

# *B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation*

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## JOIN US IN DECEMBER FOR

Friday, Nov. 30	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b> <b>NEW MEMBER AND ALL-SCHOOL SHABBAT</b> Shabbat Dinner Please join us in welcoming our newest congregants. To reserve your spot for the dinner as well as to sign up for food, contact Maxine Goldberg: 729-4751 or <a href="mailto:maxm0304@yahoo.com">maxm0304@yahoo.com</a>	<b>8:00 PM</b>  6:30 PM
Saturday, Dec. 1	TEXT STUDY: <i>Prophets</i> Extended study with coffee and bagels	9:30 AM
Friday, Dec. 7	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday, Dec. 8	TORAH STUDY: <i>Vayeshev</i> Gen. 37.1-40.23	9:30 AM
Friday, Dec. 14	<b>EREV SHABBAT HANUKKAH SERVICE</b> <i>Please bring your menorah and candles as we light up our sanctuary</i>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, Dec. 15	TORAH STUDY: <i>Miketz</i> Gen. 41.1-44.17	9:30 AM
Friday, Dec. 21	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, Dec. 22	TORAH STUDY: <i>Vayigash</i> Gen. 44.18-47.27	9:30 AM
Friday, Dec. 28	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, Dec. 29	TORAH STUDY: <i>Vayechi</i> Gen. 47.28-50.26	9:30 AM
Friday, Jan. 4	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday, Jan. 5	TEXT STUDY: <i>Prophets</i> <i>Extended study with coffee and bagels</i>	9:30 AM

*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.*

## “Celebrating Ourselves” Shabbaton a Big Success

Some 100+ BSRC congregants and friends from the wider community gathered for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “Celebrating Ourselves” Shabbaton on November 3. The classrooms were packed for Torah study and for workshops on such diverse topics as disability etiquette, terrorism, beekeeping, and marriage equality. The sanctuary was the site for inspired morning worship, with the service and the singing led by Rabbi Cashman, Torah chanting by Grace Klein, and our husband-and-wife and criminal-law-partner duo of Terry Kindlon and Laurie Shanks portraying Abraham, in jail for the attempted murder of Isaac, consulting with his public defender. Later in the day the screen above the ark was in use to illustrate the talk on gardening and climate change, and still later we were back in the sanctuary for a song session.

The social hall was filled with eating and drinking all day, with coffee and bagels in the morning, a delicious and crowded pot-luck lunch, and an elegant wine and hors d’oeuvres reception and Havdalah service, while in between, there was a rousing folk dancing session. There were serious discussions of Shabbat observance and the politics of food, extreme silliness in the drama workshop, some hands-on activity crafting a “Shabbat box,” and plenty of chatter in the midst of mah jongg instruction. Reflecting on the success of the day, co-chair Carol Smith noted, “All day, throughout the building, you could really feel the sense of fellowship and community.” Co-chair Libby Liebschutz added, “We really did ‘celebrate ourselves,’ and, in the process, we strengthened the ties that make B’nai Sholom such a special place.”

The congregation joins with Libby and Carol in thanking the many, many people who helped make the day possible: greeters Mimi Bruce, Ann Shapiro and Judy Fruiterman; Torah study facilitator Sonny Hausgaard; workshop presenters Liz Gingrich, Melissa Putterman Hoffmann, Barbara Devore, Rich Strohl, Amy Koren-Roth, Becky Marvin, Ann Shapiro, Lois Gordon, Sandy Rosner, Jaimie Miller, Sheila Schwartz, Joan and Jim Savitt, Mitch and Sandy Levinn, David Liebschutz, Julie Novkov, Karl Rethemeyer, Victor Asal, Martha Rozett, and Marty Teumim; Torah chanter Grace Klein; “Torah portion actors” Laurie Shanks and Terry Kindlon; morning refreshments and pot-luck lunch organizer Linda Strohl; publicizers, photographers and web masters Deb Adler, Ben Marvin, Bruce Goldstein and Ric Crawford; e-vite master Glen Charles; set-up and clean-up helpers Phil Teumim, Ellie and Randy Davis, Rochelle Goldfarb, Glen Charles, and Stacey Pacuk (and everybody else who just chipped in); song leaders Roy and Judy Fruiterman, Libby Liebschutz, Ron and Terry Royne, and Linda Strohl; reception food and drink providers Mark and Pam Brody, Stacey Pacuk, Amy Koren-Roth, Sheila Schwartz, Susan Radosh, Stella Suib, Carol and Doug Smith, and David and Libby Liebschutz; Havdalah leader Joel Bloom; and Rabbi Don Cashman.

