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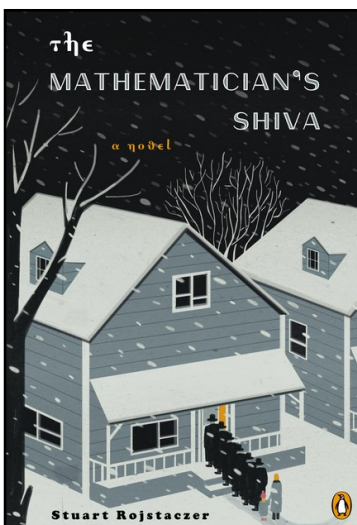
'Mathematician's Shiva' program

11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014

Congregation Beth Israel, in conjunction with Village Books, is pleased to host a presentation and book signing by Stuart Rojstaczer, author of the newly released "The Mathematician's Shiva."

Publisher's Weekly described the book as "a convergence of high math, Eastern European history, and American culture." After Rachela Karnokovitch, a Polish émigré and university professor regarded as her generation's leading mathematician, dies from cancer in 2001, her middle-aged son, Alexander, a meteorologist also known as Sasha, is tasked with organizing the shiva. Dozens of his mother's colleagues descend, proving to be less interested in mourning Rachela than uncovering her secrets — particularly her rumored solution to one of math's most famous enigmas, the Navier-Stokes problem.

On his website (stuartr.com), Rojstaczer says of himself: "I'm overeducat-



ed and like to tell jokes.

"I was raised in Milwaukee (my parents were Polish-Jewish immigrants) and have lived in Italy, Israel and everywhere in America except the Northeast. I've been a Duke University professor and a restaurant dishwasher (one paid a lot better, the other might have been a bit more fun). ...

"Somehow along the way, I became America's grade inflation czar (I don't understand how this happened, honest)."

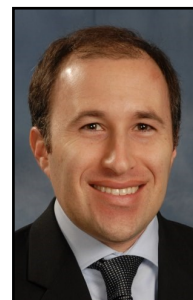
We are pleased we could arrange this presentation during Dr. Rojstaczer's West Coast book tour.

FROM THE RABBI

Shana Tova

It is hard to imagine that the High Holy Days are right around the corner. With our beautiful summer coming to a close we begin to prepare for this sacred

time in our year. The weeks leading up to Rosh Hashanah are intended to be a time when we take an accounting of ourselves and ask



some probing questions, such as: Have I made the personal changes I set out to make? Have I repaired the relationships that, for various reasons, broke apart? Have I contributed to my communities in meaningful and impactful ways this year? No one said this prep work is easy! In fact, it is quite difficult. But as we know, the more effort we put into something, the greater the reward.

Once again, I am humbled and blessed to be leading the Beth Israel community in prayer and learning over the Yamim Noraim (Days of Awe). This is a special honor and I thank you for your support, feedback and encouragement. Just as each of us are encouraged to make adjustments in our own lives, so too, should we strive to make appropriate changes in our Jewish practice. For me, this has meant working hard to create a worship experience that will unite us and enable

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From the President

Focus on budgets, building

My wife, Lisa, and I are about to take our son back to college. During the summer, we have enjoyed seeing the changes in him after several months away from home, immersed in an intense educational and social learning environment. He now seems to be more of a man than a boy. I believe he is looking forward to returning to school, where his life is now focused.



Our focus here at Congregation Beth Israel also is changing as Fall rapidly approaches. Preparations are being made for the upcoming High Holy Days. Religious School begins immediately after. Many of our committees are now meeting to prepare for Fall events.

During the Summer we began our new fiscal year. Our Finance Committee and the Board have looked carefully at balancing the needs of our growing Congregation -- providing education for our children and adults, meaningful religious services, programs, and special events. We must do this with minimal paid staff

and many volunteers. We also need to keep our existing CBI home on Broadway a safe environment while building our new home. After much thought and discussion, we passed this year's operating budget, and have sent out requests for your annual pledges. I really appreciate the fact that pledges appear to be coming in sooner and are a little more generous than in previous years. Hopefully, this is a sign of your support - it is greatly appreciated!

On Sunday, Sept. 7, the Board of Directors will proudly sponsor an open house at our future home on San Juan Boulevard from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Most of our board members will be there, along with members of the New Synagogue Task Force, to share with you the progress on the new building as well as future construction plans. I look forward to seeing you there and welcome any ideas, thoughts, concerns or comments you may have.

Here's to a positive, fulfilling and happy New Year!

— President Mitch Press

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New building tour: See how far we've come!

4:30-6 p.m. Sunday,
Sept. 7, 2014

751 San Juan Blvd.

All Congregation Beth Israel members are invited to come see the progress that's been made since last year's open house at our new building site: front stone work, covered entry area, roof, windows, bima and some other inside framing -- and more!

The board of directors invites you to take a tour and see for yourself how far we've come! Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Board President Mitch Press.



