

B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation

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JOIN US FOR THESE SERVICES AND STUDY SESSIONS

Friday, June 1	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SHABBAT	6:00 PM
Saturday, June 2	EXTENDED STUDY - Esther	9:30 AM
Friday, June 8	TOT SHABBAT SERVICE EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	5:30 PM 8:00 PM
Saturday, June 9	TORAH STUDY: <i>Shelah-Lekha</i>	9:30 PM
Friday, June 15	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, June 16	TORAL STUDY: <i>Korah</i>	9:30 AM
Friday, June 22	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, June 23	TORAH STUDY: <i>Hukkat</i>	9:30 AM
Friday, June 29	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, June 30	TORAH STUDY: <i>Balak</i>	9:30 AM
Friday, July 6	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	6:00 PM
Saturday, July 7	EXTENDED STUDY – Esther	9:30 AM

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING -- Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Election of officers

Election of trustees for open board positions

Installation of the new leadership

Approval of next year's budget

Reports by President Libby Liebschutz and Rabbi Cashman

New initiatives for the coming year

Preceded by:

Pizza at 6:30 PM



ANNUAL
MEETING

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...

MONDAY, JUNE 4 – “How to lead a service” Workshop 7:30 PM

It's time to deepen our cadre of worship leaders, those who are trained to lead services at B'nai Sholom when I'm on vacation, at a conference or weekend youth event, or unavailable for some other reason (I think I've only missed one service due to illness in 33 years). These dates are scheduled months in advance, and the Ritual Committee serves as the coordinating body.

During my tenure at B'nai Sholom, 320 kids age 13 have led services. You can too. Our services leaders have the option of giving a *d'var Torah*; sometimes, the roles of *ba'al(at) tefillah*, the one who leads the service, and *darshan(it)*, the sermonizer, are split between two people. One of our soloists is always engaged to sing when I'm away.

What our bar- and bat-mitzvah kids get, and also those who are trained by me to lead services, is a marked-up copy of the service with things written in like “Please rise,” “Please be seated,” “Turn to page XX,” and “Choose either passage A, B, C, or D on this two page spread.” Also, the cues that the vocalist is using are underlined.

You also get – the kids don't – a spreadsheet with all the choices both in hard copy and by email to save, so you can check, box/ and/or highlight them (whichever you choose), and send it to the soloist by email.

Over the decade or so that we've been using *Mishkan T'fillah* for our Shabbat worship, we've gotten into a comfortable pattern with it. There are a number of options that the leader has to decide upon: which Psalms of Kabbalat Shabbat to read or sing, and which choices to select on each page.

It's easy for me to say, after 45 years of leading services on a regular basis, that it's easy. For you, it may not be. However, if you are familiar with our service, are comfortable in front of a crowd, and can read loudly, slowly, and clearly, this workshop will enable you to serve our congregation in a new way.

In order that we have enough materials prepared, please let the office know you're coming before June begins.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Don Cashman

B'nai Sholom Launches New Tot Shabbat Program

Beginning Friday night, June 8, and continuing the second Friday of each month, we'll be holding a "Tot Shabbat" program between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. The first half hour will be an informal reception time, with kid-friendly food (and wine for the grown-ups), offering participants time to arrive and to socialize. The service will begin at 5:30 and feature songs, prayers and stories appropriate for young children. Rabbi Cashman will lead most of the Tot Shabbat services, particularly the first few ones over the summer, but other congregants may assist or lead as the program continues into the fall and winter.

Each Tot Shabbat service will feature a story read from a "PJ Library" book. PJ Library is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation which sends hundreds of thousands of free books to Jewish children in the U.S. and Canada each month. Interested Jewish families simply sign up to receive an age-appropriate book for each child in the family between 6 months and 8 years old each month. In our region, PJ Library partners with and is run by the United Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York. By partnering with PJ Library, we can advertise and make our program available to all families who receive PJ Library books in the Capital Region. B'nai Sholom will soon have its own rack of PJ Library books to add to the excellent collection of children's books already featured in our library.

