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Million \$ Match to bring move-in within reach

We need your help to
Finish the Journey Home

BY DAVID GOLDMAN & KAREN SLOSS

As shared in the president's recent Erev Rosh Hashana speech, a \$1 million matching donation to the New Synagogue Building Fund has been offered by donors who wish to remain anonymous. The match will only be granted if the congregation can raise \$1 million in cash by January 4, 2016.

This Million \$ Match program (a total of \$2 million), on top of the current Building Fund balance, should provide enough money to complete the construction and interior finishes to ready the building for occupancy. Lack of money is the only thing that has kept us from our goal of moving into the building as soon as possible. This "million dollar match" could allow us to realize our goal within the next one to two years!

From the day this matching donation was announced on Sept. 24, all contributions to the Building Fund will count toward our efforts to raise the \$1 million needed to qualify for the match. This



Framed-in bima at 751 San Juan Boulevard — imagine it completed!

includes payment of outstanding pledges, new brick purchases, future New Synagogue fundraising events, and all new gifts from both members and non-members. It will even include donations to the Building Fund made to honor simchas or memorialize loved ones. In short, any Building Fund donation from anyone will count toward the goal of earning the \$1 million match as long as the cash is brought in by the deadline.

Since Rosh Hashana, we have already

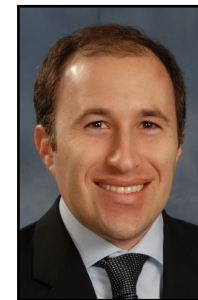
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FROM THE RABBI

Jewish living

I had a wonderful discussion with a congregant a couple weeks ago about Judaism. He said, "Rabbi, I've been thinking a lot about your Rosh Hashanah

sermon on God and well, it just struck a cord with me." He went on to say that he has troubles with the whole God concept, and because of



this, experiencing prayer and Jewish liturgy is a challenge. I imagine he is not alone. Our friend feels deeply connected to Judaism but because of this specific disconnect, he has disengaged in much of Jewish communal life.

I know how he feels. For a long time it was specifically the religious component of Judaism that interested me the least. I didn't like participating in services and I struggled with the prayers in general. I would ask myself, "Is this what I really believe?" when sitting through a service. It wasn't until rabbinical school when I began to appreciate this facet of Judaism. Had I not learned about the beauty and logic of Jewish prayer from brilliant scholars and rabbis while studying in Israel, I might have continued to consider myself a "cultural Jew." And to borrow a phrase from *Seinfeld*,

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From the President ...

Exciting times ahead at CBI

What an eventful month we have had!!

The High Holy Days have now passed but many of us have pleasant memories of wonderful music led by our new songleader, Andrea Shupack, and several very thoughtful and thought-provoking sermons given by our rabbi. Many congregants have since approached me to express their appreciation



and enthusiasm for their experiences at these services.

I was thrilled to announce the signing of a new contract with Rabbi Samuels. This will allow him to continue building the many programs he has initiated. My announcement was received with much enthusiasm (loud applause) from those that heard this for the first time at our Erev Rosh Hashanah Service.

At this service, I also announced that we have a donor that will give us \$1 million to help complete our new synagogue if we can raise \$1 million by January 4, 2016. This match will give us a total of \$2 million, which I believe will allow us to get an occupancy permit for the new building so we can finally move

in. **This is an all or nothing challenge. We must raise the entire \$1 million to get this donation.**

We have been working for more than 24 years to raise the funds needed to get our new building. This \$1 million challenge provides the means to get in.....finally! We have raised almost \$5 million for this project to date. Before this incredibly generous donation challenge was announced, many of us felt that it would take years to raise the funds needed to move. This seemed like the project that had no finish.

Now there is an end in sight -- your money will now go twice as far. We can't fail! **We are now 10 percent of the way toward meeting this challenge. In one month, we have raised more than \$100,000!** Our Capital Campaign Committee, Fundraising Committee, and the Board have been gearing up to make this dream happen. Ultimately, however, we need all of you to help make this dream a reality.

Yes, it has been an exciting time here at Congregation Beth Israel. I believe, however, that there will be many more exciting times ahead after we move into our new space. Thank you all for your support.

— Mitch Press

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP ADVISER

Sarah Stochel is very excited to be working with the middle-schoolers of the Reform Jewish community here in Bellingham!

Sarah is a sophomore at Western Washington University, working toward a double major in Sociology (with an emphasis in Criminal Justice) and Recreation, as well as a minor in Kinesiology. She worked at the Stroum Jewish Community Center on Mercer Island for five years as a Sports Camp Counselor, until last year when she decided to return home to Camp Kalsman, where she had the pleasure of working as a Sports Specialist.

She absolutely loves helping with youth development and creating atmospheres where everyone feels welcome. In her free time, she loves to participate in sports, music, and exploring the outdoors.



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Ladies afternoon out at Uptown Art

3 to 6 p.m., Sunday Nov. 9, 2014

Calling ALL Ladies!

Do you need an afternoon out? Do you miss your friends? Do you need a break from your everyday life?

Grab a friend & join the membership committee for an afternoon of fun and creativity at Uptown Art, 23 Bellwether Way No. 101.

Cost is \$40 (\$15 goes to Religious School)

To register – make checks payable to UPTOWN ART and mail to Bettina Fisher, 5076 Festival Blvd #1C, Bellingham, WA 98226. Space is limited.

Questions? Feel free to email Rita Spitzer at ritaspitzer01@gmail.com or contact anyone on the membership committee. If we don't know the answer, we will get it.



Beth Israel women with their masterpieces at the Uptown Art "sip and paint" event in May 2014.

