

September - November Minyan Times

MORNINGS (times constant)*

Sunday8:30 am
 Monday – Friday.....6:40 am
 *Except September 6, November 25.....8:30 am
 *Except September 9-17; September 23-October 1..... see Holiday Schedule
 Shabbat.....9:00 am

EVENINGS (times constant)*

Monday – Thursday beginning October 4.....7:00 pm
 *Except November 25 (see below)

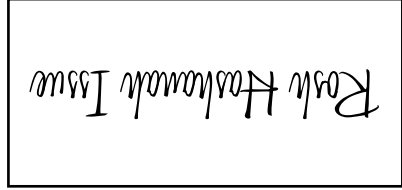
EVENINGS (times vary)

Sunday-Thursday, August 29-September 2.....7:20 pm
 Friday, September 3.....7:15 pm
 Shabbat, September 4.....7:05 pm
 Sunday-Thursday, September 5-7.....7:15 pm
 Wednesday-Shabbat, September 8 - 18.....see Holiday Schedule
 Sunday - Tuesday, September 19-21.....6:50 pm
 Wednesday - Shabbat, Sept. 22 - October 2.....see Holiday Schedule
 Sunday, October 3.....6:30 pm
 Friday, October 8.....6:20 pm
 Shabbat, October 9.....6:00 pm
 Sunday, October 10.....6:15 pm
 Friday, October 15.....6:05 pm
 Shabbat, October 16.....5:50 pm
 Sunday, October 17.....6:05 pm
 Friday, October 22.....5:55 pm
 Shabbat, October 23.....5:40 pm
 Sunday, October 24.....5:55 pm
 Friday, October 29.....5:45 pm
 Shabbat, October 30.....5:30 pm

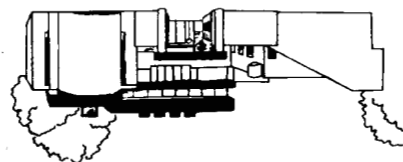
Sunday, October 31.....5:45 pm
 Friday, November 5.....5:35 pm
 Shabbat, November 6.....5:20 pm
 Sunday, November 7.....4:35 pm
 Friday, November 12.....4:30 pm
 Shabbat, November 13.....4:15 pm
 Sunday, November 14.....4:30 pm
 Friday, November 19.....4:25 pm
 Shabbat, November 20.....4:10 pm
 Sunday, November 21.....4:25 pm
 Thursday-Friday, November 25-26.....4:20 pm
 Shabbat, November 27.....4:05 pm
 Sunday, November 28.....4:20 pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 4	Selichot Service
September 9-10	Rosh Hashanah
September 12	Fast of Gedalia
September 12	Cemetery Visitation
September 17	Kol Nidrei
September 18	Yom Kippur
September 23-24	Sukkot
September 29	Hoshanna Rabba
September 30	Shimini Atzeret
October 1	Simchat Torah
October 9	Shabbat Luncheon
October 13	Sisterhood Paid-Up Dinner
November 10	Sisterhood meeting



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From the Rabbi

One of the most inspiring prayers that we recite during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is said during the cantor's repetition of the *Musaf*, right before *kedusha*. The haunting tune is chanted by the cantor, culminating in an upbeat song that the congregation joins in singing.

This prayer, *Unetaneh Tokef*, reminds us that God alone will determine what future awaits us. Yet, we also recognize that we have the power to make that Heavenly decision one which works for our benefit through specific actions on our part.

During this prayer we all intone a loud voice the famous and well known words *uteshuva, utefilla, utzedaka ma'avirin et ro'a hag'zeira* – repentance, prayer and charity have the power to reverse an evil decree. At that very moment, as we engage in prayer, we can also repent for any mistakes we have made in the past. We can also commit ourselves at that time to acts of charity and loving kindness that we will fulfill following the conclusion of the Holiday and Shabbat.

When speaking about *tzedaka* we usually think about sharing our hard earned funds with those who are less fortunate, and sharing of our bounty with institutions that are dedicated to Jewish life and Jewish education.

Yet, there is another meaning to the word *tzedaka* that is perhaps the real meaning, yet one that we rarely think about. As I discussed in several sermons prior to the High Holidays, *tzedaka* really means justice and righteousness. There is one mitzvah that is described in the Torah with the adjective *tzedek* and that is the mitzvah that requires accuracy in weights and measures.

Tzedaka can therefore be understood as honesty in our business practices and all our financial dealing – with family members, friends, customers, employer and employees, and government. Judaism abhors dishonesty, and one who ignores the requirement of ethical business practices is viewed by the Torah as being a traitor to its core values and ethics. Sadly, there have been many publicized examples of dishonest Jews who outwardly seem to practice the tenets of our faith but in reality are far from being considered religious.

