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Join us for Mitzvah Day

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

Mitzvah Day is back! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 31, 2015** to help make a difference in the world. We will have fun and meaningful activities for people of all ages.

On May 31 we will come together from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. as a whole community to perform one mitzvah after another. Surely we are all capable of performing acts of kindness and righteousness every day. However, there is something very special about people coming together and helping to repair the world. And on this specific Sunday we will dedicate our lives to each other and the greater community.

Some Mitzvah Day activities will be:

- Packing hygiene items for homeless teens
- Beautifying our Jewish cemetery
- Gardening at Sterling Meadows to help agricultural workers and their families, special needs children and high need families
- Writing and decorating cards for homebound CBI congregants



Helping in the garden on Mitzvah Day 2014.

- Writing letters to currently deployed service members and wounded soldiers
- Writing advocacy letters for Planned Parenthood & about oil and coal trains
- Eating!
- Making dolls and fleece blankets for children
- and more!

Be on the lookout for more information regarding Mitzvah Day in upcoming e-newsletters, on our website and Facebook page.

Contact Debbie Raas, Linda Blackwell or Rabbi Samuels with any questions.

FROM THE RABBI

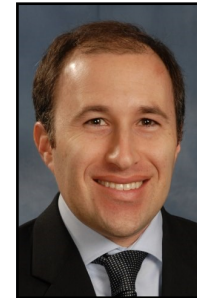
A holy task

Every Saturday morning during our Shabbat minyan we read a prayer based on a verse from the Mishnah. It reads, "These are the things that are limitless, of which a person enjoys the fruit of the world, while the principal remains in the world to come. They are: honoring one's father and mother; engaging in deeds of compassion; arriving early

for study, morning and evening; dealing graciously with guests; visiting the sick; providing for the wedding couple; accompanying the dead for burial; being devoted in prayer; and making peace among people. But the study of Torah encompasses them all."

One of these acts, "accompanying the dead for burial," is hopefully something we won't have to do too many times in our lives. Many of us have certainly done this more times than we'd like to acknowledge. This is, however, one of the holiest tasks that we can participate in. And I would like to bring attention to a special group of individuals in our community who have each decided to serve Beth Israel in this capacity. Together they make up the Chevra Kadisha, or the Holy Burial Society.

The fundamental purpose of this group is to provide burial preparation services for the members of our community. Interestingly, whenever



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From the President ...

2 years, many accomplishments

New leadership, building progress among changes

At our Annual Meeting Sunday, May 17, congregants will vote in a new slate of synagogue officers and board mem-



bers -- including a new president. The two years I have served as synagogue president have gone by for me in the blink of an eye.

It has been a pleasure working to help make our synagogue community a better place. I

have greatly enjoyed working closely with our rabbi, our executive committee (two vice presidents, treasurer, and secretary), as well as the board, committee chairs and the many other volunteers I have interacted with during my tenure. By working as a team, we have always been able to resolve our conflicts with practical solutions.

It has been a critical time in the evolution of our community as we inch closer to transitioning to our new building. We have come this far only by making this project a priority.

Some of the key accomplishments we have made during my two years as president:

PROGRESS ON NEW BUILDING. It is no surprise we are getting closer to occupying our new synagogue. With the generous offer of the Million\$Match, we believe we can gain occupancy to the main floor, which covers the project's biggest expense. We now have more than \$500,000 collected, and reliable pledges for \$100,000-plus. We are less than \$400,000 away from getting our \$1 million match. As money comes in, this dream gets closer to reality!

How wonderful it would be if we were moved in and could focus more on growing and enriching our Jewish community. I feel this is coming soon. The Capital Campaign Committee deserves a lot of credit for making this happen. I am also thankful for the work of the new Fund-

raising Committee in raising money via the brick program and organizing many events to raise funds and awareness.

We have been mobilizing for this huge transition. We have begun discussions about selling our existing building. We have gathered a group of congregation realtors and developers to address questions including when to sell, how much we get for the building, what is the most cost effective way to sell the building. Our Finance Committee has been discussing how to use the funds we get from the sale of the building. All of these decisions must be made by our board.

Because of the new money coming into the building fund, construction continues. It is impressive to see all the changes, including new siding, retaining walls, earth moving, utility pipes and vent installation. The New Synagogue Task Force is working overtime to review all the work. Please see for yourself -- visit the site on the afternoon of the annual meeting. You'll be amazed!!

RABBI AND CANTORIAL SOLOIST.

We have secured Rabbi Samuels for a second three-year contract. His joyful enthusiasm and openness has been well received in our community. He has recruited Andrea Shupack as our new cantorial soloist. He has created and provided leadership for two new committees: the Programming Team and Ritual Committee. Examples of programs he has facilitated include creating a Junior Youth group for middle school students and facilitating Jewish teaching seminars at congregants' homes. He is a team builder and has been a wonderful partner to work with.

COMMITTEES. The accomplishments of our committees over the last few years are too numerous to mention here. These dedicated volunteers are key to what is offered at our synagogue. You name it: Social Action Committee, Care Committee, Religious School Committee, and others have been extremely busy. I hope you have all taken advantage of their efforts in planning

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What's up for 2015-16? Attend annual meeting

Sunday, May 17, 2015:

5:15 p.m. wine & appetizers,

6 p.m. meeting, desserts after

All Beth Israel members are encouraged to attend our annual Congregational Meeting. The Board of Directors invites you to a social gathering with wine and appetizers in the Social Hall before the meeting and also to a dessert social following the meeting.

The Annual Meeting is a time to celebrate the many events and accomplishments of the year and a time to give thanks to the many people who have given so generously of their time and energy to enrich the CBI experience. It is also a time to look toward the year ahead for our Religious School children, our CBI adult education and other programming, our new synagogue building, and more.

