

# B'nai Shalom Reform Congregation

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## JOIN US FOR THESE SERVICES AND STUDY SESSIONS

Friday, September 30	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, October 1	Extended Study - The Writings (Proverbs)	9:30 AM

Sunday, October 2	<b>EREV ROSH HASHANAH</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Monday, October 3	<b>ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICE</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Community Tashlikh: 5:00 PM, Buckingham Pond at Colonial Avenue		

Friday, October 7	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SHUVAH SERVICE</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday, October 8	TORAH STUDY: <i>Va-yelekh Deut. 31.1-32</i>	9:30 AM

Tuesday, October 11	<b>KOL NIDRE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Wednesday, October 12	<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>6:00 PM</b>

Friday, October 14	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, October 15	TORAH STUDY: <i>Ha'azinu Deut. 32.1-52</i>	9:30 AM

Sunday, October 16	<b>EREV SUKKOT SERVICE</b>	7:30 PM
	<b>NEW MEMBER WELCOME IN THE SUKKAH</b>	

Friday, October 21	<b>EREV SHABBAT HOL HAMOED SUKKOT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, October 22	TORAH STUDY: <i>Sukkot Exodus. 33.12-34.26</i>	9:30 AM
Sunday, October 23	<b>EREV SIMHAT TORAH SERVICE</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>

Friday, October 28	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, October 29	TORAH STUDY: <i>Bere'shit Gen. 1.1-6.8</i>	9:30 AM
	<b>SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
	<b>Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Novkov-Bloom</b>	

Friday, November 4	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday, November 5	TORAH STUDY: <i>Noah Gen. 6.9-11.32</i>	9:30 AM

## *From our Rabbi...*

Dear friends,

I'm looking forward to welcoming the New Year and celebrating the holiday season with you beginning on Sunday night October 2.

Joining me on the bima for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as our soloist will be Rebecca Pacuk, who grew up in this area, becoming Bat Mitzvah at B'nai Sholom. She is a graduate of the University of Hartford's Hartt School of Music, and a music teacher in Salem, New Hampshire., residing now in Cambridge, Mass. We are excited and honored at her return in this role.

Elizabeth M. Huntley will be returning to furnish harp accompaniment to the services. Her participation in our services is a treasured part of our holiday season, not only adding beauty and dignity, but linking us in the chain of tradition to King David.

Completing the cast on the bima will be more than six dozen congregational leaders – Officers, trustees, committee chairs and members, past Presidents, and some of our active youth – who will take on various roles during the services.

I don't usually publish sermon titles in advance. As a young assistant rabbi, I had to come up with them six weeks in advance for the bulletin deadline. This year, however, I'm happy to announce that on Rosh Hashanah Eve, *The Final Frontier* will explore the sacredness of time in our lives. The following day, *To Boldly Go* will reflect on the Jewish foundational mission of Abraham, and the boldness shown by others in Judaism. At Kol Nidrei, *The Prime Directive* will discuss responsibilities. On Yom Kippur morning, *The Next Generation* will consider the competing needs of the individual and the community. Naturally, the whole theme gets kicked off on Erev Rosh Hashanah, so I look forward to seeing you then.

On Sukkot, there is longstanding tradition based on the Zohar of welcoming guests for this full moon two weeks after Rosh Hashanah. This year, we hope to use this opportunity on Sunday evening, October 16, to honor those who have recently chosen to affiliate with B'nai Sholom. I hope you will come to honor our newest members with a post-service Kiddush in the Sukkah.

A week later, we will close out the holiday season with Simhat Torah. For the 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, we will unroll a Torah scroll. This is predicated on us having enough people to do this; your presence is always valued, but without a critical mass this cannot happen.

From my house to yours, best wishes for a sweet New Year, one filled with health, joy, and prosperity.

*Rabbi Don Cashman*

## Rebecca Pacuk To Serve As Cantorial Soloist During Days Of Awe



Rebecca Pacuk, daughter of congregant Stacey Wager-Pacuk and the late Ed Pacuk, will serve as cantorial soloist during the Days of Awe. Rebecca and her family joined B'nai Sholom when she was seven years old. Rebecca is a graduate of Cocksackie-Athens High School. After graduating from the University of Hartford's Hartt School of Music in December 2015, Rebecca began teaching music to elementary school children in Salem, New Hampshire.

Rebecca remembers singing with the Rabbi and the congregation as a young child, which she said helped foster her love of music. She continued to sing throughout college, starring in the lead in musical theater. When she was approached about singing during the High Holidays, she was delighted to accept. Rebecca noted, "I am excited to be able to give back to the community that has given so much to me."

