

# Beth Sholom News

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# Beth Sholom News

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Barry Schlesinger, Rabbi  
Kenneth E. Berger, Rabbi Emeritus

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### May 6-7

Ner shel Shabbat: 7:39 p.m.  
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:45 p.m.  
Torah portion: *Emor*  
*Minhah*: 7:05 p.m.  
*Ma'ariv*: 8:35 p.m.

### May 13-14

Ner shel Shabbat: 7:46 p.m.  
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:45 p.m.  
Torah Portion: *Behar*  
*Minhah*: 7:10 p.m.  
*Ma'ariv*: 8:40 p.m.

### May 20-21

Ner shel Shabbat: 7:53 p.m.  
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:45 p.m.  
Torah Portion: *Bechukotei*  
*Minhah*: 7:20 p.m.  
*Ma'ariv*: 8:50 p.m.

### May 27-28

Ner shel Shabbat: 7:59 p.m.  
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:45 p.m.  
Torah Portion: *Bamidbar*  
*Minhah*: 7:25 p.m.  
*Ma'ariv*: 8:55 p.m.

## KIDDUSH

*Kiddush* on May 7 is sponsored by the David Jaffee and Arlene Shapiro in honor of the *auf ruf* of their son, Scott Shapiro, and Marianne Fives.

*Kiddush* on May 14 is sponsored by Stephen Tencer and Barbara Shupak in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Tova.

*Kiddush* on May 21 is sponsored by Sheri and Craig Tandler in honor of their wedding anniversary, Helena's college graduation and Amanda's high school graduation and by Debra and Michael Popkin in honor of the *auf ruf* of their daughter, Amanda, and Ari Etlinger.

## Dr. Kenneth E. Silver to Speak about Jewish Artists in Paris 1905-1945 on May 16

The Adult Education Committee presents Dr. Kenneth E. Silver as the featured speaker at this year's art lecture sponsored by the Alfred and Rose Buchman Endowment for the Arts on Monday, May 16 at 7:45 p.m.

Dr. Silver's topic is *Rediscovering the Circle of Montparnasse: Jewish Artists in Paris, 1905-1945*, an extension of the exhibition he curated at the Jewish Museum in 1985. Dr. Silver is an engaging speaker and one of the leading experts on this very fertile period in art, one in which many Jews were prominent as artists, dealers, critics, and patrons. Dr. Silver will highlight artists such as Chagall, Modigliani and Soutine while describing the formation of Paris as the center of the art universe for Jews and others, the excitement and tensions for Jews living and working there, and the devastating impact of Hitler's policies.



Dr. Silver is a professor of Modern Art in the Department of Art History at New York University and has curated or co-curated several Award-winning and significant exhibitions. These include *Chaos and Classicism: Art in France, Italy and Germany* at the Guggenheim Museum and several shows at the Jewish Museum including *Sara Bernhardt: The Art of High Drama, JFK and Art, An Expressionist in Paris: The Painting of Chaim Soutine*.

This annual event has been a highlight of our Adult Education program, attracting large audiences from within our congregation and the larger community. Previous speakers have included Daniel Libeskind in 2009 and Dr. Joachim Pissarro in 2010.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

## Notes from the President

We've reached a very exciting yet somewhat bittersweet time at Congregation Beth Sholom. While we continue to bask in the incredible warmth of Rav Barry, we recognize that all too soon it will be time to bid him and Shira a fond farewell as they get ready to return to their home and life in Israel. We know that we will owe this very special man an incredible debt of gratitude for all that he has done for us during the past year.

On the other hand, we are poised to make an official offer to our next spiritual leader and to begin the process of welcoming him and his family to our synagogue community. In just a few weeks, the New Rabbi Search Committee and the Contract Committee will make their official presentations at our biannual Congregation Meeting and the entire congregation will vote on the recommended candidate and contract. Assuming a positive outcome, our transition team will then move in to high gear over the next several months as we look forward to and plan for the next stage in the life of Beth Sholom.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS –  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Sunday, May 1	M & M Yom <i>HaShoah</i> Observance and Brunch  <i>Megillat Yom HaShoah</i> Reading
Monday, May 2	Hazak Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 3	Hazak Schmoozeday  Women's <i>Rosh Hodesh</i> Group
Wednesday, May 4	Board of Trustees Meeting
Saturday, May 7	Lunch and <i>Leyn Siyyum</i>  Rotating Havurah Mega-Event
Sunday, May 8	Gala Lead-Up Class with Stephen Cohen
Monday, May 9	<i>Yom HaZikaron Yom Ha'atzmaut</i> Celebration
Wednesday, May 11	Artists' <i>Beit Midrash</i>
Sunday, May 15	Gala Lead Up Program – Tile Project
Monday, May 16	Buchman Visual Arts Lecture
Wednesday, May 18	Congregation Meeting
Saturday, May 21	Lunch and Learn with Rav Barry
Sunday, May 22	<i>Lag B'omer</i>  Tzipporei Shalom/ Tavim/HaZamir Concert
Tuesday, May 24	Hazak Picnic in Phelps Park
Wednesday, May 25	Artists' <i>Beit Midrash</i> Executive Board Meeting
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day – Office closed

**Notes from the President** *(Continued from page 1)*

As we get ready to move into our synagogue's future, however, I would like to suggest that we take some time to look at our history, to reflect on how we got where we are today, and to thank all of those members who served as our foundation. We have officially designated Saturday, June 4 as our Long-Time Members Shabbat. During Shabbat morning services, we will recognize and celebrate all of our members who have been part of Beth Sholom for at least 36 years. (Included in that celebration will be the folks whose combined membership at Beth Sholom and CBI equals a minimum of 36 years.) Without all of these people who became part of the synagogue before it was a "flagship of the Conservative movement," we would not have the wonderful spiritual home that we have today.

