

BETENU March ~ Newsletter

Rabbi's Message: March 2012 –*A-dar* 5772 Volume 29; No. 4 Subject: The Boundaries of Civilization

Perhaps the greatest cornerstone of Judaism is the sanctity of life. As a Jew, in addition to life, I also respect other people's property, social supports, and religion. But life is far more sacred than property, even than sacred books.

In America, where freedom is so valued, our rights have been protected. If someone does not live by these standards, we put them in jail, because their being part of our society is deemed to be an intolerable danger.

Our sacred books and Sifrei Torah have been desecrated at times. We might feel some sense of hurt, rage, violation and despair, and we do ask for justice in return. The same goes for Christians whom I have encountered in my lifetime whose books and Bibles have been thrown out or desecrated.

Jewish "holy books" that are distributed to the less knowledgeable public, often include a warning, "Holy Book, please discard appropriately". But no one terrorizes or murders the person if the owner of the book or document happens to ignore the warning.

The Korans burnt in Afghanistan in February of this year were sacred Muslim texts. They had already been desecrated by Muslims with anti-American and extremist slogans. And, they were the property of the United States. As of this date, between 10 to 15 people have been shot or killed in riots. This is not the first time people have been killed in similar circumstances. Killing or terrorizing people in the name of one's spiritual path is the antithesis of Judaism.

Can you imagine the absurdity of me destroying my personal property and having one group of people murder another group of people who didn't even have anything to do with the property destruction? And the United States government is apologizing for this? Are we crazy?

Write your Congressman and let him know that murderous behavior by Islamists hidden under the label of "political correctness" is unacceptable in the United States and to put the world community on notice, that extremism (and terrorism), under the label of the "practices of a religious community" is unacceptable.

Le-sha-lom,

Joshua L. Segal, Rabbi



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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 **<u>DO NOT</u>** bring scented items for the SHARE donation bin.

Betenu has natural cleaning products available for use.

Please **<u>DO NOT</u>** bring your own cleaning products for oneg or other cleanup. Thank you!



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HAPPY NEW YEAR...

2012

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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 <u>office</u> 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 homebound

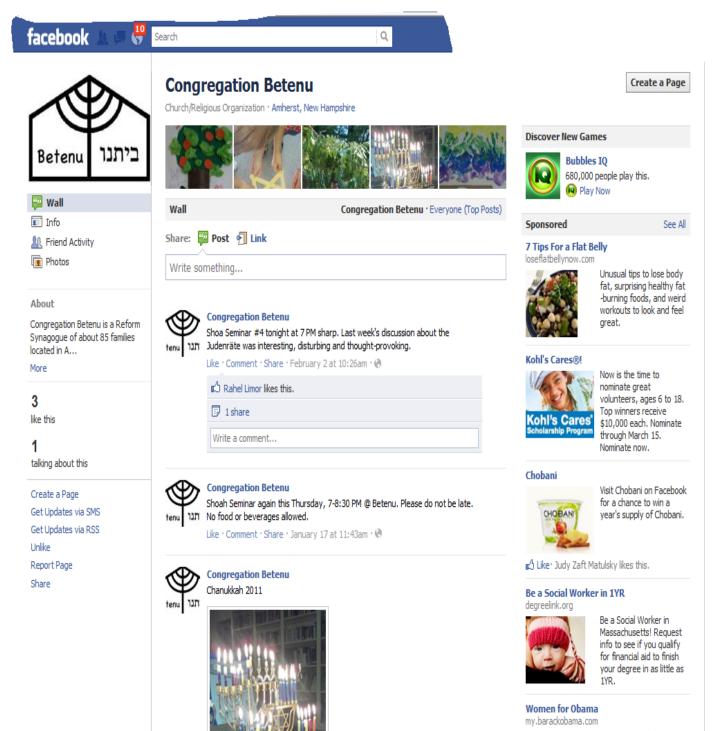
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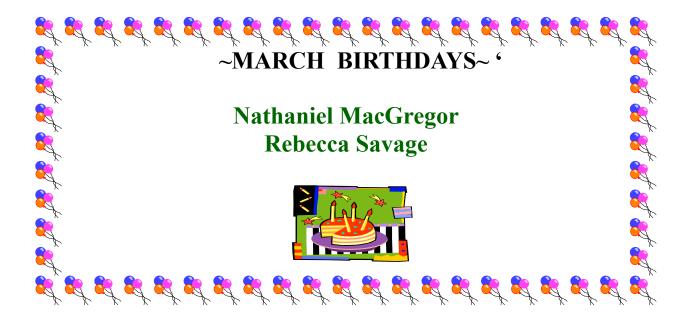


