



**BETENU AUGUST 2012 NEWSLETTER**

Rabbi's Message: August 2012 –*Av/Ehul 5772*

Volume 30; No. 1

Subject: Stepping Up to 5773

From time-to-time over my nearly 30 years at Betenu, I've talked about the process of replacing me. Usually, that talk was followed by a question from congregants, "Are you OK?" or ""Do you know something we don't?" All I know are the words of Ecclesiastes 1:4, "One generation passes away, and another generation comes: but the earth abides forever." And my generation is in fact passing into retirement.

The neat thing is, with a little luck and a little planning, we all reach a point in life where we can reap the rewards of a long career. I come from poverty and have worked since I got a newspaper delivery route in 1957. When I retired from my 34 year tech career in 2007, people asked me, "What will you do now that you are retired?" My answer was, "Retired? I have my pulpit, my skiing and my cemetery work." And since then, I've picked up "park volunteer" as head of the Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee.

But there is a difference. When I left the MITRE Corporation in 2007, I knew that I would probably never participate in technology development and the doctorate I earned in 1973 was no longer relevant to my future. In retiring from Betenu, I anticipate a continued relationship with Betenu as "rabbi emeritus" and a continued use of my rabbinic education with my writings and miscellaneous freelance opportunities. To put it in Buberian perspective, technology was an I-it relationship. Betenu has been I-thou.

The board has already voted to retain a successor starting when I finish in December of this year. (I will leave it to the Board to announce him formally.) For those worried whether Betenu would continue to provide Reform Judaism to the greater Nashua area, please stay with us and check out the future.

Betenu needs fiscal support to pay bills, but what we need more of: your involvement to make the programs, services and school work. So contact the Executive Board ([execs@betenu.org](mailto:execs@betenu.org)) and just as together, we made it work for the last 29 years, now together, you will make it work for the foreseeable future.

*Le-sha-lom*, Joshua L. Segal, Rabbi

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Some members of Betenu are physically sensitive to certain aromas coming from perfumes, colognes, hairsprays, dryer sheets and 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!



## **AND FOR ONLINE SHOPPING, TEXTBOOKS AND A MILLION OTHER THINGS...**

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

You can shop for books and a million other things through this link. Just go to our website: [www.betenu.org](http://www.betenu.org), put your cursor over "Search new and used, Amazon.com", and when the cursor changes, click. Or you can enter your search right there and click "Go".

It's that simple! And don't forget to purchase your textbooks here!

**We receive about \$20 a month from this program - Thank you & keep shopping!!!!**

## **BETENU NOW ACCEPTS MC, VISA & Discover!**

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.





## CONGREGATION BETENU

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**Newsletter Editor:** Susan Rodil 604-878-4677

**Oneg Represenative:** Roberta Pavoll 672-9820

## Volunteer at Betenu!

If you have a passion, a talent or a skill,  
this is a good time of year  
to start lending a hand at Betenu.

It's a highly rewarding experience.  
It takes a village!

Please contact the [office](#), if you can help.

### **Existing committees include:**

*Budget & Finance, Membership, Education, Religious Practices, BYG: Betenu Youth Group & Youth Activities, Publicity Long-range planning, Planning Activities, Newsletter, Building & Grounds, Fundraising, Oneg Shabbat, and Sunshine Committee: Help visit and tend to the ill, needy or just to be a friend in need, Traveling Shabbat: Conduct a home service for the home-bound.*



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Write something...

**Congregation Betenu**  
Shoah Seminar #4 tonight at 7 PM sharp. Last week's discussion about the Judenräte was interesting, disturbing and thought-provoking.  
Like · Comment · Share · February 2 at 10:26am

Rahel Limor likes this.  
1 share

Write a comment...

**Congregation Betenu**  
Shoah Seminar again this Thursday, 7-8:30 PM @ Betenu. Please do not be late. No food or beverages allowed.  
Like · Comment · Share · January 17 at 11:43am

**Congregation Betenu**  
Chanukkah 2011

**Discover New Games**  
Bubbles IQ  
680,000 people play this.  
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**7 Tips For a Flat Belly**  
loseflatbellynow.com  
Unusual tips to lose body fat, surprising healthy fat-burning foods, and weird workouts to look and feel great.

**Kohl's Cares@!**  
Now is the time to nominate great volunteers, ages 6 to 18. Top winners receive \$10,000 each. Nominate through March 15. Nominate now.

**Chobani**  
Visit Chobani on Facebook for a chance to win a year's supply of Chobani.  
Like · Judy Zaft Matulsky likes this.

**Be a Social Worker in 1YR**  
degreelink.org  
Be a Social Worker in Massachusetts! Request info to see if you qualify for financial aid to finish your degree in as little as 1YR.

