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From Our Rabbi: From Heartbreak to Hope

Bein Ha Mitzrim – Between the Straits: July 19 – August 9 -- Heartbreak

As we enter the month of August, we find ourselves in the middle of the three-week period from the 17th of Tammuz to the 9th of Av – *Tisha b'Av*. If you live your Jewish life with one foot planted in our history and one foot planted in modernity, this is a very conflicted time.

On the one hand, quoting from one of my favorite Jews – George Gershwin: *Summer Time, when the living is easy*. This is the time of outdoor musical concerts, pool parties, barbecues, a time to relax and enjoy life. On the other hand, beginning with the minor fast of the 17th of Tammuz (July 19), this time marks the siege of Jerusalem, culminating in the destruction of the Temple in 586 B.C.E., by the Babylonians. The entire ordeal is recorded in heartbreaking detail in the *Book of Lamentations, Eicha*, reputedly written by the prophet Jeremiah, who provides us with an eyewitness account of the deprivation and of the heartbreak.

During this three-week period, traditional Jews do not attend live music concerts, they do not go swimming, they abstain from eating meat (some even abstain from laundering their clothes) during the last ten days leading up to *Tisha B'Av*. Throughout New Castle County, across the Jewish denominational spectrum, you will be hard-pressed to find a rabbi or cantor who will perform a wedding in keeping with this 2500-year tradition of affecting mourning behavior in the three weeks leading up to *Tisha B'Av*.

Tisha B'Av – Monday night, August 8 & Tuesday morning, August 9 -- Heartbreak

Lest it seem unclear why all the gloom – come to services, **9:00pm, Monday evening, August 8th**, and see for yourselves. You will enter a darkened, candle-lit Levin Chapel, with the *Aron Ha Kodesh* opened and bereft of its Torah scrolls. You will be welcomed to take a spot on the floor (chairs available for the back-challenged). After a brief *Maariv* service, gifted chanters from throughout our Jewish Delaware community will use the soul-stirring elegiac *Eicha* trope to recreate the tragic final days of Jerusalem during the First Temple period. *Tisha B'Av* services will continue at **7:30am, Tuesday, August 9th**, with an abridged reprise of sections of *Eicha*. Aside from Yom Kippur, *Tisha B'Av* is the only other full 24-hour fast day on the Jewish ritual calendar.

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Education Watch

Registration forms for the Hebrew School are now available on the Beth Shalom website. Classes are offered for preschoolers (Halutzim) through high school (confirmation program), and all grades in between. Contact Dina Lipschultz, 654-0154, or dina@cbswilmde.org for more information!

Watch Your Mailboxes... High Holy Days Mailer is Coming Soon!

Every August it happens! We lament the heat, we find that last-minute vacation to escape before summer's end, and we begin to pay attention (a little more) to the Hebrew Calendar. While many of you may know that the High Holy Days come in late September this year, and you would be right, what you may not know is that we have already been planning for several months.

Later this month, so long as you are current in your financial obligations, you will receive a packet for the 2011/5772 High Holy Days, including: information on tickets, youth and family programming fundraising opportunities, and ways to make the High Holy Days more meaningful.

On behalf of the entire High Holy Days team, we wish you a healthy and happy new year.

*B'Shalom,
Hayim Seth Weiss, High Holy Days Chair 5772*



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On this day we remember all the sad events which have beset the Jewish people on the Ninth of Av, including the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E., the expulsion of the Jews of England in the 12th century, the expulsion of the Jews of France in the 13th century, the Spanish Expulsion in 1492, and the outbreak of World War One in 1914 – the tragic outcome of which lay the seeds for the Holocaust to follow. All these events heighten the feeling of heartbreak.

Tu B'Av – Monday, August 15 -- Hope

As soon as *Tisha B'Av* is over, our mood lifts to one of hope, *tikvah*. Six days later, on the 15th of Av, called *Tu B'Av*, Jews especially in Israel, celebrate a day of love, reminiscent of Valentine's Day. The Talmud (tractate *Ta'anit*) recalls on this date how eligible young Jewish maidens would dance in the vineyards of Jerusalem, awaiting their young suitors. Traveling on the local *Eged* buses through downtown Jerusalem and fashionable *Emek Rephaim* in the German Colony, it is not uncommon to pass by card stores promoting *Chag Ha Ahav* and *Tu B'Av* cards, along with pink hearts, along with similar promotions at florists. This is one of the benefits that comes with living in the State of Israel, with its Jewish majority and a collective Jewish memory. With love comes hope, *tikvah* – the hope of a Jewish future.

