

# B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation

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## JOIN US FOR THESE SERVICES AND STUDY SESSIONS

Friday, August 31	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<i>Music of the Days of Awe – Reacquainting ourselves with the seasonal tunes, their stories, and their significance. Perhaps something new, too.</i>		
Saturday, September 1	EXTENDED STUDY – Book of Daniel SELIHOT/Havdalah	9:30 AM <b>9:00 PM</b>
Friday, September 7	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<i>Are we ready yet? Tying together the pieces for the Days of Awe, on the final Shabbat of the year.</i>		
Saturday, September 8	TORAH STUDY: <i>Nitsavim</i>	9:30 AM
Sunday, September 9	<b>EREV ROSH HASHANAH</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Monday, September 10	<b>ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICE</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Community Tashlikh: Buckingham Pond at Colonial Avenue		5:00 PM
Friday, September 14	<b>TOT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, September 15	TORAH STUDY: <i>Va-yelekh</i>	9:30 AM
Tuesday, September 18	<b>KOL NIDRE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Wednesday, September 19	<b>YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	<b>STUDY SESSION</b>	<b>1:15 PM</b>
	<b>HEALING SERVICE</b>	<b>2:45 PM</b>
	<b>AFTERNOON SERVICE</b>	<b>3:15 PM</b>
	<b>YIZKOR</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
	<b>NEILAH/CONCLUDING SERVICE</b>	<b>6:15 PM</b>
Friday, September 21	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, September 22	TORAH STUDY: <i>Ha'azinu</i>	9:30 AM
Sunday, September 23	<b>EREV SUKKOT SERVICE</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
Friday, September 28	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, September 29	TORAH STUDY: <i>Sukkot VI</i>	9:30 AM
Sunday, September 30	<b>EREV SIMHAT TORAH SERVICE</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
Friday, October 5	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday, October 6	EXTENDED STUDY	9:30 AM

*From our Rabbi...*

It's so exciting to gear up for a New Year! Putting the past behind you and planning new endeavors gets the blood flowing. While the spiritual work of self-examination is a theme for the month before Rosh Hashanah, the pragmatic planning of future events is usually more uplifting than focusing on one's shortcomings.

Six months ago, just before Passover, I announced in this space my hope to convene one more B'nai Sholom Israel trip. "Next year in Jerusalem" didn't have to be a mere formula recited at the end of the seder. I'm pleased that

**B'nai Sholom's tour of Israel is scheduled for  
December 25, 2018-January 4, 2019.**

**Itinerary, prices, other details, and booking is available at**

**[Secure.ayelet.com/CashmanDec2018.aspx](http://Secure.ayelet.com/CashmanDec2018.aspx)**

We already had a general information session. Three sessions for travelers – and others who want to learn – will be scheduled after the Holidays to orient people to the trip. We'll pre-explore the sites we're going to visit, and discuss packing for weather we'll encounter at the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, the Galilee, and the Mediterranean coast. Tips for enduring a 10 or 12 hour plane ride will be shared. And everyone will be re-assured that Israel is safe.

We're scheduled to float in the Dead Sea, ascend Masada, hike to Ein Gedi falls, pass Qumran, visit Mt. Herzl and Yad Vashem, eat at Machane Yehudah, welcome Shabbat at a Reform synagogue in Jerusalem, visit the Jewish quarter of the Old City, tour the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, walk through the Arab Market along the Via Dolorosa, and see the Tower of David. The Chagall Windows, the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum are on the itinerary before we visit the Western wall and walk the underground tunnel along the wall. The excavated Roman city of Bet Sh'an and the mosaic floor of Bet Alfa, a jeep tour in the Golan Heights, the water-tunnel of Hazor, and the mystics' home and graves in Safed will be on the Galilee leg. Along the Mediterranean coast we'll visit the Crusader fortress at Acre before it became the British Prison made famous in the movie *Exodus*, and we'll stop in for a tasting at the Tulip Winery at a village for developmentally disabled people. We'll see the Bahai Temple and Gardens in Haifa, walk in Old Jaffa, go to an underground underground (yes, twice) bullet factory for the 1940's, and participate in an actual archeological dig. Lots more!

