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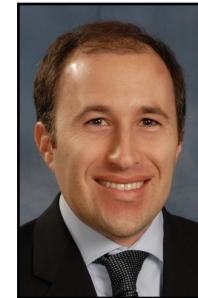


FROM THE RABBI

## Engaging Our Seniors

Throughout our people's history, the synagogue has been the

center of Jewish life in nearly every community where there have been Jews. In most of these places, the synagogue has



served various roles as well.

There is the *beit tefillah*, house of worship; the *beit sefer*, house of study; and the *beit knesset*, house of assembly. Beth Israel functions in this way as well, though, not entirely equally.

Much of what we do here is focused on our youth. I don't think there is anyone who would argue that instilling Jewish knowledge and pride in the hearts and minds of our youth is a bad thing. In fact, this might be the most important role we serve as a Jewish community. Our "health" depends on them. Luckily for us, we have an extraordinary Religious and Hebrew school, led by Sagit Hall, that has nearly doubled in size in the past two years. We just held an overnight Religious School family Shabbaton at Camp Kalsman that left each participant wanting

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*From the President***Volunteers strengthen community**

Last month I had the pleasure of attending our synagogue's Passover Seder at Bellingham Technical College. This event



was sold out, with more than 220 attendees. There was a strong feeling of community as Rabbi Samuels led us all in a very relaxed and enjoyable service. The success of this event was due to the hard work of its volunteer

organizing committee, co-chaired by Nicole Samuels and Amy Whiting. This is just one example of what can be accomplished by a few very dedicated volunteers. We owe the folks on this committee our thanks.

Many other volunteer-led events are in the works, including a comedy fundraiser for our new synagogue, another open house at our new synagogue, and a visit from the Israeli Scouts. These events only happen when caring volunteers drive them.

Rabbi Samuels recently initiated a new Programming/Events Team to create more opportunities for our members to get together outside of services, including a folk concert and women's night out in late April/early May.

I encourage you to attend our upcoming Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 4. In addition to electing new board members each year, this event is also a way to get informed about our congregation's accomplishments and hopes for the next year. We also get to mingle, have a drink and hors d'oeuvres. In addition, we will have a Committee Fair, giving committee members a chance to discuss what they do and attract new participants.

I urge you all to attend our annual meeting and find out what we have been doing. You may be surprised at all the opportunities to get involved.

John F. Kennedy once said: "Ask not

## Annual Meeting Sunday, May 4

6:15 p.m.: Wine & Cheese  
Social + Committee Fair

7 p.m.: Annual Meeting &  
Board Elections

Dessert nosh following meeting

Please plan to attend Beth Israel's Annual Meeting, where you'll hear about significant accomplishments of this past year, learn about exciting plans for the future, and elect the incoming Board of Directors and Board Officers.

Come early to enjoy a selection of wines and cheeses and learn more about the activities of our synagogue committees.

A dessert nosh and more time for socializing will follow the meeting.

what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." The same applies to our small, but growing synagogue community. As we saw at the Passover Seder, we "rock" when many of us chip in to make things happen.

See you soon!

— President Mitch Press

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### *The Shul Shofar*

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## Confirmation & Shavuot Service

**7:15 p.m. Tuesday,  
June 3**

Followed by a  
Shavuot- inspired  
dairy dessert oneg

This year, Rabbi Samuels has been meeting with our 9th grade students. Together, they have been learning about and discussing some of the most relevant social issues of our time--all through Jewish and teenage lenses. Confirmation is the culmination of one's Religious School journey. Please come and celebrate with these amazing individuals. They will inspire you with their words and bring much *naches* to our Beth Israel community.

Mazel Tov to Confirmation  
Class 2014:

Eli Brennan  
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Ellie Greenberg  
Asher Suloway-Baker  
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## Join us for Mitzvah Day 2014

*Shimon ben Gamliel teaches, "It is not what one says, but rather what one does that makes all the difference in the world."*

-Pirke Avot 1:17

In other words, Judaism is more concerned with deed than creed. On Sunday, June 1, we will come together as a community and perform mitzvot for our earth and people both near and far. Here are some of the activities you can participate in on Mitzvah Day:

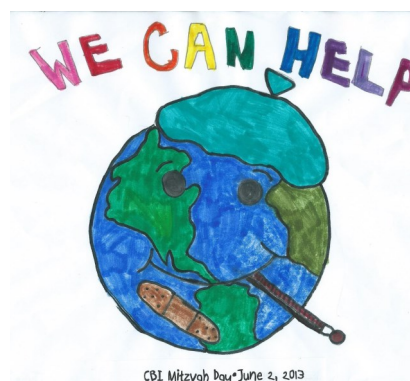
- Beautify our Jewish cemetery
- Make toys for animals at the Whatcom Humane Society
- Clean up a local trail and/or beach
- Pack emergency personal hygiene packets for Northwest Youth Services or Lydia Place
- Eat delicious baked goods
- Write letters to currently deployed service members and wounded soldiers
- Write and decorate cards for ill CBI congregants and children in the hospital
- Knit hats for infants

### Mitzvah Day Agenda:

- 10 a.m.: Project sign-ups and bagel breakfast/bake sale
- 10:30 a.m.: Opening ceremony with words from a guest speaker
- 10:45 a.m. Leave or stay for projects
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Engage in making this world a better place!



