



President's Message

by Elsa Conrad

AS THE Sunday school year draws to a close and spring hints at finally arriving, Betenu's board is wrestling with budget and other decisions for the coming year. As we do so, your input is critical to our choices. It's time to speak up.

When you work with groups of people, actions are seldom met with unanimous approval. It is somewhat more common to hear unanimous disapproval, though luckily we've seldom had that problem at Betenu.

More often, people speak from a variety of viewpoints with a multitude of suggestions. While it is sometimes difficult to reconcile differing opinions en route to a clear path forward, every idea has value—even if its form changes as leadership crafts decisions and policies.

Looking ahead to 5775, Betenu will see a new rabbinic intern, some new faces on the board and, hopefully, some new ideas to make people feel even more at home at "Our house."

Save the date for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 18 at



PURIM MEMORIES Rav Nate DeGroot shares a story with Betenu students on March 16. For more photos, see page 4.

7:30 pm. Meanwhile, help set the agenda by contacting me or other board members with thoughts, ideas or even criticisms. We want to hear from you.

On a closing note, I'd like to offer a hearty *Yasher Koach* to **Jenna Goldstein** on being called to the Torah at Betenu on March 22.

It has been inspiring to see Jenna grow in her Judaism during the past year. She has put in many hours with Rav **Joel Baron** and Rav **Nate DeGroot** this past year, joining **Alex Dube** as two of our religious school's recent success stories. Be sure to congratulate Jenna and her proud family when you see them!

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To order, stop by our office or contact us at 886-1633/betenu@nii.net.

NEWS & NOTES

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Thank You!

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- ◆ The Dube family for their donation of bottled water
- ◆ Everyone who attended our Purim weekend
- ◆ Roberta Pavoll for our Purim oneg and leading the Hamentaschen Workshop

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YHRZEITS

In Loving Memory

- ◆ Irving Starr
father of Jen Starr
April
- ◆ Edward David Finkelstein
April 3
- ◆ Edith Fisher
grandmother of Karen Satz
April 3
- ◆ Augusta Levinson
grandmother of Paula Silver
April 5
- ◆ Frances Stewart
mother of Jamie Stewart
April 6
- ◆ Steve Meltzer
cousin of Joel Mascott
April 7
- ◆ Frances Krohn Fries
April 8
- ◆ Robert August
cousin of Elaine Silberberg
April 16
- ◆ Louise Levine
mother of Dan Levine
April 19
- ◆ Rachel Miriam Gatland
mother of Marcella Dube
April 19
- ◆ Alfred White
father of Rowena Burstein
April 20
- ◆ Arnold Dickes
father of Ellen Lubitz
April 21
- ◆ Arthur Stewart
father of Jamie Stewart
April 22
- ◆ Edwin Sleight
father of Kim Rimalover
April 24
- ◆ Guy Darrow
father of Dara Smolski
April 25
- ◆ Marilyn Franks
cousin of Paul Franks
April 29
- ◆ Rabbi Solomon Segal
father of Joshua Segal
April 30
- ◆ Merrill Jay Gross
April 30

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***Mazel Tov!* Jenna Goldstein Called to the Torah**

Jenna Goldstein, daughter of Michael and Aprille Goldstein, was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 22 at Congregation Betenu. Rav Nate DeGroot officiated.



Reflecting her interest in animals, Jenna read a portion from Leviticus, skillfully demonstrating her many hours of Hebrew study under the tutelage of Rav Nate and Rav Joel Baron. Mike and Aprille spoke glowingly of their pride in Jenna's achievement.

All of us at Betenu wish to extend our warmest congratulations to Jenna and to the Goldstein family. We're proud of you!



FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

by Sheryl Liberman

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class Project Due April 6

Students—a rough draft of your project for Bar/Bat Mitzvah class is due April 6.

Parents' Night Out, April 11

On Friday, April 11 parents can drop off kids at Betenu and enjoy an adult outing together from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Perfect for bonding, or at least some quiet time!

