

# THE SHUL SHOFAR

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## 2019 URJ Biennial

Chicago, December 11-15, 2019  
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It has been two years since I was at the last URJ Biennial, in Boston, and I feel like I am still energized by that experience. Come join me in Chicago, December 11-15 for a Jewish experience like no other. Imagine what it must be like to learn, socialize and pray with 5000 other Jews from around North America.

This year there will be eight blocks of learning sessions on a variety of topics related to congregational life. In addition, there are going to be intensive workshops on Social Justice, Membership, Leadership

Development, and Engagement. And you can also attend seminars on Gender and Justice in the Jewish Community; Your Voice in Israel: Mobilizing our Movement to Make an Impact; and Striving Towards Creativity and Collaboration: New Ideas about Jewish Education and Engagement.

Please let me know if you are interested. Registration is almost open.

Rabbi Samuels

FROM THE RABBI

## What does a Rabbi do?

The following is part of the report I delivered at our Annual Meeting on May 19.

Oftentimes I am asked by friends and even congregants from time to time, "Rabbi, what does a



typical day look like?" And I answer, "There is no such thing as a typical day. They're all different." Nevertheless, I will try

to answer this question now.

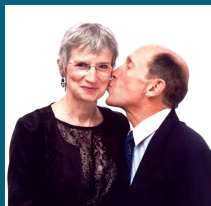
Each day when I walk into the office in the morning, I turn on the chandelier lights in the foyer so when visitors come, they immediately walk into a bright and beautiful space. Next, I answer any phone messages that came in the night before and then I check emails. It is not unusual to receive 30 messages a day. I try my best to respond in a timely manner, but this doesn't always happen. Some of you have probably heard me say that if there is a matter you'd like to discuss, call me.

On Tuesdays, I have regular meetings with our Cantorial Soloist, Andrea Shupack. We review the past week and services we've led together, the b'nei mitzvah

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*From the President...*

# Honoring Noémi

Dear Congregants,

As I write this article, we are still mourning the loss of one of our dear ones, Noémi Ban. With courage, fortitude, and an unshakable belief in the message she had to share, she gave a precious gift of love and hope in the face of darkness. There are many lights in the darkness, and she is among the brightest. In our sacred work of Tikkun Olam, there are many challenges.

While people may see the challenges of our times differently, it seems we still live in a world that is often greatly amiss. At the same time, I see many causes for hope and much that is going right. For me, this community of CBI is one of my lights in the darkness. This is why I am looking forward to starting my term as President of the Board.

Two years ago, we were awaiting curbs and gutters for our parking lot. Board meetings were held at the Gateway Center, Keshet classes at Larabee Elementary, and services at Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship. Our time and energy were directed at finishing the building and planning to move in. In March 2018, our family was honored that the first Shabbat service of our official occupancy at 751 San Juan Blvd. was the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter, Samantha.

Here we are in the summer of 2019! With much gratitude for the leadership of Steven Garfinkle, and appreciation for the tremendous *ruach* of our Board, we are settled in. Not done, mind you! It's like moving into any new space. You have to live in it a bit to see just where to put things and how to make the space work best. There is still some work to be done, but I feel that now the building is serving the congregation, and we can turn more attention to our community.

CBI is already a place with which many people have a strong connection. We have a thriving Keshet program with exciting changes coming up, expanding the hours for all grades to include Hebrew learning from the Gan year on up. We have begun a Conservative-style lay-led Shabbat morning service once a month, a monthly

Contemplative Service, and our continuing variety of Shabbat services, under the leadership of Rabbi Samuels. We have held many *simchas*, and our space is being sought for community events. We host the High Holidays, Passover Community Seder, and other events right here at home. But really, the most important part of these things is that we are doing them together. The connections we have with each other and with our spirituality, more than the venue, is what gives them meaning. All these things help strengthen a community, just as Noémi did, and with them, we honor one another, just as we honor the memory of Noémi, whose community we are.

So how can we grow this? How do we meet the needs of a diverse community, with respect, inclusivity, and understanding? How can we create a safe, welcoming environment, both physically and interpersonally, that helps people feel connected? I have some ideas. We have started already, in a small but visible way, with our new Beth Israel logo. A fresh logo for a fresh start in our new location. It is a stylized *bet-yud* in the shape of an eternal flame, whose colors range from the blue of tradition to the yellow of hope, with many colors and shades in between, just like us. Many thanks are due to Nora Mazonson for the gift of her talent in creating this for us.

I have other ideas, and I want to hear yours. Here are a few nuts and bolts about me: I work on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays as a family practice doctor, so I am more available on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. E-mail works best, at least for an initial contact, and my email is [pieface880@gmail.com](mailto:pieface880@gmail.com). I'm an early to bed person, and I so appreciate it if calls do not come after 9:00 pm.