A few of these members were part of Beth Sholom almost from the beginning, as they joined in the 1950s. These pioneers were joined by most of the other people on our list during the 1960s. And the final few joined in the early 1970s. Together they worked hard to turn a small Conservative synagogue into a vibrant, thriving, welcoming community of which we can all be very proud. The list includes seven Past Presidents of Beth Sholom, in addition to many, many people who served as officers, chairs of committees, and other contributors to the life of our synagogue. I'm happy to report that many of them continue to devote their time and energy to Beth Sholom in a variety of ways.

The following list of the members of our "twice Chai club" was compiled from the information in our synagogue database. If you qualify for this honor but were inadvertently left off of our list, or if you know of other members who should be included, please let me know right away. We hope to have the complete list prior to June 4. The following list is in order of seniority, with the members who joined earliest listed first:

Meta Plaut	Ruth Rosenberg
Fay Soloway	Alice Kanrich
Florence Meyer	Eve and Ralph Lee
Nathan Glasser	Naomi and Albert Eichen
Sally Gideon	Natalie and Samuel Epstein
Pearl and Harvey Sorkow	Solomon Plotka
Trude Lorch	Helene and Paul Emanuel
Doris Kohn	Evelyn and Jerome Fisher
Alice Bessen	Evelyn and Isadore Kreele
Mimi Bookstaver	Rose and Randolph Rogers
Ruth and Wally Cowan	Gay Kahn
Miriam and Noe Heitlinger	Harriet Cohen
Shirley and Robert Goldman	Ursula Gundel
Jean and Fred Strauss	Pearl Mendelsohn
Myrna and Jerome Helfgott	Janice and Jerry Rosen
Dorothy Baum	Gloria and Andor Glattstein
Julius Stern and Marlo Schachter	Alma Brotman
Chuck Shain	Ellie and Paul Ellis
Anne and Irving Schupak	Gaby Hereld
Ruth Davis	Reni Schustermann
Eva and Lee Liebmann	Irving Ash
Rita Gruber	Paula and Louis Sheinbaum
Helen and Bob Levine	Gladys and Herb Laden
Sarah and Marvin White	Jean and Selig Milbauer
Lillian Goldstein	Rhoda and Alvin Singer

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Joyce and Mel Fein  
 Harriet and Mel Machanic  
 Tara and Warren Goldman  
 Roberta and Marvin Lew  
 Pauline and Abraham Piller  
 Judy and Jack Solomon  
 Beverly and Norbert Fischer  
 Hedy and Gil Bertan  
 Sandy Liedeker  
 Helen Blecher  
 Marian and Arthur Kugelmass  
 Lois Smith  
 Marianne Schainholz  
 Irene Black  
 Annette and Marvin Faber

Paula Riegel  
 Eric Brunn  
 Evelyn and Charles Indek  
 Judith and Manfred Anson  
 Deanne and Gerald Bernstein  
 Florence and Marvin Roswadowsky  
 Samuel Pollack  
 Judith and Henry Wallenstein  
 Roslyn and Sheldon Goodman  
 Ruth and Robert Adelman  
 Phyllis and Martin Becker  
 Sharon Friedson  
 Gail and Mel Glantz  
 June and Harvey Pearlman

When you see any of the people on the list, please be sure to offer them your thanks. We would also welcome donations to the Kiddush on June 4 in honor of these long-time members. Finally, please be sure to join us during Shabbat morning services on June 4 when we will plan to say *todah rabah* as a community.

*B'shalom,*  
 Karen Mislser

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## Parallel Minyan Notes

The Parallel *Minyan* will meet on May 7 and 21. Rav Barry will teach about on *Parshat Emor* at the Parallel *Minyan* on May 7 and Alex Wulwick will give the d'var Torah on May 21 for *Parshat Bechukotai*.

At recent services, Sue Hodge talked about remembering and forgetting in connection with the Parallel *Minyan* itself on *Shabbat Zachor*. For *Parshat Tazria*, Phil Rhodes talked about poverty and the requirement that everyone should work, if at all possible.

The Parallel *Minyan* starts at 9 a.m. with an informal coffee-and-tea Torah discussion, then continues at 9:30 with davening and an always-different *d'var Torah*. Join us sometime, on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

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## Sisterhood News

Sisterhood Monthly meetings – All Sisterhood members are invited to attend our monthly business meetings scheduled for Monday evenings. Check the listserv and Shabbat announcements for specific dates.

Your continuing support for Sisterhood is appreciated. We hope you will purchase Torah Fund cards; there are cards for every occasion. For more information about Torah Fund cards, contact Karen Kissileff at karenki@optonline.net or (201) 837-8017. You can also complete a Torah Fund contribution envelope found on the table opposite the synagogue office and return it to the Sisterhood mailbox with your check.

## OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD

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## PERSONAL NOTICES ~ MESSAGE BOARD

### **Mazal Tov to:**

- Michael Bye on the engagement of his daughter, Rachel, to Andrew Dulberg of Brookline, Massachusetts
- To the members of the Rabbinic Search Committee and Tu B'Shevat Programming Committee who are being honored by the USCJ Mid-Atlantic District at the Medinat HaGan Awards Dinner on May 5
- Steven Huberman, Founding Dean of Touro College Graduate School of Social Work, on the school's receiving national accreditation

### **Letters from members and friends:**

I am now home in Hackensack completing my recovery from surgery and look forward to resuming my Friday night attendance at services and other shul activities. It has been over two months since I entered HUMC and this is my first chance to thank everyone. First thanks go to Rabbi Barry Schlesinger and Rabbi Kenneth Berger for their words of encouragement and prayers. Second to my wonderful daughter, Susan, who commuted between Atlanta and Hackensack for the whole time. And next to Annette, whose friendship and caring during my illness was most supportive and comforting. Followed by my family, friends of 70 years, friends of 50 years and a current host of members of CBS as my "extended family." And finally, saving the best for last, the angel that has been watching over me for the past 22 years and reporting to his boss (HaShem) who has deemed me worthy of shining his grace upon me. I love you all for your calls, cards, prayers, visits and warm wishes for a speedy recovery.

Sandy Liedeker

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## From the Rabbi

Thoroughly enjoying being at Beth Sholom this year doesn't mean there haven't been challenges. Although e-mail, Skype® and special, reasonable overseas telephone plans have made connecting with our family, children and grandchildren easy, we have missed seeing the kids grow and develop and just being themselves. Of course, we've missed the *Shabbatot* together, the birthdays, the *hagim* and more, but we have also missed seeing and hearing Elisha and Yisca's first-hand experiences about the Army; seeing their uniforms drip-drying on the line in the backyard; getting up with them early on Sunday mornings; taking them to the bus and saying good-bye as they ran off to their respective bases. Yisca has just completed her first year as a corporal in *Gadna*, a military program that prepares Israeli high school kids for their mandatory military service in the Israel Defense Forces. Elisha is a combat soldier in the illustrious "Golani" brigade. He has at least 27 months to go (Oy!).

Being away from Israel means being a bit disconnected from what's happening on the Israeli scene. I miss listening to the news, constantly. I miss *café hafukh* (a really good cappuccino) at Tal Bagel on Emek Refaim. I miss seeing the blue and white Israeli flag on roof tops, and hearing *Hatikva* played late at night as Israeli TV signs off. And during this period of the year, I am missing celebrating *Pesah* and the Israeli national holidays in Israel.

It has been suggested by many that, in a sense, there are two Jewish religions in Israel: a "traditional" one and a "civil" one. For whatever reason, it's the civil one I think unites all those people who believe that Israel is the Zionist homeland of the Jewish people. The traditional Jews congregate in their synagogues on the Pilgrimage festivals – *Pesah*, *Shavuot* and *Sukkot* – and on the High Holidays. They add prayers of thanksgiving for the State of Israel and for the Soldiers of the IDF on *Shabbatot* and *hagim*. They have the *shofar* to motivate them and memorial prayers to help them mourn and remember their loved ones who have passed. The traditional Jews have their prayers and the focal point of their *t'fillot*, *Har Habayit*, the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

Parallel to this we have the "civil" Jewish-Israeli religion with its own holy days, holy places, rituals and customs. After *Pesah*, we will enter the holiday season, with days of remembrance and celebration. Although the entire holiday season will begin on the 27th of *Nisan* and end on the 28th of *Iyar* with *Yom Yerushalayim*, its central "High Holiday" period includes two days of mourning – *Yom HaShoah* and *Yom HaZikaron* (the memorial day for the lost soldiers of Israel and those who were killed in terrorist attacks) – and a day of celebration on *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, Israel's Independence Day.

Parallel to prayer are the modern, somber Israeli songs played on the radio on the days of mourning. These songs are like a national liturgy carefully chosen to set the national tone, creating a mood and atmosphere conducive to personal reflection, soul searching and remembrance. Instead of the *shofar*, the siren, like the *Chatzotrot* (the ritual trumpets which were sounded to unite the people in times of stress), is sounded on *Yom HaShoah* and *Yom HaZikaron*, uniting the people as they stand in silence as one does during the *Kedusha*. Regarding a holy space, parallel to the *Har Habayit*, Israelis flock to the *Batei Almin*, the cemeteries – especially the Military cemetery on Mt. Herzl – to mourn the fallen soldiers and fighters of Israel who sacrificed their lives defending our country.

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At the end of Memorial Day, fireworks light up the skies like a huge Havdala candle, differentiating between mourning and celebration. The same people who hours before cried at the graves of friends and loved ones, are now gathering in town squares to sing, dance and celebrate Israel's independence. The greeting is of course *hag sameah*. On *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, families and friends get together for the annual *mangal* (barbecue) – a festive meal, "religiously" observed with all the trimmings.

Although there is much that divides us Israelis, thank God we are able to join together as citizens, recognizing that we have our national holidays to unite us in turning our "grief to joy and our mourning to a festive day."

I am looking forward to celebrating this Israeli holiday season at Beth Sholom. As in the past, the memorial days and the days of celebration will include both the "traditional" and the "civil" rituals and customs, which have become part and parcel of the culture of CBS, a bastion of religious Zionism.

**Yasher Koah!**

Sometimes we wonder if a small act of *hesed* really makes a difference. For Avital Kessler-Godin, it had a real impact.

