



BETENU NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

Rabbi's Message: November 2012 –*Chesh-van/Kis-leiv 5773*

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At the Centennial of my professional organization in 1989, Dr. Jacob R. Marcus said,

"We glory in the knowledge that we are today the largest liberal religious movement in the world. We preach a gospel of ethics and rationality. We Jews should be proud of the contributions we have made to our great republic. The whole course of American history would have changed if the Egyptians had survived in the Red Sea and we had been drowned.

...50,000 Jewish men and women teach in the colleges of America; Nobel Prize winners abound. 300 universities list Hebrew or Judaic studies in their catalogs."

It is extraordinary that the Jewish minority of 2% of America today, but never more than 4%, has been able to achieve the magnitude of impact that we have had on our society. Some have suggested that it is genetic, but I suggest that it is the basic values of Judaism that stress the importance of family and education. But while maintaining our religious identity, we have fully thrown our hat in with the American experience.

As societal barriers have fallen, to the point where they are virtually non-existent, the temptation to assimilate can be extremely seductive. Institutions like Betenu serve as a bulwark defending us from those forces of assimilation. As I transition to Rabbi Emeritus in the middle of December, ultimately, Betenu's future and our ability as a congregation to continue our resolve to be both loyal Americans and loyal members of this Jewish community, depend on your support.

Judaism has always been community based. The *ve-a-hav-ta* says, "teach them (i.e. words of Torah and by extension, Judaism) diligently to your children." The community has always been the key that has allowed and will continue to allow our children to be Jews and not just people of Jewish ancestry.

Toward being good Jews, support Betenu. Toward being good Americans, celebrate Thanksgiving, that uniquely American holiday that unites both our American and Jewish heritage like no other secular holiday.

From Karen and me, Happy Thanksgiving.

Le-sha-lom, Joshua L. Segal, Rabbi

“The Retirement Celebration” for Rabbi Segal



SATURDAY 12-15-2012

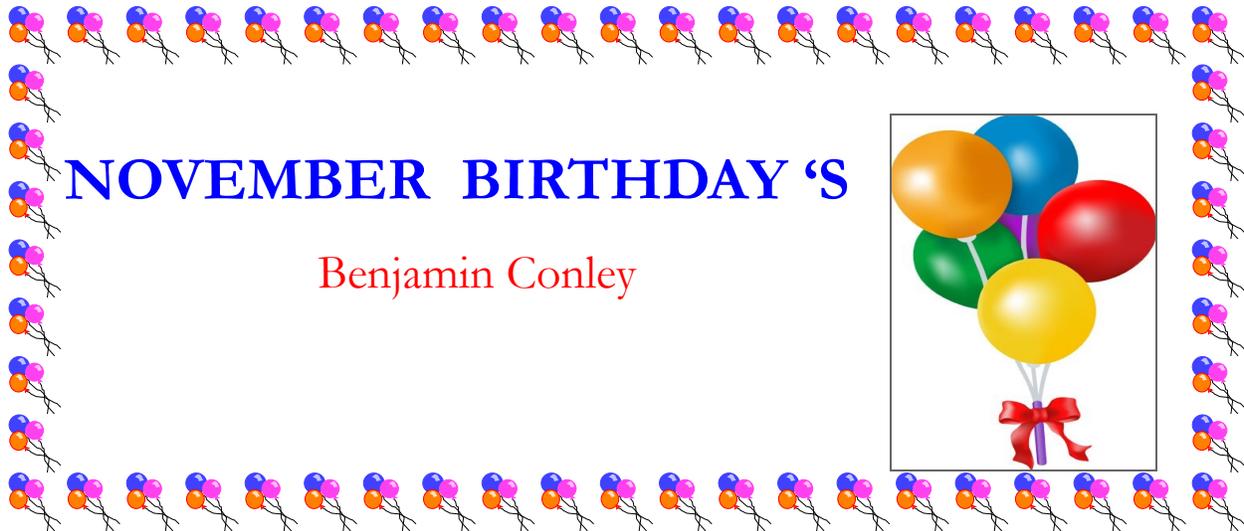
Betenu Congregation will officially wish Rabbi Segal a happy retirement and thank him for his years of service to Betenu. 5PM service with a pot luck dinner to follow and a few surprises: families please bring a main dish, singles/couples bring a side dish (no pork or shell fish please).

Suggested donation \$5.00 per member family,

\$10 non-members which includes cake, ice cream, drinks, and gift contribution. If you would like to write a note to Rabbi Segal, speak that evening, or send a donation please send to Betenu office via e-mail or US mail and mark “Attn: retirement”.

Questions or comments, please e-mail Sheryl or Elsa.

