

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Blizzard of 2013





BETENU NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2013

Rabbi's Letter for February Bulletin By: Joel Baron

Subject: "Betweenness"

Here we sit in our annual calendar amidst the 30 days between Purim and Passover: in Hebrew *beyn Purim uweyn Pesach*; 30 days from the 14th of Adar until the 15th of Nissan. What a strange combination of holidays to sit between; what a wrenching transition in emotions. From a time of great joy to one that begins in great hardship.

The Talmud teaches, "with the beginning of Adar rejoicings are increased," and the Haggadah teaches, "this is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt." Rejoicing is increased in Adar because it is the month of Purim, the holiday that celebrates "*upside-downness*" – we were supposed to be eradicated in a frenzy of genocide and behold Haman, the very one who would have done us in is done in himself! So we celebrate, not the demise of Haman, but the eradication of evil and the fact that we endured.

And in Egypt? There we were, barely enduring, and God heard our groaning and revealed Himself to Moses, who then brought God's message and release from bondage to these suffering Israelite slaves. And for the next 40-plus years, the slavery stopped, but life was still a struggle. And yet, we endured – as we still do.

On the one hand, a celebration for life sustained and evil eradicated; on the other hand, a remembrance of a life of hardship and slavery eradicated. *Beyn Purim uweyn Pesach*.

Yet we Jews actually *like* these situations of being betwixt and between. In Egypt we were told to hold onto a blemish-free lamb and then sacrifice it *between the evenings* on the 14th of Nissan; God's covenant with Abraham is called the *Covenant Between the Parts* because Abraham had to split each sacrifice in two. What does God do at Creation? First God creates heaven and earth, then light, and then immediately (Gen. 1:4) separates *between* light and darkness, and then *between* the waters above and the waters below, and then God separates Shabbat from the other six days of the week.

It is this sense of being able to live in that vague space that's *in between* from which we Jews have drawn such strength over the generations. There are Jews who come to synagogue twice a year, and there are Jews who *davven* three times a day – and both are Jews.

The same Jew who teaches the scientific theory of evolution on the one hand, can at the same time hold the Bible's story of Creation in the other hand. The same 2 million who walked through the desert for 40 years looking forward to the Promised Land also looked back at Egypt with an odd sort of nostalgia. Even our Passover Seder likes to remind us that on all other nights we have a choice between eating sitting up and reclining – *beyn yoshrin uweyn m'subin*.

So enjoy this time between our holidays. Look back at Purim and smile; look forward to Passover and consider the blessings of freedom. Don't choose, but embrace them both.

May your holidays and lives be filled with joy,

Rabbi Joel



SCHOOL STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

·School doors open at 8:45 am to begin at 9 am sharp.

Students should bring their folders, homework, a snack and water.

P J Havdallah will take place on Saturday, March 9.

Watch for more information

Trimester 2 ends Feb. 17.

Keep in mind Shabbat and related service requirements: Grades K through 3-- 4 services; Grades 4 and 5—7 services; Grades 6 and 7—15 services.



Betenu Joel Baron Services

Fri., Feb 8th-7:30 PM **Cancelled due to Snow**

Sat. Feb 9th-9:30AM followed by Torah study and a nosh.

Fri. Feb 22—7:30 Purim service

Sat. Feb 23—9:30 AM followed by Torah study and a nosh

Fri. March 8—7:30 PM

Sat. March 9—9:30 AM followed by Torah study and a nosh

Tues. March 26, 6:15 PM, Passover 2nd Sedar. Pot luck dinner.

Families please bring a main dish, singles and couples please bring a side dish and/or dessert. (No pork or shellfish please.) Donations accepted at the sedar.

Call 886-1633 to reserve. Set up and clean up help needed.

Betenu Lay-Led Services

Family friendly Shabbat services Fridays-7:30PM

February 15th

March 1st

March 15th

BETUENU UPCOMING EVENTS:

PURIM Service

February 26th, before services

RABBI-LED

February 22nd , 7:30pm

*Fun for everyone. Dress up if you like
and we'll see you there.*



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PASSOVER 2ND NITE SEDAR

WATCH FOR

DETAILS



ONEG SHABBATS SIGN UPS NEEDED

WE NEED ONEG HOSTS: (One brings the desserts, fruit, and challah, and sets up and cleans up.

