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## Please Take Note:

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A complete schedule of services is printed on the back page

#### **❖ Whatcom Museum Tour**

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 3 pm - Join the tour of *Jim Olson: Architecture for Art* exhibit at the Lightcatcher Building (which Mr. Olson designed) (pg. 6)

## **☆ Religious School Yard Sale**

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 9 AM -1 PM Come shop for treasures and bargains and support the Religious School (pg. 6)

## Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30/7 PM All Beth Israel members are encouraged to attend this important annual event in the life of our community (pg. 9)

## **☆ Mitzvah Day**

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 AM-12:30 PM Plan to be part of this annual day of service. See the Rabbi's Message (*below*) and Social Action report (*pg. 6*)

## **❖ Religious School Family Picnic**

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 12 PM** - Everyone is invited to this end-of-school-year celebration at Lake Padden (pg. 6)

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Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 AM (pg. 4)

# Shavuot festivals

## Shavuot 5773 Observances

Shavuot (with Pesach and Sukkot) is one of the three pilgrimage festivals. On Shavuot, we celebrate the early summer harvest as well as Revelation at Sinai and God's giving of the Torah to the Jewish people. Our Shavuot observances offer us different ways

to gather in community so that we might open ourselves to receiving Torah.

## Tuesday, May 14

**7:15** PM Shavuot Festival Service with Confirmation of the 9th Grade students of Religious School, followed by a delicious Cheesecake Reception (see below\* for more details).

## **CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 5773**

Jakob Garfinkle 

Rebecca Garfinkle

Hannah Levine 

Leah Reitz 

Naomi Schapiro

## Thursday, May 16

**10:00** AM Shavuot Festival Morning Service with Yizkor Memorial, followed by a *blintze* brunch.

(The Beth Israel office will be closed on Wednesday, May 15 & Thursday, May 16)

\* It is customary to eat sweet, dairy foods on Shavuot, and so Beth Israel is hosting its **Seventh Annual Cheesecake Bake-Off**. To enter, sign up with **Joan Wayne**, then create a cheesecake using your favorite recipe and bring it to the oneg following the service on May 14. Everyone present will have a chance to sample each entry and vote for their favorite, and the winning recipe will be announced in June.



# MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

## Mitzvah Day—June 2, 2013

My previous synagogue had a Day School, and one of my favorite duties as its rabbi was listening to the whole school say the same motto each day. At the end of the morning assembly, the children would all say in unison, "Learn a lot. Have fun. Do a mitzvah."

Every day, these students, as well as all the teachers and parents who attended the assembly, were charged with performing mitzvot.

The word "mitzvah" means many things to many people. For some, it might translate to "good deed"; for others, "commandment"; and perhaps for some people this word might serve as a reminder of that day when they nervously led a congregation in prayer and then danced the limbo with friends. (Do kids still do this at b'nei mitzvah parties?)

So which is it? And what does it actually mean to perform a mitzvah? Rabbi Eric Yoffie, the immediate past president of the URJ, responds to these questions in *Duties of the Soul: The Role of Commandments in Liberal Judaism* (UAHC Press, 1999). He writes, "A mitzvah is a religious act, drawn from Torah, that is carried out by Jews who believe that these acts have been transmitted to us by a commanding God." He adds, "[A] Mitzvah is the instrument by which we infuse life with the holy." And finally, he writes, "A Mitzvah is the act that joins together the Jew and God." I would add another definition: A mitzvah is an act that joins people to people.

No matter how you look at the word, it's undeniable how significant and transformational performing mitzvot can be.

On June  $2^{nd}$ , we will come together as a whole community to perform one mitzvah after another. Surely we are all

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## A Message from the President

*Tzlekhu* – be successful. That's how I've ended my letters over the past three years, and that's how I'm starting the last letter of my term as president. Have we been successful during this time?

We have made great strides forward in getting a more robust religious school with a tremendous director, Sagit Hall. We have seen growth of close to 10% in our membership. We have updated our bylaws and have new rules and policies, guidelines and job descriptions; in short, we have made upgrades to our governance system to make it more open and transparent, which is fitting for a mid-sized community as we move forward. Our new building continues to rise out of the ground as it nears the end of the shell building stage. All of this has happened as we lost Rabbi Cindy and searched for and found Rabbi Samuels.

We have been an example to the Union for Reform Judaism. We are operating in the black and have no loans on our new building. The URJ and other communities contact me on an ongoing basis with the question, "How do you do it? Can you teach us?" I leave behind a new style of governance with strong leadership in place.

Thank you to all who have made this opportunity to serve interesting. May we continue to be successful.

Tzlekhu, Jeff Jaffe

## From the Rabbi (Continued from page 1)

capable of performing acts of kindness and righteousness every day. However, there is something very special about people coming together and helping to repair the world. On June  $2^{nd}$ , we will dedicate our lives to each other and the greater community.

We can make a difference...together.

