

THE SHUL SHOFAR

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Pray with your feet

Beth Israel to march again in Pride Parade

Join your Beth Israel family in marching to support the LGBTQ community at Bellingham's Pride Parade on Sunday, July 9, 2017.

Last year was the first time our community marched in solidarity behind a banner at the Pride parade. It was a special and memorable time in our congregation's history. For some of the participants, it was a spiritual experience. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel said after marching with Dr. King in 1965 from Selma to Montgomery, that he felt his feet were praying. May this year's experience be just as meaningful to us.

Please show your support and let the local LGBTQ community know that they have an ally in Congregation Beth Israel.

Here are some details:

- We will be marching in the midst of other progressive faith communities.
- We will be marching behind a large banner.
- If you would like to march with us, please join us at 10:30 a.m. to line up. We will be located in the



Beth Israel congregants gather for the 2016 Pride Parade in Bellingham.

Habitat for Humanity parking lot on Cornwall Avenue.

- The parade will start promptly at noon this year and leave from the corner of Cornwall Avenue and Ohio Street. The parade ends at the Market Depot Square on Railroad Avenue.
- For details on the parade route, please check out BellinghamPride.org/pride-parade.
- As always, Pride loves to see very well behaved pets in the parade. Your furry friends are welcome to join.

For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:7)

FROM THE RABBI

A year in review

As we begin a new fiscal year on July 1, I thought it might be appropriate to share segments from my report to the community at the Annual Meeting, held May 21, 2017, at the new synagogue site. There was much to report



on from this past year and as always, it brings me joy to share those successes with you.

This year there were so many special aspects of synagogue

life that are worthy of note. The following is not meant to be a complete list by any means and I apologize in advance to those who might feel left out.

Andrea Shupack, our cantorial soloist continues to provide wonderful musical leadership to our community. As a solo rabbi, having Andrea lead us in song and prayer as well as teach all the different age groups has been wonderful for me both professionally and personally. For the past three years we have had to figure out how to fully incorporate this position into the budget and this year we finally managed to do that. I am very grateful to the board for making this happen. And I appreciate all of your support in helping to make this our new reality. As a growing community moving into

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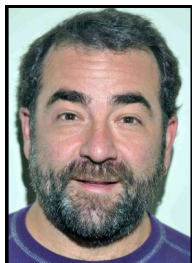
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From the President ...

Slight delays possible in move to new building

Dear fellow congregants,

Thank you for the honor of serving



as president of Congregation Beth Israel. I look forward to the privilege of working closely with our diverse and vibrant community. I know many of you, and I hope to get to know

many more of you during the next two years. At any time, please call or email me with your concerns, hopes, and needs for our CBI community. I offer great thanks to Dan Ohms for his fine work and leadership as president of CBI. He has navigated us to the shores of our new home. I thank our wonderful board for their dedicated service. I salute our synagogue staff: Rabbi Samuels, Mary Somerville, Sagit Hall, Andrea Shupack, and our teachers, with whom the board works closely for the success of CBI's endeavors. And I thank all of the committee chairs and lay leaders who give so much time and energy to our community.

Today I write with both good news and challenging news. The good news is that our new synagogue building is largely complete, and work outside the building that will allow us to gain occupancy is under way. After many, many years of incredible effort by our congregants, we are months away from moving into our new home. We should reflect proudly on this achievement. Our community of fewer than 250 member units has undertaken a major building project and brought it to the brink of completion. I have toured the site with out-of-town guests who have marveled at what we have accomplished. Our congre-

gation is growing, Jewish life in Bellingham and the region is being enriched, and we will have a new facility to match these strengths.

We have a target date of October 15, by which we must move out of 2200 Broadway, and it has been a long time goal to celebrate the High Holy Days in the new synagogue this September. Our Jewish traditions excel at marking lifecycle events. We will be leaving our historic and beloved home in the coming months, and we look to celebrate that transition to our new home by escorting our Torahs to the new synagogue, as generations before us have done. How and when this will happen is up in the air for now, as we have to plan for the possibility that work at the new site, along with necessary inspections, will not be completed in time to make it a seamless crossing from one side of the sea directly to the other shore.

