

# November-March Minyan Times

## Mornings (times constant)\*

Sunday.....	8:30 am	Friday, January 14.....	4:40 pm
Monday – Friday.....	6:40 am	Shabbat, January 15.....	4:25 pm
*Except November 25, 26:.....	8:30 am	Sunday, January 16.....	4:45 pm
*Except December 7, 8; January 6; February 4; March 7.....	6:30 am	Friday, January 21.....	4:50 pm
Shabbat.....	9:00 am	Shabbat, January 22.....	4:35 pm

## Evenings (times constant)\*

Monday- Thursday.....	7:00 pm	Sunday, January 23.....	4:55 pm
*Except November 25: see below		Friday, January 28.....	4:50 pm
		Shabbat, January 29.....	4:45 pm
		Sunday, January 30.....	5:00 pm

## Evenings (times vary)

Sunday, November 21.....	4:25 pm	Friday, February 4.....	5:05 pm
Thursday- Friday, November 25-26.....	4:20 pm	Shabbat, February 5.....	4:55 pm
Shabbat, November 27.....	4:05 pm	Sunday, February 6.....	5:10 pm
Sunday, November 28.....	4:20 pm	Friday, February 11.....	5:15 pm
Friday, December 3, 10.....	4:15 pm	Shabbat, February 12.....	5:00 pm
Shabbat, December 4, 11.....	4:00 pm	Sunday, February 13.....	5:20 pm
Shabbat, December 5, 12.....	4:15 pm	Friday, February 18.....	5:25 pm
Friday, Shabbat, December 17-18.....	4:05 pm	Shabbat, February 19.....	5:10 pm
Sunday, December 19.....	4:20 pm	Sunday, February 20.....	5:25 pm
Friday, December 24.....	4:20 pm	Friday, February 25.....	5:30 pm
Shabbat, December 25.....	4:05 pm	Shabbat, February 26.....	5:20 pm
Sunday, December 26.....	4:25 pm	Sunday, February 27.....	5:35 pm
Sunday, December 31.....	4:25 pm	Friday, March 4.....	5:40 pm
Shabbat, January 1.....	4:10 pm	Shabbat, March 5.....	5:30 pm
Sunday, January 2.....	4:30 pm	Sunday, March 6.....	5:45 pm
Friday, January 7.....	4:30 pm	Friday, March 11.....	5:50 pm
Shabbat, January 8.....	4:20 pm	Shabbat, March 12.....	5:35 pm
Sunday, January 9.....	4:35 pm	Sunday, March 13.....	6:50 pm

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### From the Rabbi

There is no nation in the world that uses so much light like our nation. Our belief draws light all the time, during the year, in happiness and in sorrow. Since the first menorah that God commanded us to place in the *Mishkan* until now, in every synagogue there is a *Ner Tamid* (Eternal Light) lit non-stop, day and night. All year round when Jews pray, they need a candle to burn, like it was in the Temple.

In every Jewish home you enter the Shabbat and the holiday by lighting candles. Immediately when Shabbat is over, we light the Havdalah candle. On the holiest day -- Yom Kippur -- we light a *Neshama* candle. At weddings the groom and bride hold candles on the way to the *Chuppa*.

The night before Pesach we hold a candle in order to search for the *Chametz*. We light candles on the *yahrzeit* in memory of our beloved that are not with us physically but we believe the *Neshama* is still within our hearts and in our conscience.

We light a candle at the Shiva; and we light a candle four times a year for the Yizkor. The *neshama* of a person is like a candle. Our spirit is like the flame and our body is like the wick with the wax. God gives us the spark called *Chaim* and we use it as long as our body holds itself together until the wick and the wax are consumed. Although, the candle light extinguishes but the *Neshama* still resides even after the person passes.

During the year, a Jew consumes a lot of candles, but when Chanukah comes we really need a candle factory! For eight days we must light the menorah and by the end of Chanukah we have lit 44 candles. This is the real *Chag Urim* -- the holiday of lights. Let's keep the lights going in order chase away the darkness and maintain our place in the world as a light among the nations.

Happy Chanukah!

~ Rabbi Zev Silber

### Give Double Chai

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Chanukah and remind you of how easy it is to be a sponsor of the *ChaiLine*.

Just send the appropriate donation, accompanied by your message, to the shul office, or to me, before the next deadline (February 27, 2011) and you will be included. The cost of **Special Sponsorship** is \$180.00; regular sponsorship is \$36.00, and a thank you is \$18.00.

