

FROM THE RABBI

## Commemorating October 7: One-Year Later

Monday, October 7 at 7:00 pm

To mark the one year anniversary of October 7 we invite the Beth Israel community to gather together for an evening of listening and learning.

After we light the *yahrzeit* candle, Rabbi Samuels will have a discussion on the *bima* with several Israeli congregants in our community about their personal experience of growing up in Israel, living in Israel, how their families are doing in the present moment and how they are feeling being so far away from their loved ones at this time.

We are hopeful that this event will shed a bit more light on the realities of what it's like for Israeli Americans to not be where their hearts are. We also expect to hear about the complexities of living in a region so rife with conflict. Lastly, we want to create a space for the Beth Israel community to gather to grieve and reflect on the one-year anniversary of October 7.

Registration will be required.

## Reflections from Spain and Portugal



I chaperoned a trip of a lifetime this summer for 17 high school students from Beth Israel and Temple Beth Or in Everett. This

was the MASSA trip you have heard so much about for the past two years, ever since we secured funding from the Samis Foundation. I know the teens will remember it for the rest of their lives, and I will, too.

We were originally supposed to travel to Israel, but on October 8, we pivoted, knowing that the situation would not be ideal 8 months later. Hopefully the teens will be able to travel to Israel in the near future when the situation is more conducive to the experience that we had hoped for.

You might be wondering why we chose to travel to Spain and Portugal for a Jewish heritage trip. Next to Israel and then Iraq (no thank you!), Spain is the one place on earth with the most Jewish history; in some places going back nearly 2500 years, or Jewishly speaking, following the destruction of the



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*From the President...*

## Give and Gain



The calendar says it is fall, and with that comes the start of the Jewish new year. Soon we will gather in prayer and community to begin the

High Holy Day season. I look forward to seeing so many long-time congregants and greeting new members with a hearty L'Shanah Tova.

Maybe you are wondering what will await you when you drive up to the gate and ascend to the building?

You will notice our grounds look especially great, thanks in large part to our dedicated landscaping volunteers, who have planted some pollination beds and tidied up many of the beds and much of the raingarden growth.

Perhaps you are apprehensive about coming to the shul for services in the wake of the nearly year-old war in Gaza and attacks in Northern Israel, as well as the antisemitic rhetoric and behaviors occurring throughout the world.

CBI security will be beefed up for the holidays, so count on a friendly member of our dedicated team positioned at the gate greeting you, your family, and guests as you arrive. We will also have a second guard at the front door. Be prepared to stop as you enter the building and say hello to our membership team and Board members who will be on hand to make sure that all who enter are members or welcome guests.

When you enter the sanctuary you will notice a fresh coat of paint around the Bima ark and the display of 6 individual needlepoints showcasing the Creation. These beautiful works, by British artist Alex Beattie, are the loving result of 14 years of stitching by Roby Blecker. We thank Roby for her time, energy, and devotion to beauti-

fying our most sacred space in CBI. Thank you also to Nancy Luster who conceptualized and made the backing and board that the needlepoints rest upon. The project wouldn't have been possible were it not for the hard work of the Interior Design Group. Thank you to Katie Edelstein, Victoria Garfinkle, Marla Finkelstein, and others for making it all happen in time for us to enjoy as we gather in the sanctuary to welcome the year 5785.

What about Break the Fast following Yom Kippur Yizkor, Neilah, and Havdalah services? For many years Linda Blackwell and Lynn Korner led the effort to rally volunteers, call for donations, and coordinate the meal. They have stepped aside, and **we need new leadership to continue this long-standing CBI tradition.** Volunteering does not mean you do it all yourself. There is a budget for food and a list of congregants who have helped in the past and may be willing to help again. We will have a nearly finished commercial kitchen, complete with our own dishes and flatware, as well as a super-swift dishwasher, easing the task even more. **We need a leader or two to organize and oversee the event.** This is the perfect opportunity for someone who lacks the time to volunteer on an ongoing basis and wants to step up and help.

Finally, we sent out notices for yearly financial commitments to be returned to the office before the High Holy Days. Help CBI meet our goal of 100% participation before the holidays sweep us into days of what I hope will be meaningful prayer and personal reflection for us all. We depend on your personal generosity to operate CBI. Without your pledges, it is difficult to forecast our budget for the year. Please pledge right away...and give what you generously can afford.

JODI LITT  
PRESIDENT

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**CBI Programs 2024-25****Variety Is Key****Wine, Music, Books, Art**

As summer winds down, the Programming Committee is gearing up for a busy season of events for our membership and the broader community. Events are at Congregation Beth Israel and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

**SEPTEMBER**

**Wine Tasting, France vs. Washington state. 4:00 pm Sunday, September 8:** Join us to taste six wines — four whites and two reds, comparing the same wines from France and Washington. Our resident wine guide, Holly Witte, will share key points about each region's wine production and how factors like climate, soil, and varying winemaking traditions affect the final products we drink. We'll pair our wines with cheeses, also French and domestic, curated by Seattle sommelier and wine writer, Zach Geballe. Seating is limited and is only open to CBI members and their guests, age 21+. Cost: \$36 per person. Registration deadline is September 2.

**Red Thread Concert. 7:00 pm Saturday, September 21:** Red Thread is a new harmony-focused ensemble playing traditional and original tunes rooted in Eastern European, Yiddish, Irish, and Americana traditions. The new music on the recently released album, *Immigrantke*, is inspired by the stories and folklore of lead singer-songwriter Sarah Larsson's immigrant ancestors from Ireland, Sweden, Poland, and Hungary. Where the songs trace a tale of moving across the sea, all the questions are about whether and when to choose to make the voyage, and the longing for people left behind. Tickets will be available on the CBI website. All are welcome! Cost \$18; \$9 students. Tickets will be available on the CBI website.

