

# June-July Minyan Times

<b>MORNINGS</b> (times constant)	
Sunday .....	8:30 am
Monday – Friday .....	6:40 am
*Except June 4-5 .....	9:00 am
*Except May 30, July 28.....	6:30 am
*Except May 26; July 4 .....	8:30 am
Shabbat .....	9:00 am
<b>EVENINGS</b> (times constant)	
Friday .....	7:15 pm
<b>EVENINGS</b> (times vary)	
Sunday–Thursday, May 25-29.....	8:10 pm
Shabbat, May 31 .....	8:00 pm
Sunday–Monday, June 1-2 .....	8:20 pm
Tuesday–Thursday, June 3-5 .....	see Shavuot schedule
Shabbat, June 7 .....	8:05 pm
Sunday–Thursday, June 8-12.....	8:25 pm
Shabbat, June 14 .....	8:10 pm
Sunday–Thursday, June 15-19.....	8:25 pm
Shabbat, June 21 .....	8:15 pm
Sunday-Thursday, June 22-26 .....	8:30 pm
Shabbat, June 28 .....	8:15 pm
Sunday-Thursday, June 29-July 3.....	8:30 pm
Shabbat, July 5.....	8:10 pm
Sunday–Thursday, July 6-10 .....	8:25 pm
Shabbat, July 12.....	8:10 pm
Sunday–Monday, July 13-14 .....	8:25 pm
Tuesday, July 15 .....	8:10 pm
Wednesday–Thursday, July 16-17 .....	8:20 pm
Shabbat, July 19.....	8:05 pm
Sunday–Thursday, July 20-24 .....	8:15 pm
Shabbat, July 26.....	8:00 pm
Sunday–Thursday, July 27-31 .....	8:10 pm

## Shavuot Schedule

Tuesday, June 3	Candle lighting.....8:16 pm
	<i>Tikun Leil Shavuot –</i>
	<i>All night Torah study begins .....</i> 11:30 pm
Wednesday, June 4	Shacharit .....
	Candle lighting..... <b>after</b> 9:17 pm
	Mincha/Ma'ariv .....
Thursday, June 5	Shacharit .....
	Yizkor .....
	Sisterhood Shavuot Luncheon..... 12:00 noon
	Mincha/Ma'ariv .....
	Yom Tov ends .....

**YOU ARE INVITED TO DINNER  
THE FIRST NIGHT OF SHAVUOT  
Tuesday, June 3**

**JOIN US FOR SERVICES, DINNER AND  
STAY FOR AT LEAST ONE TORAH STUDY SESSION,  
AND THE DINNER IS ON US!**

**Reservations required by Friday, May 30!  
RSVP to rabbisilber@stny.rr.com or 761-7098  
Dinner Sponsored by Rabbi Zev and Judy Silber**

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### From the Rabbi

One layer of Shavuot naturally concerns itself with being the approximate anniversary of the revelation at Sinai and the granting of the Torah to the Jewish nation. "Today -- the day of the granting of the Torah to Israel -- we have become a people," declared Moshe and so it is. "Our nation is only a nation because of the Torah," Saadia Gaon famously declaimed.

The Torah, its study, its values, its commandments, its way of life and thought patterns has been what has shaped and preserved the Jewish people throughout our long and very difficult history. Thus the rabbis declared that if it were not for the day of Shavuot, we would have no unique identity as a faith and as a people. Shavuot is therefore really our Independence Day. Because of that long ago Shavuot everything else became possible and we emerged as a special people entrusted with a Godly mission and universal eternal truths. It is no wonder therefore that the study of Torah in night long sessions and other sorts of programs are the hallmark of this festival.

Nations can celebrate and commemorate their independence in various

fashions -- fireworks, parades, etc. -- but the Jewish people do so with study, debate and gaining additional knowledge from the endless sources of Torah learning.