This iteration of Tot Shabbats at B'nai Sholom is being spearheaded by Laura Kaplan, who says this time and format will work really well for her family. She hopes to bring her twin daughters each month. Laura has worked with temple president Libby Liebschutz to develop a flier and format for the services. More volunteers are needed, however – please contact Libby if you are interested in helping.

"B'nai Sholom has always been a kid friendly congregation, which is what attracted many of us to the synagogue in the first place," says Libby. "We're very excited about the prospect of having more little kids running around, and our role in exposing them to the joy and richness of Jewish life."

SOCIAL ACTION

In December 2017, B'nai Sholom signed on as a Brit Olam Congregation with the Union of Reform Judaism.

The *Brit Olam* is a "Covenant with our World because we see the world we want, not the world as it is." It is a contract to help create "a World of Compassion, Justice and Wholeness."

In keeping with this covenant, B'nai Sholom congregants will march in the

PRIDE PARADE, SUNDAY, JUNE 10

Melissa Putterman Hoffmann is the point person for our members. **Please let her know if you intend to join the march:** mputtermanhoffmann@gmail.com

Parade participants will meet at 10 am at the corner of Henry Johnson Blvd. and State St. on the north side of Washington Park. Be sure to email Melissa so she can keep count and arrange carpools if necessary.

Join in and be among the first parade with our brand new B'nai Sholom banner!

Inclusive Days of Awe Programs Planned

Summer Membership Carnival August 12

B'nai Sholom plans to encourage a wider community to join in our Days of Awe observance this year, through a merry Summer Carnival and through "Count Down to Rosh Hashanah" services leading up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It's an "all hands on deck" moment for the congregation, with the Membership Committee seeking volunteers who can help with specific assignments.

The Carnival—an open house/membership drive—takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 12. It will be free, aimed at parents, grandparents, caregivers, and children. Bounce house, games and crafts, food (of course!), meet-and-greet — a fun time for all.

Your help is needed to plan food and beverages, publicity, logistics and setup, help during the event, and cleanup. What does the congregation need? More members! How can you help? Make this event a success!!

The Countdown includes Shabbat services and a pot luck that will enrich the experience of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:

Friday, August 17 — Learn the services for Days of Awe

Friday, August 24 — Themes of the Days of Awe

Saturday, August 25 — Pot luck dinner, "Favorite (or new!) Rosh Hashanah Dishes"

Friday, August 31 — Music for the Days of Awe

Volunteers do NOT need to join a committee or attend meetings. Just sign up to help! Contact Martie Teumim at mteumim@gmail.com, or 518-478-7247.

Would you be interested in hosting a *Rosh Hashanah Luncheon?*

Monday, September 10, 2018



We provide invitations, stamps and assistance coordinating this POTLUCK event.
Please contact Hana Sullenger for more details.
hszima@yahoo.com or 542-7863

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.

Volunteer Dinner and Shabbat

A good time was – seemingly – had by all at the May 11th Volunteer Dinner and Shabbat. With catering for some of the food provided by Ragonese Imports, and the rest of the delicious offerings prepared by the Member Events Committee, the board, Liz Gingrich, Linda Strohl, and Anita Stein, a wide range of items satisfied the wonderful turnout of about sixty.

Thanks go to Barb and Jack Devore, Anne Hausgaard, Deb Nozik, Carol Smith, Bettina Stoller, and the aforementioned Linda S. and Anita S. – without whom we could not have accomplished this labor-intensive event, as well as those board members who contributed food. (Lois Gordon and Howie Stoller also helped with cleanup after dinner.) Since we are so heavily dependent on volunteers at B'nai Sholom, it's only right that we honored them with this dinner. Cleanup was, as always, a group effort, and the Member Events Committee is very grateful to all who stayed to help.

BSRC Legacy Campaign-May 2018

“As my ancestors planted for me, so do I plant for those who will come after me.”