Register early for Community Seder

5:30 p.m. Saturday,
April 4, 2015

Join us for a family friendly seder on the Second Night of Pesach in 2015, open to Beth Israel members and non-members alike.

Reserve a table for family and friends, and be prepared to enjoy delicious ritual foods and holiday melodies.

The event will be held at at Settlemyer Hall, Bellingham Technical College, which has free parking and easy access and is wheelchair accessible.

Registration begins Dec. 1 with an early-registration price of \$36 for members. Starting Feb. 1 the price will go up to \$40 for members. Price for non-



members is \$50, youths (ages 6-12), \$20; and children younger than 6, \$5.

Registration will be available starting Dec. 1 online at bethisraelbellingham.org or by calling the office, (360) 733-8890.

Pledge Update

In order to provide the quality Jewish programming we all desire, we need to meet our operating budget goals.

We are still more than \$65,000 short of our goal for 2014-15. As of September 30, 2014, 25 percent of our congregation have not submitted an annual pledge.

Please send in your pledge as soon as possible. Kindly call the office (360) 733-8890 or download the annual pledge form at www.bethisraelbellingham.org

Synagogue 411

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From the Religious School Committee ...

New events, raffle support religious school

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

The Religious School Committee wishes to thank The Brotherhood, Isaac Konikoff and all the volunteers for an amazing pancake breakfast and start to our school year! Thanks also to the entire Beth Israel community for supporting our new fundraising campaign. Our inaugural fundraising party of the year - Supper In The Sukkah - was a blow-out success and our Challah of the Month Club, which treats members to two tasty, home-baked challahs each month, is already fully subscribed. Special thanks to Joan Wayne for hosting the party and to Joan and Sarah Witte for putting the Challah Club together!

We are looking forward to many fun events to coincide with the children's learning experience. The entire CBI community is invited to these events, which include our community Shabbaton Dec. 13 and our spectacular Hanukkah party on Dec. 21. The Hanukkah party will be at the Squalicum Boat-house from noon to 2 p.m. Please join us for an afternoon of latkes, games, and crafts!

RSC members will be selling bundles of candles as well as tickets for a raffle at the Hanukkah party. Please support our school by purchasing tickets and candles. Also, we would appreciate donations for the raffle (see box above).

The sale of candles and raffle tickets is part of a new, year-long fundraising campaign by the Religious School. Check out the weekly e-news for announcements of upcoming events in support of the school, which will include a Purim gift basket program, Purim silent auction, and a series of parties held by CBI members throughout the year.

We are so thankful to all the parent volunteers that already are busy helping us plan. Looking forward to a great year!



Brotherhood keeps the pancakes coming on the first day of Religious School 2014.

REQUEST FOR RAFFLE ITEMS

We are trying something new for the Hanukkah party: a raffle with amazing prizes. We are reaching out to the community for donations of raffle items, such as: gift certificates to restaurants, tickets to a sporting event or concert, gift baskets, new kids' clothing, toys, vacation or excursion packages, or professional services. Please contact Rebecca Orloff or Samantha Konikoff with any questions or donation information. Thank you in advance for your support.

Party book events include sushi, sails

Have you heard the news? A series of fantastic parties is headed your way! Families in our community are hosting all sorts of fun events this year in support of the religious school. Four families have already come together for Supper In The Sukkah -- and invitations to a sushi making party, a sail around the Bay, and a family movie night are on the way! Soon, the Religious School Committee will distribute a book listing all the fun events available for registration.

How will these fun events support the school? It's simple. One or more families hosts a party at their expense. The rest of us can RSVP by purchasing a ticket - and the religious school gets 100 per-

cent of the ticket price!

Look for our book in upcoming weeks. And please consider hosting a party of your own — or join forces with another family. Parties could be children's events (cookie parties, Lego parties, craft parties), adult parties (poker night, themed dinners, cooking classes, restaurant nights) or anything that interests you. They can be held anywhere — and don't have to be a party in the strict sense, so hikes, sports events, and picnics can be included. Contact Rebecca Orloff at rebecca.orloff@bethisraelbellingham.org or Samantha Konikoff at samantha.konikoff@bethisraelbellingham.org if you'd like to host an event!

Bar Mitzvah

Ian Boarnet will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 15, 2014. He is the son of Darren and Nicole



Boarnet, and brother of Alex and Daniel. Ian is a seventh grader at Shuksan Middle School, where he is on the track team, loves playing his trumpet in the band and is looking forward to running cross-country in the spring. Ian enjoys reading and history, and loves camping and exploring the Northwest with Boy Scouts.

For his mitzvah project, Ian has been volunteering at Animals as Natural Therapy (A.N.T) since last summer because he enjoys working with animals and he believes in the A.N.T mission. He plans to continue working with A.N.T after his bar mitzvah. Please join our family in celebration:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

November 14, 2014 at 7:30 PM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

November 15, 2014 at 10 AM

FINISH THE JOURNEY HOME

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received more than \$100,000! This immediate and positive response to the news of the match is encouraging, but we know a renewed effort by the Capital Campaign is needed to assure we meet this daunting challenge. Campaign volunteers will be calling you, writing letters and encouraging donations with renewed intensity. Not only are we laser-focused on securing the \$1 million match, but the sooner the donations come in the better as they will help to keep the construction going in the meantime. We can spend the money as soon as it comes in and we will!

Since the Campaign started in earnest in the year 2000, the congregation has been on a long and arduous journey to plan, fund and construct a new home for Jewish life in Northwest Washington and we are almost there. It is up to us as a congregation to "Finish our Journey Home," to make our new gathering place a reality. Every dollar contributed until now is greatly appreciated. Every dollar given in the next 14 months will be worth two and put us a giant step closer to our goal.