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.

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



SAVE THE DATE

PJ HAVDALLAH

Date March 9th 4:30 pm

Children Service, Pot luck dinner with
Movie time ~ Parent or guardian **MUST**
stay with child(ren).



**CHILDRENS SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY CHILDREN'S
MENU DINNER, MOVIE AND
POPCORN
LOTS OF FUN**

WATCH FOR SIGN UP SHEET

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rachel Liff



DEADLINE for the MARCH

Newsletter is

3-7-2013

Please send articles and
information



FEBRUARY 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Lay Led Family Svc 7:30	2 Yitro
3 Sunday School 9am	4	5	6	7	8 Services Cancelled Due to snow.	9 Mishpatim Services Cancelled Due to snow.
10 Sunday School 9am B'nai mitzvah Parents meeting	11	12	13	14	15 Lay Led Svc 7:30	16 Terumah
17 Inbar our Sicha visit with the Students. Sunday School	18	19	20	21	22 Rabbi Led PURIM Service 7:30 pm	23 Tetzaveh (Zachor) Rabbi Led 9:30 svc with Torah Study and nosh
24 NO Sunday School	25 Shushan Purim	26	27	28		



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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.



BETENU RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Interested or have questions?

Contact Sheryl Liberman

saml54@comcast.net or call 424-4609

B'nai mitzvah parents meeting February 10th

Shlichah, Inbar Keren next visit is on February 17th

Progress reports to be published February 17th

NO Sunday School February 24th.



**Congregation Betenu
acknowledges with
appreciation**

BETENU THANKS

**To everyone who supported the success of the
Tu B'shevat seder**

Thank you to all January Oneg Sponsors



FEBRUARY Yahrzeit List



Deaths in the Last 30 Days

January 19, 2013 Kevin McGuire, husband of Vivian McGuire, father of Maureen MacGregor and Shaun McGuire

Last Year's Deaths

DECEMBER 15, 2012 EDITH FRIEDMAN, GRANDMOTHER OF ALLISON LEARY

This Month's Yahrzeits

Joan Dickes	mother of Ellen Lubitz	February
Matthew Werner.....	brother of Sara Murphy	February 2
Leon Earl "Nick" Nixon	cousin of Elissa Kahn	February 6
Rene Fierman.....	mother of Barbara Bailey &	
.....	Elaine Schwartz	February 6
Stanley Moses 'Papa' Krohn		February 8
David Michelson.....		February 11
Maurice "Maury" Franks	father of Paul Franks	February 13
Kate Berger Gross.....		February 14
Arlene Mignault	friend of Rahel Limor	February 15
Betty McCoy.....	friend of Elissa Kahn	February 15
Stanley Moses 'Bud' Krohn Jr.		February 18
Goodman Burstein.....	father of Sanders Burstein	February 19
Wayne Lamminen.....	brother of Lin Robinson	February 25
Harold Sandhaus.....		February 25
Stella G. Leczynski	Aunt to Pam Blotcky	February 28, 2010

Volunteer at Betenu!

DO YOU HAVE A FEW MINUTES to help Betuenu?
We are organizing a “Sunshine Committee” to be contacts for our congregants when they are ill, the news to share/report, need any rides or assistance. **PLEASE .. PLEASE .. volunteer.**