The B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation Legacy Campaign is looking to get you involved in securing the future of our beloved synagogue. As you may know, with the full support of the board, we have begun work on soliciting funds to build an endowment that will generate income to help defray the cost of expenditures in the future, sustaining our existence and making membership more affordable and accessible. While current gifts are of course welcome, the focus of the Legacy Campaign is to secure commitments from congregants to leave some portion of their estate to pass to B'nai Sholom after their death. Following on the heels of the generous gift to B'nai Sholom's endowment from Ben and Becky Marvin and a legacy gift left by Ida Domfort, Joan and Jim Savitt as well as Elizabeth Alowitz have signed pledges to arrange now to include a gift to B'nai Sholom's endowment from their estates. BSRC Legacy Campaign Committee members Libby Liebschutz (with David Liebschutz), Mimi Bruce, David Ray, Howard Stoller (with Bettina Stoller), Stuart Schwartz (with Debbie Youngelman), and Barry Pendergrass (with Ann Shapiro) have agreed to establish legacy gifts. You will be hearing from one of these committee members in the next several months as we reach out to every congregant to be part of this important effort.

Economists tell us that the Jewish community is collectively the wealthiest it has ever been. Many if not all of us have savings, IRAs, investments, insurance policies, and property which will be transferred to our next generation. Why not put B'nai Sholom on your list of recipients? By including B'nai Sholom in your legacy planning, you will be transferring not only financial wealth but Jewish heritage to your descendants. Please commit to make a gift and become a member of B'nai Sholom's Legacy Society as we move B'nai Sholom into a secure future.

You've Found Us on Facebook – Now Follow Us on Twitter



What do Jimmy Fallon, Kim Kardashian and B'nai Sholom have in common? Twitter!

B'nai Sholom has joined the Twitter-verse, with our handle **@BSRCalbany**. We'll use our feed as another way to reach congregants, families, friends and the Jewish community at large, with tweets on everything from upcoming services and events, photos from activities in real time, and helping spread the word on social issues that impact our nation, our religion and our humanity. (And we promise not to break the Internet!)

How to Find Us

If you are already on Twitter, just search for us at **@BSRCalbany** and tweet to us with that handle.

If you are not on Twitter and want to read our tweets, go to www.twitter.com/BSRCalbany via your favorite web browser, or click the Twitter button that you will find at the bottom of the B'nai Sholom website.

How You Can Help

- Follow us and help increase our numbers.
- Encourage other family members and friends – and kids away at college or who have grown and are on their own – to follow us too.
- Send us information about what's going on. What kinds of activities are you involved in that you would want other congregants (and the world) to know about? Enjoying a Rosh Hashanah oneg? Marching in support of gun policy reform? Baking hamentaschen for Purim? Let us know and if it's appropriate, we'll tweet it. And don't forget photos – we can include up to 4 in a tweet.

If you have something that you want B'nai Sholom to tweet, send the info to social@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us.

Photos? Send those to the same address or to photos@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us.

Got questions? Email us at social@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us.

High School Graduation Shabbat

Youth of B'nai Sholom (YOBS) is proud to announce High School Graduation Shabbat on Friday, June 1, at 6 pm. Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of Sarah Bracken, Daphne Fleischer, Ben Klamka, Hugh Smith, and Max Suib as they move on from high school to the "real world." Their post-graduation plans are as follows:

- Sarah Bracken will be attending Brandeis University in Waltham, MA, and plans to study international relations, economics, and psychology.
- Daphne Fleischer will be studying occupational therapy at Maria College here in Albany.
- Ben Klamka will study liberal arts at Haverford College in Pennsylvania.
- Hugh Smith is venturing out to the Mid-West, studying engineering at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH.
- Max Suib will be attending SUNY Oneonta, pursuing a BA through their music industry program.

You can learn more about their post-graduation plans and chat with graduates and their kvelling parents at the Oneg Shabbat following services, sponsored by the YOBS Committee.

ALSO –

Please let us know about your college graduates for the July bulletin by the Annual Meeting.

New in the library

Refugee

by Alan Gratz

Winner of the 2017 National Jewish Book Award
for Young Adult Novel



Three teenagers from three different countries in three different historical time periods become refugees. Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930's Nazi Germany. Isabel is a girl in Cuba in 1994. Mahmoud is a Syrian in Aleppo in 2015. Gratz tells the story of these teens in alternating chapters. The novel is fast-paced and suspenseful, also heartbreaking and hopeful. Until the very end, when several specific connections are made, the stories seem to be separate. Gratz does a masterful job of letting the reader discover the similarities for themselves. The end material is very well done. There are maps of each voyage, and a section on the history that forms the basis for the novel.

