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FROM THE RABBI

The month of Elul begins the process of preparation, of repentance, of self-examination that reaches its apex on Yom Kippur. Sometimes we have to force ourselves to begin thinking about what we have to do make the decisions that God will enter about us on the High Holidays. This year is different. Current events bring the seriousness of the season to the fore.

I write these words as the effects of Hurricane Harvey are still the major news story almost a week after its first landfall, and will certainly remain a major story for the unforeseeable future. The deaths and devastation, the injured and the homeless, remind me of the famous prayer “*B’rosh Hashana yeekataivun.*” The fate of each person for the coming year is determined this day. Who will live and who will die, who by fire and who by floods, who by the sword and who by wild beast. Before our very eyes we witness the suffering of innocent people. We hear of heroes perishing trying to save others. This awakens in me feelings of helplessness, requiring me to begin the retrospection and prayer to God to spare me and my family from tragedy during the upcoming year.

Just about a month ago, Yosef Salomon, his daughter Chaya and son Elad were bludgeoned to death in the town of Halamish by a wild beast. Gathering to celebrate the birth of a grandson they were participating in a mitzvah at the time of the attack. Who could imagine such a fate? “Who by sword and who by beast,” a beast wielding a knife!

Our fate is ordained by God, but we do have the means to influence that divine proclamation. *Teshuva* -- repentance for past indiscretions, *Tefillah* -- prayer for God’s mercy, and *Tzedaka* -- acts of justice and kindness by us at this time, have the power to positively influence God’s decision.

While watching the news about the hurricane, I occasionally saw reports about how individuals reached out to support one another. People who have lost all their possessions entered the raging waters to rescue others who were in danger. People donated funds, food and clothing for the homeless. People cheered others who were despondent. In Halamish, the community reached out to the family of the terror victims with emotional support.

The lesson for us to learn and act upon during this period prior to Rosh Hashanah is that we may not sit back and watch the tragedy, we must actively assist those who are suffering in any way that we can. Who knows if we will not find ourselves in such dire circumstances during the next year? We need to act now with kindness and generosity if we want God to bless us and inscribe us in the book of life. May our good deeds merit us the blessings that we all desire for ourselves, for our family, for our community and for the world.

Lashana Tova Taikateivu v’taichateimu!
Rabbi Zev Silber

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to all!

When we attend services this year I believe that more so than ever we will be praying for our world, our country, our community, our Shul, its members and of course our families. There is much to think about and so much to hope and pray for.

As president I am focusing on the New Year with some new ideas and keeping what we love at Beth David in good working order. To begin with I want to welcome our new members to our Board, Lori Tuberman, Rabbi Benny Kellman and Moshe Shmaryahu.

I also want to welcome back all the Board members who work so diligently to keep our Shul operating smoothly. At Beth David we are very fortunate to have an excellent board, Rabbi Silber, Marylyn and Julie in the office, Scott in maintenance and the many volunteers working harmoniously to create a friendly and loving place for the pleasure of our congregation.

In recent weeks we have said farewell to members that will be missed, Ruth & Howard Buschman, Meryl & Harold Sasnowitz, and Dr. Alvin & Renee Greenberg. We wish them only good health and happiness in their new homes.

We will be continuing our monthly luncheons and speakers. We sincerely thank Dora Polachek and Judy Silber and staff for making this excellent event possible. Please remember that without your contributions we will not be able to continue having luncheons once a month. Rabbi Akiva and Natalie Weiss will again be having Friday night dinners for BU students at the Shul. I am hoping that this will inspire some of the students to come to services and possibly help out with minyanim.

We are in the process of possibly adding another adult class and we will let you know more very soon. There will be dinners, holidays and fun events in the year ahead to look forward to.

My very best wishes for all good things in the year to come,
Saba Wiesner, President

Give Double Chai to the ChaiLine

Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish year 5778. It also marks the debut of Volume LIX of the *ChaiLine*. Over the years our face has changed, and our method of delivery, but our goal is the same, to keep you in touch with what is going on at Beth David, and our present and former member families.

Our sincerest thanks to all those who have made double *Chai*, **Special Sponsor**, and Thank You contributions to support our bulletin over the past year. Sponsors are needed for all future issues of the *ChaiLine*. Your \$36 donation, arriving at the shul office before the next deadline (11/19/17), will make you a sponsor. A donation of \$180 makes you a **Special Sponsor**, and a personal thank you is \$18. Call me at 729-3235 to reserve your space.