Some of the Mitzvah Day activities will be:

- Collecting Beanie Babies™ and Halloween candy for "Operation Gratitude" care packages
- Gardening at an Interfaith Coalition home
- Beautifying our Jewish cemetery
- Cleaning up the Sean Humphrey House
- Writing and decorating cards for ill CBI congregants and children in the hospital
- Writing letters to currently deployed service members and wounded soldiers
- Writing advocacy letters to elected officials
- Purchasing and eating delicious baked goods
- Making toys for animals at the Whatcom Humane Society
- Gardening at a community garden

Be on the lookout for sign-ups, updates and more information regarding Mitzvah Day in upcoming e-letters, the synagogue website and Facebook page.

Please contact Debbie Raas, Linda Hirsh or Rabbi Samuels if you are itching to get involved.

Shimon ben Gamliel teaches, "It is not what one says, but rather what one does that makes all the difference in the world." - Pirke Avot 1:17

#### Rabbi Joshua Samuels

Congregation Beth Israel is a diverse and inclusive synagogue affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism and committed to a tradition that honors both Jewish continuity and innovation. We warmly welcome people into our vibrant community, dedicated to the study of Torah and creative Jewish learning, joyous and meaningful worship, and engaging in the sacred obligation of *tikkun olam*, repair of the world. As inheritors of a rich past and creators of a future full of possibility, we continually seek new opportunities to support each other in participating and growing Jewishly.

## **YAHRZEITS**

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

Friday, MAY 3		Friday, MAY 2	4	Friday, JUNE	14
Jean Dement	May 5	Frances Glazer Garmo	May 25	Esther Bortman	June 15
Naomi Krauzer Feinberg	May 5	Audrey May King	May 25	Morris R. Hecht	June 15
Rebecca Leavitt	May 5	David Ohms	May 25	Doris Zemel	June 15
Rose Thal	May 6	Miriam Shepard	May 25	Stanley Simon	June 16
Louis Adelstein	May 7	Marcia M. Morris Yust	May 25	Sue Groper	June 18
Rose Block	May 7	Harris Tall	May 26	Naftalie Mottel Jaffe	June 18
Nan Lopresti	May 8	Samuel Gelb	May 27	Bess Briskie	June 19
William Stone	May 8	Jack Glazer	May 27	Eric O. Sonneman	June 20
Freddy Kullman	May 9	Adam Frank			
Lloyd Saxton	May 9		May 28	Erwin Mayer	June 21
Lotte S. Tebrich	May 9	Edward R. Glazer	May 28		• 4
Barbara Vaughan	May 10	Stanley Schlanger	May 28	Friday, JUNE	
		Rose Rebecca Glazer	May 29	Saturday, JUN	IE 22
Friday, MAY 10		Bill Lewis	May 30	Samuel Berenstain	June 24
SATURDAY, MAY 11		Samuel Emanuel	May 31	Myer Horwitz	June 24
Sally Warshay	May 11			Albert Shankman	June 24
Oscar Evans	May 12	Friday, MAY 3	31	Sarah Lea Thal	June 24
Pearl Albert	May 13	Julia Thal Karsh	June 1	Harold "Bud" Blank	June 26
Emil Gartner	May 13	Marcella Schapiro	June 1	Elaine Joyce Stone	June 26
Ethel Sandford	May 13	Albert Grieff	June 2	Edward Witte	June 27
Bertha Gartner	May 15	Samuel Schwartz	June 2	May Meyers	June 28
Louise Hecht	May 15	Irving Edward Shapiro	June 3		
Celia G. Levin	May 15	Morton Schneider	June 5	Bernice Shear	June 28
Jeanne Glennon	May 16	Belle Kaplan Shapiro			••
Marvin Globerman	May 16			Friday, JUNE	
Michael Tebrich	May 16	Rasela Catz	June 6	Earnest Ban	June 29
Mendel Zell	May 16	Dorothy Katz	June 6	William Brenner	June 30
Hugo Gartner	May 17	Ann Dechter	June 7	Elaine Lev Beller	July 1
Denise Guren	May 17	Sol Harris Lewis	June 7	Syd Goldman	July 2
Florence Marcus	May 17	Arthur Thal	June 7	Seymour Karpas	July 2
Rose Millstein	May 17	Lawrence Witte	June 7	Rachel Emanuel	July 3
David Tall	May 17	Sandy York	June 7	Jack Meyers	July 4
David Tuli	May 17			Virginia Hunter	July 5
Friday, MAY 17		Friday, JUNE 7		Virginia Trancer	July 3
Saturday, MAY 18	1	Saturday, JUNI	E 8		
Emanuel Jacobson	May 19	Adrienne Benson	June 8		
Walter Camp	May 20	Eshka Rosenberg	June 8		
Maya Haykin	May 20	David Horwitz	June 9		
Barbara (McNulty) Higham	May 20	Jay Renfro	June 9	מו ישראל כשלום	11 -11
Evelyn Renfro	May 20	Gussie Gelb	June 10	נווישו אל נשלום	ווכונון אול עו
Anne Frank	May 20	Marita Shure	June 10		
Donald Glazer	May 21	William Robinson	June 12		
Rosalind Kantor	May 21 May 21				
Lloyd Relin	May 21 May 21	Emma (Weigt) Korneck	June 13		
Marion Selznick	May 21 May 23	Faye Goldberg-Miller	June 14		
Mariorie Fineherg Powell	May 23 May 24				

## ~ In Memoriam ~

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

**Steven Schwartz** on the loss of his father, **George Schwartz**, who passed away on February 24, 2013.

**Jeffrey Zucker** on the loss of his father, **David Zucker**, who passed away on April 8, 2013.

Nora Mazonson on the loss of her father, Sergio Shwadsky, who passed away on April 20, 2013.