The Nominating Committee will present a proposed slate of officers and directors for 2015-16. Congregants will have the opportunity to vote on this slate.

Plan to attend this important event in

Proposed Board of Directors slate

<p><u>Officers/Executive Committee</u></p> <p>*President: Dan Ohms</p> <p>*VP1: Marcia Lippman</p> <p>*VP2: Katie Edelstein</p> <p>Treasurer: Steve Spitzer</p> <p>Secretary: Lynn Korner</p> <p><u>Continuing Board Members</u></p> <p>Floyd King</p> <p>Miriam Schwartz</p> <p>Melissa Schapiro</p> <p>Todd Witte</p>	<p><u>New Board Members</u></p> <p>*Paul Blum</p> <p>*Gaby Mayers</p> <p>*Steven Garfinkle</p> <p>*David Zimmerman</p> <p><u>Immediate Past President</u></p> <p>Mitch Press</p> <p><u>Youth Representative</u></p> <p>Asher Suloway-Baker</p>
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* Indicates up for election

the life of our community!

Tours of new building 2-4 p.m.

Congregants are invited to tour the new synagogue building at 751 San Juan Blvd. in the afternoon, 2 to 4, Sunday, May 17, before the annual meeting.

Childcare available

Call the office at (360) 733-8890 or e-mail office@bethisraelbellingham.org, with the number of children needing childcare during the annual meeting, and their ages. \$5 donation requested.

Simchat Chochma service June 13

All Jewish women age 65 and older are invited to join in creating a Simchat Chochma service on June 13, 2015. Simchat Chochma is a traditional ritual to celebrate women who have reached the age of accumulating wisdom. We welcome you to participate in our ritual in any way that feels comfortable, either by taking part in the service and/or bringing a dish to the luncheon.

Contact Linda Hirsh at hirshykiss@earthlink.net or 647-1283.

Congregant contact information online

A directory of Congregation Beth Israel members, with phone numbers and emails, can be downloaded on our web-site in our members' only section. It is updated regularly. Please send any changes to the office at office@bethisraelbellingham.org

Many congregants give us this information only for the purpose of conducting synagogue business or for social contacts. Please do not use congregant

emails or phone numbers for solicitations of any kind.

New oneg schedule in the works

It's that time of year again — time to make the oneg schedule for July 2015 through June 2016.

If you have any special request about dates, times, or oneg partners, please let Joan Wayne know as soon as possible. Email her at jawayne2@yahoo.com.

Synagogue 411

Archives: Tim Baker, 647-7031

Building: Floyd King, 223-2538

Care: Sylvia Williams, 647-1670

Library, Srip: Joan Wayne, 676-8939

Membership: Rita Spitzer, 647-7065; Ann Suloway, 647-7031

New Synagogue Task Force: Warren

Rosenthal, 714-9244

Religious School: Rebecca Orloff, 306-8432; Samantha Konikoff, 734-2762

Scholarship: Emil Hecht, 733-4825

Social Action: Debbie Raas, 676-1621; Linda Blackwell

University Liaison: Sabrina Freeman, 734-4560; Marcia Lippman, 734-5376



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From the Religious School Committee ...

School year nears end; picnic time is almost here

The Religious School Committee is our parent association that supports the activities of the school, sponsors events and organizes parent participation.

BY SAMANTHA KONIKOFF AND
REBECCA ORLOFF, CO-CHAIRS

We want to thank all who came and supported the Purim Carnival. It would not have been as successful without all of the amazing volunteers. We had record numbers of attendees and we are so appreciative of the support from the community.

As of this writing we are getting ready for the Teacher Appreciation Shabbat at

6:15 p.m. May 1. There will also be great performances from the 2nd and 3rd grade classes. We look forward to seeing you there.

A reminder that there is still room to attend the Religious School fundraising event, All Aboard the Gato Verde. The sail is set for Sunday, May 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. Participation is limited to 12 guests; adults only please. The suggested donation is \$40 -- Captain Shuster is donating 100 percent of the proceeds to the Religious School, so please join us for this unique event.

Our last Religious School Committee meeting of the school year will be at

10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 4, 2015. Please come as we continue to talk about the changes that are being made to the structure of the RSC and about the new registration and scholarship dates.

The end of the school year is coming quick, which means our end of the year picnic is around the corner. Please join us at Lake Padden by the playground on June 7 directly after school. Please bring a potluck dairy dish to share (no nuts please!) and your own plates, cups and utensils.

Thank you to all who have been using the link to Amazon and please keep using it!

From the Social Action Committee ...

Milk money, care products needed

BY DEBBIE RAAS AND LINDA HIRSH

Mitzvah Day is for the Whole Congregation!

You are needed Sunday, May 31. Help us clean the cemetery, make a doll for kids in the hospital, write a card to a Jewish service member, pack hygiene products for homeless teens, work in a garden or help with one of our other projects. We are all responsible for making the world a better place. Use a few hours of your time to help.

This is an opportunity for you to sample some of the great volunteer activities available in our community. It is also a

chance to show that the Jewish Community is active in helping others in Bellingham, Whatcom County and beyond.

Build friendships and have fun while doing what needs to be done. Watch the weekly e-news for updates.

Milk Money for Shavuot

May is the month we collect milk money for the Bellingham Food Bank. Shavuot is the time we celebrate the giving of the Torah and eat blintzes and cheese cake, which we associate with Israel, the land of milk and honey. Let's once again collect more than \$750; that allows the Food Bank to give a half gallon of milk to each family at every visit for a month.

Please make checks to the Bellingham Food Bank. Leave donations in the synagogue office or the tzedaka box in the sanctuary by May 31.