Working in a community garden, Mitzvah Day 2013.



Watch for more information in the weekly enews and on the website.

Questions about Mitzvah Day 2014?  
Contact Social Action co-chairs: Debbie Raas or Linda Blackwell.

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## Religious School News and Notes

# Lots of ruach for new youth activities

This spring has been a busy season for the religious school! We celebrated a joyous Purim with the entire community at our spectacular combined event, which included a Megillah reading, shpiel and carnival. We were amazed by the reading skills of our Hebrew students, the creative talents of the performers and writers among us, the willingness of our teens to entertain the younger children, and of course the hard work of volunteers from our school and the greater temple community. Special thanks to Marcia Lippman for facilitating every aspect of this great event and to Josh Greenberg for procuring all the prizes! Thanks also to our bakers, food servers, ticket sellers, loaders and unloaders, decorators, and to everyone who helped along the way.

Religious school families recently enjoyed an overnight **Shabbaton at Camp Kalsman**. During this special event, organized by school Director Sagit Hall, we experienced a particularly spiritual Shabbat, with moving outdoor services led by Rabbi Samuels. The children attended morning classes culminating with a Passover performance, while the adults participated in a fascinating discussion with Rabbi Samuels about unexpected connections among chocolate, slavery and Passover. Saturday afternoon, we took advantage of the beautiful



Having a good time during Religious School Shabbaton at Camp Kalsman. More photos online at [www.bethisraelbellingham.org](http://www.bethisraelbellingham.org), on the Religious School page.

weather to canoe, explore the beautiful grounds at Kalsman, and play outside.

Please plan on attending our **Teacher Appreciation Shabbat** on Friday, May 2, 2014. This service, which will acknowledge the amazing efforts of our religious school staff, begins at 6:15 p.m. Please bring a vegetarian, nut-free dish to share after the service.

As the summer approaches, we are looking forward to our **end of the year picnic**. This year, the picnic will be on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at Lake Padden immediately following Sunday School. Please join us for lunch, followed by fun and games.

Although religious school will not be in session during the summer, we will have a **Religious School pool party** at Bayside pool, tentatively set for Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014, from 9:30

## New NFTY-PHAT Adviser

Rachel Sager recently took on the role of NFTY-PHAT adviser. PHAT (People Here at Temple) is the Bellingham chapter of the National Federation of Temple Youth, a youth group for teens.

Rachel, who grew up at Beth Israel, is a recent WWU grad with a bachelor's degree in therapeutic recreation.



She says, "My hope is that we can find fun and exciting opportunities to take part in as a group, building our connection with each other and with the community!"

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## Bar Mitzvah

**Max Johnson** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 17, 2014. He is the son of Jodi Litt and Brad Johnson, and the younger brother of Elliott Johnson.



Max is in seventh grade at Whatcom Hills Waldorf School, where he has been a student since first grade. He loves to play all sports and currently participates in the Mariner basketball program and Ranger soccer. He has played piano since he was 4 and particularly enjoys playing – anytime, anywhere – with his friends. He loves skiing with his family and hanging out with his dog, Maya.

For his *mitzvah* project, Max volunteered at Bellingham Boys & Girls Club after school twice a week, helping younger children with their schoolwork and sports skills.

Please join our family in celebration:

### SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

May 16, 2014 at 7:30 PM

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

May 17, 2014 at 10 AM

## Bar Mitzvah

**Adam Meyer Greenberg** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 28, 2014. He is the son of Joshua Greenberg and Anita Meyer and brother of Ellie.



Adam is a 7<sup>th</sup>-grader at Bay View Elementary school in Burlington. He enjoys playing a host of sports including basketball, soccer and track. Adam also has been taking piano lessons for four years and enjoys playing classical and rag time music.

For his *mitzvah* project, Adam has been helping in the Bay View first grade classroom twice a week, working with children to improve reading skills.