Volunteers Needed for Mock Children's Seder, April 13

We are looking for parents who can help with our mock seder, held from 10:30 am to noon on Sunday, April 13. Volunteers are asked to contact **Shery Liberman** at saml54@comcast.net or betenu@nii.net.

Song Fest Shabbat on April 18

In place of our customary 7:30 pm service on April 18, we invite members to attend a Song Fest service that promises to be fun for the whole family. Be sure to come out! Contact **Shery Liberman** or **Elsa Conrad** for details.

No Sunday School, April 20

Betenu's school will not be in session on Sunday, April 20. Enjoy the weekend!

IN BRIEF

Children's Mock Seder, April 13

Share the lessons of Passover in a kid-friendly setting! Donations of grape juice, oranges, charoset, celery slices, shankbone, macaroons or Pesach cookies, salt water are welcome—please see the lobby signup sheet.

Spring Yard Sale Needs Organizers



If you love yard sales, here's a chance to plan one for Betenu! We need volunteers to help organize a spring fundraiser. Contact the office for details.

NH CROP Hunger Walk, May 4

The Souhegan Valley Interfaith CROP Walk against hunger starts in Milford at 2 pm on Sunday, May 4. Registration is at St. Patrick's Church, 34 Amherst Street, starting at 1 pm that day. To register, donate or get information, contact **John David** at 801-7108.

MC, Visa and Discover

Your credit card can now pay Betenu dues, tuition, gift purchases or donations! Just call the office or stop in today to arrange the charge details.

Help for the Hospitalized

Privacy laws keep hospitals from calling us when our members are admitted. If you need friendly support, ask for the hospital chaplain and request that Betenu be notified. We're here for you!

Early Newsletter Deadline for May

We're going to Disneyworld! Your faithful editor is vacationing in late April, so email newsletter submissions to betenu@nii.net by Tuesday, April 15.

*BETENU SCRAPBOOK:
Purim Weekend, March 14-16*



Rav Nate makes a beguiling Esther!



Mordecai & Friends



Sarah Noyovitz takes five



Workshop leader Roberta Pavoll—a friend in knead



Competitive bearding comes to Betenu



Making hamantaschen at our Purim baking workshop on March 16



The boys gather round for Purim stories after school

April at Betenu

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Lay-led Service, 7:30 pm	5 <i>Metzora</i>
6 School, 9 am Rough drafts due for Bar/ Bat Mitzvah projects	7	8	9	10	11 Parents' Night Out with Rabbi-led Service, 7 pm – 8:30 pm	12 <i>Acharei Mot</i> Havdalah Event, TBD
13 School (Rav Nate), 9 am Mock Seder, 10:30 am	14 Passover Begins at Sunset	15 Lay-led 2nd Seder, 6:15 pm	16	17	18 Song Fest Service, 7:30 pm	19 <i>Chol Hamoed</i>
20 NO SCHOOL	21 General Board Meeting, 7:30 pm	22 Yizkor	23	24	25 Lay-led Service, 7:30 pm	26 <i>Kedoshim</i>
27 School, 9 am <i>Yom Hashoah</i>	28	29	30			

May at Betenu

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Rabbi-led Service, 7:30 pm	3 <i>Emor</i>
4 Last Sunday School with Rav Nate, 9 am Crop Walk, 1 pm	5 Yom Hazikaron	6 Yom Ha'atzmaut	7	8	9 Rav Nate's Farewell Potluck Dinner, 6:30 pm B'nei Mitzvah Presentations	10 <i>Behar</i>
11 School, 9 am Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16 Lay-led Service, 7:30 pm	17 <i>Bechukotai</i>
18 School, 9 am Annual Meeting, 7 pm	19	20 Yizkor	21	22	23 Lay-led Service, 7:30 pm	24 <i>Bemidbar</i>
25 School, 9 am	26 Memorial Day	27	28 Yom Yerushalayim	29	30 Lay-led Service, 7 pm	31 <i>Naso</i>