The challenging news is that we have encountered potential delays to the exterior work that may put off our use of the building and grounds until after the High Holy Day season. A variety of factors, including a very busy building season and a shortage of necessary subcontractors, are causing delays to some aspects of this necessary work. Much of this exterior work must be completed in order for us to achieve the occupancy permit for the building. So we face a brief period of uncertainty; but it is the last hurdle in a long race in which we can finally see the finish line.

Therefore, the Board of Directors is actively making contingency plans for the High Holidays, as well as for finding temporary accommodations

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Book club takes on *The Fire Next Time*

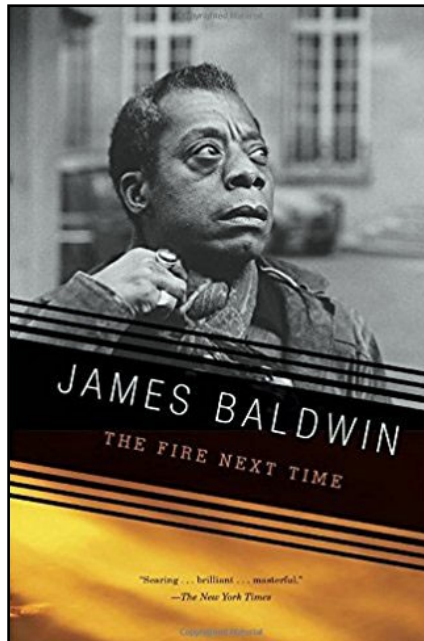
2 p.m. August 20, 2017
Location TBA

Last February nearly 30 congregants came together to discuss Michelle Alexander's seminal best seller, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* for our first-ever Social Action Book Club. We had an incredible conversation about race in America using the book as a jumping off point. Two take-aways came from that discussion for moving forward:

- Continue the conversation about racial justice by exploring another book on the topic.

- Choose a book that isn't so chock-full of statistics. In other words, select a book that is easier to read at night.

With that in mind, please considering attending our second Social Action Book Club meeting



at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 20, 2017. We will be discussing James Baldwin's 1962 classic, *The Fire Next Time*, which was originally a letter, written by Baldwin to his nephew on the 100th anniversary of the emancipation of black America. To understand where we are now, we must look to the past to assess how far we have (or have not) travelled. *The Fire Next Time* is a treasure in American literature and a central text that helped give voice to the Civil Rights movement.

Please note: You may purchase copies of the 128-page book through Amazon via the Beth Israel website.

Location TBD as our current social hall might be under construction. Information regarding the meeting will be in upcoming Wednesday e-news announcements.

Join Rabbi Samuels at URJ Biennial 2017 in Boston

December 6-10, 2017

Four years ago I went to my first URJ Biennial in San Diego, Calif., and two years ago I attended the conference in Orlando, Fla. Both were transformative experiences that continue to have an impact on my rabbinate as well as on my own Jewish journey. Learning and celebrating Jewish life with 5,000 other Reform Jews was the only time, outside of being in Israel, that I felt so connected to Jewish peoplehood. I look forward to going back in December and I hope many of you will join me.

So what is the URJ Biennial?

"At the largest Jewish gathering in North America, 5,000 attendees will come together to worship, learn, sing, build community, and shape the future of the Reform Movement. Get recharged with learning sessions, networking, plenaries, worship, and entertainment — all tailored to inspire and empower lay leaders, clergy and synagogue professionals.

"More than 140 sessions designed to provide congregational leaders with tools to enhance their effectiveness, and to highlight innovations in Jewish spiritual life. Presenters in-

clude experts in academia, the private sector, Reform Movement institutions, and congregations, offering sessions across five intensive tracks: Strengthening Congregations, Tikkun Olam, Audacious Hospitality, Youth Engagement, and Transforming Texts (in partnership with HUC-JIR)."

Some keynote speakers this year are: authors David Grossman, Anita Diamant, and Abigail Pogrebin as well as Rev. William Barber. Check out the full schedule and register at urj.org/biennial. Please let me know if you are interested.

— Rabbi Samuels

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Bat Mitzvah



Willow Corey-DuBow will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on July 15, 2017. She is the daughter of Tami DuBow and Frank Corey, and the sister of Teva Corey-DuBow.

Willow is an excellent selfie-taker, adept screenshot saver, and very logical arguer. She has taken lessons on the piano, viola, tuba, flute and ukulele. When not studying for her Bat Mitzvah,

Willow is a fan of reading, Snapchat, Hamilton, sweet Starbucks drinks, and spending time with friends.