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

## ~ In Memoriam ~

Our congregation offers heartfelt condolences to **Richard Trank** and family on the loss of his mother, **Joanne Mae Lund,**who passed away in Tampa,
Florida on April 24, 2013

Zichronah l'vrachah ~ May her memory be for a blessing.

## **Membership Committee** ~ Sara Geballe

I know it's been a long wait for our new CBI Photo Directory, but it's a complicated, multi-step process. The good news is we should be getting our new directories quite soon. In March, the Membership Committee carefully went through the first proof copy Lifetouch sent us and checked the spelling of all members' names, addresses, e-mails and phone numbers. In April we reviewed the second set of proofs. We are now waiting for our directories to be printed and mailed to the synagogue. We hope to have them ready for distribution by late May or early June. Those families who participated in the photo directory project will each receive a free copy. We anticipate that those families that did not participate will have the opportunity to purchase one.

Now that summer is almost here, the Membership committee is gearing up for our annual "Ice Cream Social" for new and prospective members, to be held on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. If you know anyone in our area who is Jewish and unaffiliated whom you think might be interested in getting to know our congregation better, please be sure to send me their contact information. We will gladly invite them to this family-friendly, fun event, where they can meet Rabbi Samuels and the CBI Board, and learn about Religious School and all other CBI events and activities.

Our next Committee meeting will be on **Tuesday**, **June 11**<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Anne Brown's home. However, on **Monday**, **May 6**<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM we will tour the New Synagogue building site with Warren Rosenthal and go out to dinner afterward.



## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

Gayle Gordon-Martin & Stephen Martin • Bellingham

Justin & Helen Morgan Parmett and son Nakobe (9 in May) • Bellingham

Jim & Michelle Salmans and daughter Trevor (6½) • Bellingham

#### OTHER MEMBER NEWS:

**Ella Shore** was married to Alan Barney on January 1, 2013, and has changed her name to **Ella Barney**. Mazel Tov to Ella and Alan!

## ~ MAY BIRTHDAYS ~

Lucas Roling
Richard Trank
Louis Hunter
Bobbie Jaffe
Rick Adelstein
Russell Sheinkopf
Gary Adelstein
Greg Schwartz
Penny Schuman
Leah Grossman
Joseph Anderson
Tim Baker
David Cohn
Adam Greenberg
Karen Weill

Steve Spitzer

Alex Boarnet
Max Johnson
Suzanne Fischél Kite
Kendra Bradford
Adelle John
Kathy Grossman
Nakobe Morgan Parmett
John Siegfried
Emily Weiner
Stephanie Soicher
Ann Suloway
Danny Finklestein
Aviva Grossman
Isaac Blum

Serge Lindner Ezra Price Harriet Fine Becki Van Glubt Robin Chalfie Fay Farkas Bettina Fisher Robert Sylvester Francine Hoch Herman Tabak Aline Wanne Hannah Rose Todd Witte

Darren Boarnet

## ~ JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Caden Stoane
Alan Chalfie
Leila Shavelson
Hans-Rudolf
Guenter-Schlesinger
Linda Hirsh
Burton Jay
Sam Hunter
Judith Osman
Belle Shalom
Rachel Goodman
Adrienne Champagne
Frank Champagne
Diane Firestone

McNeel Jantzen Sarah Van Glubt Chris Balton Janet Seltzer Jeffrey Grossman Renata Reitz James Prickett Diane Garmo Adin Sokol Henry Zemel Leslie Shankman Diane Leigh Lee Shapiro Stuart Zemel Todd Shuster Rena Ziegler
Phyllis Mazur
Milo Levinson
Leah Reitz
Jill Elkayam
Mike Brennan
Julia Schwartz
Tracy Diller
Nate Fine
Jim Salmans
Jeremiah Witte
Nathaniel Witte
Rachel Read-Romito
Sid Wanne
Nicole Samuels

## **Bar Mitzvah**

Elan Maxim will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 22, 2013. He is the son of Orly Ziv-Maxim and Tom Maxim and the big

brother of Neri Maxim.

Elan is an active 7th grader at Whatcom Middle School, to which he walks

every morning with a group of close neighborhood friends. He plays violin in the Whatcom Middle School Orchestra. Elan has been dedicated to soccer since age 5, and is now playing on the Rangers Gold team. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with friends, refining his skateboarding skills, and listening to music.

For his *mitzvah* projects, Elan volunteers with the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, a community non-profit dedicated to restoring wild salmon populations in Whatcom County, and also serves as a mentor to a child with disabilities on the Special Olympics soccer team.