Deadline for booking is October 24, or when we run out of room, whichever comes first. If you are interested and have not yet advised me of your interest, please do so that I may keep you informed. This will be B'nai Sholom's 9<sup>th</sup> tour of Israel. We are once again partnering with Ayelet Tours, Ltd., a firm that specializes in group Jewish travel, which happens to be Albany-based. We have always had impeccable service and attention from Ayelet both here, and from their representatives in Israel.

The "Next Year in Jerusalem" part of this trip is 5779. We'll be leaving Jerusalem on December 31 to spend New Year's Eve and day in the Galilee before concluding our tour in Tel Aviv.

Can't wait for the new years – both 5779, and 2019!

L'shana Tova!

*Rabbi Don Cashman*



## Reminder!!

**Have you RSVP'd to the *Rosh Hashanah Luncheon?*  
(even if you are unable to attend)**

If you did not receive an invitation, please contact  
Hana Sullenger, [hszima@yahoo.com](mailto:hszima@yahoo.com) 518-542-7863 or  
Liz Gingrich, [fiddlinliz7@gmail.com](mailto:fiddlinliz7@gmail.com) 518-229-5399

B'nai Sholom Rosh Hashanah Luncheons are a longstanding tradition that have been enjoyed by our members and guests for many years. It is a wonderful way to visit with other congregants, reconnect with old friends and make new connections.

## B'nai Sholom Sponsors a Bicycle Ride During the Days of Awe!

Come join bicycle riders from B'nai Sholom on Sunday, September 16, for a relaxing ride in the Voorheesville - Altamont area with a stop for bagels and juice/coffee! All levels of bicycle riders and children are welcome.

We will meet at the Voorheesville Hannaford parking lot (5 Maple Rd., Voorheesville) at 10:00am. Ride will be flat and very scenic on less-traveled roads. Your guide will be veteran cyclist and ride leader Steve Redler, who has led rides in the area for 25 years. We will return to the Voorheesville Hannaford around noon.

Contact [SteveRedler@yahoo.com](mailto:SteveRedler@yahoo.com) for more information and to let us know you'll be joining in.

***B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation, a Reform Jewish synagogue, is a community that fosters individual, family and congregational spirituality by engaging in worship and prayer, promoting learning on all levels, supporting each other's needs, bettering our community and our world, and forging connections with worldwide Jewry.***

***We take pride in being warm, welcoming, informal, progressive, open-minded, diverse, and participatory.***

***We strive to create a vibrant Jewish present, linking our ancient traditions with the promise of the future.***

## Save the Date!

### Judaica and Fair Trade Sale

Sunday, November 11, 2018, 10am-3pm at B'nai Sholom

*With Mayan Hands, we are once again organizing a Fair Trade Sale in conjunction with our Judaica sale. Come shop from a host of fair trade vendors and get your supplies and gifts for the holidays!*

*We'll also have our usual Judaica sale, including gelt, Hanukkah candles, wrapping paper and assorted gift items.*

*Learn about fair trade and why it is so important to support this effort.*

*More details soon.*

## New Disabilities Committee at B'nai Sholom

There's a new committee at B'nai Sholom with the goal of improving the way the congregation approaches our members with disabilities.

The **Committee on Disabilities** looks to develop and put in place changes and enhancements that will make our congregation more welcoming and inclusive for those with one or more disabilities. These include congregants and guests who are visually and/or hearing impaired or live with physical, developmental or emotional impairment.

The Days of Awe are the perfect setting in which to initiate new practices. The ushers at our services, as well as others involved in all aspects of the holidays, will be key in helping this initiative move forward.

Interested in helping? It should only take a couple of get-togethers to brainstorm and put ideas into action.

Let Roy Fruiterman [lebelge@nycap.rr.com](mailto:lebelge@nycap.rr.com) know if you would like to be part of the important work of this new committee.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered before, during, and after

A Day at B'nai

The Membership Committee could not have done it without you!

