



BETENU DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

Rabbi's Message: December 2012 –Kis-leiv/Tei-veit 5773

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As you know by now, my final event as Rabbi of Betenu will be a Havdallah on December 15. While the Board is aware of my short term future plans with respect to Betenu, it's probably useful to make a more general announcement. After serving Betenu for 30 years, there is a transition to your new rabbinic leadership which will be aided immensely if I disappear. As such, I will absent myself from Betenu through June 2014. After that, it remains to be seen what my being Betenu's Rabbi Emeritus will mean. Looking at what other synagogues and what other rabbi emeriti do, it varies all over the place. In some cases, "rabbi emeritus" is just an honorary title; in some cases, it is an occasional lecture; and in still other cases, there are contracted duties for the emeritus. In the summer of 2014, we can determine what "rabbi emeritus" means in the context of Betenu.

Most of us are aware that the literal translation of Chanuka is "dedication". The leadership and I have been dedicated to the continuity of Judaism from generation to generation for these 30 years; just as the Macabees were committed to the continuity of Judaism in a bygone era.

It has been a pleasure serving Betenu. I am happy that we have been able to provide an opportunity in the Greater Nashua Area, the Souhegan Valley and Northern Massachusetts, to preserve Judaism for another generation (le-dor va-dor) for many living in this region.

From Karen and me, Happy Chanuka.

Le-sha-lom and le-hit-ra-ot,
Joshua L. Segal, Rabbi



“Retirement Celebration” for Rabbi Segal”

December 15-2012 Saturday

Set up 4:30 Service 5:00

Set up and clean up help needed

Messages and comments as well as donations for Rabbi Segal's gift can be dropped off or sent to Betenu.

Betenu Congregation will officially wish Rabbi Segal a happy retirement and thank him for his years of service to Betenu.

Service with a pot luck dinner to follow and a few surprises: families please bring a main dish, singles/couples bring a side dish (no pork or shell fish please). In leui of bring dish

Contribution for dinner and gift-\$18.

Suggested donation \$5.00 per member family \$10 non-members which includes cake, ice cream, drinks, and gift contribution. If you would like to write a note to Rabbi Segal, speak that evening, or send a donation please send to Betenu office Questions or comments, please e-mail Sheryl or Elsa.



ANNOUNCEMENT

For all school age parents...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUNDAY 1/13/2012

JOEL BARON WILL BE AT BETENU 13TH TO MEET WITH ALL THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS.

TIME: 9:00 –10:00 AM

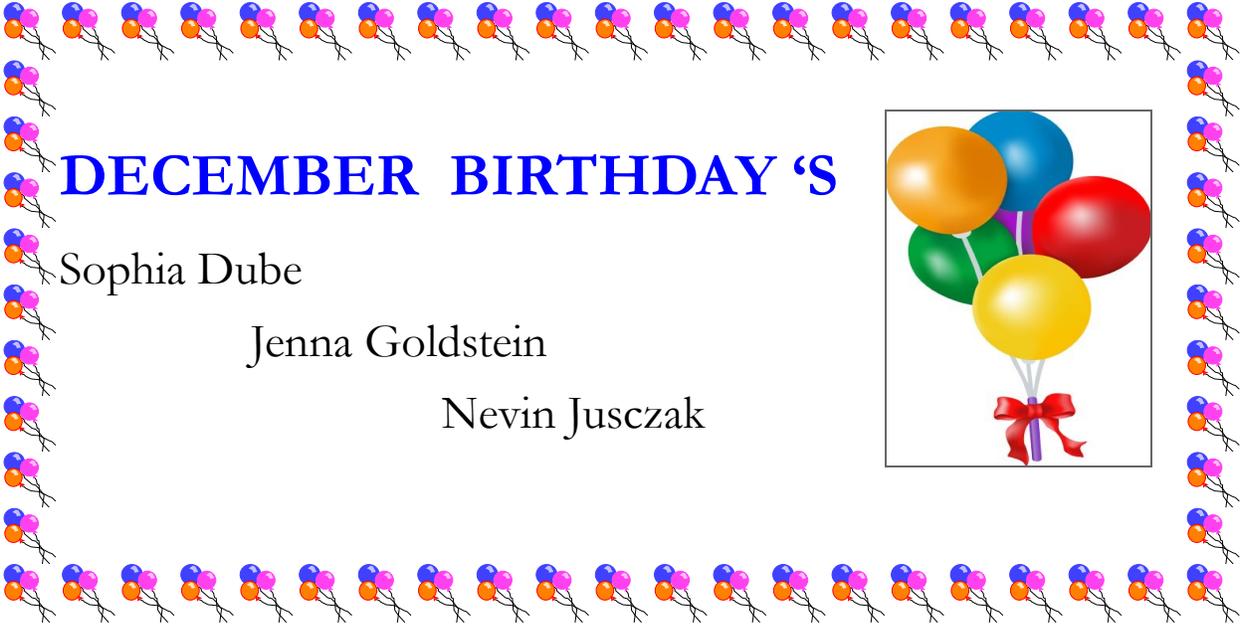
Light Breakfast will be served—PLEASE plan to stay and schmooze with us.