BETENU INFO

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 April Newsletter is Thursday March 25th 2012





March 2012~5772

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
] <u>Shoah</u> (Holocaust) <u>Seminar7:00</u> <u>—8:30</u>	2 SHABBAT Across Amercia 7:30pm Rabbi-led	3 Tetzaveh (Zachor)
4 9:00am Religious <u>School #21</u> <u>BETENU CONGREGAT IONAL MTG 7PM</u>	5	6	7 Megillah reading	8 Rabbi Adult Ed Megillat Esther 7:45 pm Purim	9 7pm Rabbi-led Purim Service Shushan Purim	10 Ki Tisa
<i>119:00am</i> Religious School #22 BYG event YOU'RE FIRED	12	13	14	15	167:30pm Rabbi-led Service Family Sponsored Oneg	17Vayakhel / Pekude (Parah)
<i>18</i> 9:00am Religious School #23	<i>19</i> 7:30 Executive Board Mtg	20	21	22 <u>Shoah</u> (Holocaust) <u>Seminar7:00</u> <u>-8:30</u>	23 7:30pm Lay-led Service	24 Vayikra (HaChodesh) 4pm Pajama Havdallah #2 Pot-luck & Movie Rosh Chodesh: Nisan
25 9:00am Religious School #24	26	27	28	29 <u>Shoah</u> (Holocaust) <u>Seminar7:00</u> <u>-8:30</u>	30 7:30pm Lay-led Service	31 Tzav (Hagadol)



April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
] 9:00am Religious School #25	2	3	4	5 Search for Chametz	6 1st Seder— <u>Synagogue</u> <u>Closed</u> Pesach 1st Seder	7 6 pm Rabbi-led Passover 2nd seder POT LUCK
8 9:00am Religious School #26 Pesach	9 Pesach	10 Pesach	11 Pesach	12 7:00 Study with Rabbi Segal Shir ha Shirim (songs of songs) Pesach	13 7:30pm Rabbi-led Service & Yom HaShoah Pesach (In Israel— Pesach ends)	14 12:45 pm Kabbalah Study Group Shemini I Pesach ends
15 9:00am Religious School #27	<i>16</i> 7:30pm General Board Mtg	17	18	19 Yom HaShoah event & Service Yom HaShoah	20 7:30pm Lay-led Service	21 Shemini II
22 <u>NO</u> Religious School Rosh Chodesh: Iyar	23 Rosh Chodesh: Iyar	24 Erev Yom HaZikaron	25 Yom HaZikaron & Erev Yom HaAtzmaut	267pm: Israeli Food / World <u>Coffeehouse</u> <u>& Movie</u> Yom HaAtzmaut	27 7:30pm Lay-led Service	28 Tazria / Metzora
29 9:00am Religious #28	30					



COMING UP AT BETENU...

March 2nd 7:30 pm SHABBAT Across America Rabbi-led

March 9th 7:00 pm Purim Service

March 23th 7:00 Lay-led Service

March 24th 4:00 pm Pajama Havdallah

March 30th 7:30 pm Lay-led Service



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SHOAH SEMINAR ~ (Holocaust) Seminars

Thrusdays MARCH 22 & 29

For more information contact: (603) 886-1633; betenu@nii.net; Congregation Betenu

BETENU CONGREGATIONAL MTG 7:00 PM

March 4th

All are invited to attend the general board meetings.

