

B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation

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B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation is a Brit Olam Congregation in covenant with the world because we seek the world we want for all, not the world as it is. We embrace our sacred responsibility to care for the Earth and its inhabitants, a Jewish tradition of stewardship and partnership in the ongoing work of Creation.

JOIN US FOR PRAYER, MEDITATION, CELEBRATION AND STUDY

Zoom links for services are sent out weekly.

Please call the office for information about telephone access to prayer services.

Friday, November 6	NEW MEMBER SHABBAT	7:30 PM
Saturday, November 7	EXTENDED STUDY OF THE TANACH (HYBRID)	10:00 AM
Friday, November 13	TOT SHABBAT	5:30 PM
	SOCIAL ACTION SHABBAT + TORAH SERVICE	7:00 PM
Saturday, November 14	TORAH STUDY (ZOOM)	10:00 AM
Friday, November 20	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	7:00 PM
Saturday, November 21	TORAH STUDY (ZOOM)	10:00 AM
Friday, November 27	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE (ZOOM)	7:00 PM
Saturday, November 28	TORAH STUDY (ZOOM)	10:00 AM
Friday, December 4	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	7:00 PM
Saturday, December 5	EXTENDED STUDY OF THE TANACH (HYBRID)	10:00 AM

Visit <https://reformjudaism.org/learning> for each week's parashah.

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 other's 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...

Many years ago, I was at a Shabbat service (surprise, surprise!) and the rabbi was on vacation. We were about halfway through the Torah reading cycle – probably late spring or early summer – and the lay leader made what I thought was a bold choice in his *d'var* Torah. He suggested we throw out the book of Leviticus (*Vayikra*)...

His point was that it felt irrelevant in our day and age and only had to do with the rules for the priestly sacrifices, which we no longer make. Of course, I would argue that throwing out 1/5 of our Torah is a little extreme, but I understood the underlying concept that some parts of the Torah require a little more in-depth study and unpacking to find things with which we personally resonate.

No such argument can be made about the book of Genesis (*Bereshit*), however. We are back at the beginning, reflecting on how the world came to be, what our role in it is as humans, who our ancestors were, and what it means to be part of the Jewish people. Most importantly, *Bereshit* is about relationships.

In October, I began leading a three-part course on Relationships in Our Sacred Texts and one of my biggest challenges wasn't finding sources to study but rather trimming them down to fit in one session. The sages of the Talmud spent pages debating how to honor one's parents. How do you do it properly? Are there any limits to how far you should go? If they need expensive care, whose money should pay for it? Honoring/revering one's parents was the focus of our first session, and the second will examine marital/partner relationships. *Bereshit* gives us example after example of challenging family structures to analyze: sibling rivalry, spouses deceiving each other, the impact of paying favorites with your children, etc. Some of them are – I think intentionally – outsized examples, but they are concepts we can all understand and perhaps relate to on some level.

In large part, that's what Torah is all about: learning how to be a *mensch* (human being) and live well in relationship to those around you. As Rabbi Hillel might say, "All the rest is commentary; go and learn it!" (Shabbat 31a).

And in that vein, there's still one session left of the course! Feel free to sign up and join us on Thursday, November 5 for a discussion on the teacher-student relationship. At the very least, you'll be able to apply it to the class currently in session!

L'shalom,
Rabbi Weisbrot

From Our President...

Greetings,

As the new year gets fully under way, I wanted to take a minute to write about some of our plans for this upcoming year:

Beginning in December, the **first** Friday night service of each month will start at 6 PM, rather than 7 PM. We hope this gives families with young children a more convenient opportunity to come to "regular" services. (But never fear – we continue to offer Tot Shabbat on the **second** Friday of every month at 5 PM.) It should also help folks who don't want to drive as late at night, or who would prefer to come to services first and eat a leisurely Shabbat dinner afterward. Look for reminders in your weekly eblast and future monthly bulletins.

We are also trying to bring our mailing lists and billing practices into this century, using a synagogue management software program named Rakefet, after a wild cyclamen that blooms in Israel in the winter/rainy season. This all-in-one system should help us organize what have become multiple, unconnected, overlapping and confusing contact lists for membership, yahrzeits and outreach and connect these with our accounting and billing processes, freeing up our limited staff and volunteers to focus on more important tasks.

