

## Mazel Tov to Mary Somerville!

This October, Mary Somerville will be celebrating her twenty-fifth anniversary working for Congregation Beth Israel! She has been our longest-tenured employee by many years, if not also by at least a decade. Mary has learned so many things “Jewish” during her service to our members, she has kept us organized and thriving through various challenges over the years, different rabbis, various presidents, a move to a new building, and now has had to use even more of her skills and commitment to CBI during Covid. Mary is a unique, brilliant, multi-talented person, who manages us with a tireless continuity and that ever-cheerful attitude. It seems possible that her job is wider and deeper than any one of us actually knows. The word “irreplaceable” comes to mind! She has been our grounded manager during the week and has blessed us on so many occasions during our services with her lovely soprano voice. She has given us so much of herself for all these years!

Read some words of our heartfelt, deep appreciation for all that Mary has given us for a quarter of a century! Please keep watch in the *Timbrel* for further details about an actual celebratory event this fall!



*Mazel tov to Mary on her twenty-fifth anniversary with Congregation Beth Israel. I have had the immense pleasure of working beside Mary longer than any of my predecessors, and this is a record I am so proud of holding. Coming into the office is a joy when Mary is there to greet me, or anyone for that matter. Her contributions to the synagogue over the past 25 years are immeasurable and we are so lucky to have Mary in our Beth Israel family. I am already looking forward to seeing Mary in the morning and chatting about politics, baseball, and late night comedy before we even touch on CBI business. Mary, may you go from strength to strength. L'chayim!*

~ Rabbi Samuels

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FROM THE RABBI

## Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die



There are two specific liturgical readings we come across throughout the year that have, ever since I can remember, made me

think of my own life span. The first is Rabbi Alvin Fine's poem, “Birth is a Beginning and Death a Destination,” and the second is the haunting *Unetaneh Tokef* prayer that we recite during the High Holy Days immediately before the *Kedusha*. Anyone who has attended Rosh Hashanah services recognizes these words:

*“On Rosh Hashanah it is inscribed,  
And on Yom Kippur it is sealed.  
How many shall pass away and  
how many shall be born,  
Who shall live and who shall die,  
Who shall reach the end of their  
days and who shall not.  
Who shall perish by water and  
who by fire,  
Who by sword and who by wild  
beast,  
Who by famine and who by thirst,  
Who by earthquake and who by  
plague...”*

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## Stay hopeful on the long journey

Right now it is hard to think of any topic to share except disappointment. Every day the news reports increasing Covid rates both locally and across the nation. Like many of you, was hoping we were past this. I thought we had put in our time of isolation, wearing masks, and waiting for vaccines. I thought we were on the home stretch to being able to gather, hug, and smile at each other.

As many of you know, our Covid Task Force recently increased safety procedures to include wearing a mask any time you are inside the synagogue. Everyone 12 years and older must be fully vaccinated. And I worry things will get worse before they get better. The task force will continue to monitor the situation and provide policies to keep us safe.

And yet, we do have much to be thankful for. We have vaccines that are effective at both reducing infection rates and decreasing symptom severity. We have medical care that has advanced in treatment for the severe cases. We have technology that allows us to be together in a virtual world. But even with all that, I find it hard not to be disappointed.

I have found myself thinking about the Jews who escaped slavery only to wander in the desert for 40 years. Slavery is horrible, but wandering in the desert is no piece of cake. They left in rush, headlong into a time of uncertainty, unaware they had 40 years ahead of them in the desert. Heat, sun, crying babies, and sore feet. I wonder how many times they thought, "This is it... just over that next sand dune and we are done."

40 years! How many disappointments did they have?

One of the hardest parts of disappointment is knowing what to do with that feeling. Do you blame someone? Get angry? Bang a stick against a rock? How do you rid yourself of that feeling? Sometimes there is little that can be done other than changing our attitudes. After all, we want to be safe and we want our community to be safe.

There is evidence that negative thoughts perpetuate more negative thoughts, while positive thoughts can actually produce more positive thoughts. And negative thinking can be turned around with a few 17-second bursts of positive thinking, such as spending time cultivating gratitude and remembering memories that have made you happy.

For those of you finding that the disappointment of more Covid restrictions is unbearable, know you are not alone. We are a community that has repeatedly helped one another. This may be a time that you reach out to our Jewish community to find some support. Or if you have the capacity to help cheer another member, give them a call.

I continue to hope that we will be together soon without the fear of Covid. I hope we can celebrate the High Holy Days together. I hope we all stay healthy. And most of all I hope it happens soon. It could be just over the next sand dune!

— JOSH GREENBERG,  
PRESIDENT

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*From the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning*

# Keshet Returns to our Building: We have a lot to be excited about!

BY ANDREA SHUPACK, KESHER DIRECTOR



While Covid is not over, and things have felt particularly tenuous recently, we are very excited about returning to the synagogue building this fall. Keshet will begin very soon on Sunday, September 12. We are confident that we can return safely with several accommodations. Our policies may

change as new information and situations arise, but at this point, our Covid plan is as follows: All teachers and adults entering the building will be required to be vaccinated. All adults and children will be required to wear masks at all times inside the building. We will be using the upstairs spaces and the outdoors to maximize spacing and airflow. We will not be sharing food at snack time, so families will be asked to send personal snacks with their students. Unfortunately, this includes the cancellation this year of our annual Pancake Breakfast.

There are three exciting changes to the Keshet schedule. In an effort to improve our students' Hebrew reading and comprehension, we will be offering weekday Hebrew lessons on Zoom in small, 3-5-student groups, starting the first week of October. These will be scheduled based on family availability, and will be kept short and sweet, at 30-45 minutes each — maximizing the time without burdening families, keeping it flexible, and removing the need to travel to the synagogue (unless a group wants to meet in person!). Since these will be small, individualized groups, each student will gain a lot of practice and learning support in a short amount of time. If you are interested in leading a small group of students through guided Hebrew lessons once a week, please contact Andrea Shupack at [keshet@bethisraelbellingham.org](mailto:keshet@bethisraelbellingham.org) to discuss further.

