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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.

JOIN US FOR THESE SERVICES AND STUDY SESSIONS

Friday, Sept. 5	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	6:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 6	TEXT STUDY: <i>Psalms</i>	9:30 AM
Friday, Sept. 12	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 13	TORAH STUDY: <i>Ki Tavo</i> Deut. 26.1-29.8	9:30 AM
Friday, Sept. 19	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 20	TORAH STUDY: <i>Nitzavim-Vayelech</i> SELICHOT SERVICE	9:00 PM

Wednesday, Sept. 24 **EREV ROSH HASHANAH**
 Thursday, Sept. 25 **ROSH HASHANAH**
Please refer to your tickets for times of services. Please bring your entire ticket with you.

Community Tashlich: 5:00 pm, Buckingham Pond at Colonial Ave.

Friday, Sept. 26	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 27	TORAH STUDY	

Friday, Oct. 3 **KOL NIDRE**
 Saturday, Oct. 4 **YOM KIPPUR**
Please refer to your tickets for times of services. Please bring your entire ticket with you.

Wednesday, Oct. 8	EREV SUKKOT SERVICE	7:30 PM
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Friday, Oct. 10	EREV SHABBAT HOL HAMOED SUKKOT SERVICE AND DINNER	 6:00 PM
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*For dinner reservations contact: Mark Silverbush:
767-2698 or msilver6@nycap.rr.com*

Saturday, Oct. 11	TEXT STUDY: <i>Psalms</i>	9:30 AM
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Wednesday, Oct. 15	EREV SIMHAT TORAH, WITH YIZKOR	7:30 PM
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Friday, Oct. 17	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
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Saturday, Oct. 18	TORAH STUDY: <i>Bereshit</i> Gen. 1.1-6.8	9:30 AM
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PRESIDENT'S POST

“The times, they are a-changing’....”

It seems so obvious that the one unchangeable in our existence is change. We face a new year; we face new opportunities and new challenges. Even the name we use for our synagogue, “Reform,” reflects our recognition of the need for and the inevitability of change. But we still grapple with it, sometimes resenting it, often longing for the old ways before change happened. We learn to accept, adjust and even more importantly to sometimes advocate for change. It is an established belief, based on scientific studies, that those who succeed in times of change are those who embrace it with optimism.



Last year brought some pretty serious changes to B’nai Sholom. We partnered our religious school with B’Yachad, joining our Reform culture with two Conservative synagogues to form what we anticipate will become a comprehensive Jewish Education Center. We are restructuring our family education and exploring other activities to strengthen our ties to the school as well as to our own synagogue. Our rabbi and our new co-chairs, Mark Silverbush and Maxine Goldberg, have been involved with clearing the hurdles to make this not only a viable project but one that our synagogue can be proud of.

Another change for our congregation was the increased use of electronic communications. E-mail, e-vites, and the web page are now the common methods of dissemination of information. Combining this with the traditional bulletin, annual guide, regular mail, and phone messaging requires collating and correcting addresses, selective data processing, and thoughtful integration of information. We are looking to expand our congregational data base, expedite news flow, and improve our over-all communication system. Libby Liebschutz will be working with Deb Adler, Ben Marvin, and the Technology Committee to make this happen appropriately.

A third area of change is our recognition of the need to be more environmentally friendly. We have already moved away from Styrofoam cups and paper plates to using washable dinnerware. We will revisit the concept of capturing and using solar energy, and explore other options to be more energy efficient and decrease our carbon foot print.

Change can be good, can be positive, can inspire us to be involved. Facing it with enthusiasm and energy will no doubt reaffirm our synagogue identity, B’nai Sholom Reform Congregation.

Weekly Announcements via Email

Our weekly announcements are sent each week to all congregants with email addresses in our directory. Please submit new addresses on a timely basis. All addresses that are in the current directory are added to the distribution list with the exception of aol.com addresses. For those, only addresses previously approved are re-added to meet spam prevention measures taken by AOL. If you are not receiving the weekly announcements, you can subscribe to the list by sending a note to:

Weekly-request@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us

with "subscribe" in the subject line. You may unsubscribe to the weekly postings by sending a note to that same address (or to postmaster@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us) with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN
MARCH 2015?**

HOW ABOUT JOINING A CON-



CRECATIONAL TRIP TO ISRAEL?