Lena Eson Roe, the new director of our shared religious school, B'Yachad, is bringing a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the role. She has been working closely with our own Rabbi Weisbrot and Ohav's Rabbi Ornstein (known to many of you as "Rabbi Dan") to make sure all of our students will be getting the right mix of core knowledge. This includes more targeted Hebrew instruction as well as enrichment to keep them engaged in learning.

We also have a number of capital projects planned for the year ahead. Some are funded by grants. Thanks to Howie Stoller's efforts, we have had tremendous success funding major building and ground improvements over the past few years, including most recently the fabulous parking lot lights. Several more are coming in the new year, including cybersecurity improvements, a new PA system and the start of a major project to prevent hostile vehicle incursions.

But, of course, security projects are only part of the capital picture. In order to sustain ourselves into the future, we need to do the more prosaic things that keep the building running. As I noted at both high holidays, unlike last year, we were able to be in our building only because we replaced our old HVAC system. We also parked in our newly paved (and speed-humped) driveway. Our building is "of a certain age" and bills like this are part of the cost of keeping our sanctuary a place we can feel happy and safe to worship in.

Just as homeowners try to set aside savings for large repairs, B'nai Sholom has had periodic capital campaigns to ensure that we can pay for such big capital expenses when they happen without having to secure a loan and pay interest. We were able to use those resources to pay for our HVAC system, which was great, and then we came to you to help us refill those coffers. Then, just as we got nearly done with that, we had to spend some of those funds to repave the driveway. And now we'll need to refill our bank account again so that we're ready for our next project.

Another way we look to the future is through giving that supports our commitment to being an egalitarian synagogue, a place where all are welcome. We want everyone who is looking for a spiritual home to be able to join us, whatever their current life circumstances, and we offer a dues adjustment process that is confidential and understanding of these. However, we still need to keep the lights on. For this reason, we have a number of ways to fill in the gaps:

- Patron Dues: This is an easy way to help us defray the budget each year.
- Endowment: This fund has grown to the point where we are able to use interest from its investments to keep dues a little lower for all of us.
- Fundraising: From Hannaford gift cards to donations via the website, these all go to the bottom line.

B'nai Sholom is a group endeavor. Each one of us has different things to offer, depending on who we are and where we are in our lives. If you have time and skills, we're happy to have additional sets of hands and brains for the tasks at hand. If you have neither time nor treasure, just be a part of it, and help keep us vital by being in our midst. And if you happen to be the type of person who sits down once a year with a financial advisor to plan for the year ahead, I hope you will consider making B'nai Sholom a part of those plans in the new year, so we can continue to plan for many years to come.

L'shalom,

Liz Davis

Survey Says! Here's What You Thought About Service Start Times

As a way to increase accessibility to Kabbalat Shabbat services, the Ritual team considered changing the starting time for services on the first Friday of each month to 6 PM. For families with young children or for people who do not want to be out late, this might make it easier to attend services and has the added benefit of widening the circle of engaged members.

Based on some feedback we have received about 7 PM not being an optimal time for services, we decided to take this opportunity to also assess the impact of changing the service starting time for the remaining Friday nights in the month to 7:30 PM.

We designed a simple survey to evaluate the congregation's interest in changing the service times. Our intention was to keep the survey as brief as possible and not try to answer questions beyond the scope of service start times. The survey asked:

- If Kabbalat Shabbat services started at 6 PM on the first Friday of each month, how likely would you be to attend those services (in person or on Zoom) compared to your current participation?
- If Kabbalat Shabbat services started at 7:30 PM on all other Fridays, how likely would you be to attend services (in person or on Zoom) compared to your current participation?
- In a typical month, how often do you attend Kabbalat Shabbat services (in person or on Zoom)?
- We would love to hear more of your thoughts on this! If you are willing, please share what factors influence your decision to attend services or not attend services. Please feel free to add anything.
- If you would like someone from the Ritual team to follow up with you regarding service start times, please add your name and contact information here.