Personal Care Products

We still need small soaps, shampoos, conditioners and lotions (like what you get at hotels) and toothbrushes and toothpaste. We will be packing hygiene packets for homeless teens on Mitzvah Day with these items. We will donate items you put in our baskets over the summer to CAST.

Knockers

Do you knit or crochet? Looking for a way to help women who have had a mastectomy? www.knittedknockers.org gives instructions for making the prosthesis. Pima cotton yarn is about \$5 a skein at Apple Yarns, which will also stuff your completed knockers.

Thanks!

To all who brought chametz for the Food Bank and children's books and DVDs.



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Bar Mitzvah

Adin Sokol will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 27, 2015. He is the son of Else Sokol and the late

Bip Sokol, and brother of Ben Sokol.

Adin is finishing up the sixth grade at Whatcom Hills Waldorf School, where his favorite subjects are geography and math. In his free time he enjoys playing soccer, longboarding, snowboarding, hanging out at Bayside pool, and watching Adam Sandler movies.

For his mitzvah project, Adin is volunteering every week at the Marine Life Center in Bellingham. He is looking forward to celebrating his special day

with family, friends and the community.

Please join our family in celebration:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

June 26, 2015 at 7:30 PM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

June 27, 2015 at 10 AM



The Yenta speaks ...

Rifka MacDonald, daughter of **Mark and Lynne MacDonald**, joined the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County at the start of the year as Community Engagement Coordinator, managing the countywide volunteer program and supporting fundraising efforts. In addition, she continues to enjoy teaching the 7th grade Religious School class. Rifka, a 2011 UW graduate, is delighted to continue making Bellingham her home with her partner, Iris, and their dog, Scooter.

Dr. Marvin Wayne was honored April 23, 2015, with the 2015 Nancy Auer Meritorious Achievement Award from the Washington Chapter American College of Emergency Physicians. Dr. Wayne is the Whatcom Medic One Supervising Physician and Whatcom County Medical Program Director.

The Nancy Auer award recognizes individuals who have gone above and beyond the norm in emergency medicine to improve the quality of patient care and to support the efforts of the chapter. Dr. Wayne has served Bellingham for 41 years since the inception of Whatcom Medic One in 1974.

Birthdays

MAY 2015

5/2 Richard Trank
5/2 Louis Hunter (19th)
5/4 Bobbie Jaffe
5/4 Sydney Wolfson (9th)
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 (14th)
5/13 Karen Weill
5/16 Max Johnson (14th)
5/17 Lindsey Genut
5/17 Suzanne Fischel Kite
5/18 Kendra Bradford
5/18 Adelle John
5/19 Kathy Grossman
5/19 Nakobe Morgan Parmett (11th)
5/20 John Siegfried
5/20 Emily Weiner
5/21 Meredith Attar
5/21 Andrea James
5/21 Ann Suloway
5/22 Danny Finkelstein
5/23 Isaac Blum
5/23 Serge Lindner
5/23 Ezra Carter 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 (14th)
5/26 Cassandra Wolfson
5/27 Fay Farkas
5/27 Bettina Fisher
5/28 Francine Hoch
5/28 Herman Tabak
5/29 Aline Wanne
5/31 Hannah D. Rose
5/31 Todd Witte

JUNE 2015

6/1 Steve Spitzer
6/1 Caden Stoane (13th)
6/2 Alan Chalfie
6/2 Leila Shavelson
6/3 Kathy Greenberg
6/3 Hans Guenter-Schlesinger
6/3 Linda B. Hirsh
6/3 Dr. Burton Jay
6/4 Samuel Hunter (15th)
6/4 Judith Osman
6/4 Belle Shalom
6/5 Samuel Comstock (5th)
6/6 Raphael Engle
6/6 Rachel Goodman (15th)
6/7 Adrienne Champagne
6/7 Frank Champagne
6/7 McNeel Jantzen
6/7 Sarah Van Glubt
6/8 Chris Balton
6/8 Janet Seltzer
6/9 Renata Reitz
6/10 James Prickett
6/11 Diane Garmo
6/11 Marcy Probst
6/11 Aiden Shupack (3rd)
6/11 Adin Sokol (13th)
6/12 Henry Zemel
6/13 Leslie Shankman
6/14 Susan Kendal
6/14 Willa Wren Levinson (1st)
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 (6th)
6/23 Leah Reitz (17th)
6/24 Jill Elkayam
6/25 Mike Brennan
6/25 Julia Schwartz (13th)
6/26 Tracy Diller
6/26 Nate Fine
6/26 Jeremiah Witte (8th)
6/26 Nathaniel Witte (8th)
6/27 Rachel Read-Romito
6/27 Sid Wanne
6/29 Nicole Samuels



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May 2015

May 1	Mitch & Lisa Press	(#21)
May 1	Richard & Idalina Trank	(#11)
May 7	Steven & Victoria Garfinkle	(#21)
May 8	Elka & Myron Fink	(#60)
May 9	John & Melissa Schapiro	(#22)
May 12	Jeffrey & Wendy Holtzman	(#30)
May 16	Larry & Melissa Stahlberg	(#37)
May 18	Rick & Leslie Adelstein	(#40)
May 21	Larry Hildes & Karen Weill	(#15)
May 24	Rick & Tracey Levine	(#28)
May 24	Rebecca & Andrew Orloff	(#17)
May 27	Lynne & Mark MacDonald	(#37)
May 29	Darcie Donegan & Phil Buri	(#22)
May 29	Rabbi Joshua & Nicole Samuels	(#10)

June 2015

June 2	Jay & Donna Solomon	(#51)
June 10	Frank & Adrienne Champagne	(#3)
June 12	Gaby & Victoria Mayers	(#30)
June 16	Tammy & Daryl Dixon	(#8)
June 18	David & Jill Elkayam	(#37)
June 19	Ann Suloway & Tim Baker	(#22)
June 21	Justin & Helen Morgan Parmett	(#12)
June 23	Michelle & Joseph Anderson	(#14)
June 23	Meg Jacobson & Russell Pritchett	(#41)
June 23	David & Rena Ziegler	(#47)
June 24	Burton & Susan Jay	(#59)
June 25	Sarah & Todd Witte	(#15)
June 26	Peter & Nancy Auerbach	(#49)

From the Capital Campaign ...

