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# CHALINE

## "The Bulletin of Beth David Synagogue"

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### FROM THE RABBI

Shavuot, like the other pilgrimage holidays, is described in the Torah as an agricultural holiday. Yet, like the other holidays, it also has an historical basis in its celebration. Just like Pesach celebrates the Exodus from slavery in Egypt and the formation of the Jewish nation and Sukkot reminds of the desert experience as we made our way to Israel, Shavuot celebrates the receiving of the Torah and the revelation at Mount Sinai.

The Torah and revelation are what make the Jewish religion unique and also establishes the goals and mission of the Jewish people, both individually and nationally. Judaism is based on revelation that was witnessed by the entire people, men, women and children, and was experienced by the entire people. It is not based on a claim of revelation by a individual or small group of people, as with all other religions. The content of revelation sets the purpose and mission of the people and nation and is based on individual and national responsibility to God, to each other, to community and to the rest of the world. This is what God sees as our unique mission.

On Shavuot we attempt to recreate the revelation experience by studying the Torah and by reading the chapters that describe the experience and the 10 commandments which were heard by the entire people. In the description of the experience we find a very strange verse.

As the people stood at the foot of the mountain, the Torah relates in Exodus 19:19 that the blare of the shofar grew louder and louder, as Moshe spoke and God answered him loudly. Moshe was speaking to the people, so why was God answering him? And if Moshe is speaking to the people, how did they hear him over the continuous increasing sounds of the blaring of the shofar?

One response to this question may be that God wasn't responding to Moshe, rather He was amplifying Moshe's voice so that he can be heard by all the people despite all the interference that was around them.

We are always confronted with interferences that distract us from concentrating on the important things that we are trying to do. Whether we are doing research or attempting to do our work and the phone pings us with a text, or we are bombarded by pop ups on our computer trying to sell us something, or whether we are trying to have an important or loving conversation with our spouse, children or friends, we are constantly bombarded with unwanted noise,

The Torah is teaching us that we must work hard to stay on task as we attempt to fulfill our personal, national and social missions that God demands of us. If we make the attempt, He will guide and assist us in this mission. Just as Moshe thought that it was impossible for him to speak and be heard by the entire nation at the foot of Sinai, he faithfully pursued his task and received help from God. So will we find the strength and ability to fulfill our mission, as demanded by the Torah, and God will help us in this endeavor.

*Chag Sameach!*

Rabbi Zev Silber

# Shavuot Customs and Practices

**When:** Shavuot begins on Saturday, June 8th at night, and lasts through the day of Monday, June 10th.

**Candle Lighting:** As with every Yom Tov, we light candles each night of the holiday, reciting the 2 brachot – one for the holiday (*I'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov*) and the *Shehecheyanu*. *Shehecheyanu* is also recited at the end of Kiddush.

**Special Note When Shavuot Begins as Shabbat Ends:** No preparations for Shavuot may be made until Shabbat is over, this year at 9:20 pm, and until after a statement of havdalah is recited – *Baruch Hamavdil bein kodesh l'kodesh* – Blessed is He who differentiates between the holiness of Shabbat and the holiness of the holiday. At this time you may light candles for Shavuot (see above for the blessings). ***Remember to keep a long lasting candle burning from before Shabbat from which to light the holiday candles, since a new fire may not be created on the holiday.*** The regular holiday kiddush is recited on Saturday night, with the addition of havdalah towards the end. Havdalah is recited on the same cup of wine used for kiddush and includes the blessing for fire (use your Yom Tov candles that are already lit instead of a havdalah candle, since you cannot extinguish the candle) and the blessing of havdalah, followed by *Shehecheyanu*. No spices are used during havdalah. On the second night, recite the regular holiday kiddush without additions.