We sent emails to congregants and non-congregants with a link to the survey twice in the month leading up to the Annual Meeting and offered the opportunity to fill out a hard copy at the Annual Meeting. We prepared one survey for members and another survey for non-members so we could assess the results separately. We received 77 responses to the survey of members.

In answer to the question regarding a 6 PM start for the first Friday of each month, the results supported making this change. Approximately two-thirds of the respondents (68%) said that they would be just as likely to attend services; 17% reported that they would be less likely to attend; and 16% reported that they would be more likely to attend.

In answer to the question regarding a 7:30 PM start time for the remaining Fridays of each month, the results did not support making this change. A little more than one-half of the respondents (57%) said that they would be just as likely to attend services; 26% reported that they would be less likely to attend; and 17% reported that they would be more likely to attend.

We received comments supporting our rationale that changing the starting time to 6 PM would make services more accessible. These comments included general support statements about 6 PM being a better time and comments about the appeal of having tots at services. Comments not in support of this change primarily revolved around the difficulty of when to have dinner.

After reviewing these results at a Ritual team meeting, we agreed to recommend to the board that the first Friday service be changed to 6 PM but to hold off on recommending the 7:30 PM change. The board approved the recommendation at its September meeting.

Friday, December 4 – Shabbat Chanukah – will be our first 6 PM service.

The Ritual team appreciates the congregation's responses and thoughts and the consideration and support that the board gave to this change.

-- Carol Smith
Chair, Ritual Team

When You're Alone and Life is Making You Hungry You Can Always Go...Downtown

From Monday to Friday, the towering structures of our state government surround Academy Park at Washington Avenue and Eagle Street in downtown Albany. State workers enjoy their lunches on park benches or cut through the park to reach the tasty food trucks behind the Capitol. When the work week ends, the scene in the park changes. Once a month on Friday, Street Soldiers sets up tables loaded with food items donated by community groups. An eager crowd waits nearby until the tables are stocked. Once the loading finishes, folks can approach and take food to help with the hunger facing so many in our community.

In September, Anita Stein, her husband Wayne and I met at Hannaford to buy food for Street Soldiers with \$350 generously donated by B'nai Sholom members. Our two carts filled up quickly with fresh produce, Lunchables, drinkable yogurt, string cheese, bread, milk and eggs from Street Soldiers' shopping list. At checkout, it took a bit of time to unload. When I glanced behind us, a single shopper stood patiently waiting, holding just four items. As I started to apologize for the delay, she responded with a smile and "no worries."

After arriving at Academy Park to unload our two trunks filled with grocery bags, helpers came right over to assist. By the time I walked up to the tables, our groceries had been placed alongside the other donations to give the crowd a bounty of food. B'nai Sholom's donations became part of a heartwarming scene coming alive in Academy Park at 6 PM just as Shabbat approached.

---Alyssa Talanker

*Donations for Street Soldiers may be made by check to B'nai Sholom or on our website and earmarked for the Fresh Food for Families Fund. **Thank you!***

Social Action/Social Justice Shabbat

Friday, Nov. 13, 7 PM

Navigating the Immigration Legal System: What Families Experience

Please join us for a conversation with Michael Wilk, a local immigration attorney and advocate, for a discussion of what navigating the immigration system looks like today and how to help support our Capital Region immigrant neighbors.

Michael will share some "case study" examples with us, including such scenarios as what a family facing detention and deportation experiences in their case right now and what a family that isn't facing this but is otherwise trying to get legal status or citizenship may confront. Additionally, he will provide some suggestions of how people can get involved. If, for example, there is an attorney who wants to learn how to do *pro bono* work on *habeas* cases, and if a non-attorney member of our synagogue community wants to get involved. As a recent board president of RISSE (Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus Inc.), Michael is well versed in these matters.

Michael is an immigration attorney, advocate and the founder and managing attorney of Wilk Legal PLLC. Since 2010, his legal career has spanned law firms in New York and Washington, specializing in complex immigration matters.

