

B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation

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JOIN US FOR THESE SERVICES AND STUDY SESSIONS

Friday, September 2	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	6:00 PM
Saturday, September 3	Extended Study - The Writings (<u>Proverbs</u>)	9:30 AM
Friday, September 9	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, September 10	TORAH STUDY: <i>Shofetim</i> Deut: 16.18-21.9	<u>9:30 AM</u>
Friday, September 16	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, September 17	TORAH STUDY: <i>Ki Testse'</i> Deut: 21.10-25.19	<u>9:30 AM</u>
Friday, September 23	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, September 24	TORAH STUDY: <i>Ki Tavo'</i> Deut. 26.1-29.8	<u>9:30 AM</u>
	<u>SELICHOT/Havdalah</u>	<u>9:00 PM</u>
Friday, September 30	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, October 1	Extended Study - The Writings (<u>Proverbs</u>)	9:30 AM

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

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.

From our Rabbi...

On my recent trip to Israel, I spent three hours in the airport in Madrid, which ties with de Gaulle in Paris as the largest airports in Europe. We were wowed by the architecture in the terminal, which we learned was designed to give passengers a stress-free environment. Instead of walls, there are glass panes and curved wooden ceilings which allow natural light to pass through. While wandering around a bit to stretch my legs, I noticed that the background music was Maurice Ravel's *Bolero*.

That 1928 piece of music is incredibly compelling. It starts quietly, barely noticeable, with a drum and soon after, a flute. Over the course of the piece instruments are added, volume increases, themes are passed back and forth from the winds to the strings to the brass, the rhythms drive it relentlessly forward. There is no development of the themes; rather, the listener's interest is cultivated by the increasing intensity, and by the migration of the themes and the recurring rhythmic figures.

Bolero is in many ways like the upcoming holiday season. It begins almost imperceptibly following Tisha B'Av, when seven consecutive "haftarot of comfort" from the latter part of Isaiah are read on the Shabbatot leading up to Rosh Hashanah. Three weeks after Tisha B'Av, the month of Elul begins, and the daily sound of the shofar is added to the mix, along the recitation of Psalm 27. The conversation of Jews – especially rabbis! – during Elul gravitates to talk of the holidays and its observance.

On the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah, the themes of the holiday are made manifest through the Selihot service, a late evening (even midnight) ritual gathering for prayer to prepare for the Days of Awe. This is the first gathering of the congregation that is especially dedicated to the upcoming holidays, whereas the earlier pieces were just additions or features of the regular service.

To mirror the psychic and spiritual preparation for the holiday season at Selihot, many congregations do as we do and begin a physical preparation as well. During this ceremony, which we hold in subdued light in the round immediately after Havdalah, we change the garments of the Torah from their ordinary colors to holiday white. Each person present participates, whether by opening the Ark, passing the Torah, removing the silver, changing the mantles, or replacing the silver. The service ends with a shofar blast.

Many find the quiet, solemn nature of Selihot with its unique readings one of the highlights of our liturgical year. This year, Selihot is on Saturday, September 24 at 9:00 PM.

After Selihot, it's on to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and the main holiday of the ancient Jewish year: Sukkot, when the people expressed their gratitude for all the goodness (i.e. food) received, and prayed for goodness (i.e. rain) in the coming months.

I look forward to our souls and voices sharing the experiences of these weeks between now and Simhat Torah as the intensity builds, and we move from penitence to forgiveness and then on to gratitude.

Rabbi Don Cashman

“Bagels and Basketball” with Jimmy Patsos

You've seen him roaming the sidelines of the Times Union Center and now it's your chance to get up close and personal with the Siena Men's Basketball Coach. Join Jimmy Patsos for "Bagels and Basketball" at B'nai Sholom Reform [Synagogue Congregation](#) on Sunday, September 25 at 10:30am.



Patsos, now entering his 4th season at Siena, will talk about Saints basketball and give his thoughts on the upcoming season. He'll also give everyone an insight as to what it was like winning a National Championship at Maryland in 2002. He even might explain his obsession with the Grateful Dead. There will also be a Q and A session which will be your chance to "Ask the Coach."

Patsos is known as one of the most entertaining coaches in all of college basketball. The Bleacher Report called him "college basketball's quirkiest coach." His sideline show is worth the price of admission.