Together, we are on a sacred journey to keep our Jewish community vibrant and growing. Every gift to this project is a mitzvah. We have just over a year to meet the \$1 million challenge and "Finish our Journey Home." Your gift is a blessing for each of us, for our families and friends and for our Jewish community. Your gift is a blessing for sure.

Birthdays

November 2014

11/1 Susan Jay	11/14 Ian Boarnet (13th)
11/1 David Ziegler	11/14 Isaac Schapiro (14th)
11/2 Lev Shuster (13th)	11/14 Raphael Schapiro (14th)
11/4 Elinor Hall (9th)	11/14 Shoshana Schapiro 14th
11/5 Aaron Weiss	11/16 Kristan Brennan
11/7 Steve James	11/16 Ellie Greenberg(16th)
11/8 Rob Grossman	11/16 Jane Relin
11/9 Jaime Korner (19th)	11/17 Nancy Lloyd
11/11 Stephanie Korn	11/17 Bonnie Stone
11/11 Wendy Schwartz	11/17 Jay Wolfman
11/12 Jakob Garfinkle(16th)	11/18 Rita Spitzer
11/12 Rebecca Garfinkle (16th)	11/19 Anita Meyer
11/13 Peter Auerbach	11/20 Willow Corey-DuBow (11th)
11/13 Miriam Schwartz	11/25 Sylvan Weinstein (4th)

11/26 Tamar Clarke	12/10 Trisha Adelstein
11/26 Shala Erlich	12/11 Marvin Wayne
11/26 Jeffrey Zucker	12/13 Christine Goodman
11/27 Karen Katz	12/13 Sheldon Pravda
11/28 Floyd King	12/13 Rory Verkh-Haskell(9th)
11/28 Judy Soicher	12/14 Eli Brennan (16th)
11/30 Orion Dixon (6th)	12/15 Anna Booker
11/30 Priscilla Feld	12/16 Corinne Gimbel-Levine
11/30 Sarah Witte	12/16 Mark Greenberg
	12/17 Maya Taranow (16th)
	12/19 Cathie Diller
	12/19 Cinda Zemel
	12/20 David Miller
	12/22 Michelle Anderson
	12/27 Philip Buri
	12/27 Julie Siegfried (20th)
	12/30 Shawn Clarke

December 2014

12/ 4 Rebecca Oliver
12/ 5 Millie Johnson
12/ 7 Alyssa Diller (14th)
12/ 8 Noam Richmond(12th)

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Faces in our community

Songleader receives warm welcome

By LINDA HIRSH

After Andrea Shupack sang the bitter-sweet melody "R'tzei," one congregant closed his eyes and sighed.

"So beautiful," he breathed, touching his heart.

That congregant, board president Mitch Press, was not the only one who felt the impact of Andrea's voice this Rosh Hashanah morning. If it is possible for a voice to sing Shana Tovah to each worshipper, then she accomplished that.

"I try to feel the meaning of the prayer and convey the tone as I chant it," Andrea said.

Her style is direct. Her mezzo is pure. She sang as if she were looking into the eyes of each congregant.

"She's amazing," said Marta Brand. "Just right for our congregation."

Andrea leaves most cantorial embellishments to history.

"It is a matter of sharing the prayer," she said. "When it's more accessible, more people connect. So I tone it down."

For Andrea, the music is entwined with Jewish life. She remembers a defining moment when she realized what it meant to be Jewish. Dating an Orthodox Jew, she celebrated Shabbat with his family. While his mother lit the candles, she cried, imagining herself performing this ritual with her own family in the future.

Music entered Andrea's life early on. She remembers going to a Moody Blues concert at the age of 6 and listening to the band through earplugs her parents gave her to protect her hearing from the volume. In high school, she broadened her tastes with jazz and blues and at university, classical music and opera.

Although Andrea keeps secular and religious music separate, she said even traditional Jewish melodies may derive from sources outside the synagogue.

She likened Jewish music to Jewish food. It picks up whatever is in the milieu and flavors it with Jewish spices. Wherever composers lived, they took popular styles and adapted them. For instance, composer Debbie Friedman's version of



Andrea Shupack will be song-leading at religious school as well as select Shabbat and festival services. Below, she is pictured with her husband, Josh, and 2-year-old son, Aiden Ezra, in front of the Beth Israel sukkah. (Photos by Asher Suloway-Baker)



Oseh Shalom contains strains of folk music.

"Eventually some of it becomes traditional, woven into the fabric of synagogue services," Andrea said.

Now that she has moved back to town, she will bring her passion for Jewish music to Congregation Beth Israel.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, Andrea, 34, lived there for seven years. Her fami-

ly then spent four years in Vancouver, British Columbia, then moved to Bellingham when she was 12. In less than a year, she became bat mitzvah under the tutelage of Rabbi Michael Oblath.

She attended Bellingham public schools from sixth grade through college, studying music education and vocal performance at Western Washington University.

Bellingham was a comfortable place to live, she said, but in 2002 she moved to Seattle with her Bachelor of Arts in music to do student teaching.

Meanwhile the many Jewish music and education conferences she attended inspired her. The Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education, held one in 2001, gathering rabbis, cantors, educators and community leaders for a

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FROM THE RABBI

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"Not that there's anything wrong with that!"

Indeed, Judaism *is* greater than a faith system. As I mentioned in my "Jewish Bucket List" sermon on Yom Kippur, Judaism is a civilization that is composed of many parts, such as: a common language, land, religion, mores, folkways, rituals, foods, etc. This was a central teaching of Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism, which was a 20th century offshoot from the Conservative movement. So it makes complete sense when someone feels a strong connection to one component but not to another. How many of us feel Jewish through and through but are not too confident in our Hebrew skills? How many connect to Judaism through foods but not through prayer? How many connect through Israel but not through social justice?