A dedicated community partner in New York's Capital Region, Michael served multiple terms as board president for RISSE and currently serves on the Executive Committee of the local American Immigration Lawyers Association chapter. He also provides *pro bono* counsel through The Legal Project and the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York.

Michael holds a law degree from the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law and a bachelor's degree from the University at Albany. A frequent speaker on the realities of 21st-century migration, Michael is driven by his personal perspective as a descendant of immigrants who would have had no chance of entering the U.S. under today's immigration laws.

Here for You: The Caring Community

The Caring Community is here to support you through life's ups or downs — in times of joy as well as times of illness or sorrow. We have had a great response from volunteers eager to cook, drive you to appointments, run errands, participate in a shiva minyan or just visit. So please call on us if there is anything you need for any reason and give our volunteers the opportunity to perform a mitzvah!

If You're Not Going to Wear It... Give It to Someone Who Needs It

As you change out your wardrobe from summer to winter, we're more than happy to help. Once again, we are collecting clothing in good condition for donation to those in need in our region. We will collect CLEAN, GENTLY USED clothes and shoes – all seasons accepted. Please be sure to SORT TWICE: BY GENDER (male/female/unisex) AND ALSO BY AGE (infant/child/teen/adult). **Be sure to label your bags.**

You may drop off your donations at the synagogue:

Tuesday, Nov. 10 through Saturday, Nov. 14 *WHEN THE BUILDING IS OPEN***

Or on

Sunday, Nov. 15, 11 AM to 1 PM.

*****Please place them neatly in the marked classroom. Do not leave clothes outside of the building. Thank you!***

Bye-bye Birdie, Hello Bluesky!



B'nai Sholom is now on Bluesky, adding another platform to our social media outreach!

Bluesky is one of the most popular alternatives to what was formally known as Twitter, which the congregation left following that platform's change to X. Bluesky is similar to Twitter/X without the toxicity. Bluesky looks and works a lot like Twitter/X but offers a friendlier environment where people and organizations are free to post without being slammed by trolls.

To find us, go to bsky.app, click on "Explore the app" and search for "Bnai Sholom" (with no apostrophe). If you're already on Bluesky, our handle is bnaisholomalbany.bsky.social. Be sure to follow us and encourage others to as well!

And don't forget to find and follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/bnaisholomalbany.

An Extraordinary Act of Compassion, An Extraordinary Story of Courage and Survival

By Marsha Lazarus

As Kath scrolled through her Sept. 29 emails, she noticed the Adult Ed program scheduled for that afternoon: "Song of Life: An Extraordinary Story." We were both intrigued and clearly others were as well; there were about 25 of us gathered that afternoon.

Born in the '60s in Athens, Greece, our guest speaker Mimica Tzezana Hyman began by explaining that she knew nothing about the Holocaust when she was growing up in Greece. In fact, it was not until 1996, when she discovered Anne Michaels' novel "Fugitive Pieces," that she learned about her father's experience as a young person on the island of Zakynthos. And it was several years later that Mimica began to talk publicly about this history...an incredible story of survival and a unique one!

In the 2002 documentary that we were shown that afternoon, **"The Song of Life"** by director Tony Lykouresis, we "traveled" to the Jewish cemetery in Athens. There, clearly posted in the cemetery are the survival rates of Greek Jews:

- **275 Jews before the war, 275 Jews after the war - next to the name of Zakynthos**
- **Corfu lost 95% of its Jews (an island very close to Zakynthos also in the Ionian Sea)**

The stark contrast between the survival rates was glaring, mind-boggling. "As a Greek Jew, I am considered a rare specimen now," Mimica shared. "In a country with a population of approximately 11 million, there are only 5,000 Jews left. And yet if you should visit the Jewish cemetery of Zakynthos, you will learn that there was a Jewish presence on the island ever since 1445.

"When my father and his family lived on the island, all the Jews spoke Greek (in the dialect of Zakynthos). There were two synagogues and no fear around attending or practicing. The family lived well – had a nice house, a shop that my father ran and felt loved by our Christian neighbors."

