

BI Word

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September/October 2011/סתיו/5772



Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Steven Schwarzman



Elul and September bring with them the promise of new beginnings. Starting with the first day of Elul, we sound the shofar every weekday morning at the end of our prayers, to remind us that the season of returning to our roots has begun and that Rosh Hashanah and the fall holidays will soon follow.

I believe that Beth Israel is poised for growth. As I have come to know more and more of you from our one-on-one chats (and if you haven't signed up

for one, please give me a call to set one up!), I grow ever more convinced of this. It's not just because this congregation has such a rich history. It's because so many of us feel and express

a thirst for deepening our Jewish experience, for learning at a depth we have not reached before, for reaching out to each other and to others in our community as we build a loving community intensely devoted to the values of Torah. And so many of us, I have come to learn, yearn to make Judaism more a part of our lives in all of the many ways we express our Judaism at Beth Israel.

The members of the Beth Israel staff and I are working with the leaders of our congregation on what I think will be a very exciting plan for Beth Israel over the next several years, and we hope to involve everyone in the initial details of this plan during the holidays.

But there is something we are going to pilot even before the holidays, because we need it urgently. And that is a return to a daily morning minyan. We need to pray together as a community not just on Shabbat, not just on weekday evenings, but also on weekday mornings. We need to start our days together, just as we end them together. We need to help members of our

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congregation and the community at large who are saying kaddish...and even more than this, we need to help ourselves by taking on the spiritual practice and discipline of daily prayer.

So, beginning on Rosh Hodesh Elul, which is August 30, I'm pleased to announce that Beth Israel will return to a daily minyan that meets both mornings and evenings.

The schedule will look like this:

Sundays: 8:30 am and 7:00 pm
Mondays: 7:00 am and 7:00 pm
Tuesdays: 7:00 am and 7:00 pm
Wednesdays: 7:00 am and 7:00 pm
Thursdays: 7:00 am and 7:00 pm
Fridays: 7:00 am and 7:00 pm
Saturdays: 9:00 am and based on sunset -
see the BI calendar for times

We will try this schedule and see if it works. What matters most is that each of us, every member of the congregation, knows that the minyan is for all of us. It requires an investment of time from all of us...yet this investment will pay rich dividends to our congregation as we build community and add to our spiritual lives.

Come join us!

Rabbi Steven Schwarzman

New Beginnings

Joel Baker



What a great level of excitement we have at Congregation Beth Israel! We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Steven Schwarzman and Executive Director Ken Turke-witz as they both bring great enthusiasm and a wealth of knowledge to our community. Our Director of Congrega-tional Learning, Me'ir Sherer, and our part time Cantor,

Elise Barber, are planning for another year of creative and innovative programming. Laura Traiger will be joining our team as our USY advisor and we look forward to a great year of activities for our teenagers.

This year we will welcome a guest Cantor, Yosi Weintraub, for the High Holidays. Thank you to Jeremy Golding and his committee for taking the time to find the right match for our congregation. All members have received a booklet for the High Holidays. Please read through this booklet carefully as it includes all of our programming and scheduling for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. Don't miss how to "sneak into Shul", how to "make a Lulav shake!" or how to support USY and make the most of the holidays for you and your family.

I am happy to report that we will be renewing our commitment to an everyday morning minyan. We are meeting to plan how there will once again be a daily morning minyan as well as the continuation of our daily evening minyanim. Stay tuned for the details regarding how and when this important part of our synagogue life will move forward. Please participate by either starting your day or ending your day at our minyan. Join in the camaraderie, be part of the BI community or help a mourner say Kaddish. Every one of us counts!

Our up and coming community religious school has formed a new Board of Directors. The board will be represented by a chair and three members each from BI and Temple Emanuel and 3 people designated by Federation, one of whom is unaffiliated. I am pleased to announce that Beth Israel will be represented by our vice president of education, Mary Jane Rein (chair), Howard Alfred, Jodi Hirshman and Deb Martin. The Board will be meeting soon, and have the support and expertise of Me'ir and Rabbi Schwarzman. We are looking forward to opening our community school in the fall of 2012. In the meantime our Hebrew School will be collaborating with Temple Emanuel's Hebrew School in a special elective program, directed by Me'ir, throughout November 2011. BI Hebrew School will also be working with the four other Hebrew Schools in our community to bring special programs for the High Holidays, Hanukah, Tu B'Shvat, Purim, Lag B'Omer and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

We continue to expand our group of Torah readers and service leaders. Please contact Saul Slovin if you are interested in leading any part of a service or reading Torah. Saul can be contacted by phone at 508-791-1450 or by email: saurec@aol.com.

We have developed the schedule for the dates which Cantor Elise Barber will be with us for the fall. Please see the schedule that is on the website or at the synagogue. We have had a successful first year with this format and look forward to this year with Cantor Barber.

Thank you all for your support and involvement this year. Our Beth Israel community is so strong because so many of us put in the effort to make it special. May we all have a happy and healthy High Holiday season.

B'Shalom,
Joel Baker, President

Message from the Director of Congregational Learning

Me'ir Sherer



At BI, we make every attempt to provide education that links the different aspects of your Jewish life and the different Jewish communities in which you find yourself, both here and in the Jewish community of Central Massachusetts.

This year, we will offer adult education classes to enrich your mind (text study), body (yoga) and spirit (Israeli dance). Synaplex and Shabbat-in-Shul will offer

opportunities for engagement for all in our community (adults, teens and families with young children). Families and children of our Religious school and those of Temple Emanuel's Religious school will come together to learn and build community, as we prepare for the opening of Worcester's Community Religious School in the fall of 2012. Along with Temple Emanuel, Temple Sinai, Beth Tikvah Synagogue and Congregation B'nai Shalom, we will gather to learn about and celebrate a number of Jewish holidays throughout the year (High Holidays, *Hanukkah*, *Tu b'Shevat*, *Purim*, *Lag b'Omer*). Youth activities and USY programs will provide opportunities for youth to learn, socialize and engage in Social action.

Together with the Education steering committee, under the leadership of Mary Jane Rein (BI Vice President of Education), we are anticipating a very fruitful year. I hope that you will take advantage of all that we have to offer. Please feel free to contact Mary Jane, mrein@clarku.edu, or me, 508-756-6204 x27 or meir.sherer@bethisraelworc.org with any suggestions, comments or questions related to Jewish education at BI.

May the year 5772 bring *shlaymut* (wholeness) to each of us as individuals and *achdut* (unity) to all of us as a community.

Shanah Tovah!



Learn to Lead and Sing

Elise Barber



Leading Shabbat Musaf Class: Come learn the modes, melodies, and words that make up the Shabbat Musaf service with Cantor Elise Barber. Create a greater attachment to Jewish prayer and community by delving into this sacred text and musical tradition. The class will meet four times as a group and then each student will get to work with

Cantor Barber at least twice individually to prepare to lead the congregation.

Class Dates: Sundays October 23, October 30, November 6, and November 13.

Time: 11 am-12 pm.

Kumzits! Have you ever noticed how much we talk about singing in Judaism? The Psalms of the Kabbalat Shabbat service alone instruct us to sing at least six times. Music, with its incredible power to bypass logical thought and preconceived notions can teach us, change our mood, transport us to deeper understanding, and help us remember cherished people, times, and places. Most important, music bonds us together as a community.

