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Services at new site

Rosh Hashanah morning at 751 San Juan Blvd.

Dear Beth Israel community,

As you are well aware, construction at the new synagogue continues as we get closer and closer to occupancy. It is still our goal to hold Rosh Hashanah morning services at the new site on Monday, October 3, beginning with the Family Service at 9 a.m. and continuing with the Adult Service at 10:30 a.m.

We have chosen this day to hold services at the new site for a number of reasons. The first is that it is during the day and with safety being our top priority, holding an evening service there would not be prudent. In addition, comfort is another reason we have chosen the Rosh Hashanah morning services over Yom Kippur, since the latter services go all day. Without a functioning kitchen or bathrooms (there will be clean portable bathrooms and wash basins) we felt that our community would rather be at the Leopold for Yom Kippur and the

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break-the-fast meal.

While it is our goal to congregate at 715 San Juan Blvd. for Rosh Hashanah, we want to communicate to you that this still might not work out. Luckily we have the Leopold reserved. We will update you as soon as we get the green (or red) light.

If the morning services are held at the new synagogue site, there will not be child care during the 10:30 a.m. service. For caregivers of young children as well as congregants not too pleased with the possibility of using portable bathrooms, please remember that we will be holding second-day Rosh Hashanah services at 2200 Broadway.

Shanah Tovah,

— Rabbi Joshua Samuels
and Dan Ohms

FROM THE RABBI

Looking forward to Days of Awe

What comes to mind when you think about the High Holy Days? What are the first associations



you make as you say those words in your head? Ask yourselves right now. For me, I always recall walking into my synagogue when I was a child, wearing a

coat and tie, and hearing all of the adults talking, looking around at the marble floors and stairs, and smiling at familiar faces. I remember sitting on the red-velvet-cushioned seats, between my folks and thinking how long it must take to test the thousands of lightbulbs in the sanctuary. I can still see the enormous stained glass window of Moses up in the balcony. But instead of standing on Mount Sinai, he is standing in Yosemite with Half Dome and El Capitan in the distance! A modern Moses looking very Charlton Heston-esque in a new Promised Land: California.

And as I think about my own associations with the High Holy Days, I wonder how my children will remember these special days when they are much older.

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From the President ...

Beth Israel congregants march, 'open the door'

Something wonderful happened in the life of our congregation in July. For the first time, Beth Israel members walked as representatives of the synagogue in the LGBT Pride Parade. While I was walking and waving to people lining Cornwall Avenue, I had a chance to contemplate the importance of the event.

Until we live in a society where all are treated as equals, it is necessary to support those who are disenfranchised. As a people who have suffered at the hands of bigots, it is important to stand with those who seek respect and justice.

I thought about the concept of living an authentic life. We should not take for granted the privilege of living with personal and public integrity.

I had a chance to review the path of our congregation leading to our walk down Cornwall Avenue. Approximately one year before it became law, our board of directors voted to support the Washington State Same Sex Marriage Law that was approved in 2012. But writing a

letter of support is different from walking in the street. Last year, the board of directors had a robust discussion regarding increasing our involvement in a variety of social action issues and community events. I vividly remember one board member's impassioned challenge to the board to raise the profile of the synagogue in support of social justice. That same board member said to me recently (I paraphrase), "When a door is closed, you have to see why it is closed. Perhaps others are holding the door closed or perhaps you are the one preventing the door from opening."

For the Pride Parade, I felt that our congregation opened the door. We came out. We publically marched in support of the LGBT community, but we also marched to express ourselves as members of a tolerant and diverse religious community. Walking in the parade was part of *tikkun olam*.

I am proud of the board for voting to increase the visibility of our congregation in support of social justice and proud of the congregational members who turned out to support both the LGBT community and Congregation Beth Israel.

— Dan Ohms

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Taking *tikkun olam* to the next level

BY AMANDA ROBINS

Social justice is a central tenet of Reform Judaism, as important as prayer, kashrut, and Jewish peoplehood. So says Rabbi Joel Simonds, associate program director for the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, based in L.A. Congregation Beth Israel was lucky to host a brunch-and-learn with Rabbi Simonds on August 2, where members of the community and Social Action Committee were moved by his words.

Rabbi Simonds named some of RAC's top issues: preventing gun violence, climate justice, racial justice, helping refugees, civil rights and LGBTQ rights, among others. The Social Action Committee works hard

to ensure we are doing *tikkun olam* and *tzedakah* throughout the year, and Rabbi Simonds suggested ways to do even more — such as engaging with local officials and asking them to champion an issue, and by being more public as a congregation about who we are and what we stand for (see Page 2)

We are excited to move forward with even more intention and commitment to bettering our community and our world. We are discussing how to help refugees — whether that's here in Bellingham, in Seattle, or across the border in partnership with congregations in Canada — and adding an event at Tu B'shvat to help environmental causes. If you would like to participate, please let us

know! Email committee chair Linda Blackwell at blackwellbham@gmail.com or call (360) 647-9519

Here are organizations we support, along with when we focus on collections for them (donations go in the bins outside the Social Hall):

Whatcom Humane Society

The oldest nonprofit animal welfare agency in Whatcom County is an open-admission shelter (they accept all animals regardless of age, temperament, breed or condition), has an adoption program and provides animal control for Bellingham. It also operates a 10-acre farm in Lynden, and a wildlife rehabilitation center.

