

RABBI'S MESSAGE: CHANUKA, THE JFNH AND GIVING

When I moved to New Hampshire a bit over 25-years ago, the Jewish Federation was very limited to Manchester. The Federation transitioned first to Greater Manchester and now, they cover the entire state offering services and programming that is statewide. As a matter of fact, the November Jewish Federation of NH (JFNH) Board Meeting was held right at Betenu.

As the economy continues to slide downhill, it's no secret. People are hurting. People who had their retirement portfolios aggressively invested are hurting to the tune of 30 to 50%; the more conservative investors, perhaps 10 to 30%. The result is, many more of the "haves" of last year are "have-nots" this year. And, the demands for services by those who depend on our charitable gifts have increased dramatically.

Certainly the JFNH hopes that those who contributed last year will increase their gifts. And "2nd prize" is that people will maintain their giving from the previous year. The Federation provides us a statewide Jewish voice, financial grants to our religious school, a focused commitment to the cultural aspects of Israel, a monthly Newspaper, service awards (such as the *Shem Tov*) and much more.

We at Betenu would like to strive for 100% participation in the JFNH campaign, so if you've never given to the JFNH or were thinking about skipping this year because of last year's economic debacle, we request that when the solicitor contacts you to give something, even if it is only a token amount.

Most of you have heard what I am about to say a hundred times, so here is the 101st! Chanuka Gelt in its origins, were gifts of money to the poor. In response to pressure for Jewish kids to have "presents" that rival the other December holiday, Chanuka Gelt morphed into presents for our children. But especially in a tough year like this, your Chanuka Gelt is desperately needed for its classical purpose.

From Karen and me, best wishes for a Happy Chanuka and a Happy healthy, prosperous and charitable year in 2009.

Be-ve-ra-cha,
Joshua Segal

JFNH SUPER SUNDAY

Sunday, December 7 (see below for times)

Help build our community in a day dedicated to tzedakkah....you belong! Choice of volunteer shifts: 10-noon or 1-3pm. In between shifts, from noon to 1pm, enjoy special chocolate and cheese fondues. The Federation will provide a solicitation script, babysitting upon request, and raffle prizes for phone volunteers. Please bring a fully charge cell phone or plan to be part of our administrative staff. Register today at: 603-627-7679 or office@jewishnh.org.



BETENU BITS



**BETENU NOW
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You can use Mastercard or VISA 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.

BETENU THANKS

- ✧ October / November oneg hosts: Elsa Conrad, Rabbi Segal, and everyone who contributed to the onegs.
- ✧ Lay Leader(s): Elsa Conrad, Sheryl Liberman and Paul Franks.
- ✧ Sheryl Liberman for bringing our donations over to SHARE.
- ✧ The Matt Savage Concert team: Matt Savage for donating his talent and time, the Savage family for their work and time, Peter Stein, Dave Spokane, Elsa Conrad, Joel Silberberg, Elaine Silberberg, Suzanne Maine, Craig Parsons-Kerins, David Stern, Bob Rimalover, Kim Rimalover, Don Wunderlich, Jen Starr, Isabel Starr, Patrice Liff, Mike Goldstein, Rahel Limor, our ushers Eric Rimalover, Matt Spokane, Ben Gingras, all those who attended and anyone I inadvertently left out.
- ✧ Rabbi Larry Karol for being Betenu's guest Rabbi in the Pulpit Swap and for his music.
- ✧ Rahel for her music.
- ✧ Rabbis Segal, Klein, Rieser and Karol for the book event.
- ✧ Don Wunderlich for donating a VCR.
- ✧ Gordon & Carolee Clarke for donating a TV.

**DECEMBER
& JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS**



Daniel Gacharna	Sophia Dube
Jenna Goldstein	Noah Doherty
Ian Lewis	Quillah Burstein
Dina Maron	Benjamin Gingras
Geoff Osborne	Dan Kahn
Cam Prolman	Drew Sagon
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BETENU BITS continued

ATTENTION GROCERY SHOPPERS...

Betenu is still collecting receipts from **Shaw's Supermarkets and Star Markets**. Once we reach a total of \$5,000 or more we will submit them and receive back a check for about 1 percent. Now that may not sound like much, but it's free money, and those grocery receipts add up over time.



