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RABBI'S MESSAGE: BUILD THE SUKKAH – TEAR DOWN THE SUKKAH

As we go through life, it becomes apparent that so much of the focus of government and charitable spending is focused on the young with their potential. During World War II, youth aliyah was organized to rescue children from the holocaust; when our government has been unable to help anyone between 18 and 65 on medical coverage, Congress was able to pass the CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) and some of the most popular charities are associated with rescuing or helping children.

Beginnings are wonderful and exciting. But don't forget about ourselves. Once we grow up, we will never be eligible for all of those programs and programming. What about us? We are the existing and the established.

My analogy is with Sukkot. It's easy to collect a bunch of people, have a party and build a Sukkah. The problem comes, when a month after Sukkot, the remains of the Sukkah sit on our back deck with the decorations soggy from the rains – and I might add: looking terrible!

So please remember: As we ask our government to be good to our kids, don't forget about ourselves and our peers. And when we have a party to build a Sukkah – how about scheduling a party to take it down and clean it up.

A couple of housekeeping points:

The *mi-she-bei-rach* list has grown quite long. I will be purging the list in October and depend on you to give me names that should remain on the list.

I have an unusually light year for Bnei Mitsvah. So anyone who would like to meet with me on Thursday evenings, I am more available this year than I am in most years.

More publicity soon, but please put Saturday, November 14 on your schedule for the 5 Rabbis Program, where Rabbis Abramson, Karol, Klein. Rieser and Segal will talk about their books.

Best wishes for a happy Sukkot.

Be-ve-ra-cha,

Joshua L. Segal, Rabbi

BETENU INFO

SPECIAL NOTE: Some members of Betenu are physically sensitive to certain aromas coming from perfumes, colognes, hairsprays the like. These aromas can cause migraines and a host of other problems. Please be aware of that when you come to Betenu.

Please **<u>DO NOT</u>** bring scented items for the SHARE donation bin.

Betenu has natural cleaning products available for use. Please **<u>DO NOT</u>** bring your own cleaning products for oneg or other cleanup.

Thank you!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				J 5-7:30 pm Rabbi-led Sukkot Building Pizza Party	2 7:30 pm Rabbi-led Sukkot Service Erev Sukkot	3 Sukkot
9:30 am Religious School #3	5	6	7	8	9 7:30 pm Simchat Torah, Consecration Service Hoshanna	10
Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Rabbah	Shemini Atzeret
9:30 am Religious School #4 Simchat Torah	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	7:30 pm Lay-led Service	17 10:30 am Tot Shabbat #1
9:30 am Religious School #5 Rosh Chodesh: Cheshvan	7:30 pm General Board Meeting—All are invited Rosh Chodesh: Cheshvan	20	21	22	7:30 pm Service Pulpit Swap Guest Rabbi Rabbi Rieser	24
9:30 am Religious School #6	26	27	28	29	7:30 pm Lay-led Service	31

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30 am Religious School #7		Election Day			7:30 pm Rabbi-led FAMILY Service	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30 am Religious School #8	Krystalnacht (Nov 9-10, 1938 Germany)	Krystalnacht (Nov 9-10, 1938 Germany)	Veterans Day		7:30 pm Rabbi-led Service	7 pm The 5 Rabbis Havdallah & Book Event
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30 am Religious School #9	7:30 pm Executive Board Meeting	Rosh Chodesh: Kislev	Rosh Chodesh: Kislev		7:30 pm Rabbi-led Service	10:30 am Tot Shabbat #2
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30 am Religious School #10				Thanksgiving	7:30 pm Lay-led Service	
29	30					
<u>NO</u> Religious School						

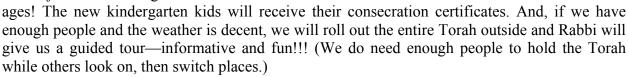


COMING UP AT BETENU...

RABBI-LED SIMCHAT TORAH & CONSECRATION SERVICE

Friday, October 9, 7:30;m

Please join us and bring the kids—this is a service for all





SUKKAH TEARING-DOWN EVENT!

Sunday, October 11th, after Religious School

Please grab a trash bag after school and take some of the sukkah home with you as we end Sukkot.

TOT SHABBAT

October 17th, 10:30am

For the little ones kindergarten and under: bring a healthy snack and a drink and join the fun as Rahel leads with music and movement. Note: please accompany your child(ren).

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

October 19th, 7:30pm

All are invited to attend the general board meetings which are even months (February, April...), usually the third Monday at 7:30pm. Talk to Dave Spokane ahead of time if you are interested in putting something on the agenda.