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S'lichot film: 'Crimes & Misdemeanors'

I remember my father telling me, "The eyes of God are on us always."

These words were spoken by Judah Rosenthal, a respected ophthalmologist and community leader in Woody Allen's masterpiece, "Crimes and Misdemeanors," which we will watch at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016; our *s'lichot* service will follow.

In the words of Roger Ebert, "The implications of 'Crimes and Misdemeanors' are bleak and hopeless. The evil are rewarded, the blameless are punished, and the rabbi goes

blind... For Martin Landau, the performance is a masterpiece of smooth, practiced diplomacy, as he glides through life and leaves his problems behind. Landau is never more effective than when he is shocked and dismayed at his own behavior. It's as if he's regarding himself from outside, with a kind of fascination. He sees what he does, and does nothing to stop it. In his own world, he is the eyes of God."

The movie is rated PG-13.

Sisterhood book group meetings

Sisterhood book group meets at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Upcoming:

Sept. 18: We will be discussing

THREAD OF GRACE by Mary Doria Russell. Dr. Russell is the author of many bestselling titles including THE SPARROW. We will meet at Melissa Schapiro's home.

Dr. Russell will speak at a special presentation at Beth Israel on Nov. 3.

October 23: We will discuss REAL TIME by Pnina Moed-Kass. This is a young adult book about a terrorist bus bombing in Israel, told in the voices of the terrorist, a young German victim and a Holocaust survivor. An adult book with the same theme is ALMOST DEAD by Assaf Gavon. This is told by multiple narrators — including the bomber (who is in a coma) and his victim. We will meet at Lee Shapiro's home.

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Bat Mitzvah



Orly Lindner will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 29, 2016. She is the daughter of Serge Lindner and Deborah Oksenberg, and sister of Avi Lindner.

Orly is a seventh-grader at Fairhaven Middle School. In her free time, Orly loves playing piano and oboe, riding her horse (Dixie), cuddling with her dog (Zu), and hamster (Zippy), spending time outdoors in Bellingham and the Methow Valley, and hanging out with her friends and family. For her mitzvah project, Orly will be organizing a series of clean-up days at Clayton Beach.

Please join our family in celebrating this simcha:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

October 28, 2016 at 7:30 PM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

October 29, 2016 at 10 AM

High Holy Day Liturgy Class

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7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 15 and 22

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Please sign up through the synagogue office. There is no cost, but registration is appreciated.

No previous knowledge needed to participate in and enjoy this class.

Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 2016

9/2 Owen Orloff (7th)
9/2 Michael Strumpf
9/3 Emil Hecht
9/4 Gabriel Mayers
9/4 Chi-Na Stoane
9/5 Marilyn Eisner
9/5 Elliot Levinson (9th)
9/6 Cari Asmussen
9/6 Judy Berman
9/9 Daryl Dixon
9/11 Lynda Engle
9/11 Steven Garfinkle
9/11 Eytan Samuels (7th)
9/12 Marcia Lippman
9/12 Sandra Miller
9/12 Miriam Zderic
9/13 Arthur Miller
9/13 Bruce Van Glubt
9/15 Lucy Naiman (8th)
9/15 Lydia Sherwood
9/16 Elizabeth Sheinkopf
9/18 Esther Faber
9/18 Mark Packer

9/19 Perry Somers
9/19 Melissa Stahlberg
9/21 Darcie Donegan
9/21 Emma Konikoff (4th)
9/22 Roby Blecker
9/22 Elliot Probst (10th)
9/23 Carrie Adelstein
9/23 Jenny Katz (13th)
9/23 Russell Stolzoff
9/23 Terri Weiner
9/24 Nancy Miller
9/25 Mark Hunter
9/25 Ahuva Scharff
9/26 Quinn Ochoa (3rd)
9/27 Nancy Davis
9/27 Janet Hughes
9/27 Debby Meyers
9/28 Arlene Feld
9/29 Noémi Ban
9/30 Regan Levinson
9/30 Else Sokol

OCTOBER 2016

10/1 Elena Buri (18th)

10/1 Isabel Buri (18th)
10/1 Tracey Levine
10/1 Bernice Loober
10/1 Warren Rosenthal
10/2 Kayla Orloff (14th)
10/4 Barry Meyers
10/5 Trevor Press (22nd)
10/6 Michael Lewis
10/7 KJ Jantzen
10/7 Orly Lindner (13th)
10/7 Niles Roberts
10/8 Sarann Donegan
10/8 David Goldman
10/8 Nancy Lazarus
10/8 Sheldon Mazur
10/9 Tod Asmussen
10/9 Kevin Donner
10/9 Cooper Kanze (7th)
10/9 Armando Lindner
10/9 Talia Sheinkopf (18th)
10/10 Beverly Harrington
10/10 Amanda Robins
10/11 James Barney (2nd)
10/11 Kaya Sherwood-Bally (15th)

10/13 Matthew Keefe
10/14 Ray Wolpov
10/15 Marta Brand
10/15 Gayle Gordon-Martin
10/15 Warren Taranow
10/16 David Zimmerman
10/17 Elka Fink
10/19 Leslie Adelstein
10/20 George Farkas
10/20 Sascha Guenter-Schlesinger (21st)
10/21 Roy Evans (20th)
10/21 Gail Shuster (13th)
10/22 Ila Anderson (5th)
10/23 Martha Greenstone
10/26 Rifka MacDonald
10/27 Jacob Anderson (15th)
10/27 Perry Davids
10/27 Renee Relin
10/28 Lea Donner (7th)
10/28 Zoe Sheinkopf (22nd)
10/29 Katie Somers
10/30 Lynne MacDonald
10/30 Neri Maxim (13th)
10/30 Jay Solomon



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Help keep construction running

Lower level, exterior work still needs funding

More than 16 years ago, Congregation Beth Israel decided to build a new synagogue to meet the needs of the growing Bellingham Jewish Community for the next 100 years.