An aerial photograph of the new synagogue building taken in August 2014.

Adult B'nei Mitzvah class among new offerings

Beginning this fall after the High holy Days, Rabbi Samuels will offer two courses: Judaism 201 and Adult B'nei Mitzvah.

Judaism 201

What's the deal with black hats, kabbalah water, braided bread and eco-kashrut? This class is an excellent introduction to Judaism or the perfect refresher. The course will answer the questions above as well as cover the following topics: Who is a Jew? What is Torah, Midrash and Talmud? The many Jewish views of God; The Jewish approach to

life and death; The Jewish calendar and festivals; Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism; Israeli history; Jewish life-cycle events; and more. This is Judaism 101 plus a little extra! The fee covers the cost of the primary text, Settings of Silver and other texts. There are 10 sessions which meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:15. Dates TBD.

Fee: CBI Members: \$36; Non-Members: \$72

Adult B'nei Mitzvah

Rabbi Samuels has heard from several

adults that they would like to become a bar/bat mitzvah. So, let's get together and make this happen! The rabbi is looking forward to starting the Adult B'nei Mitzvah class, which will be called to Torah in the Spring of 2016. This is a two-year spiritual journey that meets on dates TBD. During the first year, students learn to read Hebrew and begin a journey of exploring the prayers in our siddur, prayer book.

Not sure? Have questions? Contact Rabbi Samuels, he'll be happy to talk with you.

Synagogue membership is required.

Stay tuned for other course offerings.

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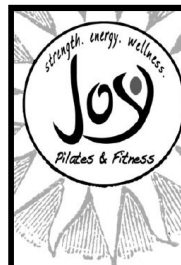
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URJ Camp Kalsman News and Notes

Beth Israel makes good showing at camp

This year Beth Israel sent over 20 children to Camp Kalsman. Proportionally, this is one of the highest rates amongst all synagogues.

Rabbi Samuels spent a week at camp--along with his family--where he served on faculty; teaching campers and staff, leading services, and having fun.

In preparation for Summer 2015, Camp Kalsman is offering an Open House for prospective families from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014.

If you have any questions about Camp Kalsman, feel free to ask the rabbi or Melissa Schapiro, who serves on the Camp Kalsman Commission.

Registration information for Summer 2015 will be available in September.

More information is available on the camp website, kalsman.urjcamp.org



Rabbi Joshua Samuels and family (far right) visit with Bellingham campers and staff during Camp Kalsman's Bet (second) Session, Summer 2014.

From the Religious School Committee ...

Thanks to everyone who attended our summer pool party. It was wonderful to reconnect with old friends and make new ones as the new school year approaches. An extra special thank you to Melissa Schapiro, Joan Wayne, and Nicole Samuels for hosting this fun event!

Please mark your calendars for the first day of religious school on Sunday, October 5. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. in the social hall with a pancake

breakfast hosted by the Brotherhood.

After the breakfast, we will meet in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. for the *t'fillah* service and introduction of our teachers and madrichim.

Parents, please stay with your students as parent orientation will immediately follow the service. Another wonderful year of Jewish learning and fun is just around the corner!

Shofar sounding workshop

Come early to the Family Service on Sept. 5 to learn how to get a good sound out of your shofar! Workshop, 5:30 p.m.; Service, 6:15 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner.

Religious School registration

Our religious school is now using a new online financial management system (TADS) to help us streamline our registration process and allow you to see your account information and make payments online.

Families with returning students have received an email with instructions on how to register. If you are registering a new student, contact the Beth Israel office or email our Religious School Director Sagit Hall at rs.bi@bethisraelbellingham.org

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From the Social Action Committee

High Holiday Food Drive

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Winter Coat Drive

This successful program brings warm coats to people in need countywide.

Please bring clean, gently used winter coats, hats, gloves and mittens to the synagogue this month. If you are a knitter, handmade hats and scarves are also cherished. Friday, October 17 is the last Friday to bring in items. If you

are interested in volunteering to distribute coats on Sunday, Oct. 26, please contact Interfaith Coalition at 734-3983. Thanks for sharing the warmth!

Annual Hope Meeting and Celebration

Beth Israel has been a member of Interfaith Coalition for more than 20 years. Discover all the ways you are making a difference through your support of Interfaith Coalition by attending the Annual Hope Meeting and Celebration at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014, at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 2600 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham. The event features local music, refreshments and fellowship.

Interfaith Community Health Center Benefit

The community comes together to support the Center's mission of afford-

able medical, dental and behavioral health care for everyone with this annual eagerly-anticipated autumn dinner. The benefit dinner will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 at the Bellingham Golf & Country Club. Tickets are \$135. For tickets, email the Interfaith Community Health Center at interfaithchc.org.

CAST ...

Thank you for your contribution of toiletries to CAST. The donated small soaps, shampoos, toothpastes and lotions are greatly appreciated by those who live on the streets.

