

RABBI'S MESSAGE: MARK TWAIN, JEWS AND CONFIRMATION

In 1897, Mark Twain wrote, "If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one percent of the human race. ... His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and abstruse learning are also away out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. ...The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greek and the Roman followed, and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished. The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

The secret of "his immortality" (i.e. our immortality) is that our adults clearly recognize the value of Judaism and following the Deuteronomy text: "Teach them (i.e. the words of Torah) faithfully to your children; speak of them (i.e. the words of Torah) in your home and on your way (i.e. anywhere), when you lie down and when you rise up (i.e. anytime)."

Confirmation is that time of year where our kids who are graduating from religious school are affirming and confirming that Judaism is really their religion and not just their parents' wishes for them. In celebrating confirmation, we affirm both Mark Twain's analysis and the commandment (mitzvah) from Deuteronomy.

At Betenu, we have created a tradition of our alumni confirmands welcoming our new confirmands. Collectively, they affirm the concept of le-dor va-dor (from generation to generation). Please join us on May 21st, 7:30PM, our annual "Betenu Confirmand Reunion" as we welcome our new confirmands and welcome back our alumni confirmands.

Parents of Betenu Alumni Confirmands: Please let your adult children know about this event and if possible, have them join us that night. I can better prepare for the evening if I know in advance who is coming. To help me, RSVP to rabbi@betenu.org with names of attendees.

Be-ve-ra-cha,

Joshua L. Segal, Rabbi



BETENU INFO

SPECIAL NOTE: Some members of Betenu are physically sensitive to certain aromas coming from perfumes, colognes, hairsprays the like. These aromas can cause migraines and a host of other problems. Please be aware of that when you come to Betenu.

Please **DO NOT** bring scented items for the SHARE donation bin.

Betenu has natural cleaning products available for use. Please **DO NOT** bring your own cleaning products for oneg or other cleanup.

Thank you!



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You can use MasterCard, VISA or Discover card to pay membership fees, school tuition, gift store purchases, or even to make a donation! Call the office (or stop in) to arrange the charge and let us know the amount and what it's for.



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May 2010 (5770)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 12:30 pm Kabbalah at Betenu
2 9:30 am Religious School #29 Lag B'Omer	3	4	5	6	7 7:30 pm Rabbi-led 1st Friday Service & Torah Study	8
9 9:30 am Religious School #30 Mothers Day	10 7:30 pm Executive Board Meeting	11	12 Yom Yerushalayim	13	14 7:30 pm Lay-led Service Rosh Chodesh: Sivan	15
16 9:30 am Religious School #29 7:30 pm Annual Meeting	17	18 Erev Shavuot	19 Shavuot	20 Shavuot	21 7:30 pm Rabbi-led Shavuot / Confirmation Service	22
23 9:30 am Rel. Sch. <u>Last Day</u> School event TBA	24	25	26	27	28 7:30 pm Rabbi-led Service	29 10:30 am Sarah Goldstein Bat Mitzvah
30	31 Memorial Day					



June 2010 (5770)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 7:30 pm Rabbi-led 1st Friday Service & Torah Study	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 7:30 pm Rabbi-led Service	12 Rosh Chodesh: Tammuz
13 Rosh Chodesh: Tammuz	14	15	16	17	18 7:30 pm Rabbi-led Service	19
20 Father's Day	21 7:30 pm General Bd Mtg—All are invited	22	23	24	25 7:30 pm Lay-led Service Take your dog to work day	26
27	28	29 Fast Day - 17th Tammuz	30			



COMING UP AT BETENU

ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATIONS

The Betenu Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 16**. Elections will be held for President; Administration VP; Education VP; Treasurer; and two Executive Trustees. Anyone interested in running for office is invited to contact the temple office: 886-1633 or betenu@betenu.org.

IMPORTANT: We need a quorum to hold this meeting. Proxies count as part of this quorum. So, please plan to attend or give your proxy to someone who will be there. You may use the sample proxy below.

Congregation Betenu Annual Meeting May 2010

Proxy Voting Form

I (we), _____ (name(s)),

Being entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting,

Hereby appoint _____ (*name of appointed person)

as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the 2010 annual meeting.

Signed _____ (signature)

_____ (date of signing)

*Assign one person only

*A member can only vote the proxy for 2 other members. Please make sure this person can have your proxy.

BETENU BITS



BAT MITZVAH

Please share in our happiness when our daughter Sarah Goldstein is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at 10:30 AM

Michael and Aprille Goldstein



GOOD NEWS?

Does someone you know have a graduation coming up? Know someone getting married? Share your good news. Send announcements to eckahn@hotmail.com and we'll put them in the newsletter.



MAZEL TOV

Jacob Keefe
for graduating from
Syracuse University.



MAZEL TOV

Christopher Clarke
for earning his masters
degree from
University of Florida.



FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 6th, 10am



Celebrate with **Peter Stein** when we honor him with the Shem Tov Award.
For more info on the annual meeting activities: <http://www.jewishnh.org/>.
RSVP required by May 31: 627-7679





COMING UP AT BETENU continued...



**RABBI-LED
FIRST FRIDAY SERVICE**

Friday, May 7th, 7:30pm

- ✧ family-friendly service followed by an
- ✧ oneg followed by
- ✧ Torah study with Rabbi.



**PAJAMA HAVDALLAH
WITH SANDRA & RAHEL**

Postponed



ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 16 at 7:30PM

The Betenu Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 16. Please attend and vote on officers and the bylaw change. If you can't attend, you may send your proxy to the office or with someone. Proxies should be presented to the Secretary (Elissa Kahn) before the meeting. (See page 5 of this newsletter).

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL LAST DAY EVENT:

May 23rd

Event and time to be announced.

BAT MITZVAH

May 29, 10:30am

Celebrate with and support our May Bat Mitzvah Sarah Goldstein



HOLD THESE DATES

Friday, June 4th, 7:30pm: Rabbi-led First Friday Service.
June 21st, 7:30pm: General Board Meeting—all are invited.



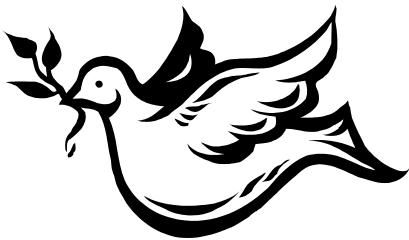
SHAVUOT

Hag Matan Torateinu (Giving of the Torah): Shavuot is a celebration of the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

Hag ha-Bikkurim (Festival of the first fruits): It is also a celebration of the bounty of the harvest; when the offering of the first fruits was brought to the temple. The seven species brought to the temple were: wheat, barley, (grape) vines, figs, pomegranates, olives and date honey.

From the *Shulchan Aruch Harav*: “When he eats and drinks [on Yom Tov], he is obligated to feed the foreigner, orphan and widow, together with other indigent paupers...”. So this would be a good time to **bring a food item for SHARE** or donate to a local food bank.

BETENU PAGES



DONATIONS

Congregation Betenu acknowledges with appreciation the following contributions made during the month of April

General Fund

James Stewart

In memory of his father,
Arthur Stewart

Elissa Kahn

In memory of Patricia Ruth Limor bat
Dora Rosenberg z"l,
grandmother to Inbal and Eran Limor,

Elissa Kahn

In memory of David Deckelbaum,
friend of Rahel Limor.

BETENU THANKS

- ✧ April oneg hosts: the Coolidge & Orenberg families, Jamie Stewart, and all who contributed to the onegs.
- ✧ Passover Seder help:
 - ✧ David Stern, Mike Goldstein & Dave Spokane for setting up tables and chairs.
 - ✧ Roberta Pavoll for providing all the seder plate items.
 - ✧ Everyone who helped with setup.
 - ✧ Everyone who helped with cleanup.
- ✧ David Stern for
- ✧ David Stern, Dick & Miriam Brown, Joyce & Roger Brown, & Elissa Kahn for painting the sanctuary.
- ✧ The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Mens Club for donating Tanachim each year for our Bnei Mitzvah.
- ✧ Burt Janz of the Mens Club who makes the personalized bookplates for the Tanachim each year.
- ✧ Everyone who helped by taking trash or recycling home.



BETENU PAGES

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Patricia Ruth Limor bat Dora Rosenberg z"l, grandmother to Inbal and Eran Limor, who died on March 30th, in Israel. May the Holy One bring peace to all who mourn.

Sadly we inform you of the death of David Deckelbaum, friend of Rahel Limor. May the Deckelbaum family and all who mourn be comforted among the mourners of Zion.



YAHRZEITS FOR MAY



Elinoir Fierman	twin sister of Elaine Schwartz	May 1
Rebecca Groden	grandmother of Karen Satz	May 4
Irvin Harry Nichols	father of Suzanne Maine	May 4
Saul Korins	father of Sarah Korins	May 8
Estelle Mailman	mother of Steve Mailman	May 10
Solomon Macks	grandfather of Elsa Conrad	May 12
Kheren Lillian Limor	daughter of Chana Rahel & Gilead Yehuda	May 16
Elaine Rimalover	mother of Robert Rimalover	May 18
David Vincent Romanelli		May 21
Dylan Robinson	son of Lin Robinson	May 24
Zara Milamed	aunt of Sheryl Liberman	May 24
Gertrude Wiener	mother of David Wiener	May 27

MAY BIRTHDAYS

	Jon Blotky	Sarah Goldstein	Matt Savage
	Tovah Burstein	Stacey Liberman	Peter James Stewart
	Carolyn Chakuroff	Liz Meltzer	Trevor Silverman
	Lillian Campbell		



ADULT EDUCATION

HEBREW LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION, TORAH STUDY AND MORE

Bar / Bat Mitzvah... not the end of the road! There's Torah study with the Rabbi, Hebrew language instruction with Rahel, Kabbalah Havruta with Eitan Zeira, and plenty of other learning opportunities throughout the year. Maybe you have an idea, or would even like to teach a class. If so, contact the office 886-1633 or Betenu@nii.net.

