



RABBI'S MESSAGE: LIVE

Last month, a fringe group of Christians made a claim that the world was coming to an end. They spent a lot of money on billboards and advertising. The day and time came and went – and amazingly enough: we are still here. What was interesting was the news coverage of the event. The ultimate end is that these people, waiting for the apocalypse, became the butt of much humor. This kind of foolishness in the name of religion causes all religious communities to suffer a hit.

Some months ago, in expressing freedom of speech, a minister of a small insignificant church announced a Koran burning. While this kind of hate-based activity is reprehensible, even more reprehensible were riots among Muslims that resulted; and their threats against humans in general because of the burning of an inanimate object. If Islam is worthwhile, it must achieve that by methods other than intimidation and genocide. What is happening is not exclusive to Islam. When we look at the Spanish Inquisition, Christian intolerance of non-Christians in the 15th century and the colonial conquistadors; we see how far Christianity has come in repudiating murder in the name of their view of God.

I like to think that Judaism, along with all respectable religious communities, is about finding a group of people who have similar beliefs and similar outlooks on life. As a community, our system for accomplishing that is Judaism. Judaism provides us a system for living in this world and sharing this world with its inhabitants – independent of what religious (or secular) teaching these non-Jews may follow.

Judaism is so focused on life in this world that our tradition teaches us: (Seder Tu Bishvat, by Fisher, CCAR Press, ©1989, pg. 70), "If you were about to plant a tree, and you were told that the Messiah had come, first plant the tree, then go out and greet the Messiah."

A paraphrase of the message of that quotation as I see it: Honor our history; plan for our future; understand the consequences of the moment – but enjoy this moment in time.

Have a great summer.

Le-sha-lom,

Joshua L. Segal, Rabbi



BETENU INFO

SPECIAL NOTE: Some members of Betenu are physically sensitive to certain aromas coming from perfumes, colognes, hairsprays, dryer sheets and 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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Don't forget to shop through Betenu's link to **Amazon.com**. Betenu will receive a percentage of the purchase price.

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June 2011 (5771)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Yom	3 7:30pm Rabbi-led Confirmation / Shavuot Service Rosh Chodesh:	4 <i>Naso</i>
5	6	7 6:30pm Pot-luck dinner & Torathon with Rahel	8 (In Israel— Shavuot ends) Shavuot	9 Shavuot	10 7:30pm Rabbi-led Service	11 <i>Beha'alotecha</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17 7:30pm Rabbi-led Service	18 <i>Shelach</i>
19	20 7:30pm General Board Mtg	21	22	23	24 7:30pm Lay-led Service	25 <i>Korach</i>
26	27	28	29	30		



July 2011 (5771)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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COMING UP AT BETENU

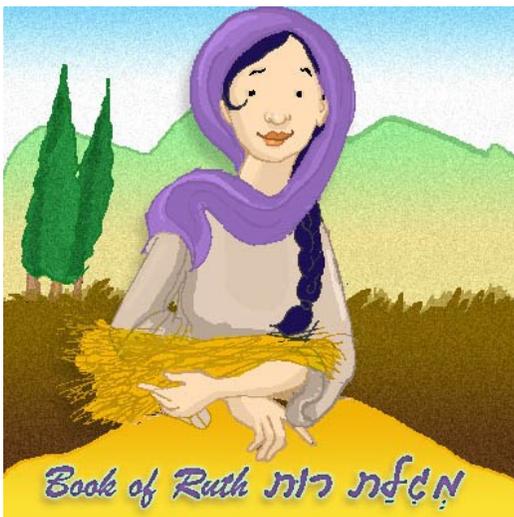
**RABBI-LED
CONFIRMATION / SHAVUOT
SERVICE**

Friday, June 3 at 7:30pm

The oneg is hosted by the confirmation family(ies), but if you would like to bring a dairy, fruit or grain dish, please contact Roberta Pavoll at 672-9820.



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**TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT
POT-LUCK DINNER &
TORATHON**

Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30pm
(come and go as you like)

Bring a dish and come for pot-luck dinner at 6:30. Bring a dairy, fruit or grain dish for Shavuot.

Come and go as you like while we read Torah, the Book of Ruth or excerpts.

Study sessions will continue into the night for as long as

people want to stay!

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- ✧ Session 1: Rabbi Joshua Segal: The Jewish History of New Hampshire as Told Through It's Cemeteries
- ✧ Session 2: Paul Franks – Bilak and Bilam
- ✧ Session 3: Betsy Franks: Shabbat as Revelation (The Sinai Experience)
- ✧ Session 4: The Book of Ruth – read by participants Rahel: Choosing Judaism
- ✧ Session 5: Rahel: Choosing Judaism
- ✧ Session 6: YOU!



