



RABBI'S MESSAGE: SYNAGOGUE ARCHITECTURE-CONFIRMATION

Synagogue Architecture: Ski instructors are a very varied group of people. One of my fellow instructors at Crotched Mountain is Professor Susan Wadsworth of Fitchburg State College. In the winter just completed, Susan asked me some questions about synagogue architecture and I sent her a number of web-sites of some of the more spectacular synagogues in the United States.

With that information, she put together a PowerPoint of which she sent me a copy. I asked her if she would be willing to present her work at Betenu and the fact she is scheduled for May 13 is a good indication that her answer was, "yes!" Please be on time as the presentation will occur at 7:30 PM, right at the beginning of the service.

For those of us who spend most of our synagogue time in our humble facility, this will be a great opportunity to see some of America's most beautiful and ornate synagogues and have the benefit of Professor Wadsworth's expertise to give us her professional insights.

Confirmation is that time of year where our Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah students are affirming and confirming that Judaism is really their religion and not just their parents' wishes for them.

At Betenu, we have created a tradition of our alumni confirmands welcoming our new confirmands. Collectively, they affirm the concept of le-dor va-dor (from generation to generation). Please join us on June 3, 7:30PM, our annual "Betenu Confirmand Reunion" as we welcome our new confirmands and welcome back our alumni confirmands.

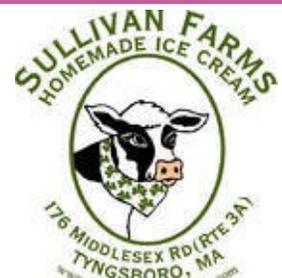
Parents of Betenu Alumni Confirmands: Please let your adult children know about this event and if possible, have them join us that night. I can better prepare for the evening if I know in advance who is coming. To help me, RSVP to rabbi@betenu.org with names of attendees.

Le-sha-lom,

Joshua L. Segal, Rabbi



Congregation Betenu Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 7:30pm
With Ice Cream Sundaes
Ice cream generously donated by:
Sullivan Farms





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!



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**, put your cursor over "Search new and used, Amazon.com", and when the cursor changes, click. Or you can enter your search right there and click "Go".

It's that simple! And don't forget to purchase your textbooks here!

We receive about \$20 a month from this program - Thank you & keep shopping!!!!

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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 stop in) to arrange the charge and let us know the amount and what it's for.



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May 2011 (5771)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Yom HaShoah 9:15am Religious School #30 & Teacher Appreciation Luncheon & Rabbi visit	2	3	4 Rosh Chodesh: Iyar	5 Rosh Chodesh: Iyar	6 7:30pm Rabbi-led Service CD Party & Federation oneg	7 <i>Emor</i> Erev Yom HaZikaron
8 Yom HaZikaron & Erev Yom HaAtzmaut Mothers Day	9 Yom HaAtzmaut	10	11	12	13 7:30pm Prof Wadsworth presentation on Synagogue Architecture / Rabbi-led Service	14 <i>Behar</i> 10:30am Family Shabbat #7 12:30 pm Jewish Song Circle
15	16 7:30 Executive Board Mtg	17	18	19	20 7:30pm Rabbi-led Service	21 <i>Bechukotai</i> Erev Lag B'Omer
22 7:30pm Annual Meeting & Ice Cream Sundaes Lag B'Omer	23	24	25	26	27 7:30pm Lay-led Service	28 <i>Bemidbar</i>
29	30	31				