You see, one category is no more important than the other when it comes to our individual Jewish identity. The question, however, is: How do *you* connect to Judaism? And what is it that *you* do that reminds you of your Jewish heritage?

Since much of what we do here at Beth Israel centers around religion, I would like your input into how we can better serve our diverse community with more cultural activities and events. Our Program Team is "standing by" to plan this year and it would be wonderful to hit on as many elements as possible so that each member of our community feels that Beth Israel is the central place for expressing and living Judaism.

— Rabbi Joshua Samuels



OUR NEW PIANO

While we are saddened that Robert and Jane Sylvester have moved away from Bellingham to settle in Seattle, we are extremely grateful for their most generous gift to our community. They have given us a gorgeous Yamaha baby grand piano that now sits to the right of the bima. It is the Sylvester's hope that their piano will enhance the music for services and special events at CBI for a long time. We wish Robert and Jane all the best as they embark on a new journey in their lives. All we need now are pianists. Anyone?

A Purim tradition made easy

Question: What's sweet and fun and shows up at your door at Purim?

Answer: Mishloah Manot!!

Mishloah Manot is the tradition of giving gifts of food at Purim. We can make this effortless for you, and help support the Religious School at the same time!

Look for details in the January Shofar.

For more information, or if you'd like to help, contact Deborah Oksenberg, Joan Wayne, & Miriam Schwartz



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The Yenta speaks ...

Leah Beck, a new teacher in our Religious School, was accepted into the elite Nachshon Project. **The Nachshon Project** is a cross-denominational opportunity to spend the Spring semester of junior year on a full tuition scholarship at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Its purpose is to educate and inspire the top echelon of American Jewish undergraduates by expanding their horizons and exposing them to models of leadership, scholarship and meaningful encounters offered nowhere else. We are thrilled for Leah and look forward to sending her off at a Shabbat service later this year.

Mazel Tov to **Ella** and **Alan Barney** on the birth of their son, **James Barney**. James was born Oct. 11 and



James Barney

weighed in at 6 pounds 7 ounces. The whole family is doing well. James will be given his Hebrew name at a naming ceremony during the Family Shabbat service on Friday, Nov. 7 at 6:15 p.m.

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stimulating week.

"It was eye-opening to see people who love Judaism so much that they made it their life work. I met Jewish musicians there who opened the world to me."

At the end of that conference, Andrea announced to the other students that she had decided to become a cantor.

Yet Andrea never got to cantorial school, a demanding five year program. Instead, she fell in love.

She met Josh Shupack at a Hillel leadership conference in Pennsylvania. Josh who comes from a rural area outside San Diego, is a computer programmer. They married in 2005 and now have 2-year-old son, Aiden Ezra.

Faced with a choice of where to settle, the Shupacks aimed for Oregon. It was not quite right for them at the time. People directed her to Berkeley, California.

Their first glimpse of that city included a parade of people marching with a To-

rah from their old synagogue to a new building. The happening was definitive.

"I have never been in a place with so many Jewish people," she said. "It had a thriving young adult community. We would walk to synagogue for Shabbat service, have lunch, then walk around the neighborhood visiting."

Her three years in Berkeley, Calif., were a crash course in Jewish education -- teaching, singing, leading choirs in four synagogues. But she wanted to bring what she learned there to a smaller town so she got a job as a cantorial soloist and program director at Temple Emek Shalom in Ashland, Ore. They stayed for six years.

Now she is back in Bellingham with her family, where her father and stepmother, Beth Israel members David and Genny Cohn, still live. She wants to bring Aiden to the place where she was raised.

"I want the congregation to see him grow up," she said.

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

Lunch Bunch

This informal women's lunch group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Bring a vegetarian sandwich to share and join our gathering -- everyone is welcome.

The next lunches will be Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, both at Joan Wayne's home. Please RSVP to jawayne2@yahoo.com or (360) 676-8939.

Sisterhood Book Group

The Sisterhood book group will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, for a discussion of "Locked Rooms," by Laurie King, place TBA.

The December meeting will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, for a discussion of "Midwife of Venice," by Robert Rich, at the home of Ann Su-loway.



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Noemi Ban to give 2 talks at WWU

6 p.m. Nov. 12 & 13, 2014

This year Nov. 9 marks the 76th anniversary of the Kristallnacht.

Congregation Beth Israel member Noemi Ban, a survivor of Auschwitz and award-winning teacher, will speak on Wednesday, Nov. 12, and Thursday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Arntzen Hall 100 on the WWU main campus.

If you wish to reserve seats for yourself, your family or friends, go to www.wce.wvu.edu/nwche/ or call WWU's Center for Education, Equity & Diversity, (360) 650-3827.

Parking: Starting at 4:30 p.m., WWU parking is free in Lots C and 12A, which are near the Wade King Recreation Center at the corner of Bill McDonald Parkway and College Way — a 5-minute walk to Arntzen Hall.

From the Membership Committee ...

RITA SPITZER & ANN SULOWAY,
CO-CHAIRS

As always, September and October are busy months for our committee. We were pleased to host the Rosh Hashanah Oneg, a big thanks to all our members for their participation in this fun event. Once again we used a "paperless" system for our current members upon arrival at High Holiday services. This gives us all a quick opportunity to meet & greet our members as well as the guests who checked in with us at our guest table.

Now we are beginning to work on updating our Member Services Directory. Look for information in this current Shofar as well as on the website. Due date for new information as well as any changes to current listings is Nov. 30. This directory is accessible to all synagogue members on the website. This

newer version will offer youth services as well.