**Women for Obama**  
my.barackobama.com  
Women: Together we can move America forward for

**BETENU INFO**

**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.

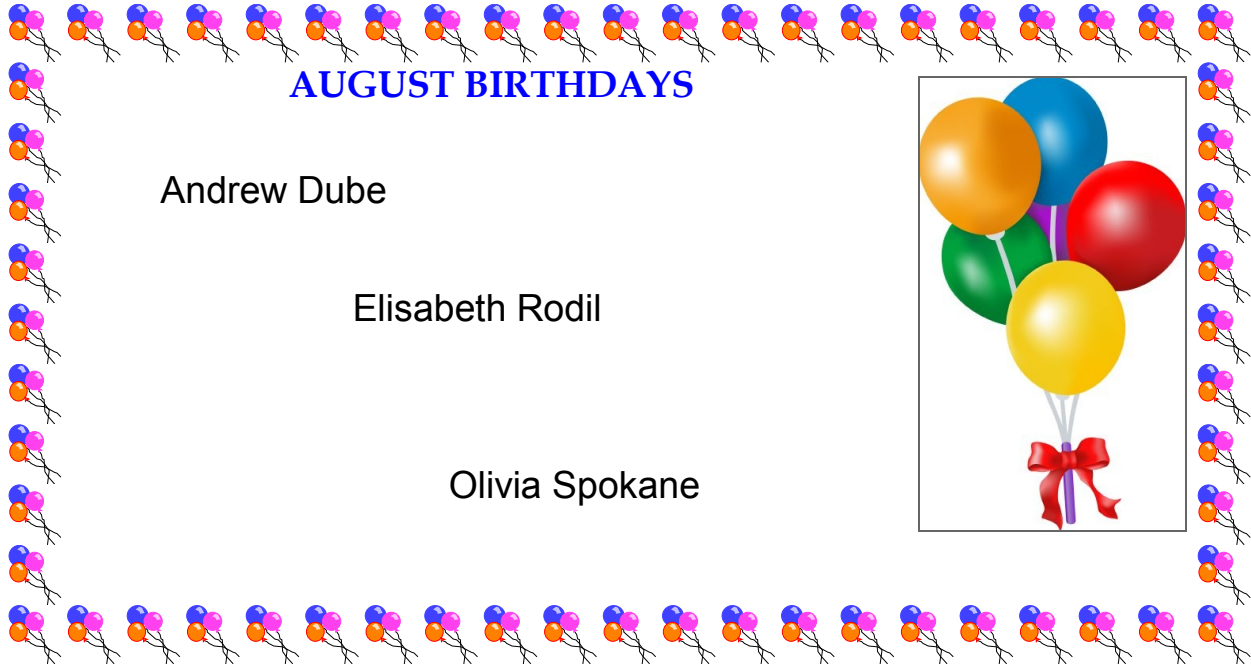
**DEADLINE** for the **September** Newsletter is  
**August 23rd** Please send articles and information to email  
betenu@nii.net.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Andrew Dube

Elisabeth Rodil

Olivia Spokane





# August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 7:30pm Lay-led Service	4 Va'etchan an
5	6	7	8	9	10 7:30pm Lay-led Service	11 Ekev
12	13	14	15	16	17 7:30pm Lay-led Service	18 Re'eh
19	20 Genl Board Mtg PLACEHO LDER TBD	21	22	23	24 7:30pm Lay-led Service	25 Shoftim
26	27	28	29	30	31 7:30pm Lay-led Service	

# September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 <b>School Parents Infor- mation MTG 730</b>	6	7 Rabbi Led svc 7:30	Selichot TAY, Manchester; 7PM;
9 1ST day of Sunday School 9AM	10	11	12	13	14 Rabbi Led svc 730	15 Nitzavim
16 7:30 pm Rosh HaShannah	17 10:30 am Rosh HaShannah	18	19	20	21 Sab. Shuvah 7:30pm Lay-led	22 Vayelech
23	24	25 Yom Kippur Kol Nidre 7:30	26 Ne-i-lah Yom Kippur Svc 10:30 ALL DAY	27	28 7:30pm Lay-led Service	29 Ha'azinu
30 Sukkot with Rabbi						

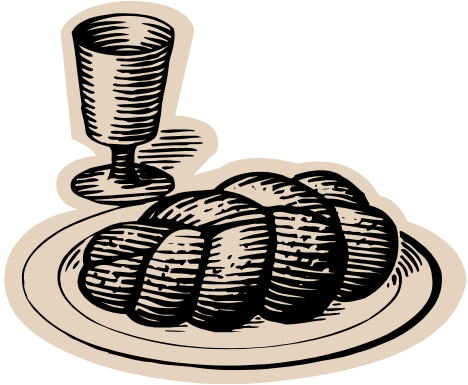
## General Board Meeting

August 20th 7:30 pm

All are invited to attend any general board meetings.