To all our readers, a happy, healthy, sweet and peaceful year.

Marlene Serkin, *ChaiLine* coordinator

High Holidays Customs and Practices

The month of Elul: A month before Rosh Hashanah we begin preparing for the Day of Judgment. We blow the *shofar* each weekday morning, with the exception of Erev Rosh Hashanah, and add Psalm 27 into our prayers each morning and evening, in order to begin awakening within us feelings of repentance.

Selichot: Penitential prayers are recited each weekday morning until Yom Kippur. We begin reciting these prayers at a special service on Saturday night, September 16. *We are again hosting the community Selichot concert by Hillel@BU at 8:30 pm, with the Selichot service at 11:15 pm.*

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Keeping promises is a requirement in Judaism. In order to start the year with a clean slate, many have the custom to nullify vows they may have made, and have forgotten about or due to changed circumstances have been unable to fulfill, before a tribunal of 3 men. Some wait until Erev Yom Kippur to observe this custom. Men customarily go to the *Mikveh* and the Beth David Mikveh will be available during the day for this purpose.

Eruv Tavshilin – The Mixing of Cooked Foods: The Biblical prohibition against labor on the Holidays and Festivals specifically does not include the preparation or cooking of food. However, food may only be prepared for that day's use. When a *Yom Tov* falls on a Friday our Rabbis ruled that we are allowed to prepare food on the holiday for use on the Sabbath only if the preparation begins before the holiday. This is known as *Eruv Tavshilin*, or the "mixing of cooked foods", and is performed this year on Erev Rosh Hashanah, Erev Sukkot, and Hoshana Rabba (Erev Shemini Atzeret).

With a *challah* or roll and any other cooked food in hand (such as fish or a hard boiled egg), we recite a blessing and declaration as is found in the siddur. This must be performed before Yom Tov candles are lit.

Rosh Hashanah: The celebration of the New Year commemorates the creation of the world. Also known as *Yom Hazikaron* (the Day of Remembrance) and *Yom Hadin* (the Day of Judgment), we stand before God and pray that we be granted another year of life and good health. The main mitzvah of the day is the requirement to hear the sounding of the *shofar* on both days of Rosh Hashanah. It is customary to dip our *challah* in honey, eat apples dipped in honey at the evening meals, and eat a new fruit on the second night of Rosh Hashanah. Various other foods are eaten on Rosh Hashanah that symbolize our hopes for the coming year. *Tashlich* is recited on the first afternoon of Rosh Hashanah by a pool of water that preferably has fish in it. These prayers are symbolic of the casting away of our mistakes.

Shabbat Shuvah: "The Shabbat of Repentance" is the name given to the Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, taken from the opening phrase of the haftarah. It is customary for the rabbi to present a lecture on the topic of repentance, which is attended by men and women.

Tzom Gedaliah: This fast day observed the day after Rosh Hashanah (this year it is observed on Sunday as it is deferred because the day after Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat) was instituted in commemoration of the assassination of Gedaliah Ben Achikam, the Governor of Israel during the days of Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylonia. As a result of Gedaliah's death the final vestiges of Judean autonomy after the Babylonian conquest were destroyed, many thousands of Jews were slain, and the remaining Jews were driven into final exile. The fast is observed from dawn until night.

Erev Yom Kippur: We prepare for atonement by performing the custom of *Kaparot* with the money given to the poor. It is customary to increase our gifts to charity and for men to immerse in the *Mikveh*. The Beth David Mikveh will be open for this purpose. A festive meal is completed before the beginning of *Kol Nidrei*. Candles lasting the entire holiday are lit for deceased parents.

Yom Kippur: A day of prayer and introspection, we refrain from bodily pleasure and devote ourselves to spirituality. We restrict ourselves from eating and drinking, washing, applying oils or lotions to the skin, marital relations, and wearing leather shoes. In case of medical needs, please consult the rabbi. *Yizkor* is recited during the morning service. All Shabbat prohibitions apply on Yom Kippur.

