

MARCH 2013
BETENU
NEWSLETTER



Rabbi's Letter for March Bulletin By: Joel Baron

About halfway through most of our contemporary Haggadot for Passover we encounter the Biblical quote, *Arami oveid avi*, which is usually translated as, "My father was a *wandering* (or, *fugitive*) Aramean. Despite the fact that I find this to be an unsatisfying translation, it remains fairly commonplace; but this year I am asking you to consider these thoughts before you sit down to your Passover *Seder*.

The word *oveid* is the word translated as *wandering*. In actuality the word comes from a root meaning *to perish* and in Modern Hebrew has come to mean *to be lost*. So I can see the connection: to perish is certainly to be lost (forever!), and when one is lost one wanders trying to find the correct path. But I think the original had a much more existential meaning that mere wandering or being lost. I think it had to do with the fear of actually perishing forever, and has nothing at all to do with aimless wandering.

Who was this Aramean? I think most likely it was Jacob. Here's my translation of the whole section of Torah from which this comes. The Israelites are about to enter the Promised Land at the end of their 40-year sojourn in the desert. The book of Deuteronomy (26:5) in a section referred to as "The Declaration of the Farmer" recites the laws for bringing tributes to God for the land we are being given as an inheritance. The text says, "[When you bring your offering] you shall speak up and say before the LORD your God: 'My ancestor was a perishing Aramean, and he went down to Egypt, and he sojourned there with few men-folk, but he became there a nation – great, mighty, and large in number.'"

No, my ancestor was not merely wandering in the desert – he had purpose. Jacob's family nearly starved to death because of famine, but they made a life-saving decision to go to Egypt to get food, and when they found their "lost" brother Joseph, they all moved there, growing over the next 450 years from a family of 70 starving souls to a nation of as many as 2 million slaves. That was the act that changed us from an ancestral family to a nation. The great story we went on to create is the story we will recount at Passover: how a slave nation became God's nation.

May your Passover be a great celebration of a great people, may the love of your families fill your Seder table with abundance, and may we never, never forget God's great gift of freedom.

Chag Sameach,

Rabbi Joel



SCHOOL STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

• School doors open at 8:45 am to begin at 9 am sharp.

***Parent Greeters needed for 9AM drop off
and Dismissal.***

Please sign up for April and May.

HELP KEEP THE KIDS SAFE.

Students should bring their folders, homework, a snack and water.

Keep in mind Shabbat and related service requirements:

Grades K through 3-- 4 services;

Grades 4 and 5—7 services;

Grades 6 and 7—15 services.

**REMINDER: 1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH IS
A FAMILY FRIENDLY SHABBAT SERVICE.**



Betenu Services and Torah Study

Fri. March 8—7:30 PM Sabbath Service

Sat. March 9—9:30 AM followed by Torah study and a nosh

Tues. March 26, 6:15 PM, Passover 2nd Sedar. Pot luck dinner.

Families please bring a main dish, singles and couples please bring a side dish and/or dessert. (No pork or shellfish please.) Do nations accepted at the sedar.

Call 886-1633 to reserve. Set up and clean up help needed.

Fri March 29th 7:30 Shabbat Service

Fri April 5, 7:30PM, Family Friendly Shabbat Service

Sun April 7th- 11:30AM Torah Study

Fri April 19, 7:30PM, Shabbat Service

Sun April 21, 11:30 AM Torah Study

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE of day and time for Torah study



Congregation Betenu, 5 Northern Blvd., Amherst, NH 03031

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26 RABBI LED
SEDAR**

will begin promptly 6:15

**JOIN US TO RETELL THE STORY OF THE EXODUS FROM
SLAVERY IN EGYPT, READ AND SING FROM THE
HAGGADAH AND FEAST ON THE
ASSOVER POT-LUCK MEAL.**

No chametz, pork or shellfish. Families, please bring a family-sized main dish. Singles, please bring a side dish or dessert.

Suggested donation-Families \$18; Singles/

Couples-\$8.

Reservations needed as space is limited.

RSVP: At Betenu, or 603-886-1633, or

e-mail Betenu@nii.net

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jewish Film Festival:

5th Annual NH Jewish Film Festival, April 4-14, 2013 at a variety of theaters. Check for complete listings and info at www.jewishnh.org or call 627-7679. **SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES!**

Contact Sheryl Liberman, 424-4609 for information or to become a supporter.

Model seder—Sunday, March 24 during Assembly. Watch for details and sign ups. Parents welcome.

Kabbalah study: Sat. March 30, 12:45 at Betenu; Sat. May 4, 12:45 at TBA

ONEG SHABBATS SIGN UPS NEEDED

WE NEED ONEG HOSTS: (One brings the desserts, fruit, and challah, and sets up and cleans up.