ANNUAL PULPIT SWAP WITH GUEST RABBI LOUIS RIESER

Friday, October 23rd at 7:30 PM

Want to see Rabbi Rieser in action? Don't drive all the way to Derry—come to Betenu for the annual Pulpit Swap!



COMING UP AT BETENU...(cont.)



RABBI-LED FIRST FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, November 6th, 7:30;m

- **≠** oneg followed by
- ★ Torah study with Rabbi.





THE FIVE RABBIS HAVDALLAH & BOOK/MUSIC EVENT

November 14th, 7pm

Don't miss this event as "The 5 Rabbis", not to be confused with "The 3 Tenors", come together to lead us in a Haydallah service and talk about their newest books and music!

EDUCATION

Sunday Religious School Personnel:

VP Education: Sheryl Liberman Principal: Rahel Limor

Hebrew: Sonia Campeanu Jewish Studies: Don Wunderlich

Assistant Teacher: Nina Matouka

Madrichim: Dan Thompson, Alison Chakuroff, Rachel Liff, Izzy Starr

ACCEPTING STUDENTS REGULAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL/ POST HEBREW SCHOOL

Registration is ongoing for 2009-10 for our weekly Sunday classes



in Jewish studies, Hebrew, Music and Bnei Mitzvah preparation for Grades 1-7 and our Rabbi-taught post Bnei Mitzvah classes for Grades 8 & 9. For questions or to get a registration form please call the temple office at 886-1633 or contact Rahel at rahel@rahelmusic.com.

ADULT EDUCATION

HEBREW LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION, TORAH STUDY AND MORE

Bar / Bat Mitzvah... not the end of the road! There's Torah study with the Rabbi, Hebrew language instruction with Rahel, Kabbalah Havruta with Eitan Zeira, and plenty of other learning opportunities throughout the year. Maybe you have an idea, or would even like to teach a class. If so, contact the office 886-1633 or Betenu@nii.net.

Quench your thirst — jump into the well of Judaic studies

(Rahel's classes are offered at a discount to Betenu members.)





ROSH CHODESH FOR WOMEN

Join the Rosh Chodesh group for a short service, group discussion and nosh. For more information contact Sheryl Liberman 424-4609 or SAML54@comcast.net.

KABBALAH GROUP

Saturdays at 12:30pm—once a month October 17 at TBA November 14 at Betenu

Congregation Betenu and Temple Beth Abraham have a Kabbalah group. The suggested book is <u>Inner Space</u> by Kaplan. For more information contact Sheryl Liberman 424-4609 or <u>SAML54@comcast.net</u>.

Video of Sh'ma Meditation by Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan: www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9bwEFS7Btk&feature=related







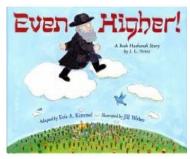
BETENU THANKS



- ⇒ September oneg hosts. Diane & Dan Becker, the board, the President & VPs, and all who contributed to the onegs.
- ⇒ David Stern for his building work installing new fire extinguishers, checking and fixing emergency lighting and exit signs, and checking smoke detectors.
- **⇔** Bob Lubitz for touching up the mural he painted under the skylight.
- ❖ Sheryl Liberman for organizing Rosh Chodesh.
- **⋄** Sheryl Liberman for coordinating Kabbalah classes.
- ★ All who attended the New Member Service.
- **♦** All who attended the Selichot Service.
- ★ Rahel Limor & Elissa Kahn for creating the new trifold brochure.
- ★ Rabbi Segal and Dave Spokane for help with the trifold brochure.

LIBRARY DONATIONS & THANKS

Thanks to **Roberta Pavoll** for donating the children's book:

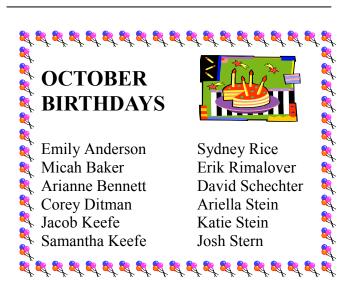


Even Higher! A Rosh Hashanah Story Signed to the Children of Betenu

High Holyday Thanks

The following people were not thanked in the High Holyday Greeting Booklet:

- ★ Maureen MacGregor for being a greeter.
- ★ Elsa Conrad & Elissa Kahn for leading the Rosh HaShana children's service.
- ★ Maureen MacGregor & Alison Rice for leading the Yom Kippur children's service.
- **♦** All the readers that were not in the booklet.
- ⇒ David Stern, Joel Mascott, Susan Mascott, Rahel Limor & Elissa Kahn for cleanup.
- ⇒ Anyone who I inadvertently forgot.
- * Rabbi Segal for putting up the handicapped parking sign.
- ★ All those who donated items for the food drive.
- Dave Spokane and Elsa Conrad for holding the Torah.
- Rabbi Segal for blowing shofar on Yom Kippur.