We're more than half way to meeting Million\$Match

Every dollar counts; donate this year!

BY DAVID GOLDMAN
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CHAIR

We are currently building a new synagogue designed to meet the growing needs of Congregation Beth Israel and serve us for at least the next 100 years. This was a dream in 1990, a proposal in 2000 and a reality now in 2015. **Construction could be completed within the year IF we raise enough money.** At our Rosh Hashanah Service it was announced that an anonymous donor would contribute \$1 million to the project if the congregation could raise \$1 million by January 2016.

We have raised more than \$500,000 in 6 months since the Million\$Match challenge was made! When we achieve our fundraising goal and receive the match, it will fund the construction necessary to prepare the building for occupancy, allowing us to move into our new home soon after. Meanwhile, as your donations come in, they are used to keep the project moving along.

Construction of this new synagogue is a remarkable achievement for our small congregation, built entirely with voluntary contributions from caring and generous members and friends of CBI. **The future of the Jewish community here depends on what we all do next to bring this project to fruition.** It is rare in life to get an opportunity to make such an impact on an entire community. I personally feel great joy from contributing my time, ideas and money to this project. No doubt others feel strongly committed as they also have given generously. It is truly a blessing for all of us to provide this new home to sustain the Northwest Washington Jewish community.

Some members of the congregation have completely paid off their original pledge to the new synagogue building fund. Your generous gift is greatly appreciated, and has brought us far on this journey. **Please con-**

Learn more & register for events
that support the new building:
www.bethisraelbellingham.org,
under New Building fundraisers

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From the Capital Campaign

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sider giving even more this year, to help us finish this journey home. Many fellow congregants already have.

Some members have made a substantial pledge and have paid off a portion so far. We thank you for giving so generously. Now, **we need you to pay off your pledge this year during our Million\$Match challenge and finish our journey home.**

Some members of the congregation have not pledged per se, but have made a donation, purchased a brick, attended a fundraising event. Thank you so much for your help. Please consider giving more, perhaps the largest donation you have ever given. **Your participation is critical; it determines whether we are successful, and can finish our journey home.**

Some members have not yet contributed toward the new building. We encourage you to join the project. Every donation is important. Every donation gets us a step farther. Every donation makes a difference. As a congregational "family" we want everyone to have a stake in the new synagogue. **Please consider making a meaningful donation now, because we are individually and collectively responsible to finish our journey home.**

I offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the many members of Congregation Beth Israel who have given so generously to support the construction of our new synagogue. It is my prayer that everyone share in the blessing and joy of helping to finish our journey home.



Above, the west side of the new building, showing the retaining walls and the religious school entrance. At left, the east side showing the doors to the library.

New Building News

Activity as of April 15, 2015:

Exterior

Metal siding – brown and tan selected by our architect, RMC -- is now going up.

Retaining walls, at the religious school entrance on the northwest and southwest corners of the building, are complete. They were finished with Jerusalem Stone to match the north wall. The area behind the walls is backfilled, and the area in front of the school entrance is leveled.

Interior

The infrastructure for the building mechanical systems, mostly pipes and ceiling ducts for fire suppression, electrical, plumbing and heating, is being installed.

The focus is on getting occupancy for the building's main floor as money is raised; at this level of activity, we will have spent the funds we had, plus the newly raised \$500,000 (of the Million\$Match challenge) by the end of May or early June.

For questions or to arrange a tour, call Warren Rosenthal, task force chair, at (360) 961-9772.



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Faces in our community

Andersons thrive on year-long trek

Adventure is in genes of this family of five

By LINDA HIRSH

Imagine lighting the Hanukkah candles by sunset in the Florida Keys, sandwiched between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. Tropical vegetation and white sand decorate the scene.

That's almost the picture of the celebration Michelle and Joseph Anderson and their three children enjoyed while camping there this past December.

Except "my mom brought the electric menorah by mistake," said Michelle, chuckling.

So the family made do, as one must while pioneering outdoors. Michelle simply held a lighter over the number of candles appropriate for the day. It was just another unconventional way to spend a holiday for what many would consider an unconventional family.

Between July 2013 and July 2014, the Andersons and children Jacob, 12, Elias, 8, and Ila, 3, took off to travel the country. Joseph's company is Peregrine Expeditions, PeregrineExpeditions.com — he leads people rock climbing, back country skiing and mountaineering. Michelle has a mental health counseling practice, so both careers were flexible.

The Andersons sold their house in the Lettered Streets neighborhood near Congregation Beth Israel, where they have been members since 2004. The very next day, they hopped into their minivan packed with camping equipment inside and out, clothes in just one duffle bag, and drove off.

What would impel a middle-class couple to take their kids out of school and schlep around the country for a year?

"Our hearts weren't singing," Michelle said of their lives before the trip.

Joseph, who leads tours, admitted he couldn't resist the adventure, saying "it's been my passion to participate" first hand, as well as show the way.

When asked the same question, Todd Shuster said he and his wife Kendra Bradford, the Andersons' friends, were



Above: The Andersons backpacking in the Tetons, early in the trip.

At left: One of the Andersons' first camps in the Sierra Mountains in California.

the wrong people to answer it. Just the year before the Andersons' trip, they had excused their children, Lev, 11, and Gail, 9, from school for three months to sail a Catamaran from Georgia through the Panama Canal.

