

# THE SHUL SHOFAR

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## Israel wins Eurovision!

BY G. BEN FRED

We often speak of countries as singular, personal entities, almost like colleagues, particularly at large-scale international events: "Germany wins the World Cup!" or "The US takes home another gold medal!" At some of these events, countries, like people, have an opportunity to find common ground. My favorite such event since I moved to Berlin in 2010 is the Eurovision Song Contest.

For those who might not be familiar with the contest, which had its inauguration in 1956 and was inspired by Italy's beloved Sanremo Music Festival, the ESC is a wonderful celebration of often over-the-top, some may say "kitschy," music performances from around Europe and other usually nearby nations (eligibility depends on active mem-

bership in the European Broadcasting Union rather than geographic boundaries). A country wins the competition through a combination of two voting systems: the ESC jury and votes from ESC fans in other countries. This year, Israel took home the prize, winning third place from the jury vote, and first place from the popular vote!

On the day of the ESC grand finale, I was staring at my phone, following the competition as the votes poured in, and could not believe my eyes. I loved Israel's song this year, called "TOY" by Netta, but I know that when it comes to ESC voting, politics is hard to forget, particularly in the popular vote. Nations often vote for their geographic neighbors or political allies, and although Netta's song had perhaps been the media's favorite this season, the BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel) movement had launched a determined campaign to keep the audience from voting for Israel. During my seven years in Europe, I was at first shocked, and later disheartened, to hear how common anti-Israel biases were among

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FROM THE RABBI

## Time keeps on slipping into the future

By the time this Shul Shofar issue makes its way onto your kitchen



table, I will be celebrating six wonderful years as your rabbi. It's hard to believe that Nicole, Eytan, Shoshana and I arrived in Bellingham in July of

2012. It seems so long ago, but yet it also feels as though time has quickly passed. Like Steven's message in his President's column, I too have been pondering about time, most specifically about my time at Beth Israel.

Shoshana loves flipping through our family photo albums, which Nicole has put together each year. When I look at them with her, I realize that Shoshana's whole life (less two-and-a-half months) has been here in Bellingham. This is the only city and home she knows. And the further we get from our move, Eytan's memories of Los Angeles get cloudier. While a part of me is sad that they don't remember much of our previous life, I am grateful that this is their home

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*From the President...*

## Time flies?

Dear Fellow Congregants,

This column marks the beginning of my second year as President of Beth Israel. Thank you again for your trust and support! As a result of this milestone, time has been on my mind a great deal lately. Most of us know (unless we are Einstein) that time passes at a constant rate, but that is not necessarily how we experience it. Many of us can remember that longed-for event in childhood that seemed like it would never come. And we all know that the afternoon can drag on endlessly when we are fasting.

This past year, I have experienced this phenomenon repeatedly. While we were waiting to gain occupancy at 751 San Juan Blvd., time passed very sloooooowly. Our contractors worked heroically to finish the necessary improvements, but we had to wait out the weather and availability in order to pour concrete, pave the roadways, etc. The waiting was tough on all of us, and especially our staff. Each day we were homeless seemed like two days.

For the past few weeks, the Torah portion has been drawn from the book of Numbers, in which seemingly everything is counted, including the passage of time. We have been reading about the time our ancestors spent waiting to get into the land of milk and honey. Often, commentators focus on the fact that the Israelites became restless and impatient in their waiting, even in the face of the miracles performed on their behalf. After our own experience, I am hardly surprised if the passage of time tested their faith. This is what has been most remarkable to me over the course of my first year as President of CBI. Our community embraced that time of uncertainty, and our hardworking staff made it possible for us to continue to flourish.

Since we received temporary occupancy in March, however, time has sped up at an astonishing rate, and

there is not enough time in the day to do everything that we hope to accomplish. We still have bills to pay. We have a punch list from the county of work to complete and a limited amount of time in which to do it. We are working to create a maintenance and management committee to oversee these efforts and to ensure that we take great care of our campus.

Our synagogue has become a hive of activity. Nearly every weekend has seen the sanctuary and synagogue full as we celebrate simchas. Keshet just completed a school year that saw over 100 children fill the new classrooms and hallways. On a recent evening, the capital campaign committee met in the sanctuary, since the rest of the ground floor was already occupied with meetings and adult education classes. It has been a joy to see us blossom in our new home. Given how quickly time is moving, the High Holidays will soon be upon us, and we will fill our parking lot with celebrants. Time certainly flies when we are having fun!

Our campus on San Juan Blvd. is both a blessing for our community and a gift to future communities in the Jewish Northwest. Just as we inherited our beautiful shul on Broadway with no debt or encumbrance, we will pass along our facilities on San Juan to the many generations to come! Our generation is tasked with much of the work to see this happen. So many of you have approached me, our staff, our board members, with ideas for how we can best lay the groundwork for that bright future. We appreciate all of your input. Keep it coming! You can always contact me at [steven.garfinkle@gmail.com](mailto:steven.garfinkle@gmail.com). It is an honor to be part of this generation at CBI. Please come and see us, and don't be surprised if you find some of us running around the building looking for more time.

