

B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation

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JOIN US FOR THESE SERVICES AND STUDY SESSIONS

Wednesday, October 4	EREV SUKKOT SERVICE	7:30 PM
Friday, October 6	KABBALAT SHABBAT HOL HAMOED SERVICE	6:00 PM
Saturday, October 7	EXTENDED STUDY: The Writings (Song of Songs)	9:30 AM
Wednesday, October 11	EREV SIMHAT TORAH SERVICE	7:30 PM
Friday, October 13	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, October 14	TORAH STUDY: Bereshit	9:30 AM
Friday, October 20	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, October 21	TORAH STUDY: Noah	9:30 AM
Friday, October 27	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, October 28	TORAH STUDY: Lech L'cha	9:30 AM
Friday, November 3	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	6:00 PM
Saturday, November 4	TORAH STUDY: Vayera	9:30 AM



Erev Sukkot New Member Welcome in the Sukkah

Please join us for a Kiddush in the Sukkah on October 4 to welcome our newest members to B'nai Sholom. Sponsored by the Membership Committee.

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.

Sunday, October 8, Sukkah-Hopping



Congregants and friends are warmly invited to the annual Sukkot Open House at the home of Rabbi Don Cashman and Sharona Wachs in Albany from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

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All congregants and their families are invited to enjoy the sukkah and a potluck brunch/lunch in the backyard of the home of B'nai Sholom president Libby and David Liebschutz, 76 Devon Road, Delmar from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please bring a vegetarian dish to pass. This is an outdoor event, cancelled in case of rain (call if in doubt). RSVP to dliebschutz@gmail.com or libbyliebschutz@gmail.com or 518-439-5089.

"The Kabbalah of Bob Dylan"

A presentation by Seth Rogovoy

DATE: Saturday, October 21

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$10 at the door

B'nai Sholom is hosting a very special night with the first half featuring **Seth Rogovoy**, termed "American Jewry's greatest Dylan scholar" who will present a multimedia program exploring the Jewish influences in the life and work of the recent Nobel Prize-winner. With the aid of audio clips, video, still images, and textual comparisons, Rogovoy, author of "**Bob Dylan: Prophet Mystic Poet**" (Scribner 2009), will illustrate how Dylan's songwriting has always been profoundly rooted in Jewish writings, including the Torah, the Prophets, the Talmud, and mysticism, fusing these inspirations into a genre of "rock 'n' roll midrash."

And get ready for this -- after the break we will be treated to a selection of Dylan's Jewish influenced songs referenced in the Rogovoy presentation by resident B'nai Sholom folkies Phil Teumim and Rabbi Don Cashman and perhaps a surprise guest or two.

-Additional Donors for the Mishkan HaNefesh Prayerbooks-

Ian and Judith Duckor

Katelyn Ouellette DiPaola and
David DiPaola

Richard and Barbara Nussbaum

From the Social Action Committee

Throughout Jewish tradition, the God of Israel is described again and again as One who loves the immigrant. Surely, Jewish history informs the need for an involved Jewish response to the issue of immigration to this country. On a more secular level, we know that the 787,580 young people who have been granted approval under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) federal program created in 2012 which allows people brought to the US illegally as children the temporary right to live, study and work legally in America, are contributors who bring great benefit to society.

Known as the *dreamers*, these individuals are vetted for criminal history or threat to national security, and must be students or have completed school or military service. If they pass vetting, action to deport them is deferred for two years, with a chance to renew. They are eligible for basics like a drivers' license, college enrollment, or a work permit. To apply, they must have been younger than 31 on June 15, 2012 when the program began, and, "undocumented", lacking legal immigration status. They must have arrived in the US before turning 16 and lived here continuously since June 2007.

If the repeal of DACA is successful, the Center for American Progress estimates that over the next ten years, the US Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will be reduced by 433.4 billion dollars. In New York State alone, the annual GDP would be reduced by \$2,379,146,866. The 1.3 million young undocumented immigrants enrolled or immediately eligible for DACA contribute an estimated 2 billion dollars a year in state and local taxes. This includes personal income, property, and sales and excise taxes. *Dreamers* also pay federal taxes including Social Security and Medicare while most will not be able to claim these benefits. *Dreamers* are not eligible for federal education aid or participation in Obamacare (ACA).

