

**TO ALL OUR BETENU CONGREGANTS**





**BETENU NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2013**

**Joel Baron - Message: JANUARY 2013**

**Volume 1 No 1**

Dear Fellow Congregants,

The promise of our faith lies in its cycles. A loved one dies, a child is born; the Temple was besieged, and the miracle of light illuminated our path forward. A year ends, a new one begins. The shortest day of the year comes, and a slightly longer one follows.

After 30 years as your rabbi, Joshua Segal has moved on to new moments in his own life, and Congregation Betenu wishes him well and begins to imagine a different life for itself. Sadness begets joy begets sadness begets joy – and so life goes. We embrace it all: the births, the marriages, the hard times, the good times, the dark and the light, the hellos and the goodbyes. We Jews are masters of living the paradoxical life; perhaps that's the secret to our endurance.

So on the shortest of days, December 21<sup>st</sup>, I began my time with you: a day with 9 hours, 4 minutes, and 33 seconds of sunlight. That's enough for me, and I made the best of it. I used those hours to think about spending my first Kabbalat Shabbat with you just after the sun set, and I thought about the light and darkness that will come into our lives together. I will cherish all those times, and in the earliest of our days, I will look forward to meeting each of you and getting to know you as the days lengthen, the snow melts, and the buds begin to show.

The weekend of January 11<sup>th</sup> will be my first full weekend with you, and on January 12<sup>th</sup> and almost every Saturday afternoon I'm with you, I will be inviting a small group of you (in democratic alphabetical order!) to join me for some tea or coffee at a Rabbi's *Tisch*, a Rabbi's Table, so that we can have some relaxed time together just to chat and begin to get to know each other. I look forward to that time.

In the meantime, if I didn't see you on the 21<sup>st</sup>, I wish you all a Happy New Year and the blessings of good health, good friends, good leaders, and much, much joy.

In peace,

Joel Baron



## ANNOUNCEMENT

For all school age parents...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

***SUNDAY 1/13/2012***

JOEL BARON WILL BE AT BETENU 13TH TO  
MEET WITH ALL THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
PARENTS.

**TIME:** 9:00 –10:00 AM

**Light Breakfast will be served—PLEASE plan to stay  
and schmooze with us.**



**BETUENU UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ✧ **January 6th Sunday School resumes**
- ✧ **January 11th Pot luck Supper 6:30 pm and Service 7:30 pm**
- ✧ **January 12th Rabbi Led service with Torah Study to follow 9:30 am**
- ✧ **January 12th Kabbalah Class 12:45pm**
- ✧ **January 25th 6:30 Sedar with 7:30 pm Tu B'shevat Service** Seder, Potluck dinner and Dirt Dessert.

Pick up your leaf assignment at Betenu starting this week

or call the office to ask what is needed for the seder. Families, please bring main dishes; others, bring sides and desserts. Suggested contribution: families-\$18., singles \$10. Set up and clean up help needed, please



**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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**TORAH STUDY IS SCHEDULED  
FOR SATURDAY MORNINGS**

**STARTING IN JANUARY—  
Saturday mornings 9:30 after  
services.**

**See Calendar for dates.**



## 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.

The following Onegs dates are OPEN:

January 4th

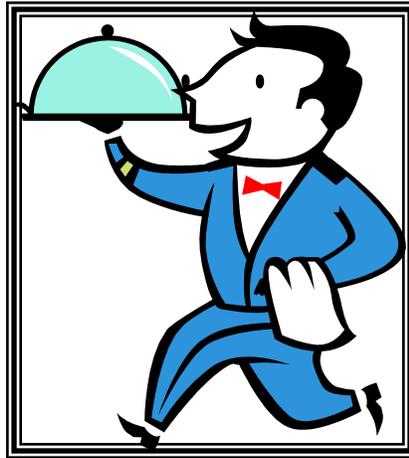
February 8th

February 22nd

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

# YOUR HELP is NEEDED for the FEC LUNCH

Catered by Betenu Date: Sunday, January 20th  
(snow date Sunday, January 27th)



Each year the Faith Episcopal Church in Merrimack caters our Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast and we cater their annual meeting. We need volunteers to make or purchase meals and desserts, hot and cold. We also need people for setup, serving and cleanup from 10-12:30 (all or part). Please contact our coordinator, Roberta Pavoll 672-9820.