Even though we live in the *galut* of Delaware, there is no reason why we cannot replicate the romantic gestures of our Jewish homeland by making **Monday, August 15th** a day of romance for the loved ones in our lives, with flowers, cards, perhaps a romantic candlelit dinner on *Erev Tu B'Av*, on Sunday evening, August 14th. Every marriage needs a romantic pick-me-up, and your Rabbi has just presented a perfect excuse to be a good spouse, backed up by 1500 years of rabbinic tradition. With love, there is always hope.

Rosh Hodesh Elul- Wednesday, August 31 – Hope

Rosh Hodesh Elul marks the beginning of the wedding season among traditional Jews, in part because of the abbreviation associated with the Hebrew month of *Elul* – *Ani l'dodi v'dodi li* – I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine (taken from *Shir Ha Shirim – The Song of Songs*). With weddings come the beginnings of new Jewish families, a time of hope.

Aside from Shabbat, every day during the month of *Elul*, morning services are culminated with the blowing of the *shofar*. Its blasts not only herald the coming of the High Holy Day season, a time filled with hope, but also a wake-up call to do *teshuvah* now, to seek forgiveness from friends and family, and to accept requests of forgiveness from others who may have injured you.

At Beth Shalom, High Holy Days will begin a serious effort to conclude our Capital Completion Campaign – a time of hope for our congregation. With the paying off of this debt, not only will our newly renovated synagogue be secure, but efforts can be made to reinvest in new programs and initiatives to enrich the spiritual life of our community. None of this can happen until the Capital Completion Campaign is successfully completed. This is truly a time of hope not just for the Jewish community as a whole, but specifically for our Congregation Beth Shalom community.

Rabbi Michael Beals

From Our President: Report from the 89th Annual Meeting

On Tuesday evening, June 28th, we held the 89th Annual Meeting of Congregation Beth Shalom. I would like to first thank the Men's Club for providing very enjoyable desserts prior to the meeting. I want to thank Cantor Ruth for the beautiful rendition of our secular national anthem, and to thank her for her interesting and inspiring D'var Torah.

I would like to start out by extending a heartfelt thank you to many people who have provided me with invaluable assistance during my first year as President. There have been challenges, but there have been an equal number of accomplishments that I am proud of that have made Congregation Beth Shalom a better place for our members. It has been a busy year here at CBS.

As you are aware, we changed the start time for our Friday evening Shabbat service to 6:30pm. Many of you welcomed that decision, while others expressed to me your concerns with the change. The Executive Committee and the Religious Life Committee, in conjunction with our clergy, recognized the fact that attendance had dropped for Friday night services, especially among young families. Accordingly, it was our belief that moving the start time from 8:00pm to 6:30pm would make it easier for families with young children, and those who did not want to be out late on a Friday evening, to be able to come to more services. We have incorporated a happy half-hour that allows some time for some wine and a nosh, as well as some socializing, before the start of the evening service. Our clergy tries to complete the services in approximately 45 minutes so that people can have their Shabbat dinners at reasonable times. We have not changed the 9:30 start time on Saturday mornings, and our clergy are completing the majority of Saturday morning services before noon. We are trying to make sure we have some sort of Kiddush after each Saturday morning service.

This is a good segue into what we have to look forward to over the next year. We have approximately twenty (20) B'nei Mitzvah coming up over the next year. This is something we should all be extremely proud of, and we should be supporting our B'nei Mitzvah students and families by attending their respective Bar and Bat Mitzvot.

While we did have a dues increase this past year, the Board and our professional staff are constantly looking at ways to offset the necessity of dues increases to meet increasing expenses. Lisa Driban, our VP of Fundraising, has had some successful social events, and she has organized and is running our scrip program. We are now selling scrip for Acme Markets, ShopRite, Giant Foods, Shell gas stations, Walgreens, Rite-Aid, and through an internet link, many other merchants. You can find out more information regarding scrip on our website.