Sukkot: Also known as *z'man simchateinu*, the holiday of joy, we celebrate the successful conclusion of Yom Kippur with 2 special mitzvot. We erect and dwell in a *Sukkah* for the entire 7 days, and the mitzvah is observed primarily by eating all regular meals in the structure. We gather the special 4 species, the *etrog*, *lulav* (palm branch), *hadassim* (myrtle), and *aravot* (willow), wave them during *Hallel* and march around the synagogue each day during *Hoshanot* services, except for Shabbat. If you need advice on *Sukkah* construction, please consult the rabbi. The 4 species may be ordered through the synagogue office.

Eruv Tavshilin – The Mixing of Cooked Foods: This must be performed this year on Erev Sukkot, and Hoshana Rabba (Erev Shemini Atzeret). *See above after "Erev Rosh Hashanah" for details and instructions.*

Hoshana Rabba: The seventh day of *Sukkot* is marked by walking around the synagogue 7 times holding the 4 species and special prayers for water are recited after which we beat the *aravot*. This day is considered the day when the final judgment for the year is sealed; therefore synagogue attendance is strongly encouraged. Due to its solemn nature, some have the custom of studying Torah the night before.

Shmini Atzeret: A special holiday added after Sukkot, there are no special ritual symbols on this day. *Tefillat Geshem* – the prayer for rain – is a solemn addition to the *Musaf* service. Most continue to eat all meals in the *sukkah*. We no longer wave the 4 species. *Yizkor* is recited during the morning service.

Simchat Torah: On this day we conclude the yearly cycle of Torah reading, and we rejoice and dance with the Torah scrolls. A uniquely festive and joyous event, the *hakafot* (dancing with the Torah) are performed both in the evening and morning. Children and adults alike enjoy the festivities and celebration.

Holiday Schedule

Selichot – Saturday, September 16

Community Selichot Concert with Hillel@BU

Selichot service

Tuesday, September 19 (*after Ma'ariv*)

9:00 pm

11:15 pm

6:50 pm

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 20 Candle lighting 6:46 pm

Mincha 6:50 pm

Thursday, September 21 Shacharit 8:15 am

Shofar 10:45 am

Tashlich at Confluence Park 6:00 pm

Mincha 6:45 pm

Candle lighting **after** 7:44 pm

Friday, September 22 Shacharit 8:15 am

Shofar 10:45 am

Candle lighting **before** 6:42 pm

Mincha 6:45 pm

Shabbat Shuvah

Shabbat, September 23 Shacharit 9:00 am

Mincha 6:15 pm

Shabbat Shuvah Lecture will follow Mincha

Shabbat ends 7:41 pm

Tzom Gedaliah – Fast of Gedalya

Sunday, September 24 Fast begins 5:25 am

Shacharit 8:30 am

Service at Holocaust Memorial Monument 10:30 am

Cemetery visitations following –

Approximately 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Mincha 6:25 pm

Fast ends 7:39 pm

Aseret Yemai Teshuvah - Days of Repentance

Mon.– Thu., Sept. 25-28 Shacharit 6:50 am

Mincha 6:35 pm

Friday, September 29 Shacharit 7:00 am

Yom Kippur

Friday, September 29 Mincha 3:00 pm

Candle Lighting **before** 6:30 pm

Fast begins 6:30 pm

Kol Nidrei 6:30 pm

Shabbat, September 30 Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 12:15 pm

Mincha 5:15 pm

Shofar – fast ends 7:29 pm

Sukkot

Wednesday, October 4

Candle Lighting 6:21 pm

Mincha 6:25 pm

Thursday, October 5

Shacharit 9:00 am

Mincha 6:10 pm

Friday, October 6

Candle lighting **after** 7:20 pm

Shacharit 9:00 am

Candle lighting **before** 6:18 pm

Mincha 6:20 pm

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Shabbat, October 7

Shacharit 9:00 am

Mincha 6:05 pm

Shabbat ends 7:17 pm

Chol Hamoed

Sunday, October 8

Shacharit 8:30 am

Mincha 6:15 pm

Mon.-Tue., Oct. 9-10

Shacharit 6:50 am

Ma'ariv 7:00 pm

Hoshana Rabba

Wednesday, October 11

Shacharit 6:50 am

Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 11

Candle Lighting 6:09 pm

Mincha 6:10 pm

Thursday, October 12

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor

10:45 am

Mincha 6:10 pm

Candle lighting **after** 7:08 pm

Ma'ariv and Hakafot

7:00 pm

Friday, October 13

Shacharit 9:00 am

Hakafot 9:45 am

Candle lighting **before** 6:06 pm

Mincha 6:10 pm

Shabbat Bereishit

Shabbat, October 14

Shacharit 9:00 am

Mincha 5:55 pm

Shabbat ends 7:05 pm

Lashana Tova Taikateivu

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER MINYAN TIMES

MORNINGS (times constant)

