

December-March Minyan Times

MORNINGS (times constant)*	
Sunday	8:30 am
Monday – Friday	6:40 am
*Except December 25; January 1; February 16	8:30 am
*Except December 22-23; January 21; February 19-20	6:30 am
Shabbat	9:00 am
EVENINGS (times constant)	
Monday – Thursday	7:00 pm
*Except December 25	4:20 pm
*Except January 1	4:15 pm
EVENINGS (times vary)	
Friday, December 5, 12	4:15 pm
Shabbat, December 6, 13, 20	5:35 pm
Sunday, December 7, 14	4:15 pm
Friday, December 19, 26	4:20 pm
Sunday, December 21	4:20 pm
Thursday, December 25	4:20 pm
Shabbat, December 27	5:40 pm
Sunday, December 28	4:25 pm
Thursday, January 1	4:15 pm
Friday, January 2	4:25 pm
Shabbat, January 3	5:45 pm
Sunday, January 4	4:30 pm
Friday, January 9	4:35 pm
Shabbat, January 10	5:50 pm
Sunday, January 11	4:35 pm
Friday, January 16	4:40 pm
Shabbat, January 17	6:00 pm
Sunday, January 18	4:45 pm
Friday, January 23	4:50 pm

Shabbat, January 24	6:10 pm
Sunday, January 25	4:55 pm
Friday, January 30	5:00 pm
Shabbat, January 31	6:20 pm
Sunday, February 1	5:05 pm
Friday, February 6	5:10 pm
Shabbat, February 7	6:30 pm
Sunday, February 8	5:10 pm
Friday, February 13	5:15 pm
Shabbat, February 14	6:40 pm
Sunday, February 15	5:20 pm
Friday, February 20	5:25 pm
Shabbat, February 21	6:50 pm
Sunday, February 22	5:30 pm
Friday, February 27	5:35 pm
Shabbat, February 28	6:55 pm
Sunday, March 1	5:40 pm



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From the Rabbi

Although, the situation in Israel and the world today is not as bright as we wish, we must continue celebrating our Holy days with full enjoyment.

Two important events happened at the time of Chanukah: the military victory over the Greeks and the miracle of the jar of olive oil when the Maccabees entered the Temple in order to clean it, to relight the menorah and to rededicate the Temple. Generally in Jewish history, the Jews don't celebrate victories for a long period of time because these victories don't have an actual meaning. Nowadays, we do celebrate Yom Ha' Atzmaut as a victory over our enemies in 1948, but this particular celebration is more about the establishment of the Jewish State after 2000 years of exile.

Chanukah is different. It wasn't a military or political victory. It wasn't merely the state of security or the political situation that was the reason for Mattityahu and the Hashmonians to rebel against the Greeks. Rather it was religious freedom. It was a revolt against the Greeks who prevented the Jews from practicing their religion, and the clash between Judaism and Hellenism as a cultural war. It was necessary to fight and to establish a Jewish kingdom in order to secure the freedom of the Torah of Israel. Therefore, this victory is being celebrated until now.

Still, today we live in a non-Jewish environment outside of Israel in the Diaspora. Even in Israel the Diaspora culture is creeping in. Therefore, there is a challenge to live within our surroundings without losing our Jewish identity. Knowing Jewish history, studying the Torah and observing the *mitzvot* will assure that we won't become the Hellenists of today.

As we kindle the shining Hashmonean's candles against the darkness and the evil in the world, we clear our path, the unique path of the Jewish people to be a light among the nations.

Rabbi Aminadav Adamit

Happy Chanukah!

Give Double Chai

This is the 46th year of the Beth David ChaiLine. Previous to the ChaiLine our synagogue newsletter was called the Bulletin. A contest was held to rename the Bulletin and the winning name, by a unanimous decision of the judges, was submitted by Rita Rozen, of blessed memory.

Rita chose ChaiLine because the newsletter is a lifeline of the synagogue. In it you are kept up to date on the holidays, minyan times, news of our members, both past and present, the doings of Sisterhood, and anything else pertaining to our shul.

In order to keep the ChaiLine coming into your homes without putting a strain on the synagogue budget, we need sponsors. Your donation of \$180 makes you a Special Sponsor, for \$36 you are a regular sponsor, and you can put in a thank you notice for \$18.