For her mitzvah project, Willow rallied her community to important political activism in the form of letter-writing to save the planet.

Please join our family in celebrating this simcha:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

July 14, 2017 at 7:30 PM
at Congregation Beth Israel

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

July 15, 2017 at 10 AM
at Barnstar Events Venue
5295 S Church Road Ferndale WA
Outdoor ceremony with party afterward

Bat Mitzvah



Flora Joyce Booker will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 19, 2017. She is the daughter of Anna and Noah Booker and the sister of Julian.

Flora will be an eighth-grader at Whatcom Middle School. When she isn't working hard at her studies, her favorite free time activity is spending time with friends. Whether making up

games, going to the park, drawing or playing piano, Flo-

ra prefers to be doing it with friends. She also enjoys soccer, swimming, reading, baking and traveling with her family.

For her mitzvah project, Flora shared her cookie baking expertise with the Bellingham Community Meals Program as a volunteer baker for Saturday meals.

Please join our family in celebrating this simcha:

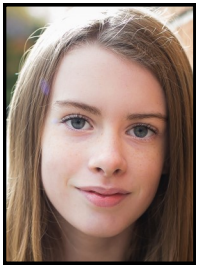
SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

AUGUST 18, 2017 AT 6:15 PM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

AUGUST 19, 2017 AT 10 AM

Bat Mitzvah



Olivia Probst will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 26, 2017. She is the daughter of Marcy and Jeff Probst and the sister of Elliot. Olivia is an eighth-grader at Whatcom Middle School. In her free time she loves creating jewelry, baking delicious treats and learning new songs on her ukulele. Olivia enjoys spending her time in Bellingham hanging out with

family and friends, but her greatest love by far is spending time in the Wenatchee Valley visiting extended family there.

For her mitzvah project, Olivia volunteers weekly at the Whatcom Humane Society giving TLC to the cats and small animals in the shelter.

Please join our family in celebrating this simcha:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

August 25, 2017 at 7:30 PM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

August 26, 2017 at 10 AM



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From the Social Action Committee ...

Upcoming: Parade, book drive, repairs

Mitzvah Day 2017 was a success: from making cards for use by the Care Committee and baking cookies for the CAST program, to cleanup at Stimpson Reserve and the CBI cemetery.

We also made more than 100 hygiene packs for Northwest Youth Services, the youth group held an anti-slavery fair trade food scavenger hunt, and congregants learned about how to defeat referendum I-1552.

Special thanks to project leaders Leslie Adelstein, Belle Shalom, Leah Voit, Sarah Witte, Kristin Sykes-David,

Andrea Shupack, Emily Weiner, Amanda Robins and Daniel Zagnoli.

Please plan to march with us in the Bellingham Pride Parade (page 1).

We are collecting donations in July and August of new or gently used children's books. Please place books in bins by the downstairs exit.

Interfaith Coalition could use help with exterior maintenance and repairs on its houses and would welcome help with: painting, tree/brush trimming, mowing, general carpentry, etc. Skilled or not, you can help! Call Interfaith at 734-3983, or email info@interfaith-coalition.org for to donate, volunteer, or learn more.

In addition, Interfaith helps collect

items for Project Homeless Connect, a one-day Bellingham event on July 21, that brings immediate access to services for the homeless. Needed are: hygiene items, new socks and underwear, blankets, sleeping bags, tarps, tents, backpacks, shoes, towels, diapers, baby wipes and formula. Bring items to the synagogue before July 13. To help, contact the Whatcom Volunteer Center at 734-3055.

Future plans include: discussing how we can make a difference with prison reform and designing recycling centers for the new synagogue.

Contact committee chair Linda Blackwell about the next meeting: (360) 647-9519.