Shortly after Rabbi Schwarzman joined BI, he told me about a program of evening song sessions held in congregants' homes that he had experienced as part of his Jewish community in San Francisco. We are hoping to create something similar here in Worcester and are calling the program "Kumzits." The word Kumzits is taken from the Yiddish "kum" meaning "come" and "zits" meaning "sit" and is used to describe an evening of group singing. If you would like to participate as a musician, host, or organizer, please email me at elise.barber@bethisraelworc.org. Possible topics include Partisan Songs, Shirei Khalutzim, Modern Israeli Popular songs, Hanukkah, music inspired by Song of Songs, Pesach, and Art Songs. We are hoping to have three Kumzits in the fall and three in the spring. Please join us and help to make this happen! Dates TBA.

Coming this Spring: Leading Weekday Maariv. This class not only teaches you to lead Weekday Maariv service at shul, but also instructs on the leading of a Shiva Minyan therefore helping to comfort the mourners of our community. Four Sundays in the spring, dates TBA.

The Nature of Communities and Social Change

Ken Turkewitz



A theme has been playing in my head for quite some time now. It involves the changing nature of our communities and how we participate in them.

There's no doubt that we (our community at large) interact differently with one another than we did a generation ago or even a decade ago or five years ago. The onslaught of change in communications has recently given us the Internet, the

web, cell phones, texting, electronic social networking (such as Facebook), and so much more. We find more ways (and some might say more efficient ways) to communicate and keep in touch with one another.

But a tweet that says I'm going out to the grocery store or an e-mail blast that announces my dog had puppies or a Facebook posting of my political views (even with back and forth debate), does not make the same human connection that a phone call or (even better) a face-to-face conversation makes. Our "web" of community has increased, but the interactions are not as deep and less fulfilling. We may have many electronic friends who we barely know, but many of us don't really know our neighbors.

None of this is really new. Sociologists have been writing about this for decades. In his 2000 book on social change, *Bowling Alone*, Robert Putnam writes, "Once we bowled in leagues, usually after work – but no longer." It's not that the interest in the activity has gone away; it's our one-on-one and group interaction that's changed. Putnam describes how we've become increasingly disconnected from one another and how social structures – whether they be PTA, church, or political parties – have disintegrated.

Here at Beth Israel, as well as at congregations across the country, we've seen some of that change. We haven't recently seen the affiliate organizations as active as they've been in the past. We haven't recently seen the synagogue filling up with activity each evening and Sunday. The youth group doesn't have the strength in numbers that it once had. And membership numbers are certainly down from where they were a decade ago.

Our sense of community has gotten a little more fragile.

But it does doesn't have to be that way. We need to turn the synagogue, our kehillah (sacred community), back to an organization that's relevant for us. We start with our individual interests and desires, and build or modify our community structure to fit the needs. Do we want greater support for Israel? (How about an Israel Action team and/or a trip to participate in NY's Israel Day parade in the late Spring?) Do we want to pursue a greener environment? (How about an evaluation of our individual practices and those in our building? Or contributing to a school-based project to do some local farming?) Do we want our services to be more intimate?

(How about reconfiguring our sanctuary or expanding our Synaplex offerings?)

The list can go on and on, but it really needs to be based on what we as individuals want in our community. And on connecting (or re-connecting) with one another. With this, we can regain and enhance our sense of community.

On a more personal note, I'd like to say once again how delighted I am to join the community at BI. Even after three months here, long-time members continue to come by to welcome me to the family. I'm enjoying making a personal connection to so many of you (even if I slip and forget that we've already spoken twice before and I've introduced myself as if I don't remember anything about our conversation). Please continue to come by and say hello, and let me know what you'd like to see to make the synagogue a more fulfilling part of our community.

I'd like to wish everyone a happy and fruitful new year.
Shanah Tovah!

Ken Turkewitz, Executive Director

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Membership

Ellen Benz



Dear Fellow BI Congregants. Shana Tova! I am writing this article from a small village in southwest Germany and am having a hard time believing that in just five weeks the Chaggim will be upon us once again, and with them we will embark on a new year with our new Rabbi, Rabbi Schwarzman, and our new Executive Director, Ken Turkewitz. Upon my

return from Germany, the three of us will meet to discuss our strategic plans for increasing and retaining membership. We have already spoken about new ways to reach out to unaffiliated families and newcomers to our community. In addition, the Membership

Committee met in May to plan more novel and exciting events for the upcoming year. Before I share our upcoming plans with you, I'd like to briefly recap the events of the past year.

In December we launched our first ever Coffeehouse, which featured performances by our Israeli emissaries, Dror and Lidor, as well as by Cantor Barber along with her husband, Rabbi Ben Weiner and Ben Lyons on piano. The evening was rounded out by acoustic guitar playing by Chris Carter while we sat and played games, drank Starbucks coffee (provided graciously by Dan Shertzer), snacked on desserts, and schmoozed with our BI friends.

As we faced one of the most difficult winters yet, our spirits were boosted in February by an evening of Wine and Torah, which featured fine kosher wines, gourmet food samplings, and a fascinating lecture about wine making by David Bernat, PhD. We had close to 70 attendees - quite a crowd on a cold, snowy night! Just a few weeks later, the programming continued with a showing of the Israeli film, "Walk on Water." This was our second annual Movie Night and 40 people gathered in the library to watch this moving and suspenseful film.

In an effort to reinvigorate the spiritual Kabbalat Shabbat program and bring in Shabbat together as a community, we instituted a most successful monthly program, called Cocktails

and Kabbalat Shabbat which was launched in April. Our most recent program welcomed Rabbi Schwarzman and his wife to Beth Israel and drew in over 80 people on a hot, humid summer evening in July. Be on the lookout for future dates!

Also, we felt it important to support other programming and as such, teamed up with Ways and Means to co-sponsor A Concert of Sephardic Music, which featured Cantor Elise Barber. As our calendar begins to fill up, I am hopeful that in the upcoming year we can work together with other committees to provide high quality programming designed to meet our current members' needs and bring in new members as well.

And now onto the upcoming year.....

September 9th 7:00 pm: Our first Cocktails and Shabbat for the year. Watch for details, as well as for further ones to be scheduled.

September 18th, 4-7 pm: Please join us for our first annual Yom Sport/Membership BBQ - see the flier on the opposite page for more information. We are in need of volunteers to help out that day - please let me know if you are willing to either lead sport activities, grill, and help in the kitchen. Also, we are asking that committees who wish to share their accomplishments, increase their visibility within the Shul, and increase their volunteers, to consider setting up an informational booth. More information will be sent out about this opportunity at the end of August.

In response to the positive feedback we received, there will be another Coffeehouse in December and a Movie Night (date TBD). In addition, we will be bringing in genealogist and post-doc at WPI, Arnon Herkshowitz, who will not only share his research, but also guide us on beginning our own Jewish genealogy research. This lecture is tentatively scheduled for November - more information to follow soon.

Also be on the lookout for more information regarding a February program! (I don't know if wine will be on the menu yet, but there will be something fun!) In the meantime, I wish everyone a wonderful rest of the summer and look forward to seeing everyone at our first Yom Sport/Membership BBQ on September 18th. As always, please let me know if you have any questions and/or suggestions for our committee.

B'Shalom,

Ellen Benz, VP, Membership Services

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From the Maintenance Dept.

Scott O'Toole



Hello all, Scott O'Toole here at the Beth Israel maintenance office with a Fall 2011 update on our facility. During this summer we have continued to work hard to improve our landscaping and overall outside appearance. We are in the process of trimming all of our shrubs and bushes, edging and weeding our planting beds and will be adding some fresh bark mulch and flowers to many areas on the property before the High Holidays.

We have also begun making some improvements to our entrances here at B.I. Loose paint has been scraped away, areas will be power washed and painted, and windows will be repaired where needed. We have also completed shampooing the carpets throughout the building.

I'd like to introduce Dan Budkis to our community. Dan is a local college student who has been helping with our landscaping this summer. Dan's knowledge and work ethic

have been a great addition to our team and I thank him for his efforts.