Sunday	8:30 am
Monday – Friday	7:00 am
<i>*Except: September 18-19; October 20</i>	6:50 am
<i>*Except September 4; November 23</i>	8:30 am
Sep. 20 – Oct. 14	<i>See Holiday Schedule</i>

Shabbat	9:00 am
Shabbat Mincha	<i>after Kiddush</i>
<i>For Maariv- see below</i>	
<i>Beginning November 11</i>	

EVENINGS (times constant)

Monday - Thursday	<i>(beginning October 2)</i>	7:00 pm
<i>*Except November 24</i>		4:20 pm

EVENINGS (times vary)

Shabbat, September 2	7:05 pm
Sunday – Friday, September 3-8	7:10 pm
Shabbat, September 9	6:55 pm
Sunday – Thursday, September 10-14	7:00 pm
Friday, September 15	6:55 pm
Shabbat, September 16	6:40 pm
Sunday – Tuesday, September 17-19	6:50 pm
Wednesday – Shabbat, Sep. 20 – Oct. 14	<i>See Holiday Schedule</i>
Sunday, October 1	6:30 pm
Sunday, October 15	6:05 pm
Friday, October 20	5:55 pm
Shabbat, October 21	5:40 pm
Sunday, October 22	5:55 pm
Friday, October 27	5:45 pm
Shabbat, October 28	5:30 pm
Sunday, October 29	5:45 pm
Friday, November 3	5:40 pm
Shabbat, November 4	5:25 pm
Sunday, November 5	4:35 pm
Friday, November 10	4:30 pm
Shabbat, November 11	5:50 pm
Sunday, November 12	4:30 pm
Friday, November 17	4:25 pm
Shabbat, November 18	5:45 pm
Sunday, November 19	4:25 pm
Thursday - Friday, November 23-24	4:20 pm
Shabbat, November 25	5:40 pm
Sunday, November 26	4:20 pm
Friday, December 1	4:15 pm
Shabbat, December 2	5:35 pm
Sunday, December 3	4:15 pm
Friday, December 8	4:15 pm
Shabbat, December 9	5:35 pm
Sunday, December 10	4:15 pm

Thank You To Our Sponsors

Rika and Steven Katz wishing our friends at Beth David a sweet and happy year.

Marcy and Gabi Yonaty in memory of Rose Levine

Cathy Velenchik and Chaim Joy in memory of their cousin, **Jerry Barker**

SISTERHOOD

On behalf of Beth David Sisterhood, I would like to thank Claire Ladenheim for serving as our President for over a decade. Claire has decided to take a well needed rest.

The Sisterhood board has been reformatted to combine the President and Vice President jobs into one. We now have three co/Presidents/Vice Presidents.

The Co/President/Vice/President for Programming is Susan Wright; for Service is Cathy Velenchik; and for Fund Raising is Marlene Serkin. With the help of you, our members, we hope to continue our activities and keep our Sisterhood strong.

Two things have changed, our regular meetings will now start at 7:00 pm instead of 7:30 pm, and our dues for the year are now \$25.00.

Our opening meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 pm, featuring Aaron Alweis speaking on "The Life and Times of Rashi."

We are looking for someone to take over the "Beth David Family" column for the *ChaiLine*. This was just one of Meryl Sasnowitz's many volunteer jobs for Beth David, and now that she has moved out of town, we need a replacement columnist. Meryl's final column appears in this issue of the *ChaiLine*.

A very happy, healthy and sweet year to all,

Marlene Serkin

Summer Kiddush

Warm thanks to all of the members who kindly assisted with summer kiddush set up and clean up. Thank you also to those who brought goodies to serve, namely the Alweis family, Cathy Velenchik, the Chein family, the Gold family, the Silber family, Marlene Serkin and Saba Wiesner. Everyone enjoys having a kiddush every Shabbat, and your help has been so appreciated.

