

February-March Minyan Times

Mornings (times constant)*

Sunday	8:30 am
Monday – Friday	6:40 am
*Except March 16	6:30 am
*Shabbat	9:00 am

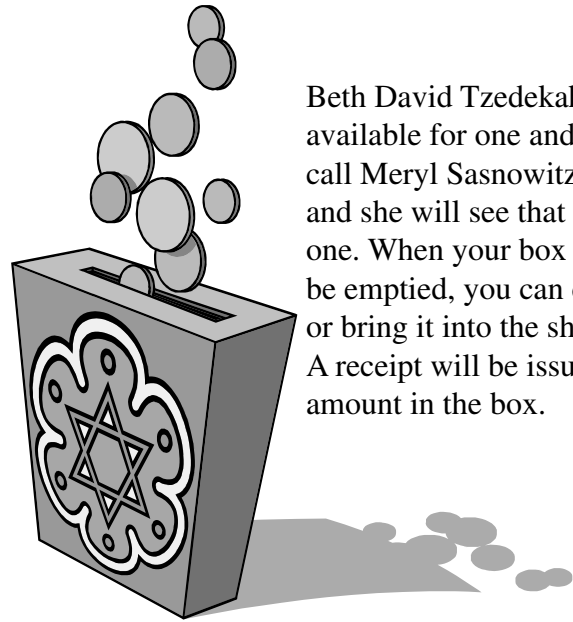
Evenings (times constant)*

Monday -Thursday (until March 15)	7:00 pm
*Except February 25	5:20 pm

Evenings (times vary)

Friday, February 19	5:25 pm
Shabbat, February 20	5:15 pm
Sunday, February 21	5:30 pm
Thursday, February 25	5:20 pm
Friday February 26	5:35 pm
Shabbat, February 27	12:35 pm
Saturday -Sunday, February 27-28	see Purim Schedule
Friday, March 5	5:40 pm
Shabbat, March 6	5:10 pm
Sunday, March 7	5:45 pm
Friday, March 12	5:50 pm
Shabbat, March 13	5:20 pm
Sunday-Thursday, March 14-18	6:55 pm
Friday, March 19	7:00 pm
Shabbat, March 20	6:45 pm
Sunday - Thursday, March 21-25	7:00 pm
Friday, March 26	7:05 pm
Shabbat, March 27	6:40 pm

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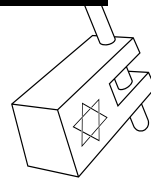


Beth David Tzedekah boxes are available for one and all. Please call Meryl Sasnowitz (797-5458) and she will see that you receive one. When your box is ready to be emptied, you can call Meryl or bring it into the shul office. A receipt will be issued for the amount in the box.

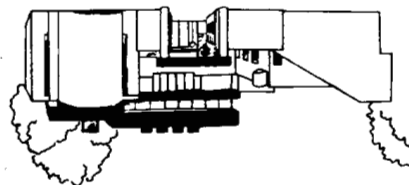
Email Address Please

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. Thank you.

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Purim Seudah
Feb. 28, 2010
2:00 pm



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From the Rabbi

Purim

The history of the Jewish people is not only a series of chronicle events, but is also chapters of morale and lessons as a foundation for the present and our future. We need to learn a lesson from what happened in Purim then, and apply it to our lives today.

When we read the *Megillah*, we learn that the danger of the destruction of the Jewish people then didn't stop after the miracle of Purim. There are still many "Hamans" throughout the world, whom if you give a chance, will not hesitate to cause trouble to the Jewish nation. Although thank God Hashem protects us, we shouldn't take it for granted. Yes, Hashem will not let the Jewish nation fall, but we each need to make an effort. Our rabbis tell us that just before the miracle of Purim, Hashem was upset with the Jews for participating in Achashverosh's party, eating and drinking wine without checking the kashrut. Thanks to Esther, she asked the Jews to do *Teshuva* (repentance) by fasting for three days. Years later, when King Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to the land of Israel and rebuild the Temple, only a small percent of the Jews did so. They had the opportunity to leave the hatred (anti-Semitism), the idol worshippers in Persia, and rebuild the land of Israel, but they didn't do it. Unfortunately, this theme continued throughout history, as it happened just before the holocaust when only a small number of Jews left Germany.

Every day in our life, we face different choices. God gave us the "tools" to use properly so we won't repeat mistakes from the past. Let's pray that we will make the right choice in order to maintain our Jewish life at home, in public, in our community, and in any place in the world.

