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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!

From Our Rabbi:

Sunday, September 11 - A Tenth Year Anniversary Which Must Be Remembered

It was an early Tuesday morning when I received the call at home from Bob, my Ritual VP back at my first congregation in California. "Have you seen your television this morning?!" he asked me in, his voice clearly agitated.

"No," I replied. I had hoped to use my only day off to sleep in. That was NOT to be. He said, "turn it on, RIGHT NOW! I'll talk to you later."

What I saw was absolutely unreal. Just as most of you know where you were when President Kennedy was assassinated (I was in my crib), I imagine most of you know where you were on September 11, 2001, when three airplanes smashed into the World Trade Center twin towers and the Pentagon, and a fourth was brought down through the bravery of the passengers in nearby Pennsylvania.

Our country was never the same after that. I have often said, on that day, every American moved from sympathizing with Israel to empathizing with Israel. It is living with this constant terrorist threat which has helped mold Israeli national character over the last six decades. And now that the United States is in the same position, the level of cooperation in combating terrorism between the two countries is at an unprecedented high level.

Locally, our neighbors across the street, Hanover Presbyterian Church, are hosting a **Participate in Interfaith Peacemaking** program on **Sunday, September 11, from 1:00 – 3:30pm**. Leaders from Muslim, Hindu, and Christian traditions will be participating in both a sharing and learning series of workshops. Representing the Jewish tradition will be Rabbi Yair Robinson of Congregation Beth Emeth ... and I. I will be sharing the *Mourner's Kaddish* as part of ritual sharing. Our learning segments will include sharing what is at the core of our tradition, two or three crucial tenets of our faith, and how our tenets affect the way we live in the world.

In addition to Hanover's program, Congregation Beth Shalom will also be dedicating part of our first Sunday Hebrew School Morning *Tefillah* to remembering the victims and heroes of September 11th. In our Morning Minyan, everyone will rise and say *Mourner's Kaddish* together, as one American family. I will also be participating in an Interfaith Commemoration at Peninsula McCabe United Methodist Church, down the street on Baynard, as part of our community commemoration of this tragic day.

Please consider coming to both Morning Minyan and the afternoon program at Hanover as appropriate ways of marking this sad day in our country's history. I would also encourage your taking your entire family with you, as the messages coming from this gathering will be ones of hope, as well as better understanding of other faith traditions.

Rabbi Michael Beals

Now You Have A Choice! 8:00pm Services Return on November 11, 2011

On November 11, 2011, Congregation Beth Shalom will offer on the second Friday of every month, an 8:00pm Service. This service, aptly dubbed Second Friday Shabbat, will reflect a more traditional service, the music and liturgy you remember so well, a thought-provoking and timely sermon, and a special oneg to follow services. We will continue to have 6:30pm Services on the first, third, fourth (and fifth) Fridays of every month.



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In Our Hebrew School

Hebrew School Begins September 11

We are all set to begin another school year of Judaic learning and fun for children of all ages from pre-school through high school. Halutzim (“pioneers”), Gan (kindergarten), and Kitah Aleph (first grade) meet on Sunday mornings, and Kitah Bet (second grade) through Kitah Vav (sixth grade) meet Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Kehillah, “community” our 7th grade class, meets just on Sunday morning. Our confirmation class for eighth through twelfth graders will meet monthly on Thursday evenings, beginning in October after the High Holy Days.

It’s not too late to register your children or to recommend our synagogue and school to your non-affiliated friends.

Parents: Please join us for a welcome-back parent orientation meeting at 9:40am on September 11. Schmooze with other parents over a cup of coffee, learn what’s new this year and how you can help. If you want, join us for junior tefillah in the lower level (Gan to Bet), tefillah (Gimmel to Vav) in the sanctuary, or the adult minyan in the chapel, all begin at 9:00am.

Teachers Attend NewCAJE



Osnat David, Meredith Weiss, Karen Moss, and Dina Lipschultz at NewCAJE:

Four of our Hebrew School staff had the opportunity to meet and study with over 250 Jewish educators at the NewCAJE conference in Greensboro, North Carolina. The four-day conference was held in the beautiful, outstanding facilities of the American Hebrew Academy, a pluralistic school that serves Jewish high school students from many states and countries. Generous grants from the Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation and the Anna E. Finger-Ruth F. Gordon Fund helped pay for this staff development.

Yom Kippur: A Day of Joy?