Toby Kohn



How to Contact Your Rabbi

Rabbi Silber's office hours will be: Tuesdays, 10:00 am -12:00 noon.

Please feel free to stop by at these times, even without an appointment. If you need to consult with the rabbi and these times are not convenient for you, please call Rabbi Silber and you can work out a mutually acceptable time.

Occasionally these hours need to change, and changes are listed in the weekly announcement sheet distributed each Shabbat at services.

If you need to contact the rabbi, there are several ways that this can be done:

- Call the shul office (722-1793) and leave a message

If it is not urgent, you can e-mail the rabbi at rabbisilber@stny.rr.com

In case of emergency, you can call or text the rabbi's cell phone: Rabbi Silber can be reached at 607-761-7098.



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

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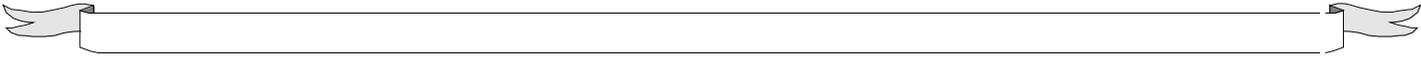
Claire Ladenheim in honor of her great-grandson's becoming a Bar Mitzvah in Israel.
Saba Wiesner in appreciation for all you did for the Annual Dinner.
Harold & Toby Kohn for work on the Annual Dinner.
Aaron Alweis in appreciation for the beautiful D'Var Torah he gave at the Annual Dinner.
Harold & Meryl Sasnowitz for the beautiful Shabbat Flowers, tribute & presentation of the Shul gift.
Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber in appreciation for the beautiful letter, which was read at the Dinner.
Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber in honor of Leba's becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
Riva Ginsburg & Family in honor of her grandson's becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
Samantha Tuberman on winning the prestigious Science Award from PBS, as one of only 100 students chosen from the entire USA.
Chaim Joy & Cathy Velenchik on being this year's Annual Dinner Honorees.
Nancy Basmann in appreciation for the lovely photos she took at this year's Sisterhood Donor.
Lawrence & Annette Wiesner in honor of Schuyler's graduation and acceptance to SUNY Albany.
Marcy Yonaty in appreciation for the wonderful Shavuot Luncheon.
Paula Rubin for all of the articles you've written for *The Reporter* for Beth David.
Gina Santiago on her conversion to Judaism.
Marilyn Bell in honor of her grandchildren's graduations.
Dan & Eileen Miller in honor of Alex's graduation from Ithaca College.
Harold & Meryl Sasnowitz in honor of their new home in Clifton, NJ.
Michael & Saba Wiesner on Schuyler's graduation, & acceptance to SUNY Albany.
Saba Wiesner in honor of her birthday.
Gerry & Susan Hubal in honor of Josh's graduation from Vestal HS.
Michael & Susan Wright in honor of the birth of grandson, Levi Nachman.
Mark & Shelly Hubal on Josh's graduation from Vestal, High School.
The Feuer family in honor of Rina's receiving a Bronze Medal at the Macabbe Games in Israel.
Michael & Susan Wright in honor of grandson Ephraim's becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
Jonathan Weis in appreciation for Weis Market's providing Binghamton with kosher chicken.
Donnovan Lyons in honor of his conversion to Judaism.
Ilene Goldman in honor of Deena & Orin's marriage.
Craig & Andra Goldman in honor of Deena & Orin's marriage.
Sy & Carole Klionsky in honor of their grandson's becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
Rabbi Levi & Hadassa Slonim in honor of their new daughter, Gittel Leah.
Rabbi Aaron & Rivky Slonim in honor of their new granddaughter, Gittel Leah.
Barbara Ruchames in honor of her earning a Bronze Medal at a recent race.
Ayal & Rachel Adamit in honor of their marriage.
Rabbi Ami & Sarah Lynn Adamit in honor of Ayal & Rachel's marriage.
Dr. Charles Rubin for being such a good driver.

Refuah Shelemah to:

Yehuda, grandson of Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber
Charles Gilinsky Carole Klionsky
Claire Ladenheim Ilene Goldman

Condolences to:

The Rouff Family in memory of Gilbert.



SHABBAT LUNCHEONS TO CONTINUE – SECOND SHABBAT OF EACH MONTH

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, members of our shul, experts in the community and guests.