The second new program at Keshet will be two Family Retreat days. These will be longer Sunday programs for the entire family to experience together. Following a camp-style model, these will be experiential and active learning opportunities for all ages, with choices of various activities and stations around the building. These two longer days, on November 7 and March 6, will essentially be two Sundays in one, with the Sunday before the retreat being a week off for families.

Third, we will be having new social events for middle and elementary schoolers. BAY, our high school youth, group will also continue offering monthly events. The first event for younger school-age students will be a "Kid's Night Out" held on Saturday, October 9. More details coming in the Keshet and *Timbrel* announcements.

While not exactly "new" programming, the last change to our normal schedule this year will be "Zoom Days" on four of our Sunday Keshet class days. During our exile to computers for the past 18 months, we found that while we really missed being physically together, there were some incredible opportunities and benefits to Zoom. These four days aim to maximize the best of our technology, by having out-of-town speakers, virtual tours, etc. that we normally couldn't do in our traditional classrooms. And for some of us, the opportunity to attend Keshet in pajamas from our bedroom is too appealing to give up completely.

If you are interested in Keshet, please don't hesitate to reach out via the Keshet e-mail or call Andrea at the office, (360) 733-8890 ext. 1103. And if you know you'd like to register, you must be registered before the first day of school on Sunday, September 12. We appreciate your registration as early as possible.

Here's a to a wonderful and exciting year at Keshet!

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**MARY SOMERVILLE***Continued from Page 1*

*Mary, your open heart and graciousness have helped our congregation navigate through many situations over the past 25 years. CBI is fortunate to have such a caring, dedicated employee. Your value to the community is much more than administrative and you are so very much appreciated.*

~ Jodi Litt

*Mary never fails to have a smile and a friendly chat with anyone who comes to the synagogue. She has an amazing institutional memory of CBI and has kept things going through good times and bad, most recently through Covid-19. I especially appreciated her support when I was president!* ~ Miriam Schwartz

*Mary has been a jewel. She always has CBI's best interests in mind. She has adapted as the tasks she has been asked to do have changed and grown over the years. Mary's phone message and in-person smile and greeting present a professional, warm welcome to everyone who interacts with her. Thank you, Mary, for all you have done for CBI through staff transitions, through board officer transitions, dealing with a move, welcoming new congregants, and helping meet the needs of long-term members. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Please know you are appreciated.* ~ Marcia Lippman

*Anyone working with Mary will be quick to recognize her dedication, perseverance in difficult times (no building, Covid), her welcoming presence, her friendliness, and her knowledge of all things CBI. What stands out for me is how much fun she is to be around while she does it all. Thank you, Mary, for sharing your delightful self with us!* ~ Ann Suloway

*From my first meeting with Mary, when she met me on the stoop of the old building after Rodney and I had moved to Bellingham and were wondering where our Jewish home might be, to today, when I consider her a personal friend, Mary has been my eyes and ears of the synagogue. She has encyclopedic knowledge of this congregation, its members, events of the past, the old building and the new, and not just about the details, but how they entwine and lean in to one another. She has also been encouraging to me as a new singer in the congregation, and I have so appreciated her knowledge about our musical past, and so uplifted by her beautiful high soprano voice! Though I know her job is stressful at times, her dedication to CBI provides her with an energy that is enviable. She welcomes and serves all in the same breath! Mazel tov, Mary, for your 25 years working at CBI! We are so unbelievably lucky, fortunate, and blessed to have you!* ~ Vermeda Fred

*Wow, 25 years! Mary, where as the time gone? I've had the pleasure to work closely with Mary in my many years of involvement with CBI. Her beautiful soprano voice on the phone is so welcoming to everyone who calls. She is a part of our history and ongoing story. Mary holds her position*



*with grace and understanding. She's seen us grow from 120 members at 2200 Broadway to many more and counting at 751 SJB. She stayed as we grew and transitioned through rabbis and locations. I have fond and lasting memories of all the months rolling into years of folding and addressing the Shofar in the old office. All wonderful connections and conversations with other "folders," Lou and Harriet Fine, Jill Elkayam, Joan Wayne, and others we could recruit. Mary is a friend, amazing singer, animal lover, a mensch, Mariners fan and holds onto the ideals of social justice for all. Mazel Tov! Thanks for all you have done and continue to do, dear friend!* ~ Miriam Davids

*Since I have been volunteering at Congregation Beth Israel, Mary Somerville has often been my primary contact on getting things done. I have really enjoyed working with her as we struggle through some frustrating repairs and re-search. What I have appreciated most is that she brings some light-heartedness to a situation where I am sometimes losing patience. My favorite example is that she has been making a song list to go along with my recurring maintenance themes. For example, we have had endless troubles with the entrance gate. So some of her country-western song titles are, "There's a Problem with the Gate" and "Wish I Could Shut You." The album also includes "Gutter Man" and "Rumors of an Irrigation Line." Every time I think of one of these song titles, I smile. Her sense of humor along with her vast knowledge of our community have been critical in helping me get through many of my days of volunteering. Thank you, Mary.* ~ Josh Greenberg

*Amazing. I have loved working with Mary these many years. She is always calm, efficient, and discreet. She is definitely the secret keeper of Beth Israel and I admire her for this. She has always been a pleasure to work with.* ~ Joan Wayne

*I haven't known Mary very long, but she has always been gracious and accommodating, reminding me about commitments, and beautifully creating notices in the Timbrel. She is warm, welcoming, and a pleasure to work with!* ~ Harriet Markell

*There's just something about Mary! She's the heartbeat that keeps everything running. I love singing with Mary, talk-*

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## From the Social Action Committee

# Jews, Race and Justice; Sabbatical Year; and Food and Coat Drive!

BY LINDA BLACKWELL

The Social Action Committee continues to focus on racial justice this year. The Jews, Race and Justice Series is being planned by the Social Action and Programming committees to extend over the next two years. Our goals are 1) to deepen our understanding of the roots and ongoing extent of racism in this country; 2) to learn about how we as Jews have been involved — as targets, as supporters of equality, and as (likely unwitting) facilitators, 3) to recognize how we understand and have treated Jewish people of color, and 4) to identify ways in which we can both effectively advocate for social and policy changes and ensure that Congregation Beth Israel is an inclusive and welcoming community.