This was an ambitious project from the start and has turned out to be a long, arduous journey that has required us all to give big and have faith that we would succeed if we worked together. Since 2000, it has been the responsibility and sacred duty of the Capital Campaign to raise the funds needed. We have asked members to give from the heart and the congregation has responded generously. Hopefully, everyone will make time to visit the site to see how much we have accomplished and how close we are to our goal.

In mid-2014, we completed construction of the exterior building shell, which depleted our funds and forced construction to shut down. Just before Rosh Hashanah in 2014, an anonymous donor offered to contribute \$1 million if we could raise another \$1 million by January 2016. It was an amazing accomplishment to raise so much so quickly, but we did it, and construction resumed as soon as donations started coming in.

That \$2 million allowed us to complete construction of the first (main) floor and even more. In fact, framing, fire-suppression sprinklers, electrical, rough plumbing, insulation, and dry-wall throughout the building has been possible. Outfitting the upper floor and the lower level with these items is necessary for fire safety of the whole building and being able to do it now greatly added to the efficiency of construction. We also had the money necessary to redesign and expand the Keshet space to accommodate higher school enrollment, as well as funds to upgrade the security system. The money also covered purchase and installation of the elevator! More funds were raised to "green" the building by upgrading insulation and purchasing a solar energy system, both to reduce operating costs.

However, the \$2 million was not enough to finish everything. Before we can move in, we need to complete the lower level (religious school), and do extensive work outside including: dirt work, driveways, parking lot, lighting, sidewalks, patios and landscaping.

The Capital Campaign Committee reviewed the contractor's estimate of expenses necessary to complete our building plans, looked at our current assets including equity in our property on Broadway and J Street, and concluded that we still need to raise an additional \$1.5 million.

The contractor says the interior of the building could be completed by summer 2017 IF we have sufficient funds to keep construction running. The building fund is not depleted yet, but more money is needed to finance construction through the fall, winter and spring. It is the goal of the Capital Campaign to continue raising money, to complete the construction of the new synagogue, and hopefully finish our journey home in 2017.

Moving into the new building in 2017 is an objective, not a promise. We can only meet that objective with the continued generous financial support from members. The Capital Campaign Committee feels grateful and blessed to belong to Congregation Beth Israel and very proud of our community's accomplishments. And we have faith that, as a growing congregation, we will raise the necessary funds in the coming months to complete the project without interruption. We look forward to discussing this further with you soon.

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The Yenta speaks ...

Ansel Solomon Hecht born June 12, 2016 to **Avi & Corinne Hecht** in San Diego. Mother & son very healthy & doing well. His big sister **Eloise Eliza "Tova" Hecht** (18-months) was formally named also at Ansel's *b'rît milah* ceremony at their home on June 20.



Mazel tov to **Wendy Blum** on her conversion to Judaism in August. And thank you to Steve and Debbie Adelstein for the use of their *mikvah* (Lake Whatcom).

On October 1, 2016, Administrative Assistant **Mary Somerville** will mark her 20th anniversary at Congregation Beth Israel. She is the second-longest-serving employee in the history of CBI — only Rabbi Frederick Gartner worked here longer, from 1952-1982.



Welcome to our new members:

Brenda Miller and her parents, **Arthur and Sandra Miller**, all of Bellingham.

Rachel Anne Lowenstein-Janacek

Anniversaries

September 2016

Sept. 5 Kendra Bradford and Todd Shuster (# 20)
Sept. 5 Gary & Nancy Lazarus (# 34)
Sept. 6 Jason & Chi-Na Stoane (# 17)
Sept. 12 Stuart & Cinda Zemel (# 40)
Sept. 14 Saul & Christine Goodman (# 19)
Sept. 14 Phyllis & Shelly Mazur (# 64)
Sept. 21 Emily Weiner and John McGarrity (# 35)
Sept. 22 Tami DuBow & Frank Corey (#15)
Sept. 25 Perry & Katie Somers (# 11)

Sukkot Belle Shalom and Marjorie Lightness (# 34)
Sept. 29 Andi & Kevin James (# 15)
Sept. 30 Marta & Craig Brand (# 38)

October 2016

Oct. 9 Roy & Leslie Shankman (# 28)
Oct. 10 Marcy & Jeff Probst (# 24)
Oct. 10 Mary Somerville and Gary Marzullo (# 24)
Oct. 19 Alan Chalfie and Teresa Allison (#20)
Oct. 24 Lydia Sherwood and Ron Bally (# 23)

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From the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning ...