As we chant *Unetaneh Tokef* and pledge that we will be sincere in our repentance and prayer, let us remember to pledge to give and do *tzedaka* according to both meanings of the word – sharing our wealth with others and with communal institutions, and committing ourselves to honest and ethical behavior in all our business practices.

In merit of these commitments I wish that you and your family will be blessed and assured of being written and inscribed in the book of life, good health, and prosperity. *Lashana Tova Taikateivu v'teichateimu!*

~ Rabbi Zev Silber

From the President

In any well run organization it is the teamwork that makes it all happen. I am fortunate to have a great group of individuals on the board to help me organize and operate the many functions of the synagogue.

We are going into the New Year with a positive state of affairs. At our August meeting we passed the new budget with decreased spending. We voted in four new associate members, the Beckers, the Shaws, the Auerbachs, and the Channins.

The Men's Club is being revived with many enthusiastic members. We are looking forward to excellent speakers at our monthly luncheons. All of our committees are engaged in looking for new ideas to enhance the activities of our shul. We pray that the New Year brings peace and happiness for the members of our shul and our community.

Wishing you all A Very Happy New Year!

Saba Wiesner, President

Give Double Chai to Chailine

This year, Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish year 5771 and Volume LII (52) of the Chailine. Our face has changed and so has our name, but our goal has always been to bring you news of Beth David and its family.

Your sponsorship of the Chailine has helped us reach this goal without putting a drain on the synagogue budget. Your \$36.00 donation, arriving at the shul office before the deadline (Nov. 14), will make you a sponsor. Your \$180.00 donation makes you a **Special Sponsor**. You may also put a thank you note in the Chailine for a donation of \$18.00.

Thank you to all who have sponsored in the past; sponsors are needed for all future issues. Call me at 729-3235, or send in your information and check to the shul office before the deadline to be included.

May you all be inscribed for a year of good health and peace.

~ Marlene Serkin

Thank you

Thank you for the good wishes and donations to the Shul, made in honor of the birth of my great grandson, Noam Robert, and the cards received for my continued good health. ~ Marlene Serkin

I would like to thank the members of the Beth David Family for all their kindness and generosity to me during my recent illness. ~ Shirley Lash

With deep appreciation for all the calls, cards, contributions and food sent to me while recuperating from surgery. It really does help in getting better!

~ Claire Ladenheim

A special thanks to all those who have been wheeling Sam to and from shul on Shabbat making it possible for him to attend services. It is an incredible mitzvah that you perform! ~ Claire Ladenheim

Thanks to the Sponsors

In honor of **Ilene Goldman's** special birthday, from **Shelly, Johnny, Jasmine and Jason**

In honor of the Beth David community and wishing everyone a happy, healthy and sweet New Year, from **Steve and Rika Katz**

In memory of **Ceil Newman** by **Marcy and Gaby Yonaty**
Cathy Velenchik and Chaim Joy in memory of Cathy's parents **Max and Helen Velenchik**

Rummage 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 August 15, 16 and 17, 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 to Shirley Lash and Scott Rathbone, the rummage room was emptied before Shabbat.

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	Lilly Wolf
Ann Brilliant	Toby Kohn	Ruth Buschman
Lillian Zodikoff	Susan & Michael Wright	Marcy Yonaty
Meryl Sasnowitz	Marcia & Steven Sutter	Rita Shawn

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

Some customers who came in early to get out of the rain, commented on the amount of volunteers we had. They were quite surprised. My response was that Beth David people are there when they are needed.

Thank you,

~ Marlene Serkin, Rummage Sale Chairwoman

Men's Club

With just a few days notice, via email and a few phone calls, 13 men participated in a breakfast, after minyan, to socialize and discuss the rejuvenation of a Men's Club at Beth David. Several others expressed interest in attending but could not make that Sunday but would attend future breakfasts. A great menu consisting of fresh brewed coffee, lox, cream cheese, plain, sesame, and onion bagels, fresh cucumber slices, sliced tomatoes, sliced red onion, butter, peach and strawberry preserves, as well as two kinds of scrambled eggs, (plain and with onion, which I was told is a Men's Club tradition), hard boiled eggs, served in the shell and also sliced, three kinds of pound cake, orange juice (not from concentrate), milk and half and half, all served buffet style, was enjoyed by all. Toast may be offered next time after we acquire a shul toaster.

Following about 45 minutes of high level intellectual conversation, the group discussion centered on what we wanted to be. Bob Groh recounted a rich history of the "Jimmy Berg and Jack Serkin" breakfasts with +100 people in attendance. Various speakers, including local politicians, made presentations and special breakfasts, like Mother's Day, were held. We hope to be a social group and be able to do whatever seems appropriate for Beth David, its membership and the community.