KEEP US UPDATED

Please let us know if your contact info has changed (address, phone, email...). You may email the office at betenu@nii.net, call the office at 603-886-1633. Thanks!



COMING UP AT BETENU

THIS MONTHS SERVICES ARE:

March 9 Purim Service Rabbi Led March 16th Rabbi- Led services—Sponsored ONEG Leary and Dube Family

March 23 and 30th Lay-led services
ONEG VOLUNTEES NEEDED

ONEG SHABBATS



**WE NEED

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.

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There are hundreds of reasons to make a donation to Congregation Betenu Please donate TODAY ...

BIRTHDAY, BAR/BAT MITZVAH, GRADUATION, BIRTH, DEATH, WEDDING, ENGAGEMENT, ANNIVERSARY, YAHRZEIT, BABY NAMING –ANY CELEBRATION OR MEMORABLE MOMENT. OR JUST BECAUSE....

TZEDAKAH—HELP OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL OF 360.00 ... JUST DROP A COIN OR BILL IN OUR TZEDAKAH COLLECTION BOXES OR SEND A CHECK

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~~~UPCOMING AT BETENU-APRIL ~~~~

Saturday, April 7th 6:00pm at Congregation Betenu, 5 Northern Blvd., Unit 1, Amherst, NH Rabbi-led Passover Pot-Luck Second Seder Please join us for our annual second Seder at Betenu. Families please bring a main dish, singles a side or dessert. (no pork, shellfish or bread/leavened food!) RSVP: betenu@nii.net; (603) 886-1633 Thursday, April 12th 7:00pm at Congregation Betenu, 5 Northern Blvd., Unit 1, Amherst, NH Study with Rabbi Joshua Segal: Shir haShirim (Song of Songs) betenu@nii.net; (603) 886-1633 Thursday, April 13th 7:30pm at Congregation Betenu, 5 Northern Blvd., Unit 1, Amherst, NH Rabbi-led Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Yom HaShoah Memorial Please join us as we observe Shabbat and for a pre-Yom HaShoah service of remembrance. betenu@nii.net; (603) 886-1633 Saturday, April 14th 12:45pm at Congregation Betenu, 5 Northern Blvd., Unit 1, Amherst, NH Kabbalah Study Group We are reading and discussing the book, "Inner Space" by Aryeh Kaplan. The group is facilitated by Eitan Zeira. All are welcome to attend. Info: betenu@nii.net; (603) 886-1633 Thursday, April 26th 7:00pm at Congregation Betenu, 5 Northern Blvd., Unit 1,

Amherst, NH

Betenu World Coffeehouse & Yom Ha'Atzma'ut Observance Music performance(s), movie and Israeli-style refreshments

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Shoah (Holocaust) Seminar

Congregation Betenu in Amherst, NH

Have you ever wondered? Why did the Nazis want to kill the Jews in particular? How did people become mass murderers during the Shoah? What were the dilemmas facing the Jewish leadership during the Shoah? How did the local population respond to the murder of the Jews? Why didn't the Allies bomb Auschwitz? How did Christian denominations respond to the Shoah? Where was G-d during the Shoah? Has the world recovered from the trauma of the Shoah? Is anti-Semitism an eternal phenomenon?

You are invited to participate in a Shoah seminar for adults. Each weekly meeting will address one or two key questions raised by the Holocaust. Participants will share their own responses and study those of leading teachers, religious figures, philosophers, historians, and survivors to each question. Group discussion will alternate with havruta (pair work) study of relevant texts. No prerequisite background or homework will be required, though supplementary sources will be available.

There will be ten meetings on Thursday evenings in February and March 22nd in 2012. Each session will stand alone; you are invited to come to the whole series or to only those sessions that interest you. No pre-registration is required, however an RSVP is appreciated. DATES: March: 22, 29

The seminar will be led by Raphael Colb, a veteran English teacher at Hebrew University and a 2010 graduate of the course for educators at the Yad Vashem International School for Holocaust Studies.