Happy Purim
Rabbi Ami Adamit

Give Double Chai

For this, our annual Purim issue, I thought of trying to write something funny, but, I am not a comedienne, nor am I a writer (comedy or otherwise). I just want to thank all our sponsors, past, present, and future. Without you, the ChaiLine would show up as a debit on the Synagogue budget.

By your donations, to commemorate simchas or sorrows, to honor someone, to say thank you, or for any reason, the ChaiLine has been covering its own expenses and is not a drain on the Shul budget. Todah Rabah.

Your donation of \$36.00 (regular sponsor), \$180.00 (Special Sponsor), or \$18.00 (thank you) received in the Shul office before the next deadline date (3/3/10) will be much appreciated.

Marlene Serkin

Purim Issue

From the President

Dear members of Beth David,

I am asking you to consider a very **important** obligation to our shul. We must reconsider how **important** it is for us to have a minyan daily and, of up most **importance**, on Shabbat morning.

When services start at 10:45 am on Saturday morning we know that we are no longer mindful of what our shul means to us. Please remember this responsibility that lies with each and every one of us.

On a more cheery note, please mark your calendars for the Beth David Dinner on May 23. We will be honoring Michael and Susan Wright. Mazel Tov Michael and Susan on this very well deserved honor. Other dates that are coming up in February, our luncheon on the 13th, with speaker Charlie Manasse and the Purim Seudah on the 28th.

I am most happy to tell you that we do not have any major repairs coming up, so we will not have to stress our budget for a while, but, and there is always a but, we will be raising dues in September for all full members. It has been many years since we have burdened you and our costs go up continuously, so we hope that \$50.00 a year will not be a hardship. If it is please contact me.

I wish you all a very Happy Purim,
Saba Wiesner, President

Thanks to the Sponsors

Claire and Samuel Ladenheim in honor of the birth of their newest great-grandchild, **Eve Toba Gottesman**

Samuel Ladenheim thanking **Rabbi Adamit** for holding the Shabbat afternoon Talmud class at my home so that I am able to attend

Cathy Velenchik and **Chaim Joy** in commemoration of the 10th Yahrzeit for Cathy's father **Max Velenchik**

Bob Groh thanking all those who sent greetings honoring the 75th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah, which he celebrated by chanting the *haftarah* and leading the *musaf* service.

Saba Wiesner thanking **Judy Silber** for all her work on the monthly Shabbat luncheons

Saba Wiesner thanking **Dora Polachek** for taking on the task of getting speakers for the monthly Shabbat luncheons

Saba Wiesner thanking **Marlene Serkin** for everything she does in the synagogue

Special Sponsor

Barbara and Les Bank in honor of the marriage of our son **David Bank** to **Amy Alaniz** and the birth of our granddaughter, **Ella Ruby Wright**, the second daughter of **Tanya and Will Wright**.

Sisterhood

On a cold January afternoon, Sisterhood had a very warm and lovely tea with some delicious snacks. Arline Kutz, our knitting maven, was present to lend her expertise for those who had knitting questions or problems. All in attendance agreed, that especially in winter, the afternoon meeting was a great idea. It was relaxing, informal and we enjoyed shmoozing. Arline even gave out instructions for a lovely scarf she was wearing. I promptly went and bought the yarn that afternoon and hope to be knitting it while I am in California. Unfortunately, I am unable to do it on the airplane -- no knitting needles allowed.

I hope everyone will come to the February 10th meeting when Sisterhood will be celebrating Jewish Music Month with a performance by Kaskeset, an a cappella group from Binghamton University. Our program committee works very hard at trying to plan interesting meetings, so please show your support and come.

As I write this the temperature is 7 degrees and Purim is less than a month away. If Purim is here, can spring be far behind? What a comforting thought for those of us who have not wintered in Florida.

Have a Happy Purim and I will see you in March when Sam and I return from visiting our family in California. Again, Happy Purim to all!

Claire Ladenheim, Sisterhood President

SPECIAL PROGRAM AT NEXT SHABBAT LUNCHEON

We are indeed proud of our monthly Kiddush luncheons, held the second Shabbat of each month, which are free and open to the entire community. This program has been very successful. We have excellent attendance at services and at lunch and we have had the opportunity of hearing varied presentations by wonderful and competent speakers, member of our shul, experts in the community and guests.