"But in 1941," Mimica continued, "the island was invaded by the Italians. Under the Italian occupation, the Jews lived in fear, as did the rest of the residents of the island. In 1943, the Germans came to the island. By then, the people of Zakynthos had heard of the atrocities that the Germans had imposed not only in other parts of Greece, but all around Europe. By then, everyone knew that the Jews, more than anybody else, were in great danger."

"One morning, the German officer, Behrens, assigned to Zakynthos," Mimica explained, "approached Mayor Mukaskareff. At gunpoint, the mayor was told that he was to deliver the names of all the Jews on the island or he would be shot."

When the mayor conveyed the news to Bishop Chrysostomos Dimitri, the two men agreed that they would not turn the Jews in. Instead, they advised the Jews of the island to hide in the villages outside the city and asked the residents of Zakynthos to protect them.

And when Officer Behrens received the list that he requested, he found only two names on it: Bishop Chrysostomos Dimitri, and Mayor Mukaskareff. Soon after, an official German announcement

was made: "The Jews of Zakynthos could remain on the island under the personal supervision of the mayor and the bishop."

"Which family was responsible for keeping our family safe?" Mimica asked her father. "It was more than one family that helped us," her father clarified. "The Sarakinis, the Roumeliotis, the Bafakis, the Pastras and the Murgos." And you could see the tears in Mimica's eyes as she shared this with us...and recalled again the compassion, courage and risks that these families had taken to protect Jewish families (so different from the experience of Jews living in other parts of Greece!).

"And even though my father was saved," Mimica explained, "he was left emotionally scarred." And at some point, her father was able to relay this story from after the war: "Every Sunday our family would go out to a tavern. I found myself each Sunday taking home the leftovers."

"In those days," Mimica explained, "taking leftovers was looked down upon. But I learned that the leftovers were for the stray dogs outside my father's business. He was allergic to the dogs, but he would not stop feeding them." It was as if he felt an obligation to these strays, an understanding of their plight.

We learned that the entire island was leveled in 1953 by a massive earthquake. This was a terrible disaster for the Greek Orthodox families living on the island. The response by the Jewish community was immediate and clearly expressed their gratitude for what their neighbors had done for them during the war. Folks helped with both funding and personal labor to rebuild the Saint Dionysios Cathedral windows. Also, two statues were built on the site of the synagogue – honoring both Bishop Chrysostomos and Mayor Pereira.

And the impact of this story and ripple effect continue into the next generation. We learned that following one of Mimica's speaking engagements, she was approached by a young woman who asked Mimica to please let her know what she could do for her, whatever she wanted. Mimica shared with emotion, "I should have been the one thanking her!" This young woman turned out to be the mayor of Zakynthos' daughter – the one who had submitted his name along with the bishop's to that German officer.

We also learned, though, that this story is not widely known. When traveling back to Zakynthos recently, Mimica spoke with the shopkeepers who knew nothing of this history. So, thank you, Mimica Hyman. Keep telling your story! Thank you, Barney and the Adult Education team, for bringing this story to B'nai Sholom. It's as important a story as is the Holocaust story that we're all familiar with.

It's a story of hope alongside the darkness and demonstrates the wide swath of human behaviors, from unimaginable cruelty to incredible courage and resilience. And now WE have the opportunity to jump in and continue retelling this important piece of our history!

ADULT ED FALL 2026

MOVIE NIGHT

"Dust Bowls and Jewish Souls"

Saturday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 PM (In-person)

Many know Woody Guthrie as the quintessential Oklahoman balladeer who wrote "This Land is Your Land," but Woody's horizons extended far beyond the dusty Oklahoma hills of his youth. When his wanderings and ramblings brought him to New York City in the 1940s, he was introduced, both personally and professionally, into a vibrant Jewish culture that he wholeheartedly embraced. **"Dust Bowls and Jewish Souls"** explores the impact it had on his songwriting and includes Guthrie's moving relationship with his mother-in-law, prominent Yiddish poet Aliza Greenblatt. This film presents a whole new side of Woody Guthrie that will change your view of one of America's most celebrated songwriters and cultural icons.

Admission: \$10. Non-B'nai Sholom congregants are requested to pre-register via website link.