Let's talk. Together we can be a light in the darkness for each other and the community, as we try to follow the path that Noémi so beautifully illuminated for us.

— MIRIAM SCHWARTZ,  
PRESIDENT

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*From the Social Action Committee*

## News from the Social Action Committee

BY LINDA BLACKWELL

The Social Action Book Group is sponsoring a CBI community ALL READ event on Sunday, July 21, between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. The book we will be reading is *Refugee*, by Alan Gratz. We are happy to welcome all ages to this event; however, due to some violence in the narrative, it may be more appropriate for ages nine and above.

*Refugee* is a young adult historical fiction novel that features three stories in one: Josef, a Jewish boy escaping Nazi Germany in the 1930s; Isabel, a Cuban girl escaping Castro's regime in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy fleeing from the conflict in Syria in 2015. Adults can also read the book, *The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border* by Francisco Cantú. It is described as "a lyrical and moving account from a third-generation Mexican-American who spends four years seeing for himself the horrors endured by 'crossers'."

These books give a timely perspective on immigration and refugees. We hope to have a lively discussion about the books. We are investigating the possibility of inviting a speaker to lead us in a discussion on immigration rights.

The primary focus of the Social Action Committee in 2019 is homelessness. We are looking for volunteers to help with the Family Promise Program.

CBI is a support congregation with the Interfaith Coalition. There is ongoing training to work shifts as little as 1.5 hours and to provide meals at our sister congregation, First Christian Church on Bakerview. Please contact Andrea Shupack regarding training. Linda Blackwell, Gloria Lebowitz, and Arlene Feld can also answer questions.

The 11th annual Project Homeless Connect is being held on Friday, July 19. Once again, PHC will be held at the Bellingham High School as a one-day, one-stop event to provide a wide variety of medical and other essential services to people experiencing homelessness in Whatcom County. The primary goal for PHC 2019 is to offer high-value services and generous hospitality for neighbors in Whatcom County who are unsheltered or experiencing a housing crisis. Project Homeless Connect is a part of the Whatcom County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and joins over 700 communities across the U.S., Canada, and Australia that hold similar yearly events. This year, the Essential Needs/Give-Away team is excited to continue the tradition of setting up "shop" at PHC and providing the guests with take-home items that are useful. Last year, PHC served over 500 individuals, and we know that the

event directly supports over 200 children in those households.

So what do they need? This year we are really hoping to amp up on supplies of underwear and shoes, which were continuously requested last year. They could use water bottles, backpacks, sleeping bags, tents, flashlights, and hygiene items. If you want to drop off any items, please leave them in baskets on the first floor of the synagogue by July 12. Also, if you would like to volunteer for this or other events, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/674542736309452/>, or search for "Project Homeless Connect Bellingham/Whatcom 2019" on Facebook. There are links to sign up.

Our community will again participate in the Pride Parade on July 14. Please see the article in this *Shul Shofar*.

Finally, besides collecting items for Project Homeless Connect in early July, we will be collecting new or gently used children's books and DVDs during the summer for Kids Need Books (KNB). Donated books are distributed weekly to Whatcom County low-income families.

The Social Action Committee will not be meeting this summer, but we will have a planning meeting in September. Interested in joining our committee? Please contact Linda Blackwell at [blackwellbham@gmail.com](mailto:blackwellbham@gmail.com)

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# Our new library is almost ready

BY JOAN WAYNE

In accordance with Congregation Beth Israel Library's mission to embrace the love of story and encourage the Jewish tradition of lifelong learning, the CBI Library Committee has been hard at work reorganizing the collection.

The books are located in three areas—the Beit Midrash, the children's and young adult library (located on the lower level of CBI), and the adult library (located on the second floor). The books have been catalogued using the Dewey Decimal system, the same system used by the Bellingham Public Library and the Whatcom County Library System.

Our new library space is more than triple what we had in the Broadway building, but we still have more books than room. This is why we are not accepting donations of books for the adult library at this time, and why we had a successful sale of duplicate



books last month. We are planning another sale this fall.

The books are not yet ready to be checked out. Our goal for availability to CBI congregants is Rosh Hashanah. More than 1,300 books have been

catalogued so far and you can see them at <http://tinyurl.com/maxglass>. We appreciate CBI's interest and involvement in our expanding library!

## A Thank You from the Interfaith Coalition

Interfaith Coalition says thank you to the Congregation Beth Israel youth and adult volunteers who worked on the 4-plex and Little House grounds in April! The group weeded and moved bark mulch and transformed the grounds. Our property manager greatly

appreciated the help, and the families there have expressed thanks and comments on how great the yard and playground look. In addition to the work, by spending their time working at the site, the volunteers showed the families living there that they are valued and

cared for, and this helps to keep them motivated while they work towards stability.

Thank you!