Recently, we celebrated the confirmation of four students. It had been a while since we had a confirmation class. With the strong encouragement of our rabbi, our confirmation class is once again active, and we are strongly encouraging our post B'nei Mitzvah students to continue in a Hot Topics class and confirmation class.



As we move forward, some of the exciting new developments you will see here at Beth Shalom include:

- Wireless internet service will be available throughout the building – details will be posted on our web site and in the Kol Shalom;
- We now have a CBS marketplace available on our web site. It is similar to E-Bay where a seller can post an item for sale and the seller will negotiate directly with a potential buyer. A percentage of the final agreed-upon sale price is donated to Beth Shalom;
- The Board of Directors is diligently moving forward to obtain and have installed a new sign for the front of our building that would incorporate our new logo. We are trying to have the sign installed before High Holy Days;
- I want to have more Adult Education programs available beginning this Fall;
- I want more teenage education programs available this fall;
- And, this Spring, we will be having a fantastic gala event to celebrate Beth Shalom's 90th Anniversary in the Wilmington Jewish community. Details of the event will be coming shortly.

In closing, I want to thank you for the trust you have instilled in me to continue as your President for another year. It truly is a very time-consuming position with tremendous responsibility. I intend to resume my bi-weekly Sunday office hours when Hebrew School starts again at the end of the summer. While not too many people visited with me during my office hours this past year, which I suppose means things are not so bad, I would encourage more of you to come and see me, not to only raise an issue of concern, but to tell me what you like about CBS, and what we can do as a Board of Directors to make it even better.

Thank you.

Peter Burcat
President

2011 Annual Meeting Recognitions

PRESIDENT'S AWARD: JOYCE KAUFMANN

This year, I wanted to recognize a person who has devoted countless hours of volunteer work for our congregation. She assumed a responsible position that ensures that every person who enters our synagogue has the opportunity to see her work. The fruits of her labor are seen not only in our Synagogue, but also in many of our homes. In addition, she had volunteered additional time to serve as a CBS Board Member.

This year, at the Annual Meeting, I was very honored to present the President's Award to Joyce Kaufmann.

Joyce has been running our Gift Shop and constantly brings in new and beautiful Judaic works of art for the Gift Shop. The items in the Gift Shop window are constantly changing, which opens a new, and exciting, view of art that can vary from week to week. Proceeds from the items that are sold in the Gift Shop are used to help our congregation's general operating fund.

Joyce's name has been added to the plaque in the atrium that lists past recipients of the President's Award.

Thank you Joyce and thank you Ira for all that you do for Congregation Beth Shalom!
Peter Burcat, President

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, IRA HORDEN

This year, I wanted to recognize a person who has devoted countless hours of volunteer work for our congregation. Very often, many of our congregants do not personally see the work that he does, yet each and every one of us reaps the benefits of everything he does. Imagine sitting in services, especially in the back of the social hall during High Holy Days, and not being able to hear the Rabbi or Cantor. Long days would become even longer. Or, attending a social event at CBS and having the lighting either not working, or working improperly so you cannot enjoy the social event. There is one person in particular to thank for these benefits that we have taken for granted.

It is truly a testament of how much volunteer work he does in our community when he is recognized with an award by both the JCC and Congregation Beth Shalom in the same year.

This year, Congregation Beth Shalom's Volunteer of the Year Award was presented at the Annual Meeting to Ira Horden.

SIMHAT TORAH HONOREES: MEL PELL (HATTAN) AND ELAINE SCHMERLING (KALLAH)

Every once in a while, we get the chance to honor people who do great things for our synagogue and our community. Often these people are not looking to be honored or thanked or even recognized for their "small" contribution to the greater good. But, when you do have the opportunity, it is truly a blessing to publicly thank them for everything they have done (and continue to do) for us. It is therefore humbling that we announce today our Simhat Torah Honorees, Mel Pell as Hattan and Elaine Schmerling as Kallah of the Torah.