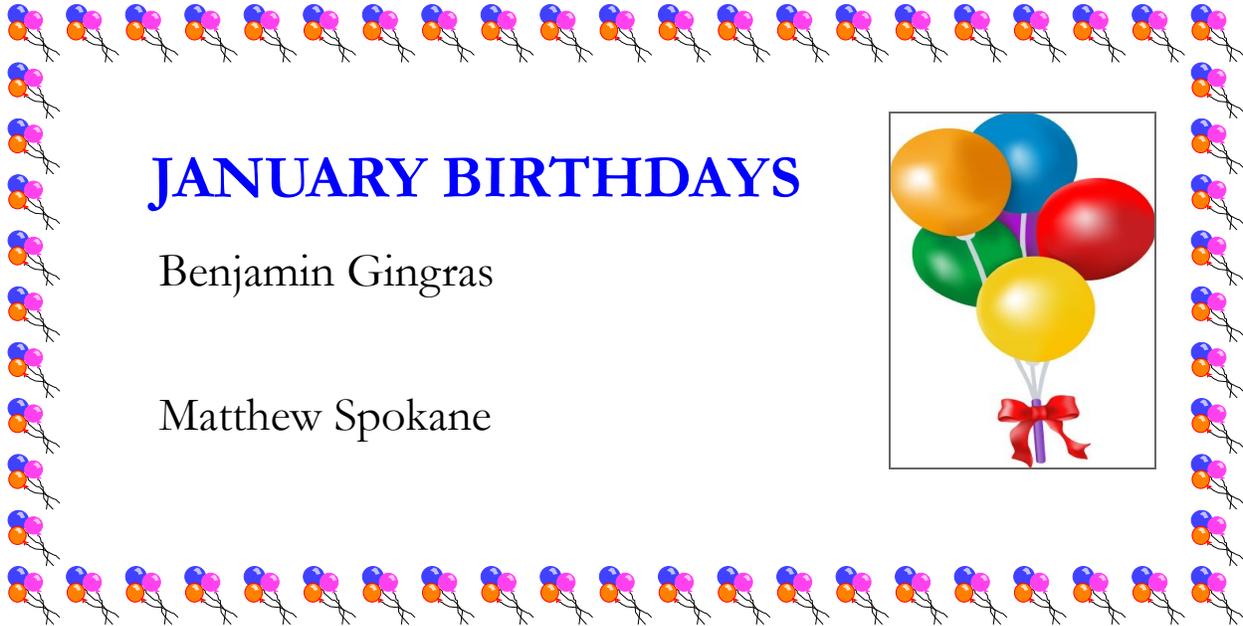
Food can be dropped off at Betenu at the beginning of Sunday school, or brought (by 10 AM) directly to:

Faith Episcopal Church, 590 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH

For directions: <http://www.faithnh.org/contact.html>.

**They do a wonderful job for us—let's return the favor!**





## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Benjamin Gingras

Matthew Spokane



**DEADLINE** for the **FEBRUARY** Newsletter is

**2-5-2013** Please send articles and information

INTRODUCING.....  
FAMILY FRIENDLY LAY LED SERVICES  
AT BETENU: Dates are set:

JANUARY 4, 2013

PJ Havdallah To be Announced

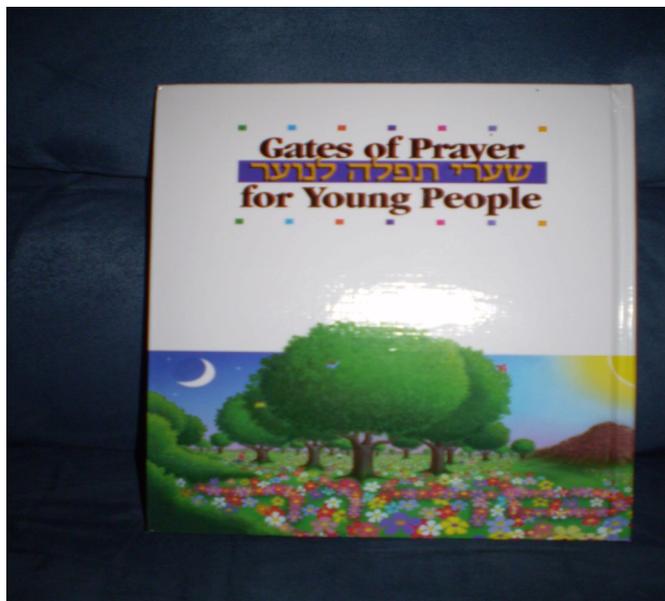
FEBRUARY 1, 2013

MARCH 1, 2013

**7:30 PM Shabbat service**

Family/young people friendly prayer book with Family Participation. Our school age children are familiar with this prayer book.

Please bring a nosh to share at our Oneg.