On the court, his teams are as relentless as he is. Patsos led Siena to the CBI Championship in his first season in Loudonville — the only college basketball championship the school has ever won. The past season, Siena finished in 3rd place in the MAAC and went 21-13 overall.

This event is FREE and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Reminder !!



Have you **RSVPed** responded to the *Rosh Hashanah Luncheon?*

- (even if you are unable to attend)

If you **did not** receive an invitation, please contact:

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Maxine Goldberg maxm0304@yahoo.com 729-4751

B'nai Sholom Rosh Hashanah Luncheons are a longstanding tradition that has 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.

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

Following up on the great success of our revised ticket policy implemented last year, we are again offering complimentary tickets to members' guests and other non-members who wish to join us during the Days of Awe. 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 Shalom.

Guests may also take advantage of child care which is available for a nominal fee. Children in grades K to 5 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. 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.

B'Yachad Religious School News

As this is being written, the dog days of August are upon us making it a little difficult to imagine the return of the school year. But, soon enough the students of B'nai Shalom will come together with classmates from Temple Israel and Ohav Shalom in the joint religious school program, B'Yachad. The first day of school is Sunday, September 18th and everyone will be welcomed by the new Education Director, Rabbi Miriam Lichtenfeld.

Rabbi Miriam has lived in Niskayuna since 2008 where she has written the curriculum for and taught at Congregation Agudat Achim's Hebrew High School, taught adult education classes, facilitated and ~~run~~ many programs, ~~and~~ co-founded and co-runs a Tot Shabbat service. For the last ~~two~~ years, she taught middle school and fourth and fifth graders Judaic Studies at Hebrew Academy, where she also founded and ran a Middle School alternative prayer service.

We at B'nai Shalom expect our students to have a school year filled with the joy of Jewish learning and rewarding social experiences at B'Yachad.

Mark Your Calendars for B'nai Sholom's First Fair Trade Sale

The Fundraising Committee announced it will sponsor our first fair trade sale on November 13th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in conjunction with this year's Judaica Sale. Fair trade vendors will be invited to display and sell their merchandise. The list of vendors is still growing but will include Mayan Hands, ~~a fair trade organization, that our center, s-space at B'nai Sholom who and~~ 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 information will appear in next month's bulletin as well as on the website. In the meantime please mark your calendars and see the flyer in this bulletin.

Why Buy Fair Trade?

By Brenda Rosenbaum (from Mayan Hands)

There is a rising demand for handmade products in the marketplace. Savvy consumers are looking for unique, high quality products. Buyers perceive the touch of the human hand in these items; they respond to the care, patience and precision that underlie the making of these items, as opposed to machine made products.

The producers, bearers of a distinct culture, express their ethnic identity through their handcrafted products. And we, as buyers, participate in a dialogue between their culture and ours. The objects create a bridge, a connection, between people who live profoundly different lives. Purchasing handmade items we bring the world into our everyday lives.

Moreover, all the items to be offered will be fair trade. Most buyers these days are aware of the difference between fair trade and non fair-trade products. Buyers want to have the ability to make a difference in the lives of the producers. Paying a fair return for their products, and creating long term relationships, fair trade businesses empower artisans to care for themselves and their families, so that they and their communities can thrive. As we know, many traditional businesses rely on cheap sources of labor to achieve high profit margins, while the producers of industrial products make barely enough to survive.

Let's think about this for a moment: "What if everything we wore, we ate, and absolutely everything we bought empowered someone to better their lives and the lives of those in their community? Imagine what that world could look like — a world in which everyone had the opportunity to live with purpose and dignity! That world is within our reach. Let's work towards it." (Abhi Nangia from Reweave.org)

Fair Trade Sales provide people in our region with opportunities to buy great gifts at the same time that they empower the producers all over the world!

New DVDs in the B'nai Sholom Library

"It's such a beautiful day,
C'mon with us.
We'll travel to a land where we can play.
Shalom Sesame
Come along,
Shalom Sesame"

Lisa Loeb
Shalom Sesame Theme Song

Sesame Street has been seen in countries all around the world since it first aired on PBS in 1969. The first international co-production was Brazil's *Vila Sesamo*, which debuted in 1972. Starting in 1983, there was an Israeli version of the show called *Rechov Sumsum*. It was all in Hebrew and filmed in Israel, with dubbed puppet segments from the USA. Then, in 1989 and 1990, there was an Israeli-American co-production, *Shalom Sesame*, which included American actors as well as the Israeli cast and muppets (their Grouch -Moishe Oofnik). From 2009-2011, 12 new *Shalom Sesame* direct-to-DVD episodes were produced. Each episode introduces Jewish holidays, traditions and culture. The library now has 10 of these DVDs, including *The Sticky Shofar*. It is brought to us by the letters resh and shin and the number echad (one). Grover visits Jaffa. The muppets learn a lesson about friendship and forgiveness, and also that it is not a good idea to mix honey and a shofar!