**Visual Art Series featuring Beth Anna Margolis. 7:30 pm Friday, September 27:** Artist Beth Anna Margolis is the featured artist for our Visual Arts series (see article on page 4). Free.

**NOVEMBER**

**Gila Fine, author of *The Madwoman in the Rabbi's Attic*. 7:00 pm Monday, November 18 (date/time tentative):** Gila Fine will speak about her new book, which explores the stories of the six named heroines of the Talmud. Each one appears to embody an antifeminist archetype, yet her careful rereading of the stories reveals that there is a lot more than initially meets the eye; that the heroine is far more complex than she first seems; and that the rabbis had rather surprising — proto-feminist — views of marriage, sex, childbirth, and what it means to be a woman in the world. In presenting us with archetypes that systematically break down, the Talmud imparts profound moral teachings about how to read the characters of a text and, ultimately, how to regard the people in our lives.

"Gila Fine is one of the great Talmud teachers of our time. It's vitally important that the Jewish world hear what she has to say." — *Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks Z"l*.

Books may be purchased through the CBI office.

Andrea Shupack will lead a book discussion ahead of the author talk, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Sunday, Oct. 27.

**Author/artist Josh Tuininga talk. 6:00 pm Thursday, November 21 at Village Books (Fairhaven):** CBI is co-sponsoring a talk by Seattle-area author and artist Josh Tuininga, who will talk about his graphic novel, *We Are Not Strangers*. The novel is based on the true story of Josh's grandfather who helped many Japanese Americans in the Seattle area when they were forced into internment camps during World War II after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. The book opens at Josh's grandfather's funeral at Sephardic *Bikur Holim* in Seattle's Seward Park neighborhood, where Josh is astonished to see so many Japanese Americans coming to pay their respects to his

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# Beth Anna Margolis: Third Featured Artist in CBI Exhibition Series

BY EMILY WEINER

**Opening: Friday, September 27**  
**Artist Talk: Sunday, October 20, 1:00 pm**

Prints and drawings by Congregation Beth Israel member Beth Anna Margolis will be on display in the foyer and social hall September 27 through February 2025. This exhibition will be the third in the Programming Committee's series to showcase the work of visual artists who are members of CBI.

The official opening of the Margolis exhibition is Friday, September 27, at the Oneg following the 7:30 pm Shabbat service.

Another exhibition-related event will be a free Artist Talk at 1:00 pm on Sunday, October 20, where Beth Anna will be interviewed by Laurie Riskin, a longtime friend who serves as her business manager and advocate.

Beth Anna Margolis has been a painter and poet for more than 25 years. Her colorful, energetic pastel and watercolor paintings and her poetry reflect her bright spirit, her sense of humor, and her love of nature.

Here's how the artist introduces herself on her website ([www.bethannaart.com](http://www.bethannaart.com)):

*"Hi! I am Beth Anna. I am a kindly and sweet person to be with others. I like myself. It's wonderful. It's my Life! My passion is creating from my own heart. I have a huge heart. My experiences motivate my Art, which I love. I hope people will respect me for my talents. That is true for me, and for others with Down Syndrome. I can be anything I want. That's power!"*

Beth Anna was born in 1971 and grew up in Van Zandt, in the Whatcom County foothills. "It was a terrific place to grow up," she says, "paradise." Her parents—Jeff and the late Amy Margolis—ran Everybody's Store from 1970 to 2018, an eclectic rural general store that was the hub of the community. Beth Anna has lived independently in

Bellingham for the past 25 years and works part time at the Haggen supermarket in Fairhaven.

Beth Anna's work is inspired by nature. She loves taking day walks, sketching what she sees. Later, at home, she creates her paintings. She says she likes vibrant, colorful things. Her favorite artists are Vincent Van Gogh, Edouard Manet, and Frida Kahlo. While doing her art, Beth Anna listens to music, especially classical and Broadway tunes.

Beth Anna's work has been widely exhibited, including at the Cordata Gallery; Allied Arts; the Moses Lake Museum & Art Center; Art for All in Edmonds, WA; Peace-Health St. Joseph Med-

ical Center; Kessler Center of the Puyallup School District; Max Higbee Center; Mount Bakery Café; the Deming Library; and local art festivals.

Beth Anna's two books, *Uplifted Down Syndrome*, published in 2016, and *Paintings of My Life*, published in 2021, present a collection of her paintings and excerpts of her poetry that reflect her experiences, courage, and love of life. Beth Anna's greeting cards, books, and giclee prints are available at local stores, including Community Food Coop, Village Books, Haggen in Fairhaven, A Lot of Flowers, Dakota Art, and Allied Arts.

"My art is in my soul and in my heart. It's my gift," Beth Anna says. "I'm an artist. I love doing my paintings. Watercolors with pastels. That's how I relate."

Our curator for the exhibition of Beth Anna's work is, once again, CBI member Dr. Ashley Mask, who moved to Bellingham in 2022 to accept a position at Western Washington University as Assistant Professor, Art & Museum Education.

Art displayed during the exhibition series is not for sale at CBI, but each artist has the opportunity to let viewers know how to contact them to discuss possible purchases. Ordering information is on Beth Anna's website.

The Programming Committee schedules two exhibitions a year. If you are interested in participating or want to suggest another CBI member who is an artist, please contact the Programming Committee co-chairs:

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"Orange blossom"



"Leaf tapestry"

*From the Keshar Center for Jewish Learning*

# Keshar Gearing Up for New Academic Year

Join us for the first day of classes on September 15 AND at an Open House on September 22.

**The first day of Keshar is September 15.** School starts promptly at 10:00 am with Tefillah and concludes by 12:30 pm. Please make sure to provide a snack regularly for your child.