Future Summer / Fall projects will include repairing the loose tiles in the social hall floor, painting throughout the facility and of course building our Sukkah. We are also always researching ways and working with new contractors to improve the maintenance of the building and grounds. We are evaluating the air conditioning in all our rooms and we look to have our mechanical systems working efficiently to keep all of our congregants and visitors comfortable.

I'd like to welcome to Rabbi Schwarzman and our new Executive Director Ken Turkewitz. I look forward to working with both of you.

I also wanted to thank the congregation here at B.I. this summer for all their help during kiddushs and remind all those who help that it is very much appreciated. As always, I can be reached by just stopping by or at Scott.OToole@BethIsraelWorc.org with any questions or concerns you may have.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!
Sincerely,
Scott O'Toole

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Thursday evening, October 20th

22 Tishrei 5772 at 5:45 PM (Afternoon services at 5:30 PM)

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Friday morning, October 21st

23 Tishrei 5772 at 9:00 AM

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Adult Education

This coming year will be filled with a wide range of opportunities to engage in Adult Jewish education. At BI, you will find adult education classes to enrich your mind (text study), body (yoga) and spirit (Israeli dance). In the Central Massachusetts Jewish community, you will find programs such as the Worcester JCC's Author and Film series and the Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts's Torathon and in the Greater Boston Jewish community you will find the Boston Jewish Film Festival (November 2011), the Boston Jewish Music Festival (March 2012) and the MIT Israeli Dance Festival (March 2012).

We will begin our year of Jewish education at BI with our fall Synaplex, September 16th and 17th. Synaplex is a community-building initiative designed to provide people with new reasons to make the synagogue "the place to be" on Shabbat. It offers a variety of Shabbat experiences in the synagogue for our diverse congregation, in a flexible format to provide expanded opportunities to learn, gather, pray and enjoy together. With that in mind, we offer alternatives to the traditional Shabbat service, and extend the Shabbat day in the synagogue beyond *kiddush*. BI offers a Synaplex Shabbat 3 times a year, in fall, winter and spring. The winter session is an all-day Shabbat-in-Shul.

Programming for our fall Synaplex will include:

Kabbalat Shabbat outside on the lawn (camp style). "A Celebration of Jewish Camp - Summer 2011" and a Family Shabbat dinner (RSVP required) on Friday evening.

On Saturday, Shabbat morning services will be held from 9:00-11:30, with our teens leading us in some of the tefilla. In addition to services in the main sanctuary, Myron Maron will lead a session on Abulafia Meditation. (Abulafia chanting meditation was first made public by Abraham Abulafia, a 12th century Italian cabalist. It is based on Hebrew letter Kabbalah, using both the letters and vowels.) It will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 and Elliot Krefetz will lead text study titled, "My Father Was a Wandering Aramean" from 10:30 to 11:30. At 11:30, we will all come together for a D'var torah and the conclusion of services, which will be followed by a Kiddush lunch.

Programming continues after lunch with a discussion by

Bettina Schwarzman on "Mikveh: Take the Plunge!" - What is a mikvah? What does it look like inside a *mikvah*, and what happens inside one? Who makes use of it, and how? Come and learn the biblical basis for this practice. (Bettina Schwarzman grew up in Sweden, lived in Israel for 12 years and studied at Hebrew University, Jerusalem. She also lived for a number of years in San Francisco, where she worked at the local *mikvah*.) The afternoon will also include an outdoor activity (TBA) and family games in the lobby (coordinated by BI's Membership committee).

If you are interested in learning more about Synaplex or participating in the planning, please contact Paula Sommer, Synaplex chair at psommer@myway.com.

We hope you will join us for Synaplex and consider enrolling in one of our fall courses. We also look forward to seeing you at Torathon and/or one of the many community-wide education events throughout the year.

For more information about Adult Education at BI, please contact Me'ir Sherer, Director of Congregational Learning.

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November/December BI Word Deadline

The deadline for input for the November/December BI Word is October 5th—*If you're contributing to that issue, please be on time – the holidays will make the schedule very tight for that issue. All input should be submitted to Office@BethIsraelWorc.org.*



PRELIMINARY BI ADULT EDUCATION FALL 2011

<p>5 Megillot: Sexiest & Most Holy Books in the Bible Time: Mondays, 11:15-12:15; Starts: November Location: JCC Instructor: Rabbi Steve Schwarzman Cost: NO CHARGE</p>	<p>Yoga Class Time: Thursdays, 4:00PM; Starts: November Location: BI Instructor: Yeong Chang Cost: BI Members: \$80; Non-Members: \$120</p>
<p>Srugim – Take 2 <i>We are back for Season 2. Join us to watch, and then discuss, episodes from the second season of the Israeli TV drama “Srugim.” “Srugim,” which refers to the knitted cippot, deals with the lives of religious 20- and 30-somethings in the Katamon neighborhood of Jerusalem.</i> Time: Thursdays, 7:30-8:30PM; Starts: November Location: BI Instructor: Me’ir Sherer; Dir. Cong. Learning, BI Cost: NO CHARGE</p>	<p>Stories from the Talmud <i>Study the stories in “Ein Ya’akov,” a compilation of all the Aggadic (legends) material in the Talmud together with commentaries. It was compiled by Rabbi Jacob ibn Habib who lived 1460–1516. Habib was in Zamora, Spain. In 1492, when Jews were expelled from Spain, he settled in Salonica, Greece and wrote “Ein Ya’akov.”</i> Time: Mondays, 7:40-9:00PM; Starts: November Location: BI Instructor: Rabbi Steve Schwarzman Cost: Non-Members: \$36</p>
<p>Learning the Shabbat Musaf Service <i>Come learn the modes, melodies, and words that make up the Shabbat Musaf service. Create a greater attachment to Jewish prayer and community by delving into this sacred text and musical tradition. The class will meet four times as a group and then each student will work with Cantor Barber at least twice individually to prepare to lead the congregation.</i> Time: Sundays, 11:00AM-noon; Oct 23, 30; Nov 6, 13 Location: BI Instructor: Cantor Elise Barber Cost: Non-Members: \$18 (4 Sessions)</p>	<p>Kumsitz <i>Shortly after Rabbi Schwarzman joined BI, he described a program of evening song sessions held in congregants’ homes that he had experienced as part of his Jewish community in San Francisco. We are hoping to create something similar here in Worcester and are calling the program “Kumzits.” The word Kumzits is taken from the Yiddish “kum” meaning “come” and “zits” meaning “sit” and is used to describe an evening of group singing. If you would like to participate as a musician, host, or organizer, please email Cantor Barber at elise.barber@bethisraelworc.org. Possible topics include Partisan Songs, Shirei Halutzim, Modern Israeli Popular songs, Hanukkah, music inspired by Song of Songs, Pesach, and Art Songs. We are hoping to have three Kumzits in the fall and three in the spring. Please join us and help to make this happen!</i> Time: Sundays, 7:30 – 9:00PM; Dates TBA Location: TBA Instructor: Cantor Elise Barber Cost: TBD</p>
<p>Learning the Weekday Ma’ariv Service <i>This class not only teaches you to lead Weekday Maariv service at shul, but also instructs on the leading of a Shiva Minyan therefore helping to comfort the mourners of our community.</i> Time: Sundays, 11:00AM-12:00PM; Dates TBA Location: BI Instructor: Cantor Elise Barber Cost: Non-Members: \$18 (4 Sessions)</p>	<p>Israeli Dancing Time: Sundays, 6:00 – 7:00PM; Starts: November Location: BI Instructor: Kfir Mizrahi Cost: \$5/session</p>
<p>Conversational Hebrew Time: Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30PM; Starts: November 9 Location: BI Instructor: Ziva Rosenhand Cost: BI Members: \$18 / Non-Members: \$36 (15 Sess.)</p>	

COMMUNITY COURSES

<p>Introduction to Judaism Class Time: TBD Location: TBD Instructors: Rabbis Matthew Berger, Tom Alpert, and Steven Schwarzman Cost: TBD</p>	<p>Beginner’s Hebrew Time: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30PM; Starts: November 9 Location: BI Instructor: Ziva Rosenhand Cost: \$18 (15 Sessions)</p>
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Sisterhood 5772 Membership – Hiddur Mitzvah – Beautifying a Mitzvah

Sept 1, 2011

Dear Friend:

We invite you to become a Member of BI Sisterhood for the coming year.

