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RABBI'S MESSAGE: BOOK EVENT AND CHANUKA? ALREADY?

Book Event:

On Saturday night, November 13 at 7PM, Congregation Betenu, Amherst, NH, there will be a talk and a book signing for my new book, "The Jewish Cemeteries of New Hampshire."

Given the small Jewish population of New Hampshire, I was surprised to discover 20-Jewish cemeteries in the state. The book provides a step-by-step procedure for a cemetery committee to make rules and regulations with examples of the disasters that can occur when they don't. For genealogists, the sources for cemetery data are listed. Issues such as cemetery maintenance, conservation and preservation are also addressed.

The book started off as an opportunity to inform those needing Jewish cemetery spaces in New Hampshire about their options, but it grew into a history of the Jews of New Hampshire. That history will be the major focus of the November 13th presentation. Please join us. The evening will begin with *havdallah* and refreshments – no charge.

Chanuka:

Through the oddities of the Jewish calendar, the first night of Chanuka is the evening of December 1. Not the earliest that Chanuka can occur (November 29 in 2002), but early none-the-less Chanuka always offers us special challenges and special rewards.

With essentially all of our membership having non-Jewish friends and in most cases, even non-Jewish family members, having Chanuka so early allows us to share Chanuka with them, before they are into the Christmas rush. When Chanuka is very close to Christmas, it really is hard to get any traction on Chanuka both by virtue of the secular role of Christmas in our society and the religious aspect for those who are seriously identified with Christianity.

So have a latke party; invite your friends; light the candles; sing some songs; tell the story. Just remember: Chanuka is about survival, Chanuka is about dedication to our Judaism and it is reinterpreted in modernity to the concept of "freedom of religion". Skip the oil story. The *miracle* of the oil is at best, a distraction to the real essence of this holiday.

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 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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> Election Day	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 6:30 pm Rabbi-led Family Serv. 7:30 pm Rabbi-led First Friday	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 9:15am Religious School #9 Rosh Chodesh: Kislev	<i>8</i> Rosh Chodesh: Kislev	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 7:30 pm Chanuka party planning meeting	<i>11</i> Veterans Day	<i>12</i> 7:30 pm Pulpit Swap Service	<i>13</i> 7PM Rabbi's Havdallah & book event <u>The Jewish Cemeteries of NH</u>
<i>14</i> 9:15am Religious School #10 (end of 1st trimester)	<i>15</i> 7:30 Executive Board Mtg	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 7:30 pm Rabbi-led Service	<i>20</i> 10:30am Family Shabbat #3
<i>21</i> 9:15am Religious School #11 (beginning of 2nd trimester)	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Thanksgiving	<i>26</i> 7:30 pm Lay-led Service	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> <u>NO</u> Religious School	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>				



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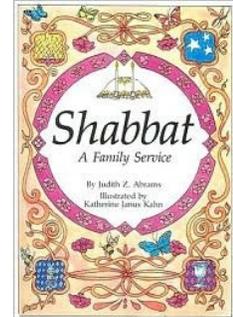
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chanuka— 1st candle	2 Chanuka— 2nd candle	3 6:30pm Pot- luck dinner & candle lighting 7:30pm Rabbi-led Service 3rd candle	4 Chanuka— 4th candle
5 9:15am Religious School #12 Chanuka— 5th candle	6 Chanuka— 6th candle	7 Rosh Chodesh: Tevet Chanuka— 7th candle	8 Rosh Chodesh: Tevet Chanuka— 8th candle	9 Chanuka ends	10 7:30pm Rabbi-led Service	11
12 9:15am Religious School #13	13	14	15	16	17 7:30pm Rabbi-led Service 10th Tevet - Fast Day	18
19 9:15am Religious School #14	20 7:30pm General Board Mtg	21	22	23	24 6:30pm Pot- luck dinner 7:30pm Lay-led Service	25
26 <u>NO</u> Religious School	27	28	29	30	31 7:30pm Lay-led Service	

COMING UP AT BETENU

RABBI-LED FAMILY SERVICE

Friday, November 5th, 6:30pm

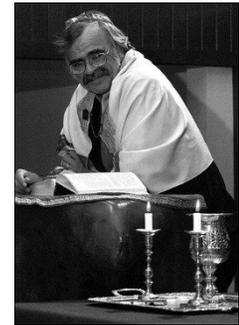
Great opportunity to join fellow students for a family kabbalat Shabbat service with Rabbi Segal and use the new siddur! Don't forget to sign in for service credit.