When Jewish education meets *kimono*

As a native speaker of Hebrew, I just love pointing out to my family English words that originate in Hebrew. "Hallelujah," I say to my daughter, "means 'praise God.' " "Amen," I say triumphantly, comes from the Hebrew word for 'faith' and 'truth'! My favorite is to meet my kids' new friends and point out the Hebrew origin of their names. "Naomi" (and its spelling variations) comes from the Torah. She was Ruth's mother-in-law! You get the idea. But lately, as my daughter hits her 'tween years, I feel a bit like Mr. Portokalos, the dad in the movie "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," who points out every Greek origin to any English word, including the word *kimono* to his eye-rolling high-school age daughter and her friends.

Like Mr. Portokalos, a Sunday morning Jewish education program is seemingly irrelevant to the modern lives of our 'tweens. But Mr. Portokalos has a point to make: "History began long before this moment, and although this is not going to be a question on your math test, you should think and learn about your heritage and where you come from." This is not obvious to children — inherently creatures of the moment — and may be a point of contention between parents and children.

Keshet learning opportunities provide us a chance to teach our children the wisdom of the past. It is this wisdom that keeps us parents connected to our heritage and traditions, and it is given to us educators to plant the seeds we hope will bloom into a lifelong journey of asking questions. The art of doing it right involves a gentle and, if possible, a magical approach. This is what we strive to do here, one Sunday at a time.

Long before pop culture, around the first and second centuries to be more specific, the *Mishna* quotes a Jewish sage, Akavia ben Mahalalel, in regard to leading a good, righteous life. He said:

"דע מאין באט, וואָס אַתָּה הוֹלךְ"
(משנה א', פרק ג', מסכת אבות, משנה)

"Know where you come from and where you are going" (Mishna, Masekhet Avot, 3:1)



In other words: "Know where you came from and to where you are going." Mahalel suggests that our lives are richer and may be more meaningful when we pay respect to the past; and learning our history may bear fruit in the form of better decisions we make in the future.

Find out how we go about this sacred art of creating a captivating Jewish education program that puts relevance into the study of our cultural and religious heritage. Join us in one or all of the wide array of activities that are happening on Sundays. Some upcoming events:

Sept. 18: 9 a.m. Keshet-sponsored CBI community hike at Point Whitehorn (see page 16).

Sept. 25: 9 a.m. Keshet's annual Pancake Breakfast and first day of classes.

Oct. 9: 10 a.m. Keshet classes & Gan Yeladim (6th-10th-graders at WWU Outdoor Challenge Ropes Course)

Oct. 16: 10 a.m. Keshet classes & Mazal Tots

Oct. 23: 10 a.m. Keshet classes & Gan Yeladim (6th-10th graders at Holocaust Center for Humanity)

Oct. 24: 5 p.m. Family dinner, Simchat Torah & consecration of new Keshet students.

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Faces in our community

Garmo 'returns' homestead

Magical 40 acres
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BY LINDA HIRSH

Tramping through land feathered with sword ferns and peopled with cedars, Diane Garmo comes to a stop. She gazes at a section on a trail on her property she calls Leprachaun Hollow — “a place where the little guys like to play.”

There, crowned with the roots of a tree, a mighty glacial boulder towers above her. She tears up.

“It’s the most beautiful place in the world, and I’ve been to many beautiful places,” she said. “It’s like a place you would think of when meditating.”

After living for 30 years on this parcel near the end of Smith Road East that has been connected to three generations of her paternal family, Diane is moving to town. Rather than selling the valuable land, though, she has specified in her will that it be donated to the Whatcom Land Trust. She said it didn’t belong to her family to begin with and the native people who originally lived there didn’t believe in owning land.

“The property has never been sold,” she said. “I did not buy it so it’s not for me to sell.”

She did however ask herself how she could continue to protect it. She talked to people who recommended the Land Trust, which would guard it as a wildlife sanctuary. And the land trust assured her they would.

“Our mission is to preserve and protect wildlife in agricultural and open space land in Whatcom County for future generations,” said Gabe Epperson, conservation director.

Epperson illustrated the trust’s obligation by citing another forested parcel near the Garmo property that they oversee. He said the trust ensures that it will not be logged and, by keeping it a sanctuary, the habitat will not be degraded.

Diane had the Land Trust install a bronze plaque on a small rock by the entrance to the property. Inscribed on it is Henke Homestead, 1888. As proof, the framed deed



Diane Garmo in the woods at her family’s homestead on Smith Road.

hangs inside the kitchen dated April 24, 1894, and signed by President Grover Cleveland. On the deed it says “Greetings from the government; to secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain.”

Diane explained that the government took 160 acres of land from the indigenous people, the Lummi and Nooksack, and sent the nations scattering across and down the Nooksack River. In their place, among others, came Albert and Augusta Henke, Lutherans from Germany, who homesteaded there.

The Henkes had four daughters. Albert divided the property into fourths for them. Nicholas Garmo of Norway married daughter Ida, who died while giving birth to Diane’s father George, the last of the Henke line, in 1907. Nicholas loved the land. Nearby Deming reminded him of Garmo, his Norwegian hometown. Nicholas’s sisters-in-law raised his son George, sending him to Washington State University, where he studied engineering and agriculture.

Upon graduation, George worked in the engineering department of Whatcom County Courthouse. There he

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BUSY SUMMER AT BETH ISRAEL

URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs visits



Rabbi Joshua Samuels, left, with URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs on the bima at Beth Israel, July 29, 2016. Above, Rabbi Jacobs and Beth Israel's cantorial soloist Andrea Shupack in conversation at the Shabbat Dinner Crowd, following the service.

