

# B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation

420 WHITEHALL RD., ALBANY, NY 12208

PH: 518-482-5283

e-mail: [office@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us](mailto:office@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us)

visit us at [www.bnaisholom.albany.ny.us](http://www.bnaisholom.albany.ny.us)

JUNE/JULY 2010

SIVAN/TAMMUZ/AV 5770

## JOIN US IN JUNE & JULY FOR

Friday, June 4	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday, June 5	TORAH STUDY: <i>Sh'lach</i> Num. 13.1-15.41	9:30 AM
Friday, June 11	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
	High School Graduation Shabbat	
Saturday, June 12	TEXT STUDY: <i>Prophets</i>	9:30 AM
	Extended study with coffee and bagels	
Friday, June 18	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, June 19	TORAH STUDY: <i>Chukat</i> Num. 19.1-22.1	9:30 AM
Friday, June 25	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, June 26	TORAH STUDY: <i>Balak</i> Num. 22.2-25.9	9:30 AM
Friday, July 2	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday, July 3	TORAH STUDY: <i>Pinhas</i> Num. 25.10-30.1	9:30 AM
Friday, July 9	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, July 10	TORAH STUDY: <i>Matot-Masei</i> Num. 30.2-36.13	9:30 AM
	<b>SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
	Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Ng	
Friday, July 16	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, July 17	TEXT STUDY: <i>Prophets</i>	9:30 AM
	Extended study with coffee and bagels	
Friday, July 23	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, July 24	TORAH STUDY: <i>Vaetchanan</i> Deut. 3.23-7.11	9:30 AM
	<b>SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
	Bar Mitzvah of Reed Mardon	
Friday, July 30	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, July 31	TORAH STUDY: <i>Eikev</i> Deut. 7.12-11.25	9:30 AM
	<b>SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Friday, August 6	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday, August 7	TORAH STUDY: <i>Re'eh</i> Deut. 11.26-16.17	9:30 AM

*B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation, a Reform Jewish synagogue, is a community that fosters individual, family and congregational spirituality by engaging in worship and prayer, promoting learning on all levels, supporting each others' needs, bettering our community and our world, and forging connections with worldwide Jewry.*

*We take pride in being warm, welcoming, informal, progressive, open-minded, diverse, and participatory.*

*We strive to create a vibrant Jewish present, linking our ancient traditions with the promise of the future.*

## *From Our Rabbi...*

Over the next few months, we'll all be receiving schedules and calendars for our various activities. Work, school, teams, performing groups, clubs, and all sorts of other involvement will try to stake out claims to our time. Now, therefore, is a good time to put these important dates into your calendar.

Every year I hear the laments of people who have found concerts, banquets, games, conferences, field trips, and so forth scheduled at inopportune times by people who have no knowledge and perhaps little concern for Jewish holidays. It is often the case that if immediately after notification one calls attention to a religiously based schedule conflict, the event can be rescheduled.

Going a step further, by furnishing a copy of this page to those who actually do the scheduling, you can pro-actively help them avoid conflicts.

### JEWISH HOLIDAYS 5771

<i>HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Service at B'nai Sholom</i>
Rosh Hashanah Eve*	Wed., 9/8/10*	8:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah*	Thurs., 9/9/10*	10:00 am
Yom Kippur Eve (=Kol Nidrei)	Fri., 9/17/10	8:00 PM
Yom Kippur	Sat., 9/18/10	10 am, ending 7 PM
Sukkot eve*	Wed., 9/22/10*	7:30 PM
Simhat Torah eve*	Wed., 9/29/10*	7:30 PM
Hanukkah- first candle	Wed., 12/1	-
Shabbat of Hanukkah	Fri., 12/3/10	6:00 PM
Tu BiShevat eve	Wed., 1/19/11	6:00 PM seder
Purim eve	Sat., 3/19/11	Tbd (after 7 PM)
First Passover seder*	Mon., 4/18/11*	-
Yom HaShoah eve	Sun., 5/1/11	At TI; time tbd
Shavuot eve*:CONFIRMATION	Tues., 6/7/11*	7:30 PM

\*Conservative and Orthodox synagogues observe the following day in addition to the date given.

***Next Year in Jerusalem?*** We had wonderful and successful congregational trips to Israel in February 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, and 2007. We're overdue, and if you're the least bit interested in a February 2011 trip, you must let me know by August 1. If we have enough people, we'll pin down details by mid-August, with deposits due 9/1. Full payment would be due mid-December. Very rough estimate at this point is \$4000 per person (air, hotels, bus, guide, touring, all breakfasts, most dinners) double occupancy. Discounts on triples and kids.