COMING UP AT BETENU

Betenu World Coffeehouse presents:

Solo Concert of Jewish Roots World Music – ALL AGES!

Bruce Burger – REBBESOUL

June 19th 8:00pm



www.rebbesoul.com

"Multi-talented RebbeSoul seamlessly mixes international musical influences into his own unique sound. Rhythms from Eastern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East are evident as they weave and wind through rock, pop, and jazz tones." - *Music Biz Magazine*

DONATION: \$15(door), \$12 (advanced tickets & seniors), \$5 (under 12)

- includes coffee, tea, soft drinks& pastries!



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COMING UP AT BETENU

Jewish Jam

Share songs, bring instruments & voices

Group singing, learning Jewish / Israeli songs,

New & Old Liturgy, English, Hebrew, Yiddish and more...

Refreshments, coffee & tea too

Fun for the whole family!



Saturday, July 9th at 5:00pm

Saturday, August 6th at 5:00pm





COMING UP AT BETENU

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

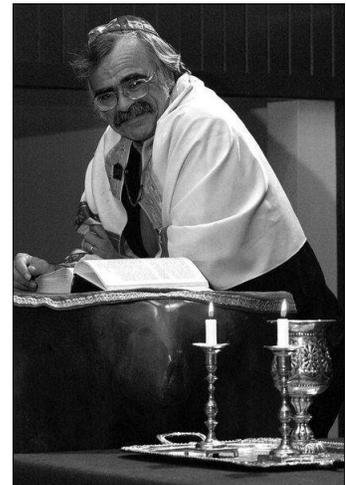
Monday, June 20th, 7:30pm

All are invited to attend the general board meetings which are even months (February, April...), usually the third Monday at 7:30pm. Talk to our President, Mike Goldstein, ahead of time if you are interested in putting something on the agenda. You can email him at President@Betenu.org.

RABBI-LED KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

7:30pm

June 3rd And one
June 10th Service in July
June 17th



BETENU PAGES

We regret to inform you of the death of Ruth Cushner, aunt of Sheryl Liberman, who passed away on Wednesday morning, May 4th, 2011.

May God console the family along with the other mourners for Zion and Jerusalem.

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It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Batya (Bashi) bat Aharon HaCohen v'Chai Gittel, beloved aunt of Rahel Limor, who died in her home on May 25, 2011.

May the Holy One bring peace to all who mourn.

BETENU PAGES



**YAHARZEITS FOR
JUNE / JULY**



Harry Fox	uncle of Sheryl Liberman.....	June
Maria Montes	mother of Carola Goodman.....	June 1
Shirley O'Malley.....	aunt of Pam Blotcky.....	June 4
Abraham Fisher	grandfather of Karen Satz	June 5
Louis Paonessa	grandfather of Elissa Kahn.....	June 6
Harry Groden.....	grandfather of Karen Satz	June 11
Hyman Rosenthal	grandfather of Elyse Wasserman	June 11
David Friedland.....	uncle of Steve Blotcky	June 11
Lucille Cooper.....	mother of Roberta Pavoll	June 14
Harold Rosenblume.....	grandfather of Paula Silver.....	June 15
Martha Gross Williger.....		June 15
Raphael Bluder.....	father-in-law of Bety Dar	June 17
Max Hoffman	father of Ellen Hoffman	June 22
Rose Lillian Lerner.....	mother of Arnold Lerner	June 23
Don Jopling	father of Ariella Marget	June 24
Rose Lillian Lerner.....	mother of Arnold Lerner	June 25
Richard Ehrlich	son of Marilyn and Abe Erlich.....	July
Philip Wasserman.....	grandfather of Lenny Wasserman	July 3
Frederick Cohen	father of Diana Stern	July 4
Arnold Satz.....	father of Karen Satz	July 5
Betty Hirsch.....	mother of Doug Hirsch.....	July 5
Sumner Fierman	father of Barbara Bailey & Elaine Schwartz.....	July 8
Harriet Murphy.....	mother of Dan Murphy.....	July 8
William Goodman	father of Hannah Belesca	July 14
Esther Leichter	grandmother of Allan Kabel.....	July 14
Michael Schwartz.....	brother of Bob Schwartz	July 14
William Thompson.....	grandfather of Hannah & Daniel Thompson.....	July 16
Sidney Kabel	uncle of Allan Kabel	July 17
Earl Murphy	father of Dan Murphy.....	July 19
Evelyn Noyovitz.....	mother of Paul Noyovitz	July 19
Brad Robeck.....	brother of Amy Jusczak	July 19
Joseph Lerner	father of Arnold Lerner	July 20
Susan Bernstein Robeck.....	mother of Amy Jusczak.....	July 21
Mildred A. Cohen.....	mother of Rich Cohen	July 24
Diantha Perry Gross		July 25
Michael Goldhaber.....	cousin of Sheryl Liberman	July 26
Phyllis Joy Meyer Stein.....	mother of Peter & Michael Stein	July 28
Elizabeth Paonessa	grandmother of Elissa Kahn.....	July 29