Sabbath Service @ Betenu
December 21st 7:30 pm Please
join us in meeting Joel Baron
our new Spiritual leader.

Come enjoy this service and
schmooze.





DECEMBER BIRTHDAY 'S

Sophia Dube

Jenna Goldstein

Nevin Juszczak



DEADLINE for the **JANUARY** Newsletter is

1-6-2013 Please send articles and information

INTRODUCING.....
FAMILY FRIENDLY LAY LED SERVICES
AT BETENU: Dates are set:

JANUARY 4, 2013

PJ Havdallah To be Announced

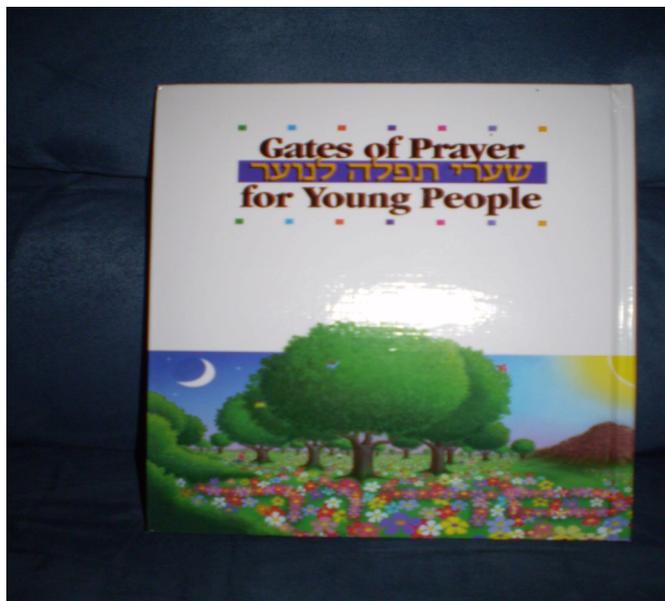
FEBRUARY 1, 2013

MARCH 1, 2013

7:30 PM Shabbat service

Family/young people friendly prayer book with Family Participation. Our school age children are familiar with this prayer book.

Please bring a nosh to share at our Oneg.





DECEMBER 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Vayishlach
2 Sunday School 9am	3	4	5	6	7 Rabbi Segal Led Svc 7:30	8 Vayeshev
9 Sunday School 9am	10	11	12	13	14 7:30 Rabbi Led Chanuka 7th candle	15 Miketz FAREWELL HAVDALAH
16 Sunday School 9am	17	18	19	20	21 1st Joel Baron Svc 7:30	22 Vayigash
23	24	25	26	27	28 NO service	29 Vayechi
30	31					



JANUARY 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 Lay-led 7:30	5 Shemot
6 Sunday School 9am	7	8	9	10	11 Joel Baron Service 7:30	12 Va'era Joel Baron Led svc 9:30 followed by Torah study— Kabbalah at 12:45
13 Sunday School 9am School Parents Joel Baron 9-10 am	14	15	16	17	18 Lay-led 7:30	19
20 Sunday School 9am	21	22	23	24	25 Joel Baron Service 7:30	26 Beshalach Joel Baron led Svc followed by Torah study
27 Sunday School 9am	28	29	30	31		



CONGREGATION BETENU

January 2013 **Joel Baron** email: Rabbi@Betenu.org

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Hospital Visits: Please keep us informed!