We must remember the timeless rabbinic teaching: "Do not judge your fellow until you stand in their place" (*Pirkei Avot 2:4*). We must not attack undocumented residents with the harmful, hateful rhetoric that many use today as they are stuck in a challenging predicament that few can relate to. In their stead, the rabbis even promoted immigration: "He who has not made good in one place and fails to move and try their luck in some other place has only himself to complain about" (BT *Bava Metzia 75b*). One cannot remain stuck in an underprivileged region if it is a clear stumbling block to oneself and one's family to achieve their best selves.

In the Torah, there is a positive commandment to love the foreigner in our midst (Deuteronomy 10:18), and a negative commandment against oppressing or perverting justice for them in any way (Exodus 22:20; Deuteronomy 24:17). The rabbis elaborated on this prohibition: "You shall not wrong or oppress the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong with words, and you shall not oppress financially" (*Mekhilta d'Rabbi Yishmael, Mishpatim*).

Thus, our responsibility to the vulnerable immigrant requires that we honor the image of God in all people. Perhaps Emmanuel Levinas, the French Talmudist and Jewish philosopher, said it best: "The respect for the stranger and the sanctification of the name of the Eternal are strangely equivalent" ("Toward the Other," *Nine Talmudic Readings* 27).

To learn more about DACA or to add your voice follow these links:

Religious Action Center (Reform Judaism) rac.org

Citizen Action of NYS citizenactionny.org

ACLU- New York Chapter nyclu.org

Source Material: Center for American Progress; Institute on Taxation & Economic Policy, 4/25/2017; Tracy Jan, "Wonkblog"- "The Washington Post", 9/4/2017; Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz, "The Forward", 9/5/2017

SOCIAL ACTION

Join us on October 19 to support Family Promise



Family Promise of the Capital Region will host its third annual **Doors to the Future** celebration on **Thursday, October 19** from **6:00 pm** to **9:00 pm** at Treviso by **Mallozzi's**, located at **257 Washington Ave. Ext.** in Albany. Enjoy delicious food, live music, and a silent auction!

Since accepting its first family in the summer of 2015, Family Promise has served 25 families. B'nai Sholom has assisted Delmar Presbyterian Church in hosting these families four times each year. Tickets are \$60 each. Program advertising space is also available.

Contact Becky Marvin: rmarvin@nycap.rr.com or 439-4574.

Wish List for Family Promise Day Center

The Day Center, located in a former parsonage, is where our families receive case management, use computers to look for housing and jobs, do laundry and bathe. Family Promise is always in need of items needed to maintain a household. Please review the list and if you can provide some items, please contact Gail Volk, Becky Marvin or leave your items in the specially marked bin at the synagogue that is labeled FAMILY PROMISE. Thank you!



laundry detergent
dish detergent
dishwasher soap
sponges
all-purpose cleaner
toilet bowl cleaner
bath/shower cleaner
liquid hand soap
toothpaste
toothbrushes for adults and children
disposable razors
feminine hygiene products

deodorant for men & women
diapers – size 6
baby wipes
tissues
toilet paper
13 gallon or larger garbage bags
zip food bags – sandwich/quart/gallon
lawn & leaf bags
14-20 gallon Rubbermaid bins & lids
CDTA bus passes
gift cards to Stewart's & CVS

Social Action Reminder

The dates of **American Care Act Enrollment Period** for health insurance in 2018 are:

November 1 through December 15, 2017

Go to www.HealthCare.gov for more information and enrollment forms.

The following Yahrzeits will be observed in October.