Another layer of understanding and appreciating the holiday of Shavuot deals with our treatment of the stranger, the alien, and the convert in our midst. The Book of Ruth is traditionally associated with the holiday of Shavuot. In its poignant story of tragedy and redemption, we are taught that the Lord demands of us an attitude of compassion and friendship for those who live in our midst but are strangers or newcomers to our society. It is this layer of understanding that helps elevate the holiday of Shavuot from being a particular holiday for Jews alone to one that has a universal message for all humans. The "other" in society is to be treated kindly and not persecuted. The Torah always bids us to remember that we were also strangers -- the "other" in the Land of Egypt. Is it not ironic that from the womb of Ruth the Moabite -- the ultimate "other" in Judean society at the time of the Judges -- should come forth the royal line of Davidic monarchy in the Jewish world?

*Chag Sameach  
Rabbi Aminadav Adamit*

## Beth David Annual Dinner 50 Years!!

The Beth David Dinner was a huge success. More than 100 people gathered at Shul to reminisce, praise, and, yes, reflect on "the little Shul that could." After Rabbi Silber's D'var Torah, Charles Manasse used this line to describe how Beth David became the remarkable institution that it is today. Fast forward to a present day quote -- "it takes a community to build a Shul," and here we are!

Many hands in the Beth David Community made this evening a success: Saba Wiesner, Toby and Harold Kohn who chaired the dinner part of the event and Meryl Sasnowitz and Marlene Serkin who chaired the Memory Book and invitations etc. respectively. They put in hour after hour, day after day, email after email into all the details that make an event a success. To all of them we say thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

After a short video, Harold Kohn shared Beth David's visions for the future. Then the annual raffle was followed by personal reflections from Roz Wiesel who described her years at Beth David. "Beth David is the glue that holds families together" she noted. A film "From The Corner of Murray and Riverside Drive," produced by Harry Wiesel, caught everyone's attention. Aaron Alweis read congratulatory remarks from Rabbi Adamit who was attending his son's graduation.

The common thread of all remarks was the warm family atmosphere that one gets from Beth David, both young and old alike. NCSY was praised many times as a conduit for social, spiritual and educational programs with the Beth David chapter standing out as one of the best. And who could forget Bingo! From Jimmy Berg's breakfast to rummage sales and all things in between, nostalgia ran high among these memories.

Before Stuart Serkin led the *Birkat Hamazon*, he noted one very important fact -- Beth David provides a minyan. A Shul without a minyan is not a Shul.

All in all those who came from near and far echoed the same sentiment -- there's no place like home at Beth David!

Happy Shavuot Everyone!  
Paula Rubin



50-Year Members - Back row L-R: Charlie Manasse, Bob Kutz, Jack Siskin, Marvin Kutz. Front row L-R: Lil Zodikoff, Marcy Yonaty, Lynn Manasse, Marlene Serkin



Above L-R: Ilene Goldman, Arieh Ullmann & Rhonda Levine



Rabbi Zev Silber



Stuart Serkin



Harold Kohn, Emcee



Jason Black picking the winning raffle ticket with Marlene Serkin and Harold Kohn



Meryl Sasnowitz

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Shavuot Issue

# Sisterhood

I write this article after having attended our annual Donor evening. To those who were unable to attend, I can only say you missed a really interesting and fun evening with a presentation by Elliot Fiks on “Food is the Best Medicine.” Kudos to Meryl Sasnowitz and Marlene Serkin who did a terrific job coordinating the entire event. Thanks also to Lori Tuberman who most graciously hosted the evening at her home.

In the month of May we also held a rummage sale. Marlene Serkin, as usual, did a wonderful job making this happen and attending to all the details. In a separate article, Marlene will thank all the volunteers who helped her.

Next on the docket is the Shavuot Luncheon to be held on the second day of Shavuot, Thursday, June 5, 2014, and chaired by Marcy Yonaty. It is always delicious but come and find out for yourself!

Our closing meeting will be held, Wednesday, June 11. Please plan to join us.