Dear Friends,

Yom Kippur sometimes seems to be a holiday for looking back. We begin to assess our behavior during the past year and we think about how our lives have changed from one Yom Kippur to the next over our lifetimes. It is a long day. We refrain from doing lots of things we normally enjoy - eating and drinking for instance.

One does not normally associate a long day of prayer and fasting with joy. But the Mishna tells us that “there were no more joyous days for Israel than Yom Kippur and the Fifteenth Day of Av.” The fifteenth of Av (Tu B’Av) is celebrated in modern Israel as a kind of Jewish Valentine’s Day and was considered in Talmudic times a particularly propitious time to find a mate or to have a wedding.

To make matters more confusing, the Zohar compares Yom Kippur to Purim and points out that the Yom Kippur, usually translated as “Day of Atonement” could be translated as “Day like Purim.”

So how can the Mishna and the Zohar equate these two holidays? Aren’t Yom Kippur and Tu B’Av, Yom Kippur and Purim polar opposites?

In some ways they are.

Tu B’Av is a day for romance and weddings. Purim is full of feasting and silliness. Both these days rejoice in the physical while Yom Kippur is a good example of ascetic behavior.

On the other hand, Tu B’Av celebrates loving relationships. Yom Kippur is a time to work on improving what is already a loving relationship.

Purim is named after the purim, the lots, that Haman cast to determine the fate of the Jews. On Yom Kippur our mahzor includes a section detailing the priestly ritual of casting lots to determine which goat would be sacrificed and which goat would be sent to wander in the wilderness.

This dual concentration on improving our relationship with God and recognizing the uncertainty of life is the essence of Yom Kippur. That is why, although we use Yom Kippur as a way to look back at the past, we can also use it as an opportunity to look forward.

Do you remember the motivational quote: “Today is the first day of the rest of your life!”? When I was a teenager I remember a plethora of posters illustrating that quote with flowers, sunrises and mountain vistas. If there is any day on the Jewish Calendar that could qualify as the first day of the rest of your life, it is Yom Kippur. And that is a good reason to rejoice.

David and I wish you, our CBS congregational family, a fulfilling and healthy New Year and a Joyous Yom Kippur!

Cantor Ruth Ross



Have You Bought Your Scrip Today?

You know you are going to go to your favorite supermarket - Acme, Shoprite, or Super G; your favorite drug store - Walgreen’s (Happy Harry’s), CVS or RiteAid, 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! You can also go to our partner web: **shopwithscrip.com** - use enrollment code: **838D79CF29691** and then order even more—from places like, Applebees, Amazon, Boscov’s, Home Depot, L.L. Bean, iTunes, and so much more! (hint: scrip makes a great gift for those college students!)

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

(asterisked (*) items indicate childcare available)

[items with ★ indicate that this service is open and free to the community with an RSVP by September 15.]

SELIHOT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

8:30pm Havdalah
9:10pm Movie: The Women of the Wall
10:00pm Selihot Service

CEMETERY VISITATION & MEMORIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

1:00pm Foulk Road Cemetery

EREV ROSH HASHANAH*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

8:00pm Sanctuary

ROSH HASHANAH DAY I*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

8:30am Sanctuary Service
9:30am Torah Service
★ 10:30am Children's Service, for children 0 - 5
★ 10:30am Family Service, for children 6 - 12 w/families
11:00am Shofar Service

ROSH HASHANAH DAY II*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

8:30am Sanctuary Service
9:30am Torah Service
★ 10:30am Children's Service
★ 10:30am Family Service
(Children and Family Tashlich Service to follow)
11:00am Shofar Service
~1:00pm Congregational Tashlich Service

SHABBAT SHUVAH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

6:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011

9:30am

KOL NIDREI / EREV YOM KIPPUR*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011

6:19pm Candle Lighting / Start of Service

YOM KIPPUR*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011

9:00am Sanctuary Service
10:45am Torah Service
★ 10:30am Children's Service, for children 0 - 5
★ 10:30am Family Service, for children 6 - 12 w/families
12:30pm Yizkor Service
4:45pm Minhah Service
5:45pm Ne'ilah Service
7:10pm Ma'ariv Service
7:15pm Final Shofar Service
Break-the-Fast **RSVP Required by September 23**

SUKKOT DAY I

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011

9:00am Sukkot Services

SUKKOT DAY II

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011

9:00am Sukkot Services
6:30pm Shabbat Services
7:30pm Shabbat Dinner **RSVP Required**

SHEMINI ATZERET AND EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010

7:30am Morning Minyan (Yizkor will be recited)
7:30pm Erev Simhat Torah

SIMCHAT TORAH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010

9:00am Honoring Melvyn Pell & Elaine Schmerling
RSVP Required by October 17

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2011 / 5772

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING & CHILD CARE

Shanah Tovah!