Steve Ableman, Arthur Alowitz, Deb Adler, Elizabeth Alowitz, Christine Blackman, Rabbi Don Cashman, Ellie Davis, Liz Davis, Randy Davis, Sarah Davis, Susan Aron-DeFronzo, Joseph DeFronzo, Stephanie DeFronzo, Barbara Devore, Jack Devore, Howie Domfort, Marcus Domfort, Ian Duckor, Liz Gingrich, Lois Gordon, Julie Friedman, Judy Fruiterman, Roy Fruiterman, Liz Gingrich, Ethan Goldberg, Eric Goldberg, Maxine Goldberg, Rema Goldstein, Anne Hausgaard, Gary Hoffmann, Becca Klamka, Jeff Klamka, Amy Koren-Roth, Yossi Koren-Roth, Ann Lowenfels, Becky Marvin, Ben Marvin, Bob Negris, Jonah Negris, Deb Nozik, Barbara Nussbaum, Margie Pass, Paula Philo, Cheryl Reeder, Mark Reeder, Martha Rozett, Charlotte Rutnik, Joan Savitt, Amy Sternstein, Bettina Stoller, Janet Strominger, Hana Sullenger, Valerie Tabak, Phil Teumim, Gail Volk, Larry Volk, Mari Vosburgh, Shari Whiting...and the Albany Fire Department

# SOCIAL ACTION

In December 2017, B'nai Sholom signed on as a Brit Olam Congregation with the Union for Reform Judaism. **The Brit Olam is a “Covenant with our World because we see the world we want, not the world as it is.” It is a contract to help create “a World of Compassion, Justice and Wholeness.”**

## 50 MILES MORE

On a cold Shabbat morning last March, B'nai Sholom joined other Jewish congregations for the *March for Our Lives* in downtown Albany. The morning began with Shabbat prayers in City Hall, then we joined *Students Against Gun Violence* leading this protest in a march around the Capitol.

These amazing student leaders have not given up the cause and are still very active advocating for sane gun laws and demanding to be safe at school. New marches and rallies, known as *50 Miles More*, are being organized in all 50 states. From October 17 through 21, students will gather from across New York to hold a 50-mile march down Rt. 9W from Ravena to Kingston.

HOW CAN MEMBERS OF B'NAI SHOLOM HELP? Adult volunteers are needed for many tasks: drivers, marchers, group leaders/counselors, night shift, medical support and meal organizers. At a higher level, adults are needed to help coordinate security and insurance and act as the adult treasurer.

If you can help, please contact Becky Marvin [rmarvin@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rmarvin@nycap.rr.com) or [50milesmoreny@gmail.com](mailto:50milesmoreny@gmail.com). Since volunteers will need a background check, you are **strongly encouraged to sign up by September 4.**

You can find out more about the movement here: <https://50milesmore.org/media/>

## THE CONGREGATION NOTES WITH THANKS THESE CONTRIBUTIONS...

You can contribute online at: <http://www.bnaisholomalbany.org/donations>

### General Fund

In memory of **Ric Crawford** by Herb and Ruth Smith  
In memory of **Paul Edward Krochmal** by Herb and Ruth Smith  
In memory of **Fred Aron** by Susan Aron DeFronzo  
In appreciation of **Phil Teumim** by Ben and Becky Marvin  
In memory of **Ric Crawford** by Ben and Becky Marvin  
In memory of **Ann and Lubi Radosh** by Susan Radosh  
In memory of **Ric Crawford** by Bruce and Edith Goldstein  
In memory of **Ilene Goldman** by Judy and Roy Fruiterman  
In memory of **Claire Roth** by Judy and Roy Fruiterman  
In memory of **Hal Rosenthal** by Ann Shapiro and Barry Pendergrass  
In memory of **Ric Crawford** by Ann Shapiro and Barry Pendergrass  
In memory of **Dror Koren and Harold Roth** by Amy and Yossi Koren-Roth  
In memory of **Lorraine Tharus and Milton Swartz** by Barbara and Jack Devore  
In memory of **Gina Kleinfeld and Robert Stoller** by Bettina and Howard Stoller

### Library Fund

In memory of **Hal Rosenthal** by Lois Gordon  
In memory of **Ric Crawford** by Lois Gordon

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In appreciation of **Rabbi Don Cashman** by Mari Vosburgh.