### ONEG SHABBATS

**\*\*WE NEED ONEG SPONSORS\*\***



**To host an Oneg**, one brings the desserts, fruit, 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.





## HIGH HOLIDAYS 2012

### PRE-HIGH HOLY DAY HELP NEEDED:

- ✧ Set up and Breakdown seating
- ✧ Children's services leader and aide for Monday  
September 17 and Wednesday, September 26 at 10:15 am
- ✧ Shofar blowers
- ✧ English readers (Elsa Conrad [mmeconrad@grolen.com](mailto:mmeconrad@grolen.com)/879-9189)
- ✧ Hebrew readers (Sanders Burstein  
Email – [saners.f.burstein@hitchcock.org](mailto:saners.f.burstein@hitchcock.org))
- ✧ Junior Ushers – a great way for young people to participate
- ✧ Office help for booklets and administrative work
- ✧ Buy an ad in the Holiday Booklet (or sell one to others)
- ✧ Include family members in the Yizkor booklet

Please respond to the office or directly to an individual listed.

**REMINDER:** Rosh Hashanah services will be held Sunday,  
September 16 at 7:30 pm and Monday, September 17 at 10:30 am.

Yom Kippur begins with Kol Nidre on Tuesday, September 25 at 7:30 pm.  
Services will be throughout the day on Wednesday, September 26  
starting at 10:30 am.



## YIZKOR BOOKLET

On Yom Kippur, Congregation Betenu will be publishing a Yizkor Memorial Booklet, to honor deceased relatives and friends. The booklet will include a list of names of those to be memorialized. The booklets will be handed out at the Yizkor service, and the names in the booklet will be read aloud at that service.

To include names in this booklet, please send this form or email the information and send a check to [Betenu@Betenu.org](mailto:Betenu@Betenu.org)

Congregation Betenu  
5 Northern Blvd, #1  
Amherst, NH 03031

Please enclose a minimum donation of \$6 per name, in a check made out to Congregation Betenu. Note that we do not ask for a donation for names of people who died in the last year. You may email the names to

[Betenu@betenu.org](mailto:Betenu@betenu.org).

**Name to be Memorialized**    **Relationship to Donor**    **Donor Name**

Example: John Doe                      Uncle of                      Jane Doe

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## HIGH HOLY DAY ADMISSION

Betenu will be sending out High Holiday Admission Letters to all members in good standing. We will continue to provide admissions at no cost to military personnel and students.

Non-members may call the temple office at 886-1633 to order tickets in advance. Any non-member who purchases tickets for the High Holy Days and then chooses to join the temple by the end of December, will receive full credit of the purchase price of the ticket towards the membership dues. The cost per adult ticket is \$200.

## GOT HONEY?



Want honey products for the Jewish New Year?

Stop in to pick some up. While supplies last.

Currently available:

- ✧ Clover honey bears: \$5.00 / 12 oz bear
- ✧ flavored whipped honey: \$8.50 / 1 lb glass jar

## HIGH HOLIDAYS PARKING

Please respect and follow these important parking rules:

- ✧ The roadway behind Betenu is a FIRE LANE. Parking behind Betenu is prohibited.
- ✧ The three legal spaces on the side of the building are reserved for the Rabbi, the Cantorial Soloist, and the President (or the highest bidder). Please respect this.
- ✧ The five legal spaces directly in front of Betenu's front door are reserved for handicapped access. Please respect this.
- ✧ For evening or weekend services, parking is available in the condo lot.
- ✧ For weekday services, parking is NOT available in the condo lot.
- ✧ It is a workday and the offices all use the parking lot. Please park on Northern Blvd or on Columbia Drive on the side of the street closest to Betenu. Only handicapped parking is available!
- ✧ You may also park in far end of the Wal-Mart lot (closest to Betenu).

### ALIYOT

If you would like to read Torah or Haftorah on the High Holidays


OR to recite the blessings before the Torah is read. Please

contact [Sanders.F.Burstein@hitchcock.org](mailto:Sanders.F.Burstein@hitchcock.org).. It is an honor and a wonderful experience, and we will help you and give you lots of support.


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\$100



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Single Line Greeting \$18

Please send form to temple  
office by September 10th!