The next luncheon will be held on **Shabbat, March 13** and we will be hosting a cadre of students from Yeshiva University who are part of a new program, **Yismichu**. Sponsored by the Center for the Jewish Future, these students will lead services, conduct classes, and speak at the lunch and throughout Shabbat. Please take advantage of this unique opportunity and join us at the lunch and throughout the Shabbat.

Shabbat Across America

Beth David will join fellow Jews in Binghamton and across the United States, when they celebrate Shabbat Across America, on Saturday, March 6, 2010.

Temple Concord, Temple Israel and Beth David will each hold a special event to mark this special Shabbat. Beth David will hold Havdalah services, preceded by Seudah Shlishit and a guest speaker. Watch your mail for more information.

Paula Rubin

Mitzvah Fund

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

Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing

Mazel Tov to:

Marilyn Belford on her art quilts being exhibited at the BU art gallery
Suzanne & Leon Feldhamer on daughter, Lulu's engagement
Stacey & Mickey Greenberg on Jeremy's film
Bob Groh on commemorating the 75th anniversary of his bar mitzvah
Claire & Sam Ladenheim on the birth of great-granddaughter, Evie
Neisen & Marsha Luks on daughter Lisa's marriage
Dora Polachek thanks for thoughtfulness
Cherese & Andre Rosales on the birth of daughter, Jasmin Carolena
Meryl Sasnowitz on completing chemo.
Meryl & Harold Sasnowitz on the birth of their latest grandson
Zahava Schechter on her engagement to Samuel Richter
Claire & Mel Shefftz on the birth of their new granddaughter
Judy Silber to say thank you for all you do
Marcia & Steve Sutter on the birth of their grandson.
Arieh Ullmann on being named president of Jewish Federation of Broome County.
Saba & Michael Wiesner on the birth of granddaughter, Jasmin
Susan & Michael Wright on the birth of their grandson.
Prof. Shelly Zack on the International Conference at BU in his honor.
Mrs. Doris Zolty on the birth of great-granddaughter, Jasmin

Refuah Shelema to:

Grandson of Neil & Sima Auerbach	Gittie Bourouhi
Ruth Groh	Sam Ladenheim
Claire Shefftz	Judy Silber
Doris Zolty	

Condolences to:

Roslyn Antoun on the loss of her husband, Dick
Mark Goldman on the loss of his mother
Leon Horwitz on the loss of his wife, Phyllis
Rozzie Rosenbaum on the loss of her husband, Bert
Bonnie Rozen in memory of her father, Frank

Calender of Events

Thur., February 25	Fast of Esther
Sat., February 27, 7pm	Megillah Reading
Sun., February 28, 2 pm	Purim Seudah
Sat., March 6	Shabbat Across America
Wed., March 10	Sisterhood Mtg.
Sat., March 13	Luncheon/YU Students
Mon., March 15, 7:30 pm	Pre-Pesach Workshop

Pre-Pesach Workshop

By Rabbi Zev Silber
Monday, March 15, 2010 – 7:30 pm
Beth David Synagogue
Open to the Community

Beth David Family

The aroma of fresh baked hammentashen filled the air at Beth David as Lori Tuberman prepared the special treat for our Purim delight. It's a contrast to the stark whiteness and cold temperatures that greet our senses outdoors. Oh, the lovely contrasts of winter...

The Budman family had a mishap on the highway while driving Elizabeth back to Upstate Medical School in Syracuse in December. Svetlana and Elizabeth fared better than Mark, who needed neck surgery. He didn't let that deter him from a planned family cruise the following week, however. Elaine Cohen also had a car accident in December, and we're thankful she was unhurt.

Special birthday wishes to Barbara Bank and Michael Wright. Following her visit with her children Gary and Naghmeh Bell and their children in California, Marilyn Bell drove to Passaic, NJ where she kvelled at the *upshernish* (a boy's first haircut at the age of three years) of her grandson Gavriel. He's the son of David and Jen Bell. Judy and Rabbi Zev Silber warmed in the Florida sunshine when they visited their children Ester and Michael Schachter and their grandchildren during winter break. Others were not so lucky with the southern weather. While Susan and Michael Wright visited her parents in cold Boynton Beach Florida in January, Judy and Irwin Simon relaxed on Florida's chilly west coast. Soon after their return, they spent time with Sandy and Isaac and the grandchildren in NY. Marti Klionsky and Claire Goldstein were sited at Yad Vashem by Kalman and Aliza Staiman. Marti was in Israel visiting family and friends.