Membership Committee is sponsoring a ladies-only fund-raiser for the Religious School. Join us on Nov. 9 for a fun art event at Uptown Art (see page 3 for registration information).

Welcome aboard to the newest member of our committee: Nicole Boarnet

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

A number of new members have joined our synagogue community. Chanan Suarez of Bellingham

Jordan & Lindsey Genut and daughter Leeya (age 1)

Laura & Cassandra Wolfson; daughter Sydney (age 8) & son Elijah (age 5)

Happy Anniversary

November 2014

Nov. 2 Lisa & Chris Balton (# 28)
Nov. 6 Sarah & Norman DesRosiers (#10)
Nov. 12 Mark & Kathy Greenberg (# 19)
Nov. 15 Shelly & Elinor Pravda (# 33)
Nov. 16 George & Fay Farkas (# 18)
Nov. 26 Cliff & Andrea Haas (# 22)
Nov. 27 Nancy Steiger and
Jackson Helsloot (# 37)
Nov. 29 Floyd King & Leigh Squires (#12)

December 2014

Dec. 9 Stuart & Judy Berman (# 40)
Dec. 15 Jeffrey & Priscilla Feld (# 34)
Dec. 15 Jeff & Amy Margolis (# 52)
Dec. 20 Sue & Hans-Rudolf Guenter- Schlesinger (# 30)
Dec. 21 Lou & Marcia Lippman (# 49)
Dec. 22 Terri Weiner & Rob Lopresti (# 38)
Dec. 23 Sagit & Alex Hall (# 11)
Dec. 28 Jesse & Nicky Naiman (# 10)
Dec. 29 Armando & Diana Lindner (#49)
Dec. 30 Joan & Marvin Wayne (# 43)
Dec. 31 Tracy & Cathie Diller (# 17)

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 and let us know the month, day & year of your special day. We want to celebrate with you!

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- * Ian Boarnet, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

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IN APPRECIATION TO:

- * Sharona Feller and Miriam Zderic, for all of their help in getting Alyssa ready for her Bat Mitzvah

From: Tracy & Cathie Diller

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN APPRECIATION TO:

- * Rabbi Samuels, in thanks for Lilah's Bat Mitzvah

From: Isaac & Wendy Blum

- * Rabbi Samuels, for blessing our marriage

From: Sylvia & John Williams

- * Rabbi Samuels, for Alyssa's Bat Mitzvah

From: Tracy & Cathie Diller

- * Rabbi Samuels, for opening a conversation re: Israel and Palestine

From: Belle Shalom

- * Rabbi Samuels and Andrea Shupack, for a wonderful High Holy Days celebration

From: Miriam Schwartz

- * Andrea Shupack, for her beautiful singing during the High Holy Days

From: Jerry & Marilyn Eisner

- * Congregation Beth Israel – in thanks for HHD services

From: Arlene Ehrlich (Seattle)

IN HONOR OF:

- * Warren Rosenthal - Happy Birthday

From: Steve & Rita Spitzer

- * Eytan Samuels – for his Fifth Birthday

- * Anne Brown – best wishes to her in her new home

From: Fran Levy (Carmichael, CA)

- * Suzanne Feder (Rancho Mirage, CA) — Happy Birthday

- * Steve Frankel (Oakland, CA) — Happy

Beth Israel is pleased to acknowledge your donation to special Synagogue funds**, Hadassah, or in honor of a special person, by sending a card to your designee. You may send donations, along with your message and the recipient's name and address to Shelley Wolfman. For Hadassah cards, contact Bonnie Stone. For Hadassah certificates, call Debbie Adelstein. For Trees-For-Israel certificates or JF "Blue Boxes," contact Janis Ban. Contact information for the above individuals is available by calling (360) 733-8890.

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From: Rhoda & Peter Samuels

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

- * Susan Kendal – Get Well Wishes

From: Judith Osman

IN MEMORIAM:

- * To Jamie Jacobs, in memory of her father, Arnold Jacobs

From: Fran Levy (Carmichael, CA)

- * To Carol Frankel (Rancho Mirage, CA), in memory of Morton Cohen

From: Rhoda & Peter Samuels

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- * Rabbi Samuels, on the loss of his grandmother, Hannah Samuels

From: Nancy & Don Davis

Mimi & Art Gauss (S.F.);

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- * Anne Brown

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IN APPRECIATION TO:

- * Sharona Feller, in thanks for Lilah's

Bat Mitzvah

From: Isaac & Wendy Blum

- * Andrea Shupack, for her beautiful singing at the High Holy Days. Welcome back to Bellingham

From: Larry & Melissa Stahlberg

- * Congregation Beth Israel - in thanks for HHD services

From: Arlene Ehrlich (Seattle)

HOLIDAY GREETINGS:

- * Best wishes for a Sweet New Year to the Beth Israel community!

From: Rosalie & Stan Yacknin (Novato, CA)

NEW SYNAGOGUE FUND

IN APPRECIATION TO:

- * Warren Rosenthal, for all his help with Alyssa's Kiddush lunch.

From: Tracy & Cathie Diller

- * Warren Rosenthal & Amy Whiting, in thanks for a most wondrous Fifth Shabbat

From: Jane Verner

- * David Zimmerman, for taking me to Rosh Hashanah services

- * Rabbi Samuels, for everything he does

- * Anne Brown, for being a gracious friend

From: Bernice Loober

IN HONOR OF:

Alyssa Diller, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

From: Debbie & Dan Raas

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From the bima ...

Thanks for High Holy Days help

Todah Rabah! Thank you very much to everyone who helped organize the High Holy Days this year.

Floyd King: Thank you for setting up, taking down, and doing all the dirty work.