B'Yachad News

Joshua ben Perachyah said: "Provide for yourself a teacher and get yourself a friend; and judge every one towards merit." (Pirkei Avot Mishna 1:6)

עשה לך רב וקנה לך חבר והוי דן את כל האדם לכף זכות

According to my interpretation of this Mishna as it applies to B'Yachad, students will prosper if their educators have the following three attributes. The teachers need to be knowledgeable, dedicated, and creative. They need to be compassionate and able to establish trusting, loving relationships with their students. Finally, they must acknowledge, appreciate, and accept each student for who they are.

I look for all of these qualities and characteristics when hiring faculty. I recognize that the most important asset of B'Yachad is the strong faculty, and I am very proud of my educators. They are all well-versed in Judaic Studies, and caring and accepting individuals. It is not easy to find faculty who possess such character, but I am pleased to announce that I am adding two more of the best teachers around to our outstanding faculty.

Mrs. Aliza Scher will be joining us as our Kindergarten teacher. Aliza comes to us with a Masters degree in Special Education, and is certified in Childhood Education (grades 1-6). She is an experienced teacher of ten years and brings enthusiasm and warmth to the class as she welcomes our youngest students.

Mr. Dan Scher will be teaching our Eighth graders. Dan is certified in Elementary, Middle School, and Special Education. He is well-known and well-respected in the community as the Director of Camp Givah. We look forward to the creativity and fun he will share with the 8th graders in their final year at B'Yachad.

I am also very excited to be working with Joelle Adler as my Administrative Assistant. She is a recent graduate of Hamilton College and is pursuing her Master's Degree in Library and Information Services. She comes to us with computer skills and literacy knowledge.

I am pleased to announce another wonderful addition to B'Yachad! We are now welcoming Congregation B'nai Sholom students to our school. We are very excited to be growing as a school and community, and we look forward to their participation in B'Yachad.

In addition, Rabbi Cashman will now be actively involved in B'Yachad and we will be able to benefit from his teachings as he joins our Rabbinical educators.

Thank you to the members of the Curriculum Committee for enhancing and defining our educational goals. Thank you to Rabbi Cashman, Rabbi Dan, Rabbi Eligberg, Rabbi Rena, and Cantor Marx for devoting time to meeting, discussing, and scheduling classroom involvement, Family Education programs, and student activities. Thank you to the Board for your continued support. Last but not least, I would like to extend a special thank you to Lianne Pinchuk-Wladis for her endless guidance as we prepare and organize for the upcoming school year.

As we all continue working to make B'Yachad even better, with a solid curriculum and many innovative programs, we encourage active participation from all parents and the community at large. Please feel free to contact me at

byachadprincpal@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing everybody on September 14th for the first day of classes.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! **L'Shalom, Ruth Malka**

The B'Yachad Handbook and calendar can be found and downloaded from the B'nai Sholom webpage: www.bnaisholom.albany.ny.us

From Our Rabbi...

Religious questions of life and death seldom are asked of Reform rabbis. I'm not talking about the "What do we believe happens when we die" type of question. I am speaking about the "Rabbi, I need your help, or I will die" question.



I received a letter asking to place a paid advertisement in this bulletin from someone seeking a kidney transplant. The patient has a hereditary kidney disease, has been on a transplant waiting list for three years, and is now actively looking for a living kidney donor, which she considers preferable to lifelong dialysis.

Less than a week after getting this letter, another rabbi in another town posted a notice looking for a living liver donation for a congregant.

The ethical questions are abundant: *Does Reform Judaism permit living organ donations? Can I solicit people for them? Would I or B'nai Sholom be encouraging people to do something prohibited or risky by publishing such an ad? Is it proper to accept money for doing something that may not be entirely right? How shall I handle this?*

The most significant puzzle piece to the answer is that in order to save a life, we may do anything. This is the principle in Judaism known as *pikuah nefesh* פיקוח נפש. Not quite everything: we may not commit murder, idolatry, adultery, or incest in order to save a life). On this basis, living organ donations of liver, kidney, lung, and parts of the pancreas or intestine are possible, in addition to skin, bone, marrow, amnion, blood, stem cells, and cord blood. More information is available at www.organdonor.gov.