Along with her father, Joseph, and one of her sisters, Avital hand-delivered a drawing she made to show how we are supporting our Japanese friends in the wake of the devastating earthquakes and tsunamis that have rocked the country. The drawing affected the members of the Japanese Consulate and even appeared in a Japanese publication:

<http://viewer.nyseikatsu.com/viewer/index.html?edition=344&directory=../editions>

A rough translation of the article follows:

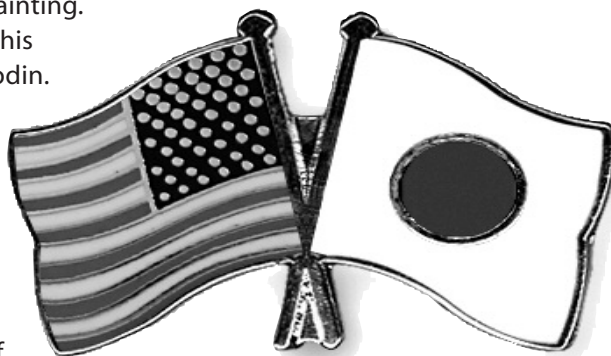
**Painting of USA and Japan Friendship**

The Japanese Consulate in New York has been receiving a lot of messages from Americans. A man with his two daughters visited to Japanese Consulate on March 17 and left this painting.

This was painted by one of his daughters, Avital Kessler-Godin.

It expresses a very warm friendship message with her pure sincere heart.

This picture was shown on FOX-TV on March 18 when Mr. Kawamura of the Japanese Consulate showed gratitude on behalf of the Japanese people to their American friends.



**PERSONAL NOTICES ~ MESSAGE BOARD**

My family and I would like to thank the Beth Sholom community for all your support, caring, meals, donations and especially for coming to minyans at 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., rain or shine. We appreciate all your kind words and stories about Roy. It gave us such a lift. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Lois Smith

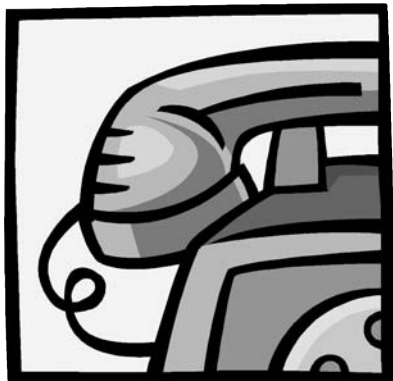
Thank you to our friends at Beth Sholom who offered their support during our recent shiva for Jay's sister. Your kindness and presence during this sad time in our lives strengthened us.

With appreciation for this wonderful community,  
Jay Knopf and Lisa Shulman

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

As a convenience to our members, we gladly accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express for all financial transactions; however, we must pass along the service charges which we pay for these services to you – 4% for Visa or MasterCard and 3% for American Express.

**If you have a suggestion about how we can improve our service to you, our members, please contact the synagogue office.**

**ATTENTION!!!!**

When you know that we called you with a phone message but you were unable to hear the message or you didn't have time to write down the information, here's what you can do:

Call 1 (877) 698-3261 – at the greeting, press "1". After the prompt, enter your own telephone number. (\*If you have more than one telephone number, make sure that you enter the number that we called you on.)

The most recent message will be replayed. You can listen to this message as many times as you like.

**Hazak Happenings**

On behalf of the Hazak Board and all our members, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Lois Smith, her sons Chip, Jody, and Steven, and her grandchildren on the passing of Roy. Congregation Beth Sholom has lost a long-time member and we have lost a good friend. Our thoughts are with them at this difficult time.

The Schmoozeday on April 5, narrated by Kal Goldstein, was an interesting talk and slide presentation on Jewish writers whose Biblical religious art was portrayed through an unusual media of comic illustration.

For our last Schmoozeday of the season, we are pleased and privileged to have Shira Schlesinger, wife of Rav Barry, speak on Tuesday, May 3 on the topic, "What Being a Mother of 7 Soldiers is All About." The program will take place at Shira and Rav Barry's home, 1223 Kensington Road in Teaneck. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, May 24: Hazak will hold its annual end-of-the-year picnic in Phelps Park, Wilson and Sagamore avenues in Teaneck from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a sandwich, Hazak will supply drinks and desserts.

Co-Presidents: Alice Kanrich and Lois Smith

**From the CBS Religious School**

During each school year, the weeks leading up to the *Pesah* holiday are dedicated to preparing the children to be active participants in their family *seders*. The *haggadot*, *seder* plates, matzah covers and "*mesubin*" pillow covers, which they create to use at the seder, remind them of what they learned and help them share that with their families. They are eager to ask the four questions, explain the symbols of the *seder*, discuss various parts of the *Haggadah*, and tell the story of the Exodus from Egypt. And the focus of every *Pesah* lesson is to be mindful of, to appreciate and to be thankful for our freedoms.



This *Pesah* season we were treated to two very special programs. Using the children's own art and pictures from various *Haggadot*, Rav Barry taught a wonderful lesson on the "four sons of the *Haggadah*." Each depiction told something about that Jewish community at that time in Jewish history. While encouraging the children to examine what they perceived to be "wise," "wicked," and "simple" in the artistic representations, the lesson also encouraged the students to remember times when they themselves felt wise, a little wicked, or somewhat speechless. It was a wonderfully enriching lesson on how to take the text of the *Haggadah* and open it up to a rich and meaningful discussion.