Birthdays

JULY 2017

7/1 Sue Guenter-Schlesinger
7/2 Meg Jacobson
7/2 Brooke Kassen
7/3 Jaxon Mann (11th)
7/4 Sharona Feller
7/4 Mark MacDonald
7/5 David Goldman
7/5 Julie Hunter
7/5 Ayla Oliver (11th)
7/5 Jaelle Oliver (11th)
7/6 Dan Raas
7/6 Josh Shupack
7/7 Elsa Balton (22nd)
7/7 Michelle Beller-Siegfried
7/7 Rabbi Joshua Samuels
7/8 Daniel Ingberman
7/8 Gary Lazarus
7/10 Larry Hildes
7/10 Nali Lippman Schneider (10th)
7/11 Max Naiman (7th)
7/11 Naomi Schapiro (19th)
7/12 Langley

7/12 Avi Lindner (11th)
7/12 Lisa Press
7/13 Jack Fisher
7/14 Olivia Probst (13th)
7/14 Shelley Wolfman
7/15 Rick Levine
7/15 Evan Shupack (2nd)
7/16 Ali Morrow (19th)
7/17 Jay Saxton
7/18 Gus Evans (22nd)
7/18 Ruth Shuster
7/19 Lior Somers (9th)
7/20 Nicky Naiman
7/20 Isaac Orloff (13th)
7/20 Melissa Schapiro
7/21 Mel Damski
7/21 Elliott Johnson (19th)
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 (5th)

7/26 Larry Stahlberg
7/27 Jesse Naiman
7/27 Rebekah Sommers (10th)
7/28 Allan Hirsh
7/28 Jerry Johnson
7/28 Asher Suloway-Baker (18th)
7/29 David Edelstein
7/29 Evan Konikoff (8th)
7/30 Amalia Hall (3rd)
7/31 Jay Ramras

8/11 Andrew Evans
8/12 Victoria Garfinkle
8/13 Mara Donner (4th)
8/17 Betty Schwartz
8/19 Ron Bally
8/20 Jerry Eisner
8/20 Jordan Genut
8/20 Madison Nathanson (10th)
8/21 Marla Finkelstein
8/21 Janine Shaw
8/22 Wendy Holtzman
8/22 Andrea Shupack
8/23 Aaron Landau (21st)
8/23 Chloe Braunstein (5th)
8/24 Flora Booker (13th)
8/24 Donna Solomon
8/25 Vermeda Fred
8/26 Jacob Lebovich (15th)
8/26 Ashlie Shuman
8/26 Sylvia Williams
8/29 Martin Moskowitz
8/29 Leah Voit
8/31 Harold Katz

AUGUST 2017

8/1 Diana Lindner
8/2 Gabriella Genut (2nd)
8/6 Gilead Goldman (2nd)
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



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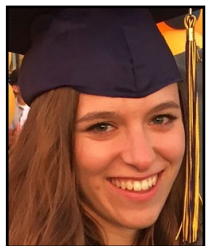
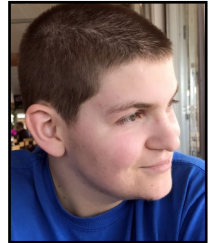
2017 GRADUATES

High School

Asher Suloway-Baker, son of Ann Suloway and Tim Baker, graduated from Sehome High School in June 2017. He will be spending the 2017-18 school year focusing on NFTY North American Board work and finishing his AA degree at Whatcom Community College.



Tristan Lloveras, son of Laura and Eric Leiske, graduated in June 2017 from Meridian High School. He plans to do some job shadowing in hopes of finding something that is a good fit for his abilities. He is interested in animals, construction and design.



Ellie Greenberg, daughter of Josh Greenberg and Anita Meyer, graduated from Burlington Edison High school with honors on June 9, 2017. She will be attending Willamette University in Salem Oregon with a Presidential Merit Scholarship. She is interested in studying to become an Occupational Therapist but is undecided at this time.

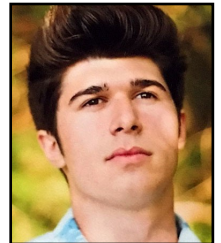


Amy Evans, daughter of Andrea and Andrew Evans, graduated from Squalicum High School in June 2017, and will be going to California Polytechnic State University to study Viticulture and Enology.



Talia Sheinkopf, daughter of Elizabeth and Russell Sheinkopf, is graduating from Sehome High School this spring as a valedictorian. She received the Washington State Honors award for excellence in academic achievement and honors for piano performance. She is attending Vassar College in the fall where she wants to experience as many subjects of study as possible, while she continues in dance, piano, and art.

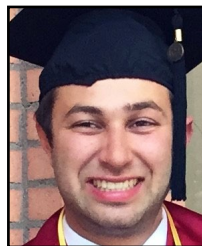
Eli Brennan, son of Mike and Kristan Brennan, will be traveling to Vietnam after graduating from Bellingham High School. When he returns he will work for a year before going back to school.