"They saw us doing it and said 'why not?' The only difference is that we waited until our kids were able to entertain themselves," he said, "whereas taking a 3-year-old on a trip was adventurous and admirable."

But when the parents broke the news of the trip to the children, Jacob said

"You're kidding me." According to his father, Jacob worried about missing out on school and activities with friends, but he and his classmates exchanged letters by snail mail. The Andersons also kept in touch with their CBI friends through their blog at www.5andaRoofRack.com.

Todd Shuster can vouch for that. "Reading their blog we could see how their boys and daughter were growing on the trip," he said.

Michelle prepared to "road-school" the children by conferring about the curricu-

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Cheesecake for Shavuot

SHARED BY JOHN SIEGFRIED

It is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot because Jewish tradition compares the words of Torah to the sweetness of milk and honey, according to ReformJudaism.org. Blintzes and cheesecake are among the popular foods to make and enjoy for the holiday.

A past winner of Beth Israel's annual Cheesecake Bake-off, John Siegfried, shares how he found his legendary recipe for the Shavuot favorite.

He said it was as unsentimental a story as could be told: When googling "cheesecake," he stumbled onto a web site called *Cooking For Engineers*, which appealed to him because of its visual layout -- the recipes follow a grid matrix to display the sequence and quantities of ingredients. A "highly efficient" cook could use the recipe without reading a traditional narrative, he said. "Also, since engineers are sometimes a bit lacking in the skill of doing things by 'feel,' or at least accused of it, the recipe has an empirical look -- soothing to engineers."

The cheesecake recipe itself comes as close to John's



cheesecake "ideal" as he's ever found -- "My ideal, the measure of all cheesecakes for me, I experienced in London when I was only 13 or so. It was tall, slightly crumbly in texture, but melted in your mouth with that tang and sweetness I love so much."

The recipe can be found at www.cookingforengineers.com/recipe/89/Cheesecake-Plain-New-York-Style and is reprinted here with permission from author Michael Chu.

Cheesecake, Plain New York Style

Crust

Assemble

4 ounces of graham crackers,
1 tablespoon granulated sugar,
4 tablespoons of melted butter.

Break graham crackers into small pieces and blend in food processor with sugar.

Melt 1 tablespoon butter and use half to butter bottom of 10-inch springform pan. Pour graham cracker mixture into pan, use flat bottomed cup to press cracker crumbs into an even layer. Use a flatware teaspoon to press in outer circumference of the crust.

Bake crust for 12 minutes at 325°F.

Once crust has become fragrant and golden brown, remove from oven to cool on wire rack. When cooled, butter sides with remaining half tablespoon of butter.

Filling

Assemble and prepare the filling:

2-1/2 pounds cream cheese (room temperature),
1/2 cup heavy cream,
1-3/4 cup sugar,
1/8 tsp. salt,
2 tsp. lemon juice,

1 tsp. vanilla extract,
2 large egg yolks
6 large eggs.

Cut cream cheese into small chunks and place standing mixer bowl. Beat on low until smooth, about 2-3 minutes. Once smooth, add salt and about a third of the sugar. Beat until integrated and scrape down sides. Add another third of the sugar and mix in. Then add final third of sugar and mix in. Optionally, three tablespoons of flour can be added with the sugar to add a bit of stability to the cake. This will not affect the taste or texture, but will reduce the likelihood of a cracked cake. Add lemon juice and vanilla extract and mix.

Scrape sides down and add heavy cream. The cheese should be much easier to work with at this point.

Add egg yolks and mix until blended in.

Now add 3 whole eggs and mix until eggs are completely mixed into filling. Scrape down sides and beat in final 3 eggs. Now, pour filling into the springform pan onto cooled crust. A 10-inch pan should fill up to almost its rim with this filling. Lift the pan an inch or two above your counter or cutting board and drop it to bring any trapped bubbles to the surface. Place springform pan onto sheetpan (for easy handling and safety), and slide

into middle of preheated 500°F oven.

After 10 minutes, reduce temperature to 200°F and allow cheesecake to bake as oven gradually reduces temperature (do not open oven door). Bake until the center of the cake registers as 150°F (making sure it does not exceed 160°F), about 1 hour and 40 minutes.

The cake will not fully set until fully chilled, but the cooling process should be gradual. First remove the cake from the oven and onto a cooling rack. After about 10 minutes, run a paring knife along the rim of the cake to release it from the walls of the pan. This will reduce the risk of cracking as the cake contracts and tries to pull away from the walls of the pan. *Joy of Cooking* also recommends the practice of covering the pan with a large bowl for added insurance. The bowl helps keep the heat in as well as some moisture which further slows down the cooling process. After about two to three hours of cooling, wrap the pan tightly in plastic wrap and place the cake into the refrigerator to chill for at least five hours.

Remove the cake from the refrigerator about 30 minutes before serving and slice with a sharp knife. Use a tall glass of warm water to dunk the knife into between cuts to make slicing easier. Serve with a fruit glaze, such as strawberry, if desired.

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Andersons

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lum with their teachers at the Waldorf School. As for Jacob's upcoming bar mitzvah (summer 2015), Michelle said "it was funny to hear Rabbi Samuels' voice chanting the prayers on the iPod throughout the wild reaches of the country" as Jacob practiced.

Joseph prepared both boys for the trip by handing Jacob a hatchet and Elias a knife. He meant this seemingly symbolic gesture to be practical, and sure enough, the boys used them with skill throughout the trip.

They learned natural history by visiting numerous sites — especially Yosemite, which they called "the quintessential national park." They kept journals. They drew. They wrote blogs. They stopped in used bookstores so the children could read for entertainment and educational purposes. Wifi did not exist in many rustic locations, so they only turned on their technology near cities.