**Keshar's annual Open House will be on September 22.** This event is open to the entire CBI community, so we anticipate a large turnout. You will be able to meet our teachers, briefly attend some classes, enjoy a provided breakfast, talk with fellow board members, and learn about various volunteering opportunities. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

**Keshar is accepting registrations for enrollment.** All students should be registered before the first day of Keshar. Having an accurate classroom record of students prior to the September 15 start date assists us in properly preparing for the academic year. Thank you for your full cooperation.

**This year we have added new staff to our program.** See accompanying article on page 6.

**Reviving the Keshar Parent Committee.** Keshar parents, please plan to attend our first parent meeting during Keshar's

Open House. We'll discuss the ways in which parents can support our school. We intend to explore ideas that might enhance attendance and participation. We'll review our volunteer reading program, establish work parties for holidays, and talk about ideas for the end of the year picnic. Keshar needs your assistance and support to operate efficiently. Looking forward to sharing this opportunity with parents and adult caregivers.

**MASSA class will be leading the September 6 Family Services.** MASSA students will share their experiences from this program for teens: A Journey Toward Israel and Self-Discovery. Look forward to seeing their favorite pictures. Please save the date and plan to attend this presentation. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**MASSA is in the final year of a three-year grant cycle.** Students will continue to study with Gaby Mayers. This year students will enjoy more field trips, interactions with peers from other religious faiths, and explore what Judaism means to them.

## September/October 2024 Service Schedule

**PLEASE NOTE:** Friday evening services and Saturday Torah study will be *hybrid*, allowing congregants and visitors to worship or study in person, or attend via Zoom. **Except for B'nei Mitzvah, all Saturday morning services will be in-person only.**

Friday, Sept. 6	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Family service	Thursday, Oct. 3	<b>Rosh Hashanah Family Service</b> (See High Holy Days Schedule)
Saturday, Sept. 7	<b>10:30 am</b> Contemplative Service	Friday, Oct. 4	See High Holy Days Schedule
Friday, Sept. 13	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Saturday, Oct. 5	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday, Sept. 14	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study (Parashat Ki Tetze)	Friday, Oct. 11	<b>11:00 am</b> Renewal Service
Friday, Sept. 20	<b>10:30 am</b> Reform Service	Saturday, Oct. 12	<b>Kol Nidre</b> (See High Holy Days Schedule)
Saturday, Sept. 21	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Sunday, Oct. 13	<b>Yom Kippur</b> (See High Holy Days Schedule)
Friday, Sept. 27	<b>11:00 am</b> Tot Shabbat	Thursday, Oct. 17	<b>5:00 pm to 7:00 pm</b> Decorate the Sukkah & Potluck Dinner
Saturday, Sept. 28	<b>7:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service, with leadership from the Shabbat Shira ensemble	Friday, Oct. 18	<b>10:00 am</b> Sukkot Festival and potluck luncheon
Wednesday, Oct. 2	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study	Saturday, Oct. 19	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service
	<b>10:30 am</b> Conservative Minyan Service	Friday, Oct. 25	<b>11:00 am</b> Tot Shabbat
	TBD pm Selichot Service, beginning with <i>havdallah</i> & study session.	Saturday, Oct. 26	<b>7:30 pm</b> Simchat Torah Celebration & Shabbat
	<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Service</b> (See High Holy Days Schedule)		<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study
			<b>10:30 am</b> Conservative Minyan

# Our 5785 Keshar Staff



## Gan: Darcie Donegan (she/her)

Fun facts about Darcie:

- Teaches Early Childhood Education at WCC
- Is the mother of 3 adult children and married for 30+ years
- Darcie completed an Ulpan on Kibbutz Naot Mordechai in the 80s
- Loves to read and be outdoors



## Second grade: Augi Moyer (she/her)

Fun facts about Augi:

- Augi is a screen actor and she has used American Sign Language for over 10 years
- Attended alternative unschooled educational settings growing up
- Has worked as a nanny and for outdoor summer camps



## K-Third/Fourth Grade: Samantha Schwartz (she/her)

Fun facts about Sam:

- Sam is a sophomore at WWU
- Designs and makes her own clothing
- Loves to dance and has the sweetest cat named Archiel



## Fifth Grade: Elz Bulington (they/them)

Fun facts about Elz:

- Elz has lived in 5 different states
- Can float in water with no extra effort
- Has two cats, Sybil and Sheva



## Sixth Grade: Jonah Dirks (he/him)

Fun facts about Jonah:

- He runs the Nerf club at WWU
- Loves collecting hot sauces and cooking yummy treats
- Jonah intends to become a Social Studies high school teacher after he graduates from WWU



## Seventh Grade: Miriam Buckman (she/her)

Fun facts about Miriam:

- She grew up near Jerusalem and has traveled and toured all over Israel
- Miriam has a degree in Therapy Through Nature and loves art, music, writing, backpacking, nature, and animals
- Is an integrated parent to two Keshar kids and enjoys being an active part of the CBI Jewish community



## Confirmation: Rabbi Samuels (he/him)

Fun facts about Rabbi Samuels:

- Rabbi Samuels plays competitive pickleball
- Collects baseball cards
- Chaperoned the MASSA Spain and Portugal tour
- Rabbi Samuels had his last birthday in Lisbon, Portugal



## MASSA Educator: Gaby Mayers (he/him)

Fun facts about Gaby:

- Gaby has taught eighth-grade Israel Studies in Keshar for several years, and recently led 17 MASSA teens to Spain and Portugal
- Completed high school in Jerusalem, Israel.
- Has taught social studies at SQHS for 22 years



## Hebrew Specialist: Jason Benhaim (he/him)

Fun facts about Jason:

- He has created several crossword puzzles for the *Shul Shofar!*
- In 2016, Jason thru-hiked all 2,650 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail with his wife, Carly
- Jason and Carly are the proud parents of Orion and Isaac



## Music Specialist: Mikayla Goodkin (she/her)

Fun facts about Mikayla:

- She makes collages from miscellaneous items she finds, and she loves writing poetry
- If she was an animal, she would want to be a Chickadee
- Mikayla traveled through Australia and New Zealand this last spring and studied in Guanajuato, Mexico last year



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# Happy New Year

by Amanda Robins

**ACROSS**

- 1 Greek god of war
- 5 Exams for college seniors
- 9 Greek god of love
- 13 Remove, in a way
- 14 Suffix with billion
- 15 Crooked
- 16 Foods to celebrate a sweet new year
- 19 Bubbies
- 20 What one may win by
- 21 One shofar blast
- 26 Unwelcome sci-fi visitor
- 32 Charli XCX album
- 33 "HMU privately," online
- 34 Angry
- 36 Introductory drawing class
- 37 Pierre's evening
- 38 Friend in Sydney
- 39 Some jeans
- 40 Roadside hotels
- 41 Car sticker abbr.
- 42 Early 2000's disease outbreak
- 43 Lymph \_\_\_\_
- 44 Radiate
- 45 Woolf's " \_\_\_\_ of One's Own"
- 47 Short staccato shofar blasts

- 48 Web portal with a butterfly logo
- 49 For the time being
- 54 Some Mercedes-Benz
- 55 Three shofar blasts
- 57 Father, to a toddler
- 60 Song word repeated after "Que"
- 61 " \_\_\_\_ fair in love and war"
- 65 Hindu honorifics
- 66 Name of Taylor Swift's most recent tour
- 67 Place to sit
- 68 Sleeve fillers
- 69 Shock, in a way
- 70 Cries heavily

**DOWN**

- 1 Alda of MASH
- 2 \_\_\_\_ Nui
- 3 Sports channel
- 4 Actress Ward
- 5 Neither solid or liquid
- 6 Narrow inlet
- 7 Directional suffix
- 8 Thirst, for Pedro
- 9 Black, in poetry
- 10 City near Lake Tahoe
- 11 Small bills
- 12 Eye nuisance
- 17 East, in Seville
- 18 Lol
- 22 Turns out to be
- 23 Traditional Japanese garment

- 24 Under consideration
- 25 Disinclined
- 26 Overdue debts
- 27 Not now
- 28 "Indubitably!"
- 29 Type of switch
- 30 Dutch philosopher
- 31 Result of a deadlocked jury
- 32 Fragrant fir tree
- 35 Davy Jones's locker, with "the"
- 46 Dashboard abbr.
- 47 "I didn't need to know that!"
- 50 Stopwatch button
- 51 " \_\_\_\_ barrel"
- 52 Lapinski and Reid

- 53 Wipe out
- 55 Lip
- 56 The "m" in E = mc<sup>2</sup>
- 57 Political org. to which AOC and Cori Bush belong
- 58 LAX posting
- 59 Poorly lit
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- 64 Ave. crossers

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# Dawn and Barry Landau: Serendipity and Choice

BY MINDA RAE AMIRAN

*One night in 2001, Barry Landau was lying in bed with his wife Dawn and scanning the internet when suddenly he saw that a hospital in Bellingham had an opening for a neurosurgeon.*

Dawn, Barry, and their children had been living in Davison, Michigan for six years, where Barry had a job he enjoyed and where there was a friendly Jewish community; so, although the schools weren't that good, they might have lived there indefinitely. But it so happened that they had recently attended the wedding of Dawn's cousin in Port Townsend, flying past Mt. Rainier on the way and seeing a meteor shower and the aurora borealis at the same time. They had fallen in love with the Pacific Northwest on the spot. Here was the perfect opportunity.

Barry got the job, and serendipity followed them. They started house-hunting before they moved, wanting space, a garden, natural surroundings. Barry had started working and Dawn was driving the children and their pets across the country toward Bellingham at a leisurely pace when Barry saw exactly the house they had been looking for, in Edgemore. He called Dawn to hurry and arrive the next day; she drove through much of the night and saw the house the following morning; they purchased it then and there. One of the first things



Barry and Dawn Landau

they did after that was to join Congregation Beth Israel.

Dawn was born in Stockton, CA, but when she was 10, her father was killed in a car accident and her mother took the family back to her people in Massachusetts. Dawn studied counseling at Leslie College in Boston while Barry was studying sciences at MIT. They met at an Alpha Tau Omega fraternity party and started dating, growing serious about the relationship when Barry went to Hartford to study medicine at the University of Connecticut. Dawn got her MSW at UConn while Barry was in medical school, and their daughter, Leviah, and son Ethan were born in Chicago, where they lived for seven years while Barry completed his residency. Then they moved to Davison, where their son Aaron was born.

Although Dawn was not originally Jewish, she studied Judaism extensively before her marriage. Her moth-

er's second husband was Jewish, and her family welcomed Barry, but his family at first was not pleased that their eldest son was marrying outside the Jewish faith. It was not an easy situation. In Bellingham, Dawn soon became active in CBI and sparked changes to give equal rights to members who have never formally converted: Some may recall the dramatic moment when she rose in protest. Barry served many years on the building committee for the new shul, despite his heavy work schedule. They raised their children in a traditional Jewish home. After 10 years in Israel, Leviah has recently moved to Bellingham with her husband Alex and sons Amitai and Avinoam, and is studying nursing. Ethan lives in Poulsbo with his wife Emmy, where he works in development for Split-Wise, an app to help people manage joint expenses. Aaron, a guide for the

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1. Vivian Ellis on her Bat Mitzvah day with her grandfather, Emil Hecht. Both holding their certificates. Emil had the first Bar Mitzvah at CBI in 1954. 2. Baby naming for Thomas Cambo, son of Samantha and Thalen Cambo and grandson of Teresa and Mark Sommers. 3. Rabbi Samuels at Camp Kalsman with the Bellingham/CBI contingent in August. 4. Leah Bordman at Camp Kalsman with the Bellingham/CBI contingent in June. 5. Day 1 of MASSA's travels in Spain and Portugal. 6. Rabbi Samuels in the Jewish quarter of Córdoba, Spain, with his rabbinic idol, Maimonides.

