

B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation

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JOIN US FOR THESE SERVICES AND STUDY SESSIONS

Friday, September 1	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	6:00 PM
Saturday, September 2	EXTENDED STUDY: The Writings (Song of Songs)	9:30 AM
Friday, September 8	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, September 9	TORAH STUDY: <i>Ki Tavo'</i> Deut. 26.1-29.8	9:30 AM
Friday, September 15	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, September 16	TORAH STUDY: <i>Nitsavim-Va-yelekh</i> Deut. 29.9-32	9:30 AM
	SELICHOT/Havdalah	9:00 PM
Wednesday, September 20	EREV ROSH HASHANAH	8:00 PM
Thursday, September 21	ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICE	10:00 AM
Community Tashlikh: 5:00 PM, Buckingham Pond at Colonial Avenue		
Friday, September 22	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	8:00 PM
Saturday, September 23	TORAH STUDY: <i>Ha'azinu</i> Deut. 32.1-52	9:30 PM
Friday, September 29	KOL NIDRE	8:00 PM
Saturday, September 30	YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE	10:00 AM
	STUDY SESSION	1:15 PM
	HEALING SERVICE	2:15 PM
	AFTERNOON SERVICE	2:45 PM
	YIZKOR	5:00 PM
	NEILAH/CONCLUDING SERVICE	5:45 PM
Wednesday, October 4	EREV SUKKOT SERVICE	7:30 PM
Friday, October 6	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	6:00 PM
Saturday, October 7	EXTENDED STUDY: The Writings (Song of Songs)	9:30 AM
Wednesday, October 11	SIMHAT TORAH SERVICE	7:30 PM

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...

The summers seem to get shorter, and with this September bulletin article we are assured that Rosh Hashanah and the subsequent holiday season will soon be upon us. Indeed, the dates were on the front page, and you are now on Page 2. *Since this is not a Jewish leap year, Rosh Hashanah will be 11 days earlier next year, beginning on September 10.*

I am very excited about using the new prayer book Mishkan HaNefesh. It has everything it needs to have, and more. Not only does it have all the usual and customary prayers for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, but it has an abundance of auxiliary readings and meditations. My challenge for the last 4 months has been to decide what we use, and what we skip.

There are two changes that are, in my mind, major ones. The first is that the Shofar service is split into three parts, the first part being much earlier in the service than we are used to on Rosh Hashanah morning. On Yom Kippur afternoon, they have totally revamped the Avodah section, and moved from a focus on the history of Judaism to a focus on moving up steps of spirituality. I've cherry picked selections, and I hope we stay in the same time frame. I've allotted a bit more time for Yizkor and N'ilah.

I wish to thank all those involved in the process of considering, studying, adopting, and contributing the new prayer books. We are still seeking donors for three additional Large Print editions at \$100 for each 3 volume set. Please contact me if you are interested.

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Reminder!!

Have you responded to the *Rosh Hashanah Luncheon?*
(even if you are unable to attend)



If you did not receive an invitation, please contact
Hana Sullenger, hszima@yahoo.com, 542-7863 or
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 years. It is a wonderful way to visit with other congregants, reconnect with old friends and make new connections.

B'nai Sholom Simplifies the Process for Days of Awe Guests

B'nai Sholom will continue this year to offer members in good standing the opportunity to bring guests to all Days of Awe services at no additional charge. As in past years, we will require for security reasons that all guests be registered in advance, and so we can follow up with those interested in joining us again.

This year we are streamlining the logistics, in that we are no longer providing tickets for guests. Instead, a Guest List will be at the door with the ushers, who will simply check names as guests arrive. Members will continue to be sent tickets, which they should bring with them for services.

B'nai Sholom's policy of complimentary attendance for all helps contribute to our "warm and welcoming" culture, and provides members a wonderful chance to share our services with others who might never have experienced B'nai Sholom. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to bring one or more guests or just pass this invitation on to an acquaintance. Your doing so will contribute in a meaningful way to our sustainability.

