

July-August Minyan Times

MORNINGS (times constant)	
Sunday.....	8:30 am
Monday – Friday.....	6:40 am
*Except July 4, September 3.....	8:30 am
*Except July 20, September 10-14.....	6:30 am
Shabbat.....	9:00 am
EVENINGS (times constant)	
Friday (through August).....	7:15 pm
EVENINGS (times vary)	
Sunday - Thursday, June 24 – July 5.....	8:30 pm
Shabbat, June 30.....	8:15 pm
Shabbat, July 7, 14.....	8:10 pm
Sunday, July 8.....	8:10 pm
Monday - Thursday, July 9-12.....	8:25 pm
Sunday - Thursday, July 15-19.....	8:20 pm
Shabbat, July 21.....	8:05 pm
Sunday - Thursday, July 22-26.....	8:15 pm
Shabbat, July 28.....	6:00 pm
Sunday, July 29.....	7:55 pm
Monday - Thursday, July 30 - August 2.....	8:05 pm
Shabbat, August 4.....	7:50 pm
Sunday - Thursday, August 5-9.....	8:00 pm
Shabbat, August 11.....	7:40 pm
Sunday - Thursday, August 12-16.....	7:50 pm
Shabbat, August 18.....	7:30 pm
Sunday - Thursday, August 19-23.....	7:40 pm
Shabbat, August 25.....	7:20 pm
Sunday - Thursday, August 26-30.....	7:25 pm
Shabbat, September 1.....	7:10 pm
Sunday - Thursday, September 2-6.....	7:15 pm
Friday, September 7.....	7:10 pm
Shabbat, September 8.....	6:55 pm
Sunday - Thursday, September 9-13.....	7:00 pm

Tish'a B'Av Schedule

Shabbat, July 28	Mincha.....	6:00 am
	Fast begins.....	8:27 pm
	Shabbat ends.....	9:09 pm
	Ma'ariv and Eicha.....	9:30 pm
Sunday, July 29	Shacharit and kinot.....	8:30 am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv.....	7:55 pm
	Fast ends.....	9:08 pm

S.E.E.D. TORAH STUDY PROGRAM
Is tentatively scheduled to be from Wednesday, July 25 through Shabbat, August 4. More information will be distributed by e-mail when it becomes available.

TISH'A B'AV VIDEO PROGRAM
Will be held on Tish'a B'Av, Sunday, July 29 in the afternoon. More information will be distributed by e-mail when it becomes available.

Not on our e-mail list? Send your address to rabbisilber@stny.rr.com

**Fast Day July 8
 Rummage Sale July 15**

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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, and 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. 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 Iran to stop threatening to wipe Israel off the map, nor does it prevent both candidates for the Egyptian presidency to state that they want to reexamine the peace treaty with Israel. It does not prevent terrorist from heating the air even more by renewing the shooting of 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

Everyday when we read the newspaper or listen to TV or radio we hear of financial problems in our communities, the state, the country and the world, so I have some good news to share with our congregates. The state of the Beth David budget is excellent for the year. We are not a penny in the red and I am so proud to tell you that this has not happened for many, many years.

For the years that I have been president we have restricted unnecessary spending; we have initiated sound fundraising, and of course we have many people in our shul and the community that give generously. Our dinner and raffle this year brought in almost \$4000.00 in profit because of many generous sponsors. We also had three people in our community, two of them Beth David members, bequeath a total of \$25,000.00 to our shul.

We are extremely grateful to them for remembering Beth David and we all need to think about our own wills.

Thanks to all the people that made our financial situation a success and please enjoy your summer.

Saba Wiesner, President

Give DoubleChai to ChaiLine

This has been a very busy few months at Beth David. We have had guest speakers, luncheons, brunches, *auf rufs*, meetings and to top it off, the annual Shul Dinner. It is nice to have so much going on but I think we all need a short rest.

Things were so busy, I could not find a good date for the Rummage Sale, but fear not, we will have it and we will need your help.