Starting this year, we're kicking things up a notch! Beyond our traditional High Holy Days Services in the main sanctuary, we have a cadre of programs in which children and families may participate.

Of particular note, this year we are now offering **Children's Services**, an interactive, developmentally appropriate, program for children five (5) years and younger, designed and led by **Francine Venit and Ellisha Caplan**. These services are in addition to the **Family Services**, for children six (6) years and older, led by **Meredith Weiss**. **Both services will be available each and every day of the High Holy Days**. And, for our teens, **Alex Schwartz**, our devoted BBYOer, and other teens will lead a special "hot topics" discussion in their "Chill Space." **These services are all free and open to the entire community.**

To make all this happen, we are still asking parents to help out by volunteering 30 minutes over the course of the High Holy Days. Please volunteer for just one of the following time slots, per family, and list it on the back of this page, at the bottom.

Date	Shifts Available
Erev RH, Wednesday, Sept. 28th:	8:00pm / 8:30pm / 9:00pm / 9:30pm
RH Day I, Thursday, Sept. 29th:	8:30am / 9:00am / 9:30am / 10:00am / 10:30am / 11:00am 11:30am / 12:00pm / 12:30pm / 1:00pm / 1:30pm
RH Day II, Friday, Sept. 30: (Tashlich following services)	8:30am / 9:00am / 9:30am / 10:00am / 10:30am / 11:00am 11:30am / 12:00pm / 12:30pm / 1:00pm / 1:30pm
Kol Nidrei, Friday, Oct. 7:	6:00pm / 6:30pm / 7:00pm / 7:30pm / 8:00pm / 8:30pm
Yom Kippur, Saturday, Oct. 8:	9:00am / 9:30am / 10:00am / 10:30am / 11:00am / 11:30am 12:00pm / 12:30pm / 1:00pm / 1:30pm / 2:00pm / 2:30pm

If you are coming to the Children's Service or the Family Service on Day 1 or Day 2 of Rosh Hashanah, **DON'T FORGET YOUR SHOFAR!** We are going to have fun making the sounds to herald in the New Year! And immediately following the Children's and Family services on Day 2, we will go to the Brandywine Creek and have a special Tashlich service.

We will continue to offer age-appropriate, safe gathering spaces for our youngest congregants, those infants to 2 years old, as well as those 3 to 5, 6 to 8, and 9 to 12. All spaces for children 12 and under will be staffed. And for all youth under 12, we will provide a meaningful and healthy nut-free snack as well as activities and games that are *Yom Tov* friendly.

Child care is available for the entire High Holy Days Season from Erev Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur Day!

For questions or concerns regarding Child Care, please contact Pam-Sue Schwartz, Child Care Coordinator at 547-5549 or pssotr@gmail.com.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING / CHILD CARE REGISTRATION FORM

Parents' Names: _____ Today's Date: _____

Daytime Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone(s): (_____) _____

E-mail Addresses: _____

The registration deadline is September 19th by mail to Beth Shalom or fax (302-654-4464, attn: Pam-Sue Schwartz). Each family must fill out and return a form if their child(ren) will be attending *any* youth programming during the High Holy Days.

The fee for child care is **\$20 per child (up to \$40 per family)** for the *entirety* of the High Holy Days. This includes activities, snacks, and staff. Nametags will be preprinted.

There is no charge for attending just the Children's Services, Family Services, or the Teen Discussion / Chill Space.

A \$10 late fee will be assessed per child for reservations received after September 19 to cover the cost of recruiting additional staff.

