

## March-April Minyan Times

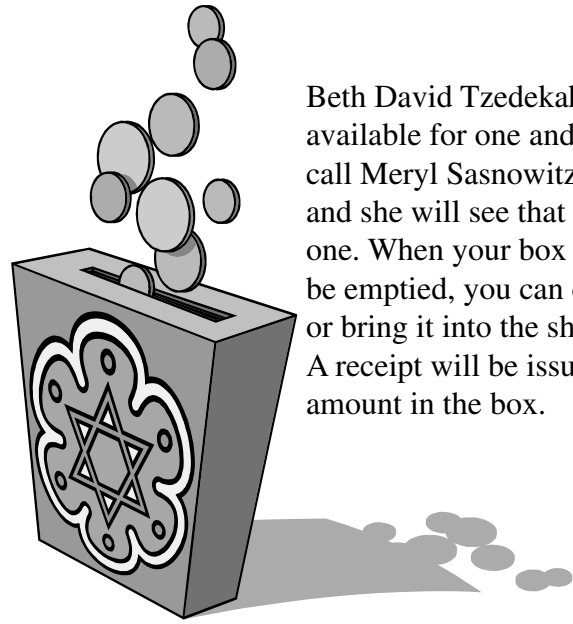
### Mornings (times constant)\*

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| Sunday .....              | 8:30 am |
| Monday – Friday .....     | 6:40 am |
| *Except March 10, 26..... | 6:30 am |
| *Shabbat .....            | 9:00 am |

### Evenings (times vary)

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|---|--------------------|
| Friday, February 27.....                | 5:35 pm            |
| Shabbat, February 28.....               | 5:25 pm            |
| Sunday, March 1 .....                   | 5:40 pm            |
| Monday - Thursday, March 2-5 .....      | 7:00 pm            |
| Friday, March 6.....                    | 5:45 pm            |
| Shabbat, March 7.....                   | 5:30 pm            |
| Sunday, March 8.....                    | 6:45 pm            |
| Monday - Tuesday, March 9-10.....       | see Purim Schedule |
| Wednesday - Friday March 11-13 .....    | 6:50 pm            |
| Shabbat, March 14.....                  | 6:40 pm            |
| Sunday -Thursday, March 15-19 .....     | 6:55 pm            |
| Friday, March 20.....                   | 7:00 pm            |
| Shabbat, March 21 .....                 | 6:50 pm            |
| Sunday-Friday, March 22-27 .....        | 7:05 pm            |
| Shabbat, March 28.....                  | 6:55 pm            |
| Sunday-Thursday, March 29-April 2 ..... | 7:10 pm            |
| Friday, April 3.....                    | 7:15 pm            |
| Shabbat, April 4.....                   | 6:50 pm            |

## Tzedekah Boxes

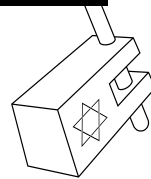


Beth David Tzedekah boxes are available for one and all. Please call Meryl Sasnowitz (797-5458) and she will see that you receive one. When your box is ready to be emptied, you can call Meryl or bring it into the shul office. A receipt will be issued for the amount in the box.

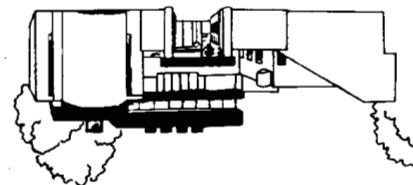
### Email Address Please

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](mailto:bethdavid@stny.rr.com). Thank you.

6:00 pm  
March 10, 2009  
**Purim Soudah**  
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## "The Bulletin of Beth David Synagogue"

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### From the Rabbi

The Shabbat before Purim is known as *Shabbat Zachor*. This appellation is taken from the first word of the special *haftarah* that is read, taken from the book of Deuteronomy, where God commands that we must remember (*Zachor*) what Amalek did to us as we were traveling after having left Egypt. Amalek, a nomadic tribe named after Esau's grandson, attacked the Jewish people from the rear, attempting to cause harm and death to the weak, the elderly, and the young children who were traveling at a much slower pace than the rest of the nation.

