his Judaism, Jeff becomes philosophical. Even though growing up, he attended a conservative synagogue, attended Hebrew school there for five years and went to services at an Orthodox one, his family was not observant. He described a revelation while playing

Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof."

"His line, 'How can I turn my back on my people?' was defining," Jeff said. "It was not an abrupt departure from my past posture but, there was no longer a doubt about who I am."

Or as Beth puts it:

*Bethala is my Jewish nickname...*

*I do have big Jewish heart*

*Linda Hirsh has lived in Bellingham for 16 years. She spent 10 years reporting for The Hartford Courant in Connecticut.*

# Special Fund Donations

## CAMP/YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### IN HONOR OF:

Miriam Zderic

**From:** *Judy Osman*

The Adult B'not Mitzvah Class of 2016: Vermeda Fred, Gayle Gordon-Martin, Judy Osman, Kathi Paluch, Marcy Probst, Ann Suloway & Becki Van Glubt

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Edgar, our distinguished friend and beloved companion

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Barbara Boothby and Jake Lebovich, in memory of their mother/ grandmother, Erma Boothby

Donna & Jay Solomon and family, on the loss of Donna's mother, Esther Kahn

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Rabbi Samuels and the Care Committee, for providing a Pesach meal to our parents, Aaron & Lilly Weiss

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Warren Rosenthal, with much gratitude

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Rabbi Samuels

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\*Jerry Gruenberg's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

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\*Milton Jacob's AJC Leadership Award

\*Susan & Burt Sunkin's Anniversary

**From:** *Rhoda & Peter Samuels (Rancho Mirage, CA)*

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The incredible ladies called to the Torah as B'not Mitzvah: Vermeda, Ann, Gayle, Kathi, Marcy, Becki and Judy

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Barbara Boothby, on the loss of her mother, Erma Flora Haughawout Boothby

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My fellow Adult B'not Mitzvah classmates: Gayle Gordon-Martin, Judy Osman, Kathi Paluch, Marcy Probst, Ann Suloway, and Becki Van Glubt

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\*Rachel Sager, for her two years of service as the Hillel of WWU Program Director

\*Perry Blankenship, for serving as the head of WWU Hillel student board of directors

**From:** *Larry, Geraldine, Joan, Becki and Wendy*

### GET WELL WISHES TO:

Donna Solomon — wishing a speedy recovery

**From:** *Phyllis & Sheldon Mazur*

The Mayers Family — sending wishes for healing

**From:** *Paul Blum & Alison Zak; Lynn, Michael & Jaime Korner*

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

\*My Dad, Nathan Lassman

\*My beautiful mother, Rose Lassman

**From:** *Bernice Loober*

### IN HONOR OF:

The Adult B'not Mitzvah Class of 2016: Vermeda Fred, Gayle Gordon-Martin, Judy Osman, Kathi Paluch, Marcy Probst, Ann Suloway, and Becki Van Glubt

**From:** *Marta & Craig Brand; Lynn, Michael & Jaime Korner; Debbie & Dan Raas; Karen Sloss; Joan & Marv Wayne*

Becki Van Glubt: Mazel Tov on your Bat Mitzvah — a wonderful achievement!

**From:** *Phyllis & Shelly Mazur*

\*Gayle Gordon-Martin — Mazel Tov on her Bat Mitzvah

\*Kathi Paluch — Mazel Tov on her Bat Mitzvah

\*Ann Suloway — Mazel Tov on her Bat Mitzvah

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\*Jeff & Vicki Jaffe

\*Jake Jaffe, on his graduation as a doctor

**From:** *Henry Zemel*

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Barbara Boothby, on the loss of her mother, Erma Boothby

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Terri Weiner, on the loss of her mother, Elayne Weiner

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Eileen and Amy Shavelson, on the loss of their mother, Leila Shavelson

**From:** *Marta Brand; Sid & Aline Wanne; Joan & Marv Wayne*

### SPECIAL GREETINGS TO:


Anne Brown — Happy Birthday!