Please join our family in celebration:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE June 21, 2013 at 6:15 PM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE June 22, 2013 at 10:00 AM



## Happy Anniversary

May Mitch & Lisa Press (# 19)
Richard & Idalina Trank (# 9)
Steven & Victoria Garfinkle (# 19)
Elka & Myron Fink (# 58)
John & Melissa Schapiro (# 20)
Larry & Melissa Stahlberg (# 35)
Rick & Leslie Adelstein (# 38)
Larry Hildes & Karen Weill (# 13)
Nicole & Darren Boarnet (# 15)
Rick & Tracey Levine (# 26)
Rebecca & Andrew Orloff (# 15)
Lynne & Mark MacDonald (# 35)

Darcie Donegan & Phil Buri (# 20) Rabbi Joshua & Nicole Samuels (#8) June Jay & Donna Solomon (# 49) Frank & Adrienne Champagne (# 1)

Joe & Allison Zibulewsky (# 20) Gaby & Victoria Mayers (# 28) Tammy & Daryl Dixon (# 6) David & Jill Elkayam (# 35) Ann Suloway & Tim Baker (# 20)

Justin & Helen Morgan

Parmett (# 10) Michelle & Joseph Anderson (#12) Meg Jacobson &

Russell Pritchett (# 39)
David & Rena Ziegler (# 45)

Burton & Susan Jay (# 57) Sarah & Todd Witte (# 13) Orly Ziv-Maxim &Tom Maxim (17)

## From the Bima . . .

After a few months of reviewing resumes and audio samples from High Holy Day cantorial applicants, we are pleased to announce that **Cindy Paley** will be leading us in song and prayer as we usher in the New Year.

Cindy, who plays the guitar, is an accomplished musician with many albums to her credit. She currently serves as the Music Educator at Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, California, and also leads a rousing monthly women's minyan called Lev Eisha. Cindy has a unique ability to engage people of all ages in singing. We were drawn to her enthusiasm, soulful voice, and extraordinary ability to lead songs while accompanying herself on guitar.

Cindy will be joined on the bima for some of the High Holy Day experience with Kim Moskowitz, who has been leading us in prayer on the third Friday of each month. Together with a percussionist or two, Cindy and Kim will create a spiritual atmosphere that the High Holy Days are meant to have. Since we are fortunate to have lay leaders who are competent in leading High Holy Day services, our second day Rosh Hashanah service will be led by congregants.

Rabbi Joshua Samuels

## **Youth Group Shabbat Service**

Friday, May 10 • 7:30 PM

Please come and support the members of **PHAT**, CBI's youth group, as they lead the Shabbat service on May 10 and honor our 2013 high school graduates!

## **Brotherhood Meeting**

Thursday, May 9 ● 6:30 PM Old Fairhaven Wines 1106 Harris Ave.

Exciting news for Brotherhood members! Your Brotherhood has arranged for a wine-tasting event on **Thursday**, **May 9** at **6:30 PM** at Old Fairhaven Wines with Sean, one of the owners. The cost of the event is \$5 for four tastings; the Brotherhood will provide pizza. You are sure to find something new to learn and appreciate about wines. Sean has offered discounts on all purchases made that evening.

To ensure that there will be enough pizza, please RSVP to Alan Stone at <a href="mailto:abstone08@comcast.net">abstone08@comcast.net</a>. Those who attend will pay the \$5 fee directly to Old Fairhaven Wines, which is located at 1106 Harris Avenue in Fairhaven (in Finnegan's Alley). Be sure you don't miss this fun event.

## **Social Action Committee**

#### Milk Money

May is here and we're collecting money to support the Bellingham Food Bank's Milk Money Fund. We chose May because Shavuot is a holiday we associate with milk-based foods (like cheesecake). If we collect \$750 the Food bank can provide a half gallon of milk to each family every time they visit the Food Bank in a month. 35% of Food Bank clients are children, and milk is essential for their growing bones and teeth. The Food Bank purchases milk from local dairies at a great price, so our donations go a long way. Please send checks made out to the Bellingham Food Bank to the synagogue office, or drop off cash or checks at the office or place in the tzedakah box outside the sanctuary.

#### Speaking of the Food Bank...

Thank you to everyone who donated Chametz before Passover. The Food Bank is always grateful for donations.

#### ....and Children's Books

Our book drive for the Interfaith Health Clinic was the best ever! We had to bring a wheelbarrow to cart all the books to the clinic. All the kids waiting to see the doctor will be very pleased with the books they'll be able to take home.

## Workshop Series on Mental Health

Garden Street Methodist Church is holding a series of workshops on mental health, and all county congregations are invited to attend any or all of the eight-week sessions. The eight week series, titled "Mental Illness and Families of Faith: How Congregations Can Respond," will be led by Pastor Cheryl Fear starting on May 5, 2013. The DVD/presentation series will be held at Garden Street United Methodist Church, 1326 N. Garden Street in Bellingham, on Sundays from 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM, beginning on May 5 and ending on June 23. The series covers a variety of mental health issues, including depression, addiction, anxiety, suicide, eating disorders, and overcoming stigma. It will include excerpts of a DVD course, presentations from local experts and support groups, and time for questions and answers. More information is available on the church's website: <a href="https://www.gardenstreetumc.org/news-events">www.gardenstreetumc.org/news-events</a>.