Janie Pemble  
Outreach Director for Interfaith Coalition

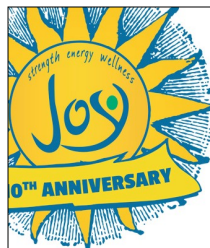
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*From the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning*

## Keshet End of the Year Picnic



The End of the Year Picnic has been a wonderful way to end a good year of learning at Keshet. The end of this annual tradition is always a moment that fills me with gratitude for the honor of helping our young learners grow stronger within. Guiding children through the journey of finding wisdom in

Jewish teachings, experiencing joy in festival celebrations, understanding their own roots, and deepening friendships is an utter privilege, and I feel blessed to see these moments embodied every Sunday.

Here are some of these moments captured on camera! Have an enjoyable, safe summer.

— Sagit



## Bar Mitzvah



**Elias Gabriel Anderson** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on July 13, 2019. He is the son of Michelle and Joseph Anderson and the brother of Jacob and Ila. Elias is a seventh grader at Whatcom Hills Waldorf School. He loves skiing, biking, drawing and spending time with his friends. For his mitzvah project, Elias worked with the Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition (WMBC) Youth Trail Corps

in building and renovating bike trails on Galbraith Mountain.

Please join Elias's family in celebration:

### SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

**Friday, July 12, 2019 at 7:30 pm**

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

**Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 10:00 am**

Kiddush lunch to follow  
in the Social Hall.

## Bat Mitzvah



**Lucia Bella Greenberg** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on July 20, 2019. She is the daughter of Daniel Greenberg and Claire McNally. Lucy enjoys language arts, playing volleyball, and running track as a seventh grader at Fairhaven Middle School. Other favorite pursuits include skiing, road trips, camping with family, and spending time with friends. For her mitzvah project, Lucy will

be working to help homeless families in Bellingham over the summer.

Lucy's family invites you to join them in celebration:

### SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

**Friday, July 19, 2019 at 6:15 pm**

Pre-service nosh at 5:30 pm

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

**Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 10:00 am**

Light kiddush lunch and  
celebratory party afterwards.

## B'not Mitzvah

**Jaelle and Ayla Oliver** will be called to the Torah as B'not Mitzvah on August 17, 2019. They are the daughters of Rebecca and Tom Oliver and sisters of Ethan.



**Jaelle** is an eighth grader at Fairhaven Middle School, where her favorite subjects are orchestra and math. She currently hopes to pursue a career in marine biology. Outside school, Jaelle enjoys reading, piano, violin, art, hiking, sailing, and rock-etry. She also loves taking care of the family rabbits, Ellie and Carl, and growing various plants.



**Ayla** is an eighth grader at Fairhaven Middle School. Like her sister, her favorite subjects are orchestra and math. Ayla hopes to eventually become a veterinarian or ornithologist. Outside school, Ayla enjoys reading, piano, cello, art, hiking, sailing, and rocketry. She also loves spending time with and caring for the family rabbits, and growing succulents and air plants.

For their mitzvah project, Jaelle and Ayla volunteered at the Whatcom Humane Society through the Junior Partner Up Program. They also plan to make blankets and rabbit information packets for each newly adopted rabbit at the Humane Society so the adopting individual or family can go home with a specialized care kit.

Please join the Oliver family in celebration:

### SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

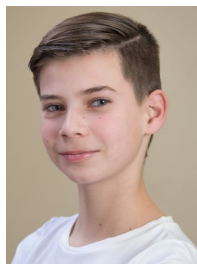
**Friday, August 16, 2019 at 6:15 pm**

Pre-service nosh at 5:30 pm

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

**Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 10:00 am**

# Bar Mitzvah



**Lev Cornwall** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 7, 2019. He is the son of Warren Cornwall and Shala Erlich, and brother to Maya Cornwall. Lev will be an eighth grader at Fairhaven Middle School this fall. He dances ballet at Northwest Ballet Academy, plays trumpet in the Bellingham Youth Jazz Band, and enjoys fishing, mountain biking, hiking, and writing. For

his mitzvah project, Lev is creating an online guide for a nature walk on trails near the Congregation Beth Israel synagogue building.

Please join Lev's family in celebration:

## SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

**Friday, September 6, 2019 at 6:15 pm**

## SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

**Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 10:00 am**

Kiddush lunch to follow  
in the Social Hall.