If living organ donation is permitted, is it required? Do we have an obligation to donate organs to save lives? Judaism prohibits us from putting ourselves in danger. All surgery has an element of danger. In the present context, we keep in mind that Judaism frowns upon elective surgery, i.e. surgery that does not improve our health, well-being, or our functioning. (Certain cosmetic surgical procedures would therefore not be countenanced, although we must keep in mind that in some circumstances a patient's mental health or emotional well-being could be im-

Some may remember the death in 2002 of an Albany Times Union reporter following his donation of part of his liver to his brother; NYS Department of Health found more than two dozen deficiencies in the care he received at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Even if elective surgery is not viewed favorably, it would be permitted to save a life of another. It just is not something required. Often, it is people from similar ethnic or family backgrounds who are asked to donate organs due to blood and tissue compatibility issues. We cannot imagine what we would *not* do for our children! Giving up a kidney or a little liver would seem like nothing. But for someone we don't know, it is indeed quite another matter.

There's a saying from the Passover Haggadah: *Harei zeh m'shubah*: [all the more we talk about the Exodus from Egypt] it is more praiseworthy." One is not obligated to donate an organ, but to do so is very praiseworthy. And if living organ donations are permitted, all the more easily are post-mortem donations permitted, even encouraged. Sign that donor card!

There's also a saying from Pirkei Avot: "It is not your obligation to complete the task, but you cannot just sit there and do nothing." So while I will not be donating a kidney, I can tell you that you may if you'd like. Is it a good idea? That's your decision.

It is a *mitzvah* (sacred obligation) to save a life; it is also a *mitzvah* to protect your own health by refraining from dangerous activities. It is an act of great *hesed* (kindness) to donate an organ.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year, one free from tough ethical questions and from serious medical concerns. **Rabbi Don Cashman**

Leah Wolff-Pellingra will be our vocal soloist for the Days of Awe. Leah has been singing for us on Shabbat and festivals for ten years, and you can look forward to a delightful musical experience on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. She has a B.A. in vocal performance from University at Albany, with a Judaic Studies minor, and an M.A. in Jewish Education from HUC-JIR. She is the Educator at Temple Sinai of Saratoga Springs. We are also pleased that Elizabeth Huntley will be returning on the harp. The Days of Awe are inspiring, in part, because of the great music that accompanies the season. Expect some new pieces along with many of the time hallowed cherished treasures.

Tikkun Olam

Social Action to Heal the World

North Star Peace Walk

September 21, 2014

at 2:00 P.M.



Share interfaith prayers, teachings, singing and fellowship. This will be a multi-generational inclusive family, NON-POLITICAL EVENT.

B'nai Sholom congregants will join other community members to reaffirm common roots. Contact Susan Radosh at 439-4467.

Suggested Attire: White clothing
Cost: FREE!

SPONSORS: Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Albany Friends Meeting, Artists' All-Faith Center, AMANI, Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace, Better Together – The College of St. Rose, **B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation**, Capital Area Council of Churches, Children at the Well, Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Congregation Beth Emeth Social Action Committee, Congregation Gates of Heaven, Fellowship of Reconciliation, First Lutheran Church of Albany, First Reformed Church of Schenectady, Grafton Peace Pagoda, Guru Nanak Darbar, Interfaith Community of Schenectady, Interfaith Hubbard Sanctuary, Interfaith Story Circle of the Capital District, Justice Committee of Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Albany Province, Karma Triyana Dharmachaka, Kateri Peace Conference, Masjid As-Salaam, Palestinian Rights Committee, Religions Without Borders, Saratoga Neighbors for Peace, Saratoga Peace Alliance, Schenectady Neighbors for Peace, The Interfaith Alliance of NYS, The Interfaith Center UAlbany, UAlbany Hillel, UAlbany Interfaith Coalition, UAlbany Muslim Students Association, UAlbany Newman Catholic Association, UAlbany Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry, Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region, Upper Hudson Peace Action, Veterans for Peace Chap. 10, Women Against War.

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NORTHSTARPEACEWALK
or www.northstarinterfaithpeacewalk.webs.com

CAN YOU SPARE TWO MORNINGS A YEAR?