## Mitzvah Day — Sunday, June 2, 2013

Mitzvah Day needs you! Volunteer to be a group leader, or simply participate. We are planning projects that everyone in the congregation can be part of. If you have participated before, you know this is a great way to get to know other congregants and do good work with friends. Please mark your calendar and plan to spend the morning doing wonderful things for the community and the world. Watch your email — more information will be coming soon.

One of the projects involves making toys for animals, and for that we need stuffing and scraps of fabric. If you have any of these materials to spare, please contact Linda Hirsh.

## Soap, Lotion and Shampoo

If you are traveling this summer (or any time), collect those unused soaps, lotions, conditioners and shampoos that are given to you in hotel rooms. We will re-gift them to those who come to get food from CAST, a program that distributes sandwiches, coffee and cups of soup in downtown Bellingham during the week. Thank you to all who bring these items throughout the year.

#### A Little Housekeeping

A group of Beth Israelites has been cleaning one of the nine Interfaith houses that provide short term housing to families in need. These are families that may be living in cars or camping as they wait to receive public housing assistance, or to save up enough money to pay first and last month's rent for their own apartment. As families move out to more stable housing, our group comes in and gets the house ready for new occupants, which we have done two times so far. Cleaners include Belle Shalom, Linda Hirsh, Esther Faber, Bettina Fisher, Debbie Raas and Linda Blackwell. If you would like to join this group, please email Linda Blackwell.

#### Next Meeting

Please come to our next meeting on **Sunday, May 5**<sup>th</sup> **at 2:00 PM** at the home of Linda Hirsh. Everyone is welcome. Call or email Linda for directions.

BIG SALE

TODAY!

## **Religious School News and Notes**

## SPRING YARD SALE: Sunday, May 19 • 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

It's time to find a new home for those useful but no-longer-needed articles taking up all your storage space! The Religious School Committee's **Spring Yard Sale** welcomes your donations of gently used household items in working order, books, kitchen gadgets, and similar items. Kids' clothes in good condition are OK, but NO adult

clothing will be accepted. We also cannot take large electronic items like TVs, computers, or stereo components. Items may be dropped off in the Social Hall on **Wednesday, May 15** from 5:30 - 7:00 PM and on **Saturday, May 18** from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. You may also bring in last minute items on Sunday morning.

## TEACHER APPRECIATION SERVICE: Friday, May 31 • 6:15 PM

During our Shabbat service on May 31 we will show our appreciation to the teaching staff of Beth Israel Religious School. There will be a vegetarian/dairy potluck dinner afterward in the Social Hall. Please plan to attend and show your support for our dedicated teachers and *madrichim*!

## FAMILY PICNIC: Sunday, June 9 • 12:00 - 3:00 PM

to come — watch your weekly e-News.

Sunday School final classes are on Sunday, June 9 — and then it's time to celebrate another successful year! Bring the family to our Annual End-of-the-Year Picnic on the shores of Lake Padden. Rain or shine, we will gather at the shelter by the playground to enjoy some great food, fellowship and FUN. Along with traditional picnic games, a highlight this year will be a jog-a-thon (including a tot-sized course for the pre-K group) to raise money for play equipment at the new synagogue. More details

The Religious School Committee will provide some delicious salmon. Please bring a **non-meat dish** to share (dairy OK). Here is a suggested break-down by school grade, but feel free to bring what you like:

**Gan** — **2nd**: Side dish 3rd — **5th**: Drinks and desserts **6th** — **9th**: Meat-free main dish

Because of allergies, <u>make sure your dish is free of nuts and nut oils</u>. And, in an effort to reduce waste and support the environment, we encourage families to bring their own reusable plates, cups and cutlery for their personal use. Let's see how small a footprint we can leave!

## Program Committee ~ Sabrina Freeman

## Whatcom Museum Tour: Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 PM

Beth Israel is excited to announce the second tour in its museum series, led by museum docent and CBI member Diana Firestone. Please plan to join Diana on **Sunday, May 5** to tour the wonderful retrospective exhibit, *Jim Olson: Architecture for Art*, starting at 3:00 PM. The tour is free to Whatcom Museum members, and all others can join the tour for a special discounted fee of \$6. The tour group will meet inside the lobby of the Lightcatcher Museum Building (which was designed by Jim Olson) at 250 Flora Street. You can read more about this exhibit and Jim Olson at <a href="http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/thearts/2020802412\_olsonreviewxml.html">http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/thearts/2020802412\_olsonreviewxml.html</a>

#### Jewish/Israeli Film Series

The final offering in our Jewish/Iraeli film series will take place in the Social Hall on **Saturday**, **June 22**, beginning with Havdallah at 7:15 PM. The film will be screened at 7:30 PM.

June's film, *Playoff*, tells the true story of legendary Israeli basketball coach Max Stoller. He became a national hero when he made the Maccabi Tel Aviv team into European champions in the late Seventies, one of Israel's first great international sporting successes. But he became a national traitor equally fast when he then accepted the against-all-odds job of turning the totally hopeless West German basketball team into European winners. The German-born Max maintains that training the German national team is just another job to him, and refuses to speak German to the young players. While he does succeed in reinventing the Germans as European champions, he also discovers what happened to his family in the 1940s — and it is not what he expected. He realizes that one cannot run away forever from one's own past and demons. Actor Danny Huston won the Best Actor Award at the 2011 Montreal World Film Festival for his portrayal of the coach.