# Birthdays

## JULY 2019

7/1 Sue Guenter-Schlesinger  
7/2 Meg Jacobson  
7/2 Brooke Kassen  
7/3 Jaxon Mann (13th)  
7/3 Edwyna Spiegel  
7/4 Sharona Feller  
7/4 Mark MacDonald  
7/5 David Goldman  
7/5 Julie Hunter  
7/5 Ayla Oliver (13th)  
7/5 Jaelle Oliver (13th)  
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 (12th)  
7/11 Max Naiman (9th)  
7/11 Naomi Schapiro (21st)  
7/12 L.K. Langley  
7/12 Avi Lindner (13th)  
7/12 Lisa Press  
7/12 Mark Sommers  
7/13 Jack Fisher  
7/14 Olivia Probst (15th)  
7/14 Shelley Wolfman  
7/15 Michelle Banks  
7/15 Rick Levine  
7/15 Evan Shupack (4th)  
7/16 Ali Morrow (21st)  
7/17 Jay Saxton

7/18 Ruth Shuster  
7/19 Lior Somers (11th)  
7/20 Nicky Naiman  
7/20 Isaac Orloff (15th)  
7/20 Melissa Schapiro  
7/21 Elliott Johnson (21st)  
7/22 Miles Bryant  
7/22 Rakefet Richmond  
7/23 Noah Booker  
7/23 David Robinson  
7/23 Lindsay Wells  
7/24 Jeff Popp  
7/25 Ruth Hohman  
7/26 Eliza Bastow (6th)  
7/26 Avi Cohen (3rd)  
7/26 Julia Kassen (7th)  
7/26 Larry Stahlberg  
7/27 Jesse Naiman  
7/27 Rebekah Sommers (12th)  
7/28 James Finley  
7/28 Allan Hirsh  
7/28 Jerry Johnson  
7/28 Asher Suloway-Baker (20th)  
7/29 Liz Bernstein  
7/29 David Edelstein  
7/29 Evan Konikoff (10th)  
7/30 Amalia Hall (5th)  
7/31 Jay Ramras

## AUGUST 2019

8/1 Diana Lindner  
8/1 Nora Seltz (9th)  
8/2 Gabriella Genut (4th)

8/6 Gilead Goldman (4th)  
8/6 Arona Henderson  
8/6 Barry Paluch  
8/7 Amy Whiting  
8/8 Leigh Squires  
8/10 Joan Wayne  
8/10 Patty Yust  
8/11 Andrew Evans  
8/11 Dave Willingham  
8/12 Victoria Garfinkle  
8/12 Paul Sarvasy  
8/13 Mara Donner (6th)  
8/13 Michal Retter  
8/14 Patrick Crane  
8/15 Chaya Wright (4th)  
8/17 Michal Retter  
8/18 Adella Wright  
8/20 Jerry Eisner  
8/20 Jordan Genut  
8/20 Madison Nathanson (12th)  
8/21 Marla Finkelstein  
8/21 Janine Shaw  
8/22 Wendy Holtzman  
8/22 Maeve Hammerstrom (1st)  
8/22 Andrea Shupack  
8/23 Chloe Braunstein (7th)  
8/24 Flora Booker (15th)  
8/24 Donna Solomon  
8/25 Vermeda Fred  
8/26 Jake Lebovich (17th)  
8/26 Sylvia Williams  
8/28 Wendy Miller  
8/29 Marty Moskowitz  
8/31 Harold Katz