"Jews and the Civil War"

Author Talk with Richard Kreitner

Thursday, Dec. 10 at 8 PM (via Zoom)

In a very special program, we will be hosting a Zoom talk by Richard Kreitner, author of the groundbreaking and highly praised new book, *"Fear No Pharaoh: American Jews, The Civil War and the Fight to End Slavery."* The book addresses how Jews engaged with the debates and moral questions of that tumultuous period in American history and reveals deep debates within 19th-century Jewish life about power, ethics and survival in a divided nation. Kreitner's work has been called "revelatory" (*The Wall Street Journal*).

A resident of the Hudson Valley, Kreitner is a contributing writer at *The Nation* and authored *Break It Up: Secession, Division, and the Secret History of America's Imperfect Union*. He's been published everywhere from *Slate* to *The New York Review of Books* and hosts a podcast, "Think Back," about American history.

Copies of Kreitner's book are available in the public library system as well at the synagogue.

For Kids and Families...

Chanukah

PJLibrary.org recommends wonderful holiday-themed books, including *Happy Hanukkah, Corduroy* by Don Freeman for ages 6 months to 2 years; *Hanukkah at Monica's* by Varda Livney for ages 3-5 years; and *Gracie's Night* by Lynn Taylor Gordon for ages 6-8 years.

PJLibrary.org also has many Chanukah activities and crafts for you and your family, including making a handprint menorah and upcycling crayons into candles.

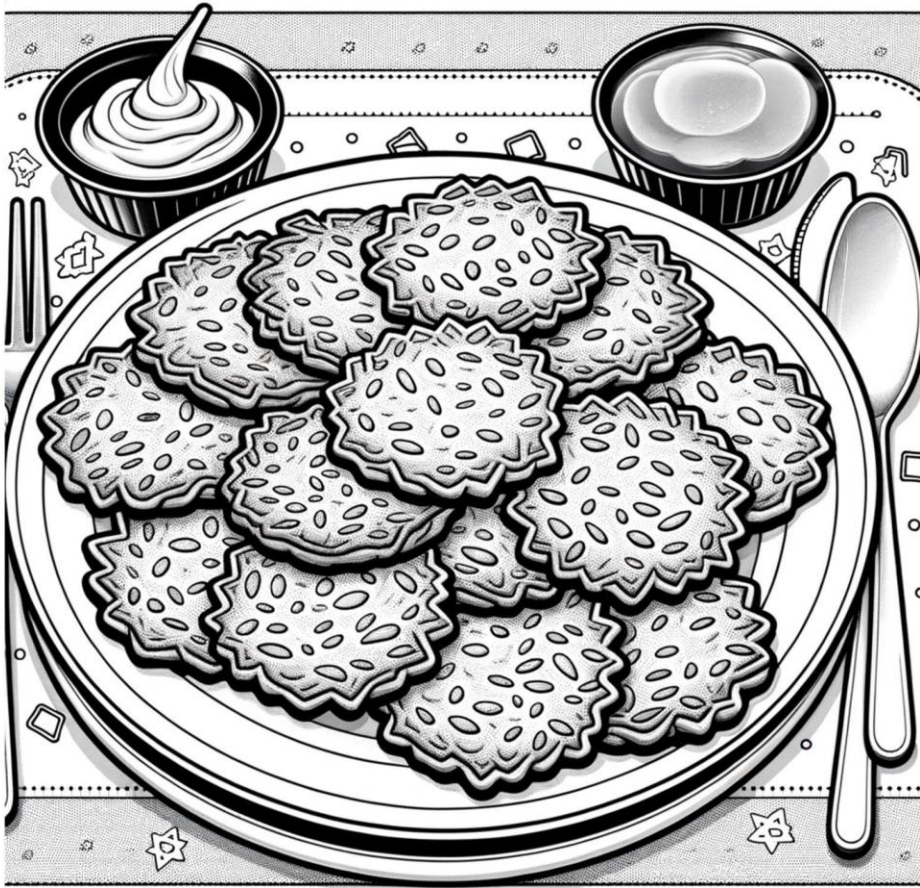
Religious School Registration is Open for 2026-27 School Year

Jewish learning and community are more important than ever. And more fun, too! B'Yachad offers children and their families a quality Jewish education, with updated materials, hands-on projects and activities, engaging programs and vibrant family holiday celebrations.