Our Sisterhood theme for the New Year 5772 is **Hiddur Mitzvah**, the thought of enhancing and beautifying a mitzvah. This year we will focus on mitzvot and finding ways to embellish them in our daily lives.

You also have a unique opportunity to order a special Women's League Jewish Calendar Diary for September 2011-October 2012 for \$10 (supplies are limited). Its handy 4x6 size conveniently tucks into your purse and includes not only the Jewish calendar but also Prayers, Berakhot and an array of ways to enrich our daily lives as Jews by incorporating the idea of **Hiddur Mitzvah**.

As always, if you are Sisterhood Life Member please consider making a donation, as well as becoming a Torah Fund Benefactor this year. For information about becoming a Torah Fund Benefactor and to receive the lovely pin pictured below, Please contact Lois Sobel at leftrdh@charter.net or leave a message at (508) 835-4658.

Please fill out the info in the space provided below and mail as soon as possible.

B'Shalom and L'Shanah Tovah,

Lydia Borenstein, BI Sisterhood President
Lydia.borenstein@yahoo.com ~(508) 688-7926

**Congregation Beth Israel Sisterhood
Calendar for September & October**



- Wed. 9/14/11** **Sisterhood Matanah-A New Year...A New You!**
Your Time to Bloom!
Healthy dinner buffet & rejuvenating breakout sessions
BI, 6:00-9:00pm
- Sun. 9/18/11** **Jewish Genetic Diseases-Be Educated, Know the Risks**
Get Screening before Having Children
Willows 11AM-light lunch served
Co-sponsored by Hadassah, JCC, & The Willows
- 9/29- 9/30** **Rosh Hashanah-L'Shanah Tovah, everyone!**
Sat. 10/8/11 **Apples & Honey for Break Fast-Yom Kippur**
Sponsored by Sisterhood-volunteers needed
- Sun. 10/9/11** **Sukkah Decorating**
Tue. 10/25 **Book Club**
Sun. 10/30/11 **Sisterhood Walk-a-thon/Run, BI**



Name _____
Email _____

Sisterhood dues 5772.....\$40 _____
WSJC Calendar diary\$10 _____
Total enclosed..... _____

Please make checks payable to **Beth Israel Sisterhood**

Drop off/mail to BI office or mail to Inna Chernyakova, 9 Herbert Road, Worcester, MA 01602

A NEW YEAR...A NEW YOU!
Your Time to Bloom!
Matanah 5772 – Sisterhood Donor
Wednesday, 9/14/2011

It's not too late... Join us for Sisterhood Matanah 5772 at Beth Israel. Labor Day is around the corner, which marks the start of two important seasons...with the end of the lockout, football will be kicking off Sept 8th. Perhaps more importantly for us, Labor day marks the end of summer and the beginning of a New Sisterhood Year and the start of The Jewish High Holiday season. As we put away our flip-flops and pull out our Keds for Yom Kippur, it is an important time to get ourselves ready.

A New Year...A New You! Your Time to Bloom!

With kids back in school or off to college, vacations over, we start to prepare for the Jewish New Year. In doing so, we, as women, have a lot on our minds: Renewing our spiritual selves, recommitting to eating right, exercising, getting our house in order/organized, sending New Year's cards etc. In that spirit, we have created ***Your Time to Bloom***-a wonderful evening to renew your spirit, your mind, your body and have fun!

~We will enjoy a **healthy buffet** dinner with Meat & Vegetarian options~

Followed by mini-breakout sessions and Bazaar:

- **Kosher wine tasting** with **Mass Liquors**—sample 5-10 different certified Kosher wines
- Create a **Jewish New Year card** with **Stampin' Up** Consultant, Terry Ciras
<http://www.stampinup.net/esuite/home/tacstamps/>
- **Mini manicures** (polish removed, cuticles cleaned up, lotion-no polish)
- **Get organized!** Wardrobe Tips and more-3 different classes taught by Professional Organizer, Jazz Barnett , www.JazzPersonalManagement.com
- **Introduction to Yoga**, mini Yoga class
- **Life coach Heather Ramsey** will speak on "Your Life on the Bookshelf" Exploring who you are and where you are right now. www.thecoach4me.com
- Enjoy a **chair massage**
- Raffle prizes
- Jewelry for sale

Dress Casual-
come as you
are!

Bring inactive cell phone(s)
(and charger if you have it) to be
donated & refurbished for victims of
Domestic Violence!

Recommit to be the best **you** that you can be — inside and out....take this time ...***Your time to bloom!*** To recharge your batteries for a fresh New Year!

YES! I want to take my TIME TO BLOOM and participate in Matanah on Wed 9/14/11

Select one:

- _____ I am a paid Sisterhood Member/ Life Member-enclosed is \$40
_____ I am not a paid Sisterhood member YET-enclosed is \$80 (\$40 to attend and \$40 to pay my dues)
_____ I am not a paid Sisterhood member YET-enclosed is \$40 (I will pay \$40 Dues at the door)
_____ I cannot attend but would like to make a much needed donation to Sisterhood of \$_____

We want everyone to attend. If you need payment arrangements, please contact President, Lydia Borenstein to speak in confidence. 508-688-7926 or Lydia_borenstein@yahoo.com

Please make checks payable to *Beth Israel Sisterhood*. Mail to Inna Chernyakova, 9 Herbert Rd, Worc 01602

RESERVATIONS DUE BY 9/7/11-Your check is your reservation

Education for Families with Young Children

Congregation Beth Israel strives to provide education to congregants of all ages. Our committee targets and coordinates programs for families with young children (infancy through the first few years of school). Preschoolers join the Hebrew School kindergarten and first grade the first Shabbat of each month for our Keshet service (infants/toddlers welcome). Families come together for such programs as “The Moon and Our Jewish Calendar.”

In addition, whenever appropriate and possible, we find opportunities to include families with young children in synagogue-wide events, such as: Synaplex and Shabbat-in-Shul.

As we bring in the New Year, we want to remind you that our committee is also responsible for coordinating babysitting for infants and toddlers on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We hope those of you, or your guests for the holidays, with children in this age group will take advantage of this service. Please also know that you are welcome to bring your infants/toddlers into the children’s services on the High Holidays should you wish to do so.

We look forward to a wonderful year!

Shana Tovah u’Metukah,

Sara Jacobson and Deb Martin
Education for Families with Young Children Committee
Co-Chairs



Minyan Schedule Changes!

Effective Rosh Chodesh Elul (30 August), please note the resumption of weekday morning minyans.

Also, please note the change to the Monday and Thursday morning minyan to 7:00, so that all of our weekday (Mon-Fri) minyans start at the same time.

The schedule can be found in the Rabbi’s column and in the daily calendar.

Religious School

Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, children in kindergarten through seventh grade gather on the second floor of our school wing to, among other things, create community, study Hebrew, foster Jewish identity, engage in tefilla and text study, learn Jewish history, and engage in activities with our Israel Emissaries to learn about and connect to Israel. It’s magical!

