



BETENU February Newsletter

Rabbi's Message: February 2012 –*She-vat* 5772
Volume 29; No. 3

Subject: The History of Our Newsletter

Most of you have probably noticed that there hasn't been a newsletter in some time.

The biblical book of Ecclesiastes (1:9) states, "*ein cha-dash ta-chat ha-sha-mesh*, there is nothing new under the sun." In 2011, Betenu's leadership was overwhelmed Joel Silberberg, our treasurer for close to a decade, had to step aside.

Elissa Kahn graciously took on this task, but there was a casualty: the newsletter.

Over our 29 years, the Betenu newsletter editors have included Suretta Williams, Gillian Burch, Steve Mailman, Steve Blotcky, Barbara Bailey, Paula Silver, Rahel Limor and Elissa Kahn (apologies if I missed someone). Few remember that in the mid-80's, the board determined that they could not do everything and they were overburdened: No one was volunteering. Much wasn't getting done.

The Board collectively agreed that they would select 5 things for which they would take responsibility and everything else would cease unless a volunteer arose.

When a month later, the editor of the newsletter said that she couldn't do the newsletter anymore and no one stepped up, we went a few months without a newsletter. Eventually, someone noticed, felt it was important and the newsletter was back. Like then, the newsletter is back! We welcome to the editor's position Susan Rodil.

This has always been the way at Betenu. The Board has been supportive of the work that our members want to do for Betenu and the entire Betenu community is grateful for the effort.

"*Ein cha-dash ta-chat ha-sha-mesh*, there is nothing new under the sun."

Like in the mid-80's, today's board is noting that they cannot do everything and they are overburdened: ***Not enough members are volunteering.***

Much isn't getting done. Whether newsletter or other aspects of our congregation, Betenu works now as it did 25 years ago, through the good will and volunteering of our membership.

Le-sha-lom,

Joshua L. Segal, Rabbi



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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".

BETENU NOW ACCEPTS MC, VISA & Discover!

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



HAPPY
NEW
YEAR
2012



CONGREGATION BETENU

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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.

Existing committees include:

Budget & Finance, Membership, Education, Religious Practices, BYG: Betenu Youth Group & Youth Activities, Publicity Long-range planning, Planning Activities, Newsletter, Building & Grounds, Fundraising, Oneg Shabbat, and Sunshine Committee: Help visit and tend to the ill, needy or just to be a friend in need, Traveling Shabbat: Conduct a home service for the home-bound



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Discover New Games
Bubbles IQ
680,000 people play this.
Play Now

Sponsored See All
7 Tips For a Flat Belly
loseifatbellynow.com
Unusual tips to lose body fat, surprising healthy fat-burning foods, and weird workouts to look and feel great.

Kohl's Cares@!
Now is the time to nominate great volunteers, ages 6 to 18. Top winners receive \$10,000 each. Nominate through March 15. Nominate now.

Chobani
Visit Chobani on Facebook for a chance to win a year's supply of Chobani.

Like · Judy Zaft Matulsky likes this.

Be a Social Worker in 1YR
degreelink.org
Be a Social Worker in Massachusetts! Request info to see if you qualify for financial aid to finish your degree in as little as 1YR.

Women for Obama
my.barackobama.com
Women: Together we can move America forward for

Wall Congregation Betenu · Everyone (Top Posts)

Share: Post Link

Write something...

Congregation Betenu
Shoa Seminar #4 tonight at 7 PM sharp. Last week's discussion about the Judenräte was interesting, disturbing and thought-provoking.
Like · Comment · Share · February 2 at 10:26am ·

Rahel Limor likes this.

1 share

Write a comment...

Congregation Betenu
Shoa Seminar again this Thursday, 7-8:30 PM @ Betenu. Please do not be late. No food or beverages allowed.
Like · Comment · Share · January 17 at 11:43am ·

Congregation Betenu
Chanukkah 2011

BETENU INFO

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.