Note: The novel is written for middle graders ages 10-13, but would be fine for older teens as well, especially reluctant readers.

There is violence and death, although it is not overly graphic.

The following Yahrtszeits will be observed in June.

- 6/1 Lillian Raskin Kuperman*; Vera Walker*; Morris Friedman; Philip Haas; Cleone Owen; Joseph Finkelstein*; Lena Rosenblatt*; Earl Marvin; Ernst Swiwcz; Marion Goldstein*
- 6/8 Werner P. Frankel; Julius Golderman; Frances Ochshorn Black*; Louis H. Sobell*; Bea Fogel; Donald Putterman*; B. Howard Savitt; Jacob Aronson*; Babette Singer Samuels; Nathan Hess*; Gertrude Einstein*; Edward Shapiro; Nathan Tauss*
- 6/15 Dora Edelman; Ralph Owen
- 6/22 Hal Rosenthal*; Lorena Abrams*; Mildy Fischel; Gerry Green; Isadore T. Jaffe*; Selma Jarett; Martin Neuburger; Jeannette Katz; Jennie Dubb*; Mary Finnan Blakeslee; Goldie Fisher; Bernard Herbert; Soloman Dachman; Sol Gordon
- 6/29 Ella Kerper; Minerva Knee; Rubin Fiegelson*; Cindy Berkowitz*; Lynn Horowitz; Saul Ikler; Eugene Weiss; Janet Samuels Greenbaum*; Samuel Englander*

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

Thank you!

to the following congregants who recently hosted an Oneg Shabbat: Melissa Putterman Hoffmann and Gary Hoffmann, Jeff and Rebecca Klamka, Josh Brody, the Member Events Committee and Maggie Tabak and David Smith.

to the Bulletin Brigade who helped fold, insert and stuff envelopes to get the May bulletin out: Martie Teumim, Steve Ableman, Rema Goldstein, Cheryl Reeder; Amy Sternstein and Anne Hausgaard.

to Steve Ableman for continuing to volunteer to help the office manager with special projects.

Mazel Tov!

.....to Debra Nozik, licensed clinical social worker who received the "Extra Mile Award" from To Life!, an organization celebrating 19 years of service to women and families dealing with breast cancer in the Greater Capital Region.

THE CONGREGATION NOTES WITH THANKS THESE CONTRIBUTIONS...

You can contribute online at: <http://www.bnaisholomalbany.org/donations>

General Fund

In memory **Hanna Aron** by Susan Aron

In memory of **Frances Dobris** by her family

In memory of **Dorothy Lazaroff** by her family

In memory of **Renee Stoller** by Howard, Bettina and Jeremy Stoller

In memory of **Lieselotte Weiner** by Herb and Ruth Swift

In memory of **Glory Swartz** Jack and Barbara Devore

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

Social Action -Family Promise Fund

To **support the work of B'nai Sholom with Family Promise of the Capital Region** by Edmund and Jacqueline Gutierrez

Adult Education Fund

In memory of **Samuel Rauch** by Roy and Judy Fruiterman

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PERPETUAL MEMORIAL

A Perpetual Memorial provides

- annual announcement of the Yahrtzeit at services
- publication of the Yahrtzeit in our Bulletin
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Address _____

Enclosed is my check to B'nai Sholom for \$360.

Signature

In the Community...

The Ne'imah Jewish Community Chorus will celebrate its 26th **Annual Concert,** "*Feel The Beat: From Africa to Zion,*" featuring Rabbi Noam Katz and his Band, on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Massry Center for the Arts on the Campus of the College of St. Rose, Albany, NY. A reception will follow the concert. Parking will be available and new handrails have been added to the auditorium seats. General Admission \$15, Seniors and Students \$10. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 383-0066, or by email at neimahchorus@gmail.com



RABBI: Donald P. Cashman
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If your address changes, please call the office at
518-482-5283. Thank you!*

Articles and news received after deadline are subject to omission.

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
July.....	June 13
August.....	July 11