On Wednesday, September 14, we begin our final year as an independent Religious School, as a year from now we will see the opening of Worcester’s Community Religious School. Throughout the year, families and children of our Religious school and Temple Emanuel’s Religious school will come together to learn and build community. Family education programs have been coordinated between the two schools for all grades. In the month of November, second through seventh graders of both Religious schools will have the opportunity to

participate in a variety of special chuggim (electives) to be held both at Congregation Beth Israel and Temple Emanuel. We are very excited by the continued movement toward our Community Religious School.

We wish to welcome this year’s team of “madrachim” (leaders) who will be leading out students: Audrey Kennen, Paulette Friedman, Keren Gordon, Yonatan Melamed, Mira Mendick, Ziva Rosenhand, Ya’ara Persing, Ruth Margolis, Reena Slovin, Debbie Fruchtman and Rabbi Steven Schwarzman. In addition, we want to extend a special welcome to our Israel Emissaries, Inbar Cohen and Shachar Peleg.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning!
Shanah Tovah!

Me’ir Sherer
Director of Congregational Learning
Congregation Beth Israel

BI Religious School Calendar 2011-2012

Sep	Wed	14	First Weekday Session		Wed	11	BI & Temple Emanuel Grades 6 and 7 Family Ed Program: Pluralism, 4:00-6:00 PM at BI
	Sat	17	First Shabbat Session				
	Mon	19					
	Wed	21			Sat	14	No School, MLK Weekend
	Sat	24			Mon	16	No School, MLK Day
	Mon	26			Wed	18	
	Wed	28	No School, Erev Rosh Hashanah		Sat	21	
Oct	Sat	1	No School		Mon	23	
	Mon	3			Wed	25	
	Wed	5			Sat	28	Grade 4 Community Overnight
	Sat	8	No School, Yom Kippur		Mon	30	
	Mon	10	No School, Columbus Day	Feb	Wed	1	
	Wed	12	No School, Erev Shavuot		Sat	4	
	Sat	15	Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot		Mon	6	
	Mon	17	Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot		Wed	8	
	Wed	19	No School, Erev Shemini Atzeret		Sat	11	
	Sat	22			Mon	13	
	Sun	23	BI & Temple Emanuel Grades 2/3 Fam. Ed Program:God & Creating Holy,4:00-6:00 PM at BI		Wed	15	
	Mon	24			Sat	18	No School, Pub. School Vac.
	Wed	26			Mon	20	No School, Pub. School Vac.
	Sat	29			Wed	22	No School, Pub. School Vac.
	Mon	31			Sat	25	No School, Pub. School Vac.
Nov	Wed	2	BI and Temple Emanuel Electives for Grd 2-7 at TE	Mar	Mon	27	
	Sat	5			Wed	29	
	Mon	7	BI and Temple Emanuel Electives for Grd 2-5 at BI		Sat	3	
	Wed	9	BI and Temple Emanuel All School Yom Rabin Program		Mon	5	
	Sat	12			Wed	7	No School, Erev Purim
	Mon	14	BI and Temple Emanuel Electives for Grd 2-5 at BI		Sat	10	
	Wed	16	BI and Temple Emanuel Electives for Grd 2-7 at TE		Mon	12	
	Sat	19			Wed	14	
	Mon	21	BI and Temple Emanuel Electives for Grd 2-5 at BI		Sat	17	
	Wed	23	No School, Erev Thanksgiving		Mon	19	
	Sat	26	No School, Thanksgiving		Wed	21	
	Mon	28	BI and Temple Emanuel Electives for Grd 2-5 at BI		Sat	24	
	Wed	30	BI and Temple Emanuel Electives for Grd 2-7 at TE		Sun	25	BI & Temple Emanuel Grd 4/5 Family Ed Program:Faces of our Jewish Community, 4-7 PM at TE
Dec	Sat	3	BI & Temple Emanuel K/1 Family Ed Program: Shema Bedtime Ritual,5:00-7:00 PM at TE		Mon	26	
	Mon	5			Wed	28	
	Wed	7			Sat	31	
	Sat	10		Apr	Mon	2	
	Mon	12			Wed	4	
	Wed	14			Sat	7	No School, Passover
	Sat	17			Mon	9	
	Mon	19			Wed	11	
	Wed	21			Sat	14	No School, Passover
	Sat	24	No School, Pub. School Vac.		Mon	16	No School, Pub. School Vac.
	Mon	26	No School, Pub. School Vac.		Wed	18	No School, Pub. School Vac.
	Wed	28	No School, Pub. School Vac.		Sat	21	No School, Pub. School Vac.
	Sat	31	No School, Pub. School Vac.		Mon	23	
Jan	Mon	2	No School, Pub. School Vac.		Wed	25	
	Wed	4			Sat	28	
	Sat	7		May	Mon	30	
	Mon	9			Wed	2	
					Sat	5	
					Mon	7	
					Wed	9	
					Sat	12	
					Mon	14	
					Wed	16	
					Sat	19	Final Shabbat Session
					Mon	21	
					Wed	23	Final Weekday Session

Welcome Shahar Peleg and Inbar Cohen –our 2011-2012 Israeli Young Emissaries

Each year, for the past nine years, the Southern New England Consortium (SNEC) has been a home for Israeli Young Emissaries. The emissaries are from Southern New England's Partnership communities in Israel: Afula and Gilboa Region. Instead of entering the Israel Defense Forces immediately after high school, the emissaries have deferred their army service for a year, and have gone through an intense application and year-long training process in order to perform a year of service in the United States. The emissaries are trained as experiential, hands-on novice educators, working toward creating meaningful connections and **living bridges** between the partnership communities in the US and Israel. Most have backgrounds in leadership in Israeli youth movements. The emissaries live with American host families and work in our local Jewish agencies, including BI, as well as the public schools. Incorporating these young Israelis into our schools and communal agency programs is an incredible opportunity for our students, families and our community at large. These students are role models and the best Israel has to offer.

Shahar Peleg and Inbar Cohen will be arriving in our com-



munity on August 31st. Shahar is from Moshav Ram On and Inbar is from Tivon. Among the topics that Shahar and Inbar will cover in our Hebrew Schools and Hebrew High Schools and Clark Hillel include history, geography, culture, natural resources, Hebrew language, holidays and Israeli cuisine.

In the picture, Shahar is on the left and Inbar is on the right. Shahar will be living with Sue and Jeff Summit in Holden and then Kim Sandler and Ron Cohen in Westboro. Inbar will be living with Nancy and Bruce Neuwirth in Westboro. (Hosts for Inbar for the second part of the year are still being worked out.)

The Young Emissary Program is a joint project of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish Federations of North America (UJC). We

are grateful to the Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts for sponsoring the Young Emissary Program and for enabling us to have the emissaries who bring to life so much of the spirit of Israel. For more information or to volunteer as a host family or have the girls over to your home for dinner during the year please contact Liz Baker, Young Emissary Coordinator, lizkbaker@charter.net.

Hello!

My name is Shahar Peleg and I'm going to be the new Israeli Young Emissary in Worcester. I'm

17 ½ years old and I live on Moshav Ram On in the Gilboa Region. My Moshav is 15 minutes from Afula by car.

I'm the oldest child in my family and I have 2 younger siblings: Ron is 15 years old and he studies in the 9th grade, and Ziv is 10 years old and she studies in the 5th grade. My mother, Michal, is a geography teacher, and my father, Yuval, is a sales manager.

In my free time I dance modern and ballet. I enjoy traveling and hiking in Israel and abroad, and recently I became interested in a new hobby - photography.

I chose to postpone my IDF service for a year because I believe that the Young Emissary Program is helping to strengthen and preserve the bond between American Jews and Israel. In addition I've always been interested in Jewish life in communities in the USA.