Michelle said she knew the trip was succeeding when she overheard the two boys spinning tales that included details of places they had seen.

The family's well-worn map of the United States shows their itinerary as a ring along the country's borders and coasts, asterisks where family and friends were located.

The stops varied.

They visited people with diverse lifestyles. One friend owns an organic farm in Montana, another assembles straw-built homes in Colorado, yet another, a solar powered farm in Vermont. One friend, a midwife, is married to an acupuncturist. A cousin of Joseph's works for Apple in California.

The children saw the way other people live, but some visits involved more than observation. For instance, they harvested 1,200 pounds of cabbage for a friend who ferments vegetables in Wisconsin on the shore of Lake Superior.

Having sent fancy clothes ahead of them, they celebrated a bar mitzvah in Long Beach, Long Island, where Michelle was raised, pushed to the Hudson Valley to visit former Bellinghamsters, then to Charlottesville, Virginia, the scene of Joseph's origins. They also retraced their past by visiting Durango, Colorado, where Jacob was born.

Joseph and Michelle listed some of the highlights with enthusiasm. Joseph hiked with Jacob and Elias 4,000 feet into the wilderness of the Grand Canyon, and with Jacob up Yosemite's Half Dome. Seeing the geyser at Yellowstone and emerging from the Times Square subway to Central Park won Elias's heart. Michelle trekked through the Grand Tetons for four days, carrying Ila in front and a backpack behind her. The wild horses and the dolphins that swam near a ferry they took to Cumberland Island off the coast of Georgia awed Ila. Everyone loved the ruins of the Carnegie Mansion found on that island. New Orleans took everyone's breath away with its singular architecture and the Spanish moss swaying from the trees.

"You can spend eight days at one place and only eight hours at another, but [the eight hours] is what you will remember," Joseph said.



The Andersons (from left) Jacob, Joseph, Ila, Michelle and Elias, in Prescott, Ariz., mid-trip.

They planned the trip to accommodate the weather. They had only nine days of rain the entire year. They succeeded in seeing East Coast autumn color and feeling the warmth during winter in Florida and Arizona. Thriving in the outdoors with exercise and healthy food, the children didn't have one sick day that year.

When Passover came, they had an untraditional seder, located in a hotel on the Las Vegas strip. They spent Easter in the sagebrush of the Sierras. The family did not overlook Friday nights, which they observed by lighting Shabbat candles.

The trip hit its zenith in Arizona and New Mexico. Their final stop before coming home was Smith Rock, Oregon, but by California, they already were looking forward to the prospect of return.

Teachers smoothed the transition, and the reunion with friends was welcoming.

Looking back, the only moments of doubt as they ventured into the unknown occurred when running out of gas in the desert, and lacking time for individual solitude.

In addition to looking back, they found the trip guided them into new directions. Michelle said visiting various women friends and seeing their involvement with children inspired her to focus on pregnant women and new mothers in her practice, which she has named Mobile Mama Therapy at MobileMamaTherapy.com. Joseph wants to expand his business to a location in Arizona. And both they and their children have a deeper appreciation of their community in Bellingham.

In other words, they learned about various lifestyles and what life was like in various communities, which in turn brought their own lives into focus.

What seems for some to be a radical step now could become a lifestyle for them. They are thinking about taking the family on a yearlong journey to Europe in 2016.

Linda Hirsh has lived in Bellingham for 16 years. She spent 10 years reporting for The Hartford Courant in Connecticut and has written two story/cookbooks and two poetry chapbooks.

FROM THE RABBI

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Jews settle(d) in a new land, the first institution they form is the Chevra Kadisha, even before a shul or school. One of their main tasks is to provide each body with a *taharah*, or ritual cleansing and dressing prior to the placement of the body in the casket. A *taharah* is really a beautiful and moving custom. Just as we welcome our babies in this world with love, care and a good cleansing, so too do we usher our loved ones into the mystery we call death. I have personally been involved in one *taharah* and on the scale of my most “holy” moments, this would rank at the very top.

Our Chevra Kadisha also has the responsibility of reviewing policies and making changes when the time seems right. I would like to share one of these policy changes that I think is quite progressive and inclusive.

Over a series of meetings we discussed the question: Should we perform a *taharah* on a body before cremation? Believe it or not, many Jews choose cremation over traditional burial. (If you have questions about this for yourselves or loved ones, please contact me and we can discuss this issue.) This is not an easy question to answer. In order for the group to make an informed decision, I brought in texts from our tradition to discuss, including Talmud, Torah, law codes and modern commentaries on all of these. We looked at Conservative *teshuvot* (rabbinic answers to tough questions) as well as policies from other Holy Burial Societies.

None of the other groups will perform a *taharah* before cremation, as they argue that a *taharah* is strictly a ritual for pre-burial. And traditionally speaking a burial involves the whole person, not ashes. In looking at the texts it seems that a *taharah* is all about getting the body ready for burial, yet as a people who continual-

ly reinterpret ancient customs, we came to consensus that the ritual of *taharah* can be viewed as a “sending off” ritual. Seen this way, the group has decided that it will perform this loving ritual for bodies that will ultimately be cremated.

This decision is really progressive and even more important, it is inclusive. We felt that while cremation is not the generally accepted practice amongst Jews — and it probably never will be — our responsibility is to provide each member of our community with the proper and holy send-off that they deserve. While not every member of the Chevra Kadisha will participate in a pre-cremation *taharah*, together as a group we felt that it was the right choice to make at this time.

I am proud of this group for making such a ground-breaking decision based on Jewish texts, customs and healthy debate. May we be a source of inspiration to other Jewish communities.

— Rabbi Joshua Samuels

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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events such as our Purim Carnival, Hanukkah Party & Mitzvah Day. The list is quite large.