Please join Adam and his family in celebration:

### SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

June 27, 2014 at 7:30 PM

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

June 28, 2014 at 10 AM

## Birthdays

### May 2014

5/2 Lucas Roling (10th)  
5/2 Richard Trank  
5/3 Louis Hunter (18th)  
5/4 Bobbie Jaffe  
5/5 Rick Adelstein  
5/5 Russell Sheinkopf  
5/6 Gary Adelstein  
5/8 Greg Schwartz  
5/10 Penny Schuman  
5/12 Warren Cornwall  
5/13 Joseph Anderson  
5/13 Tim Baker  
5/13 David Cohn  
5/13 Adam Greenberg (13th)  
5/13 Karen Weill  
5/15 Alex Boarnet (11th)

5/16 Max Johnson (13th)  
5/17 Suzanne Fischel Kite  
5/18 Kendra Bradford  
5/18 Adelle John  
5/19 Kathy Grossman  
5/19 Nakobe Morgan Parmett (10th)  
5/20 John Siegfried  
5/20 Emily Weiner  
5/21 Meredith Attar  
5/21 Stephanie Soicher  
5/21 Ann Suloway  
5/22 Danny Finklestein  
5/23 Isaac Blum  
5/23 Darren Boarnet  
5/23 Serge Lindner  
5/23 Ezra Price (10th)  
5/24 Harriet Fine

5/24 Jeffrey Holtzman  
5/24 Stephen Martin  
5/24 Becki Van Glubt  
5/25 Alan Barney  
5/26 Robin Chalfie (13th)  
5/27 Fay Farkas  
5/27 Bettina Fisher  
5/27 Robert Sylvester  
5/28 Francine Hoch  
5/28 Herman Tabak  
5/29 Kim Moskowitz  
5/29 Aline Wanne  
5/31 Hannah Rose  
5/31 Todd Witte

### June

6/1 Elena Lipson  
6/1 Steve Spitzer  
6/1 Caden Stoane (12th)  
6/2 Alan Chalfie  
6/2 Leila Shavelson  
6/3 Kathy Greenberg  
6/3 Hans-Rudolf Guenter-Schlesinger  
6/3 Linda Hirsh  
6/3 Burton Jay  
6/4 Sam Hunter (14th)  
6/4 Judith Osman  
6/4 Belle Shalom  
6/6 Raphael Engle  
6/6 Rachel Goodman (14th)  
6/7 Adrienne Champagne

6/7 Frank Champagne  
6/7 McNeel Jantzen  
6/8 Chris Balton  
6/8 Janet Seltzer  
6/9 Renata Reitz (21st)  
6/10 James Prickett  
6/11 Diane Garmo  
6/11 Marcy Probst  
6/11 Adin Sokol (12th)  
6/12 Henry Zemel  
6/13 Leslie Shankman  
6/14 Susan Kendal  
6/15 Diane Leigh  
6/16 Lee Shapiro  
6/16 Stuart Zemel  
6/17 Todd Shuster  
6/19 Rena Ziegler  
6/20 Phyllis Mazur  
6/21 Ruth Schneider  
6/22 Milo Levinson (5th)  
6/23 Leah Reitz (16th)  
6/24 Jill Elkayam  
6/25 Mike Brennan  
6/25 Julia Schwartz (12th)  
6/26 Tracy Diller  
6/26 Nate Fine  
6/26 Jim Salmans  
6/26 Jeremiah Witte (7th)  
6/26 Nathaniel Witte (7th)  
6/27 Sid Wanne  
6/29 Nicole Samuels

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## Faces in our community

# Coming home after 40 years

By LINDA HIRSH

Like the ancient Israelites, Gayle Gordon-Martin left Bellingham for a 40-year exodus. The difference was, Gayle returned -- to her native town and to her *shul*, Congregation Beth Israel.

Both Gayle and her husband Steve lived in Bremerton then moved to Indianapolis, Steve's hometown. In the interim, she left behind her observance of Judaism.

"I felt disconnected. I was in my own desert and had to find my way back," she said.

What brought her back was a tragic rash of deaths including brother Hank in 2011 and beloved mother and longtime Beth Israel member Rita Gordon in February 2013. Rabbi Cindy Enger helped her shape "a proper Kaddish," for Hank and Rabbi Joshua Samuels helped with the burial and the unveiling for Rita.

At first these services did not stem from spirituality. But holding books her family held and speaking words they spoke reconnected her to the synagogue where her father, Bill Gordon, was president in the early '70s.

"I went out of respect for my family and stayed out of love," she said.

Two months after Rita's funeral, Gayle and Steve joined CBI. Her *tshuvah* has forged such a powerful desire to learn that she studies Hebrew with Judy Soicher and recently lead Torah Study in



Gayle Gordon-Martin and husband Steve Martin

Rabbi Samuels' absence.