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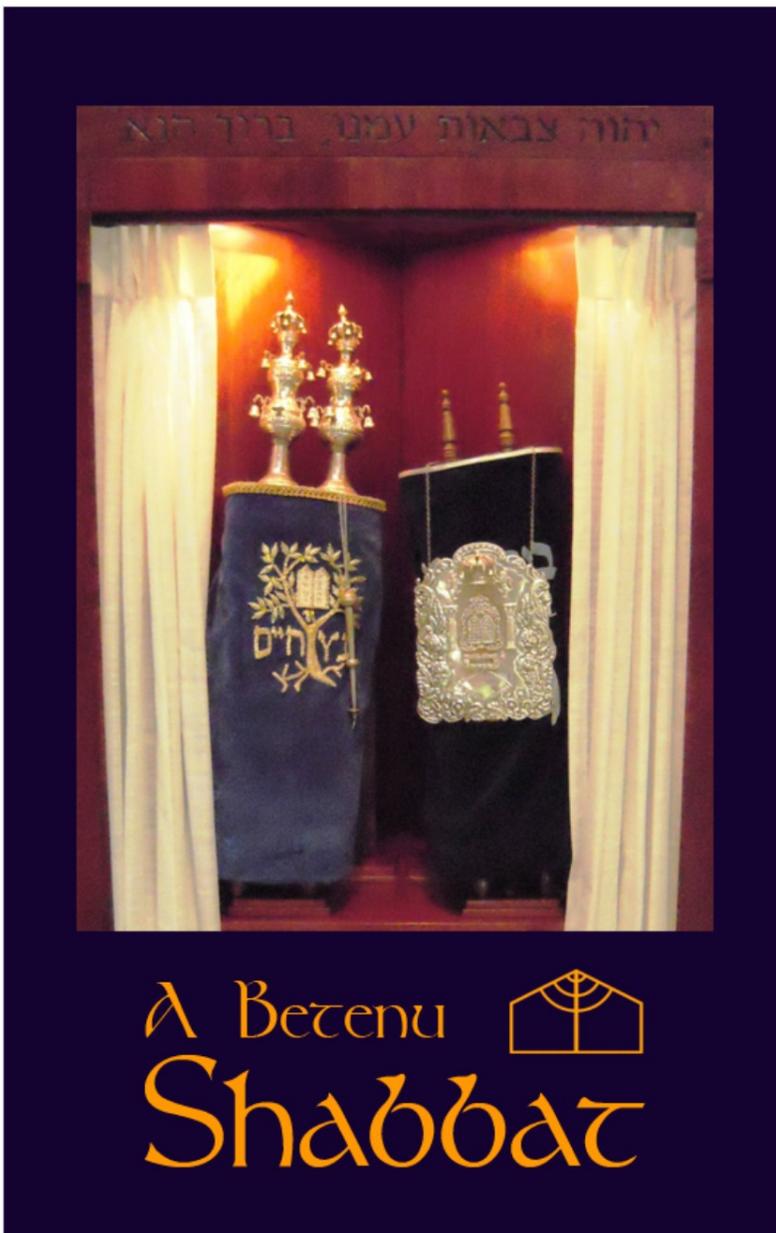
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Yom	3 7:30pm Rabbi-led Confirmation / Shavuot Service Rosh Chodesh:	4 <i>Naso</i>
5	6	7 6:30pm Pot-luck dinner & Torathon with Rahel	8 (In Israel— Shavuot ends) Shavuot	9 Shavuot	10 7:30pm Rabbi-led Service	11 <i>Beha'alotecha</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17 7:30pm Rabbi-led 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		

RABBI-LED SHABBAT SERVICE followed by CD RELEASE PARTY

Friday, May 6

Service at 7:30pm

Federation-sponsored oneg and celebration at 8:30pm



At 7:30 Rahel Limor, Pamela Blotcky and Doug Hirsch will teach us some of the songs from the new CD and lead us in song during our Rabbi-led Kabbalat Shabbat Service. Then it's celebration and schmoozing at the party and Jewish Federation of NH-sponsored oneg.

Our new CD has songs for Shacharit Shabbat and Havdallah Services, and comes with bonus tracks.

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

COMING UP AT BETENU

PROFESSOR SUSAN WADSWORTH'S PRESENTATION ON SYNAGOGUE ARCHITECTURE followed by RABBI-LED KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, May 13th, 7:30pm

Professor Wadsworth is on the faculty of Fitchburg State University.