Karen Sloss: Thank you for being the point person with the Leopold and making sure everything ran smoothly. From my perspective it did! And thank you for the 2nd day Rosh Hashanah luncheon.

Sarah Witte: Thank you for organizing the child care once again. I know so many parents appreciated it.

Roby Blecher and friends: Thank you for the delicious smoked whitefish. I know it was a labor of love.

Alan Stone and Brotherhood: Thank you for organizing the ushers.

Ann Suloway, Rita Spitzer and friends: Thank you for welcoming everyone with smiling faces and assisting people with questions.

Mary Somerville: Thank you for doing so much behind the scenes. There isn't enough room to describe all you do.

Hank Levine, Steve Ban and Roby: Thank you for leading 2nd day Rosh Hashanah with me. It felt just right.

All of the Torah/Haftarah chanters: Thank you for amazing us with your skills. You all rocked!

David Cohn, Dan Ohms and Yaniv Attar: Thank you for your stellar shofar sounding.

Membership Committee: Thank you for hosting the Rosh Hashanah oneg.

Lynn Korner and Linda Blackwell: Thank you for organizing the break-fast.

Joy Gardner: Thank you for donating the beautiful floral arrangements.

Joan Wayne: Thank you for shlep-ping things back and forth from the synagogue.

Nicole, Eytan and Shoshana: Thank you for putting up with my hectic schedule as I prepared for and led the High Holy Days. Thank God they only come around once a year!

You are all blessings to this community.

— Rabbi Joshua Samuels

Raise the Roof sale supports Million \$ Match

The Fundraising Committee is organizing a huge sale in a 2,000-square-foot warehouse to raise money for our Million \$ Match Campaign.

The two-day sale will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 13-14 at 2200 Division St., behind behind Grow Source.

Items are needed to sell - anything from Tupperware to Tiffany's! You can donate furniture, jewelry, cars, clean clothes, working electronics, kitchenware and housewares. Anything you would see in an antique store or thrift store is welcome. Let your neighbors and friends know they can donate items to sell too.

Drop off times are 9 a.m. to noon and 4 to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, December 1-2, at 2200 Division St.

For more information or additional drop off times call Lynn Korner, (360) 671-2607.

From the Social Action Committee ...

DEBBIE RAAS AND
LINDA BLACKWELL, CO-CHAIRS

Vote

Your ballot needs to be in the mail or dropped off by Nov. 4.

Food

The High Holiday Food Drive delivered 515 pounds of food and \$250 dollars to the Bellingham Food Bank. Thanks to all who contributed.

We are doing a special drive for **baby food and formula** during November. Our smallest people need special food and you can help supply it by dropping your donations in our baskets by the social hall.

Clothing

Thanks to all who donated gently used coats for the Interfaith Coalition Coat Drive. Special thanks to Patty Yust and

Jeff Popp for providing a collection box and transporting the coats. Also thanks to those who volunteered to distribute coats.

Yes, we want **hats** to distribute through CAST. If you have been knitting hats or sewing them from fleece, please drop them in our baskets in December. We encourage you to have your own hat making party on Christmas Day in place of the one held for many years at the synagogue. Hats will be collected after January 1.

Shelter

Severe weather is coming and volunteers are needed to keep the homeless out of the coldest weather. Watch your weekly email for the training schedule for Interfaith Coalition's **Severe Weather Shelters**.

Help

A group of Beth Israel members cleans

and readies an Interfaith Coalition home as families move in and out for stays of a month or more. We need help. If you have time during the week, and would like to help us, let Linda Blackwell know. Cleaning house can be fun!

Womencare Thanksgiving

We are gathering the fixings for Thanksgiving dinner for **Womencare Shelter**, which provides emergency, confidential shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence. A list of needed items will be posted at the synagogue and online. Items are needed by noon Sunday Nov. 23. Please put perishable items in the refrigerator, labeled "Womencare." All other items can go in our baskets. We also collect money for a turkey and other celebrations throughout the year. We buy Scrip and give Womencare the gift cards. Please make out checks to Debbie Raas.

A Parsha recipe: Toldot Red Lentil Soup

SHARED BY JOAN WAYNE

PARSHA TOLDOT — Nov 21-22, 2014

In *Parsha Toldot* Esau returns from hunting in the fields, exhausted. He comes upon his brother Jacob, cooking red stew and demands that Jacob feed him some. Jacob offers to trade a bowl of soup for Esau's birthright, the privilege of the first-born son. Hungry and fatigued, Esau says, "I'm so tired I'm practically dead, so what use is the birthright to me?" and sells it to Jacob who in exchange, gives him bread and red stew. Our family tradition is to enjoy red lentil soup on Shabbat Toldot. This is our favorite recipe:



TOLDOT SOUP

3 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
2 large cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/3 cup dried apricots, chopped
1½ cups dried red lentils
4 or 5 cups vegetarian or chicken broth
14 oz can of Muir Glen Fire Roasted diced tomatoes
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

Salt & pepper
Garnishes: 2 tablespoons lemon juice, chopped parsley, greek yogurt or sour cream

In a large soup pot, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic & dried apricots. Saute, stirring occasionally, until the onion is soft, about 12 minutes. Rinse the lentils & check for small stones (I've never found one). Add the lentils and broth to onion mixture. Bring to a

boil, then reduce the heat and simmer, covered, until the lentils are tender, about 30 minutes.

Stir in the tomatoes, cumin, thyme, and salt & pepper to taste. Simmer, covered, for another 10 minutes.

Puree half of the soup.
Add garnishes if desired.
This soup freezes well.

A yummy Toldot dessert is a combination of red & orange m & m's.