As you may know, both Mel and Elaine have given the synagogue rare treats. Mel has been a Torah reader and lay service leader for many years. Having gone to IMUN, a program to refine lay service leaders sponsored by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Mel has made a point of reading some of the more intricate, lengthy, and daunting Torah portions, which befuddle many experienced Torah readers. Additionally, Mel recently completed his term as VP of Administration of our synagogue, ensuring the smooth operations of our synagogue and its staff.

Elaine has been Beth Shalom's gardener and green thumb for many years. Not only has she taken the inspired vision from Rabbi Beals to make a Biblical Garden around our synagogue home, but has tirelessly maintained and enhanced its overall beauty for us all to enjoy. When not in the garden, Elaine also serves on the Va'ad HaKashruth of Delaware Board, ensuring that kashrut be maintained in our synagogue and in other institutions throughout our community.

We are very proud to honor Mel and Elaine. The Congregation is encouraged to make contributions in recognition of their honor. Complete details of our celebration will be forthcoming in the High Holy Days mailer.

B'shalom,
Hayim Seth Weiss
High Holy Days Chair 5772

Birthday Wishes & Special Anniversaries

We would like to extend Birthday and Anniversary greetings to members of our Beth Shalom Family this month. If a birthday or anniversary date was inadvertently left off, please contact the Beth Shalom Office (302-654-4462) so we can update our records. Mazel Tov and Best Wishes!

August 2

Lillian Kessler
Jay Rappaport

August 3

Molly Adelman
Rachel Bailey
Joseph Nicholson

August 4

David Alonzo

August 5

Howard Kristol

August 6

James Davis
Richard Longwill

August 7

Kevin Gross
Irvin Levin

August 8

Dorothy Finger
Barry Kanofsky

August 9

Jack Fink
Karin Karel

August 10

Michael Dukart
Loly Farnos

August 11

Adele Ross

August 12

Maya Krasker
Judith Lewis

August 13

Jake Grant
Mathew Schwartz

August 14

David Crain
Richard Crosby
Marilyn Weiner

August 15

Lawrence Lehrfeld

August 16

Beth Giffin
Jessica Imber
Shelly Kanofsky
Stephanie Saran

August 17

Barbara Blumberg

August 19

Hinda Fink
Pamela Finkelman
Mitchell Greenberg
Jacob Richman
Jesse Saran

August 20

Howard Borin
Suzanne Grant
Jonathan Kaufmann

August 21

Laurie Hazen
Charles Kaufmann

August 22

Rachel Appelbaum
Selinda Melnik
Deborah Ross

August 23

Frances Ratner

August 24

Leonard Dwares

August 25

Ari Levin
Sharon Saliman

August 26

Ira Binder
Jordan Cipolla
Harriet Sachs
Linda Seidenstat
Ginger Weiss

August 27

Steven Dombchik
Bryna Rappaport

August 28

Rachel Epstein
Faye Goldstein
Sandra Solomon
Jessica Stiner
Selma Weiner

August 29

Felisha Alderson
Andrew McDermott

August 30

Abraham Bailis

August 31

Preston Becker
Allen Friedland
Susan Leigh

ANNIVERSARIES

Susan & Joseph Nicholson (8/1)
Anita & Edward Sobel (8/3)
Paula & Bruce Epstein (8/4)
Ellen & Robert Meyer (8/7)
Harriet & Alfred Remsen (8/8)
Phyllis & Alan Fink (8/11)
Beth Moscow & Barry Schnoll (8/11)
Eva & N. Howard Weissman (8/12)
Kathy & Seth Bloom (8/14)
Erin & Paul Heintzelman (8/16)
Jill & Ralph Downard (8/17)
Peri & Joseph Gillman (8/17)
Suzanne & Stuart Grant (8/17)
Harriet & Marvin Sachs (8/20)
Elissa Green & Michael Beals (8/21)
Ellisha & Nigel Caplan (8/21)
Rhoda & Steven Dombchik (8/21)
Carolyn & Philip Fuhrman (8/21)
Bonnie & Saul Surrey (8/21)
Phyllis & Norman Aerenon (8/22)
Nancy & Jay Blumberg (8/23)
Debra & Jerome Nachlis (8/25)
Annette & Robert Aerenon (8/26)
Tamara & Mark Albom (8/26)
Barbara & Stuart Felzer (8/26)
Debra & Charles Goodman (8/28)
Berta & Arnold Kerr (8/28)
Sylvia & Theodore Zutz (8/28)
Shelly & Martin Mand (8/29)
Marilyn & Samuel Weiner (8/29)
Frances Ratner & Steven Biener (8/30)
Elisa & Bret Morris (8/30)
Bonnie & Nathan Zahn (8/31)



Looking for a special place to celebrate your simcha?

