

# July-August Minyan Times

## Mornings (times constant)\*

Sunday .....	8:30 am	Shabbat, August 21.....	7:30 pm
Monday – Friday .....	6:40 am	Sunday-Thursday, August 22-26.....	7:35 pm
*Except July 12, August 10, 11 .....	6:30 am	Shabbat, August 28.....	7:15 pm
*Except July 5, September 6.....	8:30 am	Sunday-Thursday, August 29-September 2.....	7:20 pm
Shabbat .....	9:00 am	Shabbat, September 4.....	7:05 pm

## Evenings (times constant)

Friday (until September 11).....7:15 pm

## Evenings (times vary)

Shabbat, July 3-10 .....	8:15 pm
Sunday-Thursday, July 4-15.....	8:25 pm
Shabbat, July 17.....	8:10 pm
Sunday, July 18.....	8:20 pm
Monday, July 19, <b>Mincha</b> .....	<b>6:15 pm</b>
<b>Fast begins</b> .....	<b>8:36 pm</b>
<b>Ma'ariv and Eicha</b> .....	<b>9:15 pm</b>
Tuesday, July 20 .....	<b>8:05 pm</b>
<b>Fast ends</b> .....	<b>9:17 pm</b>
Wednesday-Thursday, July 21-22.....	8:20 pm
Shabbat, July 24.....	8:05 pm
Sunday-Tuesday, July 25-29.....	8:10 pm
Shabbat, July 31.....	7:55 pm
Sunday-Thursday, August 1-5.....	8:05 pm
Shabbat, August 7.....	7:50 pm
Shabbat, August 8-12.....	7:55 pm
Shabbat, August 14.....	7:40 pm
Sunday-Thursday, August 15-19.....	7:45 pm

Shabbat, August 21.....	7:30 pm
Sunday-Thursday, August 22-26.....	7:35 pm
Shabbat, August 28.....	7:15 pm
Sunday-Thursday, August 29-September 2.....	7:20 pm
Shabbat, September 4.....	7:05 pm

## Tish'a B'Av Schedule

Monday, July 19	Mincha	6:15 pm
	<b>Fast begins</b>	<b>8:36 pm</b>
	Ma'ariv and Eicha	9:15 pm
Tuesday, July 20	Shacharit and <i>kinot</i>	6:40 am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	8:05 pm
	<b>Fast ends</b>	<b>9:17 pm</b>

### SPECIAL PROGRAMMING ALL AFTERNOON TUESDAY, JULY 20

Subject to changes, which will be distributed by e-mail prior to Tish'a B'Av. For information and latest schedule, contact Rabbi Silber at rabbisilber@stny.rr.com

5:00 PM – Building Our Homes and Building the Temple. Presenter: Rabbi Lawrence Hajioff (Faculty, Stern College for Women, Yeshiva University)  
Sponsored by Yeshiva University Center for the Jewish Future

5:45 PM – The Tragedy of the Second Temple – The importance of treating all Jews with respect and love, as a precursor to the redemption. Presenter: Rabbi Kenneth Brander (David Mitzner Dean, Yeshiva University Center for the Jewish Future)

6:30 PM – Emunah: Our One Safe Harbor. Presenters: Rabbis Jonathan Rietti and Zev Leff  
Sponsored by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation

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## From the Rabbi

The summer months play a unique sociological role that affects people's behavior. We want to take in the outdoors, enjoying the warmth and sun after a long period of cold and rain. Schools close, children change routines by attending camps, families plan vacation and travel, grandparents want to host or visit their grandchildren who are not busy with school. Overall, we act as if this is the time that there are little expectations from us, and we can wait until the fall to worry about serious stuff.

But the world does not stop because it is summer. Oil continues to leak into the Gulf of Mexico, and pristine coastlines continue to be polluted. Floods and soon hurricanes threaten and people need to handle the emergencies, even during the summer. Wars continue and ethnic cleansing in Europe that no one seems to protest, plague the world even during the summer. International solidarity is demonstrated by the determination to keep sending flotillas to Gaza with the hope that Israel will end its blockade so that more weapons with even greater potency can be shipped to Hamas unabated, and used in the acceptable cause of killing Jews and annihilating the Jewish state.

Annihilation of the Jewish state is one of those things that we remember each summer. The beautiful weather didn't prevent the Babylonians, and hundreds of years later the Romans, from attacking us and destroying the Beit Hamikdash. The warmth and good feelings that summer provides does not encourage Hamas to release Gilad Shalit from captivity, does not prevent terrorists from heating the air even more by shooting rockets at Israeli towns and citizens, and will not prevent further attempts to harm the Jewish people.