Ice Cream Social



Above: New, prospective and current members gather at the annual Ice Cream Social Aug. 21 at the Witte home. About 19 new faces joined us for conversation — including some in American Sign Language.

THE GARMO FAMILY

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met Frances Glazer, a gregarious legal secretary. Frances, the daughter of Lithuanian Jews, lived on the yet-to-be paved I Street in Bellingham with her Orthodox parents.

The two went dancing. Despite George's conversion to Judaism, the relationship did not sit well with the Glazers, who helped found Congregation Beth Israel. But after marrying, the pair had two daughters, Mary and Diane, and all was forgiven.

Frances, who also worked for the Red Cross, was active in the United Way and the PTA as well as CBI. Diane calls her "a powerful woman," and indeed it was she who broke through the *mehitzah* at the synagogue because she wanted to worship sitting beside her mate. The two lived with her parents until 1965. Then, when George retired, Frances consented to move to the Smith Road property. They lived there until George died in 1985. After the mourning year, Frances "hightailed it back to town" to live in a condominium on Alabama Hill.

"And now I'm following her," to a home on Alabama Hill, said Diane, who acknowledges she is as extroverted as her mother. "It's a great place to see fireworks without having to hear them. People can now stop in for a cup of coffee. It's a short walk to Whatcom Falls Park, my favorite spot, and I don't have to take care of it."

After her mother left the premises, Diane, back from forays to teach physical education in San Diego and Auburn, moved in and taught for 20 years in the Mount Baker School District. Diane, who enjoys managing the forest, had promised to care for the land, so her father willed it to her.

Although Diane is so much a part of the place, she also has traveled to all seven continents. Her passion for traveling has taken her to Peru, the Antarctic, Sicily, Greece, Southern Italy, Vietnam, Singapore, the Galapagos and Israel — among many



Diane Garmo displays a tree saw used for logging.

other places. Another passion is fostering rescue dogs, more than 50 of them so far. And she combines the two as well, traveling to places as far as Australia and Mexico to sit for other people's dogs.

Back on the Smith Road property's trail, Diane says that in the wet season, stream water cascades down the Leprachaun Hollow rock and into the duck ponds her father dug into already soggy areas.

She then points to a waterlogged bench she calls "a semblance of civilization." Indeed, the hiker needs a reminder after being steeped in such a scene. Behind the bench, young trees have grown from old stumps.

Diane noted a symmetrical notch in the trunk of one stump. She explained that loggers had inserted a plank into it that they used as a springboard to cut the thin upper section of the tree. It's of historical interest, she said, and it piqued the attention of the Land Trust.

After a windstorm felled many trees back in the 1980s, a mule team

dragged the logs away. Now every year enough logs are taken to pay for property taxes, a practice she called "selective logging." She also uses the term "careful neglect," a phrase that honors nature.

There is only one dark symbol on this land: Several trees with rust-tinged needles interrupt the swathe of green. Diane said last year's warm winter temperatures killed the trees.

After Diane moves, caretakers -- a husband and wife who live in a collapsible yurt -- will guard the property. Sharing the yurt's 20-foot-by-20-foot platform is the wife's studio, where she creates illustrations for children's books. Just below is the shower, which like the yurt and studio, was built by her husband.

The original home built by the Henkes is no longer standing. In the 1960s, Diane's parents built the home that is there now, the disposition of which will be up to the Land Trust.

The Land Trust man who walked the woods with Diane pledged to keep it as a sanctuary.

"If you don't take good care of the property," Diane said she warned him, "you will be struck by lightning."

Linda Hirsh has lived in Bellingham for 16 years. She spent 10 years reporting for The Hartford Courant in Connecticut.

Next brick order to be placed Oct. 1

The *Legacy Path to the Future* Campaign continues to raise funds for building our new synagogue. To date, more than 80 families have purchased bricks totaling more than **\$55,000.00**. Our goal is to encourage 100% participation by the Congregation Beth Israel community.

The next brick order will be placed on Oct. 1. You can order through the Congregation Beth Israel website or by calling the office. Installation payments are now available.

High Holy Day Schedule of Services 2016/5777

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF SERVICE LOCATIONS

Saturday, Sept. 24 **Beth Israel, 2200 Broadway**

- 7 p.m. Screening & discussion of film, "Crimes and Misdemeanors," rated PG-13
- 8:30 p.m. Havdalah & dessert potluck
- 9:00 p.m. S'lichot Service

Sunday, Oct. 2 **Leopold Ballroom, 1224 Cornwall Ave.**

- 7:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Evening Service

Monday, Oct. 3 **New Building, 751 San Juan Blvd.
OR Leopold Ballroom, 1224 Cornwall Ave.**

- 9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Family Service
- 10:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

Lake Padden Park lower shelter by playground

- 3 p.m. Tashlich

Tuesday, Oct. 4 **Beth Israel, 2200 Broadway**

- 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Morning Service, followed by luncheon

Saturday, Oct. 8 **Beth Israel, 2200 Broadway**

- 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Shuvah Service

Sunday, Oct. 9 **Beth Israel Cemetery**

- 3 p.m. Memorial Service

Tuesday, Oct. 11 **Leopold Ballroom**

- 7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

Wednesday, Oct. 12 **Leopold Ballroom**

- 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 the conclusion of Ne'ilah ~



High Holy Days Ticket Policy

Please note: Tickets are 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.