DEADLINE for the March Newsletter is
Thursday February 24th 2012



~FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS~

Rahel Liff





February 2012 ~5772

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <u>Shoah</u> <u>(Holocaust)</u> <u>Seminar</u> <u>7:00—8:30</u>	3 7:30pm Rabbi Service	4 <i>Beshalach</i> <i>(Shirah)</i>
5 9:15am Religious School #18	6	7 Erev Tu B'Shvat	8 Tu B'Shvat	9 <u>Shoah</u> <u>(Holocaust)</u> <u>Seminar</u> <u>7:00—8:30</u>	10 6:30pm Rabbi-led Tu B'Shevat Pot-luck Seder	11 <i>Yitro</i>
12 9:15am Religious School #19	13	14	15	16 <u>Shoah</u> <u>(Holocaust)</u> <u>Seminar</u> <u>7:00—8:30</u>	17 7:30pm Rabbi Service	18 <i>Mishpatim</i> <i>(Sh'kalim)</i> 10:30am Family Shabbat #3 (or 02/25)
19 9:15am Religious School #20	20 7:30pm General Board Mtg Presidents Day	21	22	23 <u>Shoah</u> <u>(Holocaust)</u> <u>Seminar</u> <u>7:00—8:30</u> Rosh Chodesh: Adar	24 7:30pm Lay-led Service Rosh Chodesh: Shevat	25 <i>Terumah</i>
26 NO Religious School	27	28	29			



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>Shoah</u> <u>(Holocaust)</u> <u>Seminar7:00</u> <u>—8:30</u>	2 7:30pm Rabbi-led Service	3 <i>Tetzaveh</i> <i>(Zachor)</i>
4 9:15am Religious <u>School #21</u> Adult Hamantaschen Workshop	5	6	7 Megillah reading	8 <u>Shoah</u> <u>(Holocaust)</u> <u>Seminar7:00</u> <u>—8:30</u> Rabbi Adult Ed Megillat Esther	9 7pm Rabbi-led Purim Service Shushan Purim	10 <i>Ki Tisa</i>
11 9:15am Religious School #22	12	13	14	15 <u>Shoah</u> <u>(Holocaust)</u> <u>Seminar7:00</u> <u>—8:30</u>	16 7:30pm Rabbi-led Service	17 <i>Vayakhel /</i> <i>Pekude (Parah)</i>
18 9:15am Religious School #23	19 7:30 Executive Board Mtg	20	21	22 <u>Shoah</u> <u>(Holocaust)</u> <u>Seminar7:00</u> <u>—8:30</u>	23 7:30pm Lay-led Service	24 <i>Vayikra</i> <i>(HaChodesh)</i> 4pm Pajama Havdallah #2 Rosh Chodesh: Nisan
25 9:15am Religious School #24	26	27	28	29	30 7:30pm Lay-led Service	31 <i>Tzav</i> <i>(Hagadol)</i>



COMING UP AT BETENU...

February 18th 10:30am Family Shabbat #3
March 9th 7:00 pm Purim Service
March 24th 4:00 pm Pajama Havdallah

Gates of Prayer
שערי תפילה לנוער
for Young People



TU B'SHEVAT POT LUCK SEDER

February 10th 6:30pm Rabbi-led

6pm doors open (seder starts at 6:30pm)

Hold the date for our famous Tu B'shevat seder on February 10th. Those attending the seder are asked to bring a seder item as well as a dish for the potluck supper. Seder items can be selected by choosing a leaf from the Tu B'Shevat wall hanging which will be in the front lobby.

A sign up sheet is located in lobby.

People are also asked to sign up to help set up tables on

Thursday evening, February 9th, to set up the evening of the seder, or to help with clean up after the seder.

RSVP requested 603 321 1344

You may also sign up by contacting the office 886-1633.

SHOAH SEMINAR ~ (Holocaust) Seminars

Every Thursday in February

For more information contact: (603) 886-1633; betenu@nii.net; Congregation Betenu,

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Feb 20th 7:30pm

General Board Meeting

All are invited to attend the general board meetings.

KEEP US UPDATED

Please let us know if your contact info has changed (address, phone, email...)
You may email the office at betenu@nii.net, call the office at 603-886-1633.

Thanks!

COMING UP AT BETENU...(cont.)