On Sunday, April 10, the students got a taste of the pressure felt by our ancestors as they made haste to leave Egypt. As Rav Barry encouraged the children to hurry - the Egyptians were in pursuit! - the children mixed, rolled, pressed and poked their dough into handmade matzot. Then, as a special treat, because what is matzah without a shmear of butter, Rav Barry taught us how to make our own butter. Our older students organized running and passing games for all the children, so that the cream inside the plastic bottles was tossed and shaken into thick, creamy butter. In addition to experiencing an aspect of "*yetziat mitzrayim*" and having great fun, the children created their own delicious treat!

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## From the CBS Religious School *(Continued from page 6)*

Registration for the 2011-12 school year is underway. If you need extra registration forms you can contact the synagogue office. If you have questions about the CBS Religious School I will be happy to speak with you. Please contact me at [religiousschool@cbsteaneck.org](mailto:religiousschool@cbsteaneck.org).

Marilyn Yeshua  
Principal

## Social Action-Tikkun Olam News

Purim Connection – Thank you to the following congregation members who donated to the Israeli Masorti Movement Lone Soldiers Purim Project: Joy Zacharia Appelbaum, Jackie Brickel, Sheila and Gerald Fischer, Rhoda and Kalman Goldstein, Philip Horn, Ellen and Marc Jacobs, Roza Jaffe, Rochelle and Stuart Kaplan, Susan and Howard Lazar, Steven Kugelmass and Ariela Noy, Rose and Randolph Rogers, Menorah and Aubey Rotenberg, and Vicki and Alex Wulwick.

Pre-Passover Collection for the Center for Food Action – Thank you to all who donated for the Pre-Passover Collection.

Passover Food Distribution for Russian-Americans – Thank you to all who donated to the Fred Friesner Fund.

MAZON – Thank you to the congregation members who donated to MAZON. A complete listing will appear in the June Bulletin

Note: We hope you are able to respond to our calls for volunteer assistance requested by the UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey and other volunteer organizations in the region. These requests appear on the CBS listserv from time to time.

Volunteers are always needed to coordinate existing or new activities. Please contact Marilyn Rubin, [rubin@fdu.edu](mailto:rubin@fdu.edu) or (201) 837-8207; Sharon Silow-Carroll, [silow@optonline.net](mailto:silow@optonline.net) or (201) 836-7136; or Judy Solomon, [jackandjudith.solomon@att.net](mailto:jackandjudith.solomon@att.net) or (201) 692-0186.

## Mi Shebeirakh

If you would like a *mi shebeirakh* recited at Shabbat services, whether on behalf of someone who is ill, or in honor of an important occasion, please contact the synagogue office and provide us with the full Hebrew name. This will help assure that the name will be recited correctly. If you prefer, you may share the name with Rav Barry on Shabbat morning and he will include that person in our prayers. You may also say his or her name to yourself from your seat as the names on the list are read, and that person will be included in our prayers, as well. Names will be included on the list for one month, after which you may call again and ask that the name be kept on the list for another month.

Please contact the synagogue office when you, a member of your family, or any Beth Sholomite whom you know, is in the hospital.

## ONGOING CLASSES

**Sunday:** **Adult Education Class**, led by Rabbi Michael Chernick, meets at 9:45 a.m. following morning *minyan*. The class is an in-depth study of the *Siddur*.

**Monday:** **Pilates** with Hedy Weisbart at 7 p.m. (May 2 and 23 only)

**Tuesday:** **Adult Education Class** at 9:30 a.m. with Rav Barry discussing: *Rabbinic Responses to "All the News That's Fit to Print."*

**Yoga with Rachel David** at 7 p.m.

**Bible Study Group** at 8:15 p.m. led by Arthur Konigsberg, will focus on The Book of Jeremiah.

**Ivrit Kallah** with Rav Barry at 8:15 p.m. A weekly class reading the Israeli newspaper, *Sha'ar LaMatchil*, which is in easy Hebrew.

**Wednesday:** **Artists' Beit Midrash**

**Thursday:** **Adult Education Class** at 8:15 p.m. with Menorah Rotenberg on *The Matriarchs, Patriarchs and Joseph: The Transgenerational Transmission of Trauma in the Genesis Saga*. Three consecutive Thursdays, May 5, 12 and 19.

**Friday:** **Torah Talk** with Rabbi Joyce Newmark at 9 a.m.

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## ONGOING CLASSES

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**Shabbat:** *Parsha Ha'Shavuah* meets at 8:15 a.m. each Shabbat morning with a lively discussion of the *parsha*. Each week there is a different leader. Please check your weekly e-mail or the Shabbat bulletin for more information.

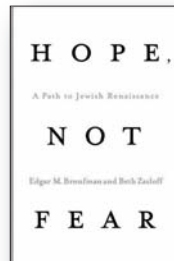
**Seudah Shelishit:** Rav Barry Schlesinger will teach weekly between *minhah* and *ma'ariv*. The class will be on *Midrash Bereishit Rabba*. The *Bereishit Rabba*, a collection of rabbinical interpretations of the Book of *Genesis*.

**Hug Ivri:** an informal study group which meets periodically for reading and discussion of modern Hebrew texts. Meetings and discussion are in Hebrew on selected days one hour before *ma'ariv*. (Check the announcements for meeting dates.)

## Library News

## Adult Books

*Emancipation, How Liberating Europe's Jews from the Ghetto Led to Revolution and Renaissance* by Michael Goldfarb  
A well-researched, excellent history of the emancipation of Europe's 18th and 19th century Jews.