Beth Shalom can do it! Call the synagogue office and speak with our Executive Director, Merrill Dorph, (302) 654-4462, about celebrating your special day with Beth Shalom!

It is the custom in our congregation at Shabbat Services to read aloud prior to the recitation of kaddish the names of those whose yearzeit occurs in the upcoming week. We are providing the names here for you, so that you can help us make a Minyan, allowing kaddish to be recited for those in mourning or whose custom it is to recite the kaddish.

8/1/2011

Ira Bucholtz
Sylvia Hurschman

8/2/2011

Israel Spiller
Jean Drowos
Morris Greenhouse
Rose Orgiefsky
Sadie Grodsky

8/3/2011

Bertha Rossman
Elsie Eisner Wachtel
Harry Dukart
Jeannette Podolsky
Nathan Brandes

8/4/2011

Esther Handelman
Henrietta Miller

8/5/2011

Aaron Matter
Louis Levy
Rose Harris
Samuel Kaufman
Seymour Matusoff
Tillie Grossman

8/6/2011

Freda Wilderman
Jacob Berman
Lena Harrison
Sadie Stopeck Glassman
Samuel Carlis

8/7/2011

Charles Lipstein
Charles H. Greenwald
Edith Schwarz
Fannie Rosenfeld
Hannah Brown
Harold Fineman
Harry Mudrick
Hyman Sommers
Jack Feinberg
Louis Jacobs
Minnie Ehrenfeld
Robert Chernuchin

8/8/2011

Benjamin Sklut
Emil Levinson
Eugene Weiner
Isaac Sayer
Nathan Spiegel
Paula Shure

8/9/2011

Abraham Berman
Anna K. Sherr
Beatrice Wertheimer
Edna G. Cohen
Herbert Cook
Hyman Lewis
Hyman Polsky
Jack Stape
Melvin Jacobson
Morton Sklut
Moshe Tomases
Myer Goldman

8/10/2011

Jack Spinner
Saul Harad
William Ziering

8/11/2011

Hilda Wolitz
Mollye H. Sklut
Samuel Hochman

8/12/2011

Anna Sayer
Annette K. Goldberg
Dorothy Berkowitz
Harold Holob
Herman Berger
Sam Eisenstat

8/13/2011

Esther Rosenthal
Marilyn C. Shapiro
Sylvia Rochlin

8/14/2011

Bernhard Gordon
Bessie Gubkin
Eda Fruchtmann
Goldie Ilowite
Isaac Krigstein
Mary Siegel

8/15/2011

Anna Ariff
Irvin Goldberg
Robert Lewis
Ruth Silverman
Sadie Taub
Toby Colton
William Schwartz

8/16/2011

Dora Feldman
Irving Sadowsky
Ralph Tomases
Samuel Closic

8/17/2011

Harry Carsch
Pauline Silber
Ruth Richter
Sylvia Laub
Temma Tanzer

8/18/2011

Jack Schwartz
Maurice Siegelman
Robert Lisansky

8/19/2011

Ann B. Young
Bessie Cohen
Celia Horner
Ida Goldstein
Morris Leibowitz

8/20/2011

Albert Baskin
Dora Neumann Ball
Freda Evans
Harry Harrison
Hilda Chesler
Lepa Breskman
Solomon Goldberg
Walter Cloud

8/21/2011

Alice Raphaelson
Helen Raphaelson
I. Paul Drowos
John Stone Bassett
Julius Finkelman
Martin Kantar
Maurice Judd

8/22/2011

Freda Klein
George J. Meyers
George L. Block
Irving Wortman
Jack Portnoy
Jeno Lieberman
Lena Spivack
Max Weiner
Robert Donner