# Faces in our community: Joan Wayne

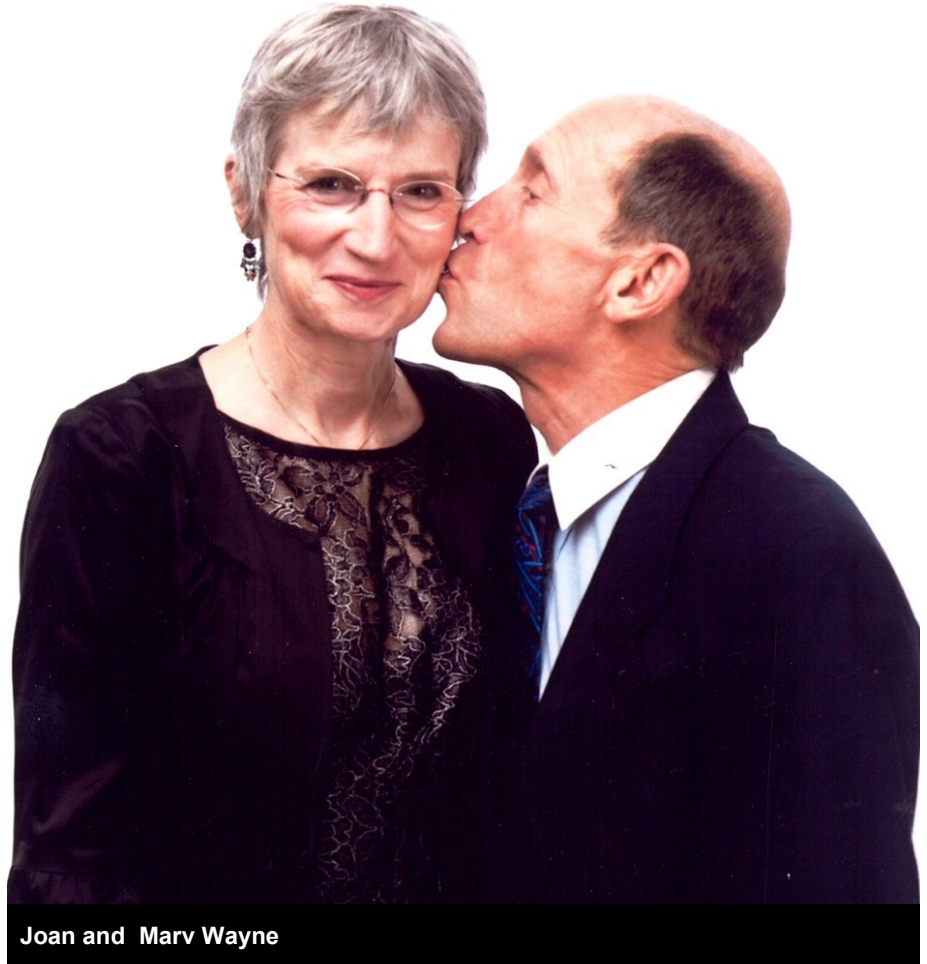
BY LINDA HIRSH

*Women attending the monthly Lunch Bunch step into the haimish home of Joan Wayne. They note drawings by R.C. Gorman, the Navajo master, and a modest Chagall print that seems to dance near her front door — a nod to one of Joan's majors: art history. They also see a table that groans with Joan's inventive vegetarian sandwiches.*

Then, before digging in, everyone holds hands and joins the chorus, "Happy lunch!" The ritual is a memorial to the late Anne Brown, who created Lunch Bunch. Lynn Korner wanted to continue it after Anne left, and Joan made it feasible by offering her home to the group.

"Anne was a force of nature," Joan said, adding that Anne and her husband Will wished each other a happy lunch every day.

The Hebrew phrase *l'dor v'dor*, generation to generation, illustrates Joan's life. Just as she does for Anne, Joan helps immortalize the older generation even as she evolves her own legend as a vital Congregation Beth Israel member.



Joan and Marv Wayne

"Joan contributes in so many ways to keep continuity at Beth Israel," Lynn said. Among Lynn's examples are baking "dozens of *hamantaschen* for each Purim Carnival and serving them with a smile. Her hours of service have made the Max Glass Library grow into its own special space in our new building. Max would be so proud of her efforts. Joan helps organize Beth Israel *oneg* volunteers and covers many *onegs* herself. Bringing people together to nosh and share time is the glue that binds our community with love."

Born in Yonkers, N.Y., to a Methodist mother and a Catholic father,

Joan was raised Catholic. She observed that mixed marriages are complicated and vowed she would change her religion to that of whomever she would marry. The most important lesson she learned from her parents, though, was "always do your best." They can rest assured that their daughter has lived up to that maxim.

Joan attended City College of New York, with a second major in psychology. In 1970 she moved to Denver to assume a social worker position at a city hospital, directing the needy to welfare and other social

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# OUR NEW LOGO, S'MORES AND MORE!



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1. Our new logo, a stylized *bet-yud* in the shape of an eternal flame. 2. Keshet teachers Noah Skolnik and Michele Williams in Israel after they made Aliyah. 3. David Schlitt teaching at our annual Tikkun Leil Shavuot. 4. Shabbaton at camp Kalsman: (upper row) Mark Sommers, Brooke Kassen, Matt Keefe holding baby Conor Keefe, (lower row) Aly Kassen, Teresa Sommers, and Ila Anderson. 5. CBI Gathering around the campfire at Kalsman.



## ~ MEMORIAL BOOKLET 5780 ~

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 2, 2019**. If you have any questions, please call the office at 360-733-8890.

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② 1930-1988  
- In Memoriam -  
③ Frank & Sally Gold

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Style C: name ① \_\_\_\_\_ dates ②: \_\_\_\_\_

name(s) ③ \_\_\_\_\_

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Style D: name ① \_\_\_\_\_ relationship ②: \_\_\_\_\_

name(s) ③ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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class we co-teach, and then we look to the week ahead and plan. We talk about the progress of each of our b'nei students, and we collaborate on making sure they shine on their day.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons as well as Friday mornings are reserved for my individual meetings with b'nei mitzvah students. In these weekly 30-minute meetings, we study their Torah portions in depth, and I help them craft their divrei Torahs. I also love asking them about life and their perspective on a whole host of issues.

One Tuesday evening a month is reserved for Executive meetings where we plan the next Board meeting and talk about any pressing matters. And two weeks later, also on a Tuesday evening, the monthly Board meeting convenes. All congregants are welcome to attend to see the inner workings of our shul.