- 10/6 Anna Catherine Lipka; Peter Strassberg; Maurice Pass; Bertram Hess*; George Sinkoff; Maurice Samuel Schwadron*; Joe Meer; Eva Teumim
- 10/13 Peter Kurak; Robert Gordon; Seymour Melvin Steinhart; Sylvia Goldstein Adler;
- 10/20 Pearl Tress; Sadye Lazoroff Rabineau*; Esther Soffer*; Irving Englander*; Gertrude Hess Shapiro*; Meyer Sklar; Fanny Binewitch*; Julius Goldfarb; Irene Krochmal Swiwc; Nathan Kaufman*; Julius Turoff*
- 10/27 Anna Cohen; Julius Domfort; Ruth Devore; Sabina Millens; Jack Myers; Sarah Renee Whiting; Jacques M. Gilly*

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

THE CONGREGATION NOTES WITH THANKS THESE CONTRIBUTIONS...

General Fund

In honor of **the 70th Birthdays of Phil and Martie Teumim** by Gail and Larry Volk
In memory of **Edith Cabelly** by Robin and Clark Seguire
In recognition and appreciation of **Ben Marvin** by Amy Koren-Roth
In honor of **the special birthdays of Phil and Martie Teumim** by Barney Horowitz
In appreciation of **Roy and Judy Fruiterman** by Ben and Becky Marvin
In memory of **Charlotte Sacks** by Paula Philo
In honor of **Martie Teumim to celebrate her 70th birthday** by Paula Philo
In honor of **Phil Teumim to celebrate his 70th birthday** by Paula Philo
In memory of **Arthur Nitka** by Cheryl and Mark Reeder
In memory of **Gina Kleinfeld** by Howard and Bettina Stoller
In memory of **Robert Stoller** by Howard and Bettina Stoller
In honor of **Martie and Phil Teumim's 70th birthdays** by David and Libby Liebschutz.
In memory of **Ruth Devore** by Barbara and Jack Devore
In memory of **Jakob Simon Krochmal** by Ruth and Herb Swift

Social Action Fund

In honor of **the milestone birthdays of Phil and Martie Teumim** by Mari Vosburgh

Caring Community

In appreciation of **Susan Libby** by Ben and Becky Marvin

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

thank you!

to the following congregants who recently hosted an Oneg Shabbat: Maggie Tabak and David Smith, Katelyn and David DiPaola, Deb Adler, the Board of Trustees, and Paula Philo.

to the Bulletin Brigade who helped fold, insert and stuff envelopes to get the September bulletin out: Joan Savitt, Rema Goldstein, Melissa Putterman Hoffmann and Deb Adler.

In the library – Did you know?

The B'nai Sholom library does not use the Dewey decimal system. Rather, we have a color-coded system and each book has a dot on its spine. There is a sign with a list of the sections and what kinds of books they contain. The "blue" section of the library is for the Bible, other Jewish texts, and commentaries thereon. It is located on the right side of the longest wall of shelves. Most of the collection's best reference books are in this section. Whether you are preparing to give a D'var Torah, or just want some new insights for your Torah study, this is the place to come. As you browse, be sure to check out the Anchor Yale Bible series. For over 50 years, this publishing program has produced books devoted to the latest scholarship on the Bible and biblical topics. There are now over 100 volumes, of which B'nai Sholom owns a few. Rabbi Cashman says, "They are written for the intelligent, educated, curious layperson," and that "the breadth of knowledge demonstrated by the authors is simply amazing." They are easy to find, as all the dust jackets are a medium sky blue. Please note, however, that because they are reference works (and expensive) they do not circulate.

Mazal Tov!

.....to Melanie and Matthew Rockefeller, children of Nancy and Larry Rockefeller, who have new positions in their chosen fields. Melanie has a new job as a Clinical Social Work Substance Abuse Therapy Coordinator in Portland, Maine, while Matthew is beginning work as a middle school Social Studies teacher in Rochester, NY.

.....to Harvey Strum on the birth of his grandson Noah, born August 24 to Rebecca Strum and her husband Ali Ahmaz.

RABBI: Donald P. Cashman

PRESIDENT: Elizabeth Liebschutz

OFFICE MANAGER: Christine Blackman

BOOKKEEPER: Lisa Allendorph

OFFICE HOURS: MON/WED/THURS/FRI 9:30 AM–3:30 PM

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.

<u>Period Covered</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
November.....	October 11
December.....	November 8

Articles and news received after deadline are subject to omission.