



## RABBI'S MESSAGE: THE 5-RABBIS

The month of November has been designated "Jewish Book Month" dating back 50 or so years. It is held annually in November, to come shortly before the Chanukah gift-giving season. Among other things, it features lectures by visiting authors.

We at Betenu will be celebrating "Jewish Book Month" with the "Five Rabbis Program" scheduled for November 14 at 7PM at Betenu. Last year, Congregation Betenu ran the "Four Rabbis Program" featuring the recent publications of NH's rabbis. This year, the program has been expanded beyond NH to include noted children's author, Rabbi Susan Abramson of Burlington, MA. Returning this year are Rabbi Joel Klein, Louis Rieser, Larry Karol and Joshua Segal.



The five Rabbis will participate together on Saturday night, November 15 at 7PM, Congregation Betenu, Amherst, NH. In addition to Havdallah and snacks, there will be five presentations, about 15 minutes, each. We'll begin with Rabbi Joel Klein (retired, Manchester) who will be speaking on "*Through the Name of God, A New Road to the Origin of Judaism and Christianity*"; Rabbi Abramson will present her children's book series, featuring her newest publication, "*Rabbi Rocketpower and the Half-Baked Matzah Mystery - A Particularly Peculiar Passover*"; Rabbi Louis Rieser (Etz Hayim, Derry) will be discussing his book, "*The Hillel Narratives*"; Rabbi Larry Karol (Temple Israel, Dover) will tell about, and sing a song or two, from his books titled, "*One Light Above: The Larry Karol Songbook*", "*Two are Better Than One*" and "*A New Beginning*"; And yours truly will be describing my most recent book, "*For an Eternal Memory: Ordinary and Unusual Jewish Cemetery Monuments and How to Create Them*."

The program is free. For your planning purposes, the program should actually finish between 8:45 and 9:00 PM. Autographed copies of the various publications and CDs of the rabbis will also be available for your viewing and purchase. It should be a great opportunity to meet some of the region's rabbis and to get an idea of the breadth and depth of the interests and the scholarship that these rabbis have developed. In addition, some of you may see it as an opportunity for some early Chanuka shopping!

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Also in November, best wishes for a happy Veterans Day and a happy Thanksgiving.

*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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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!!!!**

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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: THE TYRANNY OF THE IMMEDIATE

One of the great things about the High Holiday season each year is knowing that it brings together familiar faces, sharing in familiar rituals, and fully experiencing the Jewish community that is Betenu. This year, Jeff Ditman shared a great story about how he has been meeting up with Phil Weinshtenker every Rosh Hashanah for the past 25 years. A mini “Same Time Next Year” experience!

Each year, I have the opportunity on Rosh Hashanah morning to deliver a “State of the Congregation” address. I talk about the highs and lows of the year gone by, and give my perspective on how things are going. On Yom Kippur, our Financial VP talks about how we are doing from a financial perspective, and reminds us that we really need those High Holiday donations to keep us going.

So, we go from year to year, looking back at the past year and ahead to the next. We have little time to look much beyond and do meaningful long range planning. Last year, as a first step towards building for the future, we established the Chai Fund to encourage small donations throughout the year for the little events that bless our lives.

This year, we are kicking off a Long Range Planning Committee to look at ways to build our financial strength, plan for the future of our building, and expand our planning horizon beyond next Rosh Hashanah. I hope this committee will be made up not just of board members, but of a cross-section of the Betenu family. If you would like to help in this important process, please contact me directly at [president@betenu.org](mailto:president@betenu.org) or [dspokane@charter.net](mailto:dspokane@charter.net), and if you are asked to help I hope that you will find the time to support us.

It is easy to be overwhelmed by the tyranny of the immediate – with a little long term focus and planning, we can make sure Betenu will continue to serve as a wonderful home for our Jewish community for many years to come.