Name of Child 1: _____ Age: _____

Special Needs, Allergies, or Restrictions that we should be aware of: _____

Name of Child 2: _____ Age: _____

Special Needs, Allergies, or Restrictions that we should be aware of: _____

Name of Child 3: _____ Age: _____

Special Needs, Allergies, or Restrictions that we should be aware of: _____

Please check off the dates we can expect your child(ren) and circle the services s/he will need and/or be attending: If your children will be attending different programs, please write their names above each circle. Thank You.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wed., Sept. 28 | Childcare only (infant-5 years): 8:00pm-10:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosh Hashanah Day I, Thur, Sept. 29 | Children's Service: 10:30-11:30am; Family Service: 10:30am-12:30pm
Childcare: 8:30am-2:30pm; Teen Space: 9:00am-2:30pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosh Hashanah Day II, Friday, Sept. 30 | Children's Service: 10:30-11:30am; Family Service: 10:30am-12:30pm
Childcare: 8:30am-2:30pm; Teen Space: 9:00am-2:30pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kol Nidrei, Friday, Oct. 7 | Childcare only (infant-5 years): 6:00pm-9:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yom Kippur, Saturday, Oct. 8 | Children's Service: 10:30-11:30am; Family Service: 10:30am-12:30pm
Childcare: 9:00am-3:00pm; Teen Space: 9:00am-3:00pm |

Your child(ren) may attend child care for all or part of the time. Child care will remain available during the Children's and Family Services for children who do not wish to participate in either program.

Names of people who are permitted to sign in / sign out your child(ren) (Emergency Contact):

Total Number of Children: _____ Total Fees Paid: \$ _____

I, _____, will volunteer (see other side) on _____ from _____ to _____

Selihot: Saturday night, September 24, 8:30pm
JEWISH FEMINISM: From Beth Shalom to Women of the Wall

“Marty, congregants are going to walk out over this!”

This was the threat then-CBS President Marty Mand faced as he tackled the decision over whether or not women should be counted in the *minyan* and if girls should be allowed to have a bat mitzvah at this synagogue. His Board-approved decision, now almost 40 years old, was at the time, fraught with peril. Marty will bring us back to those times, and how he made his decision, as part of the backdrop for the film, *Women of the Wall*, which will be the highlight of this year’s *Selihot* program, on **Saturday night, September 24**, beginning with *Havdalah* at **8:30pm**.

In addition to Marty Mand’s policy innovations, the Conservative Movement has more than 30 years experience ordaining women as rabbis and cantors, and more recently, we have included the *Imahot* (the Matriarchs) in our liturgy, with these additions in print in all our official *siddurim*, for weekday, Shabbat and Holiday services. (With Cantor Ruth Ross as our cantor, we have personally benefitted from this decision).

Yet at the very heart of Judaism, the *Kotel*, the iconic Western Wall, the last remnant of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, the symbolic heart of the Jewish people, Jewish women are not free to worship according to their conscience. In the segregated women’s section at the Wall, and more recently, even in the further-removed Western Wall Plaza, women are not free to wear *tallitot*, chant from the Torah, nor take *alliyot*. We will be watching a documentary on this situation, called *Women of the Wall*, and after the film, we will have a free-wheeling discussion, including exploring what, if anything, we might do to challenge the status quo.

After a dessert intermission, we will begin our musically uplifting *Selihot* Service at 11pm. This is the gateway to the High Holy Days and we hope you will join us, to hear where we have come and where are we going regarding women’s issues .

Rabbi Michael Beals

Simhat Torah celebration

7:30pm - Thursday, October 20, 2011

9:00am - Friday, October 21, 2011

honoring...



Mel Pell
Hattan of the Torah



Elaine Schmerling
Kallah of the Torah

This year, please join your fellow Congregants in recognizing our Simhat Torah Hattan and Kallah by making a contribution in their honor. A delicious free luncheon will follow services on Friday. **To reserve your seat, RSVP no later than OCTOBER 17.**

Bat Mitzvah: Hannah Biener

On Saturday, November 5, 2011, Hannah Michelle Biener will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Hannah is the daughter of Frances Ratner and Steven Biener and the sister of Jenny and Lizzy.



Hannah is a seventh-grade honors student at P.S. Dupont Middle School. She is on her school’s varsity soccer team, plays travel soccer with Concord Soccer and runs competitively. She plays clarinet for her school band and enjoys performing at the Delaware Theatre Company’s summer camp. Hannah graduated from the Albert Einstein Academy and has continued her Jewish studies at the Congregation Beth Shalom Hebrew School.

Families Remember!

If you wish to have your child’s bar or bat mitzvah bio in the Kol Shalom, please send it to us at least **two months** in advance. Digital photos are best! Send your details to:

kolshalom@cbswilmde.org

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!