For more information contact:

Rahel at: (603) 554-1459, 886-1633; betenu@nii.net



Seder Plate Painting You're Fired

4 Coliseum Ave., Nashua (Directly behind Kohl's at exit 6)

Sunday, March 11, 2012 1:30-3 PM

Cost is \$21 per person. Cost includes all supplies, instruction and firing. Plates will be ready to take home the following week.

This is a Betenu Youth Group event. All religious school students are invited to participate in painting a ceramic seder plate for Passover.

Due to the nature of the supplies and fragile ceramic items in the You're Fired store, very young children will require *close* parental supervision.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

~JOIN US AT THE PAJAMA HAVDALLAH EVENT

March 24th 4pm Songs, stories, crafts, Pot-luck dinner, kid movie— "Dolphin Tale" and Havdallah services.

MARCH 17-25 4TH ANNUAL NH JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Films and all the times/dates/theater information will be announced soon. Films will be shown in more cities statewide this year to give Jewish New Hampshire & the general public. Additional opportunities to see top notch Jewish themed films

SUNDAY, APRIL 1st:

Jewish Federation Day of Mitzvot and G'milut Hasadim

"Good Deeds Day, which was initiated by Israeli philanthropist Shari Arison, is a day when you can do a good deed that's close to your heart for your own community. We invite you to give yourself as a gift and join us on the 6th international Good Deeds Day 2012. The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire invites you to Give Yourself As A Gift for 2-3 hours on Sunday, April 1st at 1 pm.

To volunteer, contact 627-7679 or info@jewishnh.org. The first 30 volunteers will receive a Good Deeds Day t-shirt. Please be sure and leave your e-mail when you RSVP so we can get back to you with specifics for the day. If you know of a family or a place that can use spring cleaning in our community, please contact

Good Deeds Day chair, Anat Myers at <u>natiusa@myfairpoint.net</u>.



UPCOMING EVENTS: Leda Lanes Glow Bowling Party! ©

Betenu Youth Group EVENT

SAVE THE DATE.... Date: April 1st 2012

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per child Bring Your Own Lunch

(EAT AT THE TEMPLE FROM 12:00 p.m. to 1:00p.m.

OR AT LEDA LANES)

RSVP—to Allison Leary 603 672 4774 or via email @ learynh@gmail.com



Dear Congregants:

We have "reel news" today.

The website for the 2012 film festival program present by the Jewish Federation of NH has gone live.

Go to www.jewishnh.org and see this years films and program schedules.

Brochures will be in your hands by mail.

Thank you for your participation and support for the 4th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, a statewide cultural tradition for our community.

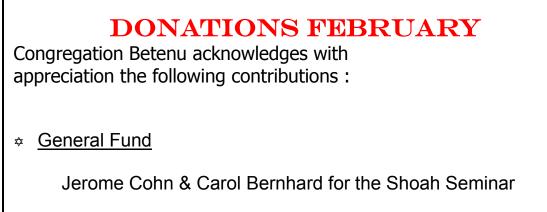
Warmest regards,

Linda Gerson & Pat Kalik Co- Chairs, NH Jewish Film Festival JEWISH FEDERATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Our Community. Our Inspiration.



- Thank-you....TO ALL who helped with the Tu B'Shevat seder and Barbara Bailey for Chairing the seder.
- Raphael Colb for giving the Shoah seminar and sharing his knowledge.



- <u>Yahrzeit Donation</u>
 Susan & Marc Rodil in loving memory of Jacob Flagler
- Emergency Appeal Steve Mailman Dave Spokane Sanders & Rowena Burstein Barbara Bailey

Elsa Conrad Sara Murphy Andrew Prolman Phillip Weinshenker



BETENU PAGES



Condolences: Robert Mascott, father of Joel Mascott. Passed away on Monday, February 20, 2012.