Send your contribution to the synagogue office before the next deadline (February 15, 2015) and you will be included in that issue.

Thank you for all contributions, past and present.

Marlene Serkin

Thanks to the Sponsors

Marcy & Gaby Yonaty in memory of our dear friend **Rita Rozen**
Rika & Steven Katz sending Happy Chanukah greetings to all
Chaim Joy & Cathy Velenchik wishing everyone a Happy Chanukah
Marie Werner wishing a Happy Chanukah to all

Mailings

As of January 1, 2015, we expect to go to e-mail for most of our shul mailings. This will save time, paper, postage and money for the shul.

To those of you who did not get around to sending your e-mail address into the shul, please do so as soon as possible.

To those of you who do not have an e-mail address, you will still get mailings. Please give me a phone call (729-3235) and let me know of this situation.

In addition, Rabbi sends out a lot of last minute messages and if we have your e-mail address you can be informed of these happenings.

Currently we expect to continue sending the *ChaiLine* by regular mail for a while.

Thank you for your prompt cooperation in this matter.

Marlene Serkin

Not on our e-mail list?
Send your address to: rabbisilber@stny.rr.com

Mitzvah Fund

Toby Kohn, 754-4297 or tgkohn@stny.rr.com

Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

Mazel Tov to:

Rabbi/Mrs. Ami Adamit on Eitan's becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Elisa Alweis on beginning her studies in Jerusalem
Mr./Mrs. Michael Bobat on their granddaughter's becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Barbara Bank on receiving the Yasher Koach Award for her work on *The Reporter*
Mr./Mrs. Nute Eisenberg on Gadi's marriage to Megan, and on Peretz's engagement to Talia
Mr./Mrs. Mark Budman on their daughter, Elizabeth's engagement
Mr./Mrs. Jeff Feinberg on Isabella's becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Ilene Goldman on her granddaughter becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Susan Hubal on being the 2014 JCC Yearbook Honoree
Mr./Mrs. Myron Klieger, in appreciation
Mr./Mrs. Sy Klionsky on their grandson, Jacob, becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Adele Lerner on beginning her studies in Jerusalem
Rhonda Levine on her outstanding talk at the Shabbat Luncheon
Dick/Lori Lewis on receiving this year's A.M. Pierson Award
Mr./Mrs. Leonard Preston on their 50th wedding anniversary
Merri Pell-Preus on her presentation to Sisterhood
Dr./Mrs. Barry Shaw on Lindsey's marriage to Ari
Avi & Shayna Silber for a great school year
Eliezer Silber on the birth of his nephew, Yair Zion, & on his niece, Michal, becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Judy Silber on always going the extra mile
Rabbi/Mrs. Zev Silber on the birth of grandson, Yair Zion
Rabbi/Mrs. Zev Silber on granddaughter, Michal's becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Rabbi Zev Silber on receiving the Jewish Family Service Award
Coreen Sines on receiving this year's Exceptional Service Award
Rabbi Levi/Hadasa Slonim on the Simcha Bat of their daughter, Zelda Rochel
Lillian Sommer on her twin grandsons becoming Bnei Mitzvah
Sarah Greenberg-Strano for her Ph.D. & new job
Lawrence Wiesner on receiving Hillel's Distinguished Alumni Award
Marcy Yonaty for her beautiful introduction of Shabbat Luncheon speaker, Rhonda Levine
Lillian Zodikoff on receiving the Yasher Koach Award

Refuah Shelemah to:

Florence Aaron Michael Kohn Sam Ladenheim
Jeremy, son of Rhonda Levine Myra Memis

In Memory Of:

Blanche & Harry Polachek Toni & Nathan Eisenberg

Condolences to:

Sima Auerbach on the death of her cousin, Rabbi Moshe Twersky
Rabbi Ami Adamit on the death of his cousin in the Protective Edge campaign
Gary Coleman on the death of his wife, Tzipora Coleman
Jeff Feinberg on the death of his Aunt Freda
Dan Gold on the death of his cousin, Harry Rothenberg
Leonard Preston on the death of his sister-in-law
Barbara Rosenberg on the death of her husband, Irv
Marlene Serkin on the death of her sister, Eleanor
Rabbi Aaron Slonim on the death of his mother, Rebetzin Gittel Leah Slonim
Dr. Mark Walker on the death of his father, Dr. Milton Walker

From the Sisterhood

Our November Paid-Up Membership dinner meeting was a lovely time enjoyed by all who attended. Saba Wiesner and her crew prepared a delicious dinner and Marlene Serkin corralled all the raffle prizes and handed them out to the delight of the winners. Much work goes into the evening but it is most worthwhile to have everyone come together for a time of fun, schmooze and camaraderie.