## FOR MORE ENJOYABLE HIGH HOLY DAY

**IN THE INTEREST OF HAVING EVERYONE GAIN THE MOST MEANING FROM OUR SERVICES, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:**

Please bring your admission letters with you to ALL services this will expedite entrance. For those people without letter, there will be another line where you will be required to fill out information, show identification, and make financial arrangements.

Members have preferential seating in the sanctuary up until 15 minutes before each service begins.

When taking your seat, please move all the way to the end of the row. DO NOT leave seats empty in the middle of the row. This way there will be room for all.

Parents with children in the babysitting room should sit upstairs so you can be easily found if you are needed.

Remember the solemnity of the Kol Nidre and Yizkor services on Yom Kippur. Parents should use their best judgment to determine whether their children can sit quietly for these services. Otherwise, parents may be asked to take their children upstairs to the Kindergarten room.

Babysitting will be available during the morning services on both Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur in the Kindergarten room.

Junior services will be available



**IT'S Registration time 2012-2013 (5773)**

**Sunday Religious School**

**Sunday Religious School Personnel**

VP Education: Sheryl Liberman

## **ACCEPTING STUDENTS**

### **SUNDAY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Registration begins now for 2012-13 weekly

Sunday classes for Grades K-7.

For questions or to get a registration form please call the office at 886-1633





## BETENU RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**PLEASE REGISTER NOW**

### **BACK TO BETENU, SUNDAY SCHOOL 2012-2013 TIDBITS**

Parent information meeting- Wed., Sept 5, 2012, 7:30 PM

First Day Sunday School- Sunday, Sept 9, 2012

Sunday School Hours- 9AM-12:00 noon

Sukkot with Rabbi Segal- Sunday, Sept 30

#### **Volunteer opportunities:**

Attendance and dismissal assistants

Classroom aide

Sukkot activity planners

Fundraising

**Interested or have questions?** Contact Sheryl Liberman -  
saml54@comcast.net or call 424-4609.

**More info coming**--watch your mail mid August.

**See you on 9/5.**

**Betenu Education Committee**



# Thank You!

Congregation Betenu acknowledges with appreciation

## **GENERAL FUND DONATIONS:**

Doug Hirsch

Linda Abels for the Shoah Seminar

Linda Fienberg for the Shoah Seminar

Dave Spokane in honor of Matt Spokane  
achieving rank of Eagle Scout

## **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Dave Spokane in honor of Matt Spokane  
achieving rank of Eagle Scout



## August Yahrzeit List



William Feathers..... father of Yvonne Vogel	August 2
Miriam Macks ..... grandmother of Elsa Conrad	August 3
Al Baker..... father of Yami Baker	August 4
Saul Berl ..... father of Jetta Darrow	August 5
Pearl Houts ..... mother of Patrice Liff	August
Allan Kern..... friend of Dan & Diane Becker	August 14
Paula Hurwitz..... aunt of Elaine Silberberg	August 15
Sheppard Werner..... cousin of Sara Murphy	August 15
Faith Flagler..... mother of Susan Rodil	August 21
Julian Vogel ..... father of Ben Vogel	August 23
Sandra Throw ..... sister of Lin Robinson	August 25

**COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

*Have you heard of the upcoming*  
**MACY'S FUNDRAISER**

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On **Saturday August 25**, Macy's will sponsor its "Shop for a Cause" day and Betenu is an affiliated group. Pick up your vouchers for "Shop for a Cause" for \$5, which goes straight to Betenu. Then, on August 25, go to Macy's, show the voucher, and get 25% off most purchases.

✧ Where can I get a voucher or 10?

Fridays before services (7:15-7:30pm)

or Contact Betenu,

Sheryl Liberman (saml54@comcast.net)

Phone 424-4609 or

Elsa Conrad (mmeconrad@grolen.com)

Phone 879-9189

**Some items are excluded (largely cosmetics, some designer lines). Electronics, furniture, rugs and other larger items receive a 10% discount.**

## COMING UP AT BETENU

### RABBI-LED SUKKAH BUILDING

### PARTY!

Sunday, September 30TH

Watch for more details



### BETENU SUNDAYS SCHOOL EVENTS

School Parents Informational Mtg

Sunday school begins September

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### **AS always – 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](http://www.sharenh.org/food.html) and  
[www.nsk.org/CurrentWishList.asp](http://www.nsk.org/CurrentWishList.asp)

### **OTHER ITEMS**

For a list of other items needed please see:

[www.sharenh.org](http://www.sharenh.org) or 603-673-3660: seasonal clothes, new socks etc.

[www.nsk.org/CurrentWishList.asp](http://www.nsk.org/CurrentWishList.asp) Questions? Call Carol at 889-7770 ext 21

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED—THE  
Annual NH Federation Meeting JUNE 2012