September 1

Judith Dolinger
Frances Klein
Lester Morganstein

September 4

Madeline Driban

September 5

Avery Steffen

September 6

Emma Driban
Sam Grant
Barry Klassman

September 7

Kerry Berkowitz
Maxene Block

September 8

Jeffrey Berger
Miriam Burr
Eden Goldstein



September 9

Karen Ballard
Julia Schwartz
Benjamin Zale

September 10

Adeline Holob
Shirley Horden
Arthur Moss

September 11

Mutzie Bellak
Marcia Hill
Cheryl Kamm
Josephine Kessler

September 12

Ethan Andrus
Barbara Citron
Garth Koniver
Mitchell Wirosloff

September 13

Vered Nohi Becker
Allan Levy

September 14

Sandra Lubaroff
Rose Schwartz
Frances Stein

September 15

Mark Lipman

September 16

Gabriel Venit

September 17

George Feldman

September 18

Hannah Biener
Abigail Katz

September 19

Robert Aerenon
Mark Stape

September 20

Julia Frank

September 21

Annette Aerenon
Michael Goldberg
Wendy Lehrfeld

September 22

Gila Lipman

September 23

Ari Cohen
Cole Morris

September 25

Osnat David
Linda Sigman

September 26

Carolyn Fuhrman
Dina Lipschultz
Martin Mand
Robert Meyer
Sarah Truitt

September 27

Jackson Crane
Carol Einhorn
Peter Hazen
Aaron Nachlis
Todd Rosenberg

September 30

Stephanie Rosenberg

Anniversaries

Sharon & Jordon Rosen (9/1)
Stacey & Allen Friedland (9/2)
Frances & Steven Klein (9/3)
Jackie & Gary Harad (9/4)
Deane & Howard Kattler (9/4)
Rosalie & Peter Popper (9/5)
Elizabeth & Samuel Blumberg (9/8)
Kimberly & Daniel Stargatt (9/9)
Judith & Jeffery Lewis (9/10)
Karen & Jeffrey Schultz (9/10)
Karen & Arthur Moss (9/11)
Jessica & Scott Kupferman (9/12)
Rachel Davidson & Robert Wolf (9/12)
Jody & David Bernstein (9/21)
Miriam & George Feldman (9/21)



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.

9/1/2011

Celia Potts
Irwin Sesan

9/2/2011

Anna Berger
Lynda Susan Brooks
Jacob Faber
Isadore Goldberg
Reba Honey
Frieda Katz
Lillian Kemper
Ray Levy
Meyer Joseph Mand
Rose Matusoff

9/3/2011

Matilda Milstone
Pearl Moreau
Sarah Neumann
Anna Pallas
Martin Ryder
Mary Sands
Matilda K. Sayer
Pessie Sayer

9/4/2011

Hyman Goldberg
Melvin M. Levitt
Sophie Silver

9/5/2011

Esther Feinglass
Lena Hollett
Erich L. Lewey
Isadore Miller
Bea Taub
Ellis Tocker

9/6/2011

Harold Arsht
Joseph Chernenkoff
Mildred Chinn
Gertrude Greenstine
Jacob Harrison
Harry Panar
Dorothy Sherman
Mary Taub

9/7/2011

Howard Goldstein
Barney Greenberg

Sadie Leader

Rose Steinberg
Albert Stiftel
Irving Watnik

9/8/2011

William Feinberg
Taube Feldhorn
Herbert Fisher
Selma Ginns
Herman Goldman
Isaac Gurwitz
Nathan Hirsch
Jack Shaffer
Matilda Tocker

9/9/2011

Jennie Cohen
Roland Cohen
Michael Le Boritz
Benjamin Lehrfeld
Caryn Lesnoy
Alexander Queller
Sarah Schaffer
Sarah Simon
Fanny Strassburger
Kay Yudkovitz

9/10/2011

Sally Berkowitz
Charles Louis Black
Isaac Cutler
Albert Malka

9/11/2011

Melvin Brown
Miriam L Cohen
Walter Elliott
Thomas Handelman
Martha Katz
Abraham M. Preven
Lena Rock
Carrie Warowitz
Sylvia Weiner

9/12/2011

Leon J. Barbanel
Joan Baron
Benjamin Hyman Finkelstein
Harvey Jacobs
Florence Vinokur