Claire Ladenheim, Sisterhood President

## Customs and Practices for the “Three Weeks”

**Background:** The three-week period from 17 Tammuz through 9 Av was a time of tragedy for the Jewish people. Many calamities happened on these specific days and during the time between. The catastrophic events surrounding the Holy Temple in Jerusalem that occurred on those specific days resulted in the long exile, which is still ongoing. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz the walls of Jerusalem were breached during the period of the second Temple, and the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av marks the day on which both the first and second Temples were destroyed. For that reason it was ordained that this period of three weeks should be observed as days of mourning by the entire nation. Some mourning practices begin on 17 Tammuz and they increase in severity as we approach the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av.

Since the next *ChaiLine* will first appear after this period begins, we will mention only the customs observed until Rosh Chodesh Av. Those that first apply after that date will be described in the summer edition.

**When:** The three weeks begin on 17 Tammuz, which occurs on Tuesday, July 15, and continue through 9 Av, which occurs on Tuesday, August 5.

**The fast of 17 Tammuz:** This day is observed as a fast day, with the fast beginning in the morning at 3:53 am and ending at nightfall, at 9:20 pm.

**Mourning practices:** During the entire three-week period we do not conduct weddings, we refrain from haircuts, and we avoid listening to live music.

## Shavuot Customs and Practices

**When:** Shavuot begins on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at night, and lasts through the day of Thursday, June 5.

**Candle Lighting:** As with every Yom Tov, we light candles each night of the holiday, reciting the two brachot – one for the holiday (*l’hadlik ner shel Yom Tov*) and the *Shehecheyanu*. *Shehecheyanu* is also recited at the end of Kiddush.

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot:** Since Shavuot commemorates the revelation at Mount Sinai and the acceptance of the Torah, there is a beautiful, time-honored custom to stay awake the entire night of the first day of Shavuot and study Torah. Beth David will host various Torah study groups and lectures the night of June 3, beginning at 11:30 pm. Refreshments will be available to help all attendees remain awake and alert. Those awake all night in Torah studies often participate in a sunrise Shacharit service. This service is held at our shul only if there is assurance that the regular service can be conducted properly.

**Megillat Rut:** There is a custom to read the scroll of Ruth on the second day of Shavuot. Ruth, who was a convert, accepted the Torah just as the Jews did at Sinai. She was also the great-grandmother of King David, who was born, and died, on Shavuot. We read the megillah before the Torah service.

**Dairy Foods:** There is a custom to eat dairy foods on Shavuot. Thus, the annual Beth David Sisterhood Shavuot lunch on the second day of Shavuot will be dairy.

## Mitzvah Fund

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

Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

### Mazel Tov to:

Jerry & Elaine Cohen on the marriage of their daughter, Laura Sam & Claire Ladenheim on the birth of their new great granddaughter, Zoe Shula

### Thank You to:

Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber for holiday hospitality

### Refuah Shelemah to:

Sam & Claire Ladenheim wishing them a speedy recovery after their car accident

### Condolences to:

Rhonda Levine in memory of her mother, Rae Levine  
Sandy Boysick in memory of her son, Floyd Jacobowitz  
Judy Silber in memory of her aunt, Ethel Saperstone  
Susan Wright and family in memory of her father, Martin Greenspan  
Saba Wiesner and family in memory of her mother, Doris Zolty

## Beth David Graduates 2014

Ayal Adamit – Binghamton University – son of SarahLynn and Ami Adamit  
Gilead Adamit – Ben Gurion University – son of SarahLynn and Ami Adamit  
Elisa Alweis – Binghamton HS – daughter of Miriam and Aaron Alweis, granddaughter of Lilly and Herman Wolf  
Zachary Baron – Vestal HS – son of Jill and Barry Baron  
Elianna Benhamu – Ben Torat Yosef – daughter of Adina and Mike Benhamu – granddaughter of SarahLynn and Ami Adamit  
Lena Ladenheim – Towson College – daughter of Beth and Miles Ladenheim, granddaughter of Claire and Sam Ladenheim  
Adele Lerner – Vestal HS – daughter of Regina Frants  
Dina Rendsburg – Rutgers University – daughter of Susan Rendsburg Grosberg, granddaughter of Claire and Sam Ladenheim  
Chavi Sommer – YBH – daughter of Rochie and Marc Sommer, granddaughter of Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz  
Chezky Tuchman – Yeshiva Torah Vodaas HS – son of Leslie and Michael Tuchman, granddaughter of Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz  
Menucha Tuchman – Bais Yaakov of the Lower East Side – daughter of Leslie and Michael Tuchman, granddaughter of Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz

## 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 4, 5 and 6, 2014. 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.