RABBI-LED FIRST FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, November 5th, 7:30pm

- ✧ family-friendly service followed by an
- ✧ oneg followed by
- ✧ Torah study with Rabbi.



CHANUKA PARTY MEETING

Wednesday, November 10th, 7:30pm

Join us for a planning meeting about the Chanuka pot-luck party (December 3rd). Bring your ideas or just come to help out.

ANNUAL PULPIT SWAP WITH GUEST RABBI SARAH RUBIN

Friday, November 12th, 7:30pm

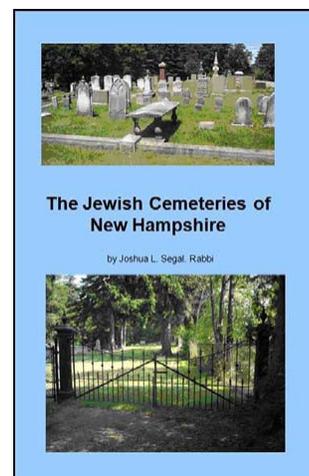
See a different Rabbi in action without leaving "Our House"! Please come and welcome Rabbi Sarah Rubin from Keene to Betenu while enjoying a different perspective and a service that's a bit different from ours. Rabbi Segal will be at Etz Hayim in Derry.



RABBI SEGAL'S HAVDALLAH / BOOK SIGNING

November 13th, 7pm

Please see next page for description. Note: students get service credit as long as they attend the Havdallah service and sign in.

COMING UP AT BETENU continued...**RABBI SEGAL'S HAVDALLAH / BOOK SIGNING****"The Jewish History of NH as Seen through its Cemeteries" on November 13**

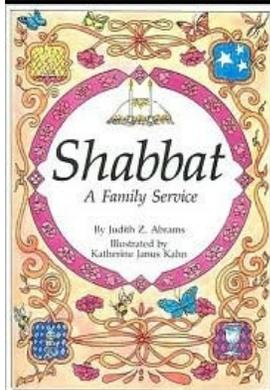
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For more information about this and all of Rabbi Segal's publications, check the web-site, <<http://CemeteryJewish.com>>.

The program is free and will begin with a brief Havdallah Service. All are invited. For your planning purposes, the program should actually finish around 8:30PM. Autographed copies of Rabbi Segal's various publications will also be available for viewing and purchase.

COMING UP AT BETENU continued...**FAMILY SHABBAT**

November 20th, 10:30am

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. Please bring a dish if you intend to stay 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.

**CHANUKA POT-LUCK DINNER,
CANDLE LIGHTING &
RABBI-LED SERVICE**Friday, December 3rd, 6:30pm
Service starts at 7:30pm**POT LUCK & CHANUKA PARTY**

Bring a dish and come early for pot luck dinner at 6:30pm.



We still need volunteers to bring
✧ latkes (more than one volunteer okay);
✧ suf ganyot (jelly doughnuts);
✧ applesauce.



Please contact ROBERTA PAVOLL to coordinate at: 603-672-9820.

BRING YOUR CHANUKIOT

Please bring your chanukiot, candles (available from the gift shop if you forget), and matches as we light three candles.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 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.

Please feel free to talk to any board member (see page 2 for phone numbers). You may also leave a note in our suggestion box on the wall outside the office.

POT-LUCK DINNER & SERVICE

Friday, December 24th, 6:30pm Service at 7:30pm

Join the Rabbi for the annual
Pot-luck dinner and lay-led service.

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BETENU THANKS

DONATIONS

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

General Fund

- Jane Holly Weintraub
To honor Rabbi Segal for his
Contribution to the Shiva service
For her father Leonard Weintraub
- Roberta Pavoll
- Elissa Kahn
In remembrance of Leonard Weintraub,
Father of Jane Holly Weintraub
- Elissa Kahn
For the yahrzeit of her grandmother,
Ruth Clarke