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Birthdays

September 2014

9/2 Owen Orloff (5th)
9/3 Emil Hecht
9/4 Gaby Mayers
9/4 Chi-Na Stoane
9/5 Marilyn Eisner
9/5 Elliot Levinson (7th)
9/6 Judy Berman
9/9 Daryl Dixon
9/10 Justin Morgan Parmett
9/10 Jane Sylvester
9/11 Lynda Engle
9/11 Steven Garfinkle
9/11 Elliott Noell (21st)
9/11 Eytan Samuels (5th)
9/12 Marcia Lippman

9/12 Miriam Zderic
9/13 Bruce Van Glubt
9/15 Lucy Naiman (6th)
9/15 Lydia Sherwood
9/16 Michele Sanger
9/16 Elizabeth Sheinkopf
9/17 Elinor Pravda
9/18 Esther Faber
9/18 Mark Packer
9/19 Perry Somers
9/19 Melissa Stahlberg
9/21 Darcie Donegan
9/21 Emma Konikoff (2nd)
9/21 Zachariah Popp (21st)
9/22 Roby Blecker
9/22 Elliot Probst (8th)
9/23 Natalie Greenberg (14th)

9/23 Jenny Katz (11th)
9/23 Carrie Myers
9/23 Terri Weiner
9/24 Nancy Miller
9/25 Mark Hunter
9/26 Patti Zucker
9/27 Nancy Davis
9/27 Janet Hughes
9/27 Debby Meyers
9/27 Maurice Schwartz
9/28 Arlene Feld
9/29 Noémi Ban
9/29 Paula Friedman
9/30 Regan Levinson
9/30 Else Sokol

10/8 David Goldman
10/8 Nancy Lazarus
10/8 Shelly Mazur
10/8 Isaiah Soicher (12th)
10/9 Armando Lindner
10/9 Talia Sheinkopf (16th)
10/10 Beverly Harrington
10/11 Kaya Sherwood-Bally (13th)
10/14 Ray Wolpow
10/15 Marta Brand
10/15 Gayle Gordon-Martin
10/15 Megan Ohms (21st)
10/15 Warren Taranow
10/16 David Zimmerman
10/17 Elka Fink
10/19 Leslie Adelstein
10/20 George Farkas
10/20 Sascha Guenter-

October 2014

10/1 Elena Buri (16th)
10/1 Isabel Buri (16th)
10/1 Tracey Levine
10/1 Bernice Loober
10/1 Warren Rosenthal
10/2 Miles Lipson (9th)
10/2 Kayla Orloff (12th)
10/4 Barry Meyers
10/5 Trevor Press (20th)
10/6 Michael Lewis
10/7 K.J. Jantzen
10/7 Orly Lindner (11th)
10/7 Niles Roberts
10/8 Sarann Donegan

Schlesinger (19th)
10/21 Roy Evans (18th)
10/21 Gail Shuster (11th)
10/22 Ila Anderson (3rd)
10/23 Martha Greenstone
10/27 Jacob Anderson (13th)
10/27 Perry Davids
10/27 Renée Relin
10/28 Zoe Sheinkopf (20th)
10/29 Katie Somers
10/30 Lynne MacDonald
10/30 Neri Maxim (11th)
10/30 Jay Solomon



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Faces in our community

Anne Brown: Hospitality incarnate

By LINDA HIRSH

For many, Anne Brown stands as a metaphor for Congregation Beth Israel.

That's because she is often the first person from the synagogue that a new member meets.

Anne founded the membership committee around 1968 and chaired it for 20 years to ensure hospitality at Beth Israel. She has been a one-woman Welcome Wagon, bringing each new member gifts of Shabbat candles and challah.

"That's one way I got to know everyone," she said.

The ambiance she has helped create has inspired Frank Champagne. Back around 2003, he described the community in a classic statement:

"Whenever I go there," he said, "it's like stepping into a warm bath."

Anne believes that Beth Israel's current spiritual leader adds to the geniality. She showers Rabbi Joshua Samuels, with praise, saying that he responds to adults and is a magician with children.

After 52 years in Bellingham, Anne is leaving to live in the Summit, a Jewish retirement home in Seattle. There she will enjoy proximity to her children and members of her extended family.

But Anne will leave a legacy.

In addition to her accomplishments in the religious community, she has shone in civic affairs. Her memoir lists at least ten awards, among them a spot in the Northwest Woman's Hall of Fame for her achievements. Through her projects, she has accumulated multitudes of friends in both sectors.

Anne worked at the Whatcom County Health department as a public health nurse for 19 years. Because of her affection for children of nursery school age, they have served as a focus for much of her work and volunteerism. During her time with the health department, she helped develop the Whatcom Center for Early Learning.

After Anne's retirement, she poured her energy into Beth Israel.