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late grandfather. Tickets are \$6.43 (includes booking fee); or, no ticket needed if you buy the book that night.

**DECEMBER**

**Cooking with Little Ferraro Kitchen. 4:00 pm Sunday, December 8:** This hands-on class, taught by Samantha Ferraro, will focus on making a Hawaiian fish meal with a passionfruit dessert. Limited to 9 people; CBI members only. Registration will be available through the *Timbrel*.

**Movie/Chinese Dinner/First night of Chanukah. 3:30 pm Wednesday, December 25:** We will watch an all-ages movie, then light *chanukiah* (bring yours and candles!) and eat delicious Chinese food. We will also be collecting items for a local charity, our "Night for Others" Chanukah tradition. Members only. Tickets for dinner will be available through the *Timbrel*.

**JANUARY 2025**

**Trampled Manuscripts: The Lost Klezmer Music of the Anski Expeditions. 7:00 pm Sunday, January 12:** Christina Crowder of the Klezmer Institute will head up a concert with local musicians, centered around a large body of Yiddish music that was lost for about 100 years and which resurfaced in 2019 in the Kiev archive. Workshops for local musicians/vocalists will be held earlier in the afternoon. Open to the whole community. Tickets for workshops and concert will be available on the CBI website.

**FEBRUARY**

**Theodore Bikel presentation by Aimee Ginsburg Bikel. 2:00 pm Sunday, February 2:** Theodore (Meir) Bikel was an Emmy-winning, Oscar-, Tony-, and Grammy-nominated actor and folk singer, major Tikkun Olam activist, *Yiddishist*, and devoted labor union leader. A real hero in the Jewish world, he was known among oth-

er things as the actor who played Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof" more than any other living actor. He died in 2015. His widow, Aimee Bikel, a writer, journalist, and public speaker, shares his incredible legacy around the world. Registration will be available on the CBI website.

**Beit Café – A Night of Storytelling. 6:30 pm Sunday, February 16 at the Mount Baker Theatre Encore Room:** Join us for a night of storytelling and music, with sweet and savory snacks. Cash bar. Members only. Free.

**MARCH**

**Whiskey Tasting with the Rabbi. 7:00 pm Saturday, March 8:** Led by our very own Rabbi Samuels, who will present information about whiskey in general and the history of Jewish involvement in distilling whiskey in the U.S. and during Prohibition. Participants will taste 8 different whiskeys, and Rabbi will demonstrate making at least one cocktail with whiskey. Snacks will be served. Cost: \$36.

We are always looking for ideas for future programming, and also welcome volunteers from our CBI community who want to help with events. Contact co-chairs Emily Weiner and/or Melissa Schapiro if you'd like to get involved.

The Programming Committee mission is to provide meaningful Jewish learning and experiences through our programs to the CBI and wider communities, with an aim to accomplish one or more of the following:

- build and strengthen the CBI community
- welcome students involved with Hillel
- attract unaffiliated Jews to CBI
- build relationships with the broader community

## Bat Mitzvah



**Sivan Hale Wells-Langley** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 9, 2024. Sivan is a seventh grader at Shuksan Middle School, where she enjoys being incredibly social, supporting peers and staff who need an energetic boost, and playing unified basketball and soccer. When she's not socializing, Sivan loves riding her bike around the neighborhood,

making fairy dust with chalk, hiking with her Explorers group, and listening to music, especially musicals. For her mitzvah project, Sivan is making cards for residents at a local memory care home, where her Nanny lives.

Sivan is the daughter of Litav Langley and Lindsay Wells and sister to Aniel and Orilev.

*The Wells-Langley family welcomes you to join them for this simcha:*

**SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**

**Friday, November 8, 2024 at 6:15 pm**

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE**

**Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 10:00 am**

**Followed by Kiddush lunch in the Social Hall.**

*Please RSVP to [sivanbatmitz@gmail.com](mailto:sivanbatmitz@gmail.com) if you will attend Saturday services and Kiddush lunch*

# Kindred Spirits *Havurah* Travels to Tanzania

BY KATIE EDELSTEIN

When Victoria Mayers and I announced the formation of a new *havurah* called “Kindred Spirits” in 2022, they could not have predicted the appeal this would have to those with the desire to travel together to different countries around the world. Together our *havurah* has not only learned about and interacted with Jewish communities in those countries, but we’ve also met with other local communities and provided opportunities to give back by volunteering or bringing needed supplies. Since its inception, Kindred Spirits has expanded as people have joined the *havurah*. Kindred Spirits completed its first successful trip to Israel and Jordan in April 2023.

Recently Kindred Spirits completed its second successful trip, this time to Tanzania. Our Tanzania adventure included members from Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Beth Am in Seattle and some friends of members. Our group of 15 spent two weeks traveling together with Eugen Malle, tour owner-operator of Legacy Exchange Outfitters located in Tanzania. The unique vision of Legacy Exchange Outfitters shares a similar vision as Kindred Spirits and that is to make a difference by providing opportunities for people traveling with his safari tour company to personally experience, witness and learn about the culture and history of Tanzania’s diverse communities, and wildlife while at the same time as empowering local Tanzanian communities.

While in Tanzania, we took time to meet and talk with the B’nei Levi Jewish community of Arusha, the people of the Hadzabe tribe, the Dattoga Tribe, visited an orphanage, visited members of an albinism community, visited a secondary school in Karatu, and visited a social enterprise community of people with disabilities.