New Member Welcome in the Sukkah

B'nai Sholom has welcomed two new members this year: Steve Ableman and Lori Stuart. After Erev Sukkot services on October 4, we will welcome our newest members to B'nai Sholom with a Kiddush in the Sukkah. Please come to this event to help make these new members feel welcome. Sponsored by the Membership Committee.



Save the Date!

Plan to spend Sunday, October 8, sukkah-hopping! All members of the congregation and their families are cordially invited to celebrate in the sukkot at the homes of Rabbi Don Cashman and Sharona Wachs in Albany and of B'nai Sholom President Libby and David Liebschutz in Delmar. Exact times and details to follow.

Save the Date

FOR BOB DYLAN AT B'NAI SHOLOM (in a manner of speaking)

On **October 21, 2017**, B'nai Sholom is hosting a very special two-part musical program. The first half features "**The Kabbalah of Bob Dylan**", a presentation by Seth Rogovoy, called "**American Jewry's Greatest Dylan Scholar**" and known to many of you for his weekly cultural commentaries on WAMC. Seth will offer a multi-media treatment tracing the Jewish roots in Dylan's music and drawing from his book "Bob Dylan: Prophet Mystic Poet." And get ready for this - after the break we will be treated to a selection of several of Dylan's Jewish-influenced songs played by our own house band including long-time folkies Phil Teumim and Rabbi Don Cashman.

This is a don't miss Saturday night. More information to follow.

Oneg Host Families Wanted!

Our Shabbat services would not be complete without a welcoming, delicious oneg. If you have participated in the celebration after Shabbat services, you know it is an opportunity to enjoy the company of other congregants, while noshing on a sweet or savory treat.

Each oneg Shabbat is provided by a B'nai Sholom member or family. This is an opportunity to mark a special occasion, and to show hospitality to friends and newcomers. If you have not sponsored an oneg in a while, it's time to schedule your date. If you have not yet been a sponsor, and feel you would like assistance, we can connect you with an experienced family to act as a co-sponsor. Guidelines will be emailed to you, telling you all you need to know, from beginning to end.

Many people sponsor an oneg in recognition of a family event, such as an anniversary or birthday, while others schedule theirs at the time of a loved one's yahrtzeit. The Hospitality Committee will be calling congregants to ask that you become a sponsor. If you prefer to pick your own date early, please call Linda Strohl at 785-3772. You will find it to be a gratifying experience and everyone appreciates your effort!

VOLUNTEER WITH FAMILY PROMISE – HELP HOMELESS CHILDREN

Since opening two years ago, FAMILY PROMISE has served 21 homeless families with young children, helping them toward self-sufficiency to obtain jobs and housing. Support services also include case management. Currently we have four families in residence. You can find out more about Family Promise by visiting the web page: <http://www.familypromiseofthecapitalregion.org/> or the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FamilyPromiseOfAlbanyCounty/>

As a support congregation, B'nai Sholom partners with Delmar Presbyterian Church, (one of 13 host sites), 4 times a year to host our families. **We are recruiting new volunteers from our congregation to volunteer once or twice a year.** Our volunteers prepare dinner and dine family style with our guests and spend the first part of the evening with them.

OTHER FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

You can spend the night at a host site where private sleeping areas are provided to all volunteers—just bring your own bedding.

You can also volunteer at the Family Promise Day Center on weekends!

The shifts are typically:

Saturdays 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm

Sundays 9:30am-1pm and 1pm-4pm

Please consider volunteering one slot a month but you may cover more slots if you wish. This is a great family opportunity as you can bring your own kids with you or you can sign up with a friend. Responsibilities or activities may include: visiting with the families, playing or reading with children, etc. The Executive Director or a board member is always on call if there is a problem (plumbing issues, guest is sick or whatever may pop-up).

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Gail Volk gailvolk@aol.com

The following Yahrts will be observed in September.