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MARCH Yahzeit List

Charlotte Mendoza mother of Sheryl Liberman	March 1
Avraham Slifer father of Bety Dar	March 1
Murray Cooperfather of Roberta Pavoll	March 3
Elizabeth Krohn 'Betty' Keiser	March 3
Dorothy Franks mother of Paul Franks	March 3
Abraham Applebaumgrandfather of Elyse	
Wasserman	March 7
Joel Mendozafather of Sheryl Liberman	March 7
Gertrude Orenberg mother of Bob Orenberg	March13
Marion Krohn 'Jane' Harris	March 16
Etta Schuldwachgrandmother of Lenny	
Wasserman	March 16
Martha Sandhaus longtime Betenu Congregan	t March 16
Robin Kulmfriend of Roberta Pavoll	March 20
Lillian Sidransky grandmother of Daniel Beck	
Lillian Sigelmother of Martha Sandhaus	
Bernard Rubinfather of Davida Rubin-Bake	
Scott Thomas Nichols brother of Suzanne Maine	March 24
Louis Arthur Gross	March 24
Hannah Wasserman grandmother of Lenny	
Wasserman	March25
Clifford Simonds brother-in-law of Sheryl	
Liberman	March 25
Patricia Ruth Limor bat Dora Rosenberg	
grandmother to	
Inbal/Eran Limor	March 30



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.nsks.org/CurrentWishList.asp OTHER ITEMS

For a list of other items needed please see:

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

JOIN US 16TH Annual Sabbath Across America

MARCH 2, 2012

HUNDREDS OF SYNAGOGUES AND Jews Centers

across the continent will host thousands of unaffiliated and marginally affiliated Jews, as well as their own members in an evening meant to unify and inspire

Betenu will participate with a Rabbi-led service—watch for more details.



EDUCATION

Sunday Religious School Personnel:

VP Education: Sheryl Liberman Principal: Rahel Limor Hebrew: Sonia Campeanu Jewish Studies: Sandra Whitman Asst. Hebrew Teacher: Nina Matovka Madricha: Rachel Liff



REGISTER NOW FOR 2012-2013 REGULAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL / POST HEBREW SCHOOL

Registration is ongoing for 2012-2013 for our weekly Sunday classes in Jewish studies, Hebrew, Music and Bnei Mitzvah preparation for Grades K-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.



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Get your tickets and complete film information by going to www.jewishnh.org or call Jewish Federation of New Hampshire at 603-627-7679. Visit us on Facebook.



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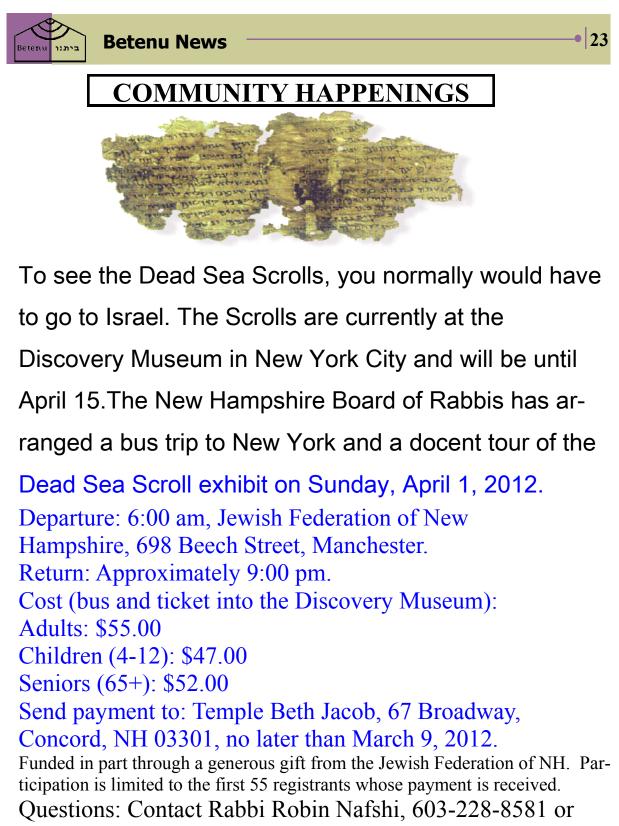


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Get your tickets and complete film information by going to www. jewishnh.org; or call Jewish Federation of New Hampshire at 603 627-7679. Visit us on Facebook.



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