When we visited with the B’nei Levi community of Arusha, we spoke with Yehudah Amir Kahalani. He shared his personal story and the story of the B’nei Levi community. In spite of all of the changes over the years,

including but not limited to the Jews from different countries coming to Arusha, they never assimilated and they continue today to keep kosher and observe Shabbat and *Brit Milah*. These traditions have been passed on through many generations, originating in Yemen. Despite the challenges of being Jewish, while being surrounded by people who sought to destroy their heritage, their community continues to grow. When our group was trying to find the location of this community of Jews, we discovered first-hand the great efforts they take to avoid being known, concealing their presence for fear that they might be putting their community at risk.

I believe our group of 15 experienced Tanzania in a way most tourists on safaris don’t and we were taught that being on a safari was much more than experiencing an amazing time of seeing wildlife. It was about witnessing the circle of life among Tanzania’s animal kingdom, large and small, including the country’s rich culture and history as it relates to diverse communities of people. It’s about how they all impact one another in the circle of life. Our *havurah* welcomed and built relationships with new travelers during this trip, tasted typical foods, experienced traditions of Tanzania, shared amazing sites and wonders and even learned a few Swahili words. *Assante sana* (thank you very much in Swahili) to Eugen Malle and Legacy Exchange Outfitters—you helped to make our experience one that we will never forget!!!

Mark your calendar for the next kindred spirits trip being planned. In April of 2025, Kindred Spirits will travel to Cuba. Together we will experience the sights, sounds, and even the tastes of Cuba, taking time to meet and spend Shabbat and the first night of Passover with the Jewish Community of Havana. If you would like to receive information about this trip, please contact Katie Edelstein.



At the Arusha orphanage



Banjika school students



Dattoga tribe

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

First Temple in Jerusalem. There was a strong Jewish presence in much of Spain from after the second diaspora up until the expulsion in 1492, so well over 1000 years, with much of that considered to be a “golden age” for Jews.

Along with our leaders, Victoria and Gaby Mayers, and my fellow chaperones from CBI, Kevin Donner, Tammy Dixon, Isaac Konikoff, and Nicky Naiman, we spent time in Barcelona, Toledo, Madrid, Córdoba, Seville, Gibraltar, Lisbon, and several other areas. I would go back to each of these places in a heartbeat, especially Portugal. But there were two cities that I was really excited to visit.

At the time of its greatest splendor, just before 1391, Toledo had around ten synagogues and five to seven *yeshivot*, or houses of Jewish study. In 1492 there were five grand synagogues, two of which survive: the Tránsito, now the Sephardic Museum, and Santa María la Blanca.

According to a Jewish tradition, the Jewish settlement in Toledo was the most ancient in the Iberian Peninsula. According to some historians, the first settlers were exiles from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, who had arrived there after the destruction of the First Temple.

Santa María la Blanca was originally built in the early 1200s as a synagogue, but was later consecrated as a church in 1411. It is no longer in use as a religious site, but you could just feel the Jewish presence that once filled the beautiful room.

Today, Toledo is trying to acknowledge the existence of a once thriving Jewish Quarter by placing blue tiles

randomly in the area. The teens had a lot of fun looking for the tiles with Jewish stars or menorahs on them.

Córdoba also plays a pivotal role in the history of Jewish life in the Middle Ages. In the tenth century it became the seat of Jewish learning, scholarship and culture, gradually eclipsing the Babylonian Talmudic academies of Sura and Pumbeditha. Maimonides, whom the teens heard me many times call the second smartest Jew ever, behind Einstein (of course!) is from Córdoba. Taking a selfie next to his statue in the well-preserved Jewish quarter was my highlight of that day.

Córdoba has a history not unlike most places we visited in Spain. After the Jews enjoyed many years of freedom, a Christian, or in this case, Muslim group conquered Córdoba in 1148 and forced the Jewish community to choose between conversion to Islam, death, or exile. Many Jews chose conversion, but due to suspicion by the authorities of fake conversions, the new converts had to wear identifying clothing that set them apart and made them subject to public scrutiny. This had a huge impact on the life of Maimonides. His family, along with most other Jews, chose exile when he was just 13 years old.

I am hopeful that the teens will look back on this experience with a sense of Jewish pride. Judaism thrived in Spain and Portugal for millennia, adding to the richness of these cultures. The Jewish people rose to incredible heights and accomplished so much. And this determination, perseverance, adaptability, and creativity are still part of our collective DNA. I am so lucky to have shared this experience with such a wonderful group.

RABBI JOSHUA SAMUELS

**DAWN AND BARRY LANDAU***Continued from Page 8*

national parks, lives in Denver with his fiancée, Emily. The family remains close.

Barry still spends long hours in his surgical practice. Dawn has worked for Hospice House for 11 years. For

18 years, she has tutored high school seniors writing college application letters; she has students all over the country. She is a writer: Her blog, “Tales from the Motherland,” has more than 10,000 followers. In recent years the couple built their dream house. It’s again serendipitous. An Edgemore hilltop lot, where they had often walked and taken guests to watch eagles and see the sunset, suddenly came on the market. The minute they heard, they bought it, and planned their new home, with views to the south, west, and north: the sea and the Olympics. Although they worked with an architect, they not only designed the layout but chose every single detail, down to the faucets and door handles. They have been living happily in the house for three years.

Future plans include bicycle trips here and abroad. They plan to keep traveling as long as they can, but remain firmly based in their dream home in Bellingham and the CBI community.



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Vivian Ellis' Bat Mitzvah  
Koby Ravitsky's Bar Mitzvah  
**From: Patrick Crane**

Happy Birthday, Rhoda Frankel!  
**From: Rhoda and Peter Samuels**

Rabbi and Nicole Samuels 19th wedding anniversary.  
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In loving memory of my dear friend, Phyllis Mazur.  
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Jay & Donna Solomon's 60th wedding anniversary.  
**From: Joan and Marv Wayne**  
Happy 88th Birthday, Sid Wanne!  
**From: Joan and Marv Wayne**

Thank you, Karen Sloss, for the beautiful flowers at Vivi's Bat Mitzvah!  
**From: Mia and Todd Ellis**  
Our son, Koby Ravitsky's Bar Mitzvah. Mazel tov, Koby!  
*Love, Mom, Dad, Natalie and Avi*

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My beloved husband, Shelly.  
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Vivian Ellis on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Mazel tov!  
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# Men Growing Older, Wiser, and Giving Back

CBI is pleased to welcome a monthly gathering of discussion and camaraderie for middle-aged and older men in the community.