Wednesdays are reserved for my weekly meetings with our Keshet director, Sagit Hall. Similar to the ones with Andrea, Sagit and I talk about the week in review, we discuss any pressing matters, and we plan for upcoming events.

Twice a month on Wednesday, we have full staff meetings. This time helps the four of us (including Mary) check in with one another, and it is here that we focus on calendaring events for the month.

Once a month on Wednesday mornings, I meet with a clergy group of three pastors where we talk about our jobs and support one another. Several times a year I meet with the other members of the hospital's Professional Advisory Group, on which I sit, for their chaplaincy program.

Wednesday afternoons, Mary and I get together and create the e-news. We also sit down with the *Shul Shofar* co-editors and map out each issue.

Wednesday evenings are when I teach adult education classes such as "Judaism 201" or the one I just finished, "Introduction to Mussar."

Once a month on Thursday mornings I meet with the interfaith clergy group I helped form, called Bridge Builders, above Copy Source. Soon they will be coming here for a tour. This group was created so that Jews, Christians, and Muslims could get to know one another here in Bellingham.

Tuesday through Thursday are the days when I also schedule private meetings with congregants which might include pastoral counseling or any kind of conversation. I especially like it when we meet at any local coffeehouse. I also try to make home-visits and hospital visits during these three days. I currently have five conversion students with whom I meet with regularly.

I cannot forget about committee meetings, which I attend on occasion on these evenings. If you are a chair of a committee and would like my presence, please let me know and we can put something on the calendar.

After I meet with two b'nei mitzvah students before school begins on Friday mornings, I reserve the whole day for weekend prep, including sermon writing, Torah study and service preparation, more studying, and getting ready for Keshet classes.

On Friday evenings I try to arrive early for Shabbat services in order to greet people and then I enjoy staying late so I can schmooze with as many people as I can.

Saturday mornings all begin with Torah study at 9:30 am. Following this wonderful hour, I might either lead a regular Shabbat morning service at 10:30 until noon or a 30-minute Tot Shabbat at 11:00 am. That last is one of my favorite things to do.

Sometimes there are Havdallah gatherings at congregants' homes on Saturday evenings.

Sundays are packed from 9am until 2:00 pm with Keshet-related activities. This building is alive on Sundays. At 10:00 am, Andrea and I lead a 15-minute family tefillah for Keshet, and then classes begin. If I am not teaching my monthly Confirmation class, you can find me visiting each class or speaking to parents and trying to create community.

This summer I will be spending a week at Camp Kalsman as a camp rabbi.

The time that is not spent walking these halls or in my office is spent with my incredible and supportive family. We have every dinner together and as you can imagine, Mondays are very precious to me. That is my Shabbat. The fifth Friday of the month is also really important to me, as I have an opportunity to celebrate Shabbat with my family and many of you in the comforts of a home.

Looking toward this coming year, I am going to enjoy some sabbatical time, which will likely include some type of studying that will help me become a better rabbi in the community.

My friends, I imagine what you just heard me report sounds like a lot. It is. But I love doing it. And I love doing it for this particular community. I only have the best intentions for CBI and I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish in these past seven years. It has been an era of tremendous growth. Let's keep the momentum going. Serving as your rabbi is not only a pleasure, but an honor, a holy task and a sacred responsibility. My prayer is that I will continue to be worthy of your trust for years to come.

— RABBI JOSHUA SAMUELS

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**From:** *Bernice Loober*

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# CBI participates in Bellingham's Pride Parade for the fourth year

BY RABBI JOSHUA SAMUELS



Join your Beth Israel family in marching to support the LGBTQ community at Bellingham's Pride Parade on Sunday, July 14.

This will be our fourth consecutive year marching as a community in solidarity behind a banner at our local Pride Parade. Last year, we had our largest turnout yet. Let's try to increase our numbers and show the

greater Bellingham LGBTQ community that they have an ally in Congregation Beth Israel.

Details about our gathering place and route will be in the e-news as we get closer to the date.

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

## JOAN WAYNE

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programs. There she met Marv Wayne, a Detroit native, on the surgery ward. "We just hit it off," she said. "I liked his pretty blue eyes and mischievous smile."

The relationship taught her that opposites attract. "Marv is an adventurer. I go along," she added, having traveled to Europe, South America, Australia, Asia, and Africa. True to her early vow, Joan converted to Judaism before they married in 1971. After two years in Denver, Marv's job took them to Colorado Springs and to Seattle. Then they gave Bellingham a try. Joan had never lived in a small city, but found the town to her taste. The couple moved to a house with a bay view and a showcase yard, made friends and had two daughters.

Marv agrees. "Living in Bellingham and Whatcom County has given Joan and me the best of all worlds, as a place to raise children and to enjoy what it has to offer."