For more information contact Sheryl Liberman
424-4609 or saml54@comcast.net



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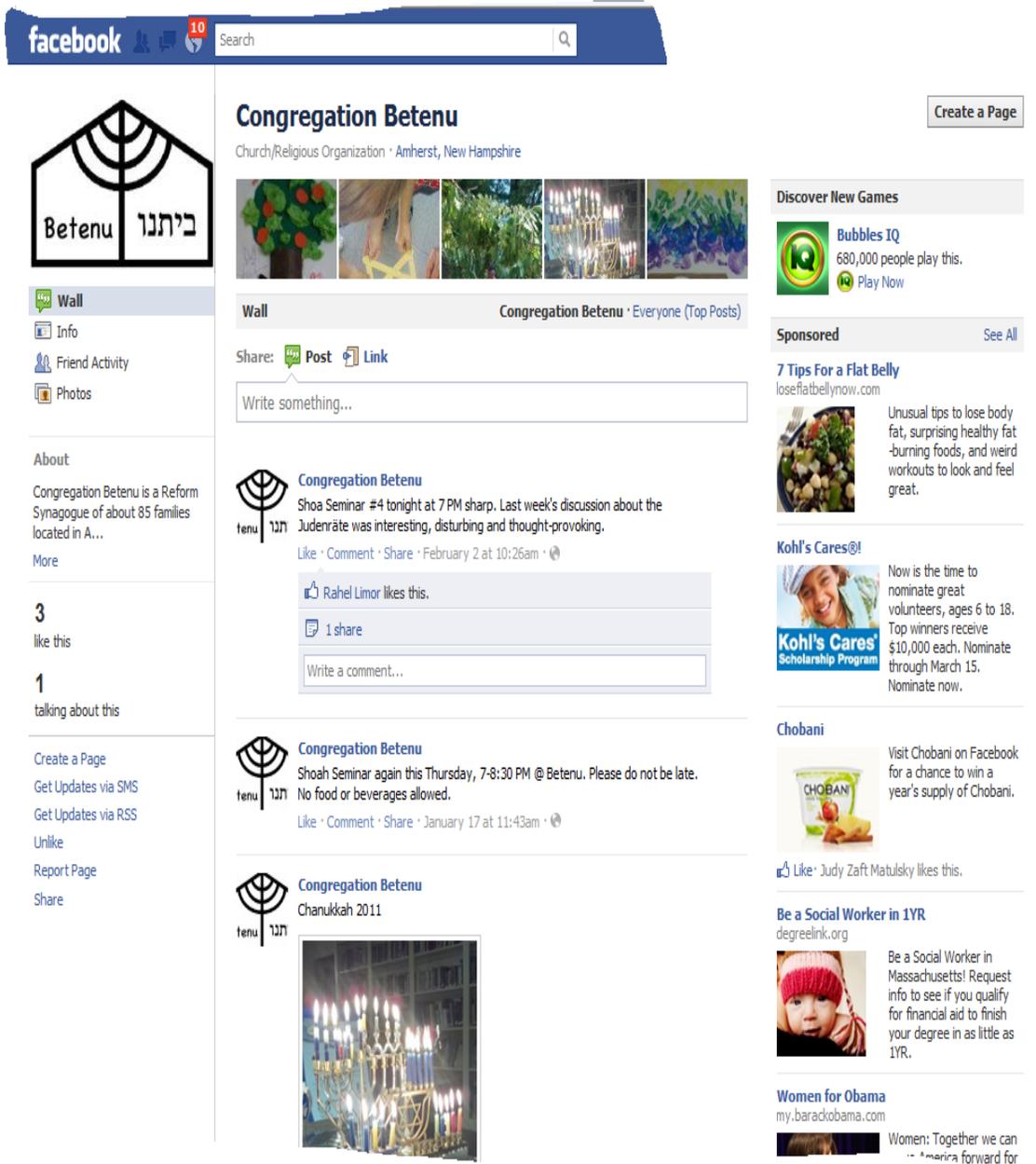
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The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for Congregation Betenu. The page header includes the Facebook logo, a search bar, and a 'Create a Page' button. The profile picture is the Congregation Betenu logo, which features a stylized menorah and the text 'Betenu ביתנו'. The cover photo is a collage of five images: a tree, a person, a menorah, a menorah, and a menorah. The main content area shows a post from Congregation Betenu about a Shoa Seminar. The post text reads: 'Shoa Seminar #4 tonight at 7 PM sharp. Last week's discussion about the Judenräte was interesting, disturbing and thought-provoking.' The post has 3 likes and 1 share. Below the post is a comment from Rahel Limor. The right sidebar contains several sponsored posts: 'Discover New Games' featuring 'Bubbles IQ', '7 Tips For a Flat Belly' from losefatbellynow.com, 'Kohl's Cares@!' for a scholarship program, 'Chobani' for a chance to win a year's supply, 'Be a Social Worker in 1YR' from degreelink.org, and 'Women for Obama' from my.barackobama.com.