It's easy, it's free, and it's something you can do for Betenu. Collect them from family, friends and neighbors! So **SAVE THAT RECEIPT!**

AND FOR ONLINE SHOPPING...

TEXTBOOKS AND A MILLIION 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, 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 have received over \$170 to date from this program - Thank you & keep shopping!!!!

ONEG SHABBATS

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.

The following Onegs will be hosted by:

- December 5: Dr. Daniel & Diane Becker
- December 12: School: Baker, Coolidge, Orenberg & Wagman Families
- December 19: Open
- December 26: Chanuka Service
- January: All are lay-led with no current oneg sponsors



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



BETENU BITS continued

**ROSH CHODESH
FOR WOMEN**

Sundays at 4pm:
Contact Sheryl for dates

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
December 20th 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.

DONATIONS

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



High Holy Day Appeal

- Peter & Jeanne Stein
- Roberta & John Pavoll
- Michael & Aprille Goldstein
- David & Julie Spokane
- Harry & Carole Applebaum
- Jeffrey & Tammy Ditman

General Fund

- In memory of Elissa Kahn & Carolee Clarke's cousin William Palmieri
By Joel & Elaine Silberberg

- In memory of David Stern's mother
Carol Stern
By Joel & Elaine Silberberg

COMING UP...

RABBI-LED FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, December 5 at 7:30 PM

Join us for a Rabbi-led service, followed by the oneg and adult education!



BETENU'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Saturday, December 6: 4-7 PM

Celebrating Congregation Betenu's 25 years! There will be a Rabbi-led Havdallah Service, great food, vendors and fun for all!



COMING UP...



TOT SHABBAT WITH RAHEL

Saturday, December 13 at 10:30 AM

For ages 2-5 yrs. with parents. Please bring a nosh and drink!



RABBI-LED CHANUKA SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Friday, December 26 time TBA (service starts at 7:30 PM)

Help “light up” our regular Friday night services—bring your Chanukiah (menorah) to light candles with the whole Congregation!!!



MUSICAL SERVICE WITH RAHEL

Friday, January 2 at 7:30 PM

Come in for a lively musical Shabbat Service with Rahel!



POT-LUCK JEWISH FOOD NIGHT WITH ROBERTA & HAVDALLAH SERVICE

Saturday, January 10 time TBA (snow date January 17)

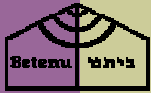
Bring a Jewish food dish and recipe to share!
Roberta will lead a discussion about Jewish food.

TOT SHABBAT WITH RAHEL

Saturday, January 24 at 10:30 AM

For ages 2-5 yrs. with parents. Please bring a nosh and drink!





December 2008

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5 7:30 pm Rabbi-led 1st Friday Service	6 4-7 pm BETENU'S 25th ANNIV. EVENT
7 9:30 am Religious School #12 (Fed. Super Sunday)	8	9	10	11	12 7:30 pm Rabbi-led Service	13 10:30 am Tot Shabbat #3
14 9:30 am Religious School #13	15 7:30 pm General Board Meeting—all are invited	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 am Religious School #14 Chanuka— 1st candle	22	23	24	25	26 7:30 pm Rabbi-led Chanuka Service	27 R Ch Tevet
28 NO Religious School Chanuka— 8th candle	29 Chanuka— ends (sunset)	30	31			



January 2009

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				1	2 7:30 pm Lay-led Musical Service with Rahel	3
4 9:30 am Religious School #15	5	6	7	8	9 7:30 pm Lay-led Service	10 Time TBA Pot-Luck Jewish Food Night & Havdallah Service
11 9:30 am Religious School #16	12	13	14	15	16 7:30 pm Lay-led Service	17 Snow date for Jewish Food Night & Havdallah Service
18 9:30 am Religious School #17	19 7:30 pm Executive Board Meeting MLK Day	20	21	22	23 7:30 pm Lay-led Service	24 10:30 am Tot Shabbat #4
25 9:30 am Religious School #18	26 R Ch Shevat	27	28	29	30 7:30 pm Lay-led Service	31



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: IN ANY EVENT...