This event is free of charge, however a small donation of \$5 to cover the cost of refreshments will be appreciated.

## **Parent Learning Session**

There will be a special Parent Learning Session during Religious School on Sunday, May 5 at 10:30 AM. The topic will "Talking to Your Kids About Israel", presented by special guest speaker **Nevet Basker**, an Israel education consultant. She will explore issues such as how to engage our children in conversation about historical and current events in Israel. All Beth Israel members are welcome to attend.

Our guest speaker is an independent consultant, public speaker, educator, and policy adviser specializing in modern-day Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. She co-founded and was the first regional chair of <u>StandWithUs Northwest</u>, an Israel education organization, and is currently a member of its Executive Committee. Nevet has advised six campaigns for U.S. Congress regarding Middle East and Israel policies. She was previously chair of the International Committee of the Anti Defamation League in the Pacific Northwest and currently serves on the Washington State board of AIPAC.



#### Try It - You'll Like It!

The **Scrip program** is Beth Israel's only year-round fundraiser. In most months, Scrip sales are around \$15,000, which yields \$700 - \$800 profit to OUR congregation. Yet, *less than 25%* of our congregants participate in this program. If we could double or triple the participation, it would help all of us.

Scrip is easy to use. The majority of Scrip sales are for local grocery stores — Haggen, Fred Meyer, The Market and the Community Food Co-Op. Each of these stores contribute 5% of their cards value to us! We know there are many worthwhile organizations that sell scrip, so please consider making some of your scrip purchases from Beth Israel!

**Joan Wayne**, Scrip Program Coordinator, will be at our Annual Meeting on May 19 to explain the program (and hopefully sell some Scrip). You can also contact her by phone or email.

## **Shul Shofar** Schedule

PLEASE submit items for the July/August 2013 issue to the office by June 12<sup>th</sup>. (Please note the earlier deadline, due to the new bi-monthly format) You may email items to bishul@aol.com.

Your editor thanks you in advance!

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL	TION BETH	SRAEL	MAY 2013	2013	IYAR - SIN	IYAR - SIVAN 5773
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 21 lyar	<b>2</b> 22 lyar	3 23 lyar 88 8:09	24 Iyar Behar-Bechukotai 9:30 AM Torah Study
			4:15 PM - Hebrew School	20	6:15 PM Family Service	
<u> </u>				7 PM Mussar study Adult Education class	with K/1stGrade Class Potluck dinner afterward	
<b>5</b> 25 lyar 10 AM - 12 PM	<b>6</b> 26 lyar	<b>7</b> 27 Iyar	<b>8</b> 28 lyar	<b>9</b> 29 lyar	10 1 Sivan	2 Sivan
Sunday School 10:30 - Parent Learning						9:30 AM Tot 10:30 AM Shab
Session: "Talking to Your Kids About Israel" 2 PM SocActionComm			4:15 PM - Hebrew School	6:30 PM Brotherhood Mtg @ Old Fairhaven Wines 7 PM Missar study	7:30PM Shabbat Service	
Meeting @ L. Hirsh's				Adult Education class	& honoring HS Grads	
12 3 Sivan 13	13 4 Sivan 14	14 5 Sivan	15 6 Sivan	16 7 Sivan	~	18 9 Sivan
10 AM - 12 PM			SHAVUOT	10 AM - Shavuot Festival		9:30 AM Torah Study
Sunday School			Festival Day	Service w/ Yizkor		10:30 AM Shabbat Service
3 pM Toot Childy Coo Holl			Beth Israel office closed	Festival Day		
S PIM - Lext Study, Soc. Hall	(	7:15 PM - Shavuot Festival		Beth Israel office closed		
MOTHER'S DAY	7 PM Board of Directors	Service & Confirmation w/ special oneg following	NO Hebrew School		5:30PM Pre-Service Nosh 6:15PM Shabbat Service	
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9 AM - 1 PM		12 DM Linch				11:00 AM Tot Shabbat
6:30 PM - Social "hour"		group @ Anne Brown's				
7 PM - Ann'l Membership		1:30 PM - Stitchery Group	4:15 PM - Hebrew School			
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<b>26</b> 17 Sivan	<b>27</b> 18 Sivan	28 19 Sivan	<b>29</b> 20 Sivan	30 21 Sivan	31 22 Sivan	
NO Sunday School	12 PM - Golden Girls @ Skylark's Hidden Café					8.23.33
3 PM - Text Stridy Soc Hall			4:15 PM - Hebrew School	<del>07.00</del>	6:15 PM Teacher Appreciation	
	MEMORIAL DAY				afferward	