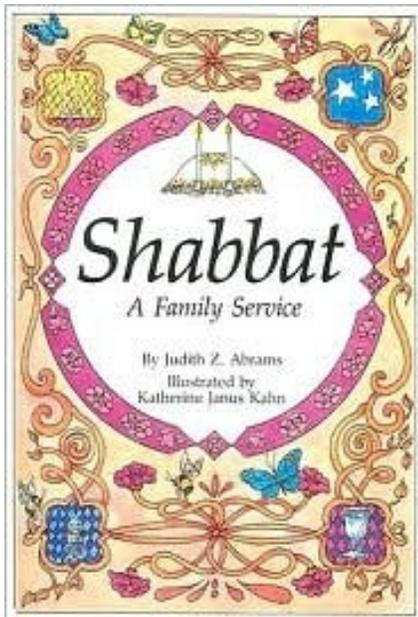
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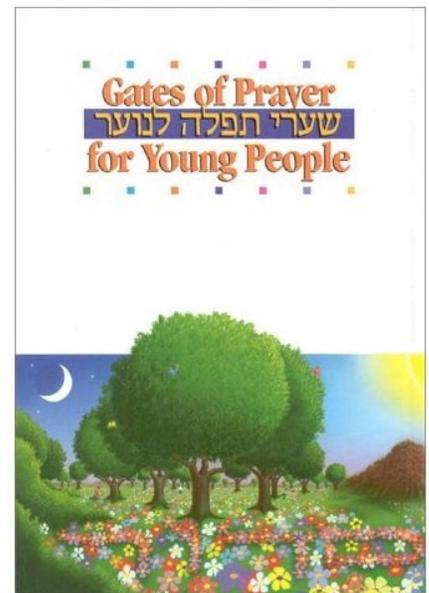
May 14th

FAMILY SHABBAT

10:30 AM



Please join us for a FAMILY SHABBAT service led by Rahel. We will learn prayers, blessings, sing songs, tell stories, and dance! The service will be followed by a pot-luck lunch / snack. Please bring a dish if you are staying for lunch. No pork or shellfish please. This new format replaces our Tot Shabbat service and is open to the entire family (all ages). Family services will take place monthly at Congregation Betenu. Religious school students can receive service credit for attending a family service.



COMING UP AT BETENU**JEWISH SONG CIRCLE**

Saturday, May 14th
Theme: New & Old Liturgy

We had lots of fun at our first session with the participation of children and adults. The nature of a song circle is that we gather together in a circle and each person chooses their favorite song that we all then sing together. The focus is on Jewish, Israeli, and Liturgical music in English, Hebrew, Yiddish and more. However, last time we had fun singing songs like “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” and “ABC” at the request of some of the younger participants! We sang some favorites like “Turn Turn Turn” as well. What we sing depends on those who attend! A Shiron (song booklet) will be available. You are welcome to bring an original to teach – just be sure to bring song sheets! So bring your voice, instruments and smiles! Refreshments will be available. More info Rahel rahel@rahelmusic.com.

**RABBI-LED
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES**

7:30pm

May 6th

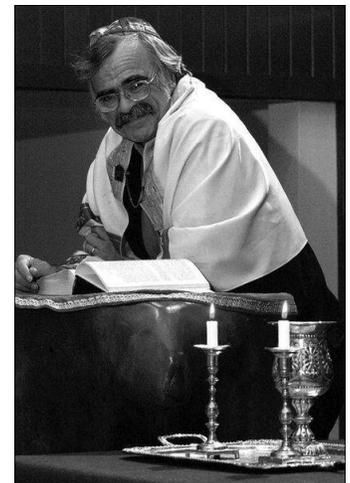
May 13th

May 20th

June 3rd

June 10th

June 17th





COMING UP AT BETENU

ANNUAL MEETING

The Betenu Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 22**. Elections will be held for President; Financial VP; Assistant Treasurer, Secretary; and two Executive Trustees. Anyone interested in running for office is invited to contact the temple office: 886-1633 or betenu@betenu.org.

IMPORTANT: We need a quorum to hold this meeting. Proxies count as part of this quorum. So, please plan to attend or give your proxy to someone who will be there. You may use the sample proxy available in next month's newsletter or contact the office for one.



Make your own ice cream sundaes! Thank you Sullivan Farms for the homemade ice cream!!!

Congregation Betenu Annual Meeting May 2011

Proxy Voting Form

I (we), _____ (name(s)),

Being entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting,

Hereby appoint _____ (*name of appointed person)

as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the 2011 annual meeting.

Signed _____ (signature)

_____ (date of signing)

*Assign one person only

*A member can only vote the proxy for 2 other members. Please make sure this person can have your proxy.