Meanwhile, Marv has had a fulfilling career as an emergency physician and Emergency Medical Service Director. When he arrived, the emergency service in town "was so substandard that a taxi cab might be the safest way to the hospital," he said. The day after it closed, Marv and the fire department members put their heads together to create what would evolve into the current system we now all benefit from in Whatcom County.

Joining Congregation Beth Israel, Joan met a generation of members she called "warm, nurturing older women. I learned how to be a giving person from them." Now she is continuing this spirit, giving to others following her. Joan is a steady presence, working

for the Library, Scrip, Sisterhood, Oneg, Membership, Care, and Social Action Committees. Two words explain her extraordinary volunteering—giving back.

As for her daughters: Dana, 41, works as a tutor for students taking the SAT and PSAT, those venerable exams that sometimes determine what college they will attend. She is well-equipped. She just won \$66,000 on the quiz show "Jeopardy." Part of the money will take her to Croatia, a long-yearned-for travel destination. Both Dana and her older sister Michelle, 43, took a gap year in Israel. Michelle liked it so much that she moved there in 2005, married, and had six children. Joan visits them enough to be familiar with subjects of importance to her grandchildren. It is a *schlep*, but Joan doesn't complain. "Children should live where they feel they belong," she said.



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July 3	Warren Rosenthal & Amy Whiting	(# 32)	Aug. 6	Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw	(# 19)
July 3	Andrea & Josh Shupack	(# 14)	Aug. 11	Serge Lindner & Deborah Oksenberg	(# 17)
July 6	Rebecca & Tom Oliver	(# 22)	Aug. 13	Tamar & Shawn Clarke	(# 19)
July 7	Yaniv & Meredith Attar	(# 12)	Aug. 14	Kevin Donner & Angie Lee	(# 15)
July 9	Vermeda Fred & Rodney Shainbom	(# 2)	Aug. 15	Isaac & Wendy Blum	(# 21)
July 9	Gregg Orlik & Howard Fuller	(# 11)	Aug. 15	Ray Wolpow & Diane Leigh	(# 18)
July 9	Mark & Helen Packer	(# 24)	Aug. 16	Mark & Teresa Sommers	(# 17)
July 9	Ted & Penny Schuman	(# 52)	Aug. 17	Margaret Bikman & Jay Saxton	(# 44)
July 10	Anna & Noah Booker	(# 20)	Aug. 17	Stephanie Korn & Scott Mann	(# 17)
July 12	Gary & Trisha Adelstein	(# 32)	Aug. 19	Shala Erlich & Warren Cornwall	(# 18)
July 13	Sara Geballe & Steve James	(# 11)	Aug. 20	L.K. Langley & Lindsay Wells	(# 14)
July 18	Christoph & Geraldine Reitz	(# 27)	Aug. 20	Ken & Regan Levinson	(# 13)
July 19	Ruth & Arthur Ingberman	(# 63)	Aug. 20	Marc & Elizabeth Weinstein	(# 14)
July 21	David & Katie Edelstein	(# 46)	Aug. 21	Gayle Gordon-Martin & Stephen Martin	(# 32)
July 26	Jack & Karen Fisher	(# 46)	Aug. 24	Kayla Schott-Bresler & Ian McCurdy	(# 6)
July 26	Binnie Perper & Themeos Drossos	(# 38)	Aug. 25	Warren & Marybeth Taranow	(# 23)
July 30	Orly Ziv-Maxim & Tom Maxim	(# 23)	Aug. 25	Shelley & Jay Wolfman	(# 49)
			Aug. 26	Miriam & Greg Schwartz	(# 18)
			Aug. 27	Daniel & Sharona Feller	(# 41)
Aug. 1	Alyson & Brooke Kassen	(# 9)	Aug. 27	Emil & Tannia Hecht	(# 48)
Aug. 1	Jerry Witler & Mary Knight	(# 9)	Aug. 27	Barry & Kathi Paluch	(# 16)
Aug. 2	Sylvia & John Williams	(# 5)	Aug. 29	Steve & Janis Ban	(# 43)
Aug. 4	Josh Greenberg & Anita Meyer	(# 23)	Aug. 30	Linda & Allan Hirsh	(# 60)
Aug. 5	Elkah Katz & Niles Roberts	(# 18)	Aug. 31	McNeel & KJ Jantzen	(# 17)

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.

## The Yenta speaks...

### Welcome to our new members:

- Joel & Jessica Cohen; sons Leo (age 6) and Avi (who will be 3 in July) – Bellingham
- Robin & Bert Curtis – Bellingham
- Andrew & Adella Wright; daughter Chaya (who will be 4 in August) – Mount Vernon

Mazel tov to Sharona and Daniel Feller as their son, Jonathan Feller, recently received the Jack J. & Charlotte Spitzer Young Leadership Award from The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle.