As a native, Gayle remembers Bellingham's slower pace. The synagogue though, she said, remained the same -- its distinctive scent, the sanctuary's upholstered benches and wallpaper that her mom and fellow congregant, Bonnie Stone approved "not to redecorate but to patch up."

For Steve, Bellingham "has the benefits of a big town with a small town feel." As for CBI, "We've met people we expect will be close friends for life," he said.

Gayle left town in 1977 to attend Washington State University in Pullman. She met Steve, a fellow housemate in

Bremerton where she worked as a parole officer for the Department of Corrections in 1984. He was a Sonar Chief in the US Navy stationed on board a nuclear submarine. Marrying in 1987, they moved to Indianapolis until the recession pushed them west again. While in Indiana they fostered more than 20 children of diverse races and faiths. One, Tammy, they adopted at age 18, to make family love permanent. Now 35, Tammy and her husband Chris have given the Martins a grandchild, Breanna, age

5, a CBI religious school student who helped bake matzoh at Passover.

Steve's mixed heritage stands in contrast with Gayle's background. His mother was a Roman Catholic, his father a southern Baptist minister. Each church wanted him, "so I chose not to set foot in either," he said. Now, stepping across CBI's threshold, he has found a "a warm and welcoming connection and a rekindled relationship with God."

*Linda Hirsh has lived in Bellingham for 16 years. She spent 10 years reporting for The Hartford Courant in Connecticut, has two story/cookbooks in print, a chapbook of poetry and another coming out in Summer 2014.*



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# Yom Ha'atzmaut

6:30 p.m. Monday, May 5

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This year, get ready to taste and vote for your favorite hummus in our 2nd annual Israeli food cook-off. We will also have an Israeli trivia contest, a live concert projected on the big screen and more. This event is free. Bring your friends!



Gan Yeladim class makes Israeli flags, 2013.

## FROM THE RABBI

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to come back for more. (This will certainly be an annual event.) And as you will read more about in this issue, I had the honor of taking seven of our teens to Washington, D.C., in March, where they lobbied on Capitol Hill on contemporary issues that resonate with them in a deep and meaningful way. CBI as a *beit sefer* is running very well.

I wonder, however, if all of our energy going into fostering the next generation of Jewish leaders is neglecting those in our community who have already served as leaders in this or any other Jewish community. In other words, are we serving the needs of the empty-nester and elderly population as well as we are serving the needs of our youth? Is our *beit kneset* as strong as our *beit sefer*? My guess is that we would all answer "No."

Surprisingly (or not), most synagogue communities today heavily cater to their young families and youth, mainly for the reasons stated above, but also because it's hard enough attracting this population, let alone retaining them past their bar/bat mitzvah. Therefore much research and effort goes into figuring out ways to engage this demographic. On the other hand, those who have been in the Jewish community for many years are less likely to leave and thus, there are not nearly as many programs aimed at engaging this equally important group of people.

The Talmud singles out the elderly in our communities in a powerful way. In *Berachot* 8b, we read, "Show respect to an elderly man who has forgotten his learning through no fault of his own, for we have learned that the fragments of the old tablets [the Ten Commandments]

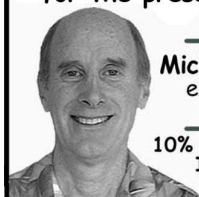
were kept alongside the new tablets in the Ark of the Covenant." What we learn from this passage is that just as the shattered remains of the "older" tablets were regarded as equally holy and treated with the same amount of respect as the newer version, so too must we show the same respect and veneration to our more learned and aged community members. They deserve nothing less.

The question remains: How do we do this? How should we be engaging this population in equally meaningful ways? How can Beth Israel also blossom into a thriving *beit kneset*? I now charge you with answering these questions. Send your ideas to me. Give me a call. Visit me! I am happy to buy you a cup of coffee and discuss how we can create an environment in which every member has a place to go on their Jewish journey. Let's start the conversation.

— Rabbi Joshua Samuels

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## L'taken Reflections

In March, I had the privilege of traveling to Washington, D.C., with 7 of our teens to participate at the Religious Action Center's L'taken Social Justice Seminar. I wish the whole Beth Israel community could have been flies on the walls, because you would have been blown away by what our teens experienced. I wish more people heard them speak at a Shabbat service a few weeks ago when they spoke of their life-changing weekend. It certainly was a profound experience for me and one that I will never forget. Included in this Shofar issue are a few excerpts of the reflections they shared at the service. You should all be very proud of our teens. I know I am.