**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. ***Unfortunately, we were not able to get Torah Tours students this year since classes at Yeshiva University have already ended and not enough students volunteered to participate. Therefore, we need your help to make sure we have minyanim both Sunday and Monday for the holiday. Torah learning the first night of Shavuot can still continue, if there are people interested. Please e-mail or text Rabbi Silber if you desire to have a class.***

**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.

## Shavuot Luncheon

Please join us for the annual Shavuot Luncheon

Monday, June 10th, following services

## **Shabbat - Shavuot Schedule**

<b>Friday, June 7</b>	<b>Candle lighting</b> <i>Blessing: L'hadlik ner shel Shabbat</i>	<b>8:13 pm</b>
<b>Shabbat, June 8</b>	<b>Shacharit</b> <b>Mincha /Maariv</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>8:10 pm</b>
	<b>Candle lighting</b> <i>Blessing: L'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov and Shehecheyanu</i>	<b>after 9:19pm</b>
<b>Sunday, June 9</b>	<b>Shacharit</b> <b>Mincha/Ma'ariv</b> <b>Candle lighting</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>8:25 pm</b> <b>after 9:20 pm</b>
<b>Monday, June 10</b>	<b>Shacharit</b> <b>Yizkor</b> <b>Mincha/Ma'ariv</b> <b>Yom Tov ends</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>approximately 10:50 am</b> <b>8:25 pm</b> <b>9:21 pm</b>

## June—July Minyan Times

## MORNINGS (times constant)

**Sunday** 8:30 am

**Monday—Friday**      **7:00 am**

*Except June 4; July 3; August 2*

*Except May 27; July 4*

*Except June 9-10*

**Shabbat** 9:00 am

## **Shabbat Mincha**      *after Kiddush when possible*

### ***Maariv—by request only***

## **EVENINGS ( Times vary)**

*Friday and Shabbat—by Request only*

Sunday— Thursday, May 26-30	8:15 pm
Sunday—Thursday, June 2-6	8:20 pm
<b>Friday-Monday, June –10 See Shavuot Schedule</b>	
Tuesday—Thursday, June 11-13	8:25 pm
Sunday—Thursday, June 16-20	8:25 pm
Sunday —Thursday, June 23-27	8:30 pm
Sunday—Thursday, June 30-July 4	8:30 pm
Sunday—Thursday, July 7-11	8:25 pm
Sunday—Thursday, July 14-18	8:20 pm
Sunday, July 21	<i>8:05 pm</i>
Monday—Thursday, July 22-25	8:15 pm
Sunday—Thursday, July 28-August 1	8:10 pm

# SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood's annual Dessert and Donor evening took place Tuesday evening, May 7, at the home of Marti Klionsky. The guest speaker was Rabbi Benny Kellman, who kept us entertained with his talk and his juggling proficiency. Thank you, Marti, for being such a gracious hostess, and also our photographer for the evening.

Sisterhood's next project is the Shavuot Luncheon on Monday, June 10, the second day of Yom Tov. The traditional dairy meal is chaired by Marcy Yonaty. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Wednesday, June 12, will be our closing meeting for the year. Please come, have dessert, and catch up on all that has been going on. We hope you can join us.

Chag Sameach,  
Marlene Serkin, co-president

## Beth David Annual Dinner

The shul's recent annual dinner was a successful, festive event. Chef Victor Torres and his staff prepared a delicious and satisfying meal; Saba Wiesner created an elegant spring-inspired decor.

Many thanks to all who attended and participated. Mazel tov to Toby and Harold Kohn, our honorees, and to all the raffle winners. An extra thank you to our dinner sponsors and donors:

## Sponsors of the 2019 Dinner

### GOLD

Chaim Joy & Cathy Velenchik  
Harold & Toby Kohn  
Mark & Jeanne Goldman  
Michael & Susan Wright

### BRONZE

Jamey & Raina Kohn  
Kathie Shelly  
Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber

### SILVER

Tony Preus & Merri Pell-Preus  
Harold & Meryl Sasnowitz  
Arieh Ullmann & Rhonda Levine

### DONATIONS

Rabbi Geoffrey Brown  
Howard & Ruth Buschman

# Beth David Family

Mazel Tov to Toby & Harold Kohn on receiving the Jack & Mary Ferber memorial Award at the dinner. The Beth David Annual Dinner was held on Sunday, May 5 and was well-attended by family and many friends of the Kohns.