*Hope, Not Fear: A Path to Jewish Renaissance* by Edgar M. Bronfman  
Bronfman offers a thoughtful, passionate new agenda for the Jewish community in North America. Its chapters include discussions on intermarriage, engaging the disengaged, diversity and difference, the Jewish youth movement, the Jewish home and more.

*The Jews of New Jersey: A Pictorial History* by Patricia Ard  
Jews have called New Jersey home since the late 17th century, and they currently make up almost 6 percent of the state's residents. Patricia M. Ard and Michael Aaron Rockland focus on representative Jewish communities throughout the state, paying particular attention to the extraordinary stories of ordinary people.



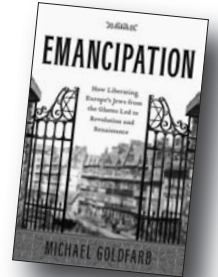
*Wherever You Go* by Joan Leegant  
Set in Jerusalem, this debut novel weaves together the stories of three lives in the grip of a volatile, demanding faith, and ultimately bound together by a tragic act of violence.

## Young Adult Books

*Behind the Bedroom Wall* by Laura E. Williams  
When 13-year-old Korinna Rehme, who is an active member of a Nazi youth group, finds that her own parents are hiding Jews behind the wall of her bedroom, her loyalties are put to the test as she must decide what she really believes and what is the truth.



*No One Must Know* by Eva Wiseman  
Life is good in 1960s America for Alex and her immigrant family. Although her mom is a bit nervous and nobody talks about their life in Hungary, Alex chalks it up to normal family quirks. Alex's idyllic world is turned upside down, however, when she finds out that she is not Catholic, as she believed, but Jewish.



## Theatre Tickets Available

Congregation Beth Sholom is still a member of the School Theatre Ticket Program. Stop by the office and pick up discount coupons for Broadway and Off-Broadway shows.



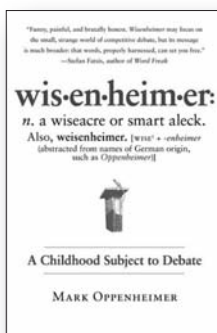
## Book Review

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A Childhood Subject to Debate

by Mark Oppenheimer

review by Susan Marcus



We've all known a person like him - a smart-mouthed kid with a huge vocabulary who is eager to flaunt it. He may annoy everyone, except for his parents and the other adults who find him charming. The other kids may think that he's a pain. Some teachers are enchanted and others are determined to break him. I say him, because in this story and in my recollection, it is always a him, but I will assume that today there's no reason why it couldn't be a her. Anyway, you know what I'm talking about. Maybe you were that kid.

Mark Oppenheimer, the author of this book is one of those kids. He's the offspring of good liberal Jews who tried to do right by him, but, at least according to his book, were often clueless. As a very young child, he had trouble dealing with those his own age and his parents seemed not to notice that. Sent to a good liberal (not religious) elementary school, he butted heads with one of his teachers and his parents didn't rescue him, so his misery continued.

He may have had a huge vocabulary, but if his own account is accurate, he failed to know when to shut up. He also began using his verbal abilities in wicked and mean-spirited ways, via phony phone calls that went beyond stupid or cruel to the point of accusing others of criminal activity. Outright and vicious lies. Somehow, his parents were unaware of this until he got into major trouble and they had to save his neck. The liberal-lawyer dad gave him a lecture about how he was lucky, because had he been from a poor minority family in the Bronx, his neck wouldn't have been salvageable.

Finally, he found an appropriate outlet for his skill - the debate team. Most of the book describes his years of successful debating throughout New England and overseas, as well. He distinguished himself, although he often forgot to watch what he said outside of the debating forum. I also found it amusing how he, as a prep school kid seemed to see himself as a regular guy when compared with the real upper crust kids.

No, he did not become a lawyer. He got a PhD and is a writer. And I think that he learned some self-control.

## In the Community

Sunday, May 8 – **Community Yom HaZikaron Commemoration** at the Bergen County Y, a JCC, in Washington Township at 4:30 p.m. Honor the memory of Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror at this program featuring a performance from Kolot Amal, a youth choir from Nahariya. For information, contact Galeet Lipke at (201) 820-3908 or [galeetl@ujannj.org](mailto:galeetl@ujannj.org)

Wednesday, May 11 – **SAAFE: Save Abused and Frail Elderly** at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck. Learn what you need to know about elder abuse. RSVP by May 7 to (201) 833-1322. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

## HAVE YOU TRIED THE CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM LISTSERV YET?

All you have to do is send an e-mail to: [congregation-beth-sholom-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:congregation-beth-sholom-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Include your name in the subject line (so we can recognize who you are) and click "send." We'll do the rest and you will be added on to the YahooGroup and will receive interesting and important information.

Are you already a member of the listserv?

If so, and you want to send an appropriate message to the other participants, just send a message to [congregation-beth-sholom@yahoogroups.com](mailto:congregation-beth-sholom@yahoogroups.com) and it will be posted onto the listserv (no off color jokes, please).

It's that easy! If all else fails, call the synagogue office at (201) 833-2620 with any questions.

Do you require Notary services? Services are available free of charge for all members. Just call the office and schedule an appointment.