The B’nai Sholom Membership Committee  
invites you to join your friends at Shogun Sushi, Albany  
Monday December 24, 2012  
Private Dining from 5pm-8pm  
*Dinner served at 6pm*  
\$20\* per Adult/ \$12.50\* per Child  
*\*Prices include tax & gratuity*  
See insert in bulletin for details & reservation forms\*\*  
Questions? Please contact:  
Ron Royne – rroyne42@gmail.com; 439-7780  
Maxine Goldberg – maxm0304@yahoo.com; 729-4751

*Did you get your invitation?*

*40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala*

*Celebrate our last 40 years...*

*Jump start the next 40 years!*

*Don't forget to make your reservation!*

**WANTED: SINGERS AND READERS FOR PURIM 5773!**

When you hear the name "The Four Seasons," what comes to mind:  
Vivaldi? Or Frankie Valli?

The Shushan National Touring Company needs

**SINGERS (on-key optional) AND MEGILLAH READERS**

for yet another new Purim musical revue written by B' nai Sholom's own pool of  
amazing, award-whining songwriters.

Rehearsals will start in January, and you'll need to be available to rehearse a few  
evenings as needed. Erev Purim is Saturday, February 23, 2013!

If you enjoyed the Yiddish Invasion of two years ago, why not be part of the fun this  
year!

For info and to sign up, contact Ben Marvin today - phone 439-4574 or e-mail marvinb@strose.edu.

## **A Busy December 2!**

**\*\*\*\*The Book and Judaica Sale will also be held on Sunday, Dec. 9 in case you forgot something or somebody. Healthy Community Harvest products will also be available.**

**Blood Drive** Our 22<sup>nd</sup> semi-annual blood drive will take place in the Social Hall on Sunday, December 2 from 8 am to 1 pm. Call Mari Vosburgh to make an appointment. Walk-in donors welcome. Volunteers to assist with the drive are also needed. Please note, that October 7 was the last day you could donate and still donate on December 2.

**Clothing Drive** We will again collect gently used winter clothing. Please sort twice: once for gender (male, female, unisex) and again by age (adult, youth, child, infant)

**\*\*\*\*Healthy Community Harvest** The Social Action Committee will once again be selling these products on December 2 and 9.. All proceeds are directed right back into job training and hunger programs. Wine jams, salsa and bruschetta sauces will be available.

**\*\*\*\*Hanukkah Book and Judaica Sale** Get everything you need!

Menorahs                      Dreidles                      Candles                      Gelt  
Jewelry                      Books                      Music

***Check out these special titles:***

***How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy Chanukah?*** by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague  
The illustrator, Mark Teague, will be at Blackwood and Brouwer on December 8. So you can order a signed copy on December 2 and pick it up at B'nai Sholom on December 9.

***Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust***  
by Doreen Rappaport  
Signed copies of this spectacular book will be available at the Book and Judaica sale.

***Shop early and often!***

## **YOBS**

*Here's the low down for our high school students....*

**Saturday, Dec. 15, 5:00-6:30 pm**

Hanukkah party with gift swap, dreidel decorating, Rugrats and more! Bring your own food.

**Collaborative Pot-Luck** with Congregation Gates of Heaven. Watch for details.

**FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Chilipalooza** - Saturday, February 2, 2012

Join us on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-9pm for the third annual Chilipalooza. Bring your favorite chili and see how it competes against other favorite recipes or just come to taste and vote on the best chili. Admission is \$10 per person with a maximum of \$25 per family. \$5 discount if you are bringing a batch of chili to enter in the competition.

**Mishloach Manot** – Look for the order form for Purim bags starting in the January bulletin.

**ONGOING:**

**-Hannaford and ShopRite gift cards**

Pick up your Hannaford or ShopRite gift card. See bulletin flyer for details. This is an easy way to help out our synagogue without spending any more money than you would otherwise spend on groceries.

**-Entertainment Books**

Pick up your 2013 Entertainment book during office hours or during religious school on Sunday mornings. Books are \$30 each

**IT'S SNOWING....ARE WE OPEN? IS THERE A MEETING? IS THERE SCHOOL?**

You can find out quickly by listening to these radio stations: WRVE, WFLY, WGY, WYJB or watching these television stations: WNYT TV, WRGB TV, WTEN TV, WXXA TV  
We will also post cancellations on our web site and change the telephone message (by 8 am on Sunday mornings). You may also go to our website and subscribe to cancellation e-mails. n.b. cancellation of committee meetings are NOT on radio or TV. Watch for email or call the office and listen to recorded message.

**Mazel Tov!**

--to **Barbara Leibo** who was named to the Dean's list at Boston University.

**MONDAY NIGHT SONG SESSIONS** are now every other week, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month (instead of every week). Drop-ins welcome! If interested, please contact Libby Lliebschutz at 439-5089 or [libbyliebschutz@gmail.com](mailto:libbyliebschutz@gmail.com)

## **THANK YOU**

--to the paper-cut brigade who prepared the October/November Bulletin: **Ellie Davis, Jeanette Gottlieb, Paula Philo, Bill Schwartz, Sonny and Anne Hausgaard.**

--to the congregants who provided us with a sweet Shabbat: **Rachel Swift, Stacey Wager-Pacuk and Ed Pacuk, Sandy Rosner and Jeff Haas, Heather and Sam Spitzberg, Ian Duckor, Lois Gordon in memory of Bob Gordon and the Golderman/Goldfarb family in memory of Lillian Golderman**