I'm very excited about arriving in Worcester and getting to know all of you in your community.

See you soon!

Shahar

Hello!

My name is Inbar Cohen and I'm going to be the new emissary in Worcester for this next year.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and I hope we will have a wonderful year together.

I want to tell you a little bit about myself.

I was born and grew up in Kiryat Tivon (an amazing community in the North area of Israel, near Haifa). I'm very close to my community, to my family and to my friends.

I have 2 sisters. The older one is Nofar. She's 21 years old. Nowadays, she learns in the Technion (a University next to Haifa). The name of my little sister is Linor. She's 15 years old and she learns in the Junior High in Tivon (where I learned). The name of my mother is Simcha – she's a teacher and the name of my father is Mordechai (but everyone calls him "Moti") – he's a lawyer.

I have been part of two youth movements. The first was "The Scouts" and the second was "HaNoar HaOved VeHaLomed", where I was also a guide.

My favorite hobby is dancing. I started to dance at the age of 3. During this year, I have been dancing for 20 hours a week and I have really loved it. I had many performances during the year. I hope to continue dancing next year and maybe combine this hobby and some of the activities in the community.

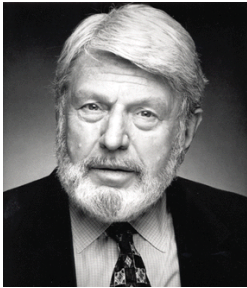
I also love to travel in Israel with my family and my friends. Next year it will be my first time in U.S.A, and I am very excited.

Inbar

Ways and Means Committee

We had a great year of fundraising events last year at Beth Israel and we thank you for your support in both participation and financially.

What is coming up for the New Year? We are getting bigger and better!! Our Committee has already made plans for this year that you will not be able to resist.



Theodore Bikel

Our first event for the year will be—**Bagels, Brunch and Theodore Bikel!!** Theodore Bikel will be attending a fund raiser Brunch at B.I. on Sunday October 16th. This will be joint event with the Jewish Healthcare Center. The details of this great day at the B.I. are still being worked on by the joint committee – but **SAVE THE DATE.** You will not want to miss this.

Our planning calendar for the balance of the year is still being worked on, but please plan on supporting the following events:

Dan Gabel and the Abletones- This is a great Big Band Concert that will get you out on the dance floor – date to be determined. Check out the Abletones website if you want to know more about this band at: theabletones.com

The **Purim Party** was a blast last year and we hope to repeat this successful event – so think about that costume and come out for some fun and dancing.

We will run the **B.I. Raffle** again this year under the guidance of Ron and Rich Silver and we ask for your support of this important fundraiser.

Also, how can we forget the fabulous **Cantor's Concert** put on by our very own Cantor Barber? Her repertoire and interpretation of Sephardic music was truly memorable. The Cantor will again treat us to a concert event in the Spring – details will be forthcoming. You will not want to miss it!

In addition, we ask you to support all of the fundraising efforts of the Ways and Means Committee and Beth Israel, including the **Yizkor Booklet**. Our B.I. Community shows its strength by sustaining the efforts of this very hard working Committee – and we can have fun at the same time.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help put on these events. If you would like to help, please contact me at rfpulda@charter.net

. Thank you for your support in the past years and we look forward to a successful year for our Ways and Means Committee.

Shana Tova U'Metukah,
Rob Pulda- Vice President, Finance and
Interim Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Youth Activities Committee

The focus of the Youth Activities Committee is to support the programming of our synagogue's youth, grades five through twelve.

The centerpiece of our youth program is our United Synagogue Youth (USY) chapter. As our BI teens navigate their way through the social and academic demands of high school, we strive to provide a Jewish community where they can have fun, nurture their spiritual lives, and also take a break from the challenges they face daily. We hope that participation in USY will enrich their love of Judaism and the Jewish community. Please encourage the teens you know to give USY a try!

This year we welcome Laura Traiger as our new USY advisor. Laura grew up at BI and was very involved in USY, herself. We have worked the past couple of years at cultivating new leadership for USY and we are very excited that working with Laura will be our youth council members: Hannah Sinrich, Danielle Neuwirth, Jeremy Kelleher and Dan Rabin. The four will lead the chapter this year, developing programs and recruiting new members. We also thank Aaron Fenster for his work as advisor last year. Under his and Me'ir's leadership our youth had a great year, a highlight of which was a February trip to New York city.

This year we will continue to support program efforts for our USY teens. We will also continue involving them in BI congregational programs such as Synaplex and Shabbat-in-Shul. We realize that there are many ways for our youth to connect with the Jewish community, for some it is youth group, for others it is learning. As in the past, we also encourage our teens to enroll in Worcester's Community Regional Hebrew High or Hebrew College's Prozdor.

The Youth Activities Committee is always looking for additional participants, either to serve on the committee or just to help out with one or two events. If you are interested in playing a role in helping with our youth programming, please email me at jodihir@charter.net. I look forward to working with you!

Shanah Tovah,

Jodi Hirschman
Chair, BI Youth Activities Committee

*First Brotherhood Breakfasts
of the Year:*

*September 11, 2011
October 16, 2011*

Social Action Committee Supporting Our Community

Social action is defined as an “organized activity that seeks to improve human welfare, deepen civic culture and develop group life and commitment to others” (www.infed.org/). This definition perfectly describes the efforts of our Social Action Committee at Beth Israel as we participate in acts of tikkun olam - healing the world.

Through our work, we seek to help and support people and organizations within our synagogue and the larger Worcester community. By working together to help others, we not only build a caring community of adults, we also teach our children the importance of reaching out to help others who aren't as fortunate.

Social action at Congregation Beth Israel can be a one time activity or a continuing commitment. It is not just the “Social Action Committee.” It involves everyone in the Synagogue - each individual is able to participate at whatever level they choose, whether it is bringing in items for the monthly collection or helping cook a meal.

We will be continuing many of our “standard” activities this year. These include Sunday morning preparation of meals for residents of various shelters in the city (see dates below). As in past years, we will be preparing and serving Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at various locations within the city. In cooperation with Me'ir Sherer, Director of Congregational Learning, the older Hebrew School class will continue to bake desserts and serve a monthly meal at the Mustard Seed soup kitchen. We will continue to hold our monthly collections of items to benefit residents of the Worcester area.

Every year we try to find new ways for our congregation to get involved in social action events. On November 4-5, we hope to join other congregations around the country for Global Hunger Shabbat, a weekend of engagement and action to promote global food justice. We will also be participating in tornado relief clean-up activities in some of the communities in central and western Massachusetts.

We are always looking for new ideas for Social Action projects, and new people willing to participate and lead these activities. For more information, contact Michelle Cochran through the BI office, or at weefishe@charter.net.

Shelter meals:

September 25
October 23
November 20
December 18
January 29
February 12
March 11
April 22
May 20

Monthly collections:

September: School Supplies
October: Baby Supplies
November: Winter clothing
December: Holiday Gifts
January : Boxed cereals
February: TBA
March: Purim Food Drive
April: Toiletries
May: Books for the Worcester Summer Reading Program

Monthly Collection

for September



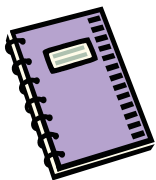
- Pencils
- Pens
- 3 ring binders
- Crayons
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Erasers
- calculators (*they don't have to be expensive*)
- backpacks (*new or VERY gently used*)
- Rulers
- Notebooks
- Pocket folders
- 3 hole lined paper
- Glue sticks
- Dictionaries
- Pencil grips

OR please feel free to purchase anything else elementary and middle school students might need.