Nonmember 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, 2016.

Sukkot

Tuesday, Oct. 18 10:30 a.m. Sukkot Festival Morning service, at Beth Israel Synagogue, with a Kiddush lunch (not a potluck) afterward

(The Beth Israel office will be closed)

Simchat Torah

Monday, Oct. 24

5 p.m. Pre-service bring-your-own dinner

6 p.m. Simchat Torah service and consecration of new students of Beth Israel's Keshet Center for Jewish Learning. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special service and ceremony, which will include the unrolling of a Torah scroll.

(The Beth Israel office will be closed Oct. 24-25, 2016)

Special Fund Donations

CANTORIAL ASSISTANCE

CONTRIBUTION FROM:

Marcia & Lou Lippman

CARE COMMITTEE

IN APPRECIATION TO:

Sylvia Williams and the committee, for her visits to my elderly parents living on their own in rural Whatcom County

From: *Jeff Kronenberg (Boise ID)*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY

IN APPRECIATION TO:

Beth Israel, for the warm welcome shown to my sister, my daughter and her kids when they attended services while visiting from New York

From: *John Philipp (New York, NY)*

IN HONOR OF:

*Sherry Schor's "special" birthday

*Jerry Morgan's "special" birthday

From: *Rhoda & Peter Samuels (Rancho Mirage, CA)*

The Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2016: Vermeda Fred, Gayle Gordon-Martin, Judy Osman, Kathi Paluch, Marcy Probst, Ann Suloway, and Becki Van Glubt

From: *David Goldman & Linda Blackwell*

Vermeda Fred, for her Bat Mitzvah

From: *Lynne & Mark MacDonald*

IN MEMORY OF:

Esther Kahn

From: *Jay & Donna Solomon*

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Michael Kendal

From: *Alan & Susan Kendal*

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Barbara & James Fuller (Palm Desert)

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IN HONOR OF:

Judy Osman on her Bat Mitzvah – Mazel Tov!

From: *Rochelle Wynne (Seattle)*

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 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.

Synagogue Special Funds:

Camp Scholarship/Youth Activities

Care Committee

Rabbi's Discretionary

Rabbi Gartner Scholarship

General

Max Glass Library

Musical Leadership

New Synagogue (Building)

Youth Group (PHAT)

Clergy Professional Development

Kesher (Religious School) Tuition

Judy Osman and Gayle Gordon-Martin on their B'nei Mitzvah

From: *Alan & Susan Kendal*

NEW SYNAGOGUE

IN HONOR OF:

Anne Brown – Happy 90th Birthday!

From: *Bonnie & Alan Stone
Joan & Marv Wayne*

Emil Hecht – Happy birthday!

From: *Joan & Marv Wayne*

CONTRIBUTION FROM:

Chris Creelman & Addy Chute

YOUTH GROUP (PHAT)

IN APPRECIATION TO:

Samantha Sommers, for all her help at the birthday party

From: *Todd & Sarah Witte*

Events celebrate new WWU Wolpow Institute

Western Washington University has created the Ray Wolpow Institute for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity, and named Sandra Alfes, professor of German in Western's Department of Modern and Classical Languages, its founding director.

The institute is named after retired Western Professor Ray Wolpow, a long-time member of Congregation Beth Israel.

Some upcoming events associated

with the institute (more details to come, but for now, here are some "save the dates"):

■ The evening of September 20, 2016: celebrate Holocaust survivor Noemi Ban's 94th birthday and the creation of the Ray Wolpow Institute for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity. \$50/ticket, proceeds to benefit the Wolpow Institute.

■ The evening of October 19, 2016: Ray Wolpow Institute for the

Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity inaugural public lecture by Michael Berenbaum, director of the Sigi Ziering Institute: Exploring the Ethical and Religious Implications of the Holocaust, at the American Jewish University. Free and open to the public.

■ The evening of November 9, 2016: Noemi Ban will speak on campus at WWU. The Center for Education, Equity and Diversity and the Wolpow Institute are organizers.

FROM THE RABBI*Continued from Page 1*

Perhaps they'll immediately see the glowing disco ball as the Havdalah blessings are chanted at the end of Yom Kippur. Or maybe they'll think about their "abba" dressed in a white robe and talking a lot! They might even remember the smoked white-fish and rugalach. Whatever memories they recall, I hope they bring them joy, comfort and a sense of tradition, family and community.

This year, as I take the bima for the fifth time in Bellingham, I must express how honored I am to lead this congregation through the Days of Awe. Never in my wildest dreams as a little boy at High Holy Day services in the '80s would I have

imagined what eventually came to be my reality. But I am so happy that I am your rabbi and you are my community. I cherish this sacred relationship.

I am thrilled to be leading the High Holy Day services with our Cantorial Soloist, Andrea Shupack, for the third year in a row. Andrea and I have been planning for months now. We hope that you will be moved, both spiritually and intellectually. Andrea and I want to thank the Religious Practice Leadership Team and Ritual Committee for their input and guidance, which has helped us craft these holy services. I also want to thank Steve Ban, Hank Levine and Roby Blecker for being my partners on the bima for the second-day services on Rosh Hashanah. The

three of them allow me to engage in meaningful worship, which is challenging the other days as I am constantly thinking ahead while "conducting" the services. And an early "*yasher kocach!*" to all of the participants who will chant Torah, raise their voices in song, read an English or Hebrew passage and chant an aliyah. More thank yous are sure to come.