— STEVEN GARFINKLE,  
PRESIDENT

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*From the Social Action Committee*

## Tikkun Olam through the CBI Blood Drive and more!

Congregation Beth Israel is now a Brit Olam congregation with the Reform Action Center (RAC) of Reform Judaism. The Brit Olam, a covenant with our world, will allow our congregation to strengthen our pursuit of *tikkun olam* through study and social action. The Brit Olam will serve as a framework for social justice and non-partisan discussions. We will have support from the RAC and the 160 congregations who already participate. The Brit Olam network through the RAC can aid in our support of transgender rights, immigrant justice and criminal justice reform. There will be a town hall at CBI this fall to discuss which projects are of priority and how to become involved. Congregants will also receive an online survey to find out what social action projects should be our focus in the coming year.

One project the board has approved is CBI becoming a support congregation for the Family Promise Program run by the Interfaith Coalition. We will be volunteering to aid in cooking, cleaning and general assistance to a sister congregation that will house homeless families. We will not be housing families within our congregation at this time. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Gloria Lebowitz, Andrea Shupack or Linda Blackwell.

We will be participating on July 15 in the Bellingham Pride Parade.

Please meet at 11:30 am at the corner of Halleck and Ohio. Each year our participation has grown, and we hope to continue with a demonstration of strong support.

Congregation Beth Israel will also be hosting its very first blood drive on Sunday, September 16, as an extension of *tikkun olam*. There will be an online sign up for donation times soon. This is also the first day of Keshet, so parents may donate while their children are at Keshet. As a friendly reminder to regular blood donors in our congregation: The last date to donate blood elsewhere and still be eligible to donate at our blood drive on September 16 is July 22.

Those who are donating should be sure to be well hydrated and eat a hearty meal prior to donating. Also, all donors will need to bring photo ID or a Bloodworks Northwest/Puget Sound Blood Center donor card.

Giving blood is a safe and easy process. Sterile, disposable equipment is used to collect each donor's blood. The actual donation takes only 7-10 minutes. Please allow yourself about 45 minutes for the entire process.

Your blood donation is literally life-saving. Each unit of blood collected at our blood drive can benefit up to three patients. Such patients may have suffered serious injuries or burns, need transfusions during surgeries, or have life-threatening

chronic diseases like leukemia or cancer which require frequent transfusions. The need for a blood transfusion can happen to anyone at any time. It is estimated that 70% of the population will require a blood transfusion at some point in their lives. When that need occurs, blood will be available, thanks to donors in our community who rolled up their sleeves to donate.

For more information about the blood drive, please contact Linda Blackwell at (360) 739-1492 or BlackwellBham@gmail.com. Or Gloria Lebowitz at glolebow@yahoo.com

— LINDA BLACKWELL,  
COMMITTEE CHAIR

### It's official!

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## Bat Mitzvah



**Navah Mae DesRosiers** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on July 14, 2018. She is the daughter of Sarah and Norman DesRosiers and the sister of Sonorah Miriam DesRosiers. Navah just completed her 7-grade year at Whatcom Hill Waldorf School, where she is an exceptional student who works very hard in all subjects. She is a talented artist and can often be found drawing, painting or

creating during her free time. Navah also loves to perform on stage. She has a beautiful voice and brightens her home with her constant stream of music. Above all, Navah loves horses. She has been riding since she was five years old and can be found at the barn most days of the week. For her mitzvah project, Navah has chosen to write a children's book for kids living with Type 1 diabetes, with which she herself has lived

since she was three years old. She feels passionate about doing something to help other kids going through a similar experience. She has also started a book drive and will donate her collections to a local shelter for women and children.

Please join our family in celebration:

### SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

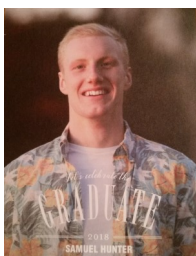
**Friday, July 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm**

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

**Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 10 am**

A Kiddush lunch and reception  
will follow in the Social Hall

## Congratulations to our 2018 graduates!



**Sam Hunter**, son of Julie and Mark Hunter, graduated with honors from Sehome High School on June 9, 2018. Sam is taking a gap year and has joined the California Conservation Corps. He plans to attend the University of California at Santa Cruz starting the fall of 2019 to study marine biology.

**Elan Maxim** graduated from Bellingham High on June 8, 2018. This summer he will be a counselor at Camp Kalsman. Next year he is planning to go to Israel to volunteer at a Kibbutz.



**Ben Sokol**, son of Else and the late Bip Sokol, graduated from Sehome High School as a valedictorian on June 9, 2018.



While at Sehome Ben received numerous awards for his academic, sports, and musical (cello) accomplishments. He will be attending Colorado College in Colorado Springs in August, where he plans on studying chemistry and music and is looking forward to experiencing all of the outdoor adventures that the region has to offer.

**Avi Hecht** is finishing a six-year residency in Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) Surgery and Head and Neck Surgery at the University of California, San Diego. He has essentially finished grade 29 since kindergarten at Lowell! He will be joining Emil's old practice in Bellingham in August, and he and dermatologist wife, Corinne, and their two children will join CBI and Peace Health/St. Joseph's Hospital! Hooray! Avi and Corinne will be eligible to teach at UW Medical School as well.