The series began this summer with a talk by Professor Marc Dollinger based on his book *Black Power Jewish Politics: Reinventing the Alliance in the 1960s*, which concerns the history of Black and Jewish alliances and the development of political consensus and identity politics from the 60s to the present. Dr. Sarah Zarrow, the endowed chair of Jewish History at WWU and a CBI congregant, then led a discussion about the book, followed a week later by continued discussion of the book with Dr. Dollinger.

The committees are planning to continue this series to include themes of Jews and racism, the experiences of Jews of Color, race issues in Israel, the biblical foundations of justice and equality, and development of an action plan for CBI, including surveying other congregations' activities/strategies. We welcome ideas and speaker suggestions from our congregants. Please contact the committee chairpersons with your suggestions.

Tema Smith will be our next featured speaker this fall. Tema, the mixed-race daughter of a Polish/Russian Ashkenazi Jewish mother and a black Bahamian-American father, is a diversity advocate, writer, and Jewish com-

munity builder. Among other endeavors, she works with Jewish organizations "to explore barriers to participation of racially and ethnically diverse Jews." Look for details in the *Timbrel*.

The Social Action Committee also hopes to address antisemitism separately, creating a class or discussion group that explores how antisemitism is driving violence in our country. We also want to explore the differences between antisemitism, antizionism, and agitation against the policies of the Israeli government. This idea is in the very early planning stage, but we anticipate small discussion groups so we can have respectful conversations.

Finally, an environmental subcommittee is working on ideas for observing the next *Schmita* (sabbatical) year, 5782, that begins on Rosh Hashanah. Some initial thoughts: The global pandemic has shown us how a suspension of "normal" life can be a chance to rethink how we interact with each other. It also made obvious our contribution to climate change. How do we now pause, reflect, and recover the land and our climate for future generations? How do you and I as Jews reduce our energy consumption? Can we reduce our use of single-use plastics? If you want to be in on the planning of this initiative, please contact [blackwellbham@gmail.com](mailto:blackwellbham@gmail.com) to attend the next social action committee meeting.

There will be an announcement in the *Timbrel* about the High Holiday food donation drive for the Bellingham food bank. A car will be outside with a volunteer to take your donations approximately 15 minutes prior to services on Yom Kippur. Please wear a mask when approaching the volunteer. In October, we will participate in the annual coat donation drive organized by the Interfaith Coalition. Date and times are pending but please hang onto those coats, mittens, and hats.



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## Cantor's Corner

# Finding Solace and Purpose in Our High Holy Day Season

BY ANDREA SHUPACK

*Kol ha'olam kulo, gesher tzar meod...* The whole world is a narrow bridge, but the most important part is not to be afraid. We always sing these words at Rosh Hashanah evening services. It seems like the perfect time of the year to examine where we've been and where we're going, and to recognize the precariousness of our lives. This past year in particular feels like a never-ending narrow bridge, and some of us may feel we've always been on one. The Jewish holiday cycle seems perfectly tuned to our human needs. I personally feel I need this season more than ever this year. I am weary after eighteen months of pandemic and overwhelming uncertainties hurtling at us continually. This exhaustion leaves me feeling empty. Perhaps this is the best space to be in before entering Yom Kippur.

"We cross a scary, narrow bridge, It has an awesome span. / From Tisha b'Av to Simchat Torah and back again," by Trisha Arlin (from *Kesher V'Gesh: A Prayer for Rosh Hashanah*).

We begin with grief on Tisha B'Av, then we spend the month of Elul in introspection and personal reflection. We arrive at Rosh Hashanah primed for forgiveness of others and ourselves. On Yom Kippur, we face our mortality and reexamine our priorities. Then we move into Sukkot and Simchat Torah, hopefully ready after an intense ten-week journey, to exhale and remember that even after facing our fears, we can still dance and find deep joy.

More than ever, I have needed the space of Elul, the preparatory month before Rosh Hashanah. I've been singing Chava Mirel's melody of *Achat Sha'alti*, from Psalm 27 whenever I find myself feeling stressed or overwhelmed these past few weeks. Her melody and these words are soothing and help me make the space to prepare myself emotionally for the important and rewarding self-work of these holidays. It is traditional to read Psalm 27 every day of the month of Elul. Link to her video: <https://bit.ly/2W66MLk>

Here is a small piece of my favorite poetic interpretation of Psalm 27 by Rabbi Steven Nathan:

*"The Eternal is my light and my life. Whom shall I fear?  
I am filled with fear  
fear of self others the world life  
fear of change of remaining the same. Of moving of  
lingering...  
...One thing I ask of the Eternal, Only this do I seek:*

*To live in the house of Adonai all the days of my life,  
To gaze upon Adonai's beauty; to frequent God's temple.*

*how do I remain strong yet compassionate  
resolute yet merciful*

*I ask you beloved. Help me maintain balance. help me remember*

*I am forever dwelling within you*

*you are forever dwelling within me..."*

What is your personal work this year, and how can this season help you find deeper fulfillment in whatever it is you seek? How would it feel to be with God always, to have the Divine spirit dwelling within you every step you take? What is the Divine to you and how can you bring that presence closer to you this year?

On Rosh Hashanah we are called upon to not merely listen but remake our hearing. We are commanded to hear the sound of the ram's horn (Num. 29:1). And the Psalmist tells us not just to hear it, but truly "know" the sound (Ps. 89:15). When the last note is sounded, will we forget the memory of the blast and go back to ourselves? Or will we emerge from the holidays awake, shaken out of our slumber, ready to truly live?

In just a few short days, we will move from Elul into Tishrei. May our work, our *teshuvah*, be worthy of bringing light, joy, and love into our lives, and may it radiate out into the world.

May this season help us see the great blessings buried within all the messiness and challenges of our lives. In these difficult times when we feel off-balance, unmoored, may our holiday introspection and prayer help us stay rooted on the stable ground of what is most important and precious to us.

Creator, the One who brought us into being and renews us each day, You mold and shape our lives like clay in the hands of the potter. We are in Your hands, we are Your hands. Help us right what is wrong and renew our days, so we can write ourselves into our own book of life together with You.