I must, however, acknowledge one last group: my family. Thank you for supporting me during my "tax season." Nothing is better than looking out into the *kahal* and seeing the three of you in the front row.

Shanah Tovah U'metukah!

May each of you and your loved ones have an extremely sweet year.

— Rabbi Joshua Samuels

SOCIAL ACTION*Continued from Page 3*

In January and February, we collect pet supplies, food and bedding, to donate to WHS. www.whatcomhumane.org

Bellingham Food Bank

Every week, the Bellingham Food Bank feeds 2,300 needy Whatcom County families.

We have three food drives each year: Before Passover (April), we collect *chametz*; at the Purim Carnival (March) we have a food bank donation bin. During High Holy Days (Sept./Oct.) we also collect non-perishable items.

Milk Money: Donations provide milk to all families who need it. We collect Milk Money around Shavuot (June). Leave donations in the *tzedakah* box in the synagogue foyer, or mail a check to the CBI office, made out to Bellingham Food Bank. We may also add a collection box for baby food, formula and diapers. www.bellinghamfoodbank.org

Interfaith Coalition

Beth Israel is a founding member of Interfaith, which provides emergency and transitional housing for

homeless families, shelter for homeless men and women during extreme weather, and support for the marginalized of Whatcom County.

In July and August, we collect children's books and DVDs for families in Interfaith housing and the low-income community at large to prevent "summer slide," a drop in grade-level comprehension.

In October we collect warm winter coats. www.interfaith-coalition.org/

WomenCare Shelter

Womencare Shelter is an empowerment-based organization working to end domestic violence by providing emergency, confidential shelter, 24-hour crisis support services, and community education. Their shelter

houses up to 18 women and children.

In November, we collect supplies and food for their Thanksgiving dinner.

At Hanukkah, we have a Fourth Night for Others Toy Drive.

Ongoing

Mitzvah Day. Occurs annually in the spring, with activities for all ages.

Interfaith's Little House. We help clean up and ready the transitional housing unit between families.

CAST. With Faith Lutheran Church we help provide meals to the homeless four days a week at the Opportunity Council parking lot. www.interfaith-coalition.org/programs/food-outreach/

Books for Prisoners. We collect paperbacks year-round.

From Interfaith Coalition ...

Thursday, Sept. 15: At 7 p.m., a community meeting will be held to discuss how congregations can network to provide overnight accommodations and meals for homeless families, a nationwide project called Family Promise. The meeting will be at **Assumption Catholic Church Gym at 2116 Cornwall Ave.**

THANK YOU: From Interfaith Coalition to Congregation Beth Israel for its recent contribution of \$1,500. The ongoing support helps children and families in need.



~ MEMORIAL BOOKLET 5777 ~

Each year we produce a special High Holy Days keepsake memorial booklet in lieu of a recitation of names on Yom Kippur. The booklet also contains appropriate memorial prayers that can be used throughout the year. You need not be a current member of Beth Israel to submit a special listing or announcement.

Names already on our permanent yahrzeit list (used for Shabbat services) will be included automatically. If you prefer a more personal memorial, or wish to remember others not currently on our list, you may do so for a small donation. Examples of such listings are below (styles A and B). You may also purchase a quarter-page or half-page announcement in one of two formats shown below (styles C and D). Copies of past years' booklets are available in the office for review.

Please complete the form below and return with appropriate payment **no later than October 3, 2016**. If you have any questions, please call the office at 733-8890.

EXAMPLES: (Numbers and underlining correspond to information you must provide on the form below)

I. PERSONALIZED LISTINGS:

Style A. ① Jonathan Levin - Remembered by ② George and Cynthia Harris

Style B. ① Gladys Schwartz ② 1928-1975 Remembered by ③ her daughter, Helen Levinsky

Suggested donation = \$10

☆ **TO LIST AN ADDITIONAL NAME:** Suggested donation = \$10 per name

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Quarter Page (2 3/8" x 3 3/4") or Half Page (3 3/4" x 5")

Style C. ① Jonathan Minsker
② 1930-1988
- In Memoriam -
③ Frank & Sally Gold

Style D. ① Nathan Prosser
② Beloved Father
- In Memoriam -
③ Linda & Sidney Prosser

Suggested donation = \$25 for 1/4 Page \$50 for 1/2 Page

(Border & text styles above are to illustrate format only)

Please include the following memorials in the High Holidays Commemorative Booklet (NOTE: PLEASE PRINT information)
Numbers (①②③) correspond to examples given above. Use another page, or copy this form if necessary.