# JANUARY 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 Family svc <b>7:30</b>	5 Shemot
6 Sunday School 9am	7	8	9	10	11 Joel Baron Led Service <b>@7:30pm with POT LUCK @6:30pm</b>	12 Va'era Joel Baron Led svc 9:30 followed by Torah study— Kabbalah at 12:45
13 Sunday School 9am School Parents Joel Baron <b>9-10 am</b>	14	15	16	17	18 Lay-led <b>7:30</b>	19
20 Sunday School 9am Bettenu Hosts Faith Episcopal	21	22	23	24	25 Joel Baron Tu B'shevat Sedar 630 and Svc 730	26 Beshalach Joel Baron led Svc followed by Torah study
27 Sunday School 9am	28	29	30	31		



# FEBRUARY 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Lay Led Family Svc 7:30	2 Yitro
3	4	5	6	7	8 Rabbi Led Svc 7:30	9 Mishpatim Rabbi Led 9:30 am with Torah Study and Nosh
10	11	12	13	14	15 Lay Led Svc 7:30	16 Terumah
17 Inbar our Slichah visit with the Students. Progress Rpts Issued	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		



## CONGREGATION BETENU

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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

**Shlichah, Inbar Keren next** visit is on February 17th

Progress reports to be published February 17th

**Jan. 13 9-10 AM.**

### **Parents:**

**Save the morning hour, to meet Joel Baron,  
our Spiritual leader.**

Light refreshments will be served.

**Thanks:** Marcella Dube for helping with office work

Elsa Conrad and Sheryl Liberman for leading lay-led services

### **Want to be a little more involved in Betenu??**

- Keyboard or other **musical talents** needed for Shabbat services



**Parents:** As a reminder, please take the time when you arrive at Religious school to check out the Sign up /Announcement Board near the sign in sheets each week.

We are looking for volunteers as GREETERS/RELEASERS:

It only takes 15 minutes of your time.

Please sign up for a month as a **Greeter**—Assist families in the arrival process, signing in and getting to class.

**Releaser** to ensure children have all their belongings including class activity and homework sheets and are released promptly to their family members.

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**NOTICE: Mark your calendars:**

**January 6th Sunday 11:30—12:00**

Parents are invited to attend a presentation of the religious school students. Please mark your calendars to come early for pick up to see this event.

**2012-2013 (5773)**  
**Sunday Religious School is in**  
**FULL~ Swing.**

**Did you know** your child is more attentive and happier when he/she brings a snack and a drink to have during break time each Sunday?

If you are interested in sending in a group snack, please drop it off at the office in the morning.





**Congregation Betenu  
acknowledges  
with appreciation**

The following are contributions made in honor of Rabbi Segal's retirement. Anonymous includes anyone who put cash in the box.

General Fund

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Anonymous                     | The Wunderlich/Gingras Family |
| The Belesca Family            | The Bailey Family             |
| The Burstein Family           | The Conrad/Conley Family      |
| Alan and Tina Fishow          | Paul and Betsy Franks         |
| Bruce and Nancy Friday        | Joel and Susan Mascott        |
| Daniel and Sara Murphy        | The Schwartz Family           |
| The Savage Family             | Brian Grodman                 |
| The Wunderlich/Gingras Family |                               |

Gross Education Fund

Barbara Rottenberg

**BETENU THANKS**

The Planning Committee. All who set up, attended & helped clean up for Rabbi Segal's farewell Havdalah. Oneg Sponsors in December Sara Murphy for setting up website.



## JANUARY Yahrzeit List



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
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
David Franks.....	brother of Paul Franks	January 13
Ruth bat Sarah (Catherine Horowitz).....		
	.....mother of Helen Bullard..	Jan. 13, 2011
Rivka bat Moshe v'Hannah, mother to Ariel Tobi		January 13, 2012
May Kirschner.....	mother of Amy Kirschner	January 15
Vilma Kartman .....	cousin of Elsa Conrad	January 18
Lois Goff.....	mother of Steve Goff	January 19, 2009
Mollie Segal .....	mother of Joshua Segal	January 19
Harold Rimalover.....	father of Robert Rimalover	January 22
Steven Bernstein .....	uncle of Amy Jusczak	January 28, 2004
Sol Kabel.....	father of Allan Kabel	January 30
Sara bat Zvi v'Miriam...	relative of Sonia & Emil Campeanu...	January 30, 2012



## **BYG BETENU YOUTH GROUP**

Activities are being planned for  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month  
Starting in January

Watch for flyers and emails

All Sunday school children are invited to attend. Parents must remain with children during events.

Pack your child a drink and lunch  
on activity day.