***Kesher V'Gesh: A Prayer for Rosh Hashanah***

by Trisha Arlin

*We cross a scary, narrow bridge,  
It has an awesome span.*

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# Birthdays

## SEPTEMBER 2021

9/1 Nancy Halpern  
 9/2 Meg Delzell  
 9/2 Owen Orloff (12th)  
 9/3 Emil Hecht  
 9/3 Samantha Sommers (20th)  
 9/4 Joel Cohen  
 9/4 Gaby Mayers  
 9/4 Chi-Na Stoane  
 9/5 Marilyn Eisner  
 9/5 Elliot Levinson (14th)  
 9/6 Judy Berman  
 9/6 Mary Knight  
 9/6 Harriet Markell  
 9/9 Daryl Dixon  
 9/10 Kayla Schott-Bresler  
 9/11 Steven Garfinkle  
 9/11 Eytan Samuels (12th)  
 9/12 Miriam Davids  
 9/12 Marcia Lippman  
 9/12 Sandra Miller  
 9/13 Bruce Van Glubt  
 9/15 Lucy Naiman (13th)  
 9/16 Michele Sanger  
 9/16 Howard Sharfstein

9/16 Elizabeth Sheinkopf  
 9/18 Esther Faber  
 9/18 Mark Packer  
 9/19 Perry Somers  
 9/19 Melissa Stahlberg  
 9/19 Gail Tolentino  
 9/21 Darcie Donegan  
 9/21 Emma Konikoff (9th)  
 9/22 Roby Blecker  
 9/22 Elliot Probst (15th)  
 9/23 Carrie Adelstein  
 9/23 Jenny Katz (18th)  
 9/23 Angel Raphael (14th)  
 9/23 Russell Stolzoff  
 9/23 Terri Weiner  
 9/24 Howard Cockerham  
 9/24 Maria Koplowitz-Fleming  
 9/24 Ellen Smith  
 9/24 Elora Rose Banks Strich (1st)  
 9/25 Mark Hunter  
 9/25 Ahuva Scharff  
 9/26 Jerry Wittler  
 9/27 Nancy Davis  
 9/27 Debby Meyers  
 9/28 Arlene Feld

9/30 Regan Levinson

9/30 Else Sokol

## OCTOBER 2021

10/1 Tracey Levine  
 10/1 Bernice Loober  
 10/1 Warren Rosenthal  
 10/2 Kayla Orloff (19th)  
 10/3 Chiara Horton (12th)  
 10/3 Orilev Wells-Langley (4th)  
 10/4 Barry Meyers  
 10/5 Laoise Seltz (15th)  
 10/6 Eli Genut (3rd)  
 10/6 Michael Lewis  
 10/6 Koby Ravitsky (11th)  
 10/6 Michael Sommers (17th)  
 10/6 Fred Zell  
 10/7 Leslie Garrison  
 10/7 KJ Jantzen  
 10/7 Orly Lindner (18th)  
 10/7 Moss Roberts  
 10/8 Sarann Donegan  
 10/8 David Goldman  
 10/8 Nancy Lazarus  
 10/9 Kevin Donner  
 10/9 Holly Folk  
 10/9 Armando Lindner

10/10 Beverly Harrington  
 10/10 Amanda Robins  
 10/11 James Barney (7th)  
 10/13 Matthew Keefe  
 10/14 Ray Wolpow  
 10/15 Marta Brand  
 10/15 Gayle Gordon-Martin  
 10/15 Lucy Greenberg (16th)  
 10/15 Warren Taranow  
 10/16 David Zimmerman  
 10/17 Elka Fink  
 10/18 Shlomis Waters  
 10/19 Leslie Adelstein  
 10/20 George Farkas  
 10/20 Anniece Kiersky  
 10/21 Gail Shuster (18th)  
 10/22 Minda Rae Amiran  
 10/22 Ila Anderson (10th)  
 10/22 Benjamin Burkill (2nd)  
 10/23 Martha Greenstone  
 10/23 Nancy Joy Keefe (4rd)  
 10/27 Jacob Anderson (20th)  
 10/27 Renée Relin  
 10/28 Lea Donner (12th)  
 10/29 Katie Somers  
 10/30 Lynne MacDonald  
 10/30 Jay Solomon  
 10/31 Erik Hammerstrom

## The Kvelling Corner



**Jaime Korner**

Lynn and Michael Korner are delighted to announce the graduation of their daughter, **Jaime Korner**, from the University of Victoria, BC, with a Doctorate in Chemistry.

**Elliott Johnson** celebrated his graduation from the University of Oregon this June. Armed with a Business Degree with a Finance concentration, Elliott will begin a career search after enjoying some time exploring the national parks in the Southwest.

Bruce and Becki Van Glubt's daughter, **Rachel**, was married to Tyler Blain on August 13, 2021. After a honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas, the couple will make their home in Vancouver, Washington. Mazel Tov to all the family!



**Elliott Johnson**

Welcome to our new members!

- **Stevie Coleman** —Bellingham
- **Corey Welch and Judy Diamond** — Bellingham



# Faces in Our Community: Amanda Robins and Daniel Zagnoli

BY LINDA HIRSH

*Professional folks sometimes take a sabbatical, usually a year's absence from work to write a book or travel for research. Amanda Robins and Daniel Zagnoli will go one further.*

They came up with what they call a "sabbatical lifestyle."

"We plan to take a year off work every seventh year — like a sabbath for our lives; letting the proverbial fields lie fallow," Amanda said, referring to the Hebrew word, *shmita* that can be found in the Torah, a year-long break from working the fields every seven years. Daniel agrees. "We don't want to wait until we're sixty and our bodies age to enjoy life's adventures," he said.

Their seventh year is coming up in 2022, and that is the main reason they are stepping down as CBI youth group advisors. In that time, they have assembled a board of teen leaders who planned monthly events such as bowling, scavenger hunts and movie nights, all with the thread of Judaism running through them.

"Amanda and Daniel brought their time, creativity, energy, and enthusiasm to the BAY group, where they fostered a community for our teens to explore their Jewish identities, grow and have fun together," Else Sokol said. "They leave large shoes to fill!"



**Daniel Zagnoli and Amanda Robins, Artist Point**

Having earned their first sabbatical, they had planned to live in Italy, the homeland of Daniel's paternal family. To prepare, they studied Italian at Whatcom Community College for five years. But Italy was put on hold because of Covid. Instead they will tour North America in their van, go back to work, then after another seven years, they plan to revive their Italian destination.