## Celebrations and Life Cycle Events

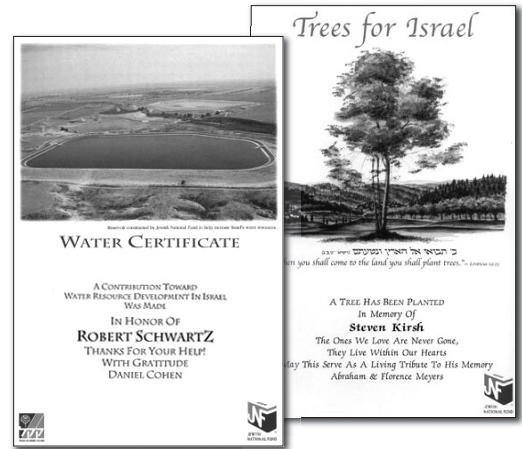
What better way to say I LOVE YOU or show how much you care when you have a new baby, a special birthday, *bar/bat mitzvah*, engagement, wedding or anniversary than to purchase a leaf on our beautiful Tree of Life in the main lobby? The cost is very reasonable:

- 1 line: \$54
- 2 lines: \$72
- 3 lines: \$90

Call Janice Rosen at (201) 833-2080 and place your order today.

### Ongoing Projects:

- **Mitzvah Fund** monies always appreciated, helping our members in grief, sickness, and joy. Your support is needed.
- **JNF Water Fund Certificate:** \$18 each. Supports needed water reservoirs in Israel. Call JNF directly at (800) 542-8733 or (516) 678-6805.
- **JNF Trees to support Israel:** Call Irene Black at (201) 837-4126 for assistance; the price is \$12 a tree.



## Yahrzeits

We lovingly recall the memory of the following congregants and relatives during the month of May, 27 Nisan to 27 Iyar.

Lillian Freidenreich	28 Nisan *	Harry Shane	3 Iyar
Arthur Gruber	28 Nisan	Dr. Hana Simonson	3 Iyar
Jack Cohen	29 Nisan *	Raye Stokamer	3 Iyar
Louis Wagenheim	29 Nisan	Sheilah Weisman	3 Iyar
Juda Bernstein	30 Nisan	David Weissman	3 Iyar
Marcus Fried	30 Nisan *	Israel Edward Black	4 Iyar
Miriam Matsil	30 Nisan	Moshe Dworkin	4 Iyar *
Benjamin Meyerson	30 Nisan	Herbert Evers	4 Iyar
Martin Rieber	30 Nisan *	Julius Finkelstein	4 Iyar *
Freda Greenfield	1 Iyar	Max Slovis	4 Iyar
Rose Jacobs	1 Iyar	Isidor Nagler	5 Iyar
Lina Rosenthal	1 Iyar	Malvina Oppenheim	5 Iyar
George Duchinsky	2 Iyar	Philip Schupak	5 Iyar
Emanuel Kahn	2 Iyar	Lena Shupak	5 Iyar
Philip Tiktinsky	2 Iyar	Josef Simon	5 Iyar
Breunle Wallenstein	2 Iyar	Abe Singer	5 Iyar
Hyman Yagoda	2 Iyar	Hyman Topel	5 Iyar *
Harry Adelson	3 Iyar	Selma Ansbacher	6 Iyar *
Harold Davis	3 Iyar *	Benjamin Fein	6 Iyar *
Anna Gittell	3 Iyar	Barbara Gould	6 Iyar
Anna Laden	3 Iyar	Beatrice Mirken	6 Iyar
Leonard Laden	3 Iyar	Tessie Schwartz	6 Iyar
Gloria Oppenheim	3 Iyar	Max Steuer	6 Iyar

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**Yahrzeits** *(Continued from page 10)*

Benjamin Zahn	6 Iyar *	Bernard Rubin	14 Iyar *
Nelson D. Bookstaver	7 Iyar *	Sidney Soltz	14 Iyar
Jacob Davis	7 Iyar	Hadasa Blank	15 Iyar
Harry Feigenbaum	7 Iyar	Belle Cooper	15 Iyar
Edith Fierman	7 Iyar *	Anna Gingold	15 Iyar
Henry Gould	7 Iyar	David Goldrich	15 Iyar *
Louis W. Grimley	7 Iyar *	Natalie Gross	15 Iyar
Heinrich Herzog	7 Iyar	Bernard Hellerbach	15 Iyar
Meyer Lemonick	7 Iyar	Yaacov Katz	15 Iyar
Robert Moss	7 Iyar	Louis Nemlich	15 Iyar
Frank Zizmor	7 Iyar *	Yetta Standig	15 Iyar
Jack Solomon	8 Iyar *	Harry Steinberg	15 Iyar
Fred Tieger	8 Iyar	Abraham Weinstein	15 Iyar
Samuel Chernick	9 Iyar	Eugene Fischbach	16 Iyar
Tobias Hoffman	9 Iyar	Jean Goor	16 Iyar *
Ida Kaplan	9 Iyar	Eli Matsil	16 Iyar
Louis Schapiro	9 Iyar *	Josef Lichtenauer	17 Iyar
Abraham Telzer	9 Iyar	Max Feuer	18 Iyar
Arnold Zelig	9 Iyar	Max Fierman	18 Iyar *
Manny Caplan	10 Iyar *	Louis Kessler	18 Iyar
Carl Eskin	10 Iyar *	Abram Krupnik	18 Iyar
Sara Klein	10 Iyar *	Sara Resnick	18 Iyar
Fromine Oppenheim	10 Iyar	Bertha Schneider	18 Iyar *
Paul Saposh	10 Iyar *	Ida Schnoll	18 Iyar *
Fred Simon	10 Iyar	Cecelia Helfgott	19 Iyar
Sophia Sprung	10 Iyar *	Jennie Raphael	19 Iyar
Morris Weissblum	10 Iyar	Bert S. Baum	20 Iyar
Mira Fridman	11 Iyar	Beckie Greenberg	20 Iyar *
Irving Goldfarb	11 Iyar	Louis Moskowitz	20 Iyar
Israel L. Goldfarb	11 Iyar	Louis Polunsky	20 Iyar
Regina Goldstein	11 Iyar *	Samuel Rosenhouse	20 Iyar *
Mila Karfinkel	11 Iyar *	Irving Rudnick	20 Iyar *
Victor Wouk	11 Iyar	Milton Seaman	20 Iyar
Hyman Elish	12 Iyar	Roslyn Stiebel	20 Iyar
Thomas Kernes	12 Iyar	Sadie Sundel	20 Iyar *
David Millstein	12 Iyar	Henry Bergman	21 Iyar
Arnold Soloway	12 Iyar *	Eli Emanuel	21 Iyar
Dorothy Alter	13 Iyar	Ghita Fried	21 Iyar
Israel Dietz	13 Iyar *	Solomon Levine	21 Iyar
Aron Goldschlager	13 Iyar	Louis Caplan	22 Iyar *
Louis Kalman Tulbowitz	13 Iyar *	Herb Cooper	22 Iyar
Simon Schuster	13 Iyar	Jacob Lang	22 Iyar
Bertha Friedman	14 Iyar	S. David Synes	22 Iyar *
Joseph Handler	14 Iyar	Marcus Colman Gilman	23 Iyar
Beatrice Meyer	14 Iyar *	Norman Kalfus	23 Iyar
Sarah Posen	14 Iyar *	Abraham Goldstein	24 Iyar

