

# Sisterhood

Join us at the Sisterhood meeting on April 9 when Rabbi Zev Silber will conduct a Pesach workshop. I am sure we will all learn something new about preparing for Pesach. Questions will be welcomed.

May 14 will be the Donor meeting. At this writing we are still in the planning stage, but be assured it will be something you will enjoy. The Donor will take place at the home of Susan Wright.

June 18 will be the closing dinner meeting. Plan to attend all three meetings along with your friends.

At this time I would like to offer a special thank you to Kelly Davis who has taken on the job of putting the Shul Library in order. It is a large task and Kelly is doing a great job.

On behalf of our President, Dora Feuer, and her family and all the members of Sisterhood, I would like to wish all of the Beth David Family a happy and kosher Pesach.

Marlene Serkin,  
Vice President

## Beth David Calendar



With Passover coming up and the summer vacation looming on the horizon, it's time to start thinking about the Beth David Calendar for the coming new year. Please take a moment to look through our current year's calendar and check your insertions. Is there a mistake in an insertion? Is there a missing insertion? If you know of corrections, additions or deletions for calendar insertions, you can help make next year's calendar better than ever! Changes can be left in the synagogue office.

The upcoming 5769 (2008-2009) calendar will be the last one that I will be doing. I'm looking for someone who is interested in taking it over for future years. The basic work involves computer "cutting" and "pasting" files. *The Reporter* does our layout and produces photo ready copy that is taken to Kinkos or Staples for printing and collating. Then it's just a matter of getting envelopes and labels from the shul office. When the envelopes are ready to go to the post office, our secretary, Shirley takes them there. Please think about this and let me know that you'll help the shul carry on this modest fundraiser. The calendar brings in around \$900 of income after expenses.

Thank you,  
Charney Oppenheim 723-6205

## From the Rabbi

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12, for our monthly Shabbat Luncheon, at which I will deal with these questions about what to do when erev Pesach occurs on Shabbat. You will be spiritually uplifted by our prayer service, satisfy your appetite with a delicious *chametz* lunch, and learn how to observe this unique Pesach schedule properly.

While you are at it, join me for our annual Pesach Workshop on Wednesday, April 9 at 8:00 PM. I look forward to our time together, learning and questioning, so that we can all experience a better holiday.

From my family to yours, I wish you all a *chag kasher v'sameach* – may you have a joyous and kosher Pesach holiday.

Rabbi Zev Silber

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## Maot Chitim – Passover Charity



We all know how expensive it is to purchase all our Pesach foods and needs. We cannot forget that we have an obligation to help those less economically able to do their own purchases and enjoy the Seder and the holiday. This special charity to provide for Jewish poor and give them the ability to purchase Pesach provisions is called *Maot Chitim*.

Beth David and Jewish Family Services are working together to provide for the needs of local poor and the poor in Israel. In order to assure that the money is available to enable the poor to shop before Pesach, we ask that you send your check no later than April 11. Checks may be made payable to Beth David Synagogue Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or to Jewish Family Services, noting that it is for Passover Charity and if you wish to designate your gift to local or Israeli poor. Checks may be mailed to the office of either organization.

## Successful *Matanot La'evyonim* (Purim gifts to the poor) Campaign

Thank you to all the wonderful Beth David families who participated in the Purim *Matanot La'evyonim* campaign. Due to your generosity, Beth David was able to send \$1,000 to the Jewish Family Services to be distributed to Jewish poor in our community. Together with gifts sent directly to JFS, well over \$100 per family was distributed on Purim day.

In addition, we were able to send \$1,500 to the Od Yosef Chai organization in Israel for distribution on Shushan Purim to the poor of Jerusalem.

May we all continue being generous and fulfill the mitzvah of assisting those less fortunate celebrate the holidays.

## Calendar of Events

April 9 ..... Sisterhood Mtg./Pesach Workshop  
 April 12 ..... Rabbi Silber speaking at Shabbat luncheon  
 ..... "What to do when erev Pesach is on Shabbat"  
 April 19 ..... First Seder  
 May 10 ..... Steven Katz speaking at Shabbat luncheon  
 May 14 ..... Sisterhood Donor  
 June 2 ..... Yom Yerushalayim  
 June 9-10 ..... Shavuot  
 June 14 ..... Mark Budman speaking at Shabbat luncheon  
 June 18 ..... Sisterhood closing dinner mtg.



## Beth David Family

Spring has sprung, as evidenced by the few sunny days in a row we experienced and by the crocuses attempting to pop their heads skyward. Of course our snowbirds might not agree, but 45 degrees and clear is a delight for us Binghamtonians to behold!

Ilene Goldman visited her niece in Phoenix for a mid-winter escape, while Susan and Michael Wright caught some rays in Florida while visiting Susan's parents in Boynton Beach. Harold and I spent a memorable eleven nights at sea on a Caribbean tour.

Mazal Tov to Marlene and Jack Serkin whose granddaughter Tova Serkin, of Hertzelia, married Yair Yehuda, also of Hertzelia. Paul Serkin is the proud father of the *kalla*. May the couple build a *bayit ne'eman b'Yisrael*.