I am hoping to hear from you.

~ Marlene Serkin

### From the President

Financial difficulty is always a topic at Beth David as it is in many shuls across the country. Our board works hard to stretch every dollar that comes in so that our budget is as lean as we can possible afford to make it and not disrupt what we have all come to expect from Beth David.

The other issue that is ongoing and as important or even more so, is that we do not have enough people that participate in everyday prayer or Shabbat services. Most often when I come in on Shabbos there are few people in attendance and services had to start late because there were not enough men for the minyan. Especially when Fall comes and many people have left for Florida we have come to accept that not much can be done.

Last Shabbos I came to shul in hopes that we would have a better attendance because there was a speaker and luncheon. My surprise was that the attendance was very good, we had over 50 people and only one family from out of town; it was apparent that everyone had a very nice time, enjoyed the company, the speaker and the lunch and stayed till 2:00 o'clock. Now what I need to figure out is why we cannot have this every Saturday, getting together as a larger group would certainly give us a feeling of thriving which can be empowering in itself and we have a lovely kiddush after services. Give it a chance, come to shul on Shabbos and make a difference.

In a short while it will be Chanukah, such a beautiful Holiday, I send you all greetings for a very Happy Holiday.

~ Saba Wiesner, President

## Thanks to the Sponsors

Marcy & Gaby Yonaty in memory of our dear friend, **Rita Rozen**

Cathy Velenchik & Chaim Joy in honor of our anniversary

## .....Thank you.....

Thank you to all for the good wishes on my recent surgery.

~ Ilene Goldman

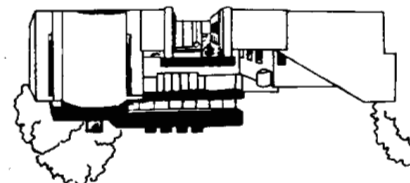
I would like to thank the men of the minyan for all their help and everyone for their kind words of comfort in memory of my brother, David.

~ Lillian Zodikoff

## CHANUKAH ISSUE



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# Beth David Cemetary

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There are different rates for members and non-members, plus the Rabbi's fee. All questions concerning who is eligible for burial should be addressed to the Rabbi. Questions concerning buying a gravesite or the current rates should be addressed to me, Steven R. Feuer.

The DeMunn Funeral Home on Conklin Ave., Parsons, on Main St. and Hopler and Eschback Funeral Home on Chenango St., recently taken over by Kurt Eschback are all recommended by me.

I usually do not advise people to lock themselves in with a cash deposit for pre-payment of a funeral, because so much could change and you are locking your dependents into using that home. Beside, the pre-payment is just for the basic needs, it does not include most of the extras, like limos, or the casket. These as well as other extras depend upon the market price at that time.

A very important item to remember is that if a death occurs far from home, the funeral home in the area where the person is to be buried should be contacted. Do not call the funeral home where the death occurs to arrange shipment of the body back to the hometown. You will pay through the nose for that service.

Beth David Synagogue also requires the ritual washing and clothing of the body. If not done by the Beth David Chevra Kadisha, the Rabbi has to approve it. The usual practice is to do the Tahara right before the burial.

For administrative questions, please call me, Steven R. Feuer, at 607-754-7958, or 607-761-3959. I use my middle initial because Steven Feuer, from the Oneonta synagogue, is also in charge of his synagogue cemetery.

~ Steven R. Feuer

## Men's Club

The Beth David Men's Club next Breakfast will be held on Sunday Dec. 5, 2010. Join us for minyan at 8:30 followed by breakfast shortly after, at about 9:15 am.

Because it will be Chanukah, Rabbi Adamit suggested we have latkes in addition to our scrambled eggs, lox and bagels. I would like that also. Not sure yet whether to go the easy way with "store bought" or make the "real deal" from scratch. Because I rarely do things the easy way, and because I prefer fresh made with real ingredients, I want to do the "real deal." Any assistance would be appreciated and if there is a basic recipe and cooking tips, you know like your grandmother used to make, that you would be willing to share, it would also be appreciated.

I will have apple sauce and sour cream for toppings. Good people, good food, great conversation. Please let me know if you can make it as it makes it easier to buy the groceries, but I will buy a few extra potatoes just in case and we'll make a little extra coffee.