Our next Sisterhood program will take place December 10th. It is the annual InterSisterhood meeting with Temple Concord and Temple Israel members and will feature a Chinese Auction of Judaica (inexpensive). Dora Polachek and her Temple Concord colleagues have put this project together. InterSisterhood is always a great evening and this promises to be the same. Beth David is hosting this year.

December 17 is the first night of Chanukah. Sam joins me in wishing everyone a very Happy Chanukah and let's light up the world with our Chanukah menorahs!

Claire Ladenheim, Sisterhood President

Donors to Sisterhood Raffle

The following businesses were kind enough to donate gift cards or prizes for the Sisterhood Raffle, held at the Paid-Up meeting:

Barnes & Noble, Leroy Package Store, Olums, Price Rite, Price Chopper, Wegman's, Resciniti Cleaners, Elizabeth Shoes, Wal-Mart, David Weintraub

Please patronize these businesses. Thank you.

Breakfast

**at Beth David Synagogue.
10:10 AM, Sunday, December 21.**

(That is not a misprint. It is 10:10 AM so you won't forget.)
You will be tested. See below.

Beth David Men's Group

R U going to be here ??? R U bringing anyone with you ???
Let me know. Call me (765-3304) and tell me about it. I am a great listener, but, I am not a mind reader.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, scrambled eggs with onions, home fried (actually shul-fried) potatoes, lox, cream cheese, bagels, sliced tomato, sliced onion, fruit, brewed coffee, juice, and a few surprise, secret items, etc.

The secret items r so secret I haven't even told myself what they r. I am going to write them down on a piece of paper and hide the paper. In case I forget what they r, and I can find the piece of paper, I, too, will be surprised. Place your order by Dec 18, or sooner. Arrive early for minyan and join "The Minyanaires". Send or bring \$9/person. So call me 765-3304 and let me know.

If I do not answer, please leave a message.

So call me 765-3304, talk to me, and tell me you will be there. Otherwise, I will worry....You don't like me???..... You don't want to talk to me???.....You're not feeling well???

Always serving: Good food, Good schmooze and general merrymnt.

The test...Without looking back to the top, What time and day is the breakfast???

Who will you call ??? (hint, not *Ghost Busters*.)

Beth David Family

Looking back to our High Holy Days, I commend the numerous people whose efforts brought us joy, insights, and spirituality. From our rabbis to our gabbais...from our seating chairman to our Kiddush mavens...from our flower donators to our Torah *lainers*, (readers) we thank you for bringing us meaningful *hagim* (holidays).

A number of our Beth David Family members received recognition for their volunteer work throughout the community. At our Federation's Annual Meeting, Yasher Koach Awards were presented to: Barbara Bank from The Reporter; Lillian Zodikoff from Beth David Synagogue; Susan Hubal from the JCC; and Rabbi Zev Silber from Jewish Family Service. The JCC dedicated its Jewish Community Yearbook to Susan Hubal for her years of tireless effort for the betterment of our community. Mike Wright was recognized as a Super Lawyer of the year. To each of you we say *Kol Hakavod!*

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Zev and Judy Silber on the birth of a grandson, Yair Zion, son of Avital and Eli Weissman of Long Island. The timing of his birth couldn't have been better, as it allowed the Silbers to attend the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Michal, daughter of Sarah and Bruce Feder of Staten Island, a few days later. Ilene Goldman recently kvelled at two family simchas. Jasmine, daughter of Shelley and Johnny Black of Albany, celebrated her becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and two weeks later in West Orange, NJ. Ilene's grandson Seth was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. He's the son of Andra and Craig Goldman.