God commands us in this section, and this is one of the 613 mitzvot, that we must eradicate the tribe of Amalek and never forget what they had done. According to Maimonides this is considered a *mitzvah l' dorot*, a command that is applicable for all generations, and we are always bound to this command.

Is this mitzvah applicable today? There is no longer a tribe or nation that can be identified as Amalek, nor is there even any person who claims to be of that heritage. Moreover, if the nation of Israel were successful in fulfilling this command in the past, then there would be no Amalek to destroy today. How is it possible for us to fulfill this command?

The answer is that Amalek, even more than a specific tribe, represents absolute evil. One who deliberately attacks the weak and infirm, a terrorist whose sole goal is to kill and destroy civilians and sow fear in the heart of the civilian population, represents pure evil. Despite the enlightenment, despite the rules of law that have been adopted by Western society that outlaws this kind of behavior, we can identify in every generation, including our own, those who practice absolute evil. The Torah commands us that we may not turn a blind eye towards evil, that we must make every attempt to eradicate this behavior, even if it means destroying those who practice such deeds.

There is no question that during the Shoah there were those who, if not biologically, then certainly philosophically, were pure evil and can be described as no less than Amalek. Sadly, there are those in our own times who practice absolute evil and we are commanded to do everything in our power to eliminate the behavior and its practitioners. We have made a pledge "Never Again" with regard to the Shoah, and we are obligated to fulfill that pledge and confront evil wherever and whenever it rears its ugly head.

The message of Purim and Parshat Zachor is that we must help the world develop a society based on truth and justice. In such a world there is no place for evil to participate. May we all merit seeing a world of peace, where disputes are resolved through peaceful means, and even the thought of evil deeds and words find no support.

*Chag Purim Sameach!*

Rabbi Zev Silber

## Purim Issue

### From the President

The second Saturday of the month is becoming quite popular at Beth David. After services we go downstairs for a beautiful buffet luncheon and then we have a speaker or as was last month, an open discussion of an interesting topic. At the March 14th luncheon, Dr. Solomon Polachek will be our speaker and we are all looking forward to that Shabbat.

Since I have become president we have had at least 10 new associate members joining our shul and it is wonderful to see them come and enjoy with us and speak at the luncheons.

If you have not yet participated in this wonderful way to celebrate Shabbat please come and share in the warm, friendly, interesting and delicious experience. We welcome all.

Wishing you a very Happy Purim!

Saba Wiesner, President

## Give Double Chai

This is the 41st year of the Beth David *ChaiLine*. Previous to the *ChaiLine*, the newsletter of the Beth David Synagogue 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 NCSY, 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 (March 22, 2009) and you will be included in that issue.

Thank you for all contributions, past and present.

Marlene Serkin

## Thanks to the Sponsors

**Bob and Ruth Groh** in honor of our 56th anniversary  
**Barbara & Robert Ruchames** in memory of Barbara's parents, **Pearl & Larry Naglin** and Robert's father, **Rabbi Louis Ruchames**, and sister, **Esther Ruchames**  
**Marcia & Steve Sutter**  
**Marcy & Gaby Yonaty** in memory of **Rose Levine**  
**Rika & Steve Katz** in honor and gratitude for our newest grandchildren, **Efraim Chaim and Meira Pesya Banks**, and **Ruth Shoshana Reifman**.

# Sisterhood

A cold January afternoon was especially warm because of a luncheon prepared for Sisterhood by Italian chef Dan Gold. He demonstrated how to make pizza dough and that was followed by a delicious luncheon of homemade pizza and salad, with dessert baked by Hadassah Gold. A great time was had by all. A week later, several of our members got together at Beth David for an informal knitting group under the direction of Arline Kutz.

With Purim nearing as a harbinger of spring, I hope the warmer weather will bring you out for our coming programs; March 11 to feature stories of those who grew up in Binghamton years ago, and April 29 when the Yiddish Gold-locks and the Three Bears has been rescheduled from its canceled December date due to inclement weather.