8/23/2011

Benjamin Schwartz
Gilbert Spiegel
Joseph C. Haefelin
Pinkus Sandler
Rose Weiner
Sholom Goldberg

8/24/2011

Adolph Berman
Charlotte Fischer
Ludwig Pariser
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8/25/2011

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Tibor Ray

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8/28/2011

Alan Abrams
 Anne Garber
 Joyce Schneider
 Julius Cooper
 Leonard Kanofsky
 Louis Turnauer
 Mildred Langerman
 Millie Byer

8/29/2011

Benjamin Leader
 Frank Goldman
 Isador Swinger
 Jennie Evans
 Leo Gold
 Marjory Stone
 Mildred M. Kasser
 Ronald Kaufman

8/30/2011

Abraham Stromwasser
 Bessie Erdos
 David C. Cooper
 Doris Reding
 Hedwig Freimark
 Hyman Hamburger
 Ida Kristol

Joseph Rhodes

Leon Tanzer
 Maurice Goodman
 Samuel Kopperman
 Sybil Berger

8/31/2011

Annie Cohen

more than a cooking competition, it's a kugel celebration!

KUGELMANIA
2011

Sunday, September 18

Details in the September Kol Shalom

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 23, 2011, 7:00pm

Professor Benjamin Gampel

Jewish Theological Seminary

"Jew and Muslim"

"Cooperation and Conflict in Historical Perspective"

Sponsored by the Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation

Details in the October Kol Shalom

DON'T FORGET: ARTICLES ARE DUE BY THE 8TH OF EVERY MONTH

**Fighting the Fires of Hate:
 America and the Nazi Book
 Burnings**

*A traveling exhibit of the
 United States Holocaust Museum at the
 Wilmington Public Library*

We Jews are known as "The People of the Book", so it seems particularly horrible when we learn about the deliberate destruction of books. That is just what happened on May 10, 1933, in the early months of Nazi control of Germany, when the German Students Association burned upwards of 25,000 "un-German" books in public bonfires. The works of Jewish and non-Jewish authors included Helen Keller, Albert Einstein, Erich Maria Remarque, Margaret Sanger, Upton Sinclair, Jack London, Thomas Mann, Karl Marx, and many more.

The exhibit explores the immediate reaction in the United States to news of these mass book burnings, including street demonstrations. One cartoon published on May 11, 1933, quoted Heinrich Heine: "Where one burns books, one will soon burn people." Various displays show how the symbol of book-burning has been portrayed in film, books, and TV since 1933. Documentaries from 1933 and through the war years lead to an examination of freedom of speech in the US. This exhibit – free and right here in Wilmington through August 31 – is an opportunity for adults and older children to learn about an important aspect of our Jewish and American history.

Dina Lipschultz
 Education Director

Contributions

Congregation Beth Shalom raises funds to support synagogue activities, programs and projects. To make a donation to any of our existing funds, please email or call our synagogue accountant, Marlene Greenberg, at 654-4462. The minimum contribution to receive a tribute card is \$12. To establish a new fund or learn more about contributory opportunities, please call our synagogue Treasurer, Jill Downard. We appreciate your generosity.

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Diane Levin
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**Martin Mand's Receiving the
Irving S. Shapiro Community
Builder Award**
Carol Einhorn
Shelley & Howard Kristol
Judith & Howard Zucker

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**Josh Bennett & Katie Hagan's
Marriage**
Elaine Schmerling & Warren Butt

In memory of:

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Robert Balick

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Florence & Isaac Budovitch

Mark Caplan
Florence & Isaac Budovitch
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Have You Bought Your Scrip Today?

You know you are going to go to your favorite supermarket, Acme, Shoprite, or Super G - but, you want to give a little back to the shul. Buy some scrip! With increments as low as \$25 and the cards never expire, this is a no-brainer! Order forms are available online! (hint: makes a great gift!)

The Sisterhood Scoop

There's so much to look forward to with the CBS Sisterhood!