Due to national privacy laws, hospitals are not allowed to call congregations to inform them that their members have been admitted as patients. If you know you are going to be in the hospital or unexpectedly find yourself in the hospital, please tell a nurse that you would like to see the hospital chaplain, who can call the Temple to let us know that you are there if you would enjoy support and comfort from our Congregation Betenu community.

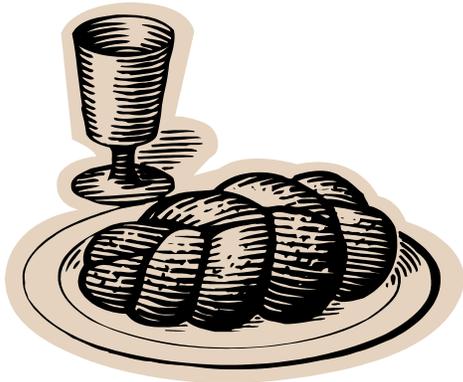
ONEG SHABBAT

UPCOMING SPONSORED ONEGS:

FRI. 12/7-LEARY FAMILY

FRI. 12/14- BELESCA, CONRAD, LIBERMAN & PAVOLL FAMILIES

What does sponsoring an oneg mean? This means providing the challah, perhaps a sweet dessert, fruit, crackers and cheese, brownies, or small finger foods and a beverage to share with the congregants after Shabbat services. This should be set up prior to services in the Oneg room. This should be set up prior to services in the Oneg room. Paper goods to put out on the table are stored in the cupboard upstairs. Wine and juice can be poured into the small cups and placed separately downstairs on the sanctuary table. (Check the fridge first, then the downstairs cabinets) At clean up, leftovers can be placed in the fridge.



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.

BETENU RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Interested or have questions?

Contact Sheryl Liberman

saml54@comcast.net or call 424-4609

Shlichah, Inbar Keren visits on Dec. 16.

Jan. 13 9-10 AM. Parents:

**Save the morning hour, to meet Joel Baron,
our Spiritual leader.**

Light refreshments will be served.

Thanks: Marcella Dube for helping with office work

Betsy and Paul Franks for organizing the library

Amy Jusczak for delivering our SHARE donations and setting up our Chanukah

Elsa Conrad and Sheryl Liberman for leading lay-led services

Want to be a little more involved in Betenu??

- **Publicity** rep needed to communicate with local newspapers monthly
- Keyboard or other **musical talents** needed for Shabbat services



Parents: As a reminder, please take the time when you arrive at Religious school to check out the Sign up /Announcement Board near the sign in sheets each week.

We are looking for volunteers as GREETERS/RELEASERS:

It only takes 15 minutes of your time.

Please sign up for a month as a **Greeter**—Assist families in the arrival process, signing in and getting to class.

Releaser to ensure children have all their belonging, including class activity and homework sheets and are released promptly to their family members.

NOTICE: Mark your calendars:

January 6th Sunday 11:30—12:00

Parents are invited to attend a presentation of the religious school students. Please mark your calendars to come early for pick up to see this event.

2012-2013 (5773)
Sunday Religious School is in
FULL~ Swing.

Did you know your child is more attentive and happier when he/she brings a snack and a drink to have during break time each Sunday?

If you are interested in sending in a group snack, please drop it off at the office in the morning.