We mourn the passing of Jeanette DeLeon's husband, Abraham. May God comfort her among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Claire Ladenheim, Sisterhood President

## Mitzvah Fund

Charney Oppenheim, 723-6205

Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

### Mazel Tov to:

Rabbi Ami & SarahLynn Adamit on the birth of their grandson Steve Feuer on his chanting of the Haftorah  
 Rabbi Shalom & Shana Kantor on the birth of their son Steven & Rika Katz on the birth of their twin grandchildren Steven & Rika Katz on the birth of their granddaughter Mark & Rebecca Lederman on the birth of their daughter Avi & Beth Morell on the birth of their twin daughters Shmuel & Marion Morell on the birth of their twin granddaughters Charney Oppenheim on her retirement Norman & Marion Rudin on the birth of their great grandchild Harold & Meryl Sasnowitz on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Chesky Tuchman Meryl Sasnowitz with thanks for being a friend Marlene Serkin on the marriage of her grandson Tom & Suzanne Triebwasser with thanks for their hospitality Ken & Janet Wilson on the engagement of their son, Gabriel

### Refuah Shelemah to:

Rose Haber Rabbi Aaron Slonim

### Condolences to:

The family of Lillian Cohen  
 The family of Abraham DeLeon  
 Sheldon Edison in memory of his wife  
 Gina Glasman in memory of her mother  
 Sandy Gladstone in memory of her husband  
 Jon Karp in memory of his father  
 Sarah Langer and family in memory of her daughter, Karen  
 The family of Judith Miller  
 The family of Lillian Rozen  
 The family of Jack Serkin  
 Marcy Swartz in memory of her husband, Bernie  
 Jay Tunkel and family in memory of his daughter, Karen

## Calender of Events

March 8 (Sun.) Congregation Breakfast  
 In memory of Barry Raff  
 March 9 (Mon.) Megillah Reading  
 March 10 (Tues.) Purim Seudah  
 March 11 (Wed.) Sisterhood Mtg.  
 March 14 (Shabbat) Monthly Luncheon  
 March 25 (Wed) Pesach Workshop  
 April 8 (Wed) First Seder

## Pesach Workshop

On Wednesday evening, March 25, at 7:30 pm, Rabbi Zev Silber will be conducting a Pesach workshop at the synagogue. This is the place to get answers to those questions that have always bothered you.

This program is open to both men and women of Beth David and the community at large.

Please Clip and Save

## Beth David Funds

| Fund                          | Donation | Contact                     |
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| Shabbat Kiddush               |          | Meryl Sasnowitz -797-5458   |
| To schedule use of kitchen -- |          | Hadassah - 772-8410         |
| To schedule use of Mikvah --  |          | Susan - 772-8576            |

## Beth David Family

Binghamton winters are approached in different ways. Some join right in on the fun, like Arieh Ullmann, who skied, Bob Groh who bowled with his visiting family, and me, who ice skated with my grandchildren. Others headed for warmer climes. Svetlana, Mark, Lucy, and Elizabeth Budman sailed the Caribbean seas, as did Valerie and Leonard Preston, who all coincidentally booked the same cruise! Marcia and Steve Sutter took to the sea as well. Dora and Sol Polachek combined business and pleasure on their trip to California. Marilyn Bell followed a visit with her children Gary and Naghmeh Bell in Simi Valley with a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands and later a trip to Las Vegas. Susan and Michael Wright spent three sunny weeks with Susan's parents in Boynton Beach, while Judy and Irwin Simon relaxed on both Florida's coasts. Michael Alweis headed south during February break to visit his grandparents in Florida.

First time visitors to Israel were deeply touched by the experience. Toby and Harold Kohn enthusiastically shared mental images of their first visit at a Shabbat luncheon. Charlie Manasse's maiden trip to Israel also included a foray into Egypt.