Both Amanda and Daniel were born and raised in southeastern Pennsylvania, Amanda in Lower Merion just outside Philadelphia and Daniel out-

side Allentown. Both athletic, they rowed in high school. Daniel has played ice hockey and lacrosse since he was six years old. Amanda grew up in a conservative Jewish house, keeping kosher at home but eating *treife* outside — a practice the couple adopted. Daniel was raised in a non-denominational Christian family, but developed a strong spirituality. He now practices Judaism.

They met at Cornell University. Amanda first studied biology and ani-

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# High Holy Days

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### Schedule of Services

We look forward to having you join us for our hybrid High Holy Days services, either in person or on Zoom. Nonmembers are encouraged to make a donation if possible; contact us at [office@bethisraelbellingham.org](mailto:office@bethisraelbellingham.org) or (360) 733-8890 for more information.

*Services led by Rabbi Joshua Samuels and Cantorial Soloist Andrea Shupack except as noted.*



<b>Monday, September 6</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah Service</b> Zoom Meeting ID: 832 2160 9472 Passcode: Nt1wDz	Dial in: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 832 2160 9472 / Passcode 766742
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Rosh Hashanah Family Service</b> Zoom Meeting ID: 875 3863 2216 Passcode: 9Uj1pZ	Dial in: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 875 3863 2216 / Passcode: 939961
<b>Tuesday, September 7</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Rosh Hashanah Morning Service</b> Zoom Meeting ID: 848 0006 4552 Passcode: sHu9YT	Dial in: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 0006 4552 / Passcode: 976433
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Tashlich</b> (in person) at Lake Padden, by the playground	
<b>Wednesday, September 8</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Morning Service led by Hank Levine and Steve Ban</b> Zoom Meeting ID: 818 1317 4539 Passcode: kKnKv7	Dial in: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 818 1317 4539 / Passcode: 260014
<b>Sunday, September 12</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	Memorial Service (in person) at Beth Israel Cemetery	
<b>Wednesday, September 15</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Kol Nidre</b> Zoom Meeting ID: 898 7838 6901 Passcode: jUrP1m	Dial in: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 898 7838 6901 / Passcode: 696584
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Yom Kippur Family Service</b> Zoom Meeting ID: 836 9195 1215 Passcode: Nh640t	Dial in: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 836 9195 1215 / Passcode: 568658
<b>Thursday, September 16</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Yom Kippur Morning Service</b> Zoom Meeting ID: 831 4188 8970 Passcode: 0823Yn	Dial in: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 831 4188 8970 / Passcode: 429061
	<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Yom Kippur Afternoon Service</b> Zoom Meeting ID: 883 7932 9974 Passcode: 98X5KS	Dial in: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 883 7932 9974 / Passcode: 450996
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Yizkor and Neilah</b> Zoom Meeting ID: 883 7932 9974 Passcode: 98X5KS	Dial in: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 883 7932 9974 / Passcode: 450996
<b>Tuesday, September 21</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Sukkot</b> Festival Service (in person only)	
<b>Monday, September 27</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Simchat Torah</b> Zoom Meeting ID: 841 9114 0838 Passcode: K4njUr	No Dial in service

## Bat Mitzvah



**Lucy Celeste Naiman** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 25, 2021. In addition to the CBI clergy, Lucy will be joined by guest Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro from Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles. Lucy is the daughter of Nicky and Jesse Naiman and the older sister of Max. Lucy is an

eighth grader at Fairhaven Middle School. She loves music and plays the violin, harp, and piano. She also enjoys baking and participates in Future Problem Solvers and Model United Nations clubs at her school. For her

mitzvah project, Lucy is hoping to collect books for children in need in Whatcom County.

Lucy's family invites you to join them in celebrating this *simcha*:

**SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**  
Friday, September 24, 2021 at 7:30 pm

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE**  
Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 10:00 am

## Bat Mitzvah



**Liza Jane Price** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday October 16, 2021. Liza Jane is the daughter of Alisa Sachs and Mark Price, the younger sister of Ezra Price, and the granddaughter of Joan and Ivor Sachs and Anita and Andy Price. She will be an eighth grader at

Whatcom Middle School this year where she enjoys all subjects, especially math and Spanish. Outside of school she is very passionate about dancing at The Dance Studio where she takes ballet,

lyrical, jazz, tap, and musical theatre classes. Additionally, she plays the cello, and is very involved with her Wild Whatcom Explorers Club, called The Fiddleheads.

Liza Jane's family invites you to join them in celebrating this *simcha*:

**SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**  
Friday, October 15, 2021 at 6:15 pm

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE**  
Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 10:00 am

### CANTOR'S CORNER

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*Kesher v'Geshet  
Connect. Cross the bridge.  
From Tisha b'Av to Simchat Torah:  
From Regret to Celebration  
From Celebration to Teshuvah  
From Teshuvah to Sweetness  
From Sweetness to Atonement  
From Atonement to Awe  
From Awe to Abundance  
From Abundance to Torah*

*Blessed One-ness, Breath of  
Everything, we are not alone  
on this journey.  
Walk with us as we cross each  
bridge to a new year and yet  
another beginning. Amen.*  
(This is only a segment of Trisha's poem. If you'd like the full poem, please email Andrea at [cantor@bethisraelbellingham.org](mailto:cantor@bethisraelbellingham.org))

*thank you!*

*to All Our Volunteers*  
Volunteers are the lifeblood of CBI. Know that your time and effort make a difference and are appreciated.