The Silbers were thrilled to spend time with their granddaughters Tehilla and Yafit, who flew in from Israel to attend a family Bat Mitzvah. Their dad, Michael Schachter, accompanied them while their mother, Esther Silber, kept the home fires burning. Gilad and Batsheva Adamit visited from Israel with their son, Lavie. Those of us in shul kvelled at the sight of the three Adamit boys, Gilad, Achi, and Ayal, standing side-by-side during davening. Their parents, Rabbi Ami and Sarah Lynn Adamit, beamed with pride.

Refuah Shelema to Miriam Alweis, Michael Kohn, and Sam Ladenheim. With sadness I note the passing of Eleanor Bernstein, sister of Marlene Serkin and aunt of David Serkin. We recall seeing Eleanor in shul on her annual visits and remember her friendly manner. May the Serkin family find comfort among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

As we kindle the Chanukah menorah may we remember the small band of Israelites who fought their way to freedom in days of yore, and may we pray for our small band of today's Israelites that they may have peace.

Meryl Sasnowitz

PLANNING AN EVENT AT BETH DAVID?

Please schedule your use of the kitchen with Hadassah Gold (772-8410). Submit any plans, table setups, etc. to the shul office 2 weeks prior to the event. Our maintenance staff cannot accommodate your needs without being able to schedule daily tasks. Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Thank You

Thank you for the expressions of condolence, foods, donations to the synagogue, Mitzvah Fund, and Shul Beautiful Fund and all the kindness exhibited by our Beth David Family on the death of my beloved sister, Eleanor Bernstein. - *Marlene Serkin*

I'd like to thank everyone for their good wishes after my two shoulder surgeries, I really appreciate the support. - *Michael Kohn*

Thank you for all the good wishes on my receiving a Yasher Koach award from the Jewish Federation and for my medical procedure.- *Lillian Zodikoff*

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Saba Wiesner in memory of Eleanor Bernstein, sister of Marlene Serkin
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Susan & Charles Gilinsky in honor of Charles Manasse

Shul Beautiful to:

Barbara Rosenberg & Family in memory of dear husband & father, Irv, from Meryl & Harold Sasnowitz

Marlene Serkin in memory of her sister, Eleanor, from Judy & Irwin Simon
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Marlene Serkin in memory of her sister, Eleanor, from Claire & Sam Ladenheim

Marlene Serkin in memory of her sister, Eleanor, from Ann Brilliant
Marlene Serkin in memory of her sister, Eleanor, from Lillian Zodikoff

Rabbi & Mrs. Zev Silber in honor of the birth of grandson, Yair Zion, from Ann Brilliant

Rabbi & Mrs. Zev Silber in honor of granddaughter, Michal, becoming a Bat Mitzvah, from Ann Brilliant

Rabbi & Mrs. Zev Silber in honor of the birth of grandson, Yair Zion, from Ruth Goldstein

Rabbi & Mrs. Zev Silber in honor of granddaughter, Michal, becoming a Bat Mitzvah, from Ruth Goldstein

Shabbat Luncheon Fund

Sima & Neil Auerbach

High Holiday Kiddush Thanks

With Chanukah just around the corner, it is hard to remember back to the High Holidays, but this is my first opportunity to publicly thank all those who helped make our holiday kiddushim so enjoyable. The Congregation, Sisterhood and I want to thank all those who shopped, donated food, prepared, set up and cleaned up after any Kiddush.

Particular thanks go to the following volunteers:

Ruth Bushman	Valerie Preston	Melanie Tuberman
Ruth Goldstein	Meryl Sasnowitz	Samantha Tuberman
Susan Hubal	Marlene Serkin	Saba Wiesner
Toby Kohn	Judy Silber	Susan Wright
Rhonda Levine	Lillian Sommer	Marcy Yonaty

Apologies to anyone whose name may have been left off the list. There were many who though not officially scheduled, pitched in and helped whenever needed, including spouses, and children.

As always, our biggest thanks go to Marlene Serkin for doing most of the shopping and menu planning, and for guiding the rest of us through our duties.

Thanks also to Paula Rubin for her help and guidance.

We are grateful to Sheldon and Ahren Edison for donating the herring, and to Dr. Charles and Paula Rubin for donating the kichel.

Many thanks to all.

Cathy Velenchik