## Complimentary Tickets for Days of Awe Services Still Available for Non-Members

There is still time for members' guests and other non-members, who wish to join us during the Days of Awe, to request complimentary tickets to. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to bring a guest or just pass this invitation on to friends and acquaintances who have yet to experience the warm and welcoming environment of B'nai Sholom.

Guests may also take advantage of child care which is available for a nominal fee. Children in grades K through 4 may participate in the Children's Service, a full morning program on each of the Days of Awe with age appropriate services and other activities, conducted on site in the school wing by our Youth Group. Guests and other non-members are also welcome to participate in our pot luck Rosh Hashanah luncheons, which take place in members' homes.

All guests must pre-register. Forms for tickets and child care are available in the office. Also please let us know if your guests would like to participate in a luncheon so that we can extend an invitation!

*L'shanah tovah.*

## Do You Have A Business Or Service To Advertise?

B'nai Sholom congregants can showcase their business or service to the wider Jewish community by sponsoring events of the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York and receive prominent recognition for the sponsorship. Best of all, B'nai Sholom receives a portion of the sponsorship revenue. A minimum sponsorship is \$2500, with levels escalating above that. If anyone is interested in participating in this program, please contact B'nai Sholom President Libby Liebschutz.

## Yom Kippur Study Session to Focus on Forgiveness

As he has for many years, congregant David Liebschutz will lead a group study and discussion session on Yom Kippur during the break between the morning and afternoon services. This year, the session will focus on the theme of forgiveness.

"This year's presidential campaign has me thinking about forgiveness," says David. "Why are we reluctant to forgive, either in our private or public lives?" He continues, "I thought it would be interesting for us to explore what Judaism has to say about forgiveness. Is forgiving someone even a commandment? When and under what circumstances do we forgive?" He adds that, by posing these questions and doing a bit of research, he quickly unearthed a wealth of material to form the basis for the group discussion session.

David will present the group with short reading materials and thought-provoking questions, for which there is no one right answer. Participants will be divided into smaller groups for discussion and debate, and then the larger group will reconvene for a sharing of the highlights and some final thoughts.

The study session, which is open to and appropriate for all adults and older teens, will begin at approximately 1:15 p.m. and conclude by 2:30 p.m. This schedule allows sufficient time for participation by those congregants who need to take a trip home either after the morning service or before the afternoon services, perhaps to drop off or pick up other family members. Other congregants who choose to spend all of Yom Kippur at the synagogue find that there is the perfect amount of time for a walk or a short rest before the study session, which is then followed by the healing service, beginning at 2:45 p.m.

## *Save the Date!*

### B'nai Sholom's First Fair Trade Sale

The Fundraising Committee of B'nai Sholom will sponsor the synagogue's first fair trade sale on November 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in conjunction with this year's Judaica Sale and Red Cross Blood Drive. Fair trade vendors have been invited to display and sell their merchandise. The list of vendors will include Mayan Hands, who partners with approximately 200 women weavers living in different communities around the western and northern highlands of Guatemala, and many other vendors who will sell food and other items that may help you find unique gifts for those on your Hanukkah list.

This event will raise funds for B'nai Sholom and provide a new venue for fair trade companies to sell their products. More details and information will be in the November bulletin.

# B'nai Sholom is Holding a Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, November 13

*We need donors and non-donors to make our drive a success!!!*



The Blood Drive will be held in the Red Cross Bloodmobile which will be in our parking lot on Sunday, November 13 from 9 AM to 1 PM. If you are a regular donor, please note that September 18 is the last day you can donate prior to our drive. If you can't donate blood, there are many ways you can help, either before or during the drive. Please call the temple office any time for an appointment or to volunteer. Or you may call Sheila Schwartz.

**NEW:** *You may also schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-Red Cross, or by using online scheduling at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)*

\*\*\* REMEMBER !!! 16 YEAR-OLDS ARE ELIGIBLE TO DONATE!!! \*\*\*

## It's Time to Clean Out Your Closets!



Once again we are collecting winter clothing for donation to those in need in our region. We will collect CLEAN, GENTLY USED clothes and shoes. Please be sure to SORT TWICE: BY GENDER (male/female/unisex) AND ALSO BY AGE (infant/child/teen/adult). Please be sure to label your bags.

You may drop off your donations at the synagogue during the week of November 7 during office hours AND also on Sunday, November 13 from 9 am to 1 pm. Please place them neatly in the small committee room (next to the prayer book shelf) in the main hallway.

## Mitzvah Opportunities



The Caring Community is looking for volunteers:

Cooks on Call provides meals to congregants in times of need – illness, bereavement, new babies. If you are able to cook an occasional meal for a family, please put your name on the volunteer list, so that you can be asked to help.