## B'nai Sholom Legacy Society - Join Today!

Help ensure that B'nai Sholom  
will grow and flourish  
in the future!

Provide a gift to B'nai Sholom  
in your will, retirement plan, trust,  
IRA, or life insurance policy.

Contact a member of the Legacy Committee - Mimi Bruce (chair), Libby Liebschutz,  
Barry Pendergrass, David Ray, Stuart Schwartz, and Howie Stoller

"As my ancestors planted for me, so do I plant for those who will come after me."

-- Talmud Ta'anit 23

*Thank you!*

to the following congregants who recently hosted an Oneg Shabbat: Stacey Wager-Pacuk, Martie and Phil Teumim and Roy and Judy Fruiterman.

to the Bulletin Brigade who helped fold, insert and stuff envelopes to get the August bulletin out: Steve Ableman, Joan and Jim Savitt, Martie Teumim, Rema Goldstein and Amy Sternstein.

## New in the Library – a short book about a big topic

### *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* By Yossi Klein Halevi (Harper, 2018)

Klein Halevi is an American-born writer who has lived in Jerusalem since 1982. He is a senior fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, where he co-directs, with Imam Abdullah Antepli, the Institute's Muslim Leadership Initiative. In an interview with David Horowitz for *The Times of Israel*\* he described his new book this way.

“This book combines the two commitments of my life: explaining and defending the Jewish narrative, and seeking partners in the Muslim world. The Jewish people is divided into two camps. One is defending the Israeli narrative, the other is fighting for peace. The argument of this book is that the two are related: Peace won't happen so long as our narrative is negated by the other side. You can't make peace with a country that has no right to exist.”

Klein Halevi hopes the book will start a conversation with Palestinians (it is available in Arabic as a free download) and is committed to responding to any serious communication he receives. In the meantime, as Israel enters its 71<sup>st</sup> year, the book is an important way to start or continue conversations among Jews – how do we understand our own story and how best to communicate that story to others?

\*Here's the link to the whole fantastic and thought-provoking interview:

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/who-we-are-why-were-here-israeli-author-explains-zionism-to-the-palestinians/>

## The following Yahrts will be observed in September.

9/7 Elsie Logwood; Morris Parets\*; Edward Hoffman; Ethel Link; David Engler\*; Vivian Quell; Lubi Radosh; Marylin Ruben; Joseph Berkowitz\*; Pauline Stern\*

9/14 Ari Propp; Rifka Propp; Charlotte Sacks; Shari Knieling; Alice Winston\*; Betty Herbert; Rose Levin Goldstein\*; Mollie Belkin Lazoroff\*; Henry Nussbaum; Martin Kleinfeld\*

9/21 Yetta Berman\*; Jakob Simon Krochmal; Arthur Nitka; Saul Toback; David Binewitch\*; Samuel Pock\*; Jeannie Bick; Rose Dietzman; Donald Goldberg; Rose Pass

9/28 Asher Kaplan; Luci Shapiro; Frederic Adler; Ruth Ottenheimer; Joe Meer; Eva Teumim

*\*denotes that a Perpetual Memorial has been established.*

B'Yachad is in need of iPads for use during religious school this fall. Should you have a lightly used iPad that you are willing to donate, please contact Rabbi Miriam Midlarsky-Lichtenfeld at 518-489-4706 Ext. 17.

**RABBI:** Donald P. Cashman  
**PRESIDENT:** Barbara Devore  
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Articles and news received after the deadline are subject to omission.  
As a rule, the bulletin deadline is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Adherence to the deadline is critical to ensuring the bulletin is sent out in a timely manner.

<u>Period Covered</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
October.....	September 12
November.....	October 10