When I was approached to be President at Betenu, I consulted with my predecessors Sheryl and Elsa to gain an understanding of the job they made look so easy. After sharing a lot of detail about the various commitments, I think Elsa summed it up by saying simply, "You have to show up." It was then that I knew I was at least somewhat qualified, and agreed to give it a try.

Every year at the end of the summer, we meet as a group of interested folks to discuss the programs we think will work for our membership for the first half of the year. Our guideline for whether or not to hold an event is pretty simple - the event has to be somewhat relevant to Betenu, and there has to be a volunteer or committee in place to "own" the event.

It has been a delight this year to see how many different events we have been able to hold, thanks to the many volunteers willing to help. Since the High Holidays, we have had or plan to have:

- A Sukkah building party - Thank you Rahel and Elissa
- A major concert - Thank you to the Savage Concert Committee
- A wonderful Havdallah Service with four NH Rabbis discussing their books - Thank you to Rabbi Segal and Karen
- A class field trip to the Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies - Thank you to Don Wunderlich
- A 25th Anniversary celebration - Thank you Roberta Pavoll and the entire committee
- A Chanukah celebration, complete with Chanukiah lighting - Thank you to the Silvermans

I'd like to offer a heartfelt "Thank you" to all the volunteers who make these events special, and also thank the members of our Betenu family who come out to support the events. Not only is each event special in its own way, it also provides some great photo opportunities!

As we head into the "chilly season", we are planning to reconvene that group of interested folks to lay out the event calendar for the next 6 months. Please consider joining us and choosing your own event to sponsor. I'll be there with my camera, because I'm getting a real kick out of "showing up."

L'Shalom
Dave



EDUCATION

REGULAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Doors open for regular classes at 9:15 AM. If you haven't already registered your child(ren) please call the temple office at 886-1633 to get a registration form.

POST HEBREW SCHOOL

Registration is open year round. Call the temple office at 886-1633 for a registration form.

ADULT EDUCATION

HEBREW CLASSES

Rahel will be offering her evening adult education classes at Betenu on Monday evenings between 5 and 9 pm. Please email or call her (RahelMusic1@yahoo.com or call 672-3682) for info. Monthly fees are \$62 (or \$18 per class).

Adult Hebrew – For beginners and continuing students. This is MODERN Hebrew (reading, writing, speaking and comprehension) and leads to Biblical. Textbook required.

CHANUKA EVENTS

CHANUKA ON THE MILFORD OVAL

Sunday, December 7: 3-4 PM

99 Union Square, Photography by JMarie - next to Arthur's Barbershop, Milford

Please join Rahel, Karl on tuba, and friends for a Chanukah Sing Along. Song sheets provided.

LIGHTS: CELEBRATE HANUKKAH LIVE IN CONCERT

Thursday, December 11 at 8 PM on NHPTV

This musical celebration of hope and miracles is the first nationally televised Hanukkah event to air on PBS. It's a joyous way for families to celebrate the meaning of Hanukkah together. See Rabbi David Wolpe, Craig Taubman, Joshua Nelson, Cantor Alberto Mizrahi, and other Jewish luminaries present the holiday in music, dance, song, and inspirational messages. For a clip from the special and for more information about the show including air dates, interviews, and video clips, visit <http://www.behrmanhouse.com/family/>, click on "Celebrate Holidays," then "Share the Light."

CHANUKAH AT THE PALACE

Sunday, December 28 at 7 PM

Sunday, **December 28th at 7:00pm - Chanukah at the Palace**

Palace Theater, Manchester, Adults \$18, Children \$12, Family 4PK & VIP \$50, (603) 668-5588
Singing Sensation Yehuda & Avner the Eccentric Comic/Mime



INFO FROM VISION
Voice of Israel Initiative of NH

VISION MEETING: Wed 12/17 at JFNH, 698 Beech St, Manchester, NH - meetings will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays this year! All friends of Israel are welcome.

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

INFO FROM SNHJMC
Southern NH Jewish Mens Club

Sunday morning topics will include our annual sports and children's breakfasts. We're also excited to have Dr. Ben Garber give a presentation on his latest book "Keeping Kids out of the Middle" on December 14.

