

B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation

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mid-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2013

ELUL 5773/TISHREI 5774

JOIN US IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER FOR

Friday, Aug. 16	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, Aug. 17	TORAH STUDY: <i>Ki Tetse</i> Deut. 21.10-25.19	9:30 AM
Friday, Aug. 23	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, Aug. 24	TORAH STUDY: <i>Ki Tavo</i> Deut. 26.1-29.8	9:30 AM
Friday, Aug. 30	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, Aug. 31	TORAH STUDY: <i>Nitzavim-Vayeilech</i> Deut. 29.9-31.30	9:30 AM
	SELICHOT	9:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 4 THURSDAY, SEPT. 5	EREV ROSH HASHANAH ROSH HASHANAH <i>Please refer to your tickets for service times</i>
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Friday, Sept. 6	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	6:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 7	TEXT STUDY: <i>Prophets-Micah</i> Extended study with coffee and bagels	9:30 AM

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 SATURDAY, SEPT. 15	KOL NIDRE YOM KIPPUR <i>Please refer to your tickets for service and study times</i>
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Wednesday, Sept. 18	EREV SUKKOT SERVICE	7:30 PM
Friday, Sept. 20	EREV SHABBAT HOL HAMOED SUKKOT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 21	TORAH STUDY: SHABBAT HOL HAMOED MORNING SERVICE	9:30 AM 10:30 AM
	Bar Mitzvah of Hugh Smith	
Wednesday, Sept. 25	EREV SIMHAT TORAH With Consecration and Yizkor	7:30 PM
Friday, Sept. 27	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 28	TORAH STUDY: <i>Bere'shit</i> Gen. 1.1-6.8 SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE	9:30 AM 10:30 AM
	Bat Mitzvah of Daphne Fleischer	
Friday, Oct. 4	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	6:00 PM
Saturday, Oct. 5	TEXT STUDY: <i>Prophets</i> Extended Study with coffee and bagels	9:30 AM

From Our Rabbi...

Yes, Rosh Hashanah is early. In fact, September 5 is the earliest it can occur. This last happened in 1899, and won't happen again until 2089. For most people, it is a once in a lifetime occurrence.

Do you like it early? Some are happy to get the holidays over and done with. Others like having part of September as preparatory time. One cantor expressed to me that she felt her entire summer was taken away.

A by-product of an early Rosh Hashanah is an early Hanukkah, which this year – in case you didn't hear yet – starts the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Thus, it's two candles after Thanksgiving dinner.

The Jewish leap year will kick in during February, returning Erev Purim to the Ides of March (to bring in a third calendar), with the first Passover Seder coming on Monday evening, April 14.

Next year, erev Rosh Hashanah is on September 24, with Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simhat Torah all coming in October. Hanukkah will end in 2014 on December 24.

An excellent source for all things Jewish calendar is www.hebcal.com. You can get calendars for any year you want, holidays, even Shabbat times and Torah readings. One can convert dates between the Jewish and the Gregorian calendar, which is convenient for Yahrzeits. The data therein can be downloaded into Outlook, Google Calendar, iPhone, etc. This is the source I use to create the calendar that accompanies our bulletin.

As we prepare to welcome this New Year of 5774, we are encouraged by our tradition to bring a sense of closure to the closing year through reflection and resolve. In the waning days of this year, I pray that we may all find the time and energy to do so, so that we may enter the New Year prepared to sanctify our days with joy, leaving behind us the disappointments of the past.

I look forward to greeting you at Selichot on Saturday night, August 31 at 9 PM; on Rosh Hashanah services and at Tashlich; on Yom Kippur; on Sukkot and Simhat Torah; and at only good things besides holidays and Shabbat.

**L'shalom,
Rabbi Don Cashman**

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 others' 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.

NEW WEB ADDRESS!

Current and upcoming events, the Monthly Bulletin, lots of photographs, and in-depth information about B'nai Sholom are all available on the new congregational web site,

www.bnaisholomalbany.org.

Bookmark the site and visit often!

Please "like" our new Facebook page at [Facebook.com/bnaisholomalbany](https://www.facebook.com/bnaisholomalbany).

HELP WANTED!

Religious School teachers needed!

We are always seeking dynamic, knowledgeable adults to teach Judaic Studies and Hebrew in our Religious School on Sunday mornings for the 2013-2014 academic school year and to be on our substitute list. There is a curriculum for each class – you will be responsible for implementing the curriculum in an engaging, fun manner.