**Louis Hunter**, son of Julie and Mark Hunter, graduated from Macalester College with high honors on May 12, 2018 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He earned a degree in political science with a minor in classical languages. He starts work at a Minneapolis law firm in July, and has plans to attend law school next year.



From the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning

# Kvetching and kvelling in the world of supplementary Jewish education

A Jewish Sunday School teacher walks into a bar and... *kvetches* about the dwindling number of students in their Sunday School program. That's what I found out during the biennial I attended in Boston this past December, as I was invited to the Happy Hour for Education mixer. Yes, that was a first for me. There I got a chance to meet the largest group of leading Jewish educators (under the influence) at one time in one bar. The majority of the group was from the East Coast and, after

they asked the mandatory "where from?" and "how many?" they all had a similar response: numbers are going down.



And here we are! In the somewhat remote location of Bellingham, WA, *Tav Shin Ayin Chet* 5778 has actually been a momentous year for our Sunday School program, thanks to a dedicated Rabbi, team of teachers, *madrichim*, staff, parents and community members! As we concluded the school year, I am thrilled to announce that for the first time in its history, CBI was the home of 101 students enrolled in its Sunday Jewish Education program—Keshet!

No small thing when you consider the logistical challenges of the two moves we've made this year.

This year also marks the year of the highest amount of funds we've



raised, thanks to two of Keshet's main fundraising programs—namely, the Happy Purim *Mishloach Manot* and the Amazon Services Associates program, exceeding \$10,000. Thank you, community members for sustaining these two important programs!

So, what do we do at Keshet that sets us apart from other small to medium-sized congregations around the country? How do we make Judaica and Hebrew studies relevant and lively? I hope that the answer lies with the intention we set as a program to provide:

- Active, **hands-on**, experiential learning of subjects like Torah, *Ahavat Israel* (Israel education), Hebrew, and Jewish values;
- Inclusive, **warm** environment that encourages teamwork, *Arvut Hadadit* (caring for each other) between us as Jews and beyond, and the creation of a caring *Kehila K'dosha* (sacred community) committed to social action;

- **Jewish friendships** and social networks through group projects, mixed-age experiences, socializing opportunities outside Keshet, and the promotion of summer camp experience;
- Judaism and **Jewish holidays** (yes, even the minor ones) celebrated in community through food, games, art;
- An **energetic** team of educators including long-time teaching team members and local young Israelis who model the concept of living Jewishly in a most accessible and appealing way.

We have a lot to *kvell* about, and I look forward to a productive summer of brainstorming, planning and setting up this beautiful space. *Lehitraot* on September 16 (mark your calendars)—Keshet's Kickoff Day of 5779!

—SAGIT HALL שגית הול  
DIRECTOR, KESHER CENTER  
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# High Holy Days 2018/5779

## Schedule of Services

Services led by Rabbi Joshua Samuels and Cantorial Soloist Andrea Shupack

*All services held at 751 San Juan Boulevard, except as noted*

### Saturday, Sept. 1

- 7 pm Screening & discussion of film, "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"
- 8:30 pm Havdalah & dessert potluck
- 9 pm Selichot Service

### Sunday, Sept. 9

- 7:30 pm Rosh Hashanah Evening Service

### Monday, Sept. 10

- 9 am Rosh Hashanah Family Service
- 10:30 am Rosh Hashanah 1st Day Morning Service
- 3 pm Tashlich at **Lake Padden Park (at lower shelter by the playground)**

### Tuesday, Sept. 11

- 10 am Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Morning Service

### Sunday, Sept. 16

- 3 pm Memorial Service **at Beth Israel Cemetery**

### Tuesday, Sept. 18

- 7:30 pm Kol Nidre Service

### Wednesday, Sept. 19

- 9 am Yom Kippur Family Service
- 10:30 am Yom Kippur Morning Service
- 1:30 pm Study Session
- 3 pm Afternoon Service, Yizkor & Ne'ilah

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

### Nonmember High Holy Day Ticket Policies

**Tickets are paperless.** Nonmembers who purchase tickets will receive a confirmation and copy of the service schedule by email, and will need to check in at the registration tables before each service. Please call the office at (360) 733-8890 if you have questions.

**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, 2018.

### Sukkot

#### Tuesday, Sept. 25

- 10:30 am Sukkot Festival Service

### Simchat Torah

#### Sunday, Sept. 30

- 6:30 pm Simchat Torah Service, which will include the unrolling of a Torah scroll.



**ISRAEL WINS EUROVISION!***Continued from Page 1*

my friends and colleagues. On many occasions, I heard Zionists equated with Nazis, Jews with white supremacists, and Israelis with heartless colonialists. Too many mainstream newspapers seemed content to offer current events without historical context, painting Israel as an unnecessarily aggressive tyrant of a nation:

Goliath rather than David. This was the Europe I saw from 2010 to 2017. Could this Europe also vote Israel as their Eurovision winner in 2018?