Note. The library has a small selection of DVDs for adults and children. They can all be found on a spinner rack on top of the bookcase in the children's section.

Mazal Tov

Congratulations to Judy Lee, who retired at the end of June after a long and distinguished career at the New York State Department of Public Service, most recently as Executive Deputy of the agency.

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

**David and Libby Liebschutz
Mitch and Doris Levinn**

William and Sheila Schwartz

THE CONGREGATION NOTES WITH THANKS THESE CONTRIBUTIONS...

General Fund

In memory of **Lynn Horowitz** by Harvey and Marcia Tress.

In memory of **Nathan Green** by Ellie and Randy Davis.

In honor of **the confirmation of Daphne Fleischer and Julia Swift Crooks** by Herb and Ruth Swift.

In memory of **Gina Kleinfeld and Robert Stoller** by Howard, Bettina and Jeremy Stoller.

In memory of **Ernst Swiwcz** by Herb and Ruth Swift.

In appreciation of **Ben Marvin** by Amy Koren-Roth.

In memory of **Gerda Frankel and Werner P. Frankel** by Herb and Ruth Swift.

In memory of **Sonny Brenner and Mildy Fischel** by Mark and Cheryl Reeder.

In memory of **Earl Marvin** by Ben and Becky Marvin.

Adult Education Fund

In memory of **Lynn Horowitz** by Lewis Sperber.

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

We note with sorrow the death of
Lynn Horowitz
Congregant and wife of Barney Horowitz

The following Yahrtszeits will be observed in September.

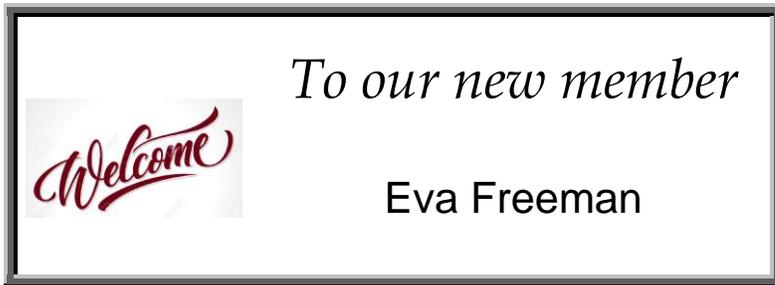
- 9/2 Minna Katzin*; Harold Quell; Marvin Morris; **Sydell Morris**; Leah Royme; Pauline Tauss; Edith Cabelly; Elsie Logwood; Morris Parets*; Elaine S. Cashman
- 9/9 Ann Radosh; Lubi Radosh; Ethel Link; Vivian Quell; David Engler*; Marilyn Ruben; Joseph Berkowitz*; Ari Propp; Rifka Propp; Charlotte Sacks; Shari Knieling; Martin Klein; Edward Hoffman
- 9/16 Alice Winston*; Betty Herbert; Rose Levine Goldstein*; Mollie Belkin Lazoroff*; Henry Nussbaum; Martin Kleinfeld*; Jakob Krochmal; Arthur Nitka; Saul Toback; Yetta Berman*; David Binewitch*; Samuel Pock*; Abraham Sperber*
- 9/23 Jeannie Bick; Rose Dietchmann; Donald Goldberg; Asher Kaplan
- 9/30 Luci Shapiro; Frederic Adler; Ruth Ottenheimer*; Anna Catherine Lipka; Peter Strassberg; Pauline Stern

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

THANK YOU

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RABBI: Donald P. Cashman
PRESIDENT: Elizabeth Liebschutz
OFFICE MANAGER: Christine Blackman
BOOKKEEPER: Lisa Allendorph
OFFICE HOURS: MON/WED/THURS/FRI 9:30 AM–2:30 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.

Period Covered	Deadline
October.....	September 14
November.....	October
<u>12</u> September.....	
.....August 10	
October.....	September 14

Articles and news received after deadline are subject to omission.

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