L’Shalom  
Dave



**NOVEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

Emet Baker	Emily Ditman	Michael Russell
Sarah Becker	Lily Doherty	Matt Stein
Zadek Burstein	David Robert Ellis	Micah Wagman
Benjamin Conley	Inbal Limor	



# November 2009 (5770)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> <b>9:30 am Religious School #7</b>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Election Day	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <b>7:30 pm Rabbi-led FAMILY Service</b>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> <b>9:30 am Religious School #8</b>	<i>9</i> Krystalnacht (Nov 9-10, 1938 Germany)	<i>10</i> Krystalnacht (Nov 9-10, 1938 Germany)	<i>11</i> Veterans Day	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <b>7:30 pm Rabbi-led Service</b>	<i>14</i> 7 pm The 5 Rabbis Havdallah & Book Event
<i>15</i> <b>9:30 am Religious School #9</b>	<i>16</i> <b>7:30 pm Executive Board Meeting</b>	<i>17</i> Rosh Chodesh: Kislev	<i>18</i> Rosh Chodesh: Kislev	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <b>7:30 pm Rabbi-led Service</b>	<i>21</i> <b>10:30 am Tot Shabbat #2</b>
<i>22</i> 9:30 am Religious School #10 3pm Pre- Chanuka Ba- zaar & Rosh Chodedsh	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> Thanksgiving	<i>27</i> <b>7:30 pm Lay-led Service</b>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> <b>NO Religious School</b>	<i>30</i>					



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		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 7:30 pm Rabbi-led FAMILY Service	<i>5</i> 4 pm Pre-Chanuka Meditative Service - Rahel
<i>6</i> 9:30 am Religious School #11	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 7:30 pm Rabbi-led Chanuka Day 1 Service  Chanuka— 1st candle	<i>12</i>  Chanuka— 2nd candle
<i>13</i> 9:30 am Religious School #12  Chanuka— 3rd candle	<i>14</i> 7:30 pm General Bd Mtg—All are invited  Chanuka— 4th candle	<i>15</i>  Chanuka— 5th candle	<i>16</i>  Chanuka— 6th candle	<i>17</i>  Rosh Chodesh: Tevet  Chanuka— 7th candle	<i>18</i> 6 pm Pot-luck Dinner & Party 7:30 pm Rabbi-led Chanuka Day 8 Service 8th candle	<i>19</i>  Chanuka— ends (sunset)
<i>20</i> 9:30 am Religious School #13	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 7:30 pm Lay-led Service	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> <u>NO</u> Religious School  10th Tevet -	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>		



## COMING UP AT BETENU...

### THE FIVE RABBIS HAVDALLAH & BOOK/MUSIC EVENT

November 14th, 7pm

Don't miss this event as "The 5 Rabbis", not to be confused with "The 3 Tenors", come together to lead us in a Havdallah service and talk about their newest books and music! Please see the Rabbi's message.



### TOT SHABBAT

November 21st, 10:30am



For the little ones kindergarten and under: bring a healthy snack and a drink and join the fun as Rahel leads with music and movement.  
Note: please accompany your child(ren).

### ROSH CHODESH & PRE-CHANUKA BAZAAR TEMPLE FUNDRAISER

November 22nd, starts at 3pm

*Ladies day* at shul... Doors open at -

3 pm—browse items for sale featuring

- ✧ MARY KAY skin care products
- ✧ Temple gift shop items

4 pm—Rosh Chodesh Service

Followed by refreshments and an extra hour of shopping!

Nourish your spirit at Rosh Chodesh, pamper your body with Mary Kay, get some Chanuka shopping done and give to the temple (just by shopping) all in the same day!

Pick up your favorite lipstick or order a Chanuka gift for your favorite person, be they young... or forever young! All profits go to the temple, including Mary Kay (courtesy of Suzanne Maine), so this is guilt-free indulgence.

See you there.



## COMING UP AT BETENU...



### **RABBI-LED FIRST FRIDAY SERVICE**

Friday, November 6th, 7:30pm

Friday, December 4th, 7:30pm

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



### **PRE-CHANUKA MEDITATIVE SERVICE WITH RAHEL**

Friday, December 5th at 4 pm

Please join singer/songwriter/cantorial soloist, Rahel, for a pre-Chanukah musical meditation and celebration of light, love and the joy of miracles. The meditation is followed by a short Havdalah service and Melave Malkah Chanukah sing along! All are welcome. Bring instruments and voices!

Rabbi Debra Orenstein ([www.rabbidebra.com](http://www.rabbidebra.com)) reminds us that, "It is a miracle that Jews, in the days of the Maccabees and today, have managed to survive despite the appeal and acceptance of the general culture (disappearance through assimilation) and, equally, despite the ugly underbelly of intolerance in society (destruction through anti-Semitism, oppression, and war). It is a miracle that Jews who love and absorb the dominant culture are nevertheless willing to die for the right to remain Jews. It is a miracle that people possessed of few resources dare to do great things. Remember: a small band of fighters, a tiny cruse of oil, one "little" idea can change everything."