One highlight in her tenure was the conversion of her husband Will, formerly a Unitarian. She remembered how he woke up one morning, after 50 years of marriage, and said, "I'm going to call the rabbi about converting." The rabbi, Yossi Leibowitz, was amazed when Will plowed through the book, *Jewish Literacy* by Joseph Telushkin practically overnight.

"Will was so active at Beth Israel that many people were surprised to learn he wasn't Jewish," Anne said.

Will and Anne met in Seattle. Anne moved there on March 15, 1948 and joined Hillel to meet other Jewish people her age. A Unitarian youth group had asked Hillel members to



Anne Brown in her new home in Seattle.

In Anne's honor

Ice Cream Party Community Sendoff

2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, September 6, 2014

YWCA Ballroom, 1026 N. Forest St., Bellingham

All are Welcome!

For more information, (or if you would like to volunteer), call Elka Fink (360) 715-0815

Luncheon to Honor Anne Brown

for her many years of dedicated service to Congregation Beth Israel

12:30 p.m. Oct. 5, 2014

Bellingham Country Club, 3729 Meridian St

Cost \$14 (vegetarian soup and salad buffet).

Send payment to Congregation Beth Israel

RSVP by Sept. 20, 2014

Questions? Call Lynn Korner (360) 671-2607

Anne's Book of Memories

Please help us put together a book of memories for Anne by emailing photographs, stories, poems, drawings to MLProbst.aol.com

Questions? Call Marcy Probst (360) 647-1982

Deadline: Sept. 6, 2014

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FROM THE RABBI

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every person to connect spiritually and intellectually to our rich tradition. As you might imagine, this is easier said than done. But thankfully, with your comments from the post-HHD survey last year, you have provided me with valuable input that has helped inform how this year's services will hopefully feel.

The biggest change is in regard to music and leadership. Many congregants commented that they prefer praying to familiar melodies with a balance between contemporary and traditional. In addition, a considerable number of people (not a majority) felt that the use of musical instruments on the bima last year was a bit excessive and did not allow for a prayerful experience. In fact it detracted from this goal. Finally, many congregants prefer being led by someone familiar with Beth Israel. In other words, when an "outsider" leads us, regardless of how well they are received, the service simply doesn't feel very Beth Israel-ish.

These concerns have been addressed. First and foremost in terms of cantorial leadership. We are blessed to welcome back to our community Andrea Shupack, along with her husband, Josh, and son, Aiden. As many of you know, Andrea grew up here (she is the daughter of member and former Board president David Cohn), was active in our PHAT youth group and taught in our Religious School. Andrea is not only an accomplished singer, teaching voice lessons and music classes for close to a decade, but she also has directed choirs and sung in various choral groups as well as with the Rogue Valley Opera and Southern Oregon Repertory Singers. Andrea has a passion for Jewish education as well. She

**Andrea Shupack**

has taught b'nei mitzvah students, tutoring them in all areas of preparation including Torah and Haftarah trope. Also, Andrea has directed a Jewish summer camp in Ashland and my hope is that one day our new synagogue site will have its own Jewish day camp. (Let's first move in!)

While learning under many of the most influential contemporary Jewish musicians, such as Debbie Friedman and Craig Taubman, Andrea has a deep appreciation for traditional melodies and recalls with much admiration the High Holy Day services she attended at CBI as a child and young adult. Together we have attempted to create services that we hope will appeal to people of all Jewish backgrounds as well as to our friends and family members who are not Jewish. Our main goal is to fashion a type of atmosphere that will allow each worshipper to have a profound spiritual experience.

Ticketless High Holy Day Services

The Membership Committee looks forward to greeting each and every one of you at the upcoming High Holiday services.

We will continue the ticketless entry process for members that was so successful last year, saving trees, money, time and lengthy lines at the door. Non-member guests still will need to contact the office ahead of time and check in at the door. As always, no one will be turned away.

Thanks to the generosity of the Sisterhood, Jewish calendars will be available for each family to pick up.

The committee wishes you all a very sweet year.

Whether that happens by listening, singing, reading, or praying from the heart, it's ultimately up to each individual.

There will be a couple more changes this High Holy Day season. The first coming during s'lichot. Instead of the learning session on specific prayers from the machzor that I have led the past couple years, this time, we will watch a film that speaks to many High Holy Day themes, such as repentance, personal change, end-of-life, and family. I hope to have a meaningful discussion following the screening. Finally, in place of the traditional text study on Yom Kippur afternoon, we will be engaging in a facilitated dialogue based on the topic of my Kol Nidre sermon. This will certainly be an enlightening and powerful experience.

As we come together to usher in the New Year, I want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for supporting Jewish life in Bellingham and for committing yourselves to the growth of our special community. May we, individually and collectively, grow in many ways this year. Most of all, may this be a year of sweetness for you and your loved ones.

B'shalom,

— Rabbi Joshua Samuels

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Big sister Elinor with Amalia Cecilia Hall.

Mazel Tov to **Sagit and Alex Hall** on the birth of their daughter, **Amalia Cecilia**, on July 30, 2014. Her sister **Elinor** is very excited to be a big sister and is super helpful with the new baby!.