You can honor a birthday, an anniversary, or any other special event in your life, by choosing the Oneg closest to that special date. Or you can remember the Yahrzeit of a loved one by hosting or sponsoring the Oneg on the Shabbat when you come to say Kaddish.



If you have a date in mind, please call Roberta Pavoll at 672-9820.

Won't you please choose an Oneg date and help foster the sense of community at Betenu? Thank you.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Nathaniel MacGregor

Rebecca Savage



DEADLINE for the APRIL

Newsletter is

3-29-2013

Please send articles and
information



MARCH 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Ki Tisa (Parah)
3 Sunday School 9am	4	5	6	7	8 Lay Led Service 730	9 Vayakhel / Pekude
10 Sunday School 9am	11 Executive Board mtg 730	12	13	14	15 Lay Led Service 730	16 Vayikra
17 Sunday School 9am	18	19	20	21	22 Lay Led Service 730	23 Tzav (HaGadol)
24 Sunday School 9am Model Sedar during Assembly ALL	25	26 2nd nite Betenu Sedar	27	28	29 Joel Baron Led service 7:30	30 Pesach Chol HaMoeid Kabbalah study 12:45
31 Sunday School 9am						



APRIL 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 FAMILY friendly Shabbat Svc Joel Baron Led 7:30	6 Shemini
7 Sunday School 9am Torah study 1130	8	9	10	11	12 Lay led service 730	13 Tazria / Metzora
14 Sunday School 9am	15 Gen' 1 Board meeting 730 Yom HaZikaron & Erev Yom HaAtzmaut	16	17	18	19 Joel Baron Led service 7:30	20 Acharei Mot / Kedoshim PJ HAVDALLAH 430
21 Torah study 1130	22	23	24	25	26 Lay led service 730	27 Emor
28 No Sunday School	29	30				



CONGREGATION BETENU

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Hospital Visits: Please keep us informed!

Due to national privacy laws, hospitals are not allowed to call congregations to inform them that their members have been admitted as patients. If you know you are going to be in the hospital or unexpectedly find yourself in the hospital, please tell a nurse that you would like to see the hospital chaplain, who can call the Temple to let us know that you are there if you would enjoy support and comfort from our Congregation Betenu community.



Congregation Betenu
acknowledges with
appreciation

BETENU THANKS

February

Anonymous, Carol Simonds

Thank you to:

Marcella Dube for her office help

**The Bailey and Schwartz for their wonderful Oneg
Shabbat.**



MARCH Yahrzeit List



Charlotte Mendoza.....	mother of Sheryl Liberman	March 1
Avraham Slifer.....	father of Bety Dar	March 1
Murray Cooper.....	father of Roberta Pavoll	March 3
Elizabeth Krohn 'Betty' Keiser.....		March 3
Dorothy Franks.....	mother of Paul Franks	March 3
Abraham Applebaum.....	grandfather of Elyse Wasserman	March 7
Joel Mendoza	father of Sheryl Liberman	March 7
Marion Krohn 'Jane' Harris.....		March 16
Etta Schuldwach	grandmother of Lenny Wasserman	March 16



MARCH Yahrzeit List



Martha Sandhaus..... longtime Betenu Congregant	March 16
Jacob Flagler... father of Susan Rodil	March 19
Robin Kulm..... friend of Roberta Pavoll	March 20
Lillian Sidransky. grandmother of Daniel Becker	March 22
Lillian Sigel ..mother of Martha Sandhaus	March 23
Louis Arthur Gross	March 24
Hannah Wasserman..grandmother of	
.....Lenny Wasserman	March 25
Clifford Simonds brother-in-law	
.....of Sheryl Liberman	March 25

Volunteer at Betenu!

DO YOU HAVE A FEW MINUTES to help Betuenu?
We are organizing a “Sunshine Committee” to be contacts for our congregants when they are ill, the news to share/report, need any rides or assistance. **PLEASE .. PLEASE ..** volunteer.

For more information contact Sheryl Liberman
424-4609 or saml54@comcast.net



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Don't forget to shop through Betenu's link to Amazon.com. Betenu will receive a percentage of the purchase price.