Quench your thirst — jump into the well of Judaic studies.

(Rahel's classes are offered at a discount to Betenu members.)



ROSH CHODESH FOR WOMEN

Join the Rosh Chodesh group for a short service, group discussion and nosh. For more information contact Sheryl Liberman 424-4609 or SAML54@comcast.net.

KABBALAH GROUP

Saturdays at 12:30pm—about once every 3 weeks
May 1st at Betenu

Congregation Betenu and Temple Beth Abraham have a Kabbalah group. The suggested book is Inner Space by Kaplan. For more information contact Sheryl Liberman 424-4609 or SAML54@comcast.net.

Video of Sh'ma Meditation by Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9bwEFS7Btk&feature=related



EDUCATION

Sunday Religious School Personnel:

VP Education: Sheryl Liberman

Principal: Rahel Limor

Hebrew: Sonia Campeanu

Jewish Studies: Don Wunderlich

Grades 1 & 2: Sandra Whitman

Assistant Teacher: Nina Matouka

Madrichim: Dan Thompson, Alison Chakuroff, Rachel Liff, Izzy Starr



ACCEPTING STUDENTS REGULAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL / POST HEBREW SCHOOL

Registration will begin for 2010-11 for our weekly Sunday classes in Jewish studies, Hebrew, Music and Bnei Mitzvah preparation for Grades 1-7 and our Rabbi-taught post Bnei Mitzvah classes for Grades 8 & 9. For questions or to get a registration form please call the temple office at 886-1633 or contact Rahel at rahel@rahelmusic.com.

BETENU PAGES

ONEG SHABBATS

To host an Oneg, one brings the food, drinks, and challah, and sets up and cleans up.

To sponsor an Oneg, one pays \$54 and the Oneg committee will purchase the food, set up and clean up. Either way you do it, 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.

The following Onegs will be hosted by:

May 7: Dzen family

May 14: Open

May 21: Confirmation class families (note that this is Shavuot)

May 28: the Goldstein family



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



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

FOOD NEEDED!

The food pantries are in desperate need this year. Any donation would be appreciated. You may bring a food item directly to SHARE or the Nashua Soup Kitchen. If it is nonperishable, you may drop it off at Betenu (no scented products please) and we will deliver it to SHARE.

Wish lists: www.sharenh.org/food.html and
www.nsk.org/CurrentWishList.asp

OTHER ITEMS

For a list of other items needed please see:

www.sharenh.org or 603-673-3660: seasonal clothes and new socks and underwear
www.nsk.org/CurrentWishList.asp Questions? Call Carol at 889-7770 ext 21



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Voice of ISrael Initiative of New Hampshire

Check the website for the next **VISION MEETING** and other important information. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays this year! All friends Israel are welcome.

Check out www.nh4israel.org for more upcoming events, articles and more...

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE JEWISH MENS CLUB

Membership form: <http://snhjmc.home.comcast.net/~snhjmc/resources/SNHJMCFORM.pdf>

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Jewish Federation of  New Hampshire presents

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY



MAY 9, 2010 * 2 TO 5PM
698 Beech St., Manchester, NH

- * Authentic Israeli food
- * Israel Photo Contest 2010
- * Fun activities for all
- * Special surprise for Moms!

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Critical Need

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O negative



Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood.
Please do your part to help replenish the community blood supply.

May is Adventure Month at the American Red Cross! Presenting donors in May can enter to win a Discovery 158 canoe from Old Town Canoe. Plus, all presenting donors will receive a coupon for a FREE day pass to any New Hampshire State Park! Embark on this life-saving adventure with the American Red Cross.

Plus...during the 2010 Boston Red Sox regular season, all presenting donors at American Red Cross blood drives in Maine have the chance to win two tickets to a Red Sox game, where they will be honored on the Fenway field as Blood Donor of the Game and receive a commemorative souvenir. Come in to donate blood and you could win this chance of a lifetime.*

Schedule an appointment to donate blood today! Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org

Below is your next donation opportunity**. Please schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org.

The Elks Lodge
120 Daniel Webster Hwy, Nashua
Hall

Thursday, May 06, 2010
2:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Chili and American Chop Suey Served

Schedule a Blood Donation Appointment today.

For questions regarding eligibility or to find an alternate drive, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to redcrossblood.org.

For other blood drives go to <http://www.redcrossblood.org/nne>. You can enter a zip code for drives near you.



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