Mazel Tov to **Tammy and Daryl Dixon**, who welcomed their daughter **Diana** into the Jewish covenant with a *brit bat* ceremony on August 10, 2014.

Congratulations to **Sylvia Fagner**, who married **John Williams** on August 2, 2014. You'll soon be able to find her in the updated membership directory under Sylvia Williams. Our best wishes to the bride and groom.

ANNE BROWN

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teach them Israeli folk dancing. Anne walked in and there was Will. They talked, danced and she gave him her number.

It took a coincidence to ignite the relationship, though. Strolling in Lincoln Park one day, she saw Will walking with friends, towards her. That Hollywood-style scenario sealed it. He asked her out.

They married on March 21, 1949. While building a house in Seattle, they rented one with a row boat right on the water in Bainbridge Island. Will, a former Boeing engineer, taught high school.

Western Washington University asked him to be on a committee to evaluate student teachers in 1956, prompting a move to Bellingham.

Will then got a masters degree and left for Gainesville, Florida, so he could earn a doctorate in science education. After a teaching stint at San Francisco State, Will returned to Western Washington with

tenure in 1966. Two years later, they bought a lot on Highland Drive and built the current house with a magnificent view overlooking the bay. Will died in 2003.

Anne and Will had two children, Debbie, who now lives in Seattle, and Rob, who makes his home in Kirkland. Most family members, except for two on the eastern seaboard, live nearby. Even they go west every year or so when matriarch Anne gathers the brood at her house with its remarkable multilevel garden.

Anne's memoir is titled *My Life Has Been an Adventure*. And it has.

She was born in Germany. With the Nazi threat looming, her parents arranged for her and her brother, Ernest, to board at English schools. She first set foot on American soil on April 16, 1939. She and her family have celebrated that date with an ice cream cone ever since. The family settled in New York City.

Since her graduation from nursing school -- she has two bachelor's of nursing degrees -- she has lived and worked as a nurse in many places. Among them, are Seattle, Ellensburg, San Francisco,

California, Gainesville, Florida and Boise, Idaho, where she worked for the Red Cross during a polio epidemic.

Anne has traveled back to Europe many times. She has visited her hometown, Schluchtern, as well. In 1998, the town's mayor invited former Jewish residents at the city's expense to celebrate the synagogue's 100th anniversary. Twenty five people and their families enjoyed a whirlwind reunion.

She expects her move to the Summit to contrast to her present life. One resident told her that "It's just like living on a cruise ship. Everything is done for you."

Summit holds services, but Anne will be back in Bellingham for the High Holy Days because she and her family have always held the town and the shul dear to their hearts.

"This is still home," she said. "It's just a comfortable place to be."

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

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Interfaith Benefit night

Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014

An evening of musical entertainment Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014, will raise funds to support Interfaith Coalition's programs that assist some of the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community.

The evening will include theater, music, and fellowship at Bellingham Theatre Guild's special performance of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

The performance is a benefit for Interfaith Coalition. Tickets are \$30 each, and include reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6:30 p.m., one hour before the 7:30 p.m. performance, and dessert during intermission.

To purchase tickets, call Interfaith Coalition at (360) 734-3983.

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 Sept. 16 Lunch Bunch will be at Joan Wayne's home. Please RSVP to jawayne2@yahoo.com or (360) 676-8939.

The Oct. 20 Lunch Bunch will be at Lynn Korner's home. Please RSVP to lkmk1@yahoo.com or (360) 671-2607.

Sisterhood Book Group

The Sisterhood book group meeting place has changed for October. The group will meet at the home of Terri Weiner at 2 p.m. October 19, 2014, for a discussion of "The Family" by David Laskin.

Community Seder 2015

CBI's 2015 Community Seder is scheduled for Saturday April 4, 2015 at Bellingham Technical College. This is the start of Spring Break for the Bellingham area school district. We hope you will plan to join us!



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September 2014

Sept. 5 Kendra Bradford & Todd Shuster (# 18)
Sept. 5 Gary & Nancy Lazarus (# 32)
Sept. 6 Jason & Chi-Na Stoane (# 15)
Sept. 12 Stuart & Cinda Zemel (# 38)
Sept. 14 Saul & Christine Goodman (# 17)
Sept. 14 Phyllis & Shelly Mazur (# 62)
Sept. 21 Bruce & Sharyn Stern (# 47)
Sept. 21 Emily Weiner & John McGarrity (# 33)
Sept. 25 Jeaninne & Joseph Kahan (# 60)
Sept. 25 Perry & Katie Somers (# 9)
Sept. 30 Marta & Craig Brand (# 36)

October 2014

Oct. 9 Belle Shalom & Marjorie Lightness (# 32)
Oct. 9 Roy & Leslie Shankman (# 26)
Oct. 10 Marcy & Jeff Probst (# 22)
Oct. 10 Mary Somerville & Gary Marzullo (# 22)
Oct. 19 Alan Chalfie & Teresa Allison (#18)
Oct. 20 Wolf & Elena Lipson (# 12)
Oct. 24 Lydia Sherwood & Ron Bally (# 21)

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!