During this season we must continue our activism on behalf of Israel and Jews everywhere. Our activism is not limited to the public arena; it must also include our religious observances. Tish'a B'Av doesn't come at a convenient time. We are busy, traveling, barbecuing – who has time to mourn, let alone come to shul late at night to sit on the floor in the dark, reading a mournful megillah and reciting mournful dirges. Getting up early in the morning just for mourning doesn't fit into our summer schedules.

Yet, if we desire to repair and rebuild after the great calamities of the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash, we must make room for these commemorations. The rabbis teach us that *kol hamitabel al Yerushalayim zoche v'roeh et binana – whoever mourns over the destruction of Jerusalem will merit to witness it being rebuilt.*

Many have mourned in the past, and we have not yet experienced Jerusalem's return to its grandeur. Jerusalem remains threatened even during the summer. The goal of the Arab nations is specifically to remove Jewish presence from Jerusalem. Why has God not fulfilled His promise?

The answer is reflected in the first word of the statement quoted above – *kol*, which means "all." When all of us will take some time out of the summer to mourn over the destruction of Jerusalem, then we will merit seeing it reestablished in all its beauty. It is not enough to have just a few people in shul participating on Tish'a B'Av – we ALL need to be there.

Please join us for this important observance and we will merit to witness – *Jerusalem, Keep It One, Keep It Ours!*

-Rabbi Zev Silber

## From the President

I am happy to tell you that Shirley Lash, our secretary, is back and doing very well after her surgery; we are all very happy to have her working again. Her summer hours will be Tuesday 9 to 4, Wednesday 9 to 1 and Friday 9 to 4. There is an hour lunch break on the Tuesday and Friday from 12 to 1.

Mazel Tov to our Rabbis for a new three year contact, It has been a pleasure to work with them for all the years that I have been president and I am looking forward to new experiences for the future.

I have many people to thank for all the work that they do for our shul. First I want to thank Marlene Serkin and Meryl Sasnowitz for the many hours of working in the office when Shirley was away; how fortunate we are to have such dedicated people. Thanks to Dan Gold and Charlie Manasse for fixing anything that is broken including the hours of work on the Eruv. It is a tedious job that needs attention on a weekly basis.

At our last meeting we voted in to have a new student category for membership. Please call the shul if you are interested in becoming a member during the years at college. We are also going to revive our Men's Club so all interested men please call me to join up.

I wish you all a very happy summer.

~ Saba Wiesner, President

## Give DoubleChai

I hope you are all enjoying your summer.

It is time to start thinking about the coming year and all that it encompasses in relation to our shul. Beth David needs you. You are needed to help with the monthly luncheons, with the Shul calendar, minyanim, and with Shabbat kiddushim, among other items.

We are also looking for sponsors for the *ChaiLine*. Remember, for a minimum donation of \$36.00 you can be a double *Chai* sponsor; for ten times *Chai* you are a **Special Sponsor**. You can be a sponsor for almost any reason; to celebrate a simcha, to acknowledge a kindness, to commemorate a *Yahartzzeit*, or just because you want to be a sponsor. For a minimum donation of \$18.00 you can also put a thank you message in the *ChaiLine*.

If you wish to be a sponsor, send your donation to the Shul before the next deadline (August 22, 2010) with a note stating your wishes.

Thank you to our past and present sponsors and in advance to our future sponsors.

~Marlene Serkin

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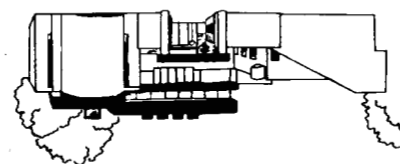
In honor of the birth of **Noam Robert Yehuda**, son of **Tova and Yair Yehuda**, grandson of Paul Serkin, and great grandson of **Marlene Serkin**.

## Special Sponsor

**Cathy Velenchik** and **Chaim Joy** in memory of Chaim's parents **Robert and Nancy Joy** and Cathy's grandparents **Bela and Terez Weintraub**.