I hope you can be there,  
Charlie Manasse

**E Mail Address Please** : If you have not already done so, please call in your E Mail address to the synagogue office, 722-1793, or send the address to bethdavid@stny.rr.com

# Kiddush Thank You

I want to thank everyone who helped with the High Holiday food preparation, especially Marlene Serkin, who has to receive the shopper of the year award, and Miriam Alweis who once again stepped up to the plate to help with shopping and organization.

Special thanks to Dora Feuer who provided the menu for the Shmini Atzeret Kiddush even though she couldn't physically help with preparation.

Thanks to all who helped with Kiddush, lunch for the children, and Break-the-Fast; Elisa Alweis, Adele Lerner, Melanie Tuberman, Susan Hubal, Susan Wright, Gloria Lees (Marlene's sister), Marcy Yonaty, Sarah Lynn Adamit, Cathy Velenchik, Valerie Preston, Nomi Shnoor, Toby Kohn, Ruth Buschman, Lillian Zodikoff, Lilly Wolf, Judy Silber, Gina Glasman, Jacqueline Karp, Meryl Sasnowitz, and Claire Ladenheim. I am truly sorry if I omitted anyone who helped.

Last, but not least, to everyone who pitched in – we couldn't have done it without you. Volunteers like you make Beth David the wonderful place that it is. May your Chanukah menorahs glow with warmth and gratitude for a job well done.

Happy Chanukah.

~ Paula Rubin

## Tzedekah Boxes

Beth David Tzedekah boxes are available for one and all. Please call Meryl Sasnowitz (797-5458) and she will see that you receive one. When your box is ready to be emptied, you can call Meryl or bring it into the shul office. A receipt will be issued for the amount in the box.

## Mitzvah Fund

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

Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing-

### Mazel Tov to:

Aaron Alweis for all he does for High Holiday services and all other services  
Marilyn Bell for receiving the Federation *Yasher Koach* Award  
Susan & Charles Gilinsky on being honored in the Jewish Community Center Yearbook  
Lynne Greene on her new grandson  
Carole & Sy Klionsky on their new granddaughter  
Marlene Serkin for receiving the Federation *Yasher Koach* Award  
Rita Shawn for receiving the Federation *Yasher Koach* Award  
Judy Simon for receiving the Federation *Yasher Koach* Award  
Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber on their new grandson  
Rabbi Aaron & Rivky Slonim on their new grandson  
Rabbi Levi & Hadasa Slonim on their new son  
Lori Tuberman on preparing the Sisterhood opening dinner  
Marcy & Gabi Yonaty on their new granddaughter  
Doris Zolty on her 90th birthday

### Refuah Shelemah to:

Susan Gilinsky  
Ilene Goldman  
Judy Simon

Hadassah Gold  
Gloria Lees

### Condolences to:

Lillian Zodikoff in memory of her brother, David

# Beth David Family

As a yom tov rewind, I note that Arieh Ullmann spent Rosh Hashanah with his daughter Rhoda in Mexico, where she was working on a temporary assignment. Claire and Samuel Ladenheim enjoyed Sukkot in Philadelphia with their children and grandchildren, and Susan and Michael Wright joined their children Davida and Gavin Leibowitz in Toronto to spend Simchat Torah with them and the grandchildren.

The Jewish Federation's Annual Meeting brought recognition to several of our community focused shul members. *Yasher Koach* Awards were presented to: Marilyn Bell for her steadfast work on behalf of Hadassah, Marlene Serkin for her devotion to both Beth David and Chabad, Judy Simon for her services with the Jewish Family Service, and Rita Shawn for her continuous volunteerism for the Federation. *Kol Hakavod* (congratulations) to all four women!

I love to report the birth of babies to our *kehilla*. Grandmother Lillian Sommer visited Kohav Hashahar soon after the birth of a girl, Sarah Menucha, to Rachel and Avi Nadel. Marcy and Gaby Yonaty journeyed to Buffalo to bond with their latest granddaughter, Talia Danielle, daughter of Kim and Stephen Yonaty. Bubbe and Zadie Rivky and Aaron Slonim didn't have far to travel to *shep nachas* from their latest grandchild, Avraham Shmuel, born here in Vestal to parents Hadasa and Levi Slonim. Judy and Rabbi Zev Silber *kveled* at the *brit* of their newest grandson, Yehuda Amitai, born to Avital and Eli Weissman of Plainview. Marion and Norman Rudin welcomed two great-grandchildren into their family: a boy, Yitzchak, to Rivky and Eli Berkowitz, and a girl, Danielle Malka, to Ahuva and Shlomo Berkowitz. Jackie and Mark Berkowitz are the proud grandparents. Maish and Barbara Rozen of Juno, FL, reported the birth of their ninth great-grandchild. May each of the babies grow to bar/bat mitzvah, to *chuppah*, and to 120 in good health!

