



## President's Message

by Elsa Conrad

**F**INALLY! Spring is here, bringing change and renewal to all of us eager to pack away our winter boots (sorry, Rabbi Segal) and dwell in the sun again. Soon we hope to see you at Betenu in celebration of Shavuot, marking the last major festival of 5773.

As one cycle winds down, we are busy preparing for a new one. I'd like to update you on our progress:

- ◆ May will feature our last service with Joel Baron. On behalf of everyone at Betenu, I want to thank Joel for his service to our congregation. We wish him a happy and distinguished rabbinical career.
- ◆ The Search Committee is conducting interviews for our new spiritual leader. On May 19 the Executive Board will vote on recommended candidates, with results to be announced at the Annual Meeting.
- ◆ The Education Committee is finishing a cal-

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endar and curriculum proposal, which we feel will help ensure the continued success of our students at Betenu.

- ◆ Our budget proposal is also going through final tweaks this month before presentation to the congregation for a vote.
- ◆ The High Holy Days are especially early this year (Rosh Hashanah starts on September 4), so plans for 5774 must begin early as well. In fact, they begin NOW.

And that brings me to a familiar point. Once again, your assistance is critical to Betenu's future.

Can you help with crucial activities such as raising funds, planning events... or just touching up the paint around the temple? We need all this and more.

It all starts May 26 at the Annual Meeting, where we will set the direction for the coming year. It will be a crucial time to discuss volunteer opportunities, renewal and continuity in our religious practice. And, of course, we'll be talking about money.

Attending this year's Annual Meeting may be difficult for some members, since it falls over a holiday weekend. But we urge you to attend and vote on these vital questions.

If you will be out of town, please take a moment to use a proxy form for your vote. Simply fill out the form provided on page 6 and return it to Betenu.

As always, the board and I are eager for your input. We look forward to seeing you at Betenu!



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## NEWS & NOTES



*This month, join us in celebrating these members for their contributions, milestones and achievements.*



### Oneg Signups Needed

Honor a special event or loved one at Betenu. It's easy! Sponsoring an oneg costs \$54, and we do the rest. Or host it by bringing a challah, desserts and fruit, then setting the table and cleaning up. For details, call **Roberta Pavoll** at 672-9820.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

#### *Thank You!*

- ◆ **Hannah Belesca**, for helping in the office
- ◆ **Marcella & Craig Dube**, for our new file cabinets
- ◆ **Vivian McGuire & Maureen MacGregor**, for oneg sponsorship
- ◆ **Susan Rodil** for serving as our newsletter editor

#### *Happy Birthday!*

- ◆ **Alison Chakuroff**
- ◆ **Jamie Danklefs**
- ◆ **Alexander Dube**
- ◆ **Samuel Dube**
- ◆ **Jessica Goff**
- ◆ **Mackenzie Juscak**

#### *Congratulations!*

- ◆ **Stacey Liberman**, for graduating from Wheaton College this spring with a degree in psychobiology

### Yahrzeits

#### *In Loving Memory Of:*

- ◆ **Elinor Fierman**  
twin sister of Elaine Schwartz May 1
- ◆ **Ruth Cushner**  
aunt of Sheryl Liberman May 4
- ◆ **Rebecca Groden**  
grandmother of Karen Satz May 4
- ◆ **Estelle Mailman**  
mother of Steve Mailman May 10
- ◆ **Solomon Macks**  
grandfather of Elsa Conrad May 10
- ◆ **Sofia Munteanu**  
mother of Bety Dar May 17
- ◆ **Elaine Rimalover**  
mother of Robert Rimalover May 18
- ◆ **David Vincent Romanelli** May 21
- ◆ **Zara Milamed**  
aunt of Sheryl Liberman May 24

## Get in Touch, Get Involved

**I**F YOU have ideas to share or a hand to lend, why not let us know?

Taking part in a Betenu activity or committee is a fun way to contribute and expand your circle of friends, so feel free to contact us today. We welcome your questions, help and suggestions.

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## Join Us for Shavuot on May 17

Shavuot, occurring between May 14 and May 16 this year, often takes a back seat to better-known holidays. But if spring's arrival makes you feel like celebrating, you'll find it easy to appreciate Shavuot.