The Social Action Committee's first monthly collection is **School Supplies**.

Many of the stores are having great sales now!

When you are shopping for your children's school supplies (*or even if you don't need to go school shopping*) please pick up a few of the items listed.



The drop off barrel is located near the BI Lobby

Please think about dropping off a few items when you pick up your Yom Tov tickets.

Collection ends September 30th

Alternative Northborough drop off point:
Call Nan Gold, 508-393-9682



The BI Family welcomes new members:

Michael Bergman & Karen Gowen
Jenna, Rebekah, and Abigail Bergman; Alison Gowen

Gregory & Rebecca Weiner
Hannah, Jacob, and Theodore Weiner

Micha & Sara Shalev
Karen and Maia Shalev

Rabbi Steven & Bettina Schwarzman
Dan, Rachel, Yael, and Hillel Schwarzman

Kenneth & Carol Turkewitz
Jonathan and Paul Shuster; Max, Avi, and Lev Turkewitz



Congregation Beth Israel Sukkot and New Member Dinner

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

14th day of Tishrei 5772

After Services (Approximately 6:10 pm)

BI invites you to join us in fulfilling the mitzvah of eating in a sukkah.

BI Sukkot Dinner

(Chicken, kugel, and more)

Adults @ \$18

Children (6-12 Years) @ \$12 each

Children under 5 Free

(Maximum per Family \$50)

RSVP due October 7, 2011.

There is limited seating so please send us your check ASAP to reserve your spot.

Sukkah Visits

Hosts

Are you building a sukkah this year?
Would you like to share it with your
friends at Beth Israel?

Call the office (508-756-6204) and
let us know if:

- ◆ You're open to "sukkah-hopping"
visitors, and if so when you're
sukkah will be "open"
- ◆ You're open to having guests for a
meal

We'll publish a list of local succahs
and when they are open for visiting.
We'll also let you know what
opportunities you may have for
hosting guests for a meal!

Guests

Are you potentially missing out on
the pleasure of being an exalted guest
at a sukkah this year?

Let us help you find a local sukkah.
Call the office (508-756-6204) and
let us know if you'd like to be a guest
at a fellow-congregant's hut.



CONGREGATION Beth Israel

CHAI KIDDUSH Club

Are you celebrating a birthday, special anniversary, loved one's yahrzeit, graduation or a simcha but can't sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush on your own? Would you like to honor our Rabbi, staff, or the person you sit next to in Shul—or just show your support for the Shul?

For just \$180 you can be a member of our weekly CHAI KIDDUSH CLUB and be listed as a CHAI KIDDUSH CLUB sponsor for each unsponsored Shabbat Kiddush in the "Weekly BI Email and Shabbat Sheet" through June 30, 2012.

There are also CHAI KIDDUSH CLUB CO-SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES. **
For \$18 or more you will be listed for 1 Shabbat
(multiples of \$18 are welcome!).

** Chai Kiddush Club co-sponsors will be listed in a separate category than sponsors for a fully sponsored Kiddush.

To be listed for the coming week's Shabbat, please submit your payment in full and text for your listing to the Shul Office by no later than Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

All donations to Chai Kiddush Club are tax-deductible.

If you have questions about Chai Kiddush Club sponsorship, please contact Ken Turkewitz at biexecdir@bethisraelworc.org.



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Sunday, September 18th, 2011

4-7pm



Come join us
for our first ever

YOM SPORT/MEMBERSHIP BBQ

Meet our new rabbi,
Rabbi Steven Schwarzman,
connect with our community,
play games



and of course,
board games
for all **AGES**.

Enjoy a new twist
on the traditional **BBQ!**

**Sponsored by the
Membership Committee.**

Cost: \$8 per person
Free for non-members.

More information
coming soon.

Please RSVP
either to
membership@bethisraelworc.org
or to the office
at 508-756-6204.



Congregation Beth Israel

**Choose your own venue for Shabbat
Friday - Saturday, September 16-17, 2011**

Friday, September 16, 2011 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

- 6:00 - 7:00 ☆ **A Celebration of Camp—2011:
Kabbalat Shabbat Services outside on the lawn (camp style)**
- 7:00 - 8:30 ☆ **Shabbat Dinner (RSVP required)**

Saturday, September 17, 2011 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

- 9:00 - 11:30 ☆ **Shabbat preliminary and morning service (Glick Sanctuary)
BI Teens will help lead tefilla.**
- 9:30 - 10:30 ☆ **Abulafia Meditation
Myron Maron (Palley Library)
Abulafia chanting meditation was first made public by Abraham Abulafia, a 12th century Italian cabalist. It is based on Hebrew letter cabala, using both the letters and vowels.**
- 10:30 - 11:30 ☆ **Text Study: “My Father Was a Wandering Aramean”
Elliott Krefetz (Palley Library)
We will examine this anthem (“a hymn of praise or loyalty,” according to the American Heritage Dictionary) and its context. We will also, in the traditional stream-of-consciousness method of midrashic interpretation, allow our examination to lead us to consider other anthems.**
- 11:00 - 12:00 ☆ **Shabbat D’var torah and conclusion of service**
- 12:00- 1:00 ☆ **Kiddush and Luncheon**
- 1:00 ☆ **Outdoor Activity (details TBD)**
- 1:00– 3:00 ☆ **Family Games in the Lobby**

**Mark your calendars:
Shabbat in Shul—February 2-3, 2012
Spring Synaplex—March 16-17, 2012**

RSVP required

Reservation Form for Synaplex, September 16-17, 2011

Shabbat Dinner, September 16 (Maximum Family Charge \$40.00)

_____ adults (\$16.00) _____ children age 12 or under (\$10.00) _____ children age 4 or under (no charge)

Shabbat Lunch, September 17

_____ adults (no charge) and _____ children (no charge) age 12 and under

I would like vegetarian meals _____

I am enclosing a check for _____.

Name _____ Telephone no. _____

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Volunteers Needed

Do you know we have more volunteers at Beth Israel than we have paid staff? Would you like to become part of this warm and welcoming group?

It's easy. Just send your name to me at behk1@juno.com or mail a brief letter to Beth Israel which should include your availability and your interests. Often we are asked to help on a last minute task.

Your reward is getting to know more about Beth Israel and your co-members. You also contribute by doing something for the joy of doing. If you are new to BI or are a not very active member, we welcome you.

Please let us know how you can help.

Thank you.
Elaine Baskin

Seudah Shlishit

Join us for Minchah on Shabbat, stay for Seudah Shlishit and Mariv. Finish with Havdalah. Every Shabbat evening, we end the day as a small friendly group. We say the prayers, we read the Torah.

What is Seudah Shlishit? It is the small meal, the third meal, we eat together while we wait for three stars to appear before Mariv. We enjoy hummous, veggies, fruit, tuna, all on a random basis. Sometimes we just kibbitz. Sometimes we learn.

When the three stars are confirmed, we return to the Chapel, recite Ma'ariv, and then enjoy the beauty of Havdalah.

Join us for all or part of Shabbat evening. Children are welcome. Dress is casual.