Rochel and Shneur Zalman Chein *shepped nachas* at the *upshearinish* of their son, Mendel, amidst family and friends at their Westside Chabad home. Sarah Aliza, daughter of Debbie and Hal Rudin of Passaic, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah this fall. Sue Feuerstein and Louie Rudin happily announced the engagement of their daughter Ariella to Charlie Borgan of Long Island. Mazel Tov on both the Bat Mitzvah and the engagement to Grand/ Great grandparents Marion and Norman Rudin, whose car goes on auto pilot to family *simchas* in New Jersey and Monsey.

Refuah Shelema to Hadassah Gold, Susan Gilinsky, and Judy Simon.

With sadness I note the passing of David Zodikoff, the brother of Lillian Zodikoff. May Lillian and the entire Zodikoff family find comfort among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Remember to keep me informed of your family's activities so I can share them with our membership. Reach me at 797-5458 or msasnowitz@stny.rr.com.

The temperature hovering around 60 can't fool us Binghamtonians, for we know the long nights and fallen leaves are precursors of what's to come when winter weather arrives. Although the temperature will drop, we'll find warmth in the glow of our Chanukah lights. As we celebrate the holiday with family and friends, let us all remember how a small band of fighters succeeded in the name of *Hashem*, and let us pray that our small nation of Israel achieves everlasting peace.

~ Meryl Sasnowitz

# Sisterhood

In keeping with this year's theme "Nurturing yourself spiritually, physically and emotionally," our amazing Program Committee has already come up with two programs that have been a perfect fit. The Paid-Up Membership dinner, conceived and prepared by Lori Tuberman, was a delicious Syrian feast which truly nurtured us with food for the body.

For our November meeting, Rochel Chein, nourished us with food for the soul with her insights on bringing spirituality into our busy lives. Our December Inter-Sisterhood meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, will be nurturing us emotionally with fun and laughter. Dora Polachek, our coordinator, is working with Meryl Sasnowitz on a special program of games, songs and what else? Food. Please do join us on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 pm.

By the time this article reaches you we will have had another rummage sale. Marlene Serkin and her crew of volunteers will have worked very hard to make this, our biggest fundraiser, a success. Many thanks to her and all the dedicated volunteers.

To you and yours, Sam and I wish a very Happy Chanukah. May the glowing flames of the candles illuminate the world and send the message of peace to all the nations.

~ Claire Ladenheim, Sisterhood President

## Contributions

### General Fund from:

Saba & Michael Wiesner in honor of Barry Newman becoming president of Chabad House  
Saba & Michael Wiesner in honor of the birth of Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber's grandson Julie & Alan Piaker in honor of the birth of Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber's grandson  
Samuel & Leslie Levene in honor of Doris Zolty's 90th birthday  
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Shirley Fein in honor of Marlene Serkin receiving the Federation *Yasher Koach* Award

### In Memory of:

Eleanor Kur by Elaine & Terry Bollinger  
David Zodikoff by Saba & Michael Wiesner  
David Zodikoff by Maria & Robert Kutz  
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### Refuah Shelemah to:

Hadassah Gold from Saba & Michael Wiesner

### Shul Beautiful to:

Claire Ladenheim -- Thank you for all that you do for the shul from Merri Pell-Preus  
Ilene Goldman -- Get well soon  
Susan Gilinsky -- Get well soon  
Aaron Alweis -- Thank you for all that you contribute to High Holiday services, and to all services.  
Susan & Charles Gilinsky -- Mazel Tov on being honored in the Jewish Community Center Yearbook.

### ChaiLine:

#### Mazel Tov to:

Rabbi & Judy Silber in honor of the birth of their grandson -- from Arieh Ullmann  
Marcy & Gaby Yonaty in honor of the birth of their granddaughter from Arieh Ullmann  
Marlene Serkin for receiving the Federation's *Yasher Koach* award from Arieh Ullmann