In addition to its place as *Yom HaMatan Torah* (The Day of the Giving of the Torah), Shavuot traditionally marks the end of the grain harvest and the start of fruit harvesting. Abundant fruit and dairy products are staples of this

agricultural festival, but it is also a life-cycle event of real significance here at Betenu.

Dating back to our early days, Shavuot has been linked to confirmation. Rabbi Segal customarily invited back past confirmands far and wide. While turnout varied, the result was a fascinating cross-section as current students and congregants welcomed back people we knew as youths... now returning as adults with their families.



This year's May 17 service led by **Joel Baron** won't include confirmation ceremonies, but it promises to be rich with memories, reflections and thanks. Why not be part of it?

**Celebrate the fruits of our rich heritage at Betenu's May 17 Shavuot service with Joel Baron.**

## FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### SCHOOL NOTES

- ◆ No school on Sunday, May 12. Happy Mother's Day!
- ◆ Last class is May 19, with a visit from **Inbar Keren**. All parents and guests are invited to come in at 10:15 am for presentations and a Teacher Appreciation Brunch. Why not share your child's favorite snack or finger food? Please contact **Marcella Dube** at [mdube@comcast.net](mailto:mdube@comcast.net) about what you're able to bring.
- ◆ Progress reports for students will be distributed and signed May 19.
- ◆ Registration forms for the 2013-14 school year are due back to the Betenu office by May 19.
- ◆ To learn more about Betenu educational activities, contact Sheryl Liberman at 424-4609 or [saml54@comcast.com](mailto:saml54@comcast.com).



### BETENU BITS

#### *Share a Little Sunshine*

Have a few minutes to help others? Our "Sunshine Committee" volunteers are a vital point of contact when congregants are ill, need rides or require assistance. For more, contact Sheryl Liberman.

#### *June Newsletter Deadline*

To get your article or info in the next newsletter, email it to [betenu@nii.net](mailto:betenu@nii.net) by May 23.

#### *Amazon.com and Betenu*

Buying online can benefit Betenu at no cost to you—just click the Amazon link at [betenu.org](http://betenu.org), and we get part of the purchase price. It's easy!

#### *Now Accepting MC, Visa and Discover*

Your credit card can now pay dues, tuition, gift purchases or donations! Just call the office or stop in for details.



**Look for this link on [www.betenu.org](http://www.betenu.org).**

# May at Betenu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Lay-led Service, 7:30	4 Behar/ Bechukotai
5 Sunday School, 9:00	6	7	8	9 Rosh Chodesh: Sivan	10 Rabbi-led Service, 7:30	11 Bemidbar
12 Torah study with Rabbi, 11:30 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	13	14	15 Shavuot	16 Shavuot	17 Rabbi-led Shavuot Service, 7:30	18 Naso
19 Sunday School, 9:00	20	21	22	23	24 Lay-led Service, 7:30	25 Beha'alotecha
26 Annual Meeting, 7:30	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31 Lay-led Service, 7:30	

# June at Betenu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Shelach
2	3	4	5	6	7 Lay-led Service, 7:30	8 Korach Rosh Chodesh: Tammuz
9 Rosh Chodesh: Tammuz	10	11	12	13	14	15 Chukat
16	17	18	19	20	21 Lay-led Service, 7:30	22 Balak
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Pinchas
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## Attend Our Annual Meeting on May 26!

**B**ETENU'S ANNUAL MEETING convenes at 7:30 pm on **Sunday, May 26.**

Three bylaw amendments will be voted upon, with elections for President; Financial VP; Assistant Treasurer; Secretary; and two Executive Trustees. Anyone interested in running for office can telephone 886-1633 or email the Betenu office at [betenu@betenu.org](mailto:betenu@betenu.org). **PLEASE NOTE:** a quorum is required to hold the meeting, and proxies count toward the quorum. If you cannot attend, please give your proxy to an attending member. We hope to see you there!



### NOT ATTENDING?

Use this sample form to assign your voting proxy to an attending Betenu member.

## PROXY VOTING FORM

### Congregation Betenu Annual Meeting

May 26, 2013

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_,

being entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as proxy\*

to vote on my/our behalf at the 2013 meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

**\*NOTE: Assign to one person only. A member can only vote the proxy for two other members. Please make sure this person can hold your proxy.**