Elliott Johnson, son of Jodi Litt and Brad Johnson, graduated from Sehome High School in June 2017. He will attend The University of Oregon in the fall and will study business.

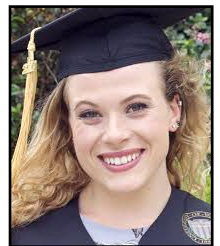
College

Jeffrey Levine, son of Rick and Tracey Levine, graduated from the University of Southern California in May 2017, with a double major in Environmental Studies and International Relations. He has a Fellowship with Princeton in Malawi (in Africa) for the next year, working on agriculture sustainability.



accepted into the Ph.D. Program for Chemistry Research at the University of Victoria in Victoria, B.C.

Julie Siegfried, daughter of Michelle and John Siegfried, graduated from the University of Washington with a bachelor of arts in Social Welfare and a minor in Law, Societies & Justice. She will join Avodah's Jewish Service Corps in New Orleans for 2017-18.



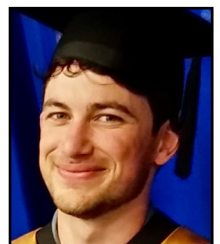
Zoe Sheinkopf, daughter of Elizabeth and Russell Sheinkopf, graduated this spring from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science in Brain and Cognitive Sciences, a minor in Mechanical Engineering, and a concentration in creative writing. She will work on design projects with refugee youth in Greece this summer, before pursuing a career in neuroscience.



Trevor Press, son of Mitch and Lisa Press, graduated in May 2017 from Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA, with a double major in Economics and Psychology.

Jaime Korner, daughter of Lynn and Michael Korner, graduated from Brandeis University in May 2017, and has been

Max Rosenthal, son of Amy Whiting and Warren Rosenthal, graduated from the University of Victoria with a bachelor of science degree in Combined Physics/Ocean Sciences (Ocean-Atmosphere Dynamics).



From the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning ...

Lehitraot to students, teachers, building

I am so grateful for all the wonderful happenings at Keshet this past school year! As a community, we continued with Keshet's mission of providing Jewish education in a fun, loving and engaging way. We enjoyed many field trips, educational



experiences outdoors, various Jewish celebrations, and so much more. At the end of the year, we reluctantly had to say

"Lehitraot" (so-long or see you) to some of our teachers including Lotem Raymond-Coe (after 5 years!), as well as Adam Coe, Tom Yedidia, and Barbara Boothby, who are either continuing with their education or on to other adventures.

Looking ahead, I am thrilled to envision the possibilities our program will have in the new synagogue space: new classrooms, art lab, youth lounge, parent lounge, and a dedicated Keshet kitchen. I can hardly wait. Keshet also will have special programming including: a year-long 70th birthday celebration of Israel, Jewish Journey Project (elective-based learning), outdoor classroom time, and more. We are blessed to have a majority of our teaching staff returning, and we all are eager to make this coming year a memorable



In collaboration with the Jewish National Fund, Keshet's 5777 Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration included several outdoor classroom learning activities

one for all of Keshet's students and their families.

Summer camp is an incredible opportunity to experiencing Jewish education. I am glad to see the increasing number of Keshet students who attend Jewish summer camps in the area. Whether through a silly song, an Israeli dance, or a fun game -- following each summer, they bring a piece of their rich, life-changing camp experiences back to Keshet. For you, campers, we send wishes of happy and safe travels! Anyone interested in information about the different

summer camps in the area, including URJ's Camp Kalsman, please contact me anytime.

Finally, all CBI members are invited to attend Keshet's Summer Pool Party at Bayside Swimming Club from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, August 13, 2017. Bring a dish to share (no glass, please).

—Sagit Hall שגית הול
Director, Keshet Center
for Jewish Learning

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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for the remainder of CBI's activities after October 15, in case we are still not able to achieve occupancy. Temporary arrangements are less than ideal, but we can look forward to the

imminent completion of our permanent new home. The board recognizes that its decision to sell our existing facility left open this possibility, but the funds from those sales have allowed us to complete the building and to get within sight of occupancy.

Please keep an eye out for updates as plans become more concrete.

Again, please contact me (steven.garfinkle@gmail.com) with any questions, concerns, or offers of help.

I look forward to a bright future with you all. L'chaim!

— Steven Garfinkle

FROM THE RABBI

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a new large space, this is of great importance.