L'shalom,

*Rabbi Don Cashman*

**BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER**

Please note that the next two issues of the Bulletin will cover 2 months each.  
--The **August-September** Bulletin deadline is July 15.

**GRADUATION SHABBAT FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 8:00 PM**

CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Our annual Graduating Seniors Celebration Shabbat is our chance to congratulate and celebrate with the families of high school seniors who are graduating. In addition to the Shabbat service, there will be a special Oneg—complete with the traditional “Name Cake”—for all of our graduates and the families who have enabled them to reach this special milestone. Please mark your calendar. Everyone wants to say, “Mazel Tov!”

**ATTENTION**

**B’nai Sholom Mailing list subscribers**  
**with Time Warner Cable e-mail addresses**

If you are currently subscribed to any B’nai Sholom mailing list, such as the Weekly list and you subscribed using a Time Warner e-mail address, such as [“someone”@nycap.rr.com](mailto:someone@nycap.rr.com), please be aware that Time Warner has on two separate occasions blocked all e-mails from B’nai Sholom as Spam.

So, if you would like to continue to receive e-mails from the B’nai Sholom mailing lists, please re-subscribe with another e-mail address. There are many free e-mail accounts available, such as Gmail, Yahoo and others.

If you get a Gmail account, you can set it up to automatically forward e-mails to your Time Warner address.

You can get a free Gmail account by going to [WWW.GMAIL.COM](http://WWW.GMAIL.COM) and in the bottom right corner, click on “Create an account” and follow the instructions. After you Log in with your new account, click on “Settings” in the top right hand side of the screen and then click on [“Forwarding and POP/IMAP”](#). You can then enter your Time Warner e-mail address under “Forwarding” and select “archive Gmail’s copy”. Please be aware that at some point, Time Warner might block your Gmail account as well, but you would still be able to view your e-mails by logging on to your Gmail account.

After you have your new e-mail address set up, please e-mail [Postmaster@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us](mailto:Postmaster@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us) from your new e-mail address. Please list all of the mailing lists that you are currently on, along with your Time Warner e-mail address.

You will then be subscribed under your new e-mail address and un-subscribed from your Time Warner address.

Regards

Sheldon Bosin, Postmaster, B’nai Sholom

## LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD HOSTS!

The Membership Committee needs warm and welcoming families to host our annual Rosh Hashanah potluck luncheons. If you fit the description, please call Barbara Devore at 439-8423 by June 30.

### HELP WANTED! Religious School teachers needed!



B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation is currently seeking dynamic, knowledgeable adults to teach Judaic Studies in our Religious School on Sunday mornings for the 2010-2011 academic school year. There is a curriculum for each grade – you will be responsible for implementing the curriculum in an engaging manner.

..... will bring strong Judaic skills, creativity, energy, love of and experience working with children, and the desire to be part of a collegial academic team. Must also be punctual and organized.

B'nai Sholom offers competitive salaries and an exciting, supportive teaching environment. Come join us!

For more information and application, please contact Elizabeth Alowitz, Religious School Director, at [rsdirector@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us](mailto:rsdirector@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us) or 518-482-5283.

## FUND RAISING

***FYI: Rosh Hashanah is Thursday after Labor Day!*** Order your Rosh Hashanah cards now! Order form for cards featuring original art work is enclosed. Deadline for ordering is August 1.

### A note from the Fundraising Committee

Thank you to all who attended the auction. It was a successful fund-raiser as well as a lively and entertaining event!

We appreciate all of your donations. The selection was wonderful. Special thanks go to Gary Hoffmann and Maggie

Tabak, our auctioneers. They added so much humor, fun and flair to the evening.

*Tired of buying and sending Rosh Hashanah greetings to EVERYONE on your list?*

Once again the Fundraising committee has a great solution! Why not let us help you send holiday greetings to all of your friends at B'nai Sholom for just \$18? For the cost of 2 boxes of cards and stamps you can wish Shanah Tovah to all of the congregants at B'nai Sholom! Or you can choose specific families to send greetings to for \$1.80 for the first family, and \$1.00 for each additional family. Every family in the congregation will receive a card with the names of all the families that have sent holiday greetings. (Think Purim baskets without the nosh.)