Annual Break-the-Fast

After Yom Kippur Services October 8, 2011

\$18/adults \$12/children

RSVP by calling Pat Burns in the CBS office. Send checks to Pat Burns, made out to CBS Sisterhood, with BTF on the memo line. Your cancelled check is your reservation. Reservations and **checks must be received by September 23, 2011**. Reserve now as space is limited and fills up quickly!

Joint Brunch with Hadassah

Sunday, November 6, 2011

Details to follow.

Trip to National Jewish Museum, Philadelphia

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Details to follow.

Men's Club Moment

Documenting Personal Histories - The Men's Club is looking for volunteers to help with an exciting new project that will involve creating an oral history of the Jewish community in Delaware. This project will document individual histories, as well as provide a connection for the many not born in Delaware to this community. Those interested in helping plan and videotape an oral history project at Congregation Beth Shalom, the B'nai B'rith House, and the Kutz Home should contact Mike Schwartz at hschwartz.sales@gmail.com or Ralph Downard at ralphdownard@comcast.net.

Softball for the Entire Family!

The CBS Men's Club has partnered with the AKSE Men's Club to play softball at the JCC this summer. Games are scheduled for Sunday 7/24, 8/7, and 8/28. Men, women, and teenagers are welcome to play. Warm-up and practice start at 10am, and the games start at 10:30. This is truly a fun event that you can share with your children, spouse, and friends and it is FREE. And since the games are played at the JCC, you can enjoy a cool dip in the pool after the game.

Jewish Heritage Night at the Blue Rocks

If you ordered tickets for the August 10 game, you may now pick up your tickets at the Congregation Beth Shalom office during business hours. We look forward to seeing at the game!

Fantasy Football?

Contact Mark Albom, alбомms@verizon.net, for complete details. Watch your email for dates and times for the Fall draft.

*Ralph Downard
Men's Club President*

Trip to Washington, D.C.

To be announced.

Other Fall/Winter Events

Book Club

Rosh Hodesh Gatherings

Don't you want to be a part of it all?

Join Sisterhood now!

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Mazel Tov

Jackie and Gary Harad are pleased to announce the birth of their grandson, Vincent Andrew Deitch.

At its 2011 Emma Lazarus Statue of Liberty Award Dinner, on May 4, **Norman (Sonny) Schutzman** was honored by the American Jewish Historical Society.

Attention Shofar Blowers, Brass Players, and Other Interested Parties... We Need You!

The person who blows the shofar is called a Tokea (a "blaster"). If you are 13 or older and already know how to make a sound with a Shofar or if you play or have played a brass instrument, we need you! This is your opportunity to learn how to make the four types of "blasts" that we are commanded to hear during for the High Holy Days and to be a big part of our CBS Holy Day Services. If you would like to do this "blast" of a mitzvah, please e-mail **Jerome Nachlis** at jpnachlis@yahoo.com

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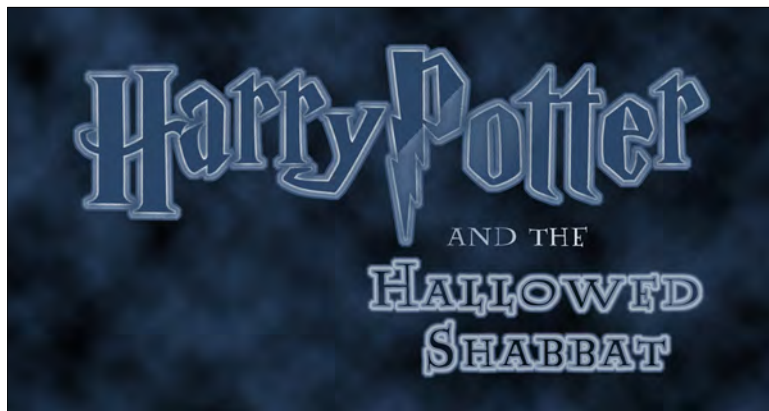
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Harry Potter and the Hallowed Shabbat... A Wonderful Success!