Join other men in a safe, open, and supportive space where participants can talk openly about themselves in relation to various topics. Jerome Rosen will facilitate the group by maintaining focus and bringing themes to talk about each time. Examples might be: How Judaism has shaped your identity, being a Jewish partner, giving back, intimacy, and quieting the mind in world of noise.

Jerome Rosen is a retired couples and family therapist with over 40 years of experience. He has facilitated a variety of groups and men's groups are his favorite.

Gatherings are held monthly on the second Wednesday from 12:00-1:30 pm in the Beit Midrash room.

We have had four group meetings, and we have openings for 1 or 2 men. If interested please contact Jerome Rosen at [benjam4r@gmail.com](mailto:benjam4r@gmail.com) or 360-914-0524.

## Birthdays

### SEPTEMBER 2024

- 9/1 Nancy Halpern
- 9/2 Owen Orloff (15th)
- 9/3 Samantha Cambo
- 9/3 Luke Goodwin
- 9/3 Emil Hecht
- 9/4 Joel Cohen
- 9/4 Gabriel Mayers
- 9/4 Andy Saxton
- 9/4 Chi-Na Stoane
- 9/5 John Cook
- 9/5 Marilyn Eisner
- 9/5 Elliot Levinson (17th)
- 9/6 Judy Berman
- 9/6 Mary Knight
- 9/6 Jasper Strich (1st)
- 9/7 Talia Finkelstein
- 9/8 Raema Quam
- 9/9 Daryl Dixon
- 9/10 Kayla Schott-Bresler
- 9/11 Steven Garfinkle
- 9/11 Eytan Samuels (15th)
- 9/12 Miram Z. Davids
- 9/12 Marcia Lippman
- 9/13 Bruce Van Glubt
- 9/15 Lucy Naiman (16th)
- 9/15 Rachel Stein (13th)
- 9/16 Michele Sanger
- 9/16 Howard Sharfstein
- 9/16 Elizabeth Sheinkopf
- 9/17 Jenna Schwartz
- 9/18 Esther Faber
- 9/18 Mark B. Packer
- 9/19 Mia Ellis
- 9/19 Fjola Martinez (12th)
- 9/19 Perry Somers
- 9/19 Gail Tolentino
- 9/21 Darcie Donegan
- 9/21 Emma Konikoff (12th)
- 9/21 Zachariah Popp
- 9/21 Eleanor McGarrity (3rd)
- 9/22 Roby Blecker
- 9/22 Elliot Probst (18th)
- 9/23 Carrie Adelstein
- 9/23 Jenny Katz (21st)
- 9/23 Russell Stolzoff
- 9/23 Terri Weiner
- 9/24 Apiyo Bocast (13th)
- 9/24 Howard Cockerham
- 9/24 Maria Koplowitz-Fleming
- 9/24 Ellen Smith
- 9/24 Elora Strich (4th)
- 9/25 Mark Hunter
- 9/26 Elliott Burkill (2nd)
- 9/26 Jerry Witrer
- 9/27 Nancy Davis
- 9/27 Debby Meyers
- 9/28 Arlene Feld
- 9/29 Natan Diamond (4th)
- 9/30 Regan Levinson
- 9/30 Else Sokol

### OCTOBER 2024

- 10/1 Tracey Levine
- 10/1 Bernice Loober
- 10/2 Kayla Orloff (22nd)
- 10/2 Asher Schram (7th)
- 10/3 Chiara Horton (15th)
- 10/3 Orilev Wells-Langley (7th)
- 10/4 Barry Meyers
- 10/5 Jeff LaPlante
- 10/5 Laoise Seltz (18th)
- 10/5 Annika Tilland-Stafford
- 10/5 Jessica Wolfson
- 10/6 Eli Genut (6th)
- 10/6 Ira Kaufman
- 10/6 Michael Lewis
- 10/6 Koby Ravitsky (14th)
- 10/6 Michael Sommers (20th)
- 10/6 Fred Zell
- 10/7 Leslie Garrison
- 10/7 Orly Linder (21st)
- 10/8 Sarann Donegan
- 10/8 David Goldman
- 10/9 Kevin Donner
- 10/9 Armando Lindner
- 10/10 David Arpi
- 10/10 Bev Harrington
- 10/10 Amanda Robins
- 10/11 James Barney (10th)
- 10/14 Daniel Picus
- 10/14 Ray Wolpow
- 10/15 Marta Brand
- 10/15 Gayle Gordon-Martin
- 10/15 Lucy Greenberg (19)
- 10/15 Eloise Hecht (10th)
- 10/15 Warren Taranow
- 10/15 Elias Weinreb Benedict (2nd)
- 10/16 Donald Davis
- 10/16 David Zimmerman
- 10/18 Shlomis Waters
- 10/19 Leslie Adelstein
- 10/20 George Farkas
- 10/20 Cat Eagle Stevens
- 10/21 Gail Shuster (21st)
- 10/22 Minda Rae Amiran
- 10/22 Benjamin Burkill (5th)
- 10/23 Nancy Joy Keefe (7th)
- 10/25 Hannah Lael McCurdy (2nd)
- 10/26 Thalen Cambo
- 10/27 Renee Relin
- 10/28 Lea Donner (15th)
- 10/29 Richard Simon
- 10/30 Lynne MacDonald
- 10/30 Neri Maxim
- 10/30 Jay Solomon
- 10/30 Sean Stein
- 10/31 Jamie Altman
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- 10/31 Gayle Kinney