The Social Action Committee is looking for someone to coordinate our semi-annual clothing drive. If you care about helping others, please call Yossi Koren-Roth or Becky Marvin.

We also need a new coordinator for our blood drives. For more information Please contact Mari Vosburgh at 439-6041.

CLOTHING DRIVE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER

We will collect fall and winter clothing in good condition during October. Watch for details in the Days of Awe announcements.

Alleviating Hunger

Despite signs that the economy is recovering, many in our community still struggle to feed themselves and their families. You can help by:

- ◆ Continuing to bring non-perishable food and personal care items for our collection bins located outside the office.
- ◆ Supporting the Annual Yom Kippur Appeal for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. Contribution envelopes will be distributed at Yom Kippur services. Donating the cost of food you would have consumed while fasting is a traditional donation amount.



- ◆ Bringing fresh produce to Yom Kippur services for the "Squash Hunger" program.
- ◆ Participating in our photo petition, *I Stand to End Childhood Hunger*, at the Yom Kippur break-fast or during Sukkot.

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Adult Education -- Fall 2014

Courses

The Bible As Literature

Teacher: Francine Berg

Monday evenings, Sept. 8 – Oct. 27, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. (8 weeks)

\$60; \$40 discounted fee for BSRC members



This class will examine portions of the Bible that illuminate the human experience, analyzed through the critical lens of contemporary literary interpretation. We will consider biblical examples of stories with heroes, comedy and tragedy, and lyric poetry. The course will culminate in conversation about some unifying themes.

Not a required text, but suggested resource for further reading: [How To Read the Bible as Literature ... and Get More Out of It](#), by Leland Ryken.

Fran Berg holds a baccalaureate degree from Brooklyn College and a master's degree in English literature from SUNY Albany. Ms. Berg has 35 years of experience teaching English literature in the Albany and Rensselaer school systems, where she received multiple awards and student acclamations.

The Land of Israel in Jewish Thought – Part I (Biblical, Rabbinic and Medieval Periods)

Teacher: Rabbi Don Cashman

Monday evenings, Nov. 3 – Dec. 22, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. (8 classes)

\$45; \$30 discounted fee for BSRC members

The special character of the Land of Israel and the unique relationship of the Jews to that Land loom large in Jewish thought. In this class we'll look at the biblical sources of the Abrahamic covenant, the Mosaic traditions, exilic and post-exilic prophets; the rabbinic writings of Talmud and Midrash; and medieval writings such as liturgical texts, poetry, philosophy, and mystical literature (Kabbalah). These express a wide variety of themes including love for the Land, special laws applicable only to activities taking place there, rituals based on the Land's climate and agricultural cycles, and attempts to imbue the Land with meaning even from the vantage of distant exile.



A second class offered Winter of 2015 will examine this topic from the 16th Century to the modern period. Each class can be taken independently.

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Ancient Origins of Anti-Semitism

Teacher: Steven Stark-Riemer

Tuesday mornings, Sept. 16 – Oct. 28, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. (7 classes)

\$54; \$36 discounted fee for BSRC members



Steven Stark-Riemer continues the presentation of his popular series of courses previously taught at B'nai Sholom, offered in a daytime time slot. This course will consider the modern terms "anti-Semitism," "anti-Judaism," and "Judeophobia" for their appropriateness in understanding attitudes towards Jews in the ancient world and will review the history of violence against Jews during an 800-year era from 410 BCE through 387 CE. Evidence from archaeology, ancient papyri, the later histories of Egypt, Hellenistic and Roman writings, the 380 CE edict declaring Christianity to be official religion of the Roman Empire, and the denouncement by early church leaders of Gentile Christians who observed the Torah will form the background of the discussion. The course will attempt to distinguish between the antipathy of Early Christianity toward Judaism as a threat to Christian identity and the later irrationality of Middle Ages accusations against Jews of ritual murder, well poisoning, and other atrocities.

An attorney by profession, Steven Stark-Riemer studied anthropology and archaeology at City College of New York and conducted fieldwork in Israel at the Tel Gezer excavations. Although he did not formally pursue this line of study, he continues to pursue his interest in the archaeology, history, and religion of the Ancient Near East.