Sagit Hall is really doing wonderful things with our youth education. One new aspect was the Jewish Journey project which allowed students to choose a subject they wanted to learn about over a three-week period. I love that we are thinking of new ways to engage our youth. Keshet is a great program and one that Sagit and I are always thinking about improving. I am certainly proud of the education we're providing for our children.

In February I chaperoned eight teens to Washington, D.C., to participate in the L'taken Social Justice Seminar with 400 other Jewish students from around the country. We lobbied our congressman and senators on issues relevant to us. What a memorable experience.

This year we hired congregants Amanda Robbins and Daniel Zagnoli to be our youth group leaders. They have enthusiasm, so many fresh ideas for gatherings and projects and I know that our teens are relating to them, but most importantly, Daniel and Amanda are creating spaces for our teens to be together.

In mid-May, nearly 60 of us returned from our fourth overnight shabbaton at Camp Kalsman. We had empty-nesters, seniors and young families. While it rained on us a bit, the weather cleared and we had such a fun time being together, eating in the chadar ohel, praying outside, doing yoga, going on hikes, playing baseball and just relaxing on shabbat.

Many of you have participated in the shabbat dinner crowds. This continues to be a wonderful way for our community to spend time together observing shabbat. I encourage everyone to participate at some point this year.

This winter we had our first social action book club, where we delved into the topic of racial justice by reading *The New Jim Crow*. A follow up book club, James Baldwin's *The Fire Next Time*, will be discussed on August 20, 2017.

Last summer we participated in the Bellingham Pride parade and we'll be marching again on July 9.

As for adult education, we continue to try and provide various courses for the community. One course I'm especially happy to have brought here is the Shalom Hartman iEngage class on Israel. It explores our relationship to Israel through video lectures of Hartman scholars and text study. We've had heated discussions but they all stem out of a place of love and concern. I hope you will sign up for this course if I offer it again.

Along with our Passover seder, which once again was a hit, we also had wonderful Purim and Hanukkah festivities. It will be so nice when everything can be in our new building. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events happen.

Speaking of leadership, we piloted a leadership development program for the URJ this year. I hope each of us can find ways to take on specific projects, tasks or events as we're all in this together. We have a very small staff, no executive director, membership, marketing or programming coordinators. So thank you in

advance for offering your time and skills in ensuring that we continue to provide all that our community asks for.

A special *today rabbah* to outgoing president Dan Ohms for leading us at such a significant time in our history. I know it wasn't a cake walk, but I hope you know how appreciative we all feel about you. And I am overjoyed that you'll be back in Ma'ayan Shir, perhaps playing saxophone again.

Finally, not long ago, I spoke about Judaism to a group of Christian and Muslim leaders. One man asked about the role forgiveness plays in Judaism. I said that it's a pretty major facet of our tradition but that sometimes we fall short of actually apologizing to one another. It's hard. I want to take this opportunity to apologize to those in our community who I may have failed in one way or another. From not calling or visiting soon after an illness, to not responding quick enough to emails or certain deadlines. To being insensitive to those who lead more traditional Jewish lives. To possibly alienating some for speaking out about issues that are important to me. For all of these things and then some, I ask for your forgiveness.

I have now been the rabbi for five years. These have been years filled with blessings for my family and for this congregation. Serving as your rabbi is not only a pleasure, but an honor, a holy task and a sacred responsibility. My prayer is that I will be worthy of your trust and that together we will embark on an even greater future for Beth Israel and for Reform Judaism here in Bellingham..

— Rabbi Joshua Samuels



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Sisterhood book group meeting

Sisterhood book group meets monthly at 2 p.m. on a Sunday. The next meetings will discuss:

July 23: TWO SHE BEARS by Meira Shelev.

August 27: THE TEMPLE BOMBING by Melissa Fay Greene.

September 24: ON BEING A JEWISH FEMINIST by Suzanna Heschel.

Locations to be announced. To be on the email list, contact Joan Wayne at jawayne2@gmail.com



Cantor Sharona Feller talks about Torah calligraphy during the Tikkun Leil Shavuot study session in May 2017.