## Anniversaries

- Sept. 1 Amanda Robins & Daniel Zagnoli (#6)
- Sept. 2 David M. Schlitt & Dr. Sarah Zarrow (#6)
- Sept. 5 Kendra Bradford & Todd Shuster (#28)
- Sept. 6 Jason & Chi-Na Stoane (#25)
- Sept. 6 Zev & Elle Kronenberg (#15)
- Sept. 6 Nina & Sean Stein (#15)
- Sept. 7 Jason & Carly Benhaim (#4)
- Sept. 12 Gayle Cloud & Jeff Crollard (#14)
- Sept. 12 Stuart & Cinda Zemel (#48)
- Sept. 22 Tami DuBow & Frank Corey (#23)
- Sept. 25 Perry & Katie Somers (#19)
- Sept. 25 Jeaninne Kahan (#70)
- Sept. 30 Marta & Craig Brand (#46)
- Oct. 6 Rachel & Jason Goldberg (#23)
- Oct. 6 Mia & Todd Ellis (#22)
- Oct. 9 Jane & Erik Hammerstrom (#9)
- Oct. 9 Roy & Leslie Shankman (#36)
- Oct. 10 Marcy & Jeff Probst (#32)
- Oct. 14 Mark & Naomi Pomerantz (#18)

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



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

## Friday, September 6

Otis Swindell	9/6
David Diamond	9/7
Keith Baker	9/8
Harold Lazaroff	9/9
Dinah Godfrey	9/10
Art Jensen	9/11
Rebecca Miller	9/11
William (Billy) B. Davids	9/11
Phyllis Kronenberg	9/11
Dora Lebowitz	9/11
Nathan Ragosin	9/12
Nancy Zisook	9/12
Ron Feiger	9/13

## Friday, September 13

Leonard Katz	9/14
Louis Thal	9/14
Catherine A. Hanley	9/15
Ruth Machlin	9/15
Shirley Simmons	9/15
Mary Warshal Glazer	9/15
Rhea Frantz	9/16
Yitzhak Turovitz	9/16
Rose Lassman	9/18
Martin Wikes	9/18
Dale S. Hunter	9/19
Joe Lebovich	9/19
John Smith	9/19
Roslyn Wolpow	9/19
Sara Shaw	9/20
Lilian Suslow	9/20

## Friday, September 20

Harry Berman	9/21
Henry Gordon	9/24
Sadie Adelstein-Meyer	9/25
Jere Donegan	9/26
Louise Greenberg	9/26
Jonas Relin	9/27
Sara Sylvia Seid	9/27
Ted Zak	9/27

## Friday, September 28

Blossom Becker	9/28
Blythe Cole Busch	9/29
Evelyn Kravitz Driscoll	9/29
Rita J. Witte	9/29
Norman Parker	9/29
Hannelore "Lala" Vernon-Debari	10/1

Viola Faber	10/2
Sarah Hecht	10/3
Debra Winegarten	10/3

## Friday, October 4

Fannie Thal	10/5
Irving Goldstein	10/6
Irwin Weiner	10/6
Aaron Rosen	10/6
Eleanor Moritz	10/6
Richard Meltzer	10/7
Reva David	10/8
Harriet Rosenberg	10/8
Jack Blecker	10/9
Bernard Shapiro	10/10
Geraldine Witte	10/11
Mary Faber	10/11

## Friday, October 11

Carl Paschetag	10/12
Edith Sonneman	10/13
Nora Eilenberg	10/14
Harriet Korn	10/15
Johanna Vohl	10/15
Themeos Drossos	10/17
Ruth Strich	10/18

## Friday, October 18

Jr. Robinson	10/19
Maxwell Weiss	10/19
Anthony Robert Flores	10/20
Leonard Berman	10/21

Leon Machlin	10/22
Edith Lindheimer	10/22
Jacob M. Fine	10/23
Donald Kite	10/23
Albert Kravitz	10/23
Alex Rosen	10/23
Gladys Boehi	10/24
Trude Weil Bauman	10/24
Carol Van Glubt	10/25

## Friday, October 25

Lillian Konikoff	10/26
Kurt Jerome Koplowitz	10/27
Aaron David Schlesinger	10/28
Gertrude "Onita" Glasco	10/29
Joshua Louis Adelstein	10/31
Annelise Guenter-Pedersen	10/31

## The Kveling Corner

Gaby Mayers will be presenting his PowerPoint presentation "From Bombay-to Bellingham" at the Southside Library in Sudden Vally on Saturday, September 21 at 2:00 pm. Open to the public.

## In Memoriam

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

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

Miriam Schwartz on the loss of her mother **Lee Shapiro** on July 20, 2024, after an acute illness. She passed away in her own home, with her daughters and cat attending her, as she wished for.

Dorothy Walt on the loss of her husband, **Ronald Shields Walt** on Wednesday, July 24 at his home in Clearlake, WA.

Long-time CBI member **Phyllis Mazur** passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 4, at Whatcom Hospice House, surrounded by her loving family. She was 92 years old.

Judy and Stu Berman mourn the passing of her mother, **Betty Smith**. Betty died peacefully in her sleep at Lighthouse Memory Care in Anacortes, WA on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. She was 100 years old.

Maria Koplowitz on the loss of her husband **Garry Fleming** in Birch Bay, WA. Garry and Maria were happily married for 30 years.

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## SUKKAH BUILDING AND POTLUCK DINNER

**Sunday, October 13**  
**5:00 pm**

To go from one *mitzvah* to another, Judaism teaches that we should build our sukkah immediately after Yom Kippur.

Join Rabbi Samuels and your friends as we build the Beth Israel *sukkah* on the patio.

Bring decorations to adorn the *sukkah* and a dish to share for the potluck dinner.