9/13/2011

Sadie Baskin

Louis Hendler

Charles Klein
Gertrude Swinger

9/14/2011

Thelma Shriber
Louis Swinger
Bertha Taylor
Abraham C. Wohlman
Sylvia Ziering

9/15/2011

Arthur Forray
Alfred Koerner
Daniel Laub
Betty Lesnoy
Anna Wishnow

9/16/2011

Samuel Lewis
Sidney Silverman
Morris Wilker

9/17/2011

Simon Cutler
Philip Dwares
Abraham Gordon
Abraham Jenner
Faye Shapson
Sybil Sigman

9/18/2011

Edward Cohen
Nathan Kraushar
Ann Simon
Dorothy Stark
David L. Weiner
Anna Wolitz

9/19/2011

Eleanor Brandt
Rose Clayman
Tillie Epstein
Davis Kaplan
Esther Lewis
David Waxman
Harvey Zatkow

9/20/2011

Norman Gardner
Cheri Lukoff
David Rosenblatt

9/21/2011

Bruce Cohen
Mary Feinberg
Marissa Fishman
Harry Levin
Edith H. Picon
Jerome Schwartz

9/22/2011

Hilda Brodsky
Abram Goldstein
Harry Greenbaum
Nathan Honig
Ida Lann
Anna Lewis Leviton
Sylvia Lisansky

9/23/2011

Simon Balick
Bessie Cerota
Samuel Greenberg
Clare Hirschfield
Hyman Hoffman
Gertrude Ornston
Kate Schendelman
Pauline Siegell
Beatrice Twer

9/24/2011

Joseph Brown
Nancy K. Cohen
Ethel Ein
Dora Goldberg
Dorothy Romansky
Celia Schwartz
Janis Sherr

9/25/2011

H. Benjamin Horwitz
Sol Levy
Lewis Simon
Max Taylor

9/26/2011

Theodore W. Berman
Harry Bernstein
William E. Cohen
Hyman Ein
Shirley Segall

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9/27/2011

Anne Albert
Harry Atlas
Herbert Balick
Gertrude Bell
Doris Louick

Ray Cohen
Chana Byer Duek
Fannie Feinberg
Sara Hart
Milton Rosenthal

9/29/2011

Abraham Cohen
Bessie Deitcher
Esther Lebowitz

Blanche Liebert
Sylvia Stone
Bessye Waxman
Sylvia Wilderman

9/30/2011

Elaine Gaby
David Kaltman
Samuel Levin
Wendy Linder

Esther Lobel
Emanuel Peltz
Lillie Rappaport
Reba Rothberg
Nathan Schutzman



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

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.

AL BERLIN MINYAN FUND

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“Office Hours” Return Sunday, September 11

Returning **Sunday, September 11, 2011**, following Morning Minyan, President Peter Burcat will offer “office hours,” on the second and fourth Sundays, for congregants to come and share their thoughts, compliments, and suggestions, with him. Dates will be posted online and on the synagogue calendar.

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Emotional Intelligence: This Year's High Holy Day Message

Anyone can become angry – that is easy. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, for the right purpose, and in the right way – that is not easy.

--ARISTOTLE, *The Nichomachean Ethics*

איזהו גיבור? הכובש את-יָצְרוּ.

Who is might? Those who conquer their evil impulse;
As it is written: "One who is slow to anger
is better than the mighty; and one who rules over his spirit,
than one who conquers a city." (Proverbs 16:32)

Pirkei Avot, Chapter 4:1

If you look at the list of public confessions found in the oft-repeated *Vidui* sections of our Yom Kippur liturgy, you will note that most of the sins deal with things we have said, often in anger, often without thinking. I have been on a personal exploration on what makes me lose my cool, with the hope of anticipating these moments and making better decisions.

My desire for self-improvement has brought me to the book *Emotional Intelligence* by Daniel Goleman (Bantam Dell 1995). In his introduction, Goleman writes: "Our passions, when well exercised, have wisdom, they guide our thinking, our values, our survival. But they can easily go awry, and do so all too often. As Aristotle saw, the problem is not with emotionality, but with the *appropriateness* of emotion and its expression. The question is, how can we bring intelligence to our emotions—and civility to our streets and caring to our communal life?"