- 9/1 Martin Klein; Minna Katzin*; Harold Quell; Marvin Morris; Leah Royne; Pauline Tauss; Edith Cabelly; Elsie Logwood; Abraham Sperber*
- 9/8 Morris Parets*; Edward Hoffman; Ethel Link; David Engler*; Vivian Quell; Lubi Radosh; Marilyn Ruben; Joseph Berkowitz*; Ari Propp; Rifka Propp; Charlotte Sacks
- 9/15 Shari Knieling; Alice Winston*; Betty Herbert; Rose Levine Goldstein*; Mollie Belkin Lazoroff*; Henry Nussbaum; Martin Kleinfeld*; Yetta Berman*; Jakob Simon Krochmal; Arthur Nitka; Saul Toback; Pauline Stern*
- 9/22 David Binewitch*; Samuel Pock*; Jeannie Bick; Rose Dietchman; Donald Goldberg; Asher Kaplan
- 9/29 Luci Shapiro; Frederic Adler; Ruth Ottenheimer; Rose Pass

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

Addressing Hunger in the Community

B'nai Sholom members demonstrate commitment to ending hunger in the community through donations of food to the Regional Food Bank of NENY, as well as financial contributions through the annual Yom Kippur appeal, and to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

This year, picking up the phone is also an important way to combat hunger in our community, and across the nation.

While food banks, pantries, and other emergency food providers are critical forces in responding to hunger, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) is the national cornerstone of preventing food insecurity and promoting nutrition. Nearly 35,000 people in Albany County receive help buying food through SNAP, according to the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

SNAP has a proven track record of success. According to the Food Research and Action Center, SNAP lifted 4.6 million people out of poverty in 2015. SNAP benefits are 100 percent federally funded, supporting local economies and communities. And SNAP benefits overwhelmingly help our most vulnerable: 82 percent of all SNAP benefits go to households which include a child, an elderly person, or a person with a disability.

Like many other programs which benefit very low-income people, SNAP is under attack in the President's 2018 budget, as well as the recent House Budget Resolution. Proposed cuts include \$193 billion in cuts to SNAP over the next 10 years – which would cut more than \$8 billion from the program in NYS. The budget would also cut \$1.6 billion from school meals programs by changing the Community Eligibility Provision, which is currently used in 26 Albany county schools.

Other proposed cuts that will harm low-income people across the nation include \$627 billion in cuts to Medicaid, a \$21 billion cut to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, and \$40 billion cut to the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.

What can we do to protect these programs for our community members in need?

- **Reach out to our local members of congress!** Urge them to reject cuts to anti-hunger programs, and other programs which provide a vital safety net for the poorest members of our community.
- **Stay informed!** The Food Research and Action Center (frac.org), Center for Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP.org), and Mazon, A Jewish Response to Hunger (mazon.org) are national organizations advocating on behalf of those who are hungry or at risk of hunger in this country. Visit their websites and sign up for email alerts. In New York State, Hunger Solutions New York (hungersolutionsny.org) is an Albany-based organization leading anti-hunger advocacy efforts.

Although food and monetary donations to charity continue to be necessary and appreciated, if these cuts are enacted, the impact will be devastating. It is vitally important that members of the Jewish community use our voices to stand up for the poorest among us at this critical moment in time.

In the library

The Six-Day War happened 50 years ago this June. Did that conflict “break” the Middle East, or just “transform” it? How has Israeli control of East Jerusalem, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank changed Israel and Israelis? The library now has three books on these important questions. They will be displayed (for a time) on the spinner rack *inside* the library. Note: there are no strict return dates for books borrowed from the B’nai Sholom library. However, please try to get new titles back within a month.

The Six-Day War: The Breaking of the Middle East
By Guy Laron, Yale University Press, 2017

Kingdom of Olives and Ash: Writers Confront the Occupation
Edited by Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman
Harper Perennial, 2017

1967: Israel, the War and the Year that Transformed the Middle East
Written by Tom Segev and translated by Jessica Cohen
Henry Holt, 2007

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thank you!

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

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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 13
November.....	October 11

Articles and news received after deadline are subject to omission.