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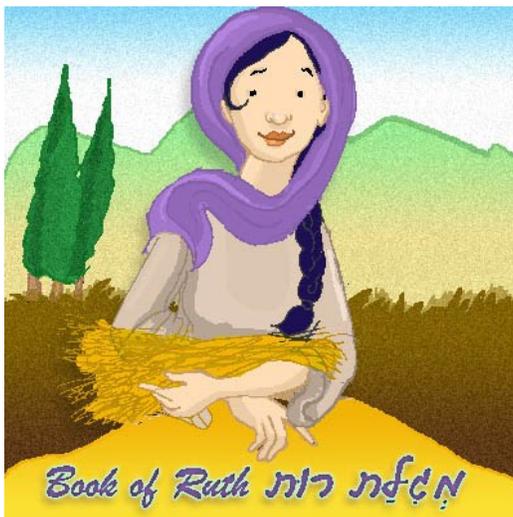
RABBI-LED CONFIRMATION / SHAVUOT SERVICE

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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POT-LUCK DINNER & TORATHON With Rahel

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.



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.



BETENU PAGES

We regret to inform you of the death of Frances Stewart, mother of Jamie Stewart, who died in Keene, NH on Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

She was buried beside her husband in California. May God console the family along with the other mourners for Zion and Jerusalem.

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Sam Goldstein, father of Connie Rieser, father-in-law to Rabbi Louis Rieser, on Saturday, April 09, 2011. Donations in his memory may be made to Etz Hayim Synagogue.

May the Holy Blessing One bring peace to all who mourn.

Rabbi Louis Rieser



YAHREZITS FOR MAY



Elinoir Fierman	twin sister of Elaine Schwartz	May 1
Rebecca Groden	grandmother of Karen Satz	May 4
Irvin Harry Nichols	father of Suzanne Maine	May 4
Saul Korins.....	father of Sarah Korins	May 8
Estelle Mailman	mother of Steve Mailman	May 10
Solomon Macks.....	grandfather of Elsa Conrad	May 12
Kheren Lillian Limor	daughter of Chana Rahel & Gilead Yehuda	May 16
Sofia Munteanu	mother of Bety Dar	May 17
Elaine Rimalover.....	mother of Robert Rimalover	May 18
David Vincent Romanelli...		May 21
Dylan Robinson.....	son of Lin Robinson	May 24
Zara Milamed.....	aunt of Sheryl Liberman	May 24
Gertrude Wiener.....	mother of David Wiener	May 27

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DONATIONS

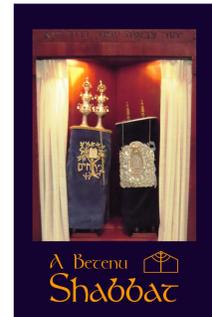
Congregation Betenu acknowledges with appreciation the following contributions made during the month of April

Donations in Kind

Gordon & Carolee Clarke - CD cases for the new CD *A Betenu Shabbat*.

Gordon & Carolee Clarke - a stick vacuum for light cleanup.

Gordon & Carolee Clarke - *A Betenu Shabbat* CD for the library.



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BETENU THANKS

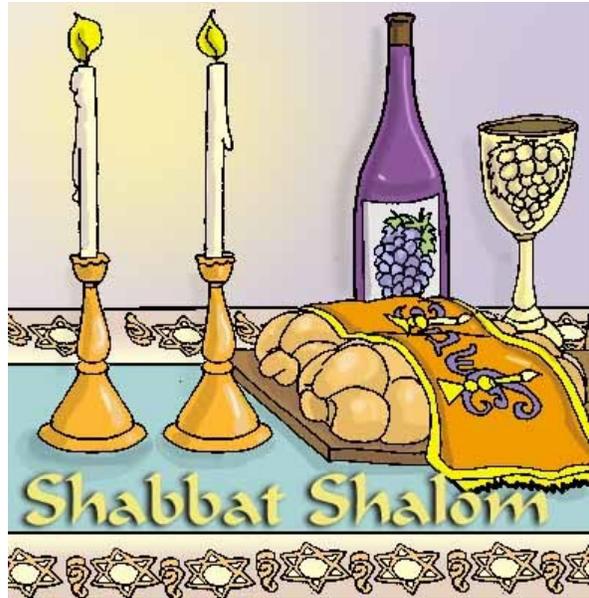
- ✧ Last month's oneg hosts: the Rice & Danklef families, Elissa Kahn and all who contributed to the onegs
- ✧ Sandra Whitman and Rahel Limor for the Pajama Havdallah.
- ✧ Alison Rice, Susan Rodil & Davida Rubin-Baker for organizing the first Betenu Youth Group event (skating party).
- ✧ Ore Dagan, our shlichah, for coming to the school, teaching the kids and leading them in her "stones" project..
- ✧ Rahel Limor for organizing Israel Day at the school.
- ✧ Rahel Limor for her music at the Passover seder.
- ✧ Roberta Pavoll for the seder plate items.
- ✧ All who helped with setup or cleanup at the seder.
- ✧ Ore Dagan for showing us the movie Watermarks and speaking with us about it on Yom HaShoah.
- ✧ Rabbi Segal & Rahel Limor for the Yom HaShoah service.
- ✧ Roberta Pavoll, Elsa Conrad, Sheryl Liberman, Amy Juszczak, Allison Leary, the Dube family, Vivian McGuire, Mike Goldstein, Dave Spokane,
- ✧ Everyone who helped by taking trash or recycling home.
- ✧ Thanks to our wonderful school staff for another spectacular year!!!
 - ✧ Rahel Limor;
 - ✧ Sonia Campeanu;
 - ✧ Sandra Whitman;
 - ✧ Nina Matovka; and
 - ✧ Rachel Liff