From Riots in London to Gridlock in Congress, Daniel Goleman's questions seem to provide a framework not only to my own personal growth, but really to the world around us. So I am applying the principles found in his book, with key insights from *Pirkei Avot*, to help us better understand ourselves, our world, and with these understandings make better decisions in the New Year, 5772. I will be assisted by other texts, including *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team—A Leadership Fable* by Patrick Lenconi, and *Incognito The Secret Lives of the Brain* by David Eagleman.

With our fast day close at hand, I quite literally wanted to give us "food for thought." And since thought originates in the brain, I felt the better we understood how our brains function, the better we could get a handle on our own behaviors and make better choices. Unlike IQ, which is fixed and unchangeable, the basic principle behind Emotional Intelligence is that you can improve it – you can become more emotionally intelligent. The idea that you can constantly make improvement is such a hopeful message, such a basically Jewish message. We call it *teshuvah* – the ability to literally *return* to our best self.

My wish for myself and for you, is that in this new year 5772 may we all be able to become far better people than we were in 5771, and I hope these sets of five High Holy Day sermons, delivered on *Erev Rosh Hashana*, *Rosh Hashana Day One*, *Rosh Hashana Day Two*, *Kol Nidrei* and *Yom Kippur* will give us the tools to start us on our journey Together.

Rabbi Michael Beals

Jews and Muslims

An old story of conflict? When and Why Did it Begin?

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"Cooperation and Confrontation: An Historical Perspective"

Sunday, October 23, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

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The Healing Power of "The King's Speech"

It was with an uncomfortable curiosity that my wife and I went to see the Oscar-winning movie "The King's Speech," which deals with the stutter of King George VI.

We went to see it because the topic is close to home. I am a stutterer, reformed perhaps, but a stutterer still.

I don't stutter as much as I once did, yet watching this film brought back painful memories of extended pauses and repetitive sounds, impatient stares from strangers and loved ones alike, and the deep-seated desire to share my thoughts as fluently in spoken words as in my mind, and, I later found, in writing.

"The King's Speech" was a relief to me and I imagine to many fellow stutterers, because it never presents King George VI as maladjusted. There are too many cases in film when a stutter, or stammer as it's called in the UK, signifies a character being off, weak, or mentally impaired, such as "A Fish Called Wanda," "My Cousin Vinny," "Dead Again," and "Men of Honor."

Stuttering is a painful condition. At its worst, you feel imprisoned in your own head. To know the words and not be able to form them can cripple the spirit.

Did you know that one of the hardest words for a stutterer to say tends to be his own name? Sad but true. I once heard of a stutterer who changed his name to one easier for him to say. In time, the new name became too hard for him to get out of his mouth. It might be an urban legend, but the pain remains the same.

Finding your voice seems pointless when you cannot say who you are.

People don't know what to make of stuttering. In fact, researchers don't fully understand it. It tends to run in families. It affects males to females at a 4 to 1 ratio. Almost all stutterers experience fluency while they are singing and when they are angry, as accurately reflected in the movie.

I began stuttering when I was 5 years old. It was terrifying and embarrassing. I only could imagine what a pleasure it would be to say what I mean in the exact words that express my feelings. For years, this was my dream. At times, I felt like Don Quixote. I was dreaming an impossible dream.

What gave me hope was the story of Moses, the stuttering prophet. When God approached Moses, asking him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses refused several times. The irony of the biblical story is that God accepted Moses as he is. It is Moses who had to learn to accept himself. And if he could do it, I thought, so could I.

When my stuttering was most severe, Moses and King George – as well as stutterers Winston Churchill and James Earl Jones – gave me courage. Their perseverance inspired me to pursue my dream of becoming a rabbi.

One aspect of "The King's Speech" that was on target was how uncomfortable people become when words do not flow fluently out of someone else's mouth. What are we feeling, impatience or pity? But the best feature of the "The King's Speech" is how our feelings for the main character evolve from sympathy to admiration. We come to understand that his pauses are fueled by courage and that his words are worth the wait.

Franz Kafka once said that the stories that have the most impact are those that wound us. "The King's Speech," by contrast, underscores the power of stories that inspire us and heal the soul. Hollywood has come a long way since "A Fish Called Wanda."

Rabbi Charlie Savenor

What's the Weather Forecast for January 13, 2012 ?

Who knows ?, Weather history for Wilmington: Sunrise at 7:22, Sunset at 4:58, mean temp. is 32°, record high is 70° and low is 0°.

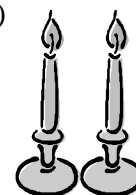
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