MAZEL TOV!



To Johanna Stein for scoring in the 99.4th percentile on her MCATS





To Matt Spokane on reaching Star Rank in the Boy Scouts of America



Star Rank Requirements:

- 1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least four months as a First Class Scout.
- Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday
- Earn six merit badges.
- While a First Class Scout, take part in approved service projects totaling at least six hours of work.
- While a First Class Scout, serve actively for four months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility (or carry out a Scoutmaster-assigned leadership project to help the troop):
 - Boy Scout troop. Patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, troop guide, Order of the Arrow troop representative, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quartermaster, bugler, junior assistant Scoutmaster, chaplain aide, or instructor.
 - Varsity Scout team. Captain, cocaptain, program manager, squad leader, team secretary, Order of the Arrow troop representative, librarian, historian, quartermaster, chaplain aide, instructor, or den chief.
 - Venturing crew/ship. President, vice president, secretary, treasurer, boatswain, boatswain's mate, yeoman, purser, or storekeeper.
- Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.
- Complete your board of review.









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To Dr. Daniel Becker for his new job at Merrimack Family Practice in Chelmsford



BETENU PAGES



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Rich & Shirley Cohen & Sam Cohen of Amherst, NH

ONEG SHABBATS

To host an Oneg, one brings the desserts, fruit, and challah, and sets up and cleans up.

To sponsor an Oneg, one pays \$54 and the Oneg committee will purchase the food, set up and clean up. Either way you do it, you can honor a birthday, an anniversary, or any other special event in your life, by choosing the Oneg closest to that special date. Or you can remember the Yahrzeit of a loved one by hosting or sponsoring the Oneg on the Shabbat when you come to say Kaddish. If you have a date in mind, please call Roberta Pavoll at 672-9820.

The following Onegs will be hosted by:

Oct 2: Dave Spokane in memory of his father, Marvin Spokane Spokane

Oct 9: Board of Directors

Oct 16: Open

Oct 23: Vivian McGuire

Oct 23: Open



father, Marvin

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DONATIONS

Congregation Betenu acknowledges with appreciation the following contributions made during the months of August and September



High Holy Day Appeal

Dr. Peter & Ms. Jeanne Stein

David & Matthew Spokane

Carol Simonds

Sheryl & Larry Liberman

Kevin & Susan Frewert

Joel Moses

Prof Donald & Reva Wunderlich

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Elaine & Joel Silberberg

Leland Pavoll & Cindy Zibel

Shirley & Richard Cohen

Dr. Sanders & Rowena Burstein

Elsa Conrad

Laura Schulte

Elissa Kahn

General Fund

Carol Simonds

In memory of her husband Clifford Simonds

Suzanne Maine

Earmarked for school needs

Elissa Kahn

In Memory of Benjamin Rosen's grandfather, Dr. Ralph Rosen

Elissa Kahn

In honor of her niece Nicole Clarke's recovery

Elissa Kahn

In honor of her Great Niece Shye Rivera's Health

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Sheryl & Larry Liberman

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YAHRZEITS FOR OCTOBER



Ida Teitelbaum mother of Reva Wunderlich	October	
Max Symbol grandfather of Lynda Schaeffer	October	
Frieda Symbol grandmother of Lynda Schaeffer	October	
Irving Litt father of Lisa Orenberg	October	2
Robert Cubie MacAuslan	October	3
Eva Garfinkle grandmother of Rick Silverman	October	5
Oscar Levinson step-grandfather of Paula Silver	October	17
Samuel Schuldwach grandfather of Lenny Wasserman	October	20
Donna Cohen sister of Diana Stern	October	22
Marshall David Levin	October	22
Robert Gustav Fries	October	27

SAD NEWS:

Sadly we inform you of the death of Pearl Houts, mother of Patrice Liff. May the extended Houts family be comforted among the mourners of Zion.

Sadly we inform you of the death of Sheppard Werner, cousin of Sara Murphy. May the extended Werner family be comforted among the mourners of Zion.

Sadly we inform you of the death of Dr. Ralph Rosen, grandfather of Benjamin Rosen. May the Rosen family be comforted among the mourners of Zion.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS





Voice of ISrael Initiative of New Hampshire

Check the website for the next VISION MEETING and other important information. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays this year! All friends of Israel are welcome.

Check out www.nh4israel.org for more upcoming events, articles and more...

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE JEWISH MENS CLUB

Membership form: http://snhjmc.home.comcast.net/~snhjmc/resources/SNHJMCForm.pdf