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 Preston	Marie Werner	Marilyn Bell
Lil Sommer	Rita Shawn	Sandy Boysick
Marti Klionsky	Claire Ladenheim	David Serkin
Susan & Gerry Hubal	Ruth Buschman	Cathy Velenchik
Toby, Harold & Michael Kohn		

Aspecial thanks to Cathy Velenchik and Rita Shawn who did the clean-up in record time. Thanks to Nancy Nagel and Inna Meecham, customers who always come and help us set up. These sales are the major fund raising project of Sisterhood and all help is greatly appreciated.

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
- 5) Computer items that are out-dated or non-working

### 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)

### Thank you

Sandy Boysick wishes to thank all of those who expressed condolences on the loss of her son Floyd Jacobowitz. He died at the age of 52 due to Cancer of the lungs from smoking. Please love yourself and STOP SMOKING.

# Beth David Family

Spring has finally arrived, and we know that's so because Sheldon Edison and Marcy & Gabi Yonaty have been gracing our services with their presence, and Roz and Harry Wiesel are in Monticello. Welcome back to all of you.

Marion and Norman Rudin were recently blessed with three great-grandchildren. Ita and Shragi Lazarus had a boy, Ari, whose grandparents are Jackie and Mark Berkowitz of Monsey. Two great-granddaughters were born on the same day. Esther Bayla, daughter of Tzivia and Akiva Rudin, granddaughter of Debbie and Hal Rudin was born on the east coast, while Rina, daughter of Malka and Gavi Rudin, also the granddaughter of Debbie and Hal Rudin, was born in CA.

Rachel and Josh Abrams brought a girl, Zoe Shula, into their family and made first time grandma Susan Rendsburg Grosberg ecstatic. Great-grandparents are Claire and Sam Ladenheim. Grandparents Charney and Pinchas Oppenheim of Jerusalem are kvelling over the birth of Naftali Eliyahu, son of Elaine and Shai Mandel. Rachel and Avi Nadel of Kohav Hashachar had a boy, Yonatan. He's the grandson of Lillian Sommer.

Miriam and Aaron Alweis had an extraordinarily exciting Pesach. While visiting for the chag, their daughter-in-law Rivka gave birth to a boy, Yonatan David Nissan, here in town. Walking to the hospital during Yom Tov, toting meals to Wilson, purchasing unexpected baby items, and saying innumerable prayers, made this birth especially memorable. Mazal Tov to Rivka and Danny Alweis, to aunt Elisa, grandparents Miriam and Aaron Alweis, and great-grandparents Lilly and Herman Wolf.

May each of the babies be blessed with good health to Bar/Bat Mitzvah to Chuppah and to 120, and may the families continue to *shepp nachas*.

Marlene Serkin and David Serkin spent a delightful day visiting Marlene's grandson (David's nephew), Yosef, his wife, Yonit, and their children Amichai Yaakov, 2, and Tal Gavriel 3 months who were in the states from Israel. The Serkins tried to capture enough hugs to last for a while.

*Yasher Koach* to Suzanne Triebwasser who ran her first half marathon. She logged more than 150 training miles to make it happen! Her coach Tom was with her all the way. *Kol Hakavod* to Melanie Tuberman, who with her Binghamton High School team took first place in the inaugural *Bright Spots Case Competition* at Binghamton University. Mayors and community members recognized the team for its vision to better our community. Melanie is the daughter of Lori and Brian Tuberman, sister of Sammy, and granddaughter of Maxine and Marvin Kaplan.