*Kol Hakavod* to our NCSYers who filled the shul with scores of youngsters for an upstate NY Shabbaton the weekend of March 28th. Our teens and members busied themselves with preparations concerning everything from food, to programs, and housing for all the visitors. The chatter of youthful voices brought our shul to life.

Special birthdays were celebrated by Claire Ladenheim and by yours truly. Claire's children from Pennsylvania and California surprised her with a Binghamton birthday visit, while my children and grandchildren arranged a New Jersey surprise.

*Refuah Shelemah* to Marvin Kutz, Samuel Ladenheim, and Doris Zolty. With regret I mention the passing of Jeanette Sanders, mother of Arline Kutz, Abba Bank, father of Les Bank, and Beth David member Shirlee Galanty, mother of Madeline Miller and Paul Galanty. May Arline and Marvin Kutz, Barbara and Les Bank, and the Galanty Family find comfort among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

We all know that Pesach comes the same time on the Hebrew calendar every year, the 15th of Nisan, yet we often say that it's "early" or "late" each year. We'll celebrate the *chag* with our families in late April this year, amidst flowers and sunshine, and we'll make memories to last a lifetime. May each experience bring meaning and joy to you and your families.

Meryl Sasnowitz

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## Beth David Funds

Fund	Donation	Contact
Mitzvah Fund	\$2.50	Charney Oppenheim-723-6205
Shul Beautiful	\$5.00	Charney Oppenheim-723-6205
Library Fund	.....	Shul Office-722-1793
Discretionary Fund	.....	Shul Office-722-1793
General Fund	.....	Shul Office-722-1793
Ansell Tikun Torah Fund		Shul Office-722-1793
Siddur (Prayer Book)	\$35.00	Shul Office-722-1793
Chumash	\$60.00	Shul Office-722-1793
Gemorrhah	\$75.00	Shul Office-722-1793
Shabbat Luncheon		Shul Office or Charney Oppenheim
Seudah Shlishit		Rabbi Adami-773-8980
Shabbat Kiddush		Meryl Sasnowitz-797-5458

## Contributions

### General Fund from:

Miriam Aronowitz — In memory of Rabbi Adami's Mother  
 Ann C. Brilliant — Wishing Doris Zolty a Refuah Shelemah

### In memory of Barry Raff

Julie & Alan Piaker  
 C. R. Westgate  
 Gerry & Susan Hubal  
 Mark & Pixie Cohen  
 Marti Klionsky  
 Dr. Mayer & Alice Schwartz  
 Peggy & Elliot Marcus

### Shul Beautiful to:

Arline Kutz in memory of her mother from Hershey S. & Bonnie Rozen  
 Marvin Kutz for a complete and speedy recovery from Hershey S. & Bonnie Rozen  
 Condolences to the family of Barry Raff from Sy & Carole Klionsky  
 Doris Zolty for a complete and speedy recovery from Hershey S. & Bonnie Rozen

### Seudah Shlishit Fund

Condolences to the family of Barry Raff from Steve & Dora Feuer

## Mitzvah Fund

### Charney Oppenheim, 723-6205

Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

### Mazel Tov to:

Krista Shoemaker with all of our best wishes

### Refuah Shelemah to:

Marvin Kutz  
 Doris Zolty

### Condolences to:

Les Bank in memory of his father  
 Sylvia Dickman Diamond in memory of her husband  
 The family of Shirlee Galanty  
 Arline Kutz in memory of her mother  
 Madeline Miller in memory of her mother  
 The family of Barry Raff  
 Gail Schneider in memory of her mother

## How to Contact Your Rabbi

Rabbi Silber's office hours will be: Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00 am and Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00pm.

Please feel free to stop by at these times, even without an appointment. If you need to consult with the rabbi and these times are not convenient for you, please call Rabbi Silber and you can work out a mutually acceptable time.

Occasionally these hours need to change, and changes are listed in the weekly announcement sheet distributed each Shabbat at services.

If you need to contact one of the rabbis, there are several ways that this can be done:

\* Call the shul office (722-1793) and leave a message with Shirley who will contact them

\* Call the shul office (722-1793) and leave a confidential message on the voice mail. Press #2 for Rabbi Silber's mail box or #3 for Rabbi Adami's mail box. The rabbis check their voice mail frequently

\* In case of emergency on a school day, you can call Hillel Academy (722-9274) and leave a message for either or both Rabbi Silber and/or Rabbi Adami.

\* In case of emergency at other times, you can call the rabbi's cell phone: Rabbi Silber can be reached at 761-7098 and Rabbi Adami can be reached at 237-3690.

## Book Shabbat Kiddush

Giving a Kiddush is a nice way to celebrate any *simcha* or special occasion. Giving a Kiddush is a nice way to create a special occasion, even if there is nothing special to celebrate.

Meryl Sasnowitz, Kiddush coordinator, will reserve your special dates for the coming year; please call her at 797-5458.