Mazel Tov to Naomi Staiman on the birth of a great-grandson. The grandparents are Kal and Aliza Staiman, of Teaneck, and the parents are Leora & Gilad Asharov of Washington Heights.

Mazel Tov to Charney & Pinchus Oppenheim of Jerusalem, on the engagement of their granddaughter, Tikvah Mandel to Eliyahu Fuchs. Elaine & Shai Mandel of Jerusalem are the parents.

Mazel Tov to Steve & Rika Katz on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their grandsons, Abraham & Aharon Banks, twin sons of Eitan and Tamar Katz Banks. The Bar Mitzvah will take place in Israel on June 27, 2019.

Mazel Tov to Sharon Groh Mintz, on the forthcoming marriage of her daughter Orli to Raphael. The wedding will take place next month, in Yerushalayim.

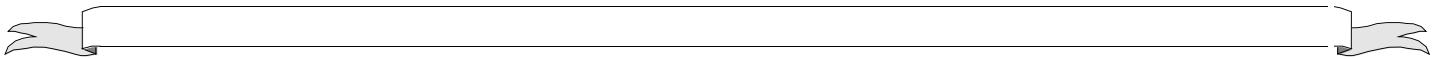
Mazel Tov to Marlene Serkin on the forthcoming marriage of her son Paul, of Yerushalayim, to Susan Rubin of Staten Island. Susan and Paul , both grandparents today, originally met when they were members of NCSY. The wedding will take place on June 30, 2019, in Bergenfield, NJ. They will subsequently move to Yerushalayim.

## Save the Date

Shavuot Luncheon—Monday, June 10

Sisterhood Closing Meeting—Wednesday, June 12

Indoor Picnic—Sunday, June 16



## Mitzvah Fund

Tova Kohn, 754-4297 or [tova.kohn844@gmail.com](mailto:tova.kohn844@gmail.com)

Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

### Mazal Tov to:

Charles & Paula Rubin thanking them for Shalach Monot & wishing them Happy Pesach

Aaron Alweis on his promotion to Principal Court Reporter

Ben Irwin on his Birthright Trip to Israel

Emma Irwin on Ben's Birthright Trip to Israel

Julie Kingsley on her upcoming wedding

Harold & Toby Kohn on their receiving the Jack & Mary Ferber Memorial Award

Shelley Hubal on becoming Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Broome County

Brian & Lori Tuberman, in honor of Melanie graduating Magna Cum Laude from George Washington University, & Samantha graduating Salutatorian from Binghamton High School

Rabb Aaron & Rivky Slonim on the birth of their newest grandson and to Shmuli & Nechama

### Refuah Shelema to:

Lenore Manasse

Rabbi Aaron Slonim

### Condolences to:

Shelly Hubal on the passing of her father

## Funds and Phone Numbers – Please Clip and Save

Fund	Minimum Donation	Contact
Mitzvah Fund	\$ 2.50	Toby - 754-4297
Shul Beautiful	\$ 5.00	Toby - 754-4297
Discretionary Fund		Shul Office-722-1793
General Fund		Shul Office-722-1793
Mikvah Fund .....		Shul Office-722-1793
Ansell Tikun Torah Fund		Shul Office-722-1793
Siddur(Prayer Book	\$36.00	Shul Office-722-1793
Chumash	\$60.00	Shul Office-722-1793
Gemorrah	\$75.00	Shul Office-722-1793
Shabbat Luncheon .....		Shul Office-722-1793
Shabbat Kiddush .....		Marlene-729-3235
To schedule use of kitchen--		Valerie-798-1705
To schedule use of Mikvah --		Susan -772-8576

## Give Double Chai to the *ChaiLine*

Pesach is over, spring is here. It is wonderful to see the green grass and the colorful flowers, and feel the warm sun again.