### ***A Special Thank You to our congregants who subscribe at the Patron Dues Level***

**Hal Rosenthal & Mari Vosburgh**

**Barbara Miller**

**Joan & Jim Savitt**

**Mark & Pam Brody**

**Jodi Kerper & Karl Rethemeyer**

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

### **General Fund**

In memory of **Sarah Whiting** by Shari Whiting

In memory of **Julie Fiks** by Howard and Bettina Stoller

In memory of **Rose Levine Goldstein** by Arthur and Sheila Small

In memory of **Ruth Devore** by Jack and Barbara Devore

In memory of **Herman Schoenbach** by Howard and Bettina Stoller

In memory of **Jacob Grover** by Annis Golden

In memory of **Gustave Heart** by Stan Bergman

In memory of **Jerry Duckor** by Frank Steinhardt

In memory of **Irene Krochmal Swiwez** by Herb and Ruth Swift

In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Richard Mack

In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Nancy Goody

### **Adult Education Fund**

In appreciation of the **Torah Study Group** by Bernice Shoobe

### **Landscape Fund**

In memory of **Simeon Savitz** by Eileen Savitz

*Special thanks to **Marty Teumim, Mari Vosburgh and Jodi Kerper** for the beautiful plantings along the entrance walkway. And very special thanks to **Judy Lee and Bill Herbert** for providing our wonderful Yom Kippur break-fast.*

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who donated items and helped fill up the truck for Schoharie Valley residents. A special thanks goes to Bob Negriz and his nephew, Matthew Hacker, who picked up items at people's homes. Matthew was taking refuge in Albany from his home in NJ which had no power.

...and a big thank you to Glenmont Self-Storage and Penske Truck Rentals for their assistance. You can help the Social Action Committee say thank you by giving them your business.

**GLENMONT SELF STORAGE**  
**560 ROUTE 9-W**  
**GLENMONT, NY, 12077**  
**465-4176**

**PENSKE TRUCK RENTALS**  
**518-459-8090**

## Want to play Mah Jongg?

New players, experienced or not, are always welcome to join us on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday nights to play, kibbitz and eat. Contact Becky Marvin, Marty Teumim, Cheryl Reeder or Sheila Schwartz to find out the location.

## **CAMPERSHIPS AND ISRAEL TRIP SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year we offer Israel Bond Pledge Cards during the Days of Awe. Your contribution is combined with others so that the synagogue can purchase bonds. The income from matured bonds is used to fund scholarships for the children and youth of B'nai Sholom to attend Jewish camps and take trips to Israel. Dozens of children have increased their connection to Judaism through these programs. Below is an essay from one of our students.

### **Maccabi Games Experience** by Phoebe Morse

This summer I had an awesome time. I participated in a Jewish Olympics. It was called Maccabi Games. I wouldn't have been there if it weren't for groups and people giving me a scholarship, and of course my parents helped too. When I was there I didn't have to worry about anything. In school, I don't tell my friends that I'm Jewish. But they usually find out. But at Maccabi, I didn't have to say anything because all the athletes are Jewish like me. I competed in swimming and came home with two medals: bronze and silver. When I was there for the opening ceremony I learned something. I learned why we do the Maccabi Games. We do it because 11 Jewish athletes were murdered at the Munich Olympics. We wanted to honor them. One afternoon after I competed, I made a necklace. I made it having different colors and also having two Jewish letters on it. I wear it everyday because I feel it is important and it makes me think about the great time I had during the Maccabi Games. Throughout the Maccabi Games, I competed, made friends and most of all, had fun.

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2013**

Scholarship forms for camp and Israel trips for the summer of 2011 are now available for pick-up at B'nai Sholom. You will find them on the table in the hall between the school and main offices.

## **YAHRTZEITS**

**The following Yahrts will be observed in December:**

- 7 Sanford Liebschutz, Wanda Rockefeller, Jack Pendergrass, Jacob Lichtenfels\*, Ben Dietchman, Rita Ray, Raymond Karlson, Sadie Cohen\*, Hannah R. Jaffe\*, Marvin Millens
- 14 Gertrude Slotnick, Erwin Winston\*, Freda Kussack, Jacob Lazoroff\*, Adah Vosburgh, Harry Cohen\*, Estera Fiks, Ruth Aronson\*, Norma Belle Singer Beatman\*, Samuel Link
- 21 Bernard Fleischer\*, Hannah Tabak, Adele Broch Krochmal, Waldamar Knieling, Cornelius Epstein\*, Florence Morse
- 28 Julian Wager, Frances Dobris\*, Rick Friedman, Anita Dubb\*, Morris Adler\*, Mildred Adler\*, Lore Lee, Benjamin Sacks, Rachel Trombley Porter

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



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**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**

*\*Please note that during January and February, the office will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The office will be closed on Wednesday.*

***Bulletin Deadlines***

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

**Period Covered**

January  
February

**Deadline**

December 12  
January 9

Articles and news received after deadline are subject to omission