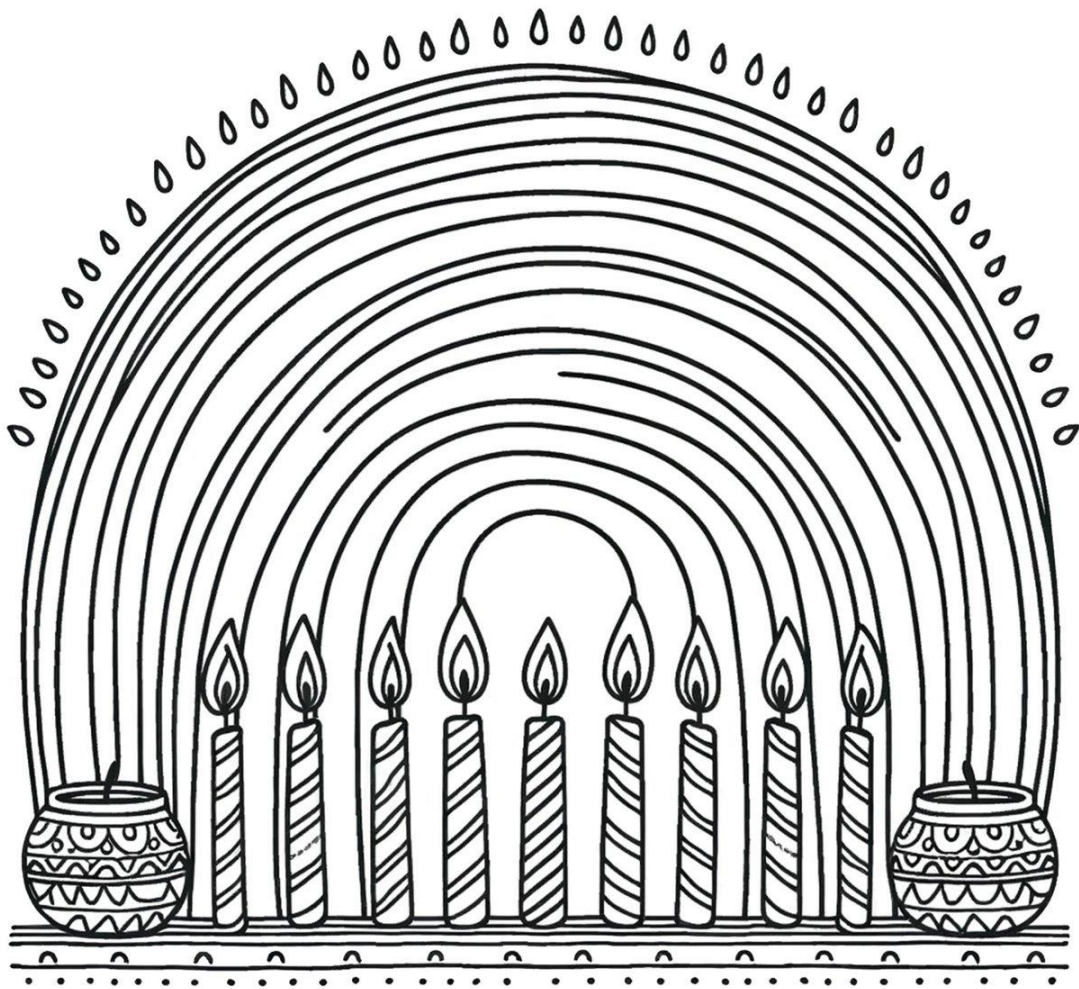
To register your child(ren), go to www.byachad.org/registration-forms.

Got questions? Check the flyer in this issue or contact the B'nai Sholom office.

B'Yachad is the place to be, so don't delay!



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Thank You!

...to the fantastic Bulletin Brigade who folded and stuffed the October Bulletin: Ken Tannen, Martie Teumim, Rema Goldstein, Anita Stein, Martha Rozett, Mari Vosburgh, Jim and Joan Savitt.