CREATING A MORE VISIBLE, FAIR AND INCLUSIVE SYNAGOGUE ENVIRONMENT. Under the leadership of the Governance Task Force and the newly created Human Resources Committee we have continued to put procedures and policies in place that will make our synagogue community a better place. We have emphasized teamwork, openness, and checks and balances in CBI's leadership structure.

* The Human Resources Committee has been meeting regularly over the past year to help us in our efforts to comply with all applicable laws and to help maintain an atmosphere where our employees are treated fairly and consistently. They are developing an employee manual which addresses issues such as consistent performance reviews, benefits, expectations, etc.

* We have brought our committee chairs together a few times to discuss issues they share and possible solutions. Issues include recruiting new volunteers, leadership training and clear definition of

their mission. We are hoping to build a broader leadership base. These leaders are essential partners with our board in helping us carry out the synagogue's mission. We have also developed and agreed on guidelines for all of our committee chairs to follow.

* We have completed the task of developing job descriptions for our board, officers, and employees. These documents set guidelines, expectations and qualifications for each of these positions.

WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS. We now have a much more user-friendly website that the Communications Committee has worked diligently to improve. It now allows our congregants to access minutes to our board meetings as well as the policies that the board has put in place. You can download contact information for all of our congregants and much more.

STRATEGIC PLANNING EFFORT. We have also begun the process of looking at where we want to be in the next several years. This Strategic Planning process will help us develop a vision for what we want our synagogue community to look like in the next several years. With this vision, we can be much more proactive in taking action to achieve our goals. This process of visioning is tedi-

ous but necessary. I hope we can develop a basic plan which can be regularly reviewed and revised.

As you can see, there is much happening at CBI. Some things are very visible, while others are organizational changes. The most important mantra for me is treating everyone with respect and sincerity. Everyone's feelings and opinions are important. It is hard to act on every suggestion, but everyone deserves the courtesy of being listened to. I truly hope that all future synagogue leaders carry forth with this attitude. This attitude will truly help keep our synagogue community vibrant and collaborative.

Let's all work together to help our next president and board accomplish great things. Thanks again for your support!

— Mitch Press

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members who have joined our synagogue community:

Andrea & Josh Shupack, and son **Aiden** (almost 3). Andrea is our cantorial soloist.

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

MAY 2015

IYAR - SIVAN 5775

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 12 Iyar 8:07	2 13 Iyar Acharai Mot - Kedoshim
					6:15 PM Family Service & Teacher Appreciation w/ 2 nd & 3 rd Grade Class & soloist A. Shupack Potluck dinner afterward	9:30 AM Torah Study 7 PM "Beit Café" @ Mt. Baker Theatre
3 14 Iyar 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School (w/Gan) 11AM Adult Bnai Mitz class	4 15 Iyar	5 16 Iyar 12PM "Downtown Talmud" Adult Education class @ Co-Op Connection Rm	6 17 Iyar 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	7 18 Iyar LAG B'OMER 5:30 PM Adult Education trope class w/ A. Shupack	8 19 Iyar 8:17	9 20 Iyar Emor 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
10 21 Iyar NO Sunday School 3 PM - Text Study, Soc. Hall	11 22 Iyar	12 23 Iyar	13 24 Iyar 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	14 25 Iyar 5:30 PM Adult Education trope class w/ A. Shupack	15 26 Iyar 8:27	16 27 Iyar Behar-Bechokotai 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
MOTHER'S DAY		7 PM Board of Directors			5:30PM Pre-Service Nosh 6:15PM Shabbat Service w/ soloist A. Shupack	
17 28 Iyar 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School 11AM Adult Bnai Mitz class	18 29 Iyar	19 1 Sivan	20 2 Sivan 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	21 3 Sivan 5:30 PM Adult Education trope class w/ A. Shupack	22 4 Sivan 8:36	23 5 Sivan Bamidbar 9:30 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat
5:15PM - Pre-mtg Social 6 PM - Anni Membership Meeting & Bd. Elections desserts / nosh after					7:30PM Shabbat Service w/ Ma'ayan Shir ensemble	
24 6 Sivan --SHAVUOT-- 10 AM - Shavuot Festival Service w/ Yizkor Blinitz luncheon afterward	25 7 Sivan 12 PM - Golden Girls @ Skylark's Hidden Café	26 8 Sivan	27 9 Sivan 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	28 10 Sivan 5:30 PM Adult Education trope class w/ A. Shupack	29 11 Sivan 8:44	30 12 Sivan Naso 9:30 AM Torah Study
31 13 Sivan 10 AM - 1 PM Mitzvah Day (replaces Sunday School)	MEMORIAL DAY				NO Shabbat Service "Shabbat at Home" Please welcome Shabbat at home w/ family&friends	

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

JUNE 2015

SIVAN - TAMMUZ 5775

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 14 Sivan	2 15 Sivan	3 16 Sivan	4 17 Sivan	5 18 Sivan הח 8:50	6 19 Sivan <i>Beha-alotecha</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study
			4:15 PM - Hebrew School (last class of the year)	5:30 PM Adult Education trope class w/ A. Shupack (final class)	6:15 PM Family Service with K/1 class and soloist A. Shupack Potluck dinner afterward	
7 20 Sivan 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School (w/ Gan) 12 PM RS Family Picnic @ Lake Padden Park	8 21 Sivan	9 22 Sivan 7 PM Board of Directors	10 23 Sivan	11 24 Sivan	12 25 Sivan הח 8:55	13 26 Sivan <i>Shelach</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30A Simchat Chochma Service w/ A. Shupack
14 27 Sivan 3 PM - Text Study, Soc. Hall	15 28 Sivan	16 29 Sivan	17 30 Sivan	18 1 Tammuz 5:30 PM Wine & Dine at Vinostology Café 120 W. Holly St.	19 2 Tammuz הח 8:58	20 3 Tammuz <i>Korach</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat
21 4 Tammuz	22 5 Tammuz	23 6 Tammuz	24 7 Tammuz	25 8 Tammuz	26 9 Tammuz הח 8:59	27 10 Tammuz <i>Chukat</i> 10:00 AM Adin Sokol Bar Mitzvah
FATHER'S DAY 28 11 Tammuz	29 12 Tammuz 12 PM - Golden Girls @ Skylark's Hidden Café	30 13 Tammuz			7:30PM Shabbat Service w/ Adin Sokol	