ONEG SHABBATS

****WE NEED**

ONEG SPONSORS**



To host an Oneg, one brings the desserts, fruit, 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.

February 3rd and 17th services at 7:30pm: Rabbi-Led Kabbalat Shabbat
February 24th 7:30 is Lay-led

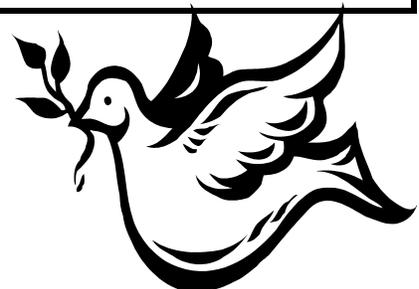
No oneg sponsors . Please bring a nosh!

DONATIONS

Congregation Betenu acknowledges with appreciation the following contributions :

GENERAL FUND

Participants in the SHOAH SEMINAR





UPCOMING EVENTS:

Shoah (Holocaust) Seminar

Congregation Betenu in Amherst, NH

Have you ever wondered? Why did the Nazis want to kill the Jews in particular? How did people become mass murderers during the Shoah? What were the dilemmas facing the Jewish leadership during the Shoah? How did the local population respond to the murder of the Jews? Why didn't the Allies bomb Auschwitz? How did Christian denominations respond to the Shoah? Where was G-d during the Shoah? Has the world recovered from the trauma of the Shoah? Is anti-Semitism an eternal phenomenon?

You are invited to participate in a Shoah seminar for adults. Each weekly meeting will address one or two key questions raised by the Holocaust. Participants will share their own responses and study those of leading teachers, religious figures, philosophers, historians, and survivors to each question. Group discussion will alternate with havruta (pair work) study of relevant texts. No prerequisite background or homework will be required, though supplementary sources will be available.

There will be ten meetings on Thursday evenings in February and March 22nd in 2012. Each session will stand alone; you are invited to come to the whole series or to only those sessions that interest you. No pre-registration is required, however an RSVP is appreciated. TENTATIVE DATES: January 12, 19, 26; February: 2, 9, 16, 23; March: 1, 15, 22

The seminar will be led by Raphael Colb, a veteran English teacher at Hebrew University and a 2010 graduate of the course for educators at the Yad Vashem International School for Holocaust Studies.

For more information contact:

Rahel at: (603) 554-1459, 886-1633; betenu@nii.net

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JOIN US AT THE PAJAMA HAVDALLH EVENT ~

March 24th 4pm

Songs, stories, crafts, Pot-luck dinner, kid movie and Havdallh services.

Come in your PJ's—We're going to have LOADS of FUN!!!

MARCH 17-25 4TH ANNUAL NH JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Films and all the times/dates/theater information will be announced soon. Films will be shown in more cities state-wide this year to give Jewish New Hampshire & the general public. Additional opportunities to see top notch Jewish themed films

SUNDAY, APRIL 1st:

Jewish Federation Day of Mitzvot and G'milut Hasadim

“Good Deeds Day, which was initiated by Israeli philanthropist Shari Arison, is a day when you can do a good deed that’s close to your heart for your own community. We invite you to give yourself as a gift and join us on the 6th international Good Deeds Day 2012. The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire invites you to Give Yourself As A Gift for 2-3 hours on Sunday, April 1st at 1 pm.

To volunteer, contact 627-7679 or info@jewishnh.org. The first 30 volunteers will receive a Good Deeds Day t-shirt. Please be sure and leave your e-mail when you RSVP so we can get back to you with specifics for the day. If you know of a family or a place that can use spring cleaning in our community, please contact

Good Deeds Day chair, Anat Myers at natiusa@myfairpoint.net.



Dear Congregants:

We have “reel news” today.

The website for the 2012 film festival program present by the Jewish Federation of NH has gone live.

Go to www.jewishnh.org and see this years films and program schedules.

Brochures will be in your hands by mail.

Thank you for your participation and support for the 4th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, a statewide cultural tradition for our community.

Warmest regards,

**Linda Gerson & Pat Kalik
Co- Chairs, NH Jewish Film Festival
JEWISH FEDERATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Our Community. Our Inspiration.