This program has created an aura of excitement within the Beth David community and the Jewish community at large. Attendees attest to the friendly welcome they receive, the fine food and the quality of the educational and social experience that this program affords.

However, we rely on sponsorships and contributions to cover the costs of the lunch and we are at the point where we may not be able to have a lunch every month this year. We appeal to your generous spirit to sponsor a luncheon, or partially sponsor one, or contribute any amount large or small to the special **Shabbat Luncheon Fund** as these can only be held if there is no obligation to the shul budget. Please help us keep this wonderful Shabbat program going at our shul. To arrange a sponsorship or to suggest a guest speaker, please contact Saba Wiesner, president, or the rabbi.

The first Shabbat Luncheons of the new year will be held on Shabbat, September 9 and Shabbat, November 11. *There is no October luncheon since it is the middle of Succot.* They will be held the second Shabbat of each month thereafter through June 9, 2018. ***Please support this program, join us and bring family and friends!***

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Shul Beautiful to:

Harold & Meryl Sasnowitz on their new home from Marilyn Bell.
 Gerry & Susan Hubal in honor of Josh's graduation from Marilyn Bell.
 Andy Sarkany for being honored by his Shul from Lillian Zodikoff.

Shabbat Kiddush Luncheon Fund

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 Claire Ladenheim

Thank You

Nancy Basman would like to say thank you for the donations made and cards sent in memory of her mother

Beth David Family

What a summer this has been: a solar eclipse, plenty of sunshine, and enough rain to nourish our thirsty gardens. Flowers were incredibly beautiful and veggies were delicious!

Some of our *Family* members brought home medals to reward their hours of training and hard work in the physical realm. Barbara Ruchames took a bronze medal at the Alabama National Senior Games. Kol Hakavod to her and to Bob, who can be seen training on their Riverside Drive treks, and to their son Nate who ran by Barbara's side with words of encouragement the entire course. Rina Poran, daughter of Amy and Amir Poran of San Antonio, and granddaughter of Dora and Steve Feuer, will have a lot of share about her summer vacation. Her family flew to Israel to watch her capture a bronze medal in karate for *Team USA* at the Junior Maccabee Games.

Another summer medal winner was Nancy Basmann. As a result of entering the Professional Photographers of America's (PPA) International Photographic Competition, at which 5,200 submissions were judged, Nancy will have an image in the 2017 Loan Book of the "best" of the year's photography, and a second image in the Showcase Book of Judges' Choices. Her performance with four images gained her a silver medal.

Donnovan Lyons, (Matsiyahu), and was honored at a Shabbat luncheon Kiddush presented by his Beth David Friends. After years of study, Donovan completed his conversion process and is now a full member of the Jewish people. *Kol Hakavod* to him. At the same time we welcomed Donovan into *Our Family*, we said *L'hitraot* to Renee and Alvin Greenberg who moved to Albany to be near their children. The Greenbergs have been valued members of the Binghamton Community for years. Alvin was a respected physician, and a regular minyonaire.

Rhonda Levine and Arieh Ullmann enjoyed their two-week Italy adventure. Judy Simon's travels led her closer to home as she visited her sister in Cincinnati. Judy and Irwin track a lot of miles traveling to NYC to visit their children Sandy and Isaac and to New Hampshire to see their children Erin and Sammy. I can't count their frequent summer "grandchildren fixes".

Dan and Hadassah Gold and Tziona left their home in Tzvat to summer at their Binghamton home. It worked out well as it enabled Moshe Shmaryahu to spend his summer with family in Israel.

Susan and Michael Wright experienced a hectic couple of weeks. They traveled to Toronto for the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Ephraim, son of Davida and Gavin Lebowitz. After that *freilach* Shabbat, they drove to CT for the brit of their newest grandson, Levi Nachman, son of Natania and Dmitry Ostrovsky. Aunt Kerry Wright was a joyous participant in all aspects of the simchas as was Susan's mother Trudy Greenspan. Mazal Tov to Levi and Hadasa Slonim on the birth of a daughter, Gittel Leah. She was welcomed home by brothers Mendel, Shmulik, Zalman and sisters Moussia and Zelda. Bubby and Zeidi Rivky and Aaron Slonim and Uncle Zalman are kvelling over their latest family addition. May the babies be blessed with good health and nachat through Bar/Bat Mitzvah, to chuppah, and to 120!