Much to my surprise and delight, that is exactly what Europe did! Despite the negative politics surrounding Israel, Netta won European hearts with her catchy, feminist tune, and Israel will now be in the news for something other than military operations. This time, the newspa-

pers will have to write something about music. Furthermore, the winning country of the ESC hosts the competition the following year, which means that Israel will have to decide whether Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, or Eilat will be given that honor in 2019.

*G. Ben Fred is the son of congregant Vermeda Fred*

## Attention, Sisterhood members and anyone interested in Sisterhood

It is time for our Rosh Hashanah Prep Gathering! Please join us Sunday, September 2 for a Rosh Hashanah Prep Pep Rally, from 2 pm-4pm in the Beit Midrash Room at CBI. Andrea Shupack will teach

and refresh us on some New Year's songs.

Please bring a favorite Rosh Hashanah treat to share along with recipes (unless they are family secrets). We will provide beverages. There will be a time of sharing stories of our own Rosh Hashanah customs and learning about good luck foods to eat on Rosh Hashanah.

We're happy to welcome all women of the congregation and hope you can make it.

Bringing a treat is not a requirement. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Pride Parade

Join your Beth Israel family in marching to support the LGBTQ community at Bellingham's Pride Parade on Sunday, July 15.

This will be our third consecutive year marching as a community in solidarity behind a banner at the Pride Parade. Last year we had a huge turnout. Let's try to increase our numbers and show the greater Bellingham LGBTQ community that they have an ally in Congregation Beth Israel.

*For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:7)*

## 2018 Selichot service and program

Please join us at 7 pm on Saturday, September 1, for dessert and a screening of "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," a 2013 film by Ben Stiller and Steve Conrad, starring Ben Stiller, Shirley MacLaine, Sean Penn and Kristen Wiig.

Following the movie (around 9 pm) we will observe *havdalah* and then *Selichot*, with an hour-long service featuring our High Holy Day cellist. The observance of *Selichot* reminds us that the High Holy Days are fast approaching. Through readings, meditations and beautiful music, led by Andrea Shupack, we will be encouraged to reflect on the past year and how we will effect *teshuvah* for ourselves in the year to come.

In addition, we will change our Torah mantles to their white covers, another symbol of the approaching High Holy Day season.

"The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" is based on James Thurber's classic story of a daydreamer who escapes his anonymous life by disappearing into a world of fantasies filled with heroism, romance and action. While not a Jewish movie, this film touches on many themes we explore during the High Holy Days, such as love, family, friendship, living life to the fullest, courage, and realizing that now is as perfect a time as any to begin anew.

*Faces in our community*

# Yaniv and Meredith Attar: for the love of music

BY LINDA HIRSCH

*Resplendent in a tuxedo, he steps into the spotlight. A silent anticipation stirs the air. A tap of the baton, and music is born. Afterwards, applause thunders along with spontaneous bravos and calls for an encore.*

Yet Yaniv Attar, Whatcom Symphony Orchestra conductor, shrugged off this glittering Hollywood image.

"I enjoy rehearsals," he said. The concert is the grand finale, "the culmination, but rehearsal is the process leading up to it."

He also shrugs off accolades. The prizes he's won would fill a good part of this page. Most recently this season, Mayor Kelli Linville awarded him a Mayor's Arts Award. Here's why:

"Yaniv Attar is beloved by audiences and orchestra members alike and our community has enjoyed the quality performances that Mr. Attar has led," Mayor Linville said. "He conducts with passion and joy, bringing music to life. Bellingham is fortunate to have such a talented and accomplished conductor in our community."

Yaniv was born to an Orthodox family in Ashdod, a half-hour south of Tel Aviv. When he was 10 years old, his mother bought him a guitar. He had not been exposed to classical music, but when he heard his teacher playing Bach, "It captured me," he said, as did orchestral music. There was no place for a guitar in an orchestra, but what he could do was conduct.

"You have realistic dreams and unrealistic dreams," he said. "Conducting was an unrealistic dream so I realize how lucky I am to do what I do."

On the other hand, Yaniv said, conducting doesn't really jive with his personality. "I do not like confrontation," he said. "I find it hard to give criticism."

His education focused on music — a Jerusalem high school, London's Royal College of Music, then New York's Juilliard School for two years. That's where he met his wife, Meredith.



**The Attars: Meredith, Yaniv, Jonah, and Lyla**

McGill University in Montreal awarded him a doctorate of music. There he trained under Alexis Hauser, a star among his teachers, "the most brilliant musical mind I ever met in my life."

He landed his first job as assistant conductor for the Alabama Symphony Orchestra in Birmingham, also teaching classical guitar at the University of Alabama. Then the job at Whatcom Symphony Orchestra opened up. Officials hired him in 2013. In addition, he serves as guest conductor at State College, PA, five times a year, for the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra.

At WSO, he innovated "Harmony from Discord," a series honoring composers who wrote rarely performed works under oppression. "Their voice was taken from them once," Yaniv said. "If we do not play their work, their voices are taken again."