We are always looking for sponsors for the *ChaiLine*. Your donation of \$180.00 makes you a Special Sponsor, a \$36.00 donation is the cost for regular sponsorship, and a thank you note is \$18.00. Just send your check to the synagogue with a note explaining the reason for your donation, before the next deadline (8/22/12),

Thank you for all previous, present and future donations.

Marlene Serkin

Thanks to our Sponsors

Maria and Bob Kutz in honor of the 50th anniversary of **Arline and Marvin Kutz**.

Solomon and Dora Polachek in memory of **Blanche Polachek and Toni and Norman Eisenberg**.

Marlene Serkin in honor of the birth of her great grandson, **Amichai Yaakov Serkin**.

Claire and Sam Ladenheim in honor of our grandson, **Gideon Shiffman**, receiving an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and landing a job.

Claire and Sam Ladenheim in honor of the marriage of our grandson, **Gideon Shiffman**, to **Jennifer Endzweig**. May they have a long, healthy and happy life together and continue to bring joy and *nachas* to their families.

Sisterhood

Another season, another reason for making whoopee. So the song goes [for those of you who are old enough to remember] but our whoopee is for the plaudits for all our Sisterhood members. What a wonderful group you are—small but choice, and ever ready to help, and help you did, be it for the weekly Shabbat kiddushim, programs, luncheons, dinners, rummage sales, holiday treats, mitzvah cards, library, mourner's hospitality, etc.

Helping with all of this is not an easy job and sometimes not even a desirable one. But if we want to see our shul prosper and continue to function, then our Sisterhood activities provide one of the main avenues to accomplish this. So hats off to all of you and special thanks to a wonderful board and Vice-Presidents: Meryl Sasnowitz for Programming and her committee; Marlene Serkin for Fundraising and Treasurer; Paula Rubin for Service and all her Committee people; and to Judy Silber and Lillian Zodikoff, who are there faithfully at every meeting to prepare our refreshments.

We are the living proof that when everyone works together with the same goals and aspirations much can be accomplished. We look forward to summer vacation, not only as a respite from Sisterhood, but as a time to look ahead to next year, to plan for new and exciting programs. Keep us in mind when you come across new ideas. Have a wonderful summer and see you in September.

Claire Ladenheim, Sisterhood President

A Special Thank You

A special thank you to Marcy and Gaby Yonaty for sponsoring the Shavuot luncheon in memory of her brother, Laurence Slutzker, and other young men of the Jewish community who were also killed in World War II.

Marcy was also in charge of the luncheon, doing all the shopping and, along with her assistants, all the food preparation. If you missed the luncheon, you missed a great meal. *Yasher koach*, Marcy.

Marcy and Gaby also provided the flowers on the tables in memory of their parents; Mark Yonaty provided the flowers in the courtyard in honor of the holiday; and Ruth and Howard Buschman supplied the flowers in the sanctuary in memory of Ruth's parents.

Thanks to Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber for again sponsoring, and Judy for preparing, the dinner served erev Shavuot.

Also, thanks to the Torah Tour scholars who enhanced the holiday with the learning sessions and to Yeshiva University for making this program possible.

Mitzvah Fund

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

Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

Mazel Tov to:

Rabbi Ami & Sarah Lynn Adamit on Ahi's graduation from YU
Aaron & Miriam Alweis on Danny's graduation from YU
Danny Alweis on your graduation from YU
Aaron & Miriam Alweis on Michael's marriage to Malka Leovic
Susan Choi on Lily's graduation from JCHS
Jeff & Tina Feinberg on Maxwell's graduation from Hillel Academy
Michelle Foster on Julianne's graduation from Hillel Academy
Ari Frenkel & Mara Fries on their marriage
Mark & Shelly Hubal on Molly's winning a poetry prize
Susan Hubal -- Thank you
Claire Ladenheim -- Thank you
Sam & Claire Ladenheim on the marriage of their grandson, Gideon Shiffman, to Jennifer Endzweig
Dick & Lori Lewis on Anna's graduation from Hillel Academy
Dick & Lori Lewis on Emily's graduation from BHS
Dan & Eileen Miller on Brian's graduation from Hillel Academy
Tony Preus & Merri Pell-Preus on Alexander's graduation from Upstate Medical School
Tony Preus & Merri Pell-Preus on Alexander's marriage to Anna Binstock
Chazon Rotbart on your graduation from Binghamton University Nursing Program
Harold & Meryl Sasnowitz on granddaughter Esti's graduation from Bais Yaakov of LES
Harold & Meryl Sasnowitz on grandson Meir's graduation from Yeshiva Bais Hillel
Marlene Serkin on the birth of great grandson Amichai Yaakov Serkin
Marlene Serkin -- Thank you
Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber on granddaughter Leora's 8th grade graduation from Jewish Foundation School
Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber on granddaughter Yael's 8th grade graduation from Jewish Foundation School as Valedictorian
Rabbi Aaron & Rivky Slonim on Yehuda's marriage to Chaya Mushka Rosenfeld
Lillian Sommer -- Thank you
Arieh Ullmann on receiving the Jack & Mary Ferber Memorial Award
Cathy Velenchik -- Thank you
Lily & Herman Wolf on grandson Danny's graduation from YU
Susan & Michael Wright on the birth of grandson, Yaakov Noam Orlovsky
Susan Wright -- Thank you
Lillian Zodikoff -- Thank you

Condolences to:

Elaine Bollinger in memory of her sister

Refuah Shelema:

Hadassah Gold
Adina Ofek

PLEASE NOTE

**Effective July 3, 2012
Rabbi Zev Silber's office hours will be
Tuesdays, 10 am-noon and Thursdays, 1-3 pm**

NCSY Chapter of the Year

On Friday, June 1, three Binghamton teens traveled to Grand Island, NY for the spring convention of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY). There they met with others their age from all over Upstate New York. The weekend was spent bonding with friends old and new; spirit-filled singing and dancing; and a banquet on Sunday recognizing the graduating seniors.

Saturday night, regional board elections were held. Two members of the Binghamton chapter were elected. Adele Lerner (Binghamton chapter board member) became Upstate's new historian and Elisa Alweis (Binghamton chapter president) became the region's vice-president of education. On Sunday, at the banquet, they were officially inducted. Additionally at the banquet, Binghamton was awarded with Chapter of the Year, a prestigious award going to the chapter that has been best all-around over the past year. Regional Director Marc Fein said, "The Binghamton Chapter was the most committed chapter of Upstate NY NCSY. The members of the chapter exemplified NCSY's ideals of commitment to Jewish heritage and community. They deserved Chapter of the Year for all their hard work and I cannot wait to see what they accomplish next year."

Binghamton chapter advisor Noah Stein, was awarded with an advisor commitment award for all of his hard work, along with Nate Herzfeld, over the past four years. Binghamton native Daniel Alweis won advisor of the year award for his excellence as a regional advisor.

Binghamton chapter has had a great year, culminating with a closing barbeque that was attended by over fifteen members. If you have any questions about NCSY, please feel free to contact Elisa Alweis at e.alweis@aol.com.

Elisa Alweis, President

Beth David Calendar

The 5773 Beth David Calendar is soon to be published. If you have any changes or additions, please email them to me at dangold@stny.rr.com or drop them off at the Shul office. Unless I'm otherwise notified, all ads will run with the same copy as last year. Please note that we've had to raise the price of the ads by \$10 (to \$45) because our pre-press company raised their fee by \$200. We decided to increase the price of the ad, which has been the same for quite some time, so we would not have to raise the price of the calendar itself—something we did a relatively short time ago.

Dan Gold

Beth David Family

Oh summer... what a joy to live in our Southern Tier. The parks, the gardens, the sports' events, and the friendly gatherings pay homage to our great outdoors. How blessed we are to be here.