Mazal Tov!

...to Mari Vosburgh on the marriage of her son, Mark Rosenthal, and Danielle Walsh.

...to Rondi Brower and Philip Gilly on the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Gilly, and Michael Bushoy.

The Congregation Notes with Thanks These Contributions:

General Fund

In memory of **Milton Swartz and Lorraine Tharus** by Jack and Barbara Devore

In memory of **Cecily Redler Jacobs** by Ann Lowenfels and Steve Redler

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Lois Gordon; Carol and Martin Gnacik; Martha Rozett; Sandra Haas and Jeffrey Rosner; Jeffrey Rosenbaum; Matt Malsky and Nancy Newman; Rondi Brower and Philip Gilly; Beatrice Bloom; Sarah Liebschutz; Michael Malinowitz

High Holy Days

Jacqueline and Edmund Gutierrez;

Free Food Fridge

Barbara and Jack Devore; Lois Gordon; Laurie Shanks and Terrence Kindlon;

In honor of **The Board of Trustees** by Valerie Tabak and Jesse Dinkin

Please note, some donations will be reflected here 1-2 months after they are received due to technical and transitional issues.

The following Yahrtzeits will be observed in November:

11/6

Jacques M. Gilly*; Sabina Millens; Norma Haas; Anne Maurer; Morris Raderman; Herman Schoenbach; Sarah Renee Whiting; Frank Wind

11/13

Vicki Adler; Lillian Golderman; Maurice Pass; Julie Fiks*; Ben Waxman

11/20

Abraham Cogen; Fred Hauptman; Teddy Knee; Elenore Morse; Estelle Nitka; Ray Stephany; Paulette Tabak; Sallie Kaplan

11/27

Ruth Bosin; Betty Feldman; Norman Rosenthal

12/4

Abraham Porter; Frances Rudinger; Paul B Blum; Eli Waldman

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

Be On Guard Against Email/Text Spoofing Scams

STAY ALERT! If you see a suspicious email or text message that claims to come from Rabbi Weisbrot or someone else at B’nai Sholom, double-check the email address or phone number of the sender – it may be a scam. When in doubt, ***do not click on any links or attachments*** and ***do not reply*** to the message. Send a fresh message to the correct address or number for the supposed sender or call them directly to confirm.

NOTE: Recently, there has been a wave of unsolicited emails asking you to rate or recommend someone for a position. Please watch out for these and do not click on the links; they are also a scam!

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OFFICE HOURS: TUE/WED/THURS/FRI 9:30 AM–4:00 PM

Articles and news received after the deadline are subject to omission. As a rule, the Bulletin deadline is the 2 nd Wednesday of every month. Adherence to the deadline is critical to ensuring that the Bulletin is sent out in a timely manner.	
<u>Period Covered</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
December	November 11
January	December 9

Flyers:

NEW MEMBER SHABBAT

At

B'nai Sholom

Is

Friday, November 6, 2026

Please Join Us!

All Congregants Welcome

Special Service Honoring New Members
at 7:30 PM

Potluck/Partly Catered Dinner
at 6:00 PM



RSVP for the dinner by November 2 using the link in the weekly email

Beit Kafeh / Coffeehouse

Open Mic and Concert

Saturday, November 21, 7:00 PM in the Social Hall



Start polishing your act and get ready to join us for a night of singing, storytelling, poetry and music. Or surprise us with your standup act!

First part of the evening will be open mic. Everyone is invited to perform: sing a song, play an instrument, tell a story, read some poems or tell a joke or two. Listen and appreciate or perform and be appreciated. A keyboard (piano, not computer) will be available for anyone who needs it.

After intermission, we'll hear some traditional tunes and songs from Joe Pye (Monica Vail, Will Vail and Phil Teumim) and a grab bag of songs, tunes and general mayhem from the B'nai Sholom Irregulars.

The event is open to all congregants and their invited guests. Guests must register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/msakypvf>.

Want to sign up to perform in advance? Or have questions? Email event host Phil Teumim at philteumim@gmail.com.