It was noted that there are enough very knowledgeable individuals in our own congregation who could present and lead discussions on many topics. We even talked about some sort of a basic computer class and learning about; You Tube, My Tube, His, Her, Their Tubes, or however Tube is conjugated, Twitter, Flitter, Glitter, or is that the stuff we used to glue on greeting cards.

Next breakfast is scheduled for Sunday October 3, 2010, Hope you can make it.

Charlie Manasse

E-Mail Addresses Needed

In an effort to save on paper we are communicating more frequently by e-mail. Please help by providing us with your e-mail address.

Sisterhood

It has been a lovely, warm summer and I hope everyone has enjoyed it. It's hard to believe it is over and time for a new beginning for Sisterhood. Marlene Serkin spearheaded a Rummage Sale just a few weeks ago in her very capable way. I, for one, don't know how we could manage to hold a Rummage sale without Marlene. She also was ably assisted by very many volunteers. The women of Sisterhood always come through.

At a recent board meeting, Program Vice-President, Meryl Sasnowitz and Program Committee Chairperson, Susan Wright, informed us they were working out details for this year's programs which will revolve around the theme of "Nurturing yourself spiritually, physically and emotionally." Our first meeting of the year is the Paid-up Membership dinner to be held October 13 at 6:30 pm. Further notices will be forthcoming.

I look forward to an exciting year with new programs and projects, and seeing old and new friends.

As we begin this new year, Sam and I want to wish everyone a Shana Tovah. Let us pledge ourselves to a year of mitzvot, and to make our lives meaningful and productive. May all our prayers be answered for good and may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for Peace and Prosperity.

Claire Ladenheim, Sisterhood President

"Ladies Night Out"

Wednesday, Oct. 6 at the JCC, 5:30pm

Enjoy dinner and a great program:
**BUBBE & OTHER MAISEHS: PRESERVING YOUR
ORAL HISTORY TO CONNECT WITH
YOUR FAMILIES**

with Master Storyteller Lonna McKeon Pierce.

Prepaid reservations required by Sept. 27.
Send a check for \$12 to
Jewish Family Service, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850.
For questions, call Roz at 724-2332.

From the Ritual Committee: Our Misheberach List for Those Who are Ill

In an effort to streamline our public reading of names from the *bimah* of those who are ill and require a *Misheberach*, we are instituting the following policy:

If you currently would like to have a person's name included on the *Misheberach* list, please e-mail me at aandm5@aol.com before September 13, 2010. Any names that are not updated by that date will be removed from the present list. Thereafter, the *Misheberach* list will be updated monthly. Please notify me by the 1st day of each month whether you would like to have a person's name renewed or added to the list. The list will also be posted on the Beth David website for your review. Of course, when you are in synagogue, you can still approach the *bimah* or the side of *mechitza* to add a name verbally.

Shana Tova Umtuka,
Aaron Alweis, Ritual Committee Chair

Beth David Family

What a sun-filled summer this has been! Veggies are prolific and even remembered to smile each time we had a bit of rain.

Fair weather travelers included Lori and Brian Tuberman and their children Melanie and Samantha who made many memories on their journey to Israel. Carole and Sy Klionsky, along with twenty-three extended family members, flew to Israel to attend the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Yael, daughter of Debbie and Ofir Siton. Arieh Ullmann returned energized from his summer tenure at the Technion. While some went to Israel for a brief visit, others decided to make the land their home. We bid l'hitaot to Sholom and Naomi Staiman who made *alyiah* to Jerusalem in August. They hope all of us will stop in to say hello. In the same *Nefesh B'nefesh* group were Ester Silber-Schechter and Michael Schechter and their children Eyal, Netanel, Tehilla, and Yafit, formerly of Hollywood, FL. Ester is the daughter of Judy and Rabbi Zev Silber.

The extended Silber family bonded at the Staten Island Bat Mitzvahs of Leora and Yael, daughters of Sarah and Bruce Feder. It was a *freilach simcha*, and especially meaningful since the Schechter Family, as mentioned above, moved to Israel shortly after.

Sarah Lynn and Rabbi Ami Adamit cruised the north Atlantic seacoast. Upon their arrival in Binghamton they were greeted by their daughter Tal and grandson Avichai who arrived from Israel for a month long visit. Judy and Irwin Simon traveled to Cincinnati to visit Judy's sister and her old haunts. The Simons are among others who had a revolving door for family this summer. Marion and Norman Rudin, Ruth and Bob Groh, Marilyn Bell, Marlene Serkin (whose son Paul arrived from Israel), Susan and Michael Wright, Claire and Sam Ladenheim, Roz and Harry Wiesel, Rivky and Aaron Slonim, and yours truly entertained family in "the country." What could top a ride on one of our area's magnificent carousels, a visit to Rec Park, or a day at the Discovery Center?

