



Happy 2015 to Our Betenu Family!

by Sheryl Liberman

ON DEC.19 the secular year at Betenu ended with a wonderful celebration. Hanukkah lit up the temple (and the neighborhood!) with a beautiful message of light and hope. Our families celebrated together Betenu-style with song, music, prayer, latkes and *hanukkijot* of all types. Strengthening the relationships of our members continues to be a goal this year, and success was very much in evidence that night.

Thanks to our families of all “sizes and shapes” for their sup-

port, whether in the form of personal attendance, food, time, help with the Sunday school, oneg Shabbat preparations or simply continued commitment and loyalty to Betenu.

We’ll be welcoming our rabbinic intern, **Rebekah Goldman**, on Friday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 pm as she returns from Israel to serve as our spiritual leader. Rebekah will share her student rabbi perspective of Israel with us, followed by an oneg and schmoozing. A family event is planned for Saturday, Jan. 24 with a PJ Havdallah, in-

cluding a service, craft, pizza and movie at 4:30 pm.

Rebekah will be at Betenu twice monthly on Shabbat, in addition to leading programs on Saturdays and captivating our Sunday school students with her spiritual perceptions and experiences. We’ve included a tentative schedule on page 4 of this issue—so come one, come all! Here is a chance to share your light and keep Betenu families shining on together in our Jewish community. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you on Jan. 23.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The brilliant glow of menorahs at our Dec. 19 Hanukkah service enthralled adults and children alike. For more photos, see p. 3.

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*Please join us
in acknowledging
the generosity
and achievements
of these members
and friends.*

NEWS & NOTES

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank You!

- ◆ All who attended our Dec. 19 Hanukkah services, potluck and gift swap
- ◆ Allison Leary for helping to set up our Hanukkah shop, and the Leary family for providing our Jan. 9 oneg
- ◆ The Spokane family for providing our Hanukkah oneg
- ◆ Sandra Whitman for her help with our Jan. 24 PJ Havdallah craft project



- ◆ Benjamin Gingras
- ◆ Matthew Spokane

Yahrzeits

In Loving Memory

- ◆ Murray Grant
friend of Joel Silberberg
January
- ◆ Sylvia Florence Finkelstein
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
- ◆ Vilma Kartman
cousin of Elsa Conrad
January 18
- ◆ Lois Goff
mother of Steve Goff
January 19
- ◆ Kevin McGuire
husband of Vivian McGuire,
father of Maureen MacGregor
January 19
- ◆ Mollie Segal
mother of Joshua Segal
January 19
- ◆ Harold Rimalover
father of Robert Rimalover
January 22
- ◆ Steven Bernstein
uncle of Amy Juscak
January 28
- ◆ Sara bat Zvi v'Miriam
relative of Sonia & Emil Campeanu
January 30

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HANUKKAH 2014

Thanks to everyone attending our service, potluck and Yankee Swap on Dec. 19! Here are a few of the many bright spots in Betenu's Festival of Lights.



Crafts, candle lighting, singing and a whimsical Yankee Swap kept us all in bright spirits.

Nothing says "Yankee Swap" quite like an elephant neck pillow!



To all our friends and family, *Chag Sameach!*



FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Musical Shabbat Service on Jan. 9

The fifth of our musical services with Sarah Noyovitz takes place at 7:30 pm on Friday, Jan. 9. Join us!

Post B'nei Mitzvah Classes

This month's class dates are Jan. 11 and Jan. 25 (with **Rav Rebekah**), from 9:30 am to 11 am.

Confirmation Assisted Shabbat Service on Jan. 16

Our confirmation students will take a leadership role at Betenu's Shabbat service on Friday, Jan. 16 at 7 pm. Please be sure to come out and show your support for our Betenu leaders of tomorrow.

Sunday Craft Assembly on Jan. 18

At 11 am on Sunday, Jan. 18, we will host another of our family craft sessions. Parents bringing children under 6 are asked to remain present for supervision.

Adult Education/PJ Havdallah on Jan. 24

Rav Rebekah's return will be the topic of our 11 am Adult Ed program on Saturday, Jan. 24, as she discusses her experiences in Israel. At 4:30 pm, we'll host a PJ Havdallah with craft activities provided by **Sandra Whitman**. Everyone is welcome, with a suggested contribution of \$3.00 per person.

Rav Rebekah's Schedule at Betenu

Starting Jan. 23, **Rav Rebekah Goldman** will be at Betenu one to two weekends per month for Shabbat services, adult education, family events and religious school. *Please note:* this schedule is subject to change, so be sure to check beforehand.

- ◆ **Jan. 23-25** (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
- ◆ **Feb. 6-8** (Friday and Sunday)
- ◆ **Feb. 27-March 1** (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
- ◆ **March 6-8** (Friday and Sunday)
- ◆ **March 27-29** (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
- ◆ **April 17-19** (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)



IN BRIEF

Supply Donations Appreciated

The holidays have depleted our supplies, so we would greatly welcome donations such as bottled water, napkins, large paper plates and paper or plastic bowls. Thank you!

Need a Little Cheer?

If you're going to be hospitalized and need support or company during your convalescence, ask the hospital chaplain to notify us. We're here for you.



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- ◆ Every time you shop at *smile.amazon.com* afterward, we'll receive a half-percent of each sale's proceeds. It's that easy!

MC, Visa and Discover

With shopping such a big topic, it's worth repeating that your credit card can pay Betenu dues, tuition, gift purchases or donations. Call the office or stop in to arrange the charge details.

February Newsletter Deadlines

The holidays make publication schedules a little trickier, so early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please email the Betenu office no later than Friday, Jan. 16.

January at Betenu

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 New Year's Day	2 Lay-led Service, 7:30 pm	3 <i>Vayechi</i>
4 Religious School, 9 am	5	6	7	8	9 Musical Service w/Sarah Noyovitz, 7:30 pm	10 <i>Shemot</i>
11 Religious School, 9 am	12	13	14	15	16 Confirmation-Assisted Service, 7 pm	17 <i>Vayera</i>
18 Religious School, 9 am; Open Craft Activity, 11 am	19 Martin Luther King Day Executive Board Mtg., 7:30 pm	20	21	22	23 Service w/ Rav Rebekah, 7:30 pm	24 Brown Bag Adult Ed w/Rav Rebekah, 11 am PJ Havdallah, 4:30 pm
25 Religious School w/ Rav Rebekah, 9 am	26	27	28	29	30 Lay-led Service, 7:30 pm	31 <i>Beshallah</i>

February at Betenu

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Tu B'shevat	5	6 Tu B'shevat Seder w/ Rav Rebekah, 6:30 pm	7 <i>Yitro</i>
8 Religious School w/ Rav Rebekah, 9 am	9	10	11	12	13 Lay-Led Service, 7:30 pm	14 <i>Mishpatim</i>
15 Religious School, 9 am Parent Presentation, 11 am	16 General Board Mtg., 7:30 pm	17	18	19	20 Lay-Led Service, 7:30 pm	21 <i>Terumah</i>
22 Religious School, 9 am	23	24	25	26	27 Service w/ Rav Rebekah, 7:30 pm	28 Adult Ed w/Rav Rebekah, 11 am
1 Religious School w/Rav Rebekah, 9 am <i>Hamentashchen</i> Class, 11 am						