CONGREGATION BETH		ISRAEL	JUNE	2013	SIVAN - TAN	<b>TAMMUZ 5773</b>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				A.		23 Sivan Shelach 9:30 AM Torah Study
24 Sivan 9 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>3</b> 25 Sivan	4 26 Sivan	5 27 Sivan	<b>6</b> 28 Sivan	7 29 Sivan	30 Sivan Korach 9:30 AM Torah Study
Mitzvah Day (replaces Sunday School)			4:15 PM - Hebrew School (last class of the year)		6:15 Pм Family Service Potluck dinner afterward	10:30 AM Shabbat Service
9 1 Tammuz (Last Class)	10 <sup>2</sup> Tammuz	11 3 Tammuz	12 4 Tammuz	13 5 Tammuz	14 6 Tammuz	15 7 Tammuz
10 AM - 12 PM Sunday School 1:00 PM RS Family Picnic					SHOFAR DEADLINE (For July/Aug 2013)	9:30 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat
@ Lake Padden Park 3 PM -Text Study,Soc.Hall	7 PM Board of Directors	7.30 PM - Mem'ship Comm. @ Anne Brown's			7:30PM Shabbat Service	
16 8 Tammuz	17 9 Tammuz	<b>18</b> 10 Tammuz	19 11 Tammuz	20 8 Tammuz	21 9 Tammuz	22 10 Tammuz  Balak  10:00 AM
		12 PM - Lunch Bunch group @ Anne Brown's 1:30 PM - Stitchery Group @ Anne Brown's	4			Elan Maxim Bar Mitzvah 7:15 PM Havdalah
FATHER'S DAY					6:15PM Shabbat Service with Elan Maxim	7:30 PM Israeli film, "Playoff", CBI Social Hall
<b>23</b> 11 Tammuz	<b>24</b> 12 Tammuz	<b>25</b> 13 Tammuz	<b>26</b> 14 Tammuz	27 15 Tammuz	28 16 Tammuz	29 17 Tammuz Pinchas Page Marchas Page Marchas Page Marchan Study
3 PM -Text Study, Soc. Hall	12 PM - Golden Girls Skylark's Hidden Café					
					7:30PM Shabbat Service	

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# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2013

Please join our congregation in honoring these graduates during our Shabbat service on **Friday**, **May 10 at 7:30 PM**.

## In the Community —

## Fairhaven Middle School Library Art Project

As part of the Fairhaven Middle School Library renovation, a collaborative ceramic tile installation remembering Liam Balton was designed and constructed by students, parents and school staff, and orchestrated by local artist Jacquie Bresadola. Everyone who could do so volunteered for this project in tribute to a boy who loved to imagine and learn. This art now welcomes all who enter Fairhaven Middle School Library into a place of imagination and information.

#### **International Student Exchange**

International Student Exchange has recently received an application from a  $10^{\rm th}$  grade Brazilian Jewish boy looking for a volunteer host family for his first semester of the 2013-14 school year (late August to January) at a local Bellingham high school. Please contact **Kim Moskowitz\***, the ISEUSA area representative, if you are interested in learning more about hosting this delightful young man. Together we can make a difference!

\* Cell: 818-903-3714 W: 360-778-1751 kim@sja.com www.iseusa.com

## **Oneg Committee**

The Oneg Committee will be creating the new oneg list in June. If you have any special requests about the type of service you would like to host, the people you'd like to partner with, or a special date or month you'd like to host, please let us know **before June 30**. We will do our best to honor your requests.

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Joan Wayne and Miriam Zderic

# **Annual Congregational Meeting**



Sunday, May 19, 2013

6:30 PM Committee "Fair" and nosh 7:00 PM Annual Meeting in Sanctuary followed by desserts and socializing



All Beth Israel members are encouraged to attend our annual Congregational Meeting. This year's event will begin with an informational "fair" featuring Beth Israel Committees, where you can also enjoy some tasty hors d'oeuvres, wine and other beverages. The Annual Meeting will begin at 7:00. Afterward, there will be another chance to socialize and enjoy some delicious desserts and other tasty treats. Watch your [E]mail for an invitation with further information.

This is a golden opportunity to hear all the latest news of ongoing activities, receive an update on our new synagogue building, and learn about exciting challenges and plans for the year ahead. Members will also vote on the proposed slate of Board Directors and Officers for our fiscal year 2013-2014, and on a revision to our bylaws.

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◆ Please plan to attend this important event in the life of our community ◆



## Thank You for Your Support

Thank you for your congregational participation in the Interfaith Coalition 2013 Auction of Hope, which was held on Saturday, March 23. Our member congregations always

amaze us with their creativity and generosity in creating their congregational gifts. This annual auction raised a record amount to support homes, health care and shelter for all of our neighbors in need.

Congregational gifts are traditionally some of the most popular items in our silent and live auctions, and 2013 was no exception. We appreciated your congregational gift of beautiful jewelry made by Israeli artists, which raised \$737 for our programs. We also appreciate Joan Wayne's coordination of this gift. It was clear that your congregation put much effort into creating a gift that would appeal to our supporters. Thank you.

The congregational support of the auction is inspiring. From donating gifts, to volunteering, to attending, you — our member congregations — are the backbone of the annual Interfaith Coalition Hope Auction. Thank you for coming together for our most vulnerable neighbors. Thank you for the gift of hope.

In peace with gratitude, *Laura Harker*, Executive Director



## The Yenta Speaks...

Each month the Yenta brings you "interesting news about Jews" - good news about our members & general glad tidings from our community. Mail or email items for the Yenta to the office.