# Special Fund Donations

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### IN HONOR OF:

Sonorah DesRosiers, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
**From:** Karen Sloss

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Miriam Davids, in loving memory of Perry  
**From:** Tracey & Rick Levine  
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### IN APPRECIATION TO:

Andrea Shupack, for Perry's shiva minyanim  
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Rabbi Samuels  
**From:** Miriam Davids

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Peter Samuels (Rancho Mirage, CA) in honor of his 80th birthday  
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Sonorah DesRosiers, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
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Miriam Davids, in loving memory of Perry  
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### IN MEMORIAM:

In memory of my brother, Paul A. Zemel  
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### IN HONOR OF:

Sarah Van Glubt, for achieving her Ph.D degree  
**From:** Phyllis Mazur

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### IN HONOR OF:

\* Nathaniel Witte, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
\* Jeremiah Witte, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
**From:** Mark Packer

### IN MEMORIAM:

In memory of my mother, Alice Spigelman, father Max Spigelman, and brothers Manly and Martin Spigelman  
**From:** Stephen Spigelman

### CONTRIBUTION FROM:

Jeff Galbraith

## HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FUND

### CONTRIBUTION FROM:

Lynne & Mark MacDonald

## KESHER FUND

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Miriam Davids, in loving memory of Perry  
**From:** Steve & Debbie Adelstein

## NEW SYNAGOGUE FUND

### IN APPRECIATION TO:

Iris Parker – thank you for all your help  
**From:** Ruth Evans

All those who have and continue to support me and surround me in a loving embrace  
**From:** Miriam Davids

Rabbi Samuels and members of Congregation Beth Israel, for their support to our family  
**From:** Phyllis Mazur

### IN HONOR OF:

Meg Jacobson, on the occasion of her 70th birthday  
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U.S. Veterans – toward grounds upkeep  
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Miriam Davids, in loving memory of Perry  
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Phyllis Mazur, in memory of her beloved husband Shelly  
**From:** Gaby Mayers  
Karen Sloss  
Bonnie Stone  
Joan & Marv Wayne

Henry Zemel, in loving memory of his brother, Paul  
**From:** Leslie & Rick Adelstein

### IN MEMORIAM:

In memory of my beloved mother, Rose Lassman, and mother-in-law, Celia Loober  
**From:** Bernice Loober

\* My father, Walter Mayers  
\* Lenny Helfgott, beloved professor  
**From:** Gaby Mayers

### CONTRIBUTION FROM:

Marta & Craig Brand – for landscaping & acoustic improvements  
Ruth Evans – for landscaping  
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David & Anniece Kiersky  
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## SCRIP News

Thank you to our congregants who made this the best month for SCRIP sales since the beginning of the pandemic. SCRIP sales continue to support our congregation at no cost to those who purchase scrip. Scrip for Haggens, Safeway, Fred Meyer, and the Food Coop is always available. To purchase SCRIP or if you have any questions, contact Joan Wayne, jawayne2@gmail.com



## FROM THE RABBI

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What an ominous text! God decides in the span of ten days who among us will live and who will die, and not only that, but how we are going to meet our end is determined as well. Some of the ways are downright medieval. As powerless as one might feel when this is read, and I think that is part of the point of this prayer, there is yet hope for everyone. No matter what one has done, no matter the transgressions committed, we have the ability to alter the severe decree through worship, *tzedakah* and repentance.

While we do not know the author of this prayer, Jewish legend teaches that Rabbi Amnon of Mainz (c. eleventh century) recited these words to his synagogue community on Rosh Hashanah shortly before his death. He was brutally tortured for not converting, and these were his last words. It's hard to imagine *Unetaneh Tokef* having any other origin story.

This year, however, I've been focusing on another aspect of the prayer. While most of us pay attention to the part about how God opens the books and enters the names of those who will live and who will die, there is one line that challenges this idea. Near the very beginning of the prayer we read,

*You open the book of remembrance  
Which proclaims itself,  
And the seal of each person is there.*

Our own signatures are in the book already! While the second half of the prayer insists on God's control over our destinies, this line seems to suggest, along with the three ways to prevent the severe decree, that in fact the *Unetaneh Tokef* stresses individual responsibility. We are in more control over our lives than this prayer might have us believe. For many of us, it is challenging to believe that God will choose to spare some people from a specific fate and not others. Is God really in charge of who dies by drowning or hunger, or dare I mention, Covid-19? Of course some things that happen in the next year will be entirely out of our control, but other things that occur will be a result of the actions we take. It's easy to throw our hands up and say, "God's in charge so what will be will be." But I think the author wants us to take away another message: We are in control of our lives and we are responsible for engaging in life-affirming actions for ourselves. And furthermore, what we do affects other people sometimes as much as it affects ourselves.

As we enter the High Holy Day season, my prayer for everyone in the Beth Israel family is to "choose life" with all the decisions we make. May everyone be blessed in the New Year with love, blessings, good health, and happiness.

*Shanah Tovah*

RABBI JOSHUA SAMUELS

## AMANDA ROBINS AND DANIEL ZAGNOLI

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mal science, anticipating veterinarian school but switched to pre-med. After an internship in Nepal where she helped to treat many with preventable conditions, she became determined to make a broader impact through public policy. Following in the footsteps of his family members who have studied mechanical engineering, Daniel got his Masters in aerospace engineering from the Ohio State University. Amanda earned her M.A. in public affairs and nonprofit management from the University of Washington.

This hints at a gap in their relationship. Indeed, they broke up upon graduation from Cornell, but reunited at the end of the summer, after resolving the difference in their religious traditions. Then they faced the challenge of a two-year long distance relationship.

"It wasn't easy, but we made it." Amanda said.

Amanda first worked for Northwest Youth Services as the street outreach program manager for homeless youth in Whatcom County. Now she improves access and quality of care for people enrolled in Medicaid at the North Sound Accountable Community of Health.

Daniel works for a Ferndale engine research firm, Hiltner Combustion Systems. He appreciates "the small, collaborative atmosphere and the opportunity to get to work on projects at conceptual and hands-on levels." He calls his six years there "some of my most professionally formative," and said that his tenure "has taught me skills to analyze complicated problems."

They spend weekends and holidays on mini-sabbaticals, usually outdoors — biking on roads and mountains, rock climbing, and skiing at Whistler and on Mount Baker in winter. They also have

traveled to every continent but Antarctica. During a six-week trip to Southeast Asia, they saw Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and the Philippines. While in Morocco, they climbed the tallest mountain in North Africa, Mt. Toubkai, at 13,780 feet.

Daniel and Amanda moved to Bellingham in 2015 because "many of my peers in graduate school had gone to Western and had nothing but wonderful things to say about the town," Amanda said. Shortly thereafter, they joined the shul. They remember their first service, when they stood up and introduced themselves. Even before they could get to the *oneg*, people approached to welcome them.