Strings of sparkling lights, reminiscent of suspended candles, festooned the atrium ceiling. Four tables, with owl-bedecked center pieces, reserved for students from Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin Houses – along with a head table for Hogwarts’s School of Witchcraft and Wizardry Faculty housed congregants for a Shabbat grand feast following services. The menu itself consisted of butter beer (both a children’s version and an adult version laced with butterscotch schnapps), pumpkin juice, savory potato and cheese and sweet pumpkin pasties (yes, pasties), string bean casserole, hardy tomato soup and for “afters” - Bertie Bott’s Every Flavour Jelly Beans, chocolate frogs and chocolate wands.

All this commotion at Congregation Beth Shalom to mark the premiere of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part Two* on **Friday night, July 15**. More importantly, all this commotion to mark the weekly appearance of Shabbat services, beginning every Friday night with 6:00pm happy hour and a 6:30pm service. After a dismal showing of just 12 committed congregants on July 8th, following my return from Camp Ramah in the Poconos, I gave approval for radical action by the Weiss, Schnee, and Driban families.

Meredith Weiss, along with her kosher catering colleague, **Dennis Schnee**, whipped up and produced the ambitious Harry Potter menu, meant to remind congregants of the Beginning/End of School Feast in Hogwarts’s Great Hall. They were ably assisted by **Shira and Elissa Green-Beals** as well as **Melissa and Alex Stanley** in the CBS Kitchen. **Lisa, David, and Madeline**



Driban assisted with the purchasing and setup of the Atrium turned Great Hall, with **Hayim Weiss** taking the lead with publicity, including a wonderful electronic flyer which went out to every congregant, as well as JCC Summer Camp and Early Education Center students and their families. Hard copies of the flyers were distributed to the more than 700 community members who attended the very successful JCC Members Appreciation Evening on the Wednesday preceding our Harry Potter Shabbat extravaganza.

Aside from donning my Albus Dumbledore hat, spectacles and wand, I created a sermon, drawing on my own work, the thoughts of other similarly-inspired rabbis throughout the country, as well as my *Pirkei Dumbledore* handout, featuring the best quotes from the Headmaster of Hogwarts. Some of the words from this ancient wizard worked very well in introducing the *Mourner’s Kaddish*:

To the well-organized mind, death is but the next great adventure.

If there is one thing Voldemort cannot understand, it is love. He didn't realize that love as powerful as your mother's for you leaves its own mark. Not a scar, no visible sign . . . to have been loved so deeply, even though the person who loved us is gone, will give us some protection forever. It is in your very skin.

You think the dead we loved ever truly leave us? You think that we don't recall them more clearly than ever in times of great trouble? Your father is alive in you, Harry, and shows himself plainly when you have need of him.

I am particularly moved, because if you count the appearance of the first JK Rowling book, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* in 1997, culminating in the debut of the final movie in the Harry Potter saga on July 15 – these fourteen years bookend how long I have served the Jewish community, both here and in Los Angeles, as a rabbi. So this event gives me pause to reflect.

But even more important was the bump-up in Shabbat attendance due to our bow to popular culture. Instead of twelve from the week before, we hosted 60 for Friday night Shabbat services – five times more congregants and Jewish community members served, with 40 of those *shul goers* staying on for dinner. We have 450 family units at Congregation Beth Shalom, and we need to continue to work tirelessly to serve these families, appealing to their sense of fun, spiritual and intellectual needs, as well as their need for community.

I am indebted to Lisa, David, and Madeline, Elissa, Shira, Melissa, Aviva and Hayim, and above all, to Dennis and Meredith for putting their time, energy, creativity and talent into making for a wonderful Shabbat experience for all who attended. And for you *Muggles* (non-magical people) who didn’t show ... maybe next time!

Rabbi Michael Beals

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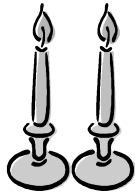
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AUGUST 12 7:46PM
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AUGUST 26 7:26PM
SEPTEMBER 2 7:15PM



Update on the Beth Shalom Library

We have now catalogued over 900 books! We desperately need two (2) people to learn how to catalogue the balance. Please volunteer an hour or two a week, every other week, or once a month – whatever!

Please, please, please do not drop off books for the Library! Submit a list (either by regular mail to the CBS Library c/o Pat Burns or email to pburns@cbswilmde.org). We have no room for duplicates or old, outdated material. We will be needing some recent and new releases when we open. Thank you for your cooperation.

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