This year's beautiful card was designed by Ryan Fleischer the winner of our Second Annual B'nai Sholom Rosh Hashanah Card Contest. Ryan is a student at our Religious School, and a recent Bar Mitzvah. The students of the Religious School were asked to create a design for the Rosh Hashanah Card. All of the designs were terrific, and it made the Fundraising Committee's job of choosing just one design very difficult. After much deliberation Ryan's picture was chosen. As the winner he received a gift certificate for studio time at the Albany Art Room. This year's runners up were: Sarah Davis (last year's winner), Lina Morse, Rebecca Carlson-Lee, and Eliana Cromling. These great young artists were awarded new arts supplies to use for future creative projects.

Still have relatives and friends that you need to send good wishes to? Then you can purchase blank cards with the same lovely design for only \$6.00 for a package of 10! Just write in how many you need on the form.

**DUE DATE FOR THE ENCLOSED ORDER FORM IS AUGUST 1.**

## SOCIAL ACTION

Our congregation held another successful **Blood Drive**, our 19<sup>th</sup>! We achieved 131% of the Red Cross' goal, and more significantly, the 42 units of blood we collected at our May drive have a potential to save 126 lives. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way; whether you volunteered, donated blood, were deferred or just stopped by to chat, you helped make our drive worthwhile. Thank you to the Religious School for letting us use the social hall. And thanks to those who have already signed up to donate blood or volunteer at our next drive. The pre-sign-ups save our volunteer recruiters a lot of time. OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010. You can donate blood up to September 19 and still be eligible for our drive.

### **THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make our Green Fair a success!**

To our musicians, Bob Lord and Phil Teumim; to our master bird-house builder, Jerry Carlson; to our YOBS models, Devon Gingrich, Adam Koren-Roth, Brendan Morse, Rebecca Liebschutz and Barbara Leibo; to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, teachers and aides who weeded and picked up litter; and to our all-round volunteers, Herb and Ruth Swift, Ellie Davis and Carol Smith.

## *Mazel Tov!*

- to **Stephanie Ivanov** and **Adam Schneider** on their marriage
- to **Aimee Cole** on her marriage to Alden Job Addor.
- to **Emily Simmons** on her engagement to Lowell Harrison
- to **Ilana Marks Horowitz** on her graduation from SUNY Oneonta with a dual major in Gerontology and Anthropology
- to **Ben Himmelfarb** who graduate magna cum laude from SUNY Purchase
- to **Eliana Wachs Cashman** who graduated cum laude from Northeastern University with a BA in History
- to **Josh Pendergrass** who graduated cum laude from SUNY Fredonia with a dual major of Applied Music and Sound Recording Technology
- to **Melanie Rockefeller** who was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Maine
- to **Alex Cole** who was named to the Deans' List at Pratt Art Institute/Munson-Williams-Proctor

...and Mazel Tov to all of our high school graduates:

<b>Lincoln Frasca</b>	UMass at Amherst after a "gap year" with the Student Conservation Association
<b>Carrie Levinn</b>	SUNY Geneseo
<b>Barbara Leibo</b>	Boston University
<b>Katie Miller</b>	SUNY Fredonia
<b>Sophie Morris</b>	Savannah College of Art & Design
<b>Rebecca Pendergrass</b>	Temple University
<b>Ben Shanks-Kindlon</b>	SUNY New Paltz
<b>Andrew Sigadel</b>	Hudson Valley Community College
<b>Andrew Wexler</b>	SUNY Oneonta

## ***THE CONGREGATION NOTES WITH THANKS THESE CONTRIBUTIONS....***

### **GENERAL FUND**

In memory of **Frances Dobris** and **Dorothy Lazoroff** by Jan Dobris

In memory of **Glory Swartz** by Barbara and Jack Devore

In memory of **Dorothea Schips** by Jerome Flax

In memory of **Renee Stoller** by Bettina, Howard and Jeremy Stoller

In honor and appreciation of the Nominating Committee by Carol Smith

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In memory of **Merle Sperber** by Lewis Sperber

### **THANK YOU**

--To the paper-cut brigade who prepared the May Bulletin: **Bill Schwartz, Ellie Davis, Steve and Karen Simmons, Sonny and Anne Hausgaard**

--To those congregants who have recently treated us to sweet Ongai Shabbat: **Jasmine and Mark Fleischer, Sandra and Jeff Goldmeer, Stella and Ethan Suib**, Grade 9 students and their families and the families of our Religious School students.