SPECIAL FUND DONATIONS

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* Anne Brown

From: Janis & Steve Ban; Noémi Ban; Linda Blackwell & David Goldman; Robert & Jody Meltzer; Joan & Marv Wayne

* Andrea Shupack – Welcome back to Bellingham

* Millie Johnson – Welcome to Beth Israel

* Bonnie Quam – Welcome back to Beth Israel

* Sagit, Alex & Elinor Hall – Mazel Tov on the birth of Amalia Cecilia

* Regan & Ken Levinson – Mazel Tov on the birth of their daughter Willa Wren

From: Anne Brown

* Sylvia & John Williams – Congratulations on your marriage

From: Anne Brown; Debbie & Dan Raas

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

* Debi Loober – For prompt healing of her wrist

From: Bernice Loober

IN MEMORIAM:

* To Eva & David Bradford (Berkeley, CA), in memory of Lisa Furth

* To Kendra Bradford & Todd Shuster and family, in memory of Lisa Furth
From: Ruth Shuster

* To Robert Mirvis (Beverly Hills, CA), in memory of his wife, Ruth

From: Joy Gardner (La Conner)

* In memory of my father, Robert Siegfried

From: John Siegfried

* In memory of Carly Silverthorn

From: Bernice Loober

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

* Marilyn Lewis, Barbara Morrison & Patti Lemlein, on the loss of their mother, Margaret Lewis

From: Bonnie & Alan Stone

SPECIAL DONATION:

* To make amends for opening the car door and accidentally denting the car of a guest during the High Holy Days

From: Gabriel Witte

CONTRIBUTION FROM:

Arlene Ehrlich

Mark Holzband

It's Flu Season

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. You can be contagious a day before you realize you are ill and up to a week after infection.

The flu can be dangerous for the very young, expectant mothers, the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems.

The best strategy to avoid the flu is to GET VACCINATED. It takes two weeks to develop immunity. It's best to get vaccinated in October, but it's not too late! Flu shots are available at most pharmacies, your doctor or clinic. Be well and take good care!

— From the Care Committee

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

NOVEMBER 2014

CHESHVAN - KISLEV 5775

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8 Cheshvan <i>Lech Lecha</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study
2 9 Cheshvan 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School (w/ Gan) 11AM Adult Bnai Mitz class	3 10 Cheshvan	4 11 Cheshvan ELECTION DAY REMEMBER TO → VOTE! ←	5 12 Cheshvan 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	6 13 Cheshvan 7-8:15 PM Judaism 201 Adult Education class	7 14 Cheshvan 8:42:3 6:15 PM Family Service with 6th Grade Class & songleader A. Shupack Potluck dinner afterward	8 15 Cheshvan <i>Va-Yera</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service w/ songleader A. Shupack
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS						
9 16 Cheshvan NO Sunday School 3 PM - Text Study Soc Hall 3 PM - Uptown Art Event ReligSchl Fundraiser	10 17 Cheshvan	11 18 Cheshvan 7 PM Board of Directors VETERANS' DAY	12 19 Cheshvan 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	13 20 Cheshvan 7-8:15 PM Judaism 201 Adult Education class	14 21 Cheshvan 8:44:14 7:30PM Shabbat Service w/ Ian Boarnet	15 22 Cheshvan <i>Chaye Sarah</i> 10:00 AM Ian Boarnet Bar Mitzvah w/ songleader A. Shupack
16 23 Cheshvan 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School (w/ Gan) 2 PM - Sisterhood Book Group - host TBA	17 24 Cheshvan	18 25 Cheshvan 12 PM - Lunch Bunch group @ Joan Wayne's	19 26 Cheshvan 4:15 PM - Hebrew School	20 27 Cheshvan 7-8:15 PM Judaism 201 Adult Education class	21 28 Cheshvan 8:44:06 5:30PM Pre-Service Nosh 6:15PM Shabbat Service w/ songleader A. Shupack	22 29 Cheshvan <i>Toledot</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat
23 1 Kislev 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School 11AM Adult Bnai Mitz class	24 2 Kislev 12 PM Golden Girls @ Skylark's Hidden Café	25 3 Kislev	26 4 Kislev NO Hebrew School	27 5 Kislev <i>Beth Israel office closed</i>	28 6 Kislev 8:44:01 7:30PM Shabbat Service w/ Ma'ayan Shir ensemble	29 7 Kislev <i>Vayetzai</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study
30 8 Kislev NO Sunday School				THANKSGIVING		

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL DECEMBER 2014 KISLEV - TEVET 5775

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9 Kislev	2 10 Kislev	3 11 Kislev	4 12 Kislev	5 13 Kislev הג 3:58	6 14 Kislev <i>Vayishlach</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study
7 15 Kislev 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School (w/ Gan) 10:15 Presentation about Camp Kalsman by URJ rep 11AM Adult Bnai Mitz class	8 16 Kislev	9 17 Kislev 7 PM Board of Directors	10 18 Kislev	11 19 Kislev	12 20 Kislev הג 3:57	13 21 Kislev <i>Vayeshev</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study Shabbaton: 9:30 AM Family Service 10:30AM Learning Sess. for students & parents 12 PM Luncheon
14 22 Kislev NO Sunday School 3 PM -Text Study, Soc.Hall	15 23 Kislev	16 24 Kislev 12 PM - Lunch Bunch group @ Joan Wayne's	17 25 Kislev	18 26 Kislev	19 27 Kislev הג 3:59	20 28 Kislev <i>Mikeitz</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
21 29 Kislev 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School 11AM Adult Bnai Mitz class 12-2PM RS Hanukkah Party @Squalicum Boathouse	22 30 Kislev	23 1 Tevet HANUKKAH EVE	24 2 Tevet	25 3 Tevet	26 4 Tevet הג 4:08	27 5 Tevet <i>Vayigash</i> 9:30 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat
28 6 Tevet NO Sunday School 2 PM - Sisterhood Book Group @ Ann Suloway's	29 7 Tevet 12 PM - Golden Girls @ Skylark's Hidden Café	30 8 Tevet	31 9 Tevet NO Hebrew School		7:30PM Shabbat Service w/ <i>Maayan Shir ensemble</i>	