Noémi Ban received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Western Washington University at the winter commencement on March 23, 2013, and also delivered the commencement address. 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 (designated to a specific synagogue fund\*\* if desired) along with your message and the recipient's name and address to **Donna Solomon**. For Hadassah cards, contact **Bonnie Stone**. For Hadassah certificates, call **Debbie Adelstein**. For Trees-For-Israel certificates or JNF "Blue Boxes", contact **Janis Ban**. Donations may also be sent to the synagogue office. Contact information for the above individuals is available by calling 733-8890.

## ~ Special Fund Donations ~

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund —

#### IN APPRECIATION TO:

**♥** Rabbi Samuels

From: Bettina Fisher

 Rabbi Samuels, for his help with pro-

duction of "The Legacy" From: Marla Bronstein

## - Camp Scholarship Fund -

#### MAZEL TOV TO:

From: Karen Sloss

From: Karen Sloss Donna Solomon

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From: Joan & Mary Wayne

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father, Sergio Shwadsky **From:** *Joan & Marv Wayne* 

## — General Fund —

#### IN HONOR OF:

**From:** *Deborah Loober* (Bellingham)

## New Synagogue Fund —

#### IN HONOR OF:

☆ Aaron & Lilly Weiss, on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary

From: Sylvya Glass

⇒ Sid & Aline Wanne, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary

## - New Synagogue Fund -

From: Diane Garmo

#### **MAZEL TOV TO:**

☼ Noémi Ban, on receiving an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Western Washington University From: Joan & Mary Wayne

#### CONTRIBUTION FROM:

Albert Rosen (Rancho Mirage, CA)

## **DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:**

From: Bonnie & Alan Stone

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From: Sylvya Glass

## **GET WELL WISHES TO:**

**⇔** Arona Henderson

From: Beth Israel Sisterhood

#### IN APPRECIATION TO:

**♥** Nancy Lloyd

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#### **CONTRIBUTION FROM:**

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## \*\* Synagogue Special Funds:

Camp Scholarship/Youth Activities
Care Committee
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Rabbi Gartner Scholarship Fund
General Fund
Max Glass Library Fund
New Synagogue (AKA Building) Fund

NFTY Fund *(new)* Rabbi's **P**rofessional Dev. Fund *(new)* 

Religious School Tuition Fund

## ~ Memorial Fund ~

The Balton family has chosen to honor and remember our son, Liam, by creating the **Liam Balton Memorial Fund** at the Bellingham Public School Foundation (BPSF).

BPSF was established to partner with the community to help fund the best possible education for all students in Bellingham Public Schools.

In reflecting on the learning and character-building possibilities that affected Liam's life, we are confident that BPSF's mission aligns well with our hope to encourage the same possibilities for students in Bellingham.

We want to offer students and school staff this additional source of funding toward innovative programming and supportive training that would foster inspiration and build bonds of trust within the learning environment.

Learn more about BPSF at: http://foundation.bellinghamschools.org (A website specific to the Liam Balton Memorial Fund is in development)



## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS 411** — A LIST OF WHO TO CALL ABOUT WHAT

Archives ..... Tim Baker
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" Co-chair .... Sylvia Fragner
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## **Inventory Reduction Sale!**

25% off everything in the store (May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>)

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# THE SHUL SHOFAR

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## **Schedule of Services**

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:15 pm Shabbat family service with leadership from the Religious School's K/1 class; potluck dinner\* afterward

Saturday, May 4th 9:30 am Torah Study

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service led by PHAT, Beth Israel's high school youth group, and honoring CBI's high school graduates

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 am Torah Study
   10:30 am Shabbat morning service; potluck\* Kiddush lunch afterward

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 7:15 pm Shavuot Festival service and Confirmation, with special oneg afterward **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 10 am** Shavuot Festival service with

Yizkor memorial; blintze brunch afterward

BETH ISRAEL OFFICE CLOSED MAY 15 AND MAY 16

## Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 pm Pre-service nosh
- 6:15 pm Shabbat evening service with cantorial soloist Kim Moskowitz

## Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

- **9:30 am** Torah Study
- 10:30 am Shabbat morning service; potluck\* Kiddush lunch afterward

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service with vocal ensemble Ma'ayan Shir

## Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 am Torah Study
- 11:00 am Tot Shabbat; potluck Kiddush lunch\* after

Friday, May 31st 6:15 pm Teacher Appreciation Shabbat evening service; potluck dinner\* afterward **Saturday, June 1**st **9:30 am** Torah Study

Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 6:15 pm Shabbat family service; potluck dinner\* afterward.

## Saturday, June 8

- 9:30 am Torah Study
- 10:30 am Shabbat morning service; potluck\* Kiddush lunch afterward

## Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service Saturday. June 15<sup>th</sup>

- **9:30 am** Torah Study
- 11:00 am Tot Shabbat service; potluck Kiddush lunch\* afterward

Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 6:15 pm Shabbat evening service with leadership from Elan Maxim

Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am

Bar Mitzvah of Elan Maxim

Friday, June 28th 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service with the Ma'ayan Shir vocal ensemble

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am - Torah Study



\* All potluck meals are vegetarian/dairy only; please, **no peanut products** at Tot Shabbat