Congregation Betenu
acknowledges
with appreciation

DONATIONS:

General Fund - Andy Prolman



DECEMBER Yahrzeit List



Sophie Starr	mother of Jen Starr	December
Fay Gladys Nichols	mother of Suzanne Maine	December 1, 1963
Shirley Sleight	mother of Kim Rimalover	December 3
Harry Rice.....	father of Alan Rice	December 8, 1998
George Orenberg	father of Bob Orenberg	December 17
John Marcuccio ...	cousin of Elissa Kahn	December 18
Peter Leslie Stewart	brother of Jamie Stewart	December 20, 2007
Ruth Mann	mother of Frank Mann	December 22
Sally Hurwitz	great-grandmother of	
.....	Amy Jusczak	December 22, 1988
Sophie Silver	grandmother of	
.....	Paula Silver	December 25
Evelyn Lamminen	mother of Lin Robinson	December 25
Lois Goff ...	mother of Steve Goff	December 30, 2008
Eddie Lamminen	father of Lin Robinson	December 31

UPCOMING PLANNING AT BETENU



Dec. 14th Friday night
Chanuka Service



Dec. 15th Last service with Rabbi
Segal Please join us.



Dec. 21st Our new Spiritual leader Joel
Baron's first Betenu service.

Please join us in welcoming him and participate in the
services

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Next Kabbalah Class Jan 12 at Betenu at 12:45



BYG BETENU YOUTH GROUP

Activities are being planned for
the 2nd Sunday of each month
Starting in January

Watch for flyers and emails

All Sunday school children are invited to attend. Parents must remain with children during events.

Pack your child a drink and lunch
on activity day.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

NH Chanukah Happenings:

December 8-16

For more information, check our online calendar:

<http://www.jewishnh.org/calendar/dec2012.html>

Keene

Latke Fest and Potluck: Friday, Dec. 14, 6 PM, Congregation
Ahavas Achim

Manchester

Chanukah at the Palace: Sunday, Dec. 9, 6:30 PM, Palace Theatre.

Braverman Hanukkah Party: Sunday, Dec. 9, 12 PM, Temple Israel,
Manchester. RSVP required by Dec. 5th to 622-6171.

Brotherhood Chanukah Party: Tuesday, Dec. 11, 5:15-5:45pm,
Temple Adath Yeshurun, RSVP required to 669-5650

Seniors Forever Young Chanukah Party: Thursday, Dec. 13, 11 Am,
Temple Adath Yeshurun

YLD Chanukah Party: Thursday, Dec. 13, 7:30 PM, Bridge Café,
1117 Elm St.

Monadnock Area

Monadnock Havurah Chanukah Party: Saturday, Dec. 15, 6 PM,
RSVP for location

Nashua

Annual Chanukah Party: Tuesday, Dec. 11, 6:15-8:30 PM,
Temple Beth Abraham

For more information, check our online calendar:

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Volunteer at Betenu!

If you have a passion, a talent or a skill,
this is a good time of year
to start lending a hand at Betenu.

It's a highly rewarding experience.

It takes a village!

Please contact the [office](#), if you can help.



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

BETENU NOW ACCEPTS MC, VISA & Discover!

You can use MasterCard, VISA or Discover card to pay membership fees, school tuition, gift

store purchases, or even to make a donation!