--- Rabbi Joshua Samuels

### Asher Suloway-Baker

L'taken was an incredibly enriching experience. Never in a million years did I think that I would go to Washington D.C. with Sunday School! ... Taking part in the workings of national government was amazing and is an experience that I don't think I would have otherwise. I was able to fight for issues I deeply cared about; for example, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), on a massive scale. I also was able to enrich myself about more great social justice issues. ... I am so thankful I was given this amazing opportunity.

### Naomi Schapiro

... One of the best things was meeting people from all over the United States. There were over 300 Jewish people there, which was so cool. I now have friends all over the country... I learned a lot about the government ... We had one night to write a speech about a topic that was important to us, and then the next morning we went to Congress and actually read our papers to our representatives. ... It was an amazing experience, something that I didn't think I would ever have a chance to do.

### Amy Evans

During my time at L'Taken I learned a lot about myself as an individual and as a Jew. ... Hearing about many problems that are happening around the world made me realize how fortunate I really am. I also learned that everyone is able to make a difference no matter one's age. During school I have always felt kind of alone being one of the only practicing Jews, but over the weekend I learned I am not alone.

## Happy Anniversary

### May 2014

- May 1 Mitch & Lisa Press (# 20)
- May 1 Richard & Idalina Trank (# 10)
- May 7 Steven & Victoria Garfinkle (# 20)
- May 8 **Elka & Myron Fink** (# 59)
- May 9 John & Melissa Schapiro (# 21)
- May 12 Jeffrey & Wendy Holtzman (# 29)
- May 16 Larry & Melissa Stahlberg (# 36)
- May 18 Rick & Leslie Adelstein (# 39)
- May 21 Larry Hildes & Karen Weill (# 14)
- May 24 Nicole & Darren Boarnet (# 16)
- May 24 Rick & Tracey Levine (# 27)
- May 24 Rebecca & Andrew Orloff (# 16)
- May 27 Lynne & Mark MacDonald (# 36)
- May 29 Darcie Donegan & Phil Buri (# 21)
- May 29 Rabbi Joshua & Nicole Samuels (#9)

### June 2014

- June 2 **Jay & Donna Solomon** (# 50)
- June 10 Frank & Adrienne Champagne (# 2)
- June 12 Gaby & Victoria Mayers (# 29)
- June 16 Tammy & Daryl Dixon (# 7)
- June 18 David & Jill Elkayam (# 36)
- June 19 Ann Suloway & Tim Baker (# 21)
- June 21 Justin & Helen Morgan Parnett (# 11)
- June 23 Michelle & Joseph Anderson (#13)
- June 23 Meg Jacobson & Russell Pritchett (# 40)
- June 23 David & Rena Ziegler (# 46)
- June 24 **Burton & Susan Jay** (# 58)
- June 25 Sarah & Todd Witte (# 14)
- June 30 Orly Ziv-Maxim & Tom Maxim (18)

Did we miss your anniversary this month? If so, please call the office at 733-8890 or send an e-mail to [office@bethisraelbellingham.org](mailto:office@bethisraelbellingham.org) and let us know the month, day & year of your special day. We want to celebrate with you!



## From the Social Action Committee

### Not for your eyes only ...

Thanks to all who contributed books and DVDs for children at the Interfaith Clinic and in Interfaith Coalition Houses. Children who visit the clinic are allowed to take home a gently used book each visit. The Interfaith families can read together and watch videos because of your generosity. Thank you!

### Shavuot and Milk Money

It is traditional to serve milk foods for Shavuot. We think of blintzes associated with Torah scrolls and other milk foods associated with Israel, the land of milk and honey. Because of this association, we collect milk money for the Bellingham Food Bank in the month of May, when Shavuot usually falls.

With \$750 we can supply a half gallon of milk to each family every time they visit the Food Bank. Leave donations in the tzedaka box in the sanctuary foyer or in the synagogue office. **Checks should be made out to the Bellingham Food Bank.** Please get your donations in before May 31.

### Chametz, 'Grogger' donations

We delivered 70 pounds of food to the Food Bank from the Purim grogger food drive. As of this writing, we haven't picked up the Chametz yet. We thank you for donating it and Belle Shalom for transporting it to the Food Bank.

### Personal care products

We usually collect those small-size soaps, shampoos, lotions and toothpaste for CAST. During Mitzvah Day we will make personal care packets for people in emergency housing. Please bring travel size items to our baskets on or before Mitzvah Day, June 1. We also will be collecting these items for the rest of the summer for CAST.

### Mitzvah Day

We need **EVERYONE** to take part in this wonderful day June 1. Help clean the cemetery! Do hand work for the needy! Clean a trail or a creek! Work in a garden! Make holiday cards for Jews in the military! Pack bags of personal care items for homeless people!