Calendar for September and October 2011

Thurs, September 1, 2011

2nd of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Fri, September 2, 2011

3rd of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat
7:03 PM Candle Lighting

Sat, September 3, 2011

4th of Elul 5771
Parashat Shoftim
9:00 AM Shabbat Services
7:00 PM Afternoon Services
8:03 PM Shabbat Ends

Sun, September 4, 2011

5th of Elul 5771
8:30 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Mon, September 5, 2011

6th of Elul 5771
Labor Day
Office Closed
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tues, September 6, 2011

7th of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan

7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wed, September 7, 2011

8th of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thurs, September 8, 2011

9th of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
6:30 PM Hebrew High Opening Dinner
7:00 PM Evening Minyan
7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

Fri, September 9, 2011

10th of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
6:51 PM Candle Lighting
7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Sat, September 10, 2011

11th of Elul 5771
Parashat Ki Teitzei
9:00 AM Shabbat Services
6:45 PM Afternoon Services
8:00 PM Shabbat Ends

Sun, September 11, 2011

12th of Elul 5771
8:30 AM Morning Minyan
9:30 AM Brotherhood Breakfast
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Mon, September 12, 2011

13 of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
9:30 AM Music Together
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tues, September 13, 2011

14th of Elul 5771
Office Closed
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wed, September 14, 2011

15th of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
6:00 PM Sisterhood Matanah Donor Dinner
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thurs, September 15, 2011

16th of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan
7:30 PM Finance Meeting

Fri, September 16, 2011

17th of Elul 5771
Synaplex
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
6:39 PM Candle Lighting
7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Sat, September 17, 2011

18th of Elul 5771
Synaplex
Parashat Ki Tavo
9:00 AM Shabbat Services
6:30 PM Afternoon Services
7:39 PM Shabbat Ends

Sun, September 18, 2011

19th of Elul 5771
8:30 AM Morning Minyan
11:00 – 1:00 Jewish Genetic Disease
speaker sponsored by BI Sisterhood, JCC
and Hadassah at The Willows
1:00 PM High Holiday Happening at
Congregation Beth Tikvah
4:00 PM Yom Sport and BBQ
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Mon, September 19, 2011

20th of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
9:30 AM Music Together
7:00 PM High Holiday Ticket Pickup
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tues, September 20, 2011

21st of Elul 5771
Office Closed
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wed, September 21, 2011

22nd of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thurs, September 22, 2011

23rd of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan
7:30 PM Board Meeting

Fri, September 23, 2011

24th of Elul 5771
Cantor Elise Barber
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
6:26 PM Candle Lighting
7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Sat, September 24, 2011

25th of Elul 5771
Cantor Elise Barber
Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech
Selichot
9:00 AM Shabbat Services
6:15 PM Afternoon Services

7:30 PM Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Selichot
Services
7:35 PM Shabbat Ends

Sun, September 25, 2011

26th of Elul 5771
8:30 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Mon, September 26, 2011

27th of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
9:30 AM Music Together
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tues, September 27, 2011

28th of Elul 5771
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
6:30 PM USY Challah Pickup
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wed, September 28, 2011

29th of Elul 5771
Erev Rosh Hashana
Rosh Chodesh Tishri
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:45 AM USY Challah Pickup
3:00 PM Office Closes
6:15 PM Evening Minyan
6:17 PM Candle Lighting

Thurs, September 29, 2011

1st of Tishri 5772
Rosh Hashana
Rosh Chodesh Tishri
Office Closed
8:30 AM Holiday Services
5:15 PM Tashlich
5:45 PM Evening Minyan

Fri, September 30, 2011

2nd of Tishri 5772
Rosh Hashana II
Office Closed
8:30 AM Holiday Services
6:14 PM Candle Lighting
7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Sat, October 1, 2011

3rd of Tishri 5772
Parashat Ha'Azinu
Shabbat Shuva
9:00 AM Shabbat Services
6:15 PM Afternoon Services
7:14 PM Shabbat Ends

Sun, October 2, 2011

4th of Tishri 5772
Tzom Gedaliah
Fast of Gedaliah
8:30 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Mon, October 3, 2011

5th of Tishri 5772
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
9:30 AM Music Together
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tues, October 4, 2011

6th of Tishri 5772
Office Closed
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wed, October 5, 2011

7th of Tishri 5772
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thurs, October 6, 2011

8th of Tishri 5772
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Fri, October 7, 2011

9th of Tishri 5772
Erev Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
1:30 PM Mincha
5:30 PM Kol Nidre Services
6:02 PM Candle Lighting

Sat, October 8, 2011

10th of Tishri 5772
Yom Kippur
8:30 AM Holiday Services
4:30 PM Mincha
5:45 PM Ne'ilah
7:02 PM Shofar
7:02 PM Shabbat Ends

Sun, October 9, 2011

11th of Tishri 5772
Sisterhood Sukkah Decorating
8:30 AM Morning Minyan
9:30 AM Brotherhood Breakfast
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Mon, October 10, 2011

12th of Tishri 5772
Columbus Day

Office Closed
Sisterhood Sukkah Decorating
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
9:30 AM Music Together
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tues, October 11, 2011

13th of Tishri 5772
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wed, October 12, 2011

14th of Tishri 5772
Erev Sukkot
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
3:00 PM Office Closes
5:53 PM Candle Lighting
6:10 PM Sukkot Dinner
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thurs, October 13, 2011

15th of Tishri 5772
Sukkot I
Office Closed
8:30 AM Holiday Service
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Fri, October 14, 2011

16th of Tishri 5772
Sukkot II
Office Closed
8:30 AM Holiday Services
5:50 PM Candle Lighting
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Sat, October 15, 2011

17th of Tishri 5772
Chol Ha'Mo'ed Sukkot
Sukkot III
9:00 AM Shabbat Services
6:00 PM Afternoon Services
6:50 PM Shabbat Ends

Sun, October 16, 2011

18th of Tishri 5772
Sukkot IV
8:30 AM Morning Minyan
11:00 AM Theodore Bikel
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Mon, October 17, 2011

19th of Tishri 5772
Sukkot V
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
9:30 AM Music Together
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tues, October 18, 2011

20th of Tishri 5772
Sukkot VI
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Wed, October 19, 2011

21st of Tishri 5772
Sukkot VII (Hoshana Raba)
Cantor Elise Barber
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
3:00 PM Office Closes
5:42 PM Candle Lighting
6:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thurs, October 20, 2011

22nd of Tishri 5772
Cantor Elise Barber
Office Closed
Shemini Atzeret
9:00 AM Morning Minyan
6:00 PM Afternoon Service and Simchat
Torah Dancing

Fri, October 21, 2011

23rd of Tishri 5772
Cantor Elise Barber
Office Closed
Simchat Torah
9:00 AM Morning Minyan
5:39 PM Candle Lighting
6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Sat, October 22, 2011

24th of Tishri 5772
Cantor Elise Barber
Parashat Bereshit
9:00 AM Shabbat Services
6:00 PM Afternoon Services
6:39 PM Shabbat Ends

Sun, October 23, 2011

25th of Tishri 5772
USY Apple Picking
8:30 AM Morning Minyan
4:00 PM God (Creating Holy
Community) Family Education 2nd and 3rd
Grades
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Mon, October 24, 2011

26th of Tishri 5772
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
9:30 AM Music Together
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Tues, October 25, 2011

27th of Tishri 5772
Office Closed
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan
7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting
7:30 PM Sisterhood Book Club at home
of Inna Chernyakovah

Wed, October 26, 2011

28th of Tishri 5772
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Thurs, October 27, 2011

29th of Tishri 5772
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Evening Minyan
7:30 PM Board Meeting

Fri, October 28, 2011

30th of Tishri 5772
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
Cantor Elise Barber
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
5:29 PM Candle Lighting
6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Sat, October 29, 2011

1st of Cheshvan 5772
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
Cantor Elise Barber
Parashat Noach
9:00 AM Shabbat Services
5:15 PM Afternoon Services
6:29 PM Shabbat Ends

Sun, October 30, 2011

2nd of Cheshvan 5772
8:30 AM Morning Minyan
8:30 AM Sisterhood Walk-a-thon
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

Mon, October 31, 2011

3rd of Cheshvan 5772
Halloween
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
9:30 AM Music Together
7:00 PM Evening Minyan

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