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The wedding of Miriam Zderic and Perry Davids

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From: Karen Sloss

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* Larry Hildes
* Debbie Raas

From: Nancy Lloyd

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IN APPRECIATION TO:

Rabbi Samuels

From: David & Nancy Miller

Rabbi Samuels, with heartfelt thanks for our wedding

From: Miriam & Perry Davids

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

* Herbert Schneider (Wilmette, IL) on the loss of his beloved wife Renee

* Dee Beaumont (Rancho Mirage, CA) on the loss of her mother

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From: Merideth Goodman (Lynden, WA)

The naming of Lyla Simmie Attar

From: Cynthia Block (Sarasota, Fla.)

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Alan Soicher and family, to honor the memory of Judy Soicher, whose dedication & outstanding contributions to Congregation Beth Israel's Religious School enriched us all!

From: Sue, Hans-Rudolf and Sascha Guenter-Schlesinger

NEW SYNAGOGUE

IN APPRECIATION TO:

Cora Boothby

From: Larry & Melissa Stahlberg

IN HONOR OF:

The wedding of Miriam Zderic and Perry Davids

From: Karen Sloss

The marriage of our son, Aaron David, to Michelle Krall

From: Joel David & Kristin Sykes-David

Jaime Korer's graduation from Brandeis University

From: Karen Sloss
Bernice Loober

Max Rosenthal's graduation from the University of Victoria

From: Larry & Melissa Stahlberg
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Rabbi Josh and Nicole Samuels – Happy Special Birthdays!

From: Joan & Marv Wayne

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Linda Blackwell, on the loss of her father, Charles Blackwell

From: Nancy & Don Davis
Karen Sloss

Julie Hunter, on the loss of her sister, Amy Louisa Blank

From: Debbie & Dan Raas

Alan Soicher and family, on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Judy Soicher

From: Nancy & Don Davis
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Joan & Marv Wayne

David Miller and family, on the loss of his son, David Benjamin Miller

From: Debbie & Dan Raas

The Yenta speaks ...

Victoria and Gaby Mayers' are happy to announce the birth of granddaughter Lila Everly Mayers on May 7, 2017, at 4:22 p.m. at Swedish Hospital in Seattle. Proud parents are the Mayers' eldest son, Joshua Mayers and his wife, Jaymie, who live in Bothell with Lila's big sister Elia.



Meredith and Yaniv Attar, and big brother Jonah welcomed Lyla Simmie Attar into the world on May 16, 2017. She weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long.



Joel David and Kristin Sykes-David are happy to announce that their son, Aaron David, married Michelle Krall on April 29, 2017, in San Diego, CA. This summer they will move back to Washington state from Arcata, Calif., to live in Seattle.

Rodney Shainbom and Vermeda Fred welcome

grand-daughter Shaynie Jean Caldecott, born May 23, 2017, to Lauren and Gavin Caldecott, who live in New Westminster, B.C., with Shaynie's big brother, Jack.



Miriam Zderic and Perry Davids were happily married on May 7, 2017, in the sanctuary at Congregation Beth Israel. They were blessed to have special friends and family participate and be present as they stood under the chuppah with Rabbi Samuels as officiant.

Congregation Beth Israel welcomes new members **Jane and Erik Hammerstrom** of Bellingham.

Anniversaries

July 2017

July 3 Warren Rosenthal & Amy Whiting	(#30)
July 3 Andrea & Josh Shupack	(#12)
July 6 Rebecca & Tom Oliver	(#20)
July 7 Yaniv & Meredith Attar	(#10)
July 9 Mark & Helen Packer	(#22)
July 9 Ted & Penny Schuman	(#50)
July 10 Anna & Noah Booker	(#18)
July 12 Gary & Trisha Adelstein	(#30)
July 13 Sara Geballe & Steve James	(#9)
July 18 Christoph & Geraldine Reitz	(#25)
July 21 David & Katie Edelstein	(#44)
July 26 Jack & Karen Fisher	(#44)
July 26 Binnie Perper & Themeos Drossos	(#36)
July 30 Orly Ziv-Maxim & Tom Maxim	(#21)

August 2017

Aug. 1 Alyson & Brooke Kassen	(#7)
Aug. 2 Sylvia & John Williams	(#3)
Aug. 4 Josh Greenberg & Anita Meyer	(#21)
Aug. 5 Karen Katz & Niles Roberts	(#16)
Aug. 5 Dan & Debbie Raas	(#44)
Aug. 6 Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw	(#17)
Aug. 7 Millie & Jerry Johnson	(#36)