--To **Ellie Davis** who helped prepare the Annual Meeting mailing

### **YAHRTZEITS**

#### **The following Yahrtszeits will be observed in June:**

- 4 Vera Walker\*, Albert Eshkenaz, Joseph Finkelstein\*, Earl Marvin, Lena Rosenblatt\*, Ernst Swiwcz, Werner P. Frankel, Julius Golderman, Louis H. Sobell\*
- 11 Nathan Tauss\*, Babette Singer Samuels, Gertrude Einstein, Nathan Hess\*, Gerald Wellins, Sol Gordon
- 18 Robert Greenbaum, Lorena Abrams
- 25 Solomon Dachman, Gerry Green, Isadore T. Jaffe\*, Selma Jarett, Martin Neuburger, Jeanette Katz, Mary Finnan Blakeslee, Jennie Dubb\*, Barbara Schwartz, Bernard Herbert, Goldie Fisher, Minerva Knee, Julius Flax

#### **The following Yahrtszeits will be observed in July:**

- 2 Rubin Feigelson\*, Cindy Berkowitz\*, Ella Kerper, Saul Ikler, Eugene K. Weiss, Marcia Goldman, Janet Samuels Greenbaum\*, Samuel Englander\*, Harold Landau, Buehl Ray, Celia Kaufman\*
- 9 Gerald Fruiterman, Barney Ginsburg\*, Edith Eidelman, Barbara Wachs, Rudolph Stern\*, Robert James Harris, Lillian Shanks, Bernard Picker, Stanley Samuels, Inez Greenbaum, Shirley Livingston, Alice Flax, Harold Roth\*
- 16 Eleanor Friedman, Sonny Brenner, Morris Bosin, Naftali Propp, Paul Tafler\*, Ludwig P. Bergman\*, Rosemary Kindlon Roe, Leslie Adler, Gerda Neustadt Frankel, Ellen Eckstein Rudinger, Rose Lazoroff\*
- 23 Shirley R. Kolberg, Dorothy Ikler, Helen M. Kolker, Adele Pastor, Bernice Smith,
- 30 Benjamin Binewitch\*, Evelyn Pogoda, Helen Adler, Kim Kuang Ho, Alex M. Rabineau\*, Samuel C. Warshaw\*, Anne Bergman\*, Rose Pollack, Ruby Rosen

*\*denotes that a Perpetual Memorial has been established*

WE NOTE WITH SORROW THE DEATH OF

**GERTRUDE SPERBER**

Mother of Lewis Sperber

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION....

### **ADVANCED DIRECTIVES: TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR FUTURE**

Chaplaincy Services of Jewish Federation and Jewish Family Services will present a program to explain the legal, religious, familial and medical aspects of advanced directives. The program will take place on Tuesday, June 22, 6:30-9:00 pm at Jewish Federation, the Golub Center, 184 Washington Ave. Ext. Presentations by elderlaw attorney, Stephen G. Levy; Jewish Family Services Executive Director, Miriam Adler; Jewish Federation Director of Chaplaincy Services, Rabbi Beverly Magidson. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Jeffrey Perkins and there will be opportunity for attendees to meet with panelists for personal questions. Info: 783-7800, ext. 228.

**REFORM JUDAISM ON LINE** [www.reformjudaismmag.org](http://www.reformjudaismmag.org) Check out some of the articles in the Summer 2010 edition of *Reform Judaism* magazine:

--"When Scott Got More Than Sue"—the online Home and Synagogue Discussion Guide: Disputes over inheritance can wreck family relationships. This free online guide will help you think about and discuss these challenging issues with your family, friends and congregation.

--Introducing "The Jewish Antiques Road Show"

Readers who send writer/Jewish antiques expert Jonathan Greenstein digital photographs of the Judaica antiques ([jgreensteinco@aol.com](mailto:jgreensteinco@aol.com)) will receive a brief history of the items and estimates of market value—and may also (if agreed to) see photos of them in a future column in the magazine.

*B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation*

420 Whitehall Rd.  
Albany, NY 12208

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

RABBI: **Donald P. Cashman**

PRESIDENT: **Hal Rosenthal**

OFFICE MANAGER: **Rebecca S. Marvin**

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR: **Elizabeth Alowitz**

OFFICE HOURS: MON/TUE/THU/FRI 9:15 AM – 2:15 PM

*Bulletin Deadlines*

Period Covered

August/September Issue

Deadline

July 15

Articles and news received after deadline are subject to omission