Yahrzeits

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

Friday, November 7 & Saturday, November 8

Louis Glazer	November 9
George Bernard Levine	November 10
Otto V. Vohl	November 12
Anna Schuman	November 13
Lazar Emanuel	November 14
Anne Enger	November 14
Andrew Wolfberg	November 14

Friday, November 14 & Saturday, November 15

Pam Champagne	November 16
Bernard Feerer	November 16
Sarah Grieff	November 16
Frances Studen	November 16
Henry David Weill	November 16
Samuel Hecht	November 17
Margaret (Peggy) Korner	November 18
Irving Grossman	November 19
Hilda Meltzer	November 19
Esther Altose	November 20
Henry (Hank) Gordon	November 20
Irmgard (Korneck) McNulty	November 20
May B. Schwartz	November 20
Helen Skinner	November 20
Sylvia Sulkin	November 20
Seymour Schiller	November 21

Friday, November 21

Melvin Goldberger	November 22
Esther Mazur	November 22
Janet Camp	November 23
Otto Korneck	November 23
Isaac Israel Krupot	November 23
Julian Lewis	November 23
Jacob Rochwerger	November 24
Bud Robinson	November 25
Rose Wick Eigen	November 26
Jack Sheinkopf	November 26
Marvin Siegel	November 26
Leah (Lilly) Kleiman	November 27
Bernard Shuster	November 28

Friday, November 28

Irma Stone	November 29
Phyllis Heck	November 30
Lanny "Bip" Sokol	November 30
Zelda Turovitz	November 30
Florence Fenichel	December 2
Louis Groper	December 2
David Shavelson	December 2

Nathan Thal	December 3
Ida Zderic	December 3
Burton Glazer	December 4
Edith Jensen	December 4
Nathan P. Schuman	December 4
Elka Rudolf	December 5

Friday, December 5

Abraham Andrew Widerkehr	December 6
Deborah Louise Feinwachs	December 7
Victor Geretz	December 7
Samuel M. Pravda	December 8
Alfred Saul	December 8
David Schuman	December 8
David Dubonsky	December 9
Marion Relin	December 9
Elaine Cohn	December 10
Sanford Thal	December 10
Regina Gartner	December 11
Richard Gartner	December 11
Helen Bunks	December 12

Friday, December 12

Fred Damski	December 13
Joseph Koplowitz	December 13
David Rosenberg	December 14
Paula Brown	December 15
John Douglas (Doug) Freeman	December 15
Richard Kite	December 15
Diane Lewis	December 15
Jacob Pecarsky	December 15
Frances Feiger	December 16
Henry Frank	December 16
Rachel Jaffe	December 16
John Lester	December 17
Nick Schira	December 17
Rose Block	December 18
Elly Kraus	December 18
Lucille Rest	December 18
Marvin Richmond	December 18
Reisel Gartner	December 19
Hannah Glass	December 19
Simon Levitan	December 19
David Mendelsohn	December 19
Esther Olshen	December 19
Bertha Schuman	December 19

Friday, December 19 & Saturday, December 20

Joseph Soode	December 20
Henry Stern	December 20

John J. Read	December 21
Jerry Roberts	December 22
Nathan Loober	December 23
Sarah Patinkin	December 23
Morris M. Stone	December 23
George Shaw	December 24

Friday, December 26

Max Altose	December 27
Richard Bloomfield	December 27
Ben Gordon	December 27
Benjamin David Glazer	December 28
Ruth Robinson	December 28
Nicole Russell	December 28
Barry Zell	December 29
Mona Helms	December 31
Lois Looney	December 31
George Bikman	January 1
Rudolf Reitz	January 1
Cecile R. Gordon	January 2
Rachel Siegfried	January 2
Morris Tall	January 2
Regina Tein	January 2

In Memoriam

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

Our congregation offers heartfelt condolences to **John Siegfried**, on the loss of his father, **Robert Siegfried**, on September 2, 2014.

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Service Schedule

Friday, November 7

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Family service with leadership from Religious School's 6th Graders, music from Andrea Shupack; potluck dinner* after

Saturday, November 8

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service with musical leadership from Andrea Shupack; potluck* Kiddush lunch after

Friday, November 14

7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service with leadership from Ian Boarnet

Saturday, November 15

10 a.m. *Bar Mitzvah of Ian Boarnet*

Friday, November 21

5:30 p.m. Pre-service *nosh*
6:15 p.m. Shabbat evening service with songleader Andrea Shupack

Saturday, November 22

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

Friday, November 28

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

Saturday, November 29

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, December 5

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Family service with leadership from Religious School's 5th Graders, music from Andrea Shupack; potluck dinner*

Saturday, December 6

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, December 12

7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service with songleader Andrea Shupack

Saturday, December 13

9:30 a.m. **SHABBATON:** Torah study and Family Shabbat service, followed by learning sessions for students and parents, ending with a potluck Kiddush lunch

Friday, December 19

5:30 p.m. Pre-service *nosh*
6:15 p.m. Shabbat evening service, 4th night of Hanukkah, with songleader Andrea Shupack



Religious School Committee will be selling bundles of Hanukkah candles.

Saturday, December 20

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

Friday, December 26

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

Saturday, December 27

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

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