Mazal Tov to Arieh Ullmann who was honored with the Mary and Jack Ferber Memorial Award at our shul's annual dinner. It was joy to see old friends Connie and Alan Liss, Ilyssa Manspeiser and Brian Cohen, who came to honor our honoree. Thank you to the dinner chairs for making it all possible: Saba Weisner and Toby and Harold Kohn.

Mazal Tov to Natanya and Dmitry Ostrovsky of CT on the birth of a son, Yaakov Noam. Grandparents Susan and Michael Wright and Aunt Kerry Wright are kvelling over their latest family addition. Harold and I had the *z'chus* (merit) of attending the Bat Mitzvah celebration of our granddaughter Menucha Chaya in Lower Manhattan. She's the daughter of Leslie and Michael Tuchman. Susan and Gerry Hubal celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Caribbean cruise.

Our *kehilla* was blessed to celebrate two *aufrufs* on two Shabbats in a row. Michael Alweis, son of Miriam and Aaron Alweis, brother of Danny and Elisa, and grandson of Lily and Herman Wolf, shared his special day with friends and family on June 2nd. A week later, Ari Frenkel shared his joy with his parents and friends from Long Island. We've all known Michael since he was a baby, and Ari has been a regular shul attendee during his residency at UHS the past three years. It was a joy to have Dora and Steve Feuer among us during that second Shabbat. They co-sponsored the luncheon on their planned visit to Binghamton.

Moving on, it gives me great pleasure to wish several couples *bracha* as they recently celebrated their weddings. Anthony Preus and Meredith Pell-Preus' son Alexander married Anna Binstock of MD in the Georgetown area of Washington, DC. Michael Alweis married Malka Lebovic of MD at Pennsylvania's Camp Stone, where they met as staff members. That same night, Yehuda Slonim, son of Rivky and Aaron Slonim and brother of Levi and Hadasa Slonim, married Chaya Mushka Rosenfeld in Bogota, Columbia, where her parents are Chabad *shlichim*. A few days later, Gideon Shiffman of LA married Jennifer Endzweig of Long Island. Gideon's grandparents Claire and Samuel Ladenheim were thrilled to walk down the aisle at the wedding. The four weddings spanned many miles and brought friends and family together, all happy to share a simcha with those they love. May each of the couples build a *bayit ne'eman b'Yisroel*, and may each of the extended families keep kvelling over the joyous family moments they spent.

How proud we all are of our NCSY Chapter, Choraiv, which was awarded *Chapter of the Year* at the region's gala Shabbaton. Danny Alweis, a regional advisor, was awarded *Advisor of the Year*, and our shul's NCSY advisors Nate Herzfeld and Noah Stein were presented with awards for their commitment to our youth. Elisa Alweis and Adele Lerner were elected to regional board positions. And our group is proud to note (all) three of its members will spend the summer in Israel on NCSY programs. Adele Lerner will be on the *Jerusalem Journey Ambassadors Program*, Elisa Alweis will be with the *Girls Israel Volunteer Experience*, and Zach Barron will travel with the *Jerusalem Journey Program*. Adele is the daughter of Regina Frants and Ilya Lerner; Elisa is the daughter of Miriam and Aaron Alweis and the granddaughter of Lily and Herman Wolf; and Zach is the son of Jill and Barry Baron. *Kol HaKavod* to all our NCSYers!

Mazal Tov to our many graduates. As you'll see on the extensive list in this issue, our extended family's accomplishments showcase many achievements. May each of the grads continue on their chosen path with strength of purpose, and may each of the families continue to *shep nachas*.

Refuah shelema to Hadassah Gold who is recovering from a car accident.

Condolences to Elaine Bollinger on the death of her beloved sister. May she find comfort among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Continue to enjoy your summer activities in good health, and remember to keep me posted about your family's happenings so I can share them with the entire Beth David Family. You can reach me at 797-5458 or msasnowitz@gmail.com.

Meryl Sasnowitz