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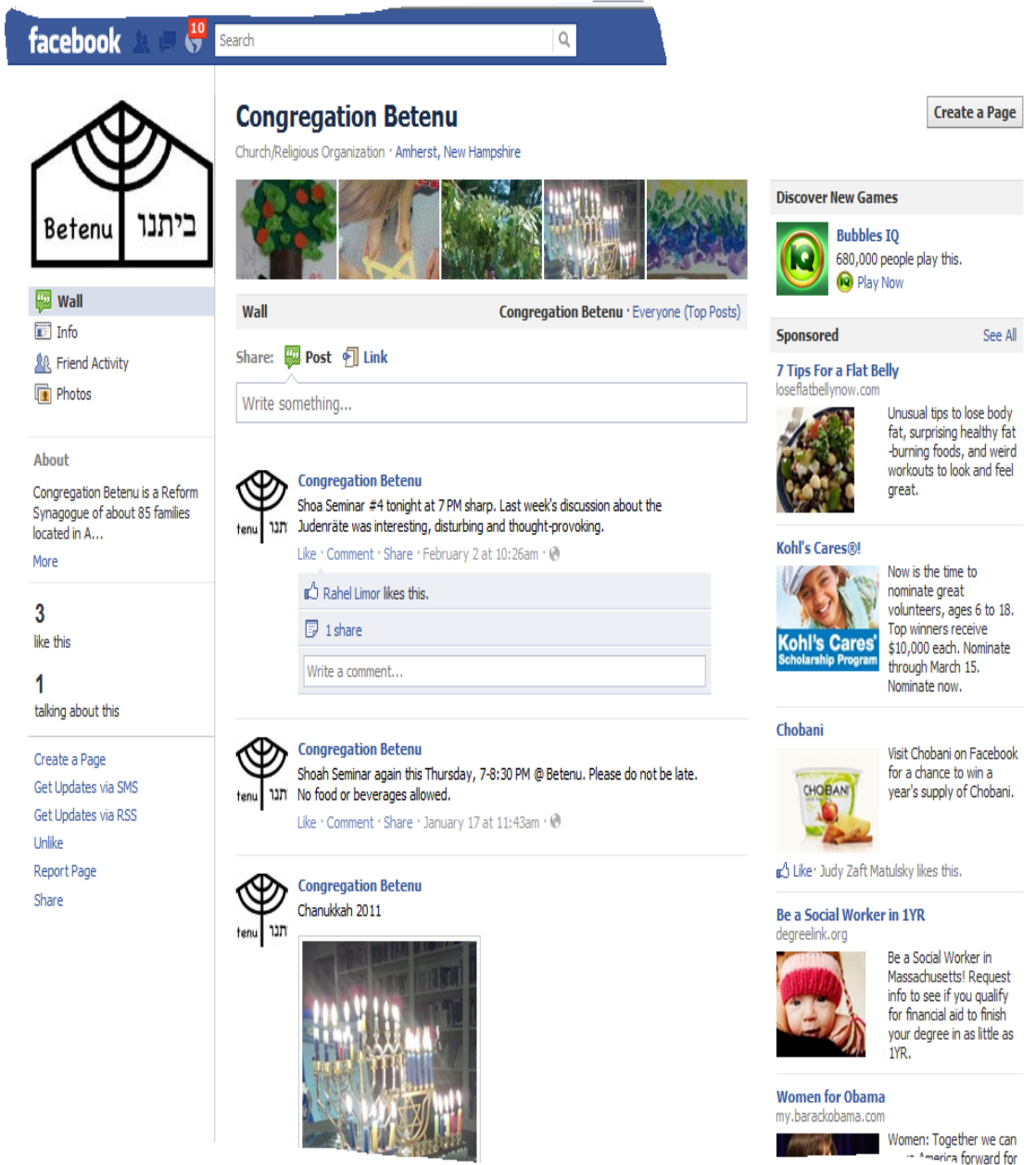
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<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Congregation-Betenu/250291141669802>



The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for Congregation Betenu. The page header includes the Facebook logo, a search bar, and a 'Create a Page' button. The profile picture is the Congregation Betenu logo, which features a stylized menorah and the text 'Betenu ביתנו'. The page is categorized as a 'Church/Religious Organization' in Amherst, New Hampshire. A row of five small images shows various scenes: a tree, hands holding a yellow object, green foliage, a menorah, and a colorful abstract painting. The main content area shows a 'Wall' section with a 'Write something...' text box and a 'Share' button. Below this is a post from Congregation Betenu about a Shoa Seminar #4 held on February 2 at 7 PM. The post text reads: 'Shoa Seminar #4 tonight at 7 PM sharp. Last week's discussion about the Judenräte was interesting, disturbing and thought-provoking.' It shows that Rahel Limor liked the post and there was 1 share. Below the post is another announcement for a Chanukkah 2011 seminar on Thursday, January 17 at 7-8:30 PM, with a note that no food or beverages are allowed. A photo of a lit menorah is shown at the bottom of this post. The right sidebar contains several sponsored advertisements: 'Discover New Games' featuring 'Bubbles IQ', '7 Tips For a Flat Belly' from losefatbellynow.com, 'Kohl's Cares@!' for a scholarship program, 'Chobani' for a Facebook contest, and 'Be a Social Worker in 1YR' from degreelink.org. At the bottom of the sidebar is an advertisement for 'Women for Obama'.