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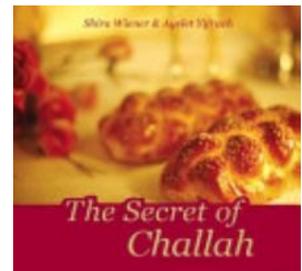
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DONATIONS

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

Donations in Kind

Gordon & Carolee Clarke - book donation *The Secret of Challah*
 Dan & Diane Becker for donating a toaster



Spring Appeal

Elsa Conrad
 Dave Spokane
 Sanders & Rowena Burstein

General Fund

Joel & Elaine Silberberg in honor of the birth of Roberta's grandson, Max
 Elissa Kahn in memory of Jamie Stewart's mother, Frances Stewart
 Elissa Kahn in memory of Sheryl Liberman's aunt, Ruth Cushner
 Elissa Kahn for the yahrzeit of her grandfather, Louis Paonessa
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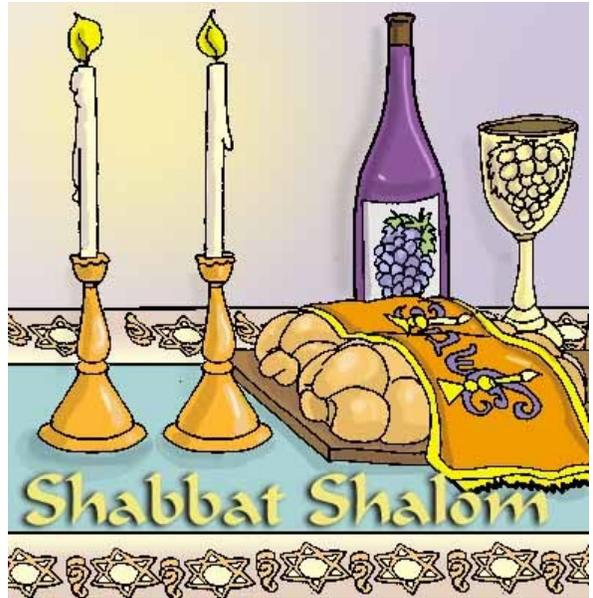
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Last month's oneg hosts: the Jewish Federation of NH, and all who contributed to the onegs ✧ Rahel Limor for organizing Israel Day at the school. ✧ Teacher Appreciation Luncheon thanks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Roberta Pavoll and all who brought food ✧ Everyone who helped with setup or cleanup ✧ Rahel Limor, Pamela Blotcky and Doug Hirsch for leading us in song on Shabbat / CD Release Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Everyone who helped by taking trash or recycling home. ✧ Rahel Limor for the May song circle. ✧ Annual Meeting thanks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Sullivan Farms for donating the delicious ice cream ✧ Rabbi for getting the ice cream ✧ All who attended or gave their proxies ✧ Professor Susan Wadsworth for her presentation on Synagogue Architecture ✧ Rabbi Segal for arranging Professor Wadsworth's visit |
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ONEG SHABBATS

To host an Oneg, one brings the food, drinks, 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:

- June 3: Open
- June 10: Open
- June 17: Open
- June 24: Open

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

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JUNE / JULY BIRTHDAYS

Gavin Belesca	Hannah Lewis	Scott Schaeffer
Kadyn Belesca	Mark Liff	Harrison Rice
Alexa Leary	Leah Schwartz	Rachel Lessard
Rachel Lessard	Nora Wagman	

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.

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

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.

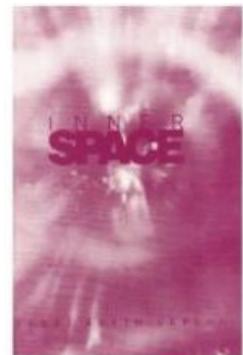
KABBALAH GROUP

Saturdays at 12:30pm—about once every 3-4 weeks

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.