Mazal Tov to Beth and Avi Morell on the birth of twin girls, Yona Eliana and Devora Tamar. Grandparents Marion and Shmuel Morell are beaming. Shalom and Shana Teig Kantor welcomed a son, Noam David to their family. Tal and Yossi Behmenesh brought grandparents SarahLynn and Rabbi Ami Adamit much nachas with the birth of a son, Avichai. The Adamits attended the brit in Netanya. Tamar and Eitan Banks brought twins, Efraim Chaim and Meira Pesya into their family (their second set of twins), and her sister Shira and Daniel Reifman welcomed a baby girl, Ruth Shoshana. Grandparents Rika and Steve Katz are overjoyed. Marion and Norman Rudin celebrated the birth of their eighteenth great-grandchild, Aaron Zev, son of and Naomi and Tzvi Rudin and grandson of Debbie and Hal Rudin. Mazal Tov to all the families! May the babies enjoy good health to Bar/Bat Mitzvah, to *chuppah*, and to 120!

With great joy, Harold and I kvelled at the Bar Mitzvah of our oldest grandchild, Chezky Tuchman, son of Leslie and Michael Tuchman of NYC. Spending a weekend simcha with the family was a true delight!

Janet and Ken Wilson of Jerusalem joyously announced the engagement of their son Gabriel to Amy Jochelson of Sydney, Australia. Marlene Serkin was delighted to attend the NYC wedding of her grandson Yosef Serkin, son of Paul Serkin of Teaneck, to Yonit Golub. May the couple build a *bayit ne'eman b'Yisrael*.

Kol Hakavod to two of our *Family* members. Shelemyahu Zacks, a BU professor, was co-winner of the Abraham Wald Prize, given to the top research paper published in the journal *Sequential Analysis*. Rhoda Ullmann graduated from the Versailles campus of INSEAD, one of the world's top MBA programs. The day after the ceremony, Rhoda and proud Papa Arieh Ullmann flew to Berlin to retrace steps of their past and then went to Zurich to visit family and friends.

Refuah shelema to Rose Haber, Ilsa Stern, and Rabbi Aaron Slonim. With great sadness, I mention the passing of Rivie Glasman, the mother of Gina Glasman, in New London, UK and of our long-time member Abraham De Leon, the husband of Jeanette De Leon. May Gina and Jon Karp and their children Isaac and Jacqueline, and Jeanette and her children David and Belle and the grandchildren, know of no more sorrow. We also lost Karen Tunkel from our extended family. May her parents Sarah Nechemia Langer and Jay Tunkel find comfort among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem. As we approach Purim with the aroma of freshly baked hammentashen wafting through the air, we look forward to seeing each other at the shul *seudah*. It's a time to fill our hearts with joy, and our voices with laughter and song. We're blessed to have this event at Beth David, and I hope to see you all there.

Meryl Sasnowitz

## Contributions

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 In memory of Gina Glasman's mother  
 Saba & Michael Wiesner In memory of Johathan Karp's father  
 In memory of Gina Glassman's mother

### In Memory of Abraham DeLeon

Helen Foster Anna Salvato James Prusinowski  
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### Shul Beautiful to:

Jeanette DeLeon and family in memory of husband and father Abraham DeLeon from Lillian Zodikoff  
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 Harold & Meryl Sasnowitz Mazel Tov on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Chesky Tuchman from Sam & Claire Ladenheim

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In loving memory of Martha Rozen by Barry, Joan & Courtney Rozen

### Sisterhood Kiddush Fund

Ruth & Bob Groh in honor of Bob's birthday

### Shabbat Luncheon Fund to:

Harold & Meryl Sasnowitz Mazel Tov on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Chesky Tuchman from Bob & Charney Oppenheim

Michael & Leslie Tuchman Mazel Tov on the bar mitzvah of their son, Chesky from Bob & Charney Oppenheim

## SHUL CALENDAR

Dan Gold has taken over the production of the Beth David Calendar and asks that any corrections or additions be submitted to him as soon as possible. Dan's phone number is 772-8410 and his e-mail address is dangold@stny.rr.com.