Roz and Harry Wiesel enjoyed several fun filled days in Orlando with children Naomi and Elli Katz and grandchildren Katie and Hannah. Bucking the trend to head south, Lisha and Adam Levin traveled to Vestal with their children Andrew and Ethan to spend a week with grandparents Paula and Charles Rubin.

Charney and Bob Oppenheim fulfilled their dream of making aliyah on the December 29th Nefesh B'nefesh flight. By coincidence, Orli Mintz, daughter of Sharon and Howie Mintz of Providence and granddaughter of Ruth and Bob Groh was on the same flight, joining hundreds who made *aliyah*.

The Oppenheims chose the perfect time for their move, as a mere few weeks later they celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Chaim Avraham, son of Elaine and Shai Mandel of Katamon, in Jerusalem. Michael Alweis, studying in Yeshiva for the year, was there as was Lillian Sommer, who was visiting her children and grandchildren in Kohav Hashahar. A number of former Binghamtonians: Claire Goldstein, Rika Katz, Rachel Sommer Nadel, Suzanne and Leon Feldhamer, Janet and Ken Wilson, and Shira Katz Rifeman attended the *simcha*. Mazal Tov to the Mandel and Oppenheim families.

Suzanne and Leon Feldhamer's daughter Lulu married Nathaniel Dubin of Queens, NY, in Jerusalem. Joy was shared by Michael Alweis, Bob Oppenheim, and Janet and Ken Wilson. It was an especially freilich (joyous) event since all seven of the Feldhamer children and their families were there. May Lulu and Nathaniel build a *bayit ne'eman b'Yisrael* (a true Jewish home).

Avi Staiman became engaged to Gabz Fine of London. Avi is the son of Channa and Jeremy Staiman and the grandson of Naomi and Sholom Staiman. The wedding will take place in Israel two days after Pesach.

Mazal Tov to Cherese and Andre Rosales on the birth of a daughter, Jasmin. Grandparents Saba and Michael Wiesner and Great-grandmother Doris Zolty celebrated the new arrival by sponsoring the December Kiddush Luncheon. Doris' delicious desserts were relished by all!

Refuah shelema (speedy recovery) to Elisa Alweis, Michael Alweis, Mark Budman, Ruth Groh, and Herman Wolf.

As we approach Purim we look forward to seeing each other at the shul Megillah readings and at the *seudah*. It's a time to fill our hearts with joy and our voices with laughter and song.

Meryl Sasnowitz

Contributions

General Fund from:

Lois Kaiser in memory of my nephew Allen Berger
Lois Kaiser in memory of Richard Antoun
Elaine Bollinger in memory of Rhoda Palais
Dora & Steve Feuer in memory of the father of Elliot Marcus

Ina Ebenstein thanking Brian & Lori Tuberman for having prayers offered for Deborah Ebenstein

Dora & Solomon Polachek in honor of all the Wiesner grandchildren
Jean & Lew Hecht in appreciation for the luncheon and program about FDR

Marie Werner thank you for Shabbat lunch
Marie Werner thank you to the Adamits for the wonderful Chanukah Party
Marie Werner congratulations to the Wiesner family on the birth of Jasmin
Arieh Ullmann wishing Yasher Koach to Michael Wright for being added to the Nov/Dec 2009 Corporate Council Edition of Super Lawyers
Julie Piaker wishing Marilyn Bell a Happy Birthday
Mr. & Mrs. Irving Memis in honor of the birth of Saba & Michael Wiesner's granddaughter Jasmin Rosales.

Shul Beautiful to:

A donation has been made to the Shul Beautiful fund by Lynn Manasse to thank everyone for the get well wishes and prayers sent to her during her recent illness

Les & Barbara Bank in honor of their new granddaughter, by the Feuer Family.

Baila Cohen in memory of her parents, Yulbert Eisenberg & Hedy Palmer, by Sol & Dora Polachek

Moshe Eisenberg in memory of his parents, Yulbert Eisenberg & Hedy Palmer by Sol & Dora Polachek

Nute Eisenberg in memory of his parents, Yulbert Eisenberg & Hedy Palmer, by Sol & Dora Polachek.

Lois Wood & Family in memory of sister, Jessie by Lillian Zodikoff

Norman & Gail Eisenberg Mazel Tov on the birth of their grandson, by Sol & Dora Polachek.

Purim Seudah
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH - 2:00 PM