Meredith started her career leading students towards knowledge. As for that, her friend, Nicole Samuels, said, "Meredith is the most dedicated and caring teacher I know. She supports her students in as well as out of the

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# SHAVUOT, CONFIRMATION AND SHABBATON



1. *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* 2. *Mazel tov* to our 2018 Confirmation students: Jake Lebovich, Jordan Verkh-Haskell, Julia Schwartz, Jacob Anderson (and Rabbi Samuels) A few images from the Shabbaton at Camp Kalsman: 3. Teva Corey-DuBow and Tami DuBow 4. S'mores! 5. Kevin and Leah Donner 6. Elizabeth Witte and Shoshana Samuels, holding baby Lyla Attar 7. Perry and Tahlia Somers 8. Everybody got a chance to climb the tower! We want to thank Don Fenberg for his photos, published in the May-June Shul Shofar issue.



# Birthdays

## JULY 2018

7/1 Sue Guenter-Schlesinger  
 7/2 Meg Jacobson  
 7/2 Brooke Kassen  
 7/3 Jaxon Mann (12th)  
 7/4 Sharona Feller  
 7/4 Mark MacDonald  
 7/5 David Goldman  
 7/5 Julie Hunter  
 7/5 Ayla Oliver (12th)  
 7/5 Jaelle Oliver (12th)  
 7/6 Dan Raas  
 7/6 Josh Shupack  
 7/7 Michelle Beller-Siegfried  
 7/7 Rabbi Joshua Samuels  
 7/8 Daniel Ingberman  
 7/8 Gary Lazarus  
 7/10 Larry Hildes  
 7/10 Nali Lippman Schneider (11th)  
 7/11 Max Naiman (8th)  
 7/11 Naomi Schapiro (20th)  
 7/12 Langley  
 7/12 Avi Lindner (12th)

7/12 Lisa Press  
 7/13 Jack Fisher  
 7/14 Olivia Probst (14th)  
 7/14 Shelley Wolfman  
 7/15 Michelle Banks  
 7/15 Rick Levine  
 7/15 Evan Shupack (3rd)  
 7/16 Ali Morrow (20th)  
 7/17 Jay Saxton  
 7/18 Ruth Shuster  
 7/19 Lior Somers (10th)  
 7/20 Nicky Naiman  
 7/20 Isaac Orloff (14th)  
 7/20 Melissa Schapiro  
 7/21 Elliott Johnson (20th)  
 7/22 Miles Bryant  
 7/22 Rakefet Richmond  
 7/23 Noah Booker  
 7/23 David Robinson  
 7/23 Lindsay Wells  
 7/24 Jeff Popp  
 7/26 Julia Kassen (6th)  
 7/26 Larry Stahlberg  
 7/27 Jesse Naiman  
 7/27 Rebekah Sommers (11th)

7/28 Allan Hirsh  
 7/28 Jerry Johnson  
 7/28 Asher Suloway-Baker (19th)  
 7/29 Liz Bernstein  
 7/29 David Edelstein  
 7/29 Evan Konikoff (9th)  
 7/30 Amalia Hall (4th)  
 7/31 Jay Ramras

8/12 Victoria Garfinkle  
 8/12 Paul Sarvasy  
 8/13 Mara Donner (5th)  
 8/13 Michal Retter  
 8/17 Betty Schwartz  
 8/19 Ron Bally  
 8/20 Jerry Eisner  
 8/20 Jordan Genut  
 8/20 Madison Nathanson (11th)

## AUGUST 2018

8/1 Patrick Crane  
 8/1 Diana Lindner  
 8/2 Gabriella Genut (3rd)  
 8/6 Gilead Goldman (3rd)  
 8/6 Arona Henderson  
 8/6 Barry Paluch  
 8/7 Amy Whiting  
 8/8 Anne Brown  
 8/8 Leigh Squires  
 8/10 Joan Wayne  
 8/10 Patty Yust  
 8/11 Andrew Evans

8/21 Marla Finkelstein  
 8/21 Janine Shaw  
 8/22 Wendy Holtzman  
 8/22 Andrea Shupack  
 8/23 Aaron Landau (22nd)  
 8/23 Chloe Braunstein (6th)  
 8/24 Flora Booker (14th)  
 8/24 Donna Solomon  
 8/25 Vermeda Fred  
 8/26 Jacob Lebovich (16th)  
 8/26 Sylvia Williams  
 8/28 Wendy Miller  
 8/29 Martin Moskowitz  
 8/31 Harold Katz

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Different stores offer different percentages back to our congregation, but it all adds up! Local stores include Fred Meyer and Haggen's Food and Pharmacy, among many others (talk to Joan!). The more our members participate in the Scrip

Program, the more money we raise for a variety of needs throughout our congregation. If you will be making the purchases anyway, using Scrip extends that purchasing power, and CBI thanks you!

## Contemplative services return to CBI!

**Special Shabbat Service Saturday July 7 at 10:30 am followed by a potluck kiddush luncheon.**

Our Cantorial Soloist, Andrea Shupack, is restarting her unique, all music and reflective/contemplative service. Come and try this moving service experience.

## Clean your closets and raise money for Keshet

If your family, friends, and neighbors are cleaning their closets, save those bags for us! We will soon be announcing a new and easy fundraiser benefitting Keshet. We will be collecting clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, CDs/DVDs, small electrical items, toys & games, small kitchen items, knickknacks, and sporting goods. All items must be in good, clean and sellable condition.