Come to the synagogue at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 1, for a bake sale and bagels. We will have a speaker from a social service agency and then scatter to our projects. Kids must be accompanied by their adults. Carpool to projects. We will finish at about 1 p.m.

There will be something you can do. Research shows doing a mitzvah will make you happier. Come get happy!!!

## Movie, Discussion at Pickford's Limelight

Noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, 2014

Part of "Writers in the Limelight" series, with Village Books

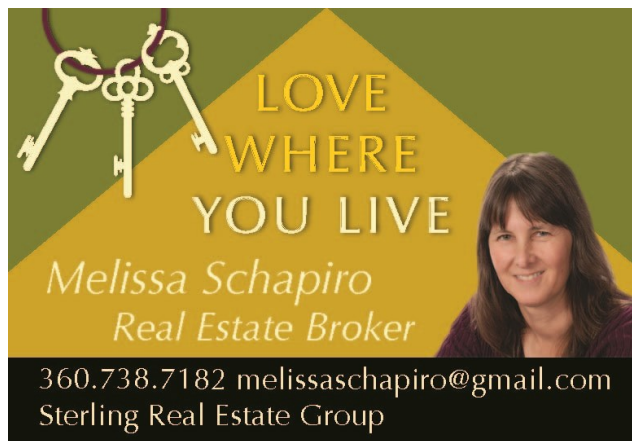
Watch **Thomas Buergenthal** discuss his book, ***A Lucky Child: A Memoir of Surviving Auschwitz as a Young Boy***, in this special movie showing at the Pickford Film Center's Limelight Cinema. (Author is not attending this event). Tickets are \$6 at Pickford Film Center. Village Books will host a discussion after the showing and will provide books for sale at the event. Thomas Buergenthal is now a judge in the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

### The Yenta speaks .....

A number of our Religious School students participated in BAAY's Fiddler on the Roof: **Kayla Orloff** (as Yente), **Maya Cornwall** (as Mottle), **Isaiah Soicher** (as Mottle) and **Noam Richmond** as Tevya.

### Welcome to our new members:

- **Jeffrey & Wendy Holtzman**
- **Laura Langley & Lindsay Wells**, plus daughters **Aniel Wells-Langley** (age 5) and **Sivan Wells-Langley** (age 3)
- **Marcy & Jeff Probst**, plus daughter **Olivia** (age 9) and son **Elliot** (age 7)



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# Yahrzeits

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

## Friday, May 2

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Etta Fine                  | May 3 |
| Karleen Press              | May 4 |
| Naomi Krauzer Feinberg     | May 5 |
| Mary Widerkehr             | May 6 |
| Abraham Morton             | May 8 |
| Judy Aikens                | May 9 |
| Kenneth Altose             | May 9 |
| Frederick (Freddy) Kullman | May 9 |
| Lloyd Saxton               | May 9 |
| Esther Siegel              | May 9 |
| Lucie Weis                 | May 9 |

## Friday, May 9 & Saturday, May 10

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Felicia Keller     | May 10 |
| Sergio Shwadsky    | May 10 |
| Barbara Vaughan    | May 10 |
| Ray Jay            | May 11 |
| Sally Warshay      | May 11 |
| Herman Rudolf      | May 12 |
| Pearl Albert       | May 13 |
| Helen M. Greenberg | May 13 |
| Elaine Greenberg   | May 14 |
| Alan Raas          | May 15 |
| Saul S. Spiro      | May 15 |
| Victor Thal        | May 15 |
| Jeanne Glennon     | May 16 |

## Friday, May 16 & Saturday, May 17

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Florence Marcus          | May 17 |
| Margaret Horwitz         | May 19 |
| Emanuel Jacobson         | May 19 |
| Louis Suloway            | May 19 |
| Maia Haykin              | May 20 |
| Barbara (McNulty) Higham | May 20 |
| Evelyn Renfro            | May 20 |
| Lloyd Relin              | May 21 |
| Irwin Suloway            | May 22 |
| Jack Kleinfeld           | May 23 |
| Mary Mueller Thal        | May 23 |

## Friday, May 23

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Marjery Ann Altose | May 25 |
| Jean Dement        | May 25 |
| Audrey May King    | May 25 |
| Rebecca Leavitt    | May 25 |
| Arnold Zolotrow    | May 25 |
| Rose Thal          | May 26 |
| Louis Adelstein    | May 27 |
| Rose Block         | May 27 |
| Samuel Gelb        | May 27 |
| Nan Lopresti       | May 28 |
| William Stone      | May 28 |