We mourn the loss of Rae Levine, mother of Rhonda Levine; Floyd Jacobowitz, son of Sandy Boysick; and Martin Greenspan, father of Susan Wright. May Rhonda and Arieh Ullmann and their family; Sandy and her son Alex; and Susan and Michael Wright, her mother Trudy, and the extended family find comfort among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem. We also mourn the loss of Doris Zolty, a longtime shul member and friend to many. May Saba, Michael and their children Lawrence, Jeffrey, and Cherese know no more sorrow.

Each of us felt a strong yearning for spring to arrive. This feeling gives us a small inkling into the desire of our forebears to receive the Torah at Mount Sinai. As we celebrate Shavuot and our receiving of the Torah, let us rejoice just as we did when our local spring temperatures rose.

Meryl Sasnowitz

## NOTE

In the last issue of the *ChaiLine* the message **From the Rabbi** was inadvertently credited to Rabbi Adamit.

It was actually written by Rabbi Silber.

## Contributions

### General Fund from:

Dan & Hadassah Gold to thank Wendy Green for her kind help  
Sandra Paston to thank Meryl & Harold Sasnowitz for their support during her illness

Sandra Paston to thank Toby & Harold Kohn for delivering a package to Naomi Staiman in Israel

Maxine & Louis Rosenberg wishing Sol & Dora Polachek Mazel Tov on the birth of their grandson, Aaron Jonathan

Rhonda Levine in appreciation for the support given to her following the death of her mother

Michael & Saba Wiesner in memory of Rae Levine, mother of Rhonda Levine

Ruth Goldstein in memory of Floyd Jacobowitz, son of Sandy Boysick

Alan & Janet Raphel in memory of Lillian Jackson

Arieh Ullmann & Rhonda Levine in memory of Martin Greenspan, father of Susan Wright

### Shul Beautiful to:

Jerry & Ellen Schachter on their 50th Anniversary from Lillian Zodikoff

Sam & Claire Ladenheim wishing them a speedy recovery after their car accident from Gerry & Susan Hubal

Sol & Dora Polachek on the birth of their grandson, Aaron Jonathan, from Gerry & Susan Hubal

Sandy Boysick in memory of her dear son, Floyd, from Lillian Zodikoff

Rhonda Levine in memory of her dear mother, Rae, from Gabi Marcy Yonaty

## Give Double Chai to ChaiLine

The time from the publication of our last issue of the ChaiLine and this one has been very busy for the Beth David family. Work was started on our Golden Anniversary Book before Pesach, invitations to the Anniversary dinner were printed and mailed, a rummage sale was held, the May luncheon took place, Sisterhood held its Donor meeting and our Golden Anniversary Dinner was held. This was all taken care of along with the usual classes, kiddushim and services. Following all of this will be the Shavuot luncheon on the second day of Shavuot, June 5.

We are a busy group and we can always use more volunteers for all facets of our doings. Minyans especially need more participation. Please keep that in mind.

Sponsors are always needed for the ChaiLine. Be a sponsor to commemorate a simcha, or a yahrtzeit, or for any reason or just because you want to help us out.

For a donation of \$36 you can be a regular sponsor; for **\$180** you are a **Special Sponsor**. An \$18 donation covers the cost of a thank you note.

I would like to thank all past, present and future donors to the ChaiLine.

*Chag Sameach!!*

Marlene Serkin

## Thanks to our Sponsors

**Marcy & Gabi Yonaty** in memory of **Toni Began**

**Cathy Velenchik & Chaim Joy** in memory of Cathy's grandparents, **Joseph & Goldie Velenchik**

**Claire and Samuel Ladenheim** in honor of their granddaughters' college graduations:

**Dina Rendsburg** from Rutgers University NJ

**Lena Ladenheim** from Towson College, Baltimore, MD

**Claire and Samuel Ladenheim** in honor of the birth of a great granddaughter, **Zoe Shula**, born to Rachel [nee Rendsburg] and Josh Abrams. Happy Grandmother is Susan Rendsburg Grosberg.