High Holy Day Appeal

Jane Holly Weintraub

- ✧ October oneg hosts: Southern NH Jewish Men’s Club, the Becker & Goldstein families and all who contributed to the onegs.
- ✧ October lay-leaders: Elsa Conrad and Sheryl Liberman.
- ✧ Rabbi Segal and anyone who helped take down the sukkah.
- ✧ October 16th event volunteers:
 - ✧ Roberta Pavoll and Elsa Conrad for organizing
 - ✧ Roberta Pavoll for shopping, cooking and making all the sandwiches
 - ✧ Elsa Conrad for leading Havdallah
 - ✧ Dave Spokane for calling bingo
 - ✧ All who baked and contributed to the dessert raffle
 - ✧ Everyone who helped set up or clean up
- ✧ Peter Stein and Jeanne Stein for fixing all three bathroom faucets.
- ✧ Sheryl Liberman for organizing Rosh Chodesh.
- ✧ Sheryl Liberman for organizing Kabbalah.
- ✧ Eitan Zeira for leading Kabbalah.
- ✧ All the congregants for their generous donations of food and other supplies to SHARE.
- ✧ Sheryl Liberman for bringing donations to SHARE.
- ✧ Everyone who helped by taking trash or recycling home.

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**We regret to inform you of the death of Leonard Weintraub,
father of Jane Holly Weintraub, October 14, 2010.**

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



**YAHARZEITS FOR
NOVEMBER**



Shirley Levine.....	aunt of Diana Stern	November 5
Carol Stern.....	mother of David Stern.....	November 10
William Wright.....	November 11
Rabbi Ernst Conrad	father of Elsa Conrad	November 13
Robert Burger	father of Eric Burger	November 16
Pearl Gribetz.....	mother of Jeff Gribetz.....	November 20
Harriet Fanny Witkowski	mother of Ellen Hoffman	November 20
David Mendelsohn.....	November 21
Ruth Clarke.....	grandmother of Elissa Kahn.....	November 22
Hava bat Shifra v'Yoel.....	mother of Sonia Campeanu.....	November 25
Leo Silver	grandfather of Paula Silver	November 25
Wanda Burger.....	mother of Eric Burger	November 27

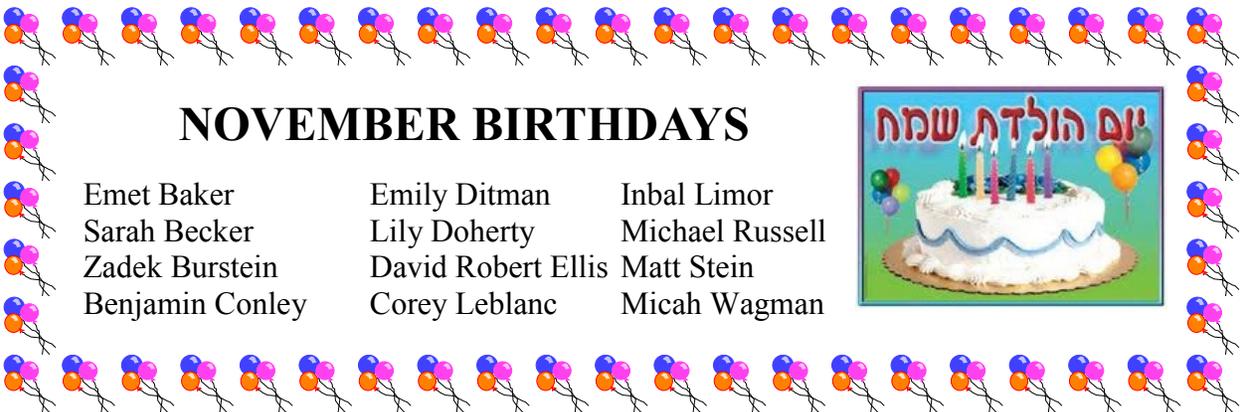


WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Louis & Helen Bullard and their daughter
Sephirah of Wilton, NH

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Emet Baker	Emily Ditman	Inbal Limor
Sarah Becker	Lily Doherty	Michael Russell
Zadek Burstein	David Robert Ellis	Matt Stein
Benjamin Conley	Corey Leblanc	Micah 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 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 HEBREW SCHOOL

Registration is ongoing for 2010-11 for our weekly Sunday classes for Grades 1-7 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.

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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:

- November 5: Conrad / Conley family
- November 12: Open—(Pulpit swap)
- November 19: School oneg—Juszcak family (one spot open)
- November 26: Open



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

BETENU BITS



Sunday School Etz Hayim (Tree of Life) Project

MAZEL TOV
ROBERTA PAVOLL (Monte's human "Mommy")
GEM OF JERSEYS THE BIG MONTE AND
BEULAH (OF FLORIDA) HAVE A LITTER OF FOUR!



MONTE



BEULAH



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

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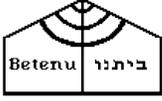
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Voice of ISrael Initiative of New Hampshire

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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