### **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

December 14th, 7:30pm

All are invited to attend the general board meetings which are even months (February, April...), usually the third Monday at 7:30pm. Talk to Dave Spokane ahead of time if you are interested in putting something on the agenda.

### **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](mailto:betenu@nii.net), call the office at 603-886-1633, or call Elissa at 603-673-8283.

Thanks!



**COMING UP AT BETENU...(cont.)**

**CHANUKA SERVICES—  
BRING YOUR CHANUKIOT**

Friday, December 11th at 7:30pm  
Friday, December 18th at 6pm, services at 7:30pm

Please bring your chanukiot, candles (available from the gift shop if you forget), and matches to both services as this year we light one candle on the 11th and all 8 on the 18th!



December 18th at 6pm—Bring a dish and come early for pot luck dinner & party.



**EDUCATION**

**Sunday Religious School Personnel:**

VP Education: Sheryl Liberman

Principal: Rahel Limor

Hebrew: Sonia Campeanu

Jewish Studies: Don Wunderlich

Assistant Teacher: Nina Matouka

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



**ACCEPTING  
STUDENTS  
REGULAR RELIGIOUS  
SCHOOL /  
POST HEBREW SCHOOL**

Registration is ongoing for 2009-10 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](mailto:rahel@rahelmusic.com).





## 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](mailto: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

November 22nd—please see page 6

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](mailto:SAML54@comcast.net).

### KABBALAH GROUP

Saturdays at 12:30pm—once a month  
November 14 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](mailto:SAML54@comcast.net).

Video of Sh'ma Meditation by Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9bwEFS7Btk&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9bwEFS7Btk&feature=related)



**BETENU PAGES**



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Linda & Jeff Jones, their daughter Mikayla, and son Jakob of West Townsend, MA.

**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:

- Nov 6: Elsa Conrad for Benjamin's 4th birthday
- Benjamin's 4th birthday
- Nov 13: The Goldsteins
- Nov 14: Rabbi sponsored for Havdallah & Book event
- Nov 20: Open
- Nov 27: Open
- Dec 4: The Gingras & Wunderlich families



Conrad for



**BETENU  
THANKS**



- ✧ September oneg hosts. Dave Spokane, Vivian McGuire, the Beckers, the Board, and all who contributed to the onegs.
- ✧ All who came to the Sukkah building party.
- ✧ All who tore down the Sukkah!
- ✧ All who donated to SHARE.
- ✧ Sheryl Liberman for taking donations to SHARE.

**SEDER PLATE DONATION  
& THANKS**

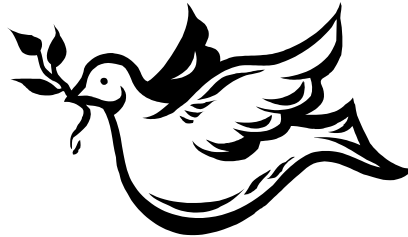
Thanks to **Suzanne Maine** for donating the artisan seder plate with bowls.



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**DONATIONS**

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



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In honor of Joshua Segal and Karen Satz  
Who give their hearts to those who have  
Lost their own



**YAHARZEITS FOR NOVEMBER**



Shirley Levine.....	aunt of Diana Stern .....	November 5
Carol Stern.....	mother of David Stern.....	November 10
William Wright.....	.....	November 11
Harold Cohen.....	grandfather of Judith Silverman.....	November 11
Robert Burger .....	father of Eric Burger .....	November 16
Pearl Gribetz.....	mother of Jeff Gribetz.....	November 20
Deborah Crouse Weisberg...	former Betenu congregant.....	November
David Mendelsohn.....	.....	November 21
Ruth Clarke.....	grandmother of Elissa Kahn.....	November 22
Leo Silver .....	grandfather of Paula Silver .....	November 25
Wanda Burger.....	mother of Eric Burger .....	November 27
Sam Silverman.....	grandfather of Rick Silverman.....	November 27

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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 of Israel are welcome.

*Check out [www.nh4israel.org](http://www.nh4israel.org) for more upcoming events, articles and more...*

## SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE JEWISH MENS CLUB

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