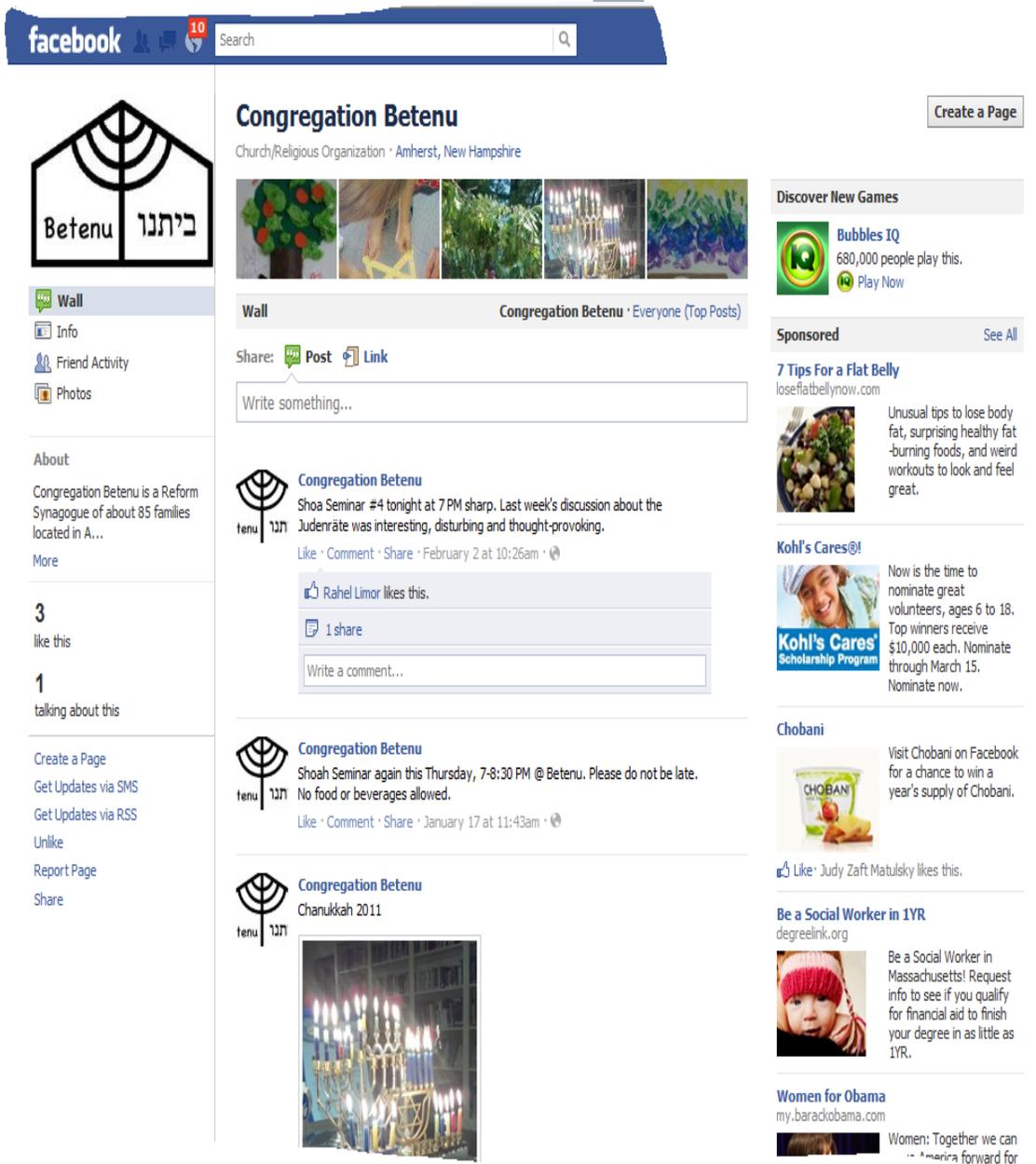
Call the office (or the charge and let us and what it's for.



stop in) to arrange know the amount

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<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Congregation-Betenu/250291141669802>



The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for Congregation Betenu. The page header includes the Facebook logo, a search bar, and a 'Create a Page' button. The profile picture is the Congregation Betenu logo, which features a stylized menorah and the text 'Betenu ביתנו'. The page is categorized as a 'Church/Religious Organization' in Amherst, New Hampshire. The main content area shows a post from Congregation Betenu about a Shoa Seminar. The post text reads: 'Shoa Seminar #4 tonight at 7 PM sharp. Last week's discussion about the Judenräte was interesting, disturbing and thought-provoking.' It includes a share button, a comment box, and a notification that 'Rahel Limor likes this.' and '1 share'. Below the post is another announcement for a Chanukkah 2011 event: 'Shoa Seminar again this Thursday, 7-8:30 PM @ Betenu. Please do not be late. No food or beverages allowed.' This post also includes a share button and a notification that 'Judy Zaft Matulsky likes this.' The right sidebar contains several sponsored posts: 'Discover New Games' featuring 'Bubbles IQ', '7 Tips For a Flat Belly' from losefatbellynow.com, 'Kohl's Cares@!' for a scholarship program, 'Chobani' for a chance to win a year's supply, 'Be a Social Worker in 1YR' from degreelink.org, and 'Women for Obama' from my.barackobama.com.