Covid brought about their first big decision. They fostered an eight-year-old rescue dog who once walked the streets of Mexico. "Maggie is a very sweet, gentle soul but is still very shy," Amanda said. "Even a year later, she is still slowly coming out of her shell."

# The Story of a Shrub

BY MIRIAM SCHWARTZ, WITH KEVIN DONNER, LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Remember the fall of 2019? No Covid; we were going about our lives as usual and getting ready to celebrate the High Holy Days at 751 San Juan Blvd. A woman with the enviable name of Joy Gardner has been giving white flowers to CBI for Yom Kippur for many years, and that year, Yom Kippur was in October. No white flowers being available, Joy bought three flowering hydrangea shrubs, which were put in pots to decorate the *bima* and front hallway.

A week later, I was there and saw that the shrubs were drooping. Using my presidential powers, I commandeered them and brought them home and watered them. Joy did not want them back, so I overwintered them and potted them into larger containers in the spring. Those shrubs flourished, and I enjoyed gorgeous panicles of white blossoms which turned pink. They gave me much joy (pun intended) that summer as we were all doing almost everything from home. We were deep in Covid.

This year in the later winter and early spring, our landscaping was installed. I brought those hydrangeas up to CBI and asked our landscape contractor to find a place for them in the landscape. A few months later, they showed up as part of a planting at the front entrance, on the west side of the gate area.

As the weather grew warmer, we started the Herculean task of watering the new plantings. I watered those hydrangeas for a while but then was called out of town and didn't think about them until I got back. As I was flying home, I wondered if they were still alive, or salvageable. I went to CBI a day or two after I got back and the hydrangeas looked great! Linda Blackwell had noticed that that area needed water, so she watered them! Since then, those shrubs have been remarkably unmolested by deer and rabbits, they have flowered and are transitioning from white to a lovely rose-pink shade.

Team Mayim is a dedicated group of congregants who have shown up and watered all the new plantings twice a week since early June. They problem-solved, covered for each other when people had vacations or needed a break,



Memorial garden

and generally watched out for each other. Kelly, the landscaping contractor, was on site recently and was impressed with how the plantings looked. Team Mayim, you have done a wonderful job! While we have lost a few plants, including some trees, I would guess that 95% or more of our plantings have survived and are flourishing... new growth, plants flowering, and happy leaves. All with people-power, a small fortune in hoses, and a lot of *chutzpah*!

We have also had some generous donations of equipment: a riding mower from Jerome Rosen and a string trimmer from Binnie Perper. Several congregants, notably Josh Greenberg, Paul Blum, and Norman DesRosiers, have donated their time, equipment, and strength to doing some of the non-watering upkeep around the property. It has been too much for a fully volunteer effort, but Marta Brand has been a whiz at organizing outside help, and we are doing as much as we can to limit the financial impact.

These efforts exemplify what it means to be part of our Jewish community. You try to make sure everyone's contributions count. You notice when something needs doing, and either you let someone know, or better yet, you do it yourself. You invest meaning into the mundane.

So, the next time you go to CBI, and may it be soon – as you are turning off San Juan Blvd, look to your right. There will be three hydrangeas on the corner. Know that those shrubs were given as a gift to CBI, salvaged by one congregant and watered by another, and now grace the entrance to our Jewish home. They are not just any old shrubs. They have a story.

The members of Team Mayim are: Joan Wayne, Marta and Craig Brand, Kevin Donner, Jerry Whitler, Harriet Markell, Kristin Sykes-David, Iris and Kevin Parker, Linda Blackwell, Ruth Evans, Jodi Litt, Miriam Schwartz, Don Fenbert, Terri Weiner and Rob Lopresti, Cora Boothby, Peggy Hanley, Sylvia and John Williams, and Geraldine Reitz.

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## September/October 2021 Shabbat Service Schedule

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to Covid-19, all services and Torah study will be accessible on Zoom. Each Friday evening service will be hybrid, allowing fully vaccinated congregants to worship, masked, either inside the building or outside on the back patio, weather permitting. This schedule is still evolving, so please watch the weekly *Timbrel* for updates.

Friday, Sept. 3	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service	<b>10:45 am</b>	All-music, Contemplative Service with Andrea Shupack
Saturday, Sept. 4	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Nitzavim</i> ) <b>10:45 am</b> All-music, Contemplative Service with Andrea Shupack	Friday, Oct. 8	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, Sept. 10	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat	Saturday, Oct. 9	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Noach</i> )
Saturday, Sept. 11	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Vayelech</i> )	Friday, Oct. 15	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat <b>in the sanctuary</b> , with leadership from Liza Jane Price
Friday, Sept. 17	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat	Saturday, Oct. 16	<b>10:00 am</b> Bat Mitzvah of Liza Jane Price ( <b>in the sanctuary</b> )
Saturday, Sept. 18	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Haazinu</i> )	Friday, Oct. 22	<b>7:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat, with leadership from the Ma'Ayan Shir ensemble
Friday, Sept. 24	<b>7:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat <b>in the sanctuary</b> with the Ma'Ayan Shir ensemble and leadership from Lucy Naiman	Saturday, Oct. 23	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Vayera</i> ) <b>10:30 am</b> Conservative-style, lay-led minyan
Saturday, Sept. 25	<b>10:00 am</b> Bat Mitzvah of Lucy Naiman ( <b>in the sanctuary</b> )	Friday, Oct. 29	<b>6:15 pm</b> Fifth Friday "Shabbat At Home." Rabbi will lead blessings <b>over Zoom</b>
Friday, Oct. 1	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service	Saturday, Oct. 30	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Chaye Sarah</i> )
Saturday, Oct. 2	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Bereshit</i> )		

## Anniversaries

Sept. 1	Amanda Robins and Daniel Zagnoli	(# 3)
Sept. 2	Sarah Zarrow and David Schlitt	(# 3)
Sept. 5	Kendra Bradford and Todd Shuster	(# 25)
Sept. 5	Gary & Nancy Lazarus	(# 39)
Sept. 6	Jason & Chi-Na Stoane	(# 22)
Sept. 7	Camille & Matthew Keefe	(# 8)
Sept. 12	Stuart & Cinda Zemel	(# 45)
Sept. 22	Tami DuBow & Frank Corey	(# 20)
Sept. 25	Perry & Katie Somers	(# 16)
Sept. 30	Marta & Craig Brand	(# 43)
Oct. 9	Jane & Erik Hammerstrom	(# 6)
Oct. 9	Roy & Leslie Shankman	(# 33)
Oct. 10	Marcy & Jeff Probst	(# 29)
Oct. 10	Mary Somerville and Gary Marzullo	(# 29)
Oct. 14	Mark & Naomi Pomerantz	(# 15)
Oct. 30	Emily & Zach Bastow	(# 10)

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.