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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:

- May 6: Jewish Federation NH
- May 13: Open
- May 20: Open
- May 27: Open

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

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jon Blotcky
 Tovah Burstein
 Carolyn Chakuroff
 Seth Conchado

Sarah Goldstein
 Amanda Leary
 Stacey Liberman
 Liz Meltzer

Matt Savage
 Peter James Stewart
 Trevor Silverman
 Lillian Campbell

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.



EDUCATION

**PAJAMA HAVDALLAH
with Sandra Whitman
& Rahel Limor (left)**



ISRAEL DAY with our Shlichah, Ore Dagan (below)

Ore, teaching about Jerusalem, has the kids making Kotel “stones”. These will be used at the Federation for Yom Ha’Atzmaut on May 9th.

Nina Matovka (below right)

Teaching about Central Israel (Tel Aviv, etc), shows the kids the Israeli flag. Nina leads them in making their own Israeli flags and Jerusalem emblems.



ISRAEL DAY

Sonia Campeanu (right)

Teaches the kids about Southern Israel. They then made sand paintings, representative of the desert region.

Sandra Whitman (below)

Teaches about Northern Israel. The kids then planted seeds to represent this fertile area.





Above: Kotel “stones”



ISRAEL DAY

The kids show off their handiwork: Israeli flags, sand art and Israeli passports





ISRAEL DAY

With Israeli-style food.



ISRAEL DAY

Rachel Liff (above) talking about the 1948 UN vote for establishing Israel as a sovereign state.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Temple Israel of Dover
presents its second annual

Nosharama

an event featuring Jewish tastes,
sights and sounds

on Sunday, May 15, 2011

at 11:00 am-2:00 pm

**at Temple Israel,
515 Sixth Street**

- Enjoy delicacies from our talented bakers and cooks!
- Musical Entertainment and more!
- Join us for food, fun, and community!

For details about this fundraiser
and for ticket information, call 603-742-3976
or visit the Temple website,

www.dovertemple.org, where you can click on
“Find us on Facebook” for current updates!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Souhegan Valley CROP Hunger Walk 2011

Milford, NH

Sunday, May 15th, 2011



CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide -- and right here in the U.S. -- to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow.



Each year some two million CROP Hunger Walkers, volunteers, and sponsors put their hearts and soles in motion, raising some \$16 million per year to help end hunger and poverty around the world and in our own communities. Our local efforts are making a huge difference. And you are part of it!

Info is available on the entryway table and at: <http://www.churchworldservice.org/> click on CROP Hunger Walk

If you signup online to walk you can start getting donors online now!

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/>

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>

“ISRAEL IS REAL”



Listen live on the radio WSMN 1590AM or via the Internet at www.israelisrealnh.com, every Friday from 10-11 am. Archived interviews can be heard at www.israelisreal.weebly.com.



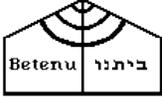
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Voice of ISrael Initiative of New Hampshire

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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