*Beth Israel welcomes our
new & returning members:*

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Bonnie Quam of Abbotsford, B.C.

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- * Anne Brown
- * Svea Raas-Bergquist: Mazel Tov on her new job as a Zulily model
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- * Max Johnson, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- * Talya Sanger, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- * Adam Greenberg, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- * Alyssa Diller, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
From: *Karen Sloss*

- * Lilah Blum, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
From: *Karen Sloss*
Debbie & Dan Raas

- * Ken & Regan Levinson – Mazel Tov on the birth of daughter Willa Wren
- Sagit & Alex Hall – Mazel Tov on the birth of daughter Amalia Cecilia
From: *Debbie & Dan Raas*
Karen Sloss

- * Tammy & Daryl Dixon – Mazel Tov on the birth of daughter Diana
From: *Karen Sloss*

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- Rabbi Samuels, on the loss of his grandmother,
Hannah Samuels
From: *Harriet Fine*

CARE COMMITTEE

WISHING A MEANINGFUL BIRTHDAY TO:

- * Anne Brown
- * Joan Wayne
- * Bernice Rappaport
- * Larry Stahlberg
- * Rabbi Joshua Samuels
- * Sylvy Glass
From: *Harriet Fine*

BI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

IN HONOR OF:

- * The Hall family - Mazel Tov on the birth of daughter Amalia Cecilia
From: *Judy Soicher*

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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DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- * Joan & Fred Trapkin (*San Francisco*), in memory of your mother, Hannah Samuels
From: *Marilyn & Bill Sugar (San Francisco)*
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IN APPRECIATION TO:

- * Rabbi Samuels
From: *Warren Rosenthal and Amy Whiting*
- * Rabbi Samuels, for Lisa Furth's memorial service
From: *Eva & David Bradford (Berkeley, CA)*
- * Rabbi Samuels and Cantor Sharona Feller, for Lilah Blum's Bat Mitzvah
From: *Paul Blum and Alison Zak*

IN HONOR OF:

- * Shoshana Samuels' Second Birthday
- * Nicole Samuels – Best wishes for a Happy Mother's Day
- * Rabbi Samuels – Best wishes for a Happy Father's Day
- * Rabbi Joshua and Nicole Samuels, on the occasion of their 9th wedding anniversary and their birthdays
From: *Fran Levy (Carmichael, CA)*

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

- * Susan Kendal – Get Well Wishes
From: *Judy Osman*

IN MEMORIAM:

- * To Roby Blecker, in memory of Keith
- * To Anne Brown, in memory of Will
From: *Harriet Fine*

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- * Rabbi Samuels, on the loss of his great-aunt, Dottie Berelson
From: *Fran Levy*
- * Rabbi Samuels, on the loss of his grandmother, Hannah Samuels
From: *Doug & Jane Berl (Piedmont, CA)*
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Ice cream social greets prospective, new members

The weather couldn't have been better. The garden was gorgeous. The ice cream, was, well, ice cream. Best of all, though, was getting to enjoy the mid-August afternoon with our newest members and those who have shown interest in our synagogue community.

This membership committee tradition, started by Anne Brown nearly 30 years ago, is an opportunity to welcome these individuals and families, and to let them know more about Beth Israel.

The gathering at the home of Rita and Steve Spitzer included Rabbi Samuels and family, members of the Board of Directors and the committee, and nearly 30 singles, couples, and families with kids. We hope that each of you finds an opportunity to get to know them, too.

— Ann Suloway & Rita Spitzer,
Membership Committee



Above: Membership committee members Ann Suloway (left) and Michelle Beller Siegfried and John Siegfried (far right) get to know some prospective members at the ice cream social in August.
At left: Life-long member Gabe Witte enjoys some chocolate ice cream.

SPECIAL FUND DONATIONS

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*Bonnie Siegel (Palo Alto)
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NEW SYNAGOGUE FUND

IN APPRECIATION TO:

* Warren Rosenthal and Amy Whiting
From: Janet & Joseph Zuckerman
(New York, NY)

IN HONOR OF:

* Sagit & Alex Hall – Mazel Tov on the birth of daughter Amalia Cecilia
From: Joan & Marv Wayne

* Harriet Fine, in celebration of her milestone birthday
From: Larry & Melissa Stahlberg

* Harriet Fine, in celebration of her birthday and her service to the community
From: Karen Sloss

* Anne Brown, for her many years of love and service
From: Lynn & Michael Korner

* Anne Brown – Best wishes for her big change and move to Seattle
* Sylvia Fragner and John Williams – Mazel Tov on your marriage
From: Susan & Burt Jay
Joan & Marv Wayne

