### **July-September Minyan Times**

#### **MORNINGS** (times constant)

Sunday	8:30 am
Monday - Friday (July & August)	
*Except July 17	6:50 am
Monday – Friday (September)	
*Except September 7-11	6:30 am
Shabbat	

#### **EVENINGS** (times constant)

Friday (until Septemb	oer 11)	7:15	pm
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<b>EVENINGS</b> (times vary)		
Shabbat, July 11	8:10 pm	
Sunday - Thursday, July 12-16		
Shabbat, July 18	8:05 pm	
Sunday - Thursday, July 19-23	8:15 pm	
Shabbat - Monday, July 25-26see Tish'a B'		
Monday - Thursday, July 27-30	8:10 pm	
Shabbat, August 1	8:05 pm	
Sunday - Thursday, August 2-6	8:00 pm	
Shabbat, August 8	7:45 pm	
Sunday - Thursday, August 9-13		
Shabbat, August 15		
Sunday - Thursday, August 16-20	7:40 pm	
Shabbat, August 22	7:25 pm	
Sunday - Thursday, August 23-27	7:30 pm	
Shabbat, August 29		
Sunday - Thursday, August 30-September 3	7:20 pm	
Shabbat, September 5	7:00 pm	
Sunday - Friday, September 6-11	7:05 pm	
Shabbat, September 12	6:50 pm	

### Tish'a B'Av Schedule

Shabbat, July 25	Mincha	6:00 pm
•	Fast begins	8:30 pm
	Shabbat ends	9:12 pm
	Ma'ariv and Eicha	
Sunday, July 26	Shacharit and kinot	
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	
	Fast ends	9:11 pm

### SPECIAL PROGRAMMING ALL **AFTERNOON**

Sunday, July 26, 2015

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

5:15 PM: "Rebuilding From the Ashes". Presenters: Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter, Rabbi Shalom Rosner (Brought to you by the Orthodox Union - OU, and Yeshiva University's Center for the Jewish Future)

6:30 PM: "The Power to Yield: The Winning Ways of Vatranus". (Vatranus or vatranut is defined as not standing on ceremony, deferring, accepting). Presenters: Rabbi Eli Monsour, Rabbi Zecharia Wallerstein, and Dr. David Lieberman. Sponsored by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation

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# "The Bulletin of Beth David Synagogue"

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# From the Rabbi

The Shabbat before Tisha B'Av is called "Shabbat Chazon" after the name of the Haftarah from Isaiah. The prophet, Isaiah, condemns behavior of the society of his time: corrupted leadership, dishonesty in the economy, and injustice in the judicial system. These problems exist in almost every society in the world. At first glance, it seems that the prophet is asking for an impossibly perfect world. But we all know that the Torah wouldn't ask us to do something that is impossible. So what does the prophet ask us to do exactly?

It seems that he demands from us that at least we should understand and identify the problems in our society. Maybe we are not able to fix everything, but we need to know that they exist. We are not allowed to be indifferent, but we need to use our judgment to continue to bring the world to a better place. If we accept the society's immoralities as they are: bribery, fraud, complaints, excuses and taking advantage of each other, then we will be allowing the world to go on without *Tikkun* (healing).

Shame is a strong weapon that can be a positive influence, but when a society is lacking shame, then every bad behavior becomes acceptable. That will bring a disaster to the world. This is Isaiah's warning. What can we do then? One thing we can do is to learn and study the laws in the Torah that teach us how to relate to each other. Prior to Tisha B'Av, we have the three weeks called "Bien ha *Meitzarim.*" We can use this time to study these laws and hope that we can improve ourselves which can contribute to the improvement of the world- Tikkun Olam.

Rabbi Aminaday Adamit

# From the President

The summer at Beth David will be devoted to repairing and remodeling areas in the synagogue that need attention. The major job will be the mikvah that we will hopefully start in the middle of July. We are now in the process of getting estimates from a few remodelers and trying to keep cost down but this is an expensive job and a very necessary one. When the time comes we will need your help with funding this project.

We are also going to repair the ceilings that were damaged over the winter, and the outside overhang that has not been done since the shul was built.

Last week we finished installing a new telephone system and that has been very successful and will also save us money with the monthly billing of Internet use.

Although summertime is a more quiet time at Beth David, it is also a great opportunity to have a Kiddush after services on Saturday, so consider sponsoring a Kiddush just for fun or a birthday or to remember a loved one. Please call Meryl Sasnowitz if you decide to sponsor.

The past few Shabbat mornings I have noticed that we have had a minyan a little earlier; I want to thank the people that are coming and coming earlier to help with keeping our services timely. It is also a pleasure to see that there are more people coming Shabbat morning. Have a safe and happy summer.

Saba Wiesner, President

# Give Double Chai

The goal of the *ChaiLine* is to keep you up to date on anything pertaining to Beth David; minyan times, holidays, meetings, sales, luncheons, the doings of the Beth David Family, etc. You, our readers, help us make it happen by your continued support of the "Give Double Chai to the ChaiLine" sponsor program.