RSVP: by Dec 2nd - send e-mail Betenu office at betenu@nii.net, or call 603-886-1633



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY 'S

Benjamin Conley



DEADLINE for the **DECEMBER** Newsletter is

12/7. Please send articles and information



NOVEMBER 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 7:30PM RABBI- LED	3 Kabbalah Class 12:45 Vayera
4 Sunday- School 9am	5	6	7	8	9 7:30PM RABBI- LED	10 Chayei Sarah
11 Sunday- School 9am	12 Exec Board Mtg 730	13	14	15	16 7:30PM RABBI- LED	17 oldot
18 Sunday- School 9am	19	20	21	22	23 7:30PM LAY-LED	24 Vayetze
25 NO Sunday School	26	27	28	29	30 7:30PM LAY-LED	



DECEMBER 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Vayishlach
2 Sunday School 9am	3	4	5	6	7 Rabbi Led Service	8 Vayeshev
9 Sunday School 9am	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Rabbi Led</i> Chanuka— 7th candle	15 Miketz FAREWEL L HAVDALAH
16 Sunday School 9am	17	18	19	20	21 Rabbi led 1st Rabbi Baron Svc	22 Vayigash
23	24	25	26	27	28 Layled	29 Vayechi
30	31					



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Hospital Visits: Please keep us informed!

Due to national privacy laws, hospitals are not allowed to call congregations to inform them that their members have been admitted as patients. If you know you are going to be in the hospital or unexpectedly find yourself in the hospital, please tell a nurse that you would like to see the hospital chaplain, who can call the Temple to let us know that you are there if you would enjoy support and comfort from our Congregation Betenu community.

ONEG SHABBATS

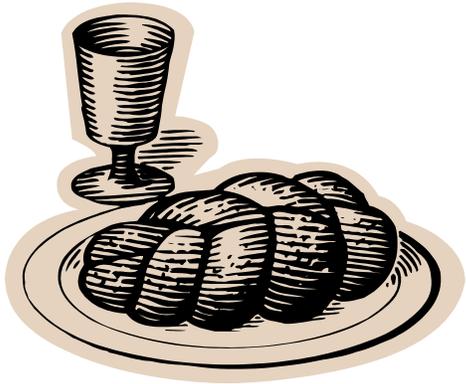
CURRENT SCHEDULED ONEGS:

FRI. 11/9-KIRSH/GOLOSARSKY FAMILY

FRI. 11/16-JUSCZAK FAMILY

FRI. 12/7-LEARY FAMILY

FRI. 12/14- BELESCA, CONRAD, LIBERMAN AND PAVOLL
FAMILIES



THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES SPONSORING

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.

2012-2013 (5773)
Sunday Religious School is in
FULL~ Swing.

Did you know your child is more attentive and happier when he/she brings a snack and a drink to have during break time each Sunday?

If you are interested in sending in a group snack, please drop it off at the office in the morning.





BETENU RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Interested or have questions? Contact Sheryl Liberman

saml54@comcast.net or call 424-4609.

Thanks to all the families who have provided generous Friday night onegs. These nights provide a great opportunity for the children to celebrate Shabbat together. Join us more often!

Trimester 1 Progress Reports to be distributed on Sunday, Nov. 18. Please arrive at Betenu at 11:45 to receive your child (ren) ' s report. You will have the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss your child ' s progress. Keep in mind the following attendance requirements for your child to attain maximum learning: Sunday School classes: all ages—27 sessions; Shabbat/Holiday services: Grades K-3—minimum of 4 services ; Gr 4-5—minimum of 7 services ; Grades 6-7— minimum of 15 services.

No Sunday school Nov. 25. Happy Thanksgiving to you!! We are thankful for all our Betenu families and dedicated teachers.

****Check out our Hanukkah gift shop****

Watch for information about our early

PJ Havdallah Night - Planning for December !

Thank You!

Congregation Betenu acknowledges with

DONATIONS:

Anonymous donation—Greatly appreciated

Spokane Family in honor of Joe Silberberg 80th Birthday



November ~Yahrzeit List



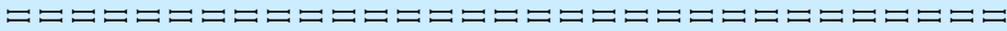
Shirley Levine	aunt of Diana Stern	November 5
Carol Stern	mother of David Stern	November 10
William Wright		November 11
Rabbi Ernst Conrad	father of Elsa Conrad	November 13
Robert Burger.....	father of Eric Burger	November 16
Pearl Gribetz.....	mother of Jeff Gribetz	November 20
Harriet Fanny Witkowski	mother of Ellen Hoffman	November 20
David Mendelsohn ..		November 21
Ruth Clarke	grandmother of Elissa Kahn	November 22
Josephine Kenswil ...	mother of Jackie Rossier	November.
Hava bat Shifra v'Yoel	mother of Sonia Campeanu	November 25
Leo Silver	grandfather of Paula Silver	November 25
Anne Werner	mother of Sara Murphy	November 26
Wanda Burger.....	mother of Eric Burger	November 27
Elizabeth Conley.....	niece of Suzanne Maine	November 28
Josephine Kenswil ...	mother of Jackie Rossier	November 30

UPCOMING PLANNING AT BETENU

Dec. 14 Friday night Chanuka Service

WILL be Rabbi Segal Last event.