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## Yahrzeits *(Continued from page 11)*

Wilmur Arthur Gross	24 Iyar	Reuben Aronow	26 Iyar
Yetta Kravitz	24 Iyar	Sophie Calem	26 Iyar *
Ernest D. Machanic	24 Iyar	Anna Duchinsky	26 Iyar
Herman Ravnitzky	24 Iyar	Gerta Reinstein-Levy	26 Iyar
Minna Zuckerman	24 Iyar	Hilda Lena Fisherman	27 Iyar
Edward King	25 Iyar	Curtis Hereld	27 Iyar
Rubin Nevit	25 Iyar	Frieda Horowitz	27 Iyar
Matilda Nussbaum	25 Iyar	Gussie Simmons	27 Iyar
Josef Rosenbaum	25 Iyar	Bella Tekel	27 Iyar
Irving Rosenthal	25 Iyar	Martin Werner	27 Iyar
Jean Simon	25 Iyar	Joseph White	27 Iyar *

\* Indicates those who have a plaque in the Sanctuary.

Members may order memorial plaques to honor the memory of their loved ones by calling the synagogue office during business hours.

## April 2011 Donations

### In memory of Roy Smith, husband of Lois and father to Howard, Jody and Steven

- Joy Appelbaum to the Rabbi Barry Schaeffer Memorial Fund
- Beryl and Ivan Bresgi to the Hesed Fund
- Ellie and Paul Ellis to the Prayer Book Fund for a siddur
- Gail and Mel Glantz to the General Fund
- Tara and Warren Goldman to the General Fund
- Lillian Goldstein to the Hazak Fund
- Miriam and Noe Heitlinger to the General Fund
- Gaby Hereld to the Hazak Fund
- Alice Kanrich to the Hazak Fund
- Susan and Howard Lazar to the Hesed Fund
- Janice and Norman Levin to the Jewish Education Scholarship Fund
- Marcia Levy to the General Fund
- Roberta and Marvin Lew to the Rabbi Barry Schaeffer Memorial Fund
- Eva and Lee Liebmann to the Prayer Book Fund for a siddur
- Annette Katz Matsil to the Hazak Fund
- Margo Moss to the Rob Moss Fund
- Pauline and Abraham Piller to the Rabbi Barry Schaeffer Memorial Fund
- Marianne Schainholz to the Hazak Fund
- May Scharfglass to the Hazak Fund
- Hilda and Howard Schultz to the Kiddush Fund
- Reni Schustermann to the Hesed Fund
- Chuck Shain to the Hesed Fund
- Pearl and Harvey Sorkow to the General Fund
- Jean and Fred Strauss to the Hazak Fund

### In honor of the 62nd wedding anniversary of Fran and Abe Morgenstern

- Irene Melamed to the M & M Fund
- Abby, Arnie, and Corey Winkler to the M & M Fund

### Fred Friesner Maot Hitim Fund

- Ruth and Wally Cowan
- Barry Feigenbaum and Karen Misler
- Lorna and Mark Pascal in memory of Mark's father, Paul
- Linda and Eddie Zizmor

### General Fund

- Sally Gideon in memory of her husband, Max, on his yahrzeit
- Debbie and Nadav Nahshon in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Matan Mann
- Mary and Rabbi Ned Soltz in memory of Ned's father, Sidney, on his yahrzeit

### Hesed Fund

- Sheila and Gerald Fischer in honor of Evie and Charles Indek's 50th anniversary

### Jewish Education Scholarship Fund

- Annette Katz Matsil in loving memory of her husband, Eli Matsil, on his fifth yahrzeit

### Kiddush Fund

- Sally and Mike Seymour in honor of aliyah for their 39th wedding anniversary

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Ilana and Saul Picker

