We look back with gratitude and say Todah Rabah to our readers, sponsors, and sustainers. You have been a great help in covering the costs of printing and sending this newsletter.

We ask for your support and you give it wholeheartedly and generously with your \$36.00 double Chai and/or \$180.00 **Special Sponsor** donations. You are, indeed, the *Chai* of the ChaiLine. On behalf of the Beth David Family, I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to you all.

To be a sponsor or put a thank you note (\$18.00) in the ChaiLine, contact me at 729-3235 or mserkin@stny.rr.com, or the Shul office at 722-1793, or send a check, along with a note containing your message, to the Shul before the next deadline, August 30, 2015.

Have a great summer.

Marlene Serkin. ChaiLine Coordinator

### Thanks to our Sponsors

Marcy & Gaby Yonaty in memory of Toni Began

Steve & Rika Katz in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of our granddaughter, Hadara Sima Reifman

Cathy Velenchik & Chaim Joy in memory of Cathy's cousin, Larry Levine

### **Contributions**

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#### Shul Beautiful to:

Marie Werner, wishing Susan Gilinsky Mazal Tov on her special birthday

Lilly & Herman Wolf, sending condolences to Perry Jambor in memory of his brother, Tommy

Lillian Sommer wishing Saba & Michael Wiesner Mazal Tov on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Amylia

Claire & Sam Ladenheim wishing Marcy Yonaty a Refuah Shelemah

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#### Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing: Mazel Tov to:

Marilyn Bell on receiving the Mary & Jack Ferber Memorial Award Gabby Grower on Petal's graduation from Binghamton University Dr. Pat Hecht on earning a Ph.D

Claire & Sam Ladenheim on the birth of their new great grandson Rhonda Levine on her retirement from Colgate University

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#### Thank You to:

Charles Manasse for the beautiful brunch he prepared for Mother's/Father's Day

Marcy Yonaty for the beautiful Shavuot Luncheon she and her assistants prepared

#### Refuah Shelemah:

Marcy Yonaty Jeanette DeLeon Laura Greger Yehuda Weissman, grandson of R. Žev & Judy Silber

#### Condolences to:

Mark Epstein on the loss of his dear mother

# Sisterhood

Put on your thinking caps for ideas for next year's programming. Have a great summer and see you in the fall!

> Claire Ladenheim Sisterhood President

## 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 31, June 1, and June 2. Set up was done Sunday morning starting at 8:30 am with our efficient volunteers finishing in time to let the customers in by 10:30 am. Since our last sale was 10 months ago, there was quite a bit of merchandise to be set up.

Remember, Rummage Sales are Sisterhood's biggest fund raiser and we count on the proceeds to help us meet our quota to the

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

Valerie & Leonard Preston, Rita Shawn, Ruth Goldstein, Lillian Sommer, Sandy Boysick, Toby & Harold Kohn, Susan & Gerry Hubal, Ruth Buschman, Judy Silber, Sima Auerbach, Stacev Shaunler & son Michael, David Serkin, Mervl Sasnowitz. Rhonda Levine & Arieh Ullmann

Thanks to Inna Meacham and Darlene Cady, customers who always come and help us set up and clean up.

An extra special thank you to Sandy Boysick who worked the sale with me for all the hours we were open. I could not have done it without her.

> Marlene Serkin, Rummage Sale Chairwoman

#### We no longer accept the following:

- 1) Electronics or small appliances that do not work
- 2) Incomplete games, puzzles or broken toys
- 3) Torn or dirty clothing and linens
- 4) Items that are rusted or broken

If the item is really trash, please dispose of it. Please put sets of linens in a plastics bag and mark the size (twin, full, queen, king)

## **Shavuot Luncheon**

Once again our annual Beth David Shavuot Luncheon was a delightful event. It continues to be a wonderful happening because of the devotion of those who "help" out year after year. My sincere thanks go to the following:

Lillian Zodikoff Lillian Sommer Ruth Goldstein Cathy Velenchik Marie Werner Marlene Serkin Dora Feuer Gabi Yonaty

Dora & Steve Feuer, who were in the area during the Shavuot holiday and joined us for services and the luncheon, made a generous donation.

This year's luncheon was sponsored by Gabi and I in memory of my beloved brother, Lawrence Slutzker, killed in World War II, and all the Jewish young men from Broome County who lost their lives in that war.

Marcy Yonaty, Luncheon Chair

# Beth David Family

Our warm, sunny days brought a number of visitors to our sanctuary for services. It was a joy to chat with Shelley Goldman-Black and her two children, Jasmine and Jason, who were in town to see her father, Gerry Goldman. Members of the extended Berman family, relatives of the late Gert and Nathan Berman, were in town for a surprise birthday party for Brenda Berman Margolis. Gary Coleman came to Binghamton for a Shabbat walk down memory lane prior to his move to Israel with his children. Although it saddened him to do so without his beloved Tzipporah, OBM, he was glad to make the journey. Gary informed us that his daughter, Orit Mazal graduated Magna Cum Laude from Cleveland State University with a Bachelor of Arts, and his children Yosef and Rivka graduated from Fuchs Mizrach School. Carole and Sy Klionsky joined us one Shabbat in June and filled us in on their latest adventures.