Watch your email for details.



Next Kabbalah Class, studying The Zohar,

Contact Office for more information Everyone is welcome.



BYG BETENU YOUTH GROUP

Activities are being planned for
the 2nd Sunday of each month

Watch for flyers and emails

All Sunday school children are invited to attend. Parents must remain with children during events.

Pack your child a drink and lunch
on activity day.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF RABBIS IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT DR. AMY-JILL LEVINE WILL BE SPEAKING IN MANCHESTER ON **SATURDAY EVENING, NOV. 10, 2012**. DR. LEVINE IS AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN BIBLICAL SCHOLAR, AND HER PRESENTATION THAT EVENING IS ENTITLED "WHAT'S A NICE JEWISH GIRL DOING STUDYING A BOOK LIKE THAT? JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP OF THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE." THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 7:30, AND WILL INCLUDE PREPARED REMARKS AS WELL AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE AUDIENCE TO PRESENT DR. LEVINE WITH QUESTIONS.

DR. LEVINE IS CURRENTLY THE E. RHODES AND LEONA B. CARPENTER PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES AND PROFESSOR OF JEWISH STUDIES AT THE DIVINITY SCHOOL AND COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY IN NASHVILLE, TN. SHE IS CONCURRENTLY AN AFFILIATED PROFESSOR

WOOLF INSTITUTE: CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS, WESLEY HOUSE, CAMBRIDGE UK.

DR. LEVINE'S EVENING IN MANCHESTER COMES AS PART OF LARGER WEEKEND COMMITMENT IN OUR STATE. "COMMON ROOTS, DIFFERENT GARDENS CHRISTIANS AND JEWS IN DIALOGUE" IS A SERIES OF LECTURES COMPRISING THE CHARLOTTE REYNOLDS WAKEFIELD LECTURE SERIES, PRESENTED BY PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BIBLE SOCIETY. SPEAKING IN PLYMOUTH ON FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON, AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON, DR. LEVINE'S TOPICS INCLUDE: "JESUS, JUDAISM, AND THE BIBLE: PROBLEMS AND POSSIBILITIES"; "HOW JEWS AND CHRISTIANS READ SCRIPTURE DIFFERENTLY"; "HEARING THE PARABLES AS JEWISH STORIES"; AND "DEFORMING THE GOOD NEWS: HOW JEWS AND CHRISTIAN MISUNDERSTAND EACH OTHER." FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE WAKEFIELD LECTURE SERIES, YOU MAY GO TO UCCPLYMOUTH.ORG.

"WE ARE THRILLED TO BE ABLE TO WELCOME A SCHOLAR OF DR. LEVINE'S CALIBER TO MANCHESTER," SAID RABBI BETH D. DAVIDSON, "AND WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF THE JFED AND THE CONSTITUENT CONGREGATIONS AND RABBIS WHO ARE MAKING THIS EVENING POSSIBLE. IT IS A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE COMMUNITY CAN DO WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER, AND WE HOPE THOSE INTERESTED WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND WHAT PROMISES TO BE A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING."

THE PROGRAM IS FREE, AND OPEN TO ALL.

The Temple Beth Abraham Sisterhood is sponsoring a Meet the Author night with former Nashua area author Ruth Nemzoff.

There is no fee for the event, and it's about a very relevant topic - spending time with family. The event is on November 7th, 8pm at TBA, giving us attending plenty of time to put Ruth's advice into practice in advance of Thanksgiving!

We are extending invitations throughout the greater Nashua community. If you would, please share the attached flyer with your membership

Shana Tovah,

Shari Zedeck

TBA Sisterhood

Nashua, NH

tbasisterhood@gmail.com

Volunteer at Betenu!

If you have a passion, a talent or a skill,
this is a good time of year
to start lending a hand at Betenu.

It's a highly rewarding experience.

It takes a village!

Please contact the [office](#), if you can help.



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Don't forget to shop through Betenu's link to Amazon.com. Betenu will receive a percentage of the purchase price.