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# Yahrzeits

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## Friday, July 5

Chaim (Carol) Zacharia	7/6
Lisa Furth	7/7
Chase Jimmy	7/8
Gary Snyder	7/8
Faye Goldberg-Miller	7/9
Eva Rosenberg Kiersky	7/9
Nathan Lassman	7/9
Morris R. Hecht	7/10
Doris Zemel	7/10
Marcie Janacek	7/11
Lillian Markell	7/11
Mark Sanders	7/11
Stanley Simon	7/11

## Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13

Arthur Miller	7/12
Jacob Schlitt	7/12
Sue Groper	7/13
Naftalie Mottel Jaffe	7/13
Leah Tabak	7/13
Willard Brown	7/15
Eric O. Sonneman	7/15
Kathleen Clendenen	7/16
Erwin Mayer	7/16
Stanley Sklar	7/18
Sandy Thompson	7/18
Anne Brown	7/19
Myer Horwitz	7/19
Albert Shankman	7/19
Sophie Streitman	7/19

## Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20

Edward Witte	7/22
May Meyers	7/23
Bernice Shear	7/23
Michael Strumpf	7/23
Earnest Ban	7/24
Hugo M. Fisher	7/24
Goldie Bettman	7/25
William Brenner	7/25
Berte Fischel	7/25
Hannah Samuels	7/25
Harold Korn	7/26
Ralph Weill	7/26

## Friday, July 26

Syd Goldman	7/27
Seymour Karpas	7/27
Abraham Kassen	7/27
Cynthia Kendal	7/27
Charles Cohen	7/28
Steven Cohen	7/28
Seymour Pecarsky	7/28
Jack Meyers	7/29
Martha Rosenthal	7/30
Linda Kleinfeld	7/31
Leaine (Lee) Farkas	8/1

Sandra Wilson	8/1
Alan Mazonson	8/2
Gail Siskind Sternlicht	8/2

## Friday, August 2

Goldie Dorfman	8/5
Sylvia Glass	8/5
Philip Kahn	8/5
Rose Marks	8/5
Annie Schwartz	8/5
Sydney Goldman	8/6
Kaufman Katz	8/6
Walter Mayers	8/6
Nelson Shkolnik	8/7
David Frantz	8/8
Daniel Kushner	8/8
Janet Miller	8/8
Josefina Pombo de Rubiano	8/8
Alfred Steinmetz	8/8

## Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10

Joseph Folk	8/10
Harriet Miles Bryant	8/12
Jacob Berger	8/13
William Fox	8/13
Norman Codd	8/14
Richard Gorelick	8/14
Edith DeVisser	8/15
Manny Hildes	8/15
Fred (Fritz) London	8/15
Ira Benjamin Dement	8/16
Marvin Tartak	8/16

## Friday, August 16 and Saturday, August 17

Mark Wohl	8/17
Liam Balton	8/19

Rose Z. Blecker	8/19
Simon Sokol	8/19
Jack Wilson	8/19
Melanie Smith	8/20
Josef Zimmerman	8/20
Hella Elaine Weill Lyon	8/21
Shirley Zell	8/22
Bernard M. "Bun" Jaffe	8/23
Sheldon Miller	8/23

## Friday, August 23

Jose Pereira Assunção	8/25
Joseph Feiger	8/28
Max Feldman	8/28
Abraham Luster	8/28
Arthur J. Miller	8/28
Merrie Schriro	8/28
Lilly Weiss	8/28
Sadie Goldman	8/29
Lenore Lackowitz	8/29
Sarah M. Gordon	8/30

## Friday, August 30

*(No Shabbat service – will be read on August 23)*

Rose Horowitz	8/31
Rebecca Shapira de Lindner	9/1
Wally Moritz	9/1
Robert Siegfried	9/2
James Bourne	9/3
Laura Netka	9/4
Keith Baker	9/5
Francine Hoch	9/5
Edna Milnes Walker	9/5
Max Glass	9/6
Reta Kahn	9/6

## In Memoriam

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

We mourn the passing of beloved Beth Israel congregant, **Noémi Ban**, who passed away following a brief illness on June 7, 2019 at the age of 96. Our deepest condolences go out to her children Steve (Janis) and George (Pat), her grandchildren Karen Martin, Jason Ban, Rachel Tefft, Julia Ban, Miriam Ban, and Rumbi, her great-grandchildren, and all the members of her extended family.

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

Vicky Garfinkle on the loss of her father, **William Deas**, who passed away at his home in France on May 9, 2019 at the age of 85.

Gayle Gordon-Martin on the loss of her cousin, **Sharon Gordon Greer**, who passed away on May 11, 2019 at her home in San Rafael, California.

Moss Roberts on the loss of his mother, **Evelyn Roberts**, who passed away at the age of 91 at the Roberts/Katz home in Bellingham on May 19, 2019.

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