### MARY SOMERVILLE

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*ing, and knowing that she's always got the answer or support that I need. You go above and beyond all the time. Mary, we are so lucky to have you in the Beth Israel staff family, and as the warm welcome that greets everyone calling or coming into the building. Congratulations on twenty-five amazing years of accomplishment! ~ Andrea Shupack*

*For someone who, I'm sure, herds a lot of cats, Mary has always seemed calm and is unfailingly courteous. She treats us all as old and dear friends, and we feel the same about her. ~ Binnie Perper*

These are just a few statements that came in with a quick request, when we realized that Mary's special date would fall before our next edition would arrive. If you did not get a chance to submit a statement and want to, please send to Mary, but also please send to Vermeda Fred, Co-Editor, at [vermeda.fred@bethisraelbellingham.org](mailto:vermeda.fred@bethisraelbellingham.org) We might make use of it in the very near future! Let's keep our gratitude growing for this very special person we are so fond of!



# Yahrzeits

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

## Friday, September 3

Viola Faber	9/6
Helen Hildes	9/6
Sarah Hecht	9/7
Debra Winegarten	9/7
Harold Lazaroff	9/9
Fannie Thal	9/9
Eleanor Moritz	9/10

## Friday, September 10

Art Jensen	9/11
Dora Lebowitz	9/11
Richard Meltzer	9/11
Rebecca Miller	9/11
Reva David	9/12
Jack Blecker	9/13
Ron Feiger	9/13
Ruth Benjamin Fisher	9/13
Mary Faber	9/15
Catherine A. Hanley	9/15
Geraldine Witte	9/15
Carl Paschetag	9/16
Edith Sonneman	9/17

## Friday, September 17

Nora Eilenberg	9/18
Dale S. Hunter	9/19
Harriet Korn	9/19
John Smith	9/19
Roslyn Wolpow	9/19
Harry Berman	9/21
Crystal Myers	9/22

## Friday, September 24 and Saturday, September 25

Jere Donegan	9/26
Edith Lindheimer	9/26
Helen Shure	9/26
Jonas Relin	9/27
Sara Sylvia Seid	9/27
Trude Weil Bauman	9/28
Joseph Jay	9/28
Norman Parker	9/29
Carol Van Glubt	9/29
Jay Harvey	10/1
Kurt Jerome Koplowitz	10/1
Hannelore "Lala" Vernon-Debari	10/1

## Friday, October 1

Joshua Louis Adelstein	10/5
Aaron Rosen	10/6
Shirley Adelstein	10/8
Reuben Dechter	10/8

## Friday, October 8

Miriam Mitzman	10/10
Bernard "Barry" Shapiro	10/10
Peter Harvey	10/11
Herman Horowitz	10/11
Patricia Jantzen	10/13
Dora Graff	10/14
Jack Irwin Moss	10/14
Phyllis Ruth Orlik	10/14
Johanna Vohl	10/15

## Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16

Rob Brown	10/16
Sue Kodner	10/16
Ezra Meltzer	10/16
Bernice Sokol	10/16
Themeos Drossos	10/17
Gladys Rose Eisner	10/17
Don Cole	10/18
Cantor Pinchas Spiro	10/18
Judy Greenberg	10/19
David Robinson, Jr.	10/19
Maxwell Weiss	10/19
Anthony Robert Flores	10/20
Elsie Gaudine	10/20
Celia Loober	10/20
Leonard Berman	10/21
Aaron Weiss	10/21

Warren Jay Kahn 10/22

## Friday, October 22

Jacob M. Fine	10/23
Donald Kite	10/23
George Bernard Levine	10/23
Alex Rosen	10/23
Gladys Boehi	10/24
Robert (Bob) Farkas	10/26
Lillian Konikoff	10/26
Anne Enger	10/27
Phillip Fine	10/28
Aaron David Schlesinger	10/28
Lily Swartz	10/28
Gertrude "Onita" Glasco	10/29
Frances Studen	10/29

## Friday, October 29

Samuel Hecht	10/30
Annelise Guenter-Pedersen	10/31
Irving Grossman	11/1
Margaret Hamburger	11/1
Edith M. Lazarus	11/1
Hilda Meltzer	11/1
Sadie Neiburger Stolzoff	11/1
Henry (Hank) Gordon	11/2
Bruce Phillips	11/2
May B. Schwartz	11/2
Helen Skinner	11/2
Max Mazonson	11/3
Rose Weitzman Price	11/3
Myer Avraham Goldberg	11/4
Melvin Goldberger	11/4
Esther Mazur	11/4
Julian Lewis	11/5

## In Memoriam

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

We mourn the passing of Beth Israel congregant **Sheldon "Shelly" Mazur**, who died on June 27, 2021, surrounded by his family. He was 88 years old. Shelly was born and raised in Chicago, and he and Phyllis, his wife of 68 years, came to Bellingham in retirement. The synagogue brought Shelly much joy over the years. He is survived by his wife Phyllis, son Glen (Mary), daughter Lauren (Ron), and grandchildren Gregory (Shannon) and Julia.

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

Steve Schwartz and family on the loss of his mother **Edith Edna Schwartz**, who passed away on July 23, 2021 at her home in San Diego, California. She was 95 years old.

Sylvia Williams on the loss of her stepdaughter, **Anita Fagner Cornell**, who passed away on July 25, 2021 at home in California.

# THE SHUL SHOFAR

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**Kesher had a *splash* of  
a time at the summer  
pool party!**

*We can't wait to see our  
students for the first day on  
Sunday, September 12.*

*Next year in person!*