Stay tuned for more info, or contact Nora Mazonson (360-739-4335 or nora.shwadsky@gmail.com).

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**FROM THE RABBI***Continued from Page 1*

and the place where all of their last-  
ing memories are being made.

A lot has happened in six years in the life of CBI as well. Our synagogue on San Juan Blvd. began as a hole in the ground, and now it's the envy of all my colleagues! We are finally living out our Jewish lives in our new home. I remember touring the site when I was interviewing and someone whispering in my ear during that visit how it was unlikely it would ever get built. Well, I'm sitting at the desk in my new office right now, looking out at the serene landscape as I write this message. We've had festival celebrations, life-cycle events, Shabbat services, Keshet and adult education classes, Purim *shpiels* and a NFTY *Kallah*, all in our

beautiful new space. I feel so privileged to be the only rabbi to experience both 2200 Broadway and 751 San Juan Blvd.

Over these past six years I've officiated at roughly 38 b'nei mitzvot, 31 funerals and a handful of baby namings and weddings. I've had the pleasure of teaching classes, including our wonderful weekly Torah study to countless students. Our Keshet program has increased from 55 students to 100, and our membership has grown from about 180 families to 250 in these last six years. We've marched in Bellingham's Pride Parade twice and we've taken our teens to Washington, DC, to learn about the intersection of Judaism and social justice.

At least once a month my family and I have the pleasure of joining

you and your friends for a Shabbat dinner at homes across the county. It's been a joy hearing your stories and developing community at the Beit Cafes and other programming events such as the community *seder*.

These past six years have been full for me, both personally and professionally. My cup is overflowing. As you can imagine, I am eager to find out what the future holds for our community. If the past six years are any indication, then I know there will be much more to celebrate. I hope you also share my love and gratitude for the community we continue to create together. It's built on the shoulders of wonderful people, and I am honored to live and work amongst them.

— RABBI JOSHUA SAMUELS

**THE ATTARS***Continued from Page 8*

classroom. She goes to her students' performances just to make sure they see a familiar face in the audience."

Now as an instructional coach, she leads teachers, supporting them as they make transitions in using, among other advances, innovation, collaboration and technology in the classroom.

Born in Philadelphia, Meredith said her family moved to Youngstown, OH, where her father was appointed the Jewish Community Center director. Her family belonged to a Reform

shul, but "my Jewish identity came from BBYO and overnight camp."

At Oberlin College she majored in sociology and dance. After graduation she traveled to New York City to get her masters degree at the Bank Street Graduate School of Education. She was teaching at Juilliard when she met Yaniv. They married in 2007 in Israel. She followed him to Montreal, where she taught at an all-boys school.

"They were sons of the elite —" she said, "politicians and hockey players."

Their son Jonah, 8, was born in Birmingham. When Yaniv got the

Bellingham job, they moved to their Eldridge Street home. One year ago, Lyla, a perpetually smiling daughter, was born. Meredith began teaching at Roosevelt Elementary School, then was named instructional coach.

As parents they provide a culturally rich home life. Jonah is into his fifth year of violin. He often visits the WSO backstage. Recently, the orchestra performed "Carmina Burana," and his parents caught him singing an aria while riding his bike. He also plays for residents at The Willows.

"Performance," Yaniv said, "is second nature to him."



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## Relay for Life

BY JOAN WAYNE

**Relay for Life** is an event of the American Cancer Society which raises awareness and funds for the fight against cancer. This year, Congregation Beth Israel will participate through a walk overnight at Battersby Field (F Street & Girard). The walk begins the evening of Saturday, July 6. After services on that date, many congregants will join the walk. At dark, luminarias are lit—each one representing a life touched by cancer. Last month, many of us decorated luminarias at Beth Israel. There will be a final opportunity to do so on Tuesday, July 3 from 1-5 pm in the Beit Midrash. Bags, pens, stickers, etc. will be available. A \$5 donation for each bag to the American Cancer Society is encouraged.

This is a time when we remember and honor everyone touched by cancer: survivors, caregivers, those still

fighting and those who have lost the fight. In addition, those loved ones we have lost to cancer will be especially remembered during *kaddish* at services.

### Luminaria ceremony

At dark luminarias are lit. During this ceremony we represent everyone touched by cancer with a luminaria. Each light represents a life—a life taken by cancer, a survivor of cancer, or a support for a person still fighting the disease. It's a powerful demonstration that gives people the opportunity to grieve but also offers comfort and hope.

## Sisterhood Book Club news

Sunday, July 22, 2 pm, *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish at the home of Joan Wayne (this book has 567 pages!).

### Welcome to our new members:

- **Howard Cockerham** — Bellingham
- **Holly Folk** and daughter, **Aniko** (age 17) — Bellingham

Sunday, August 26, 2 pm, *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen at the home of Ann Suloway.

## Knitting and stitchery group

The Knitting and Stitchery Group is meeting every Tuesday from 2-4 pm in the Beit Midrash.

Some of us are knitting for those in need; others are working on their own projects.

Come and knit or stitch with us!