**From:** *Lynn, Michael & Jaime Korner*

## CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

JULY 2016

SIVAN-TAMMUZ 5776

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> 25 Sivan ה'ה' 8:58	<b>2</b> 26 Sivan <i>Shelach</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:45 AM Bibliodrama w/ Andrea Shupack
<b>3</b> 27 Sivan 9:30AM Keshet Pool Party at Bayside Pool	<b>4</b> 28 Sivan 	<b>5</b> 29 Sivan	<b>6</b> 30 Sivan	<b>7</b> 1 Tammuz	<b>8</b> 2 Tammuz ה'ה' 8:54	<b>9</b> 3 Tammuz <i>Korach</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service w/ Andrea Shupack
	INDEPENDENCE DAY				7:30PM Shabbat Service	
<b>10</b> 4 Tammuz 12PM - Bham Pride Parade 2 PM - Sisterhood Book Grip @ N. Auerbach's 3 PM - Text Study, Soc. Hall	<b>11</b> 5 Tammuz	<b>12</b> 6 Tammuz	<b>13</b> 7 Tammuz	<b>14</b> 8 Tammuz	<b>15</b> 9 Tammuz ה'ה' 8:49 5:30 PM Pre-Svc. Nosh 6:15PM Shabbat Service w/ Andrea Shupack	<b>16</b> 10 Tammuz <i>Chukat</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service led by Andrea Shupack
<b>17</b> 11 Tammuz	<b>18</b> 12 Tammuz	<b>19</b> 13 Tammuz	<b>20</b> 14 Tammuz	<b>21</b> 15 Tammuz	<b>22</b> 16 Tammuz ה'ה' 8:41 7:30PM Shabbat Service w/ Ma'ayan Shir ensemble	<b>23</b> 17 Tammuz <i>Balak</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat
<b>24</b> 18 Tammuz	<b>25</b> 19 Tammuz	<b>26</b> 20 Tammuz	<b>27</b> 21 Tammuz	<b>28</b> 22 Tammuz	<b>29</b> 23 Tammuz ה'ה' 8:32 7:30PM Shabbat Service w/ Ma'ayan Shir ensemble	<b>30</b> 24 Tammuz <i>Pinchas</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Contemplative Service w/ Andrea Shupack
<b>31</b> 25 Tammuz	12 PM - Golden Girls @ Skylark's Hidden Café				<b>NO Shabbat Service</b> Shabbat at Home Please welcome Shabbat at home w/ family&friends	

## CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

AUGUST 2016

TAMMUZ - AV 5776

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 26 Tammuz	<b>2</b> 27 Tammuz	<b>3</b> 28 Tammuz	<b>4</b> 29 Tammuz	<b>5</b> 1 Av 8:22 6:15 PM Family Service w/ Andrea Shupack Potluck dinner afterward	<b>6</b> 2 Av <i>Matot-Masei</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:45 AM Bibliodrama w/ Andrea Shupack
<b>7</b> 3 Av	<b>8</b> 4 Av	<b>9</b> 5 Av 7 PM Board of Directors	<b>10</b> 6 Av	<b>11</b> 7 Av	<b>12</b> 8 Av 8:10 7:30PM Shabbat Service	<b>13</b> 9 Av <i>Devarim</i> <i>Shabbat Chazon</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30AM Shabbat Service w/ Andrea Shupack
<b>14</b> 10 Av TISHA B'AV 3 PM -Text Study,Soc.Hall	<b>15</b> 11 Av	<b>16</b> 12 Av 12 PM - Lunch Bunch group @ Joan Wayne's	<b>17</b> 13 Av	<b>18</b> 14 Av	<b>19</b> 15 Av 8:57 5:30PM Pre-Service Nosh 6:15PM Shabbat Service w/ Andrea Shupack	<b>20</b> 16 Av <i>Va'etchanan</i> <i>Shabbat Nachamu</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30AM Shabbat Service w/ Andrea Shupack
<b>21</b> 17 Av 3PM New/Prosp. Member Ice Cream Social	<b>22</b> 18 Av	<b>23</b> 19 Av	<b>24</b> 20 Av	<b>25</b> 21 Av	<b>26</b> 22 Av 8:43 7:30PM Shabbat Service w/ Ma'ayan Shir ensemble	<b>27</b> 23 Av <i>Ekev</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat
<b>28</b> 24 Av 3:30 PM Adult HHD Choir 4:30PM Youth HHD Choir	<b>29</b> 25 Av 12 PM - Golden Girls @ Skylark's Hidden Cafe	<b>30</b> 26 Av	<b>31</b> 27 Av			