## Friday, May 30 (will be read on May 23)

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Samuel Emanuel       | May 31 |
| Oscar Evans          | June 1 |
| Ethel Sandford       | June 2 |
| Samuel Schwartz      | June 2 |
| Louise Hecht         | June 4 |
| Marvin Globberman    | June 5 |
| Belle Kaplan Shapiro | June 5 |
| Mendel Zell          | June 5 |
| Denise Guren         | June 6 |
| Dorothy Katz         | June 6 |
| Rose Millstein       | June 6 |
| David Tall           | June 6 |

## Friday, June 6

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Joseph Simon             | June 8  |
| Walter Camp              | June 9  |
| Jay Renfro               | June 9  |
| Anne Frank               | June 10 |
| Gussie Gelb              | June 10 |
| Donald Glazer            | June 10 |
| Rosalind Kantor          | June 10 |
| William Robinson         | June 12 |
| Marion Selznick          | June 12 |
| Emma (Weigt) Korneck     | June 13 |
| Marjorie Fineberg Powell | June 13 |

## Friday, June 13

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Frances Glazer Garmo | June 14 |
|----------------------|---------|

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| David Ohms            | June 14 |
| Miriam Shepard        | June 14 |
| Marcia M. Morris Yust | June 14 |
| Esther Bortman        | June 15 |
| Jack Glazer           | June 16 |
| Jennie Schrader       | June 16 |
| Adam Frank            | June 17 |
| Edward R. Glazer      | June 17 |
| Stanley Schlanger     | June 17 |
| Rose Rebecca Glazer   | June 18 |
| Vincent Romito        | June 18 |
| Bess Briskie          | June 19 |
| Bill Lewis            | June 19 |

## Friday, June 20 & Saturday, June 21

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| (Julia Thal Karsh)    | June 21 |
| Marcella Schapiro     | June 21 |
| Albert Grieff         | June 22 |
| Irving Edward Shapiro | June 23 |
| Robert Stern          | June 25 |
| Harold "Bud" Blank    | June 26 |
| Rasela Catz           | June 26 |
| Michael Kendal        | June 26 |
| Ann Dechter           | June 27 |
| Sol Harris Lewis      | June 27 |
| Arthur Thal           | June 27 |
| Lawrence Witte        | June 27 |
| Libby Witte           | June 27 |
| Sandy York            | June 27 |

## Friday, June 27 & Saturday, June 28

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Adrienne Benson      | June 28 |
| Eshka Rosenberg      | June 28 |
| David Horwitz        | June 29 |
| Morton Schneider     | June 29 |
| Marita Shure         | June 30 |
| Elaine Lev Beller    | July 1  |
| Rachel Emanuel       | July 3  |
| Faye Goldberg-Miller | July 4  |
| Nathan Lassman       | July 4  |

# In Memoriam

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

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

\* **Rick Romito** on the loss of his mother, **Felicia Elizabeth Romito**, who passed away on March 24, 2014.

\* **Nora and Nadia Mazonson** on the

loss of their mother-in-law and grandmother,

\* **June Mazonson**, who passed away on March 25, 2014.

\* **Richard Trank** on the loss of his step-father, **Loren Lund**, who passed away on April 1, 2014.

Our congregation mourns the loss of longtime Beth Israel congregant, **Gea Goldfeder**, who passed away on March 15, 2014. Our condolences go to her children – Gil, Shari, and Donny Cohen – and to all of their family members.

# Special Fund Donations

## NEW SYNAGOGUE FUND

### IN HONOR OF:

- \* Debbie Raas, Happy Special Birthday
- \* Talya Sanger, on her Bat Mitzvah

**FROM:** *Bonnie & Alan Stone*

### IN APPRECIATION OF:

- \* Debbie Adelstein, in thanks for all her wonderful assistance
- \* Steve & Janis Ban, in thanks for all their wonderful support & assistance
- \* Anne Brown, in thanks for her many kindnesses to Arni

**FROM:** *Bernice Loober*

- \* Joan Wayne, for her contribution to the Sisterhood book group.

**FROM:** *Sarann Donegan*

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- \* Frank Champagne, on the loss of his father, Ken Biggin

**FROM:** *Anne Brown*

- \* Gil, Shari & Danny Cohen, on the loss of their mother, Gea Goldfeder

**FROM:** *Joan & Marv Wayne*

- \* Bernice Loober, on the loss of beloved husband and father, Arnold Loober

**FROM:** *Deborah Loober*

- \* Nora & Nadia Mazonson, on the loss of her mother-in-law, June Mazonson

**FROM:** *Anne Brown*

### CONTRIBUTION FROM:

*Rick Wasserman (Sacramento CA)*

## CAMP & YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

### IN SUPPORT OF:

- \* The L'taken Social Justice trip to D.C,
- FROM:** *Amy Whiting, Joan & Marv Wayne*

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- \* Gil, Shari & Danny Cohen, on the loss of their mother, Gea Goldfeder

## 14 Camp Scholarships awarded

The Beth Israel Camp Scholarship Fund happily awarded 14 children from our congregation scholarships to assist their families with tuition to attend Camp Kalsman (or any URJ camp). The distribution amount is the same per child and is based on the available funds.