Summer weddings were filled with joy. A number of our members traveled to the simchas and danced their feet off to celebrate with the families. Deena Goldman, daughter of Andra and Craig Goldman of Teaneck and granddaughter of Ilene Goldman of Albany, married Oren Vaknin. Ayal, son of Rabbi Ami and Sarah Lynn Adamit of Israel, married Rachel Herring of LA. Such *nachat* was felt as the entire Adamit family danced with the *katan* and *kalla*. I asked Ayal how he could get married when he was only six (or so it seemed in our minds). And then there's Chaim Strauss, son of Jerry and Rose Strauss. Seems like yesterday he was toddling around Beth David with his twin sister Marnie. Chaim married Tirtza Spiegel of Toronto. Max, son of Suzanne and Leon Feldhammer of Beit Shemish married Danielle Ohayon. We all remember Max, the baby of the family, participating in BD NCSY activities.

The first of Varda and Eitan Morell's children to marry was Dov Morell to Naama Rozenhak. The extended Morell clan attended the Israel wedding. While they were in *simcha* mode, they celebrated Shmuel's "special" birthday.

May the couples each build a *bayit ne'eman b'Yisroel*.

Lillian Zodikoff was delighted by a birthday visit from her west coast cousins Mark and Akemi Meyer. The Meyers drove from LA with tourist stops along the way. While Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz spent a few days touring RI and MA they stopped to visit Bob Groh and his daughter Sharon Groh-Mintz. Bob sends his love to the extended BD Family. *Kol Hakavod* to Toby Kohn who saw to it that every summer Shabbat had a Kiddush. She shopped, prepared, and set out delicious goodies to ensure everyone could have a nosh and a shmooze after services.

Refuah shelema to Ilene Goldman, Claire Ladenheim, Yehuda Weissman, Dora Feuer, Carole Klionsky, and Jeanette DeLeon.

With sadness I note the passing of Samuel Horwitz, a long time shul member and friend. Condolences are sent to his brother, Leon Horwitz, to his daughter, Ruth Mindick, grandchildren and great-grandchildren Joseph and Debra Joffe and their children Leah and Zoe, Susan and Jeremy Rose and children Abby and Kenny, Adina and Derek Oberman and daughter Talia, and Michelle Mindick. Condolences are also sent to his step children Cheryl Sunness, Ben and Sharon Sunness and Eric and Elizabeth Sunness. May each of you and your loved ones be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

Meryl Sasnowitz

Meryl has assured us that this is her last column. We are looking for someone to take over writing the column. Please contact me, Marlene Serkin, at 729-3235 or mserkin@stny.rr.com, and volunteer.

On behalf of all of us, thank you Meryl. You have written over 100 columns keeping us up on the Beth David families and their whereabouts. Many people have told me that this was the first thing they read when the *ChaiLine* came. You will be missed, not only for your writing but for all you have done for Beth David.

SERVICE AT MEMORIAL MONUMENT AND CEMETERY VISITATIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

The Memorial Monument was a project of the Get Together Club, erected in November 1952, for all those who died during the Holocaust and had no proper burial or even marking of a grave. The monument was dedicated on Sunday, November 9, 1952, in Temple Israel Cemetery. Over 250 names were in a copper box buried at the foot of the monument. The Get Together Club asked all the local rabbis to cite prayers at the unveiling of the monument. Each year thereafter, on the Sunday in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Get Together Club sponsored a memorial service at the monument, with area rabbis taking turns at leading the service. Following the memorial prayers, one of the German Jews would read the list of names written on the scrolls. These services continued for over 20 years, well into the late 1970s. But then ended.

Interest in reviving the service at the memorial monument as a community event was made known at the Federation's Super Sunday in 2015, and the Federation sponsored a service. We will be continuing this tradition at a service that will be held on Sunday, September 24, the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The traditional Beth David cemetery visits will be held the same day following the community service, and Rabbi Silber will be available to assist you in reciting the memorial prayers. If this time is not convenient for you, please contact the Rabbi to make alternative arrangements. The following is the schedule for the day:

10:30: *Community service at Memorial Monument*
11:00 – 12:00: *Visitations at Beth David cemetery*

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