Ideal candidates will bring strong Judaic skills, creativity, energy, love of and experience working with children, and the desire to be part of a collegial academic team. Must also be punctual and organized.

B'nai Sholom offers competitive salaries and an exciting, supportive teaching environment. Come join us!

For further information and application, please contact Elizabeth Alowitz, Religious School Director, at rsdirector@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us or 518-482-5283.

Are you a flautist? Or does your child play the flute? Adam Fine, our soloist for the Days of Awe, would like to include some music requiring flute accompaniment. Please contact the office if you can play.

It's a Match! How to Select a College That's Right For You

Thursday, October 17th at B 7:00 pm at B'nai Sholom

Free program for high school students and their parents.

- Zero in on the type of school that meets your needs.
- Go beyond the official tour.
- Learn exactly who and what to see and what questions to ask during campus visits.
- Evaluate each college's academic and social climate for fit with your talents, interest and personality.

For the past 19 years, B'nai Sholom congregant Jill Rifkin, has counseled over 525 students on the college admissions process. She has visited 485 colleges in 34 states and speaks frequently on college admission topics. For information call 439-1843.

2014 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

The cost of the books this year is \$25.

Lots of bargains available. Books may be purchased during office hours or on Sunday mornings when Religious School is in session.

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THE CONGREGATION NOTES WITH THANKS THESE CONTRIBUTIONS...

General Fund

In memory of **Saul Ikler** and **Edgar** and **Leah Altmayer** by Janis and Stewart Altmayer

In memory of **Anne Bergman** and **Gail Bergman** by Stanley Bergman

In memory of **Nathan Green** by Randy, Ellie and Molly Davis

In memory of **Sonny Brenner** by Mark and Cheryl Reeder

In memory of **Arnold M. Heart** and **Ludwig P. Bergman** by Stan Bergman

In memory of **Dror Koren** and **Harold Roth** by Yossi and Amy Koren-Roth

Caring Community Fund

In memory of **Gerda Frankel** by Herb and Ruth Swift

In appreciation of **Mitch Levinn** by Herb and Ruth Swift

Marlene Baker Youth Scholarship Fund

In honor of the 2013 graduates: **Meg Ray, Melanie Rockefeller, Elizabeth Marvin, Sarah Gilly, Ayelet Wachs Cashman, Samantha Smith, Arielle Ray, Aiden Morse, Jenna Goldfarb, Jacqueline Libby, Isaac Finkelman** and **Salome Degroult-Elias** by Marlene Baker Glass

The following congregants have shown generosity in signing up for additional Patron Dues:

Bill and Sheila Schwartz

Barbara Miller

Joan and Jim Savitt

Stanley Bergman

Sharon and Mark Sklar

Hal Rosenthal and Mari Vosburgh

Jack and Barbara Devore

Mazal Tov!

-to **Harvey Strum** on his marriage to **Caryl Kichton**

-to **Avraham Wachs Cashman** who received a master of Arts in Teaching from Brandeis University

-to **Ethan Nozik** upon receiving his BA in music industry at SUNY Oneonta

-to **Matthew Rockefeller** whose Spring 2013 4.0 gpa at SUNY Brockport earned him a spot on the President's List

-to **Casey Dinkin**, daughter of Jesse Dinkin and Valerie Tabak, on the release of her first CD. *Right Now for Now*, "...a sparkling debut release full of clever, caffeinated tunes that are smart, modern pop-folk songs..." (David Malachowski, Albany Times Union) was underwritten by Casey's Kickstarter campaign, which included support from many congregants.

-to **Aiden Morse** who is the recipient of the Applebaum Award OF the Sydney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center for outstanding Jewish community service and leadership

THANK YOU

--to the paper-cut brigade who prepared the June Bulletin: **Jill Rifkin, Ellie Davis, Molly Davis, Barbara Devore, Anne** and **Sonny Hausgaard**

--to the congregants who provided us with a sweet Shabbat: **Deb Adler** in memory of her mother **Helen Adler**, **Deb Lipson** in memory of her mother **Barbara Schwartz, Dayle Zatlin** and **Joel Blumenthal, Steve Morse** and **Brenda Hazard** in honor of **Phoebe's** bat mitzvah, **Sheldon Bosin** and **Ruth Burkowsky** in memory of Sheldon's father **Morris Bosin**