Some of our youngsters attended sleep-away camp. Elisa Alweis, Jacqueline Karp, and Melanie Tuberman all returned home exhausted, filled with tales of fun and burdened with bags of dirty laundry.

Frieda Samuels moved to Fairview Home to be near her sister Rose Haber. Although not on the same floor, the sisters enjoy their close proximity. Ruth and Bob Groh's granddaughter Abigail, daughter of Sharon and Howie Mintz of Providence, married Shai Romirowsky of Teaneck. The Grohs are still *shepping nachas* from the wedding of their first grandchild. Mazal Tov to Ron and Gella Weiss on the marriage of their son Baruch to Cara Davies. The Weiss' also became grandparents to Chaya Leora, daughter of Aviva and David Lowy. Sima and Russel Kelner, of Passaic, had a boy, Doron Ori. Grandparents Marion and Shmuel Morell of Monsey are kvelling. A boy, Yehoshua Shmuel, was born to Elaine and Shai Mandel of Jerusalem. Having grandparents Chara and Pinchas Oppenheim live nearby gives the siblings a neighborhood place to go for Bubbe's baked goods. May each of the babies reach Bat/Bar Mitzvah, *chuppah*, and 120 in good health!

We were blessed to have two wonderful SEED couples and their families here during the time of Tisha B'Av. They enhanced our knowledge through their classes and their presence enlivened our services. One of the rabbis was Jonathan Grier and his wife Yocheved. Jonathan grew up at Beth David and is an accomplished rabbi as well as a cyber security analyst. Sari-Ann Yonaty received her PhD from Syracuse University's School of Education in *Instructional Design Development as an Evaluation*. Yasher Koach to her and to her parents Marcy and Gaby Yonaty! At NCSY's spring gala, Ayal Adamit was awarded the Pamela Rudin Memorial Award for his service and dedication. Mark Budman, author of *My Life at First Try* had several articles on AOL news. We certainly are proud of our *Beth David Family!*

Refuah shelema to Dora Feuer, Ilene Goldman, Sarah Lynn Adamit, and Harold Kohn.

Remember to contact me with your family news so we can all share your nachas. Call my home, 797-5458, or email msasnowitz@stny.rr.com

May each of you be written and inscribed for a good year. *K'tiva v'chatima tova.*
Meryl Sasnowitz

Mitzvah Fund

Toby Kohn, 754-4297 or tgkohn@stny.rr.com
Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

Mazel Tov to:

Ayal Adamit in honor of his graduation from Binghamton HS
Elisa Alweis in honor of her graduation from Hillel Academy
Gil Choi in honor of his graduation from Johnson City High School
Fred Weitzman in honor of his birthday
Claire Shefftz in honor of the birth of her grandchild
Pearl Baron in honor of her 90th birthday
Riva Ginsburg in honor of her son, David Rittberg's marriage
Chara & Pinchas Oppenheim in honor of the birth of their grandson, Yehoshua Shmuel
Sari-Ann Yonaty in honor of her receiving her PhD
Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber in honor of their twin granddaughters' becoming B'not Mitzvah
Bob & Ruth Groh in honor of their granddaughter's marriage

Refuah Shelema to:

Sarah Lynn Adamit	Judy Simon
Harold Kohn	Ilene Goldman
Louise Sheiman	Dora Feuer

Meir Sommer, grandson of Meryl & Harold Sasnowitz

Condolences to:

Honey Esserman in memory of her son, Lawrence
Gavin Lebowitz & Family in memory of grandmother and great-grandmother, Faye Gordon
Julian Lebowitz & Family in memory of grandmother and great-grandmother, Faye Gordon
David Lebowitz & Family in memory of mother, Faye Gordon

Holiday Update

If you did not receive:

- Holiday Seating Form
- Holiday Child Care Form
- Yizkor information

Call Shirley at the shul office 722-1793
Please submit these in a timely fashion.

Contributions

General Fund from:

Martha & Arnold Schechter in honor of Michael & Susan Wright
Sy & Carole Klionsky wishing a happy 60th anniversary to Drs. Bernard & Esther Klionsky
Sy & Carole Klionsky wishing a happy 60th anniversary to Dr. Robert & Eileen Rabson
Myra & Irv Memis in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Yael Seton – granddaughter of Carole & Sy Klionsky

Shul Beautiful to:

Sari-Ann Yonaty in honor of her receiving her PhD, from Steve & Dora Feuer
Marcy & Gaby Yonaty in honor of Sari-Ann receiving her PhD, from Sy and Carole Klionsky