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Torah Study

Saturday Mornings, 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Extended Text Study one Saturday of each month, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

In Torah Study, we read translations and various commentaries in English, and discuss the meaning of the weekly Torah portion.

On Extended Study days, we're been working our way through Psalms with Rabbi Cashman. Our Extended Study is powered by coffee, bagels, and an assortment of other delicious breakfast food.

These sessions are open to all on a drop-in, occasional, or regular basis. BYOB – Bring your own Bible, but we've got extras. No previous knowledge necessary! Share what you know!

Movie Night

Nowhere in Africa

Saturday, November 8 7:30 pm

A love story spanning two continents, this 2002 German film tells the extraordinary true tale of a Jewish family who flees the Nazi regime in 1938 for a remote farm in Kenya. Abandoning their once-comfortable existence in Germany, Walter Redlich, his wife Jettel and their five-year old daughter Regina each deal with the harsh realities of their new life in different

ATTENTION: DAVAR BELICIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS, PARENTS AND ALL CONGREGANTS!

B'YACHAD, B'NAI SHOLOM'S RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE CONTACT B'YACHAD PRINCIPAL, RUTH MALKA, AT
BYACHADPRINCIPAL@EMAIL.COM**

Desperately Seeking Green Thumb



OUR PLANTS ARE IN NEED OF HELP!

If you have the talent....we have the talent....we have the need. Contact the synagogue office if you have a Green thumb.

Helping Families



JFS became my medical advocate and my pillar when my mom was diagnosed with cancer. They even helped our family through grief after she was gone.

JFS' Norek/Moses Transitions Program supports individuals and families with issues surrounding terminal illness, and Haven offers bereavement counseling and encouragement through loss.

Please contact us to learn more or to make a referral.

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Jewish
FAMILY
Services

YAHRTZEITS

The following Yahrzeits will be observed in **SEPTEMBER**

- 5 Abraham Sperber*, Belle Fisher Schwartz, Harold Quell, Marvin Morris, Leah Rose Royne, Pauline Tauss, Edith Cabelly, Elsie Logwood, Edward Hoffman, Morris L. Parets*, Ethel Link
- 12 David Engler*, Marilyn Porter Ruben, Lubi Radosh, Joseph Berkowitz*, Ari Propp, Rifka Propp, Charlotte Sacks, Alice Winston*, Betty Herbert, Rose Levine Goldstein*, Mollie Belkin Lazoroff*, Henry Nussbaum
- 19 Pauline Stern*, Myron Sigadel, Yetta Berman*, Jakob Simon Krochmal, Arthur Nitka, Saul Toback, David Binewitch*, Samuel Pock*, Jeannie Bick, Rose Dietzman
- 26 Donald Goldberg, Asher Kaplan, Luci Shapiro

The following Yahrzeits will be observed in **OCTOBER**

- 3 Rose Pass, Frederic Adler, Esther Pogoda, Ruth Ottenheimer, Anna Catherine Lipka, Peter Strassberg
- 10 Eva Teumim, Joe Meer, Maurice Samuel Schwadron*, Bertram Hess*, Peter Kurak
- 17 Sylvia Adler, Robert Gordon, Pearl Tress, Sadye Lazoroff Rabineau*, Esther Soffer*, Irving Englander*, Gertrude Shapiro*, Meyer Sklar
- 24 Julius Turoff*, Fanny Binewitch*, Julius Goldfarb, Irene Krochmal Swiwc, Nathan Kaufman*, Julius Domfort, Ruth Devore
- 31 Evelyn Steinhardt*, Sabina Millens, Jack Myers, Sarah Renee Whiting, Rose Kaufman*, Robert L. Mutschler*, M. Michel Dobris*, Louis Horowitz

*denotes that a Perpetual Memorial has been established

Welcoming the Holy Days at home

Welcoming Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Shemini Atzeret/Simhat Torah is similar to Shabbat. Small variations and additions differentiate these days, and provide a special feeling as we welcome the New Year.

Lighting candles

Two or more candles are lit. On Yom Kippur, light them after dinner .

On Yom Kippur and Shemini Atzeret/Simhat Torah, some light a ner n'shamah (Yahrtzeit candle).