YAHRTZEITS

The following Yahrtszeits will be observed in August:

- 16 Abraham Sperber*, Gerald Hazard, Robert Stoller, Gina Kleinfeld, Miriam Falb, Lore Hauptman, Joseph Flax, Frieda Hoffmann*, Jacob Grover
- 23 Gail Bergman*, Sylvia Garber, Lenore Greiman, Albert Einstein*, Ann Radosh, Max Kuperman, Rose Kesler
- 30 Arthur T. Singer*, Franklyn Cole, Marvin J. Finkelstein*, Nathan Green, Sydell Morris, Pauline Stern*, Harold Quell, Martin Klein

The following Yahrtszeits will be observed in September:

- 6 Michael Zaidspiner, Belle Fisher Schwartz, Minna Katzin, Marvin Morris, Leah Rose Royne, Pauline Tauss, Edith Cabelly, Elsie Logwood, Edward Hoffman, Morris L. Parets*, Ethel Link, David Engler*
- 13 Rose Pass, Marylin Porter Ruben, Lubi Radosh, Joseph Berkowitz*, Ari Propp, Rifka Propp, Charlotte Sacks, Betty Herbert, Alice Winston, Rose Levine Goldstein*, Mollie Belkin Lazoroff*, Henry Nussbaum
- 20 Joe Meer, Eva Teumim, Myron Sigadel, Yetta Berman*, Jakob Simon Krochmal, Arthur Nitka, Saul Toback, David Binewitch*, Samuel Pock*, Jeannie Bick, Rose Dietchman, Donald Goldberg
- 27 Sylvia Adler, Asher Kaplan, Luci Shapiro, Eric Weiler

**denotes that a Perpetual Memorial has been established*

We note with sorrow the death of
JEAN NORRIS RUDMAN
Grandmother of Doug Goldman

IN THE COMMUNITY

MIFGASH REGISTRATION AND OPEN HOUSE: Capital District's Community Hebrew High School begins 6th year.

Mifgash Jewish Community High School Program will begin its 6th year of servicing Jewish teens in the Capital District with an open House and Registration on September 15, 2013 at B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road in Albany. The program runs from 6:00-8:00 pm with faculty presentations, course selection, registration and an ice cream social.

"The program provides a wonderful opportunity for Jewish youth from neighboring communities and different schools to become acquainted," says the parent of one graduate. "My son attended for four years and really had a meaningful experience."

Students meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for 2 classes, each 50 minutes long, with a 20 minute break for snacks and socializing.

All Mifgash courses are hands-on, interactive and discussion-based. Fall 2013 courses include Tikkun Olam/Community Service, A Class of Many Colors, Great American Jewish Court Cases, What's Nu?, European History, Avoda Aravit, Can Moshe Marry Jeremy?", Jammin' with "Jew"lie and Jews in Sports.

For current course descriptions, faculty bios, and the most up to date information, please visit www.mifgashcommunity.org.

Mifgash is a community of Jewish high school students who come together weekly to learn and engage with other Jewish teens from all areas of the Capital District. Students come from many different backgrounds and are united in a commitment to meeting other Jewish students in a learning and social environment. They come to learn relevant Jewish topics on ideas important to them. The goal is to assist students in their Jewish journey to adulthood, college and beyond.

RABBI: **Donald P. Cashman**

PRESIDENT: **Jodi Kerper**

OFFICE MANAGER: **Rebecca S. Marvin**

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR: **Elizabeth Alowitz**

*OFFICE HOURS: MON/TUES/THU/FRI 9:15 AM – 3:00 PM

“As a rule, the BULLETIN DEADLINE is the second Wednesday of each month.”

Period Covered

October

November

Deadline

September 11

October 9

Articles and news received after deadline are subject to omission

Fighting hunger continues to be a primary focus of the Social Action Committee. Please take the time to read the letter below and purchase your tickets for this special Empty Bowl event.

Tickets are \$25
“More if you can, less if you can’t”

DONATE A BOWL!

Make a bowl at a pottery shop

(great family activity!);

Purchase a cute bowl

at a garage sale or thrift shop;

Check your basement...

do you really need that old, incomplete china set?

Bowls may be dropped off at B'nai Sholom