Tish'a B'Av  
Tuesday, July 20  
Fast Day

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Rabbi Zalman & Mrs. Rochel Chein in honor of the birth of daughter, Chaya Mushka  
Susan Choi in honor of son, Gil's, graduation from Johnson City HS  
Jerry & Elaine Cohen in honor of son, Daniel's, graduation from Binghamton HS  
Rabbi Stevie Eisenberg, in honor of his receiving his PhD from Yeshiva University  
Debbie Greenberg-Strano & Joe Strano in honor of daughter, Marisa's graduation  
Toni Grekin in appreciation for all of her hard work on Shnay Veiss  
Ruth Groh in gratitude for her homecoming  
Ruth & Bob Groh in honor of granddaughter, Orli's, graduation from Brandeis University  
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Mr. & Mrs. Sam Ladenheim in honor of granddaughter, Lena's, graduation from Akiba Hebrew Academy  
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Annette & Barry Shaw in honor of daughter, Natalie's engagement  
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Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary  
Rabbi Aaron Slonim & Rivkah Slonim in honor of their son, Yisroel becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
Lori Tuberman, in appreciation of her opening her lovely home to the Sisterhood Donor Event  
Saba Wiesner in appreciation for her dedication to Beth David Synagogue  
Cathy Velenchik in appreciation for help with Shavuos lunch  
Herman & Lilly Wolf in honor of granddaughter, Elisa's graduation from Hillel Academy  
Michael & Susan Wright in honor of their receiving this year's Jack & Mary Ferber Memorial Award  
Michael & Susan Wright in honor of their daughter, Natania's receiving her PhD from Yeshiva University

## Refuah Shelemah to:

Hadassah Gold      Ruth Groh      Claire Ladenheim

Shirley Lash      Joel Thirer      Harold Sasnowitz  
Grandson of Neil & Sima Auerbach

## Condolences to:

Susan Anker in memory of her husband, Bernard  
Rosalyn Antoun in memory of her husband, Richard  
Steve Feuer in memory of his mother, Bella  
Elliot Marcus in memory of his father, Michael  
Larry Shorr in memory of his father, Max  
Mark Sommer in memory of his mother, Harriet

# Sisterhood

Another Sisterhood season has come to a close and this one ended with a flourish. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the closing dinner, but from all the reports I received, it was a fabulous affair, both in a culinary and artistic way. Kudos to Rivky Slonim who was in charge and prepared the meal.

We are planning a Rummage sale on August 1, 2, and 3. Please call Marlene to volunteer your time and services to ensure the success of this sale.

Again, I cannot say thank you enough to the members of my board, their committees and all you wonderful women who are always there to help. You are a true Sisterhood. I'm looking forward to next year's interesting times, programs and more Sisterhood warmth and friendship. Have a great summer!

Claire Ladenheim, Sisterhood President

## Rummage Sale

A rummage (recycle) sale is planned for Sunday-Tuesday, August 1-3. Set up will be Sunday morning, August 1, starting at 8:30. Help will be needed and I would appreciate it if you call me to volunteer. My number is 729-3235.

Rummage sales are the main fund raising activity of Sisterhood. Our customers tell us they look forward to our sales; some of them have been coming for over 30 years and I like to think of them as our friends, not just customers. Thank you,  
Marlene Serkin

## Rummage (Recycle) Sale Report

Thanks again to all of you who donated merchandise and/or volunteered your time to help out at the rummage sale held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday May 2, 3, and 4, 2010.

Set up was done on Sunday morning, starting at 8:30 am. Our volunteers were so efficient that we finished before 10:00 am Thanks go to Shirley Lash and her son-in-law, Gene Shoemaker, who came in after Shabbat and emptied the rummage room.

A million thanks to the following for helping set up, clean up and working at the sale, we couldn't do it without you:

Judy Silber      Valerie Preston      Marilyn Bell  
Lillian Sommer      Claire Ladenheim      Marcia Sutter  
Marie Werner      Toby & Harold Kohn      Kathy Velenchik  
Lillian Zodikoff      Merly Sasnowitz      Marti Klionsky  
Sandy Boysick      Susan & Michael Wright

Thank you, also, to Nancy Nagel and Inna Meacham, customers, who came in and helped us set up.

Marlene Serkin, Rummage Sale Chairwoman

# Beth David Family

Our youth certainly gives us much to *kvell* (gush with pride) about. Ayal Adamit, son of Sarah Lynn and Rabbi Ami Adamit and a recent Binghamton High School graduate, was presented with two awards for scholastic achievement, good character, and citizenship at the school's honor ceremony. Elisa Alweis, a recent Hillel Academy graduate, was awarded Third Place in the Seventh Annual Jewish Heritage Contest sponsored by Torah Atlanta, for her entry in the Research Category: "Anti-Semitism in America: Early 1900s to Pre-WWII". Entries were received from around the world. Michael Alweis was the recipient of the University of Pittsburgh Chancellor's Award which grants him free tuition and free room and board for his four years of college, plus money towards books and study abroad. Elisa and Michael are the children of Miriam and Aaron Alweis and the grandchildren of Lilly and Herman Wolf. Michael Schatz, who graduated with his brother David, was the salutatorian at the Vestal High School graduation. Mazel Tov to them and their parents Phyllis and Marshal Shatz.