* Rosalie Yacknin, for her milestone birthday
From: Bonnie & Alan Stone

* The birth of our great-granddaughter, Ava Helen
From: Manny & Harriet Emanuel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

* Harriet & Manuel Emanuel
* Daniel & Sharona Feller
* Linda & Allan Hirsh

* Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw

* Dan & Debbie Raas
From: Harriet Fine

* Amy Whiting & Warren Rosenthal
From: Rita & Steve Spitzer

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

* Rabbi Samuels, on the loss of his grandmother, Hannah Samuels
From: Debbie & Dan Raas
Karen Sloss
Joan & Marv Wayne

* Gil, Shari & Danny Cohen, in memory of their mother, Gea Goldfeder
From: Karen Sloss

* Laura Kahn (Edmonds, WA), on the loss of her uncle, Sam Rothstein.
From: Anne Brown

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Rabbi Lennard Thal

High Holy Day Schedule of Services 2014/5775

All services, except as specified, led by Rabbi Joshua Samuels and Musical Soloist Andrea Shupack.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF SERVICE LOCATIONS.

Saturday Sept. 20	At Beth Israel Synagogue: 7 p.m. Screening & discussion of film, <i>Unfinished Song</i> 8:30 p.m. Havdalah & Dessert Nosh 9 p.m. Selichot Service
Wednesday Sept. 24	At Leopold Ballroom (1224 Cornwall Avenue): 7:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Evening Service
Thursday Sept. 25	At Leopold Ballroom (1224 Cornwall Avenue): 9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Family Service 10:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah 1 st Day Morning Service At Lake Padden Park: 3 p.m. Tashlich
Friday Sept. 26	At Beth Israel Synagogue: 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah 2 nd Day Morning Service, followed by luncheon
Saturday Sept. 27	At Beth Israel Synagogue: 9:30 a.m. Torah Study for Shabbat Shuvah
Tuesday Sept. 30	At Beth Israel Cemetery : 10 a.m. Memorial Service
Friday Oct. 3	At Leopold Ballroom (1224 Cornwall Avenue): 7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service
Saturday Oct. 4	At Leopold Ballroom (1224 Cornwall Avenue): 9 a.m. Yom Kippur Family Service 10:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service 1:30 p.m. Study Session 3 p.m. Afternoon Service, Yizkor & Ne'ilah

~ A Break-the-Fast meal will follow conclusion of Ne'ilah ~

The Leopold Ballroom in downtown Bellingham is wheelchair accessible, but has no on-site parking available. However, ample free daytime parking is available on Cornwall Avenue 3 blocks south of The Leopold, just over the bridge south of Maple Street.

All downtown street parking, meters, and the city's Parkade Garage are FREE evenings after 5 p.m. and on weekends. Carpooling to services is encouraged!



High Holy Day Ticket Policy

Please note: Tickets are going paperless! For details, call the office at 360/733-8890

Members in Good Standing (*those who have returned their dues pledge and are meeting their obligation for the current year*) will receive complimentary tickets for their household, including adult children up to age 25.

Visiting Relatives of Members in good standing can buy tickets at 50% of the non-member guest rate.

Affiliated Guests - Out of town visitors who provide documentation of current membership at another Reform congregation receive complimentary tickets.

Students and Armed Forces - Full-time students age 18 or older, and active duty military personnel will receive complimentary tickets.

Non-member Guests other than above may purchase tickets good for *all* High Holy Days services, at a cost of **\$180/person (adults)**. This fee can be applied toward membership dues if they become members of Congregation Beth Israel by December 31, 2014.

Sukkot

Thursday, October 9 10 a.m. Sukkot Festival Morning service, with a Kiddush lunch (not a potluck) afterward
(The Beth Israel office will be closed)

Simchat Torah

Thursday, October 16 (office closed)
10 a.m. Shemini Atzeret Yizkor service

Friday, October 17 (office closed)
5:30 p.m. Pre-service *nosh*
6:15 p.m. Simchat Torah service and consecration of new students in Beth Israel Religious School. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special service and ceremony, which will include the unrolling of a Torah scroll.

Yahrzeits

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

Friday, September 5

Lily Marcus	September 6
Louis Thal	September 6
William Wolf Friedman	September 7
Mary Warshal Glazer	September 7
Yitzhak Turovitz	September 8
Harold Lazaroff	September 9
Rose Lassman	September 10
Art Jensen	September 11
Joe Lebovich	September 11
Dora Lebowitz	September 11
Marian Loober	September 12
Abraham Marcus	September 12
Sara Shaw	September 12
Max Sosnick	September 12

Friday, September 12 & Saturday, September 13

Ron Feiger	September 13
Janet Koplowitz	September 14
Henry Gordon	September 16
Mimiam Segre	September 16
Sadie Adelstein-Meyerson	September 17
Morton Stahlberg	September 17
Louise Greenberg	September 18
Dale S. Hunter	September 19
John Smith	September 19
Roslyn Wolpow	September 19
Ted Zak	September 19