Aug. 11 Serge Lindner & Deborah Oksenberg	(#15)
Aug. 13 Tamar & Shawn Clarke	(#17)
Aug. 14 Kevin Donner & Angie Lee	(#13)
Aug. 15 Isaac & Wendy Blum	(#19)
Aug. 15 Ray Wolpow & Diane Leigh	(#16)
Aug. 16 Harriet & Manuel Emanuel	(#47)
Aug. 16 Mark & Teresa Sommers	(#15)
Aug. 17 Margaret Bikman & Jay Saxton	(#42)
Aug. 17 Stephanie Korn & Scott Mann	(#15)
Aug. 19 Shala Erlich & Warren Cornwall	(#16)
Aug. 20 L Langley & Lindsay Wells	(#12)
Aug. 20 Ken & Regan Levinson	(#11)
Aug. 20 Marc & Elizabeth Weinstein	(#12)
Aug. 21 Julia & Joel Bakken	(#12)
Aug. 21 Gayle Gordon-Martin & Stephen Martin	(#30)
Aug. 23 Laura & Eric Leiske	(#4)
Aug. 25 Warren & Marybeth Taranow	(#21)
Aug. 25 Shelley & Jay Wolfman	(#47)
Aug. 26 Miriam & Greg Schwartz	(#16)
Aug. 27 Daniel & Sharona Feller	(#39)
Aug. 27 Emil & Tannia Hecht	(#46)
Aug. 27 Barry & Kathi Paluch	(#14)
Aug. 29 Steve & Janis Ban	(#41)
Aug. 30 Linda & Allan Hirsh	(#58)
Aug. 31 McNeel & KJ Jantzen	(#15)

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



Beth Israel's vocal ensemble Ma'ayan Shir (foreground) and Rabbi Joshua Samuels sing the priestly blessing to the students completing Confirmation in May 2017.

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Yahrzeits

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

Friday, July 7 and Saturday, July 8

Myer Horwitz	7/10
Albert Shankman	7/10
Edward Witte	7/13
May Meyers	7/14
Bernice Shear	7/14

Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15

Earnest Ban	7/15
Willard Brown	7/15
Hugo M. Fisher	7/15
Goldie Bettman	7/16
William Brenner	7/16
Kathleen Clendenen	7/16
Hannah Samuels	7/16
Harold Korn	7/17
Ralph Weill	7/17
Syd Goldman	7/18
Seymour Karpas	7/18
Abraham Kassen	7/18
Seymour Pecarsky	7/19
Sophie Streitman	7/19
Jack Meyers	7/20

Friday, July 21

Linda Kleinfeld	7/22
Leaine (Lee) Farkas	7/23
Sandra Wilson	7/23

Alan Mazonson	7/24
Gary Snyder	7/24
Berte Fischel	7/25
Sylvia Glass	7/27
Philip Kahn	7/27
Rose Marks	7/27
Walter Mayers	7/28

Friday, July 28

David Frantz	7/30
Josefina Pombo de Rubiano	7/30
Martha Rosenthal	7/30
Alfred Steinmetz	7/30
Harriet Miles Bryant	8/3
William Fox	8/4

Friday, August 4

Goldie Dorfman	8/5
Edith DeVisser	8/6
Manny Hildes	8/6
Kaufman Katz	8/6
Fred (Fritz) London	8/6
Ira Benjamin Dement	8/7
Marvin Tartak	8/7
Daniel Kushner	8/8
Mark Wohl	8/8
Simon Sokol	8/10

Friday, August 11

Shirley Zell	8/13
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Bernard M. "Bun" Jaffe	8/14
Lilly Weiss	8/16

Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19

Liam Balton	8/19
Joseph Feiger	8/19
Arthur J. Miller	8/19
Merrie Schriro	8/19
Sadie Goldman	8/20
Melanie Smith	8/20
Josef Zimmerman	8/20
Sarah M. Gordon	8/21
Hella Elaine Weill Lyon	8/21
Rose Horowitz	8/22
Rose Z. Blecker	8/23
Sheldon Miller	8/23
Wally Moritz	8/23
James Bourne	8/25

Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26

Laura Netka	8/26
Keith Baker	8/27
Edna Milnes Walker	8/27
Max Glass	8/28
Reta Kahn	8/28
Dinah Godfrey	8/29
Lenore Lackowitz	8/29
Rebecca Shapira de Lindner	9/1

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