At the recent NCSY convention our Binghamton Chapter made a great showing: Ayal Adamit received the Pamela Rudin Memorial Award for Leadership, Danny Cohen received a Torah Award, and our advisors, Nate and Noah won the Chapter Advisors of the Year Award. Nice work boys.

*Kol hakavod* (with all honor) to Harold Sasnowitz, who was recently awarded status as a Certified Financial Planner™. Rabbi David Serkin, son of Marlene Serkin, was appointed the Carmel School Head of Elementary and Pre-school. The school is located in Hong Kong. Marlene now has two sons spanning the globe.

Mazal Tov to Tova Serkin and Yair Yehuda, on the birth of a boy, Noah Robert, in Herzliya, Israel. The joy-filled grandfather is Paul Serkin and the great grandmother is Marlene Serkin. The same day the Serkin baby was born in Israel, our Binghamton Chein family welcomed a girl, Chaya Mushka. We all *kvelled* as the baby was named at services on her birth day, Shavout. Mazel Tov to Rochel and Shneur Zalman Chein and the family! May the babies reach Bat/Bar Mitzvah, *chuppah*, (marriage canopy) and 120 in good health!

Harold and I had the z'chus (merit) to share the NYC simcha of our granddaughter Ester Bryna Tuchman as she became a Bat Mitzvah. Her parents Leslie and Michael Tuchman and her siblings rejoiced in her honor. Gedalia Zemel, son of Leon and Hadara Sacher Zemel of Westchester, grandson of Ruth and Ed Sacher of Montreal, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in May.

Susan and Michael Wright received the Mary and Jack Ferber Memorial Award at our Beth David Annual Dinner for their overall commitment to our shul. All four of their children attended the gala event: Kerry Wright, Davida and Gavin Lebowitz with grandchildren Ephraim, Ahuva, and Yochanan, Natanya Wright, and Jeremy and Marissa Wright. *Yasher Koach* (may your strength be firm) to the entire family.

With sadness I note the passing of Lily Stern, the mother of Marion Morell, Bella Feuer, the mother of Steven Feuer, and Etti Vitner of Ashdod, the sister of Lilly Wolf. May Marion and Shmuel Morell, Dora and Steven Feuer, and Lilly and Herman Wolf and their families find comfort among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

*Refuah shelemah* to Ann Brilliant, Ruth Groh, Claire Ladenheim, Harold Sasnowitz, Chaya Mushka Slonim, and Roz Wiesel.

We've entered a pivotal time in the Jewish nation's history, the three weeks leading to Tish'a B'Av and the destruction of our holy Temples. It's a crucial time to mourn and remember what was lost; yet, we also know it's followed by Shabbat Nachamu, a time of hope, a time of comfort and of commitment to rebuilding. Although our shul numbers have diminished, we

should continue in the spirit of Beth David by attending services, supporting our shul functions, and offering to lend a hand. May we also remain positive in our speech and in our prayers for the benefit of *erezt Yisrael*.

# Our Graduates

Mazel Tov to the following graduates and their families:

Ayal Adamit – Binghamton High School  
Elisa Alweis – Hillel Academy  
Gil Choi – Johnson City High School  
Daniel Cohen – Binghamton High School  
Cara Miller – Pre-school  
Caroline Preus – Cornell University  
Nathan Ruchames – University of Rhode Island  
Michael and David Schatz – Vestal High School  
Natania Wright – PhD from Yeshiva University

If I missed a member of the Beth David Family who is a recent graduate, please accept my apology and my congratulations.

# The Month of Elul

**The month of Elul:** A month before Rosh Hashanah, this year Wednesday, August 11, we begin preparing for the Day of Judgment. We blow the *shofar* each weekday morning, with the exception of Erev Rosh Hashanah, and add Psalm 27 into our prayers each morning and evening, in order to begin awakening within us feelings of repentance.

**Selichot:** Penitential prayers are recited each weekday morning until Yom Kippur. We begin reciting these prayers at a special midnight service on Saturday night, September 4.

# Contributions

## General Fund from:

In memory of Steve Feuer's mother, Bella Feuer  
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Saba & Michael Wiesner wishing Claire Ladenheim a speedy recovery

Jason Hagler

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