Friday, September 19

Joseph Altose	September 20
Blossom Becker	September 20
Harry Berman	September 21
Blythe Cole Busch	September 21
Mildred Stern	September 21

Rita J. Witte	September 21
Crystal Myers	September 22
Abe Singer	September 22
Sophie Sorkin	September 22
Viola Faber	September 24
Helen Hildes	September 24
Norma Grossman	September 25
Sarah Hecht	September 25
Jere Donegan	September 26

Friday, September 26

Jonas Relin	September 27
Sara Sylvia Seid	September 27
Fannie Thal	September 27
Richard Meltzer	September 29
Jack Blecker	October 1
Julius Briskie	October 2
Joseph Haas	October 2
Mary Faber	October 3
Geraldine Witte	October 3

Friday, October 3

Edith Sonneman	October 5
Harriet Korn	October 7
Mary Singer	October 7
Samuel Kahn	October 8
Bernard (Barry) Shapiro	October 9

Friday, October 10

Patricia Jantzen	October 13
Edith Lindheimer	October 14
Helen Shure	October 14
Johanna Vohl	October 15
Joseph Jay	October 16
Judy Steiger	October 17
Carol Van Glubt	October 17

Friday, October 17 & Saturday, October 18

Jay Harvey	October 19
Kurt Jerome Koplowitz	October 19
David Robinson, Jr.	October 19
Joshua Louis Adelstein	October 23
Jacob M. Fine	October 23
Donald Kite	October 23
Howard Shavelson	October 24

Friday, October 24

Shirley Adelstein	October 26
Reuben Dechter	October 26
Aaron David Schlesinger	October 28
Gertrude "Onita" Glasco	October 29
Peter Harvey	October 29
Herman Horowitz	October 29
Annelise Guenter-Pedersen	October 31

Friday, October 31 (will be read on October 24)

Dora Graff	November 1
Edith M. Lazarus	November 1
Jack Irwin Moss	November 1
Bruce Phillips	November 2
Harry Dubonsky	November 3
Max Mazonson	November 3
Ezra Meltzer	November 3
Gladys Rose Eisner	November 4
Don Cole	November 5
Cantor Pinchas Spiro	November 5
Anna Mae Baker	November 6
Bette Bikman	November 7
Elsie Gaudine	November 7
Celia Loober	November 7

In Memoriam

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

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

Marilyn Eisner on the loss of her mother, **Cora Quiggle**, who passed away on July 3, 2014.

Kendra Bradford on the loss of her grandmother, **Lisa Furth**, who passed away on July 7, 2014.

Rabbi Joshua Samuels on the loss of his grandmother, **Hannah Samuels**, who passed away on July 20, 2014.

Karen Weill on the loss of her cousin, **Ralph Weill**, who passed away on July 21, 2014.

Tannia Hecht on the loss of her mother, **Josefina Pombo de Rubiano**, who passed away on August 3, 2014.

Strategic Planning team seeks input

7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 17, 2014

The Strategic Planning Committee invites Beth Israel members to participate in brainstorming ideas about the congregation's long range goals, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014, in the social hall.

This is an informal gathering to hear what is important to you.

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Service Schedule

Friday, Sept. 5, 6:15 p.m.

Shabbat Family service; potluck dinner*
afterward

Saturday, Sept. 6, 9:30 a.m.

Torah Study

Friday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat evening service

Saturday, Sept. 13

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

Friday, Sept. 19

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

Saturday, Sept. 20

- 9:30 a.m. - Torah Study
 - 11 a.m. - Tot Shabbat; potluck Kiddush
lunch* afterward
- Selichot Observance:
- 7 p.m. - Screening and discussion of film,
"Unfinished Song"
 - 8:30 p.m. - Dessert potluck
 - 9 p.m. - Selichot service

Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 24-26

~ See High Holy Day schedule on page 12 ~

Friday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat evening service

Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m.

Torah Study
for Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, Oct. 3 & Saturday, Oct. 4

~ See High Holy Day schedule on page 12 ~

Thursday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m.

Sukkot Festival service with Kiddush
lunch afterward (not a potluck!)
Beth Israel office closed Oct. 9

Friday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat evening service

Saturday, Oct. 11, 9:30 a.m.

Torah Study

Thursday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m.

Yizkor Service
for Shemini Atzeret

Friday, Oct. 17

- 5:30 p.m. - Pre-service nosh
 - 6:15 p.m. - Simchat Torah service with
consecration of new students
- Beth Israel office closed Oct. 16-17*

Saturday, Oct. 18

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

Friday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat evening service

Saturday, Oct. 25

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

Friday, Oct. 31

NO SHABBAT SERVICE

Please welcome Shabbat at home with
family & friends

Saturday, Nov. 1, 9:30 a.m.

Torah Study

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

Calendar online

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events at www.bethisraelbellingham.org