EDUCATION

Sunday Religious School Personnel:

VP Education: Sheryl Liberman
Principal: Rahel Limor
Hebrew: Sonia Campeanu
Jewish Studies: Sandra Whitman
Asst. Hebrew Teacher: Nina Matovka
Madricha: Rachel Liff



ACCEPTING STUDENTS REGULAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL / POST HEBREW SCHOOL

Registration is ongoing for 2011-2012 for our weekly Sunday classes in Jewish studies, Hebrew, Music and Bnei Mitzvah preparation 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 PAGES

Condolences: Michael Dar on the death of his mother

Sara bat Zvi v'miriam passed away on January 30th 2012, , relative of Sonia and Emil Campeanu

RIVKA BAT Moshe v'Hannah, mother to Ariel Tobi, brotherin law of Rahel Limor passed away on January 13th, 2012



**YAHREZITS FOR
FEBRUARY**



Joan Dickes	mother of Ellen Lubitz.....	February
Matthew Werner.....	brother of Sara Murphy	February 2
Leon Earl "Nick" Nixon	cousin of Elissa Kahn.....	February 6
Rene Fierman	mother of Barbara Bailey & Elaine Schwartz	
.....	.....	February 6
Stanley Moses 'Papa' Krohn .....	.....	February 8
David Michelson.....	.....	February 11
Maurice "Maury" Franks..	father of Paul Franks	
.....	.....	February 13
Kate Berger Gross .....	.....	February 14
Arlene Mignault.....	friend of Rahel Limor.....	February 15
Betty McCoy.....	friend of Elissa Kahn	February 15
Stanley Moses 'Bud' Krohn Jr.....	.....	February 18
Goodman Burstein	father of Sanders Burstein.....	February 19
Wayne Lamminen	brother of Lin Robinson	February 25
Harold Sandhaus .....	.....	February 25
Stella G. Leczynski	Aunt to Pam Blotcky	February 28

Any changes or additions contact the Main Office

In January. Ore Ayah Dagan, our NH shlichah spoke to the Sunday School students about her IDF service and what it is like to be an Israeli soldier.

SPIRIT OF IDF "THE ETHICAL CODE OF THE ISREALI ARMY"



The Values

- Drive to victory and devotion for the mission
- Responsibility
- Credibility
- Personal Example
- Human Life
- Purity of arms
- Professionalism
- Discipline
- Comradeship
- Sense of mission



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Thank You!

We extend a BIG Thank you to all members who volunteered for the FEC.
The members of the FEC were very grateful for the food and the continued relationship between our congregations.

Elsa Conrad
Elissa Kahn
Rahel Limor
Helen Bullard
Diane Becker
Barbara Bailey
Louis Bullard
Marcella Dube
The Starr Family
The Lesser Family

Alison Leary
Sheryl Liberman
Betsy Franks
Dan Becker
Roberta Pavoll
Rowena Burstein
Pam Blotcky
Amy Juszczak
Silbergerg Family

and any others
we may have
missed!

Thank you

Thank you
Sheryl Liberman and Elsa Conrad for acting as
lay leaders at services in January.

Thank you Marc Rodil for fixing the doorbell.

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, new socks etc.
www.nsk.org/CurrentWishList.asp Questions? Call Carol at **889-7770 ext 21**

Let us entertain you.

SAVE THE DATE

Playing in theaters statewide:

Manchester Merrimack Concord Keene Hanover

Presented by the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

www.jewishnh.org



Rachel Liff and Barbara Bailey supported the

Penguin Plunge for NH Special Olympics

On February 5th 2012

Donations can STILL be made
Call the Office to inquire How—
(603) 886-1633; betenu@nii.net

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

SENIORS FOREVER YOUNG
Invites ALL NEW HAMPSHIRE SENIORS to

LUNCH and MOVIES

ON FEBRUARY 16th at 12:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED TIME!!!!!!

At the FEDERATION BUILDING
698 BEECH STREET, MANCHESTER, NH
03104

The Federation Building has theater type big screen and audio equipment for your complete enjoyment!!