Beth David's Torah Tours' visitors enlivened services and learning sessions during Shavuot. They brought additional ruach to our midst. These YU students give up holidays with their families to share their spirit with other communities. Judy and Rabbi Silber brought culinary Shavuot joy to all willing to join them at shul the first night of Yom Tov. The Silbers both sponsored and prepared the Yom Toy dinner. To top off the *chag*, Marcy Yonaty and her special crew prepared a wonderful Shavuot lunch for us after Yizkor the second day.

Susan and Michael Wright are kvelling over the birth of their grandson Gavriel Mordechai, the son of Natania and Dmitry Ostrovsky, of CT. A couple of weeks after his birth, the family celebrated the *upshearnish* (first haircut) of their son Yaakov. Grandparents Susan and Michael Wright and Aunt Kerry Wright are wished continued joy. A son, Leo Matthew, was welcomed into the family of Gabriel and Jenn Shiffman of NYC. Grandparents Xianna and Michael Shiffman, of LA and great-grandparents Claire and Samuel Ladenheim are beaming with joy. May the boys be blessed to Bar Mitzvah, to chuppah, and to 120 in good health.

Ruth & Ed Sacher were in Israel to attend the marriage of their grandson Amichai, son of Ari and Tova Sacher, to Esty Eaton. While there. Tova and Ari's daughter Rina gave birth to twin girls, and a few days later daughter Itiya had a baby girl. Mazal Toy to the ever expanding Sacher family.

Yasher Koach to Marilyn Bell, recipient of the Mary and Jack Ferber Award for service to our shul. Marilyn has been a constant behind-the-scenes volunteer at Beth David and the community for years. It was a treat to see her three children, Gary, David, and Rachel, at the dinner along with several of her grandsons and many of her friends.

Isaac Karp, son of Gina Glassman and Jonathan Karp, and brother of Jacqueline, recently celebrated his becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Amylia Wiesner's Bat Mitzvah brought much joy to her parents. Annette and Lawrence Wiesner, and to her grandparents, Saba and Michael Wiesner. Tehila Strulowitz, daughter of Bethany and Josh Strulowitz, of NYC, marked her becoming a Bat Mitzvah in May. Grandparents Rita and Larry Bleier shepped plenty of nachas at

May they continue to celebrate simchas with family and friends.

Kol hakavod to Melanie Tuberman, who graduated from Binghamton High School with a full International Baccalaureate diploma, and to Samantha Tuberman, who graduated from West Middle School as its salutatorian. The sisters are the daughters of proud parents Lori and Brian Tuberman and the granddaughters of Maxine and Marvin Kaplan. Daniel Cohen graduated from Texas State University with a degree in geographic information science. He's heading to Israel to learn half day and to work for the City of Jerusalem the rest of the time. He'll be mapping the light rail. Yasher Koach to Daniel and his parents, Elaine and Jerry Cohen.

Judy and Irwin Simon began their Ohio visit with a tour of Dayton's Air Force Museum. Family and friends in Cincinnati were their final destination. Cathy Velenchik and Chaim Joy toured the south-west. Highlights of their journey included the Grand Canyon and Sedona. Arizona. Dora and Sol Polachek headed east on their post semester vacation. They toured Australia and New Zealand, with special memories made in an ancient synagogue in Tasmania.

Refuah Shelemah to Jeanette DeLeon and Marcy Yonaty.

Condolences to the family of Sam Ladenheim, his wife Claire, and children Susan (Rendsburg) Grosberg, Miles Ladenheim and Xianna Shiffman, and all the grandchildren and great grandchildren. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

May you continue to enjoy summer; its fresh vegetables, its sunny days, and its influx of visitors.

Meryl Sasnowitz

# Thank You

Rhonda Levine and Arieh Ullmann wish to convey their thanks to the following:

Saba Wiesner and her crew for a lovely Annual Dinner Marcy Yonaty and her crew for the Shavuot dinner Marlene Serkin and her crew for vet another rummage sale A hearty Mazel Tov from Rhonda and Arieh to Susan and Michael Wright and family on the birth of a grandson, Gavriel Mordechai.

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Thank you to all our Beth David friends for your support, prayers, and understanding during this difficult time for our family. The many and generous contributions to the Yehuda Weissman Refu'a Sheleima Fund are so appreciated by the entire family. In merit of your generous acts of tzedaka and your sincere, daily recitation of Psalms and other prayers, we are confident that Yehuda will merit a speedy recovery.

At the time of this writing, the doctors are very pleased with his post-transplant progress and we hope and pray that by the time you read this message he will be continuing his recuperation at home.

We appreciate all the good wishes and friendships that Beth David Synagogue has provided to us and our family.

> Rabbi Zev and Judy Silber Rabbi Elie and Avital Weissman