# Yahrzeits

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

## Friday, July 1

Rachel Emanuel	7/3
Cora Quiggle	7/3
Rasela Catz	7/4
Ann Dechter	7/5
Virginia Hunter	7/5
Sol Harris Lewis	7/5
Arthur Thal	7/5
Lawrence Witte	7/5
Libby Witte	7/5
Sandy York	7/5
Adrienne Benson	7/6
Eshka Rosenberg	7/6
Lisa Furth	7/7
David Horwitz	7/7

## Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9

Faye Goldberg-Miller	7/12
Nathan Lassman	7/12
Morris R. Hecht	7/13
Doris Zemel	7/13
Stanley Simon	7/14
Willard Brown	7/15

## Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16

Kathleen Clendenen	7/16
Sue Groper	7/16
Naftalie Mottel Jaffe	7/16
Leah Tabak	7/16
Eric O. Sonneman	7/18
Erwin Mayer	7/19
Sophie Streitman	7/19
Myer Horwitz	7/22
Albert Shankman	7/22

## Friday, July 22

Berte Fischél	7/25
Edward Witte	7/25
May Meyers	7/26
Bernice Shear	7/26
Earnest Ban	7/27
Hugo M. Fisher	7/27
Goldie Bettman	7/28
Hannah Samuels	7/28
Harold Korn	7/29
Ralph Weill	7/29

## For Friday, July 29 (no Shabbat service; will be read on July 22)

Syd Goldman	7/30
Seymour Karpas	7/30
Abraham Kassen	7/30
Seymour Pecarsky	7/31
Jack Meyers	8/1
Martha Rosenthal	8/2
Linda Kleinfeld	8/3
Leaine (Lee) Farkas	8/4
Sandra Wilson	8/4
Goldie Dorfman	8/5
Alan Mazonson	8/5
Gary Snyder	8/5

## Friday, August 5

Helen L. Bean	8/6
Kaufman Katz	8/6
Sylvya Glass	8/8
Philip Kahn	8/8
Daniel Kushner	8/8
Rose Marks	8/8
Walter Mayers	8/9
Nelson Shkolnik	8/10

David Frantz	8/11
Josefina Pombo de Rubiano	8/11
Alfred Steinmetz	8/11

## Friday, August 12 and Saturday, August 13

Harriet Miles Bryant	8/15
William Fox	8/16
Edith DeVisser	8/18
Manny Hildes	8/18
Fred (Fritz) London	8/18
Liam Balton	8/19
Ira Benjamin Dement	8/19
Marvin Tartak	8/19

## Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20

Nancy Parmett	8/20
Melanie Smith	8/20
Mark Wohl	8/20
Josef Zimmerman	8/20
Hella Elaine Weill Lyon	8/21
Simon Sokol	8/22
Joseph Bernstein	8/23
Arthur Leventhal	8/23
Sheldon Miller	8/23
Rose Leventhal	8/24
Shirley Zell	8/25
Bernard M. "Bun" Jaffe	8/26

## Friday, August 26

Lenore Lackowitz	8/29
Joseph Feiger	8/31
Sadie Goldman	9/1
Rebecca Shapira de Lindner	9/1
Sarah M. Gordon	9/2
Robert Siegfried	9/2

# In Memoriam

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

We mourn the passing of fellow congregant,

**Leila Shavelson**, on May 7, 2016.

We offer heartfelt sympathy to her daughters, Eileen and Amy Shavelson, and to all of their family.

Beth Israel also mourns the passing of long-time congregant and dear friend,

**Esther Kahn**, on May 29, 2016,

just a few months shy of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We offer deepest condolences to her daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Jay Solomon, her son Gene Kahn, and to all members of their extended family.

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

**Barbara Boothby** on the loss of her mother, **Erma Flora Haughawout Boothby**, who passed away on May 3, 2016 at her home in Bellingham.

**Terri Weiner** on the loss of her mother, **Elayne B. Weiner**, who passed away on May 14, 2016.

**McNeel Jantzen** on the loss of her father, **Myron Gordon**, who passed away on May 30, 2016.

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## SUMMER 2016 ACTIVITIES

### Picnic Shabbat July 1

5:30 to 9 p.m. at Lake Padden

*Join us for a picnic and family Shabbat service at Lake Padden. The shelter by the playground is reserved from 5:30 to 9 p.m. We'll begin the brief musical service at 6:15 p.m.*

Bring your blankets and picnic baskets.

### Pool Party July 3

9:30-11:30 a.m. at Bayside Pool

502 Clark Rd, Bellingham

*Bring a dish to share (no glass dishes, please) as we swim and chat with friends new and old!*

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