One big change we're trying out this year is a move of the breakfast start times from 9:30 to 10:00. You'll be able to get another 30 minutes of sleep before every breakfast!

So please reserve the following dates for the 2008-09 breakfasts:

December 14, January 4, February 1, March 1, March 29, and May 3

We also plan to have another evening event this year. Last year's Jazz Night was a big success and we're working on bringing more great entertainment. Stay tuned for more details.

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

JFNH EVENTS

<http://www.jewishnh.org/calendar.html>

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NASHVILLE SONGWRITERS

Saturday, December 27 at 7 PM

This special event at the Jewish Federation features Joie Scott and David Kent. Joie has written songs for Anne Murray, Peabo Bryson, Restless Heart, Riders In The Sky, Terri Clark, Christine Baranski, and others. David Kent's songs have been recorded by Martina McBride, Blake Shelton, Rodney Atkins, Tracy Byrd, Neal McCoy, Mark Wills, Lari White, Blaine Larsen, Marty Raybon (Shenandoah), and Jeff Carson. \$15 per person includes a dessert reception. Call 627-7679 today to reserve your seat!

BETENU BITS continued



**YAHREZITS FOR
DECEMBER / JANUARY**



Sophie Starr	mother of Jen Starr	December	
Fay Gladys Nichols	mother of Suzanne Maine	December	1
Shirley Sleight	mother of Kim Rimalover	December	3
Harry Rice	father of Alan Rice	December	8
George Orenberg	father of Bob Orenberg	December	17
John Marcuccio	cousin of Elissa Kahn	December	18
Peter Leslie Stewart	brother of Jamie Stewart	December	20
Ruth Mann	mother of Frank Mann	December	22
Edith Cohen	grandmother of Judith Silverman	December	24
Sophie Silver	grandmother of Paula Silver	December	25
Evelyn Lamminen	mother of Lin Robinson	December	25
Eddie Lamminen	father of Lin Robinson	December	31
Dr. Maurice Godine	father of Julia Thomas	January	
Murray Grant	friend of Joel Silberberg	January	
Sylvia Florence Finkelstein		January	1
Sumner Stern	father of David Stern	January	1
Alan Blotcky	father of Steve Blotcky	January	1
Sigmund Werner	father of Sara Murphy	January	3
David Schiff	grandfather of Fern Seiden	January	6
Sylvia Linda	sister of Martha Sandhaus	January	7
Morris Sigel	father of Martha Sandhaus	January	8
Sarah Applebaum	grandmother of Elyse Wasserman	January	10
Philip Wasserman	grandfather of Lenny Wasserman	January	12
May Kirschner	mother of Amy Kirschner	January	15
Livingston Buzl	grandfather of Judith Silverman	January	15
Mollie Segal	mother of Joshua Segal	January	19
Harold Rimalover	father of Robert Rimalover	January	22
Evelyn Brenner	mother of Marcia L. Fine-Maron	January	23
Edith A. Melnick	mother of Sonia Ascher	January	28
Sol Kabel	father of Allan Kabel	January	30

SAD NEWS:

Sadly we inform you of the death of Carol Stern, mother of David Stern. May the Stern family be comforted among the mourners of Zion.



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CHANUKAH LIGHTING THE CANDLES

On the first night, December 21st, you light only the shamus and one Chanukah candle. By the eighth night, you light all of the candles. Candles should be added to the menorah from right to left (like Hebrew writing). The shamus candle is lit first. While holding the shamus candle, recite the following blessings. After reciting the blessings, use the shamus to light the Chanukah candles from left to right (newest to oldest). Candles should be left burning until they go out on their own. They must burn for more than half an hour.

BLESSINGS OVER THE CANDLES

(Each night) **Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam asher kideshanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu l'had'lik neir shel Chanukah. (Amein)**

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, sovereign of the universe who has sanctified us with God's commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah. (Amen)

(Each night) **Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam she'asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim haheim baziman hazeh. (Amein)**

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, sovereign of the universe who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days at this time (Amen)

(On the first night only) **Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam shehecheyanu v'kiyimanu v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh. (Amein)**

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, sovereign of the universe who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season. (Amen)