We want to thank our families for recognizing the value of Jewish summer camping for their children, and especially thank all who have donated to the fund. Keep it coming!

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.

**FROM:** *Emil & Tannia Hecht, Marta Brand, Dan & Debbie Raas*

- \* Nora Mazonson, on the loss of her mother-in-law, June Mazonson

**FROM:** *Joan & Marv Wayne, Dan & Debbie Raas*

- \* Frank Champagne, on the loss of his father, Ken Biggin

**FROM:** *Dan & Debbie Raas*

- \* Rick Romito, on the loss of his mother, Felicia Romito

**FROM:** *Dan & Debbie Raas*

### IN MEMORY OF:

- \* Frank Champagne's father, Ken Biggin
- FROM:** *Whatcom Community Foundation*

### DONATION FROM:

*Beth Israel Sisterhood*

## CARE COMMITTEE

### IN APPRECIATION TO:

- \* The committee, Thank you for the yummy hamantaschen.

**FROM:** *Bernice Loober*

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### IN HONOR OF:

- \* Al Rosen, for his 90th birthday,

- \* Arthur Rivkin, for his 90th birthday, Barbara Fuller, for her birthday

**FROM:** *Rhoda & Peter Samuels*

### IN APPRECIATION TO:

- \* Rabbi Samuels, in thanks for the Living Room Learning class

**FROM:** *Bettina Fisher, Steve & Rita Spitzer*

- \* Rabbi Samuels

**FROM:** *Katie Comstock*

- \* Rabbi Samuels, for his service to the congregation.

**FROM:** *Gayle Gordon-Martin & Steve Martin*

### IN MEMORY OF:

- \* Our dear friend, Gea Goldfeder

**FROM:** *Shelly & Phyllis Mazur*

- \* Nora Mazonson, on the loss of her mother-in-law, June Mazonson

**FROM:** *Paul Blum & Alison Zak*

## GENERAL FUND

### CONTRIBUTION FROM:

*Rhonda McMartin*

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### IN HONOR OF:

Elinor Pravda's strength and faith

**From:** *Idalina Trank*



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## Service Schedule

### Friday, May 2, 6:15 pm:

Shabbat Family service & Teacher Appreciation, w/ leadership help from Religious School K/1<sup>st</sup> grade class; potluck dinner\* afterward

### Saturday, May 3, 9:30 am:

Torah Study

### Friday, May 9, 7:30 pm:

Shabbat evening service

### Saturday, May 10

#### • 9:30 am: Torah Study

#### • 10:30 am: Shabbat morning service; potluck\* Kiddush lunch afterward

### Friday, May 16, 7:30 pm:

Shabbat evening service, with leadership from Max Johnson

### Saturday, May 17, 10 am:

*Bar Mitzvah  
of Max Johnson*

### Friday, May 23, 7:30 pm:

Shabbat evening service

### Saturday, May 24, 9:30 am:

Torah Study

### Friday, May 30: NO SHABBAT SERVICE

Please welcome Shabbat at home with family & friends

### Saturday, May 31

#### • 9:30 am: Torah Study

#### • 11 am: Tot Shabbat; potluck Kiddush lunch\* after

### Tuesday, June 3, 7:15 pm:

Shavuot Festival service and Confirmation, with special oneg afterward

### Wednesday, June 4, 10 am:

Shavuot Festival service with Yizkor memorial.  
*Blintze* luncheon afterward (not a potluck)

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### Friday, June 6, 6:15 pm:

Shabbat family service; potluck dinner\* afterward

### Saturday, June 7, 9:30 am:

Torah Study

### Friday, June 13, 7:30 pm:

Shabbat evening service

### Saturday, June 14

#### • 9:30 am: Torah Study

#### • 11 am: Tot Shabbat; potluck Kiddush lunch\* after

### Friday, June 20

#### • 5:30 pm: Pre-service *nosh*

#### • 6:15 pm: Shabbat evening service

### Saturday, June 21

#### • 9:30 am: Torah Study

#### • 10:30 am: Shabbat morning service; potluck\* Kiddush lunch afterward

### Friday, June 27, 7:30 pm:

Shabbat evening service, with leadership from Adam Greenberg

### Saturday, June 28, 10 am

*Bar Mitzvah  
of Adam Greenberg*

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

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