## Anniversaries

July 3	Warren Rosenthal & Amy Whiting	(#31)	Aug. 11	Serge Lindner & Deborah Oksenberg	(#16)
July 3	Andrea & Josh Shupack	(#13)	Aug. 13	Tamar & Shawn Clarke	(#18)
July 6	Rebecca & Tom Oliver	(#21)	Aug. 14	Kevin Donner & Angie Lee	(#14)
July 7	Yaniv & Meredith Attar	(#11)	Aug. 15	Isaac & Wendy Blum	(#20)
July 9	Vermeda Fred & Rodney Shainbom	(#1)	Aug. 15	Ray Wolpov & Diane Leigh	(#17)
July 9	Gregg Orlik & Howard Fuller	(#10)	Aug. 16	Mark & Teresa Sommers	(#16)
July 9	Mark & Helen Packer	(#23)	Aug. 17	Margaret Bikman & Jay Saxton	(#43)
July 9	Ted & Penny Schuman	(#51)	Aug. 17	Stephanie Korn & Scott Mann	(#16)
July 10	Anna & Noah Booker	(#19)	Aug. 19	Shala Erlich & Warren Cornwall	(#17)
July 12	Gary & Trisha Adelstein	(#31)	Aug. 20	L Langley & Lindsay Wells	(#13)
July 13	Sara Geballe & Steve James	(#10)	Aug. 20	Ken & Regan Levinson	(#12)
July 18	Christoph & Geraldine Reitz	(#26)	Aug. 20	Marc & Elizabeth Weinstein	(#13)
July 19	Ruth & Arthur Ingberman	(#62)	Aug. 21	Gayle Gordon-Martin & Stephen Martin	(#31)
July 21	David & Katie Edelstein	(#45)	Aug. 24	Kayla Schott-Bresler & Ian McCurdy	(#5)
July 26	Jack & Karen Fisher	(#45)	Aug. 25	Warren & Marybeth Taranow	(#22)
July 26	Binnie Perper & Themeos Drossos	(#37)	Aug. 25	Shelley & Jay Wolfman	(#48)
July 30	Orly Ziv-Maxim & Tom Maxim	(#22)	Aug. 26	Miriam & Greg Schwartz	(#17)
Aug. 1	Alyson & Brooke Kassen	(#8)	Aug. 27	Daniel & Sharona Feller	(#40)
Aug. 2	Sylvia & John Williams	(#4)	Aug. 27	Emil & Tannia Hecht	(#47)
Aug. 4	Josh Greenberg & Anita Meyer	(#22)	Aug. 27	Barry & Kathi Paluch	(#15)
Aug. 5	Elkah Katz & Niles Roberts	(#17)	Aug. 29	Steve & Janis Ban	(#42)
Aug. 5	Dan & Debbie Raas	(#45)	Aug. 30	Linda & Allan Hirsh	(#59)
Aug. 6	Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw	(#18)	Aug. 31	McNeel & KJ Jantzen	(#16)

Did we miss your anniversary? Call the office at (360) 733-8890 or email [office@bethisraelbellingham.org](mailto:office@bethisraelbellingham.org) with the month, day & year of your special day.

# Get to know Hillel of WWU!

BY GERALDINE REITZ

Hillel of Western Washington University is a student-run campus club, supported by a Student Board and a Community Board made up of Congregation Beth Israel members. Hillel offers Western's Jewish students a "Jewish home away from home," where they can socialize with other Jewish students, deepen their Jewish connection and develop leadership skills.

On-campus events this year included our weekly bagel brunches, tabling at Info Fairs and club highlight events, a falafel dinner followed by attending the Deborah Lipstad lecture, a *Hamantaschen* sale on Vendor's Row and an "Ugly Chanukkah Sweater"-making party (this event was highlighted in the *Western Front*). Additional events included ice skating; an early spring hike up Oyster Dome; Passover, Tu B'shvat and Purim parties; road trips to Seattle and Vancouver to meet up with other Hillel student; a sunny day at the Lakewood Boathouse; and a day retreat in Bellingham. Hillel will host a week-end retreat at Camp Kalsman this fall, in partnership with UW Hillel and other schools in the area, thanks to a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle.

Hillel is looking forward to upgrading our Hillel house to a 5-bedroom place behind Chabad on campus. Five students will be living there and acting as stewards of the



space. They're excited to hold regular gatherings and expand the reach of the club.

Thanks to many CBI members for your continued support of Hillel, helping students have a meaningful Jewish life in Bellingham. Check out our website ([www.uwhillel.weebly.com](http://www.uwhillel.weebly.com)) and our Facebook page (Hillel of WWU) for more information or to make a donation.

Current Community Board Members: Geraldine Reitz (President), Harriet Markell (Treasurer), Emily Weiner, Lindsay Genut, Vermeda Fred, Nancy Lloyd, Becky VanGlubt, Sabrina Freeman, Steven Garfinkle, Sagit Hall, and Joan Wayne (Past Treasurer).

## From our past to our present: Ben and Rose Glazer

BY TIM BAKER



The old photo of the Ben and Rose Glazer family forms a link between the organization of Bellingham's Jewish community and the present day.