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 1

Ethel Altose	5/2
Helen M. Greenberg	5/2
Etta Fine	5/3
Elaine Greenberg	5/3
Alan Raas	5/4
Saul S. Spiro	5/4
Naomi Krauzer Feinberg	5/5
Margaret Horwitz	5/8
Louis Suloway	5/8

Friday, May 8 & Saturday, May 9

Frederick (Freddy) Kullman	5/9
Lloyd Saxton	5/9
Lucie Weis	5/9
Barbara Vaughan	5/10
Irwin Suloway	5/11
Sally Warshay	5/11
Jack Kleinfeld	5/12
Pearl Albert	5/13
Jean Dement	5/14
Rebecca Leavitt	5/14
Arnold Zolotrow	5/14
Rose Thal	5/15

Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16

Louis Adelstein	5/16
Nan Lopresti	5/17
Florence Marcus	5/17
William Stone	5/17
Emanuel Jacobson	5/19

In Memoriam

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

Maia Haykin	5/20
Barbara (McNulty) Higham	5/20
Evelyn Renfro	5/20
Dottie Berelson	5/21
Oscar Evans	5/21
Lloyd Relin	5/21
Ethel Sandford	5/22

Friday, May 22

Louise Hecht	5/24
Marvin Globberman	5/25
Audrey May King	5/25
Denise Guren	5/26
Rose Millstein	5/26
Samuel Gelb	5/27

Friday, May 29 (will be read on May 22)

Anne Frank	5/30
Rosalind Kantor	5/30
Samuel Emanuel	5/31
Marion Selznick	6/1
Samuel Schwartz	6/2
Otto Furth	6/3
Frances Glazer Garmo	6/3
David Ohms	6/3
Miriam Shepard	6/3
Marcia M. Morris Yust	6/3
Jack Glazer	6/5
Belle Kaplan Shapiro	6/5

Friday, June 5

Adam Frank	6/6
Edward R. Glazer	6/6
Dorothy Katz	6/6
Stanley Schlanger	6/6
Rose Rebecca Glazer	6/7
Vincent Romito	6/7
Bill Lewis	6/8
Jay Renfro	6/9
Gussie Gelb	6/11

Marcella Schapiro	6/11
William Robinson	6/12
Irving Edward Shapiro	6/12

Friday, June 12 & Saturday, June 13

Emma (Weigt) Korneck	6/13
Esther Bortman	6/15
Rasela Catz	6/15
Ann Dechter	6/16
Arthur Thal	6/16
Lawrence Witte	6/16
Libby Witte	6/16
Sandy York	6/16
Adrienne Benson	6/17
Eshka Rosenberg	6/17
David Horwitz	6/18

Friday, June 19

Faye Goldberg-Miller	6/23
Nathan Lassman	6/23
Morris R. Hecht	6/24
Doris Zemel	6/24
Stanley Simon	6/25
Robert Stern	6/25
Harold "Bud" Blank	6/26
Michael Kendal	6/26

Friday, June 26 & Saturday, June 27

Sue Groper	6/27
Naftalie Mottel Jaffe	6/27
Morton Schneider	6/29
Eric O. Sonneman	6/29
Erwin Mayer	6/30
Elaine Lev Beller	7/1
Rachel Emanuel	7/3
Myer Horwitz	7/3
Cora Quiggle	7/3
Albert Shankman	7/3

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

Michelle Anderson on the loss of her grandmother, **Muriel Anzman**, who passed away at the age of 94 on March 15, 2015, at her home in Florida.

Daniel Feller on the loss of his father, **Morrie Feller**, who passed away at the age of 96 on March 20, 2015, at his home in Phoenix, Ariz.

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-- Laura Harker, Executive Director

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Friday, May 1

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Family service & Teacher Appreciation, with leadership from the Religious School's 2nd / 3rd Graders, and music from Andrea Shupack; potluck dinner* afterward

Saturday, May 2

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, May 8

7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

Saturday, May 9

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service; potluck Kiddush lunch* afterward

Friday, May 15

5:30 p.m. Pre-service *nosh*
6:15 p.m. Shabbat evening service

Saturday, May 16

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service; potluck Kiddush lunch* afterward

Friday, May 22

7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service featuring vocal ensemble Ma'ayan Shir

Saturday, May 23

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Tot Shabbat; potluck Kiddush lunch* afterward

Sunday, May 24

10 a.m. Shavuot Festival service with Yizkor; musical leadership from Andrea Shupack. Blintz luncheon afterward

Friday, May 29

NO SHABBAT SERVICE
Please welcome Shabbat at home with family and friends

Saturday, May 30

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, June 5

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Family service with leadership from the Religious School's K/1st Graders; potluck dinner* afterward

Saturday, June 6

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, June 12

7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

Saturday, June 13

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service; potluck Kiddush lunch* afterward

Friday, June 19

5:30 p.m. Pre-service *nosh*
6:15 p.m. Shabbat evening service

Saturday, June 20

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Tot Shabbat; potluck Kiddush lunch* afterward

Friday, June 26

7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service with leadership from Adin Sokol

Saturday, June 27

10 a.m. **Bar Mitzvah of Adin Sokol**

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

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