You can shop for books and a million other things through this link. Just go to our website: www.betenu.org, put your cursor over "Search new and used, Amazon.com", and when the cursor changes, click. Or you can enter your search

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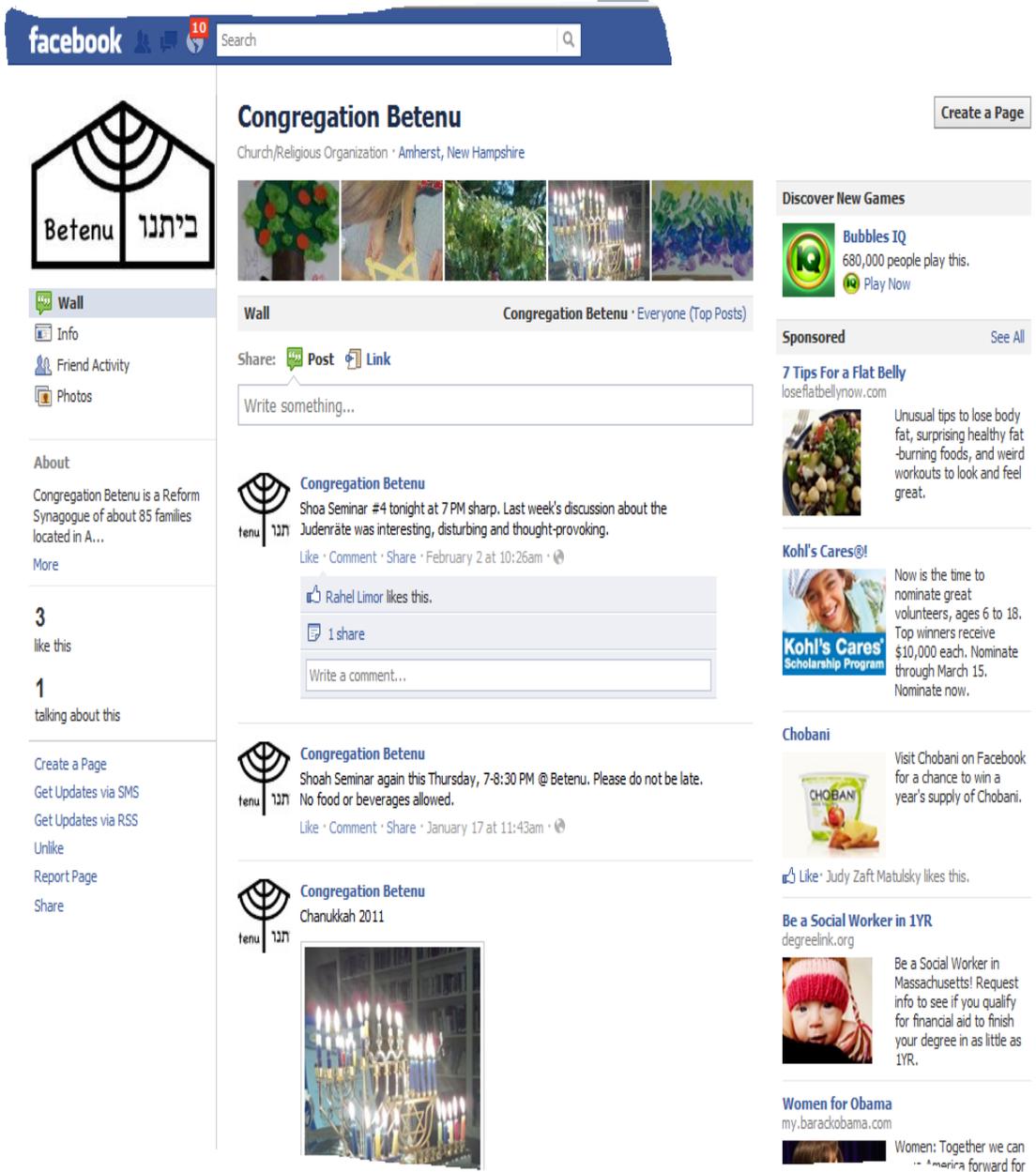
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The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for Congregation Betenu. The page header includes the Facebook logo, a search bar, and a 'Create a Page' button. The profile picture is the Congregation Betenu logo, which features a stylized menorah and the text 'Betenu ביתנו'. The page is categorized as a 'Church/Religious Organization' in Amherst, New Hampshire. A row of five small images is displayed below the header. The main content area shows a post from Congregation Betenu about a Shoa Seminar, with a comment from Rahel Limor and one share. Below this is another post about a Chanukkah 2011 event, accompanied by a photo of a lit menorah. The right sidebar contains several sponsored posts: 'Discover New Games' featuring 'Bubbles IQ', '7 Tips For a Flat Belly' from losefatbellynow.com, 'Kohl's Cares!' for a scholarship program, 'Chobani' for a contest, 'Be a Social Worker in 1YR' from degreelink.org, and 'Women for Obama' from my.barackobama.com.