Video of Sh'ma Meditation by Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9bwEFS7Btk&feature=related



EDUCATION

Sunday Religious School Personnel:

VP Education: Sheryl Liberman
Hebrew / Continuing Hebrew: Sonia Campeanu
Hebrew & Jewish Studies: Sandra Whitman

Principal: Rahel Limor
Hebrew Assistant: Nina Matovka
Madricha: Rachel Liff

ACCEPTING STUDENTS REGULAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL / POST BNEI MITZVAH

And introducing KINDERGARTEN IN THE SCHOOL!

Registration begins now for 2011-12 weekly Sunday classes for Grades K-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.



BETENU PEOPLE

**MAZEL TOV!
VIVIAN MCGUIRE**

**On her new job as an LNA
At Fairview Nursing Home in Hudson**



Rahel joins friends for a Jewish Jam at the National Havurah Winter Retreat



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**MONADNOCK HAVURAH
Presentation****Saturday, June 25th, 6:00 PM**

Havurah Gathering at the Halper's in Greenfield. Havurah member Virginia Eskin, world-renowned concert pianist, will give a presentation on Jewish composers. Virginia will talk about composers of the Holocaust period and play some of their music for us. She will also briefly discuss the Mendelssohn family as they were the first documented Jewish composers. Because Holocaust composers wrote mainly for strings, Virginia will also play some snips from CDs.

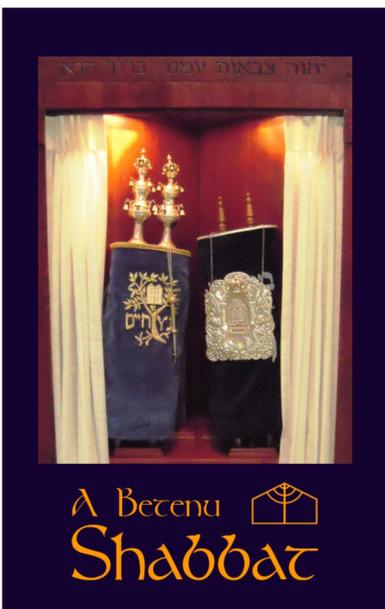


For more information about the Monadnock Havurah or for location and directions to our events, please contact John Halper, Havurah Coordinator 603-547-8777 or <mailto:info@monadnockhavurah.org>.
<http://www.peterboroughhavurah.org/>

BETENU'S NEW CD

Our new CD has songs for Shacharit Shabbat and Havdallah Services, and comes with bonus tracks. Available from the gift shop. Suggested donation \$18.

Produced by
Betsy's Folly Studios,
Lyndeborough, NH
Recording Engineer:
Jim McClure
www.BetsysFolly.com



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Please consider joining us this year for Jewish Pride Night at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium for an evening of baseball, brotherhood & breaking bread! Tickets available at \$8 (box) and \$10 (field box). In addition, discounted meal tickets will be available! (includes kosher hot dog, french fries and a soda!)

Come out and celebrate your heritage as the Fisher Cats take on the Reading Phillies and celebrate Jewish Pride Night!

**Thursday, July 28th, 2011 ~7:05pm
at the Northeast Delta Dental Stadium
Manchester, NH**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
OR WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE
YOUR TICKETS EARLY, PLEASE
FEEL FREE TO CALL STEPHEN SINGER
AT 603-669-4100



www.nhfishercats.com

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

FOOD NEEDED!

The food pantries are in desperate need this year. Any donation would be appreciated. You may bring a food item directly to SHARE or the Nashua Soup Kitchen. If it is nonperishable, you may drop it off at Betenu (no scented products please) and we will deliver it to SHARE.

Wish lists: www.sharenh.org/food.html and www.nsk.org/CurrentWishList.asp

OTHER ITEMS

For a list of other items needed please see:

www.sharenh.org or 603-673-3660: seasonal clothes and new socks and underwear
www.nsk.org/CurrentWishList.asp Questions? Call Carol at 889-7770 ext 21

INFO FROM SNHJMC Southern NH Jewish Mens Club

Membership form: <http://snhjmc.home.comcast.net/~snhjmc/resources/SNHJMCFORM.pdf>

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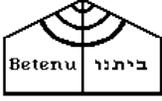
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Voice of ISrael Initiative of New Hampshire

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 for more upcoming events, articles and more...



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