Style A: name ① _____ name(s) ② _____

Style B: name ① _____ dates ②: _____

relationship / name(s) ③ _____

☆ Additional names for basic listing (no personalization) _____

Style C: name ① _____ dates ②: _____

name(s) ③ _____

Size (check one) ☐ Quarter Page (\$25) ☐ Half Page (\$50)

Style D: name ① _____ relationship ②: _____

name(s) ③ _____

Size (check one) ☐ Quarter Page (\$25) ☐ Half Page (\$50)

Your Name _____ Total Donation (check enclosed) \$ _____

Yahrzeits

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

Friday, September 2

Rose Horowitz	9/3
Rose Z. Blecker	9/4
Wally Moritz	9/4
James Bourne	9/6
Laura Netka	9/7
Keith Baker	9/8
Edna Milnes Walker	9/8
Max Glass	9/9
Reta Kahn	9/9
Harold Lazaroff	9/9

Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10

Dinah Godfrey	9/10
Albert Shkolnik	9/10
Art Jensen	9/11
Dora Lebowitz	9/11
Rebecca Miller	9/11
Max Sosnick	9/12
Ron Feiger	9/13
Eli Schuman	9/14
Mary Warshal Glazer	9/15
Shirley Simmons	9/15
Yitzhak Turovitz	9/16

Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17

Rose Lassman	9/18
Dale S. Hunter	9/19
Joe Lebovich	9/19
John Smith	9/19
Roslyn Wolpov	9/19
Marian Loober	9/20
Abraham Marcus	9/20
Sara Shaw	9/20
Harry Berman	9/21

Janet Koplowitz	9/22
Crystal Myers	9/22

Friday, September 23

Henry Gordon	9/24
Brooklyn Keefe	9/24
Nora Keefe	9/24
Miriam "Mimi" Segre	9/24
Sadie Adelstein-Meyerson	9/25
Morton Stahlberg	9/25
Jere Donegan	9/26
Louise Greenberg	9/26
Jonas Relin	9/27
Sara Sylvia Seid	9/27
Ted Zak	9/27
Blossom Becker	9/28
Robert Mendelsohn	9/28
Blythe Cole Busch	9/29
Rita J. Witte	9/29

Friday, September 30 (no Shabbat service, will be read on Sept. 23)

Sophie Sorkin	9/30
Viola Faber	10/2
Helen Hildes	10/2
Sarah Hecht	10/3
Fannie Thal	10/5
Richard Meltzer	10/7

Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8

Jack Blecker	10/9
Bernard "Barry" Shapiro	10/10
Mary Faber	10/11
Geraldine Witte	10/11
Regina Moskowitz	10/12

Carl Paschetag	10/12
Patricia Jantzen	10/13
Edith Sonneman	10/13

Friday, October 14

Harriet Korn	10/15
Johanna Vohl	10/15
Samuel Kahn	10/16
Abraham Levin	10/18
David Robinson Jr.	10/19
Maxwell Weiss	10/19

Friday, October 21

Edith Lindheimer	10/22
Helen Shure	10/22
Jacob M. Fine	10/23
Donald Kite	10/23
Trude Weil Bauman	10/24
Joseph Jay	10/24
Howard Shavelson	10/24
Carol Van Glubt	10/25
Jay Harvey	10/27
Kurt Jerome Koplowitz	10/27
Aaron David Schlesinger	10/28

Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29

Gertrude "Onita" Glasco	10/29
Joshua Louis Adelstein	10/31
Annelise Guenter-Pedersen	10/31
Edith M. Lazarus	11/1
Sol M. Lester	11/1
Bruce Phillips	11/2
Shirley Adelstein	11/3
Reuben Dechter	11/3
Max Mazonson	11/3

In Memoriam

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

A memorial service for Dr. Burton Jay, to mark the unveiling of his gravestone, will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 30, 2016, at Beth Israel Cemetery, with Rabbi Joshua Samuels officiating. A reception will follow at the Whatcom Room of Moles Bayview Chapel facility, 2465 Lakeview Drive in Bellingham. Everyone is warmly invited to attend the service and reception.

Kindly respond by October 24, 2016, to susankjay@gmail.com or call (360) 733-6316.

Help available for end of life planning

No one can predict when a sudden illness or accident may occur, leaving a person unable to make personal healthcare decisions. Help is available to make your healthcare choices known in advance and to normalize conversations about end of life issues and care. Advance-care planning is a gift to those we love, relieving their stress and anxiety over making decisions for you. It can also help us reflect upon and discuss our goals, values and beliefs.

In June, Congregation Beth Israel's Care Committee hosted a three-part workshop on end-of-life planning, and also premiered the CBI End of Life Planning brochure, which con-

tains information about Jewish customs around death and information about burial practices. A simple after-death wishes form, which outlines a person's wishes for burial, is available to be completed with or without the rabbi's assistance, and can be kept on file at CBI.

When you are ready to complete your Advance Directive, Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement offers trained facilitators to assist Whatcom County residents. In addition, WAHA offers free community workshops and has a website rich in helpful resources: www.whatcomalliance.org/end-of-life-care, or (360) 788-6594.

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Explore Point Whitehorn

9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016

Meet at the trailhead off the parking lot

Naturalist David Strich will guide us through a wild and vibrant coastal forest. The Point Whitehorn Marine Reserve features 54 acres of forest, bluff and beach, with a 3/4-mile fully accessible trail to spectacular viewpoints of the Strait of Georgia and San Juan Islands. A switchback path descends from the bluff, through abundant black cherry and Sitka spruce trees and head-high salal, to a windswept cobble beach, where we hopefully will enjoy the lingering summer.

High tide will be at 6:42 a.m. (9.5 ft)

Low tide will be at 12:46 p.m. (5 ft)

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