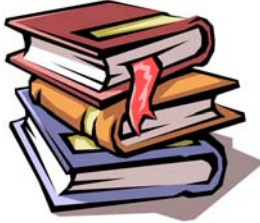
Drivers are needed for congregants unable to drive. A ride to Shabbat or Holiday Services will enable *all* of our members to take part in the life of the congregation. The Caring Community also needs drivers who might be available during the day to provide transportation to medical appointments.

Our newest initiative – Providing Respite for Caregivers – gives them an opportunity to have a break away from home. If you can commit to a scheduled hour or two each week, that would be ideal. Occasional companion “sitters” are also welcome.

Please contact Ruth Swift at [hsswift1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hsswift1@nycap.rr.com) or by calling 518-355-9289 for more information or to volunteer for the job of your choice. The Caring Community cannot do it without you.

*STILL on hand in the library -  
Forged in Fury*

by Michael Elkins  
Ballantine Books, 1971



Thanks to many generous donations over the years, in addition to budgeted book purchases, the library is about full. Now the Library Committee is trying to do what all good gardeners and librarians do – weed. Which books are important to keep? Which books have outlived their useful life? Sometimes it's clear. We no longer need the *Myths and Facts 1982 Concise Record of the Arab-Israeli Conflict* because we own the 2001 edition. But what about the books with which we are unfamiliar? *Forged in Fury* was a book we did not know, by an author we did not know. Our copy is a yellowed mass market paperback that cost \$1.25 when it was new. Surely we didn't need to keep this book. But, Research showed that the author, Michael Elkins was a well-respected journalist who worked for CBS, *Newsweek*, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), and the *Jerusalem Report*. During World War II, he worked for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) which was a wartime intelligence agency of the United States, and a predecessor of the modern Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). He was with the Allies when Dachau was liberated. The book is about World War II, its immediate aftermath and the 50 or so men and women who formed the 'DIN' squads ('din' being the Hebrew for revenge) – Jews who took vengeance upon the Nazis. It's an important part of modern Jewish history. The writing is raw and powerful. It's a book we're glad we kept.

One book at a time is a very slow way to go about this process, though. If you have expertise about any subject area in the library, we could use your help. Please get in touch with any committee member – Josh Brody, Rondi Brower, Ian Duckor, Gail Golderman or Lois Gordon if you'd like to evaluate a section.

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### General Fund

A thank you for the generous invitation to B'nai Sholom's High Holiday Services, as a guest of Liz Davis, by Adam Thumen.

In memory of **Charlotte Sacks**, by Paula Philo.

In memory of **Martin Klein** by Steve Klein.

In memory of **Lorraine Tharus** by Barbara and Jack Devore.

In memory of **Milton Swartz** by Barbara and Jack Devore.

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In memory of **Paul Edward Krochmal** by Ruth and Herb Swift.

In memory of **Arthur Nitka** by Mark and Cheryl Reeder.

### Social Action Fund

In honor of the marriage of **Casey Dinkin and David Woodland** by Gail and Larry Volk.

### Caring Community Fund

In memory of **Lynn Horowitz** by Becky and Ben Marvin.

You can contribute online at: <http://www.bnaisholom.albany.ny.us/donations>

## **The following Yahrts will be observed in October.**

- 10/7 Maurice Pass; Bertram Hess\*; Maurice Samuel Schwadron\*; Peter Kurak
- 10/14 Robert Gordon; George Sinkoff; Seymour Marvin Steinhart; Pearl Tress; Sadye Lazoroff Rabineau\*; Esther Soffer\*; Rose Pass; Eva Teumim
- 10/21 Irving Englander\*; Gertrude Shapiro\*; Meyer Sklar; Fanny Binewitch\*; Julius Goldfarb; Irene Krochmal Swiwc; Nathan Kaufman\*; Joe Meer
- 10/28 Anna Cohen; Julius Domfort; Ruth Devore; Sabina Millens; Jack Myers; Sarah Renee Whiting; Jacques M. Gilly\*; Rose Kaufman\*; Herman Schoenbach; Sylvia Goldstein Adler

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

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

**Bruce Bell and Nancy Maurer**

**Barney Horowitz**

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***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.***

**THANK YOU**

to the following congregants who recently hosted an Oneg Shabbat: Linda and Richard Strohl, Susan Radosh, Ellie and Randy Davis, Maxine, Eric and Ethan Goldberg and Mary Alice and Scott Wexler.

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**As a rule, the BULLETIN DEADLINE is the second Wednesday of each month. With so much information to report, adherence to the deadline is critical to ensuring the bulletin is sent out in a timely manner.**

<b>Period Covered</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
November.....	October 12
December.....	November 9

*Articles and news received after deadline are subject to omission.*