The Glazer family came from the town of Skapiskis (Skopishok in Yiddish) in northeast Lithuania. Along with other families from Skopishok, and the nearby towns of Rakishok and Ponemunka, they helped form the synagogue in Bellingham in the early 1900s.

The little girl in the picture, Frances Glazer, was born here in 1910. At age 18 she organized a Sunday School with materials provided by relatives in Seattle. At Purim, Frances would write a play for the children to perform. But those children grew up and moved away, as did Frances for a couple of years after marrying George Garmo in 1940. When she returned to Bellingham in 1943, there were about 30 Jewish families here, but no rabbi. Frances organized another Sunday School. She continued educating people all her life, hosting school teachers in her home and speaking to community groups in Bellingham and around the county about Judaism.

Frances forms a link to the present day through her daughter, Diane Garmo, as well as the Adelstein family (Shirley Glazer married Mel Adelstein in 1948), and the Jaffes, who were close friends of Frances's parents. Frances was also a personal inspiration to me through her love of history and Judaism, her remarkable memory, and her gracious manner. She played a significant role in preserving Beth Israel's history.



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The Care Committee, for their meal train support

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# Yahrzeits

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

## Friday, July 6

Lisa Furth	7/7
Syd Goldman	7/7
Seymour Karpas	7/7
Abraham Kassen	7/7
Seymour Pecarsky	7/8
Gary Snyder	7/8
Jack Meyers	7/9
Linda Kleinfeld	7/11
Leaine (Lee) Farkas	7/12
Arthur Miller	7/12
Sandra Wilson	7/12
Alan Mazonson	7/13

## Friday, July 13 and Saturday, July 14

Helen L. Bean	7/14
Willard Brown	7/15
Kathleen Clendenen	7/16
Sylvia Glass	7/16
Philip Kahn	7/16
Rose Marks	7/16
Sydney Goldman	7/17
Walter Mayers	7/17
David Frantz	7/19
Josefina Pombo de Rubiano	7/19
Alfred Steinmetz	7/19
Sophie Streitman	7/19

## Friday, July 20

Joseph Folk	7/21
Harriet Miles Bryant	7/23
William Fox	7/24
Berte Fischel	7/25
Edith DeVisser	7/26
Manny Hildes	7/26
Fred (Fritz) London	7/26

Ira Benjamin Dement  
Marvin Tartak

## Friday, July 27

Mark Wohl  
Martha Rosenthal  
Simon Sokol  
Joseph Bernstein  
Shirley Zell  
Bernard M. "Bun" Jaffe

## Friday, August 3

Goldie Dorfman  
Kaufman Katz  
Joseph Feiger  
Daniel Kushner  
Arthur J. Miller  
Janet Miller  
Merrie Schriro  
Sadie Goldman  
Sarah M. Gordon

## Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11

Rose Z. Blecker  
Wally Moritz  
James Bourne  
Richard Gorelick  
Laura Netka  
Keith Baker  
Francine Hoch  
Edna Milnes Walker  
Max Glass  
Reta Kahn

## Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August 18

Dinah Godfrey  
Liam Balton

7/27 Melanie Smith 8/20  
7/27 Josef Zimmerman 8/20  
Nancy Zisook 8/20  
Hella Elaine Weill Lyon 8/21  
7/28 Mary Warshal Glazer 8/23  
7/30 Sheldon Miller 8/23  
7/30 Shirley Simmons 8/23  
7/31 Rhea Frantz 8/24  
8/2 Yitzhak Turovitz 8/24  
8/3

## Friday, August 24

Rose Lassman 8/26  
8/5 Joe Lebovich 8/27  
8/6 Max Feldman 8/28  
8/8 Marian Loober 8/28  
8/8 Sara Shaw 8/28  
8/8 Lilian Suslow 8/28  
8/8 Lilly Weiss 8/28  
8/8 Lenore Lackowitz 8/29  
8/9 Janet Koplowitz 8/30  
8/10

## Friday, August 31

(No Shabbat service –  
will be read on August 24)

8/12 Henry Gordon 9/1  
8/12 Brooklyn Keefe 9/1  
8/14 Nora Keefe 9/1  
8/14 Rebecca Shapira de Lindner 9/1  
8/15 Miriam "Mimi" Segre 9/1  
8/16 Sadie Adelstein-Meyerson 9/2  
8/16 Robert Siegfried 9/2  
8/16 Morton Stahlberg 9/2  
8/17 Louise Greenberg 9/3  
8/17 Ted Zak 9/4  
Blossom Becker 9/5  
Robert Mendelsohn 9/5  
Blythe Cole Busch 9/6  
8/18 Rita J. Witte 9/6  
8/19



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## In Memoriam

*Zichronam l'vrachah ~ May their memories be  
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Our congregation offers heartfelt condolences to David Strich on the loss of his grandfather, **Eliezer Strich**, who passed away on April 19, 2018 in San Diego, CA. He was 95 years old.

We mourn the passing of Beth Israel congregant **Audrey Jaffe**, who passed away on May 27, 2018. Our deepest condolences go out to her children, Jeff and wife Vicki Jaffe, Roberta Jaffe, and Joel Jaffe, and to grandchildren Jake Jaffe and David and Aaron Nash.

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