On behalf of Beth David, I want to thank those of you who have heeded the plea and become sponsors of our *ChaiLine*. You are what keep us going.

You can be a sponsor for a minimum donation of \$36.00, sent to the shul before the next deadline (7/21/19). Some reasons to sponsor include births, bar/bat mitzvahs, birthdays and anniversaries, commemorating a yahrtzeit, a new job, or any other occurrence you wish to celebrate or commemorate.

A thank you message can be printed for a donation of \$18.00. **Our \$180.00 Special Sponsors** get special recognition for their generous contribution.

We hope to hear from you soon and number you among our contributors.

*Chag Sameach!*

Marlene Serkin

### Thank You to our Sponsors

**Rika & Steve Katz** in honor of the forthcoming Bnei Mitzvah of their grandsons, **Abraham & Aharon Banks**, which will take place in Israel on June 27

**Cathy Velenchik & Chaim Joy** in memory of Cathy's aunt, **Sue Weintraub**, who recently passed away at the age of 103

## Thank You

Thank you to the entire Beth David Family for honoring us with the 2019 Jack & Mary Ferber Memorial Award. That day brightly shines as a warm memory that will be with us always.

Harold & Toby Kohn

Thank you very much to everyone who wished me well, made a donation to the shul, or had me in their thoughts, after my procedure at Albany Medical Center.

Lynn Manasse

# CONTRIBUTIONS

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Michael Torczyner in gratitude for having a minyan when I was passing through  
Chaim Joy & Cathy Velenchik in memory of Lily Wolf  
Lillian Zodikoff for the *misheberach* said for Samuel Levine

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In honor of Toby and Harold Kohn from:

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The security at the annual Shul Dinner was provided for by Mark Yonaty.  
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Shabbat and Yom Tov.

## 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](mailto:rabbisilber@stny.rr.com)

If it is not urgent, you can e-mail the rabbi at [rabbisilber@shayit.com](mailto:rabbisilber@shayit.com). In case of emergency, you can call or text the rabbi's cell phone: Rabbi Silber can be reached at 607-761-7098.



# INDOOR PICNIC

12:12PM, Sunday, June 16, 2019

Beth David Synagogue 39 Riverside Drive

By The: Beth David Men's Group

Yes, you heard it correctly, a re-make, re-shape, of an old Beth David tradition. It will not be held in Chenango Valley State Park, it doesn't matter if it rains, we will not have a soft ball game nor throw horse shoes or play bingo, or cards. Hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ chicken, vegetable burgers, with rolls, without rolls, mustard, ketchup, relish, onion, build your own. Potato salad, macaroni salad, toss salad, Charlie's soon to be famous baked beans (made with a secret special formula to flatten flatulence), maybe some other salads depending on the cook's mood. Some type of dessert, probably cookies, coffee, tea, juice, maybe soda. You have to see it to believe it!!

SPECIAL, we listened: this year we will have a few dishes to cater to, vegetarian, sugar-free, etc. If you have special dietary needs please let me know and I will try to accommodate them.

A Great opportunity to share old memories and create new ones.

Put it on your calendar now, so you don't forget.

Make your reservations by June 13, or sooner. I buy the food on Thurs. We want to have enough food for everyone. Send or bring \$10/ person. So call me 765-3304 and let me know.

**NO Eligibility Requirements:** Open to the world. Children, fathers, mothers, anyone who is a parent, has parents or has been born, and is a resident of planet Earth, and/or has an appetite. If you do not fit any of these, Please call me and for the entry price of \$10, I will declare you eligible.

**Always serving: Good food, and Good schmooze.**

**A RE-DO OF A BETH DAVID TRADITION**

**12:12PM, Sunday, June 16**

**Who will you call?**

**Charlie, 765-3304**