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל
(ר"ה-סוכות-ש"ע וש"ת): [שַׁבָּת וְ] יוֹם טוֹב
[שַׁבָּת וְ] יוֹם הַכַּפּוּרִים (יום כפור)

*Ba-ruch a-tah, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav
v'tzi-va-nu l'had-lik neir shel [Shabbat v'] Yom Tov.*

(on Yom Kippur): [*Shabbat v'] Yom haKippurim.*

We praise You, *Adonai* our God, Sovereign of the universe, who sanctifies us through commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of [Shabbat and] Yom Tov. OR [Shabbat and] the Day of Atonement.

•On all these holy days, follow with *Sheheheyanu*:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh ha-olam, she-heheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu
laz'man hazeh.*

We praise You, *Adonai* our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Kiddush

Kiddush is recited after candles on Rosh Hashanah and Shemini Atzeret/Simhat Torah. On Sukkot, recite it in the Sukkah.

There is no kiddush on Yom Kippur, a fast day, even if it is Friday night. Consult a prayer book for the proper text.

HaMotzi

It is customary to use a round hallah in honor of the cyclical nature of the calendar. Raisins are optional.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh ha-olam, haMotzi lehem min ha-aretz

We praise You, *Adonai* our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Apple and honey

On Rosh Hashanah, an apple is sliced and dipped in or spread with honey

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh ha-olam, Borei p'ri ha-etz.

We praise You, *Adonai* our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Creator of fruit of the tree.

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאֱמוּנֵינוּ שֶׁתְּחַדֵּשׁ עִלְיָנוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה
וּמְתוֹקָה.

*Y'hi ratzon milfanekha, Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu v'imoteinu, she-t'hadeish aleinu
shanah tovah u-m'tukah.*

Our God and God of our people, may this new year be good for us, and sweet!

IN THE COMMUNITY

CAPITAL REGION JEWISH COALITION FOR LITERACY ROAR PROGRAM is looking for volunteer reading coaches. One hour a week can change a child's life for kindergarten through third grade students in Albany, Schenectady or Troy schools. This program helps young students build self-confidence and a love of reading at the most important time in their reading development.

There will be a Kick-Off Event on Tuesday September 9 for people interested in volunteering. If you are interested in reserving a spot please call Robyn Easton at 783-7800, or email her — reaston@jewishfedny.org or visit www.jewishfedny.org for more information. ***You can also talk to our congregant Valerie Tabak who is a co-chair for the program.***

MACCABI USA is seeking Jewish athletes and staff to represent the USA at the 14th European Maccabi Games in Berlin, Germany, Summer 2015 and at the 13th Pan American Maccabi Games in Santiago, Chile, Winter 2015. Applications are available online at www.maccabiusa.com.



THANK YOU

—to the paper-cut brigade who prepared the July August Bulletin: **Nancy Rockefeller, Marty Teumim, Sheila and Bill Schwartz**

—to **Barbara Nussbaum** and **Laura Albright** for delivering our food collection to the food pantry

—to the following congregants who provided us with a sweet Shabbat: **Julie Novkov and Joel Bloom, Margie Pass, Nancy and Larry Rockefeller, Martha Rozett, Ann Shapiro and Barry Pendergrass, Richard Propp, Ida and Howard Dorfmont, Herb and Ruth Swift, Melissa Putterman Hoffmann, Bettina Stoller, Candy Raderman**

2015 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

The cost of the books this year remains at \$25.

Lots of bargains available. Books may be purchased during office hours.

L' Shanah Tovah
Have a sweet year!



Have you moved?



Do you have a new phone number?



Did you change your email address?




Mazel Tov!

-to **Brenda Hazard** who received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Brenda is the director of the Dwight Marvin Library at Hudson Valley Community College.

-to **Harvey and Marcia Tress** on the marriage of their son Dan to Liz Paushter.

-to **Ben and Becky Marvin** on the engagement of their daughter Johanna to Joe Kitchell. A fall 2015 wedding is planned.

-to **Sonny and Anne Hausgaard** on the engagement of their granddaughter Emily Hausgaard to Sal Crescitelli. An August 2015 wedding is planned.

-to **Phil Gilly and Rondi Brower** on the promotion of their son Josh to Captain in the U.S. Army.

-to **Jacque Libby** who was named to the Dean's List at the University at Buffalo.

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