## 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](mailto:saml54@comcast.net)



## 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

## 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!

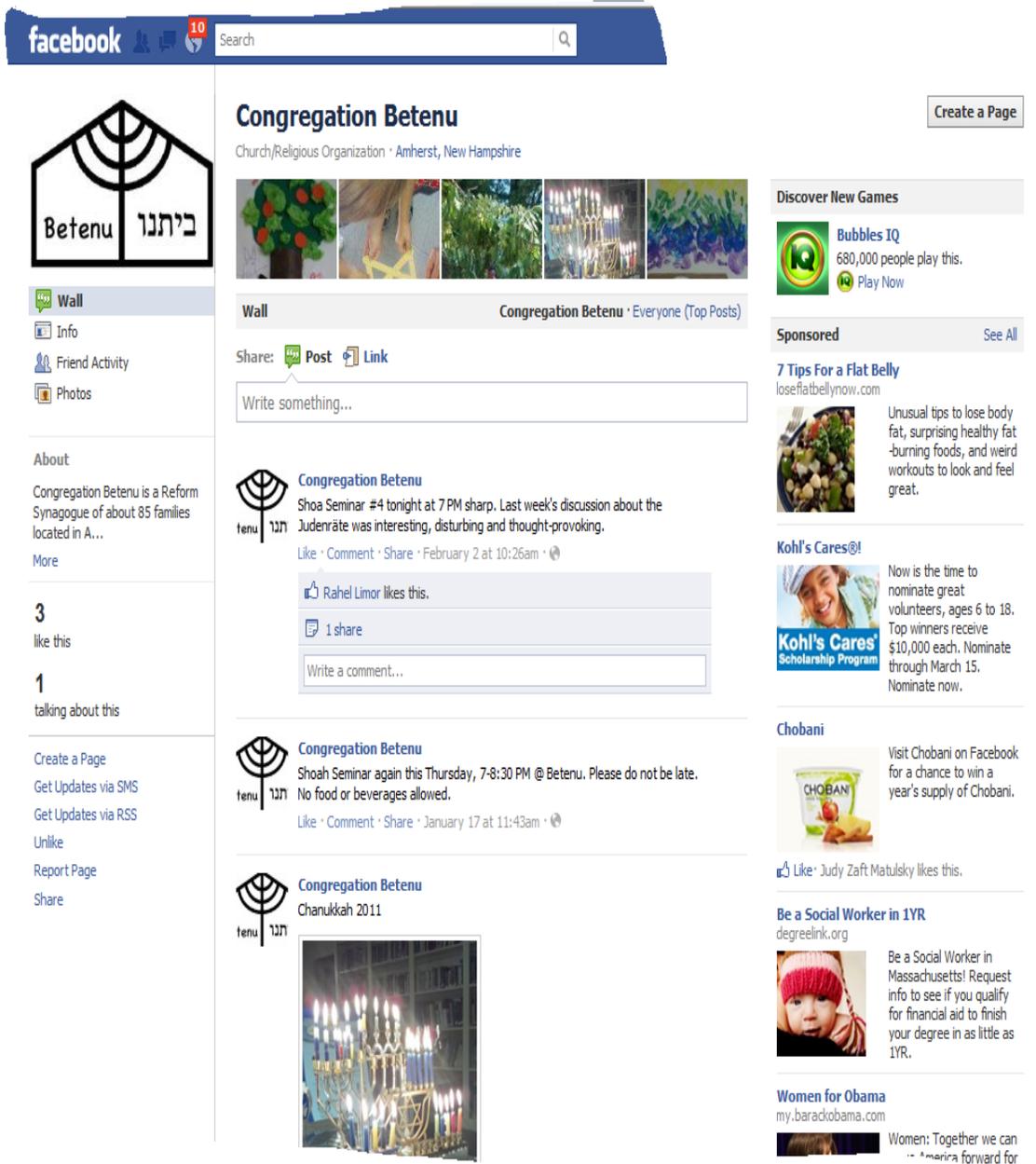
Call the office (or the charge and let us and what it's for.



stop in) to arrange know the amount

## LIKE US on FACEBOOK

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Congregation-Betenu/250291141669802>



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 page is categorized as a 'Church/Religious Organization' in Amherst, New Hampshire. 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.' It includes a share button, a comment box, and a notification that 'Rahel Limor likes this.' and '1 share'. Below the post is another announcement for a Shoa Seminar on Thursday, 7-8:30 PM, with a note that 'No food or beverages allowed.' The page also features several sponsored posts on the right side, including 'Discover New Games' with 'Bubbles IQ', '7 Tips For a Flat Belly', 'Kohl's Cares!', 'Chobani', 'Be a Social Worker in 1YR', and 'Women for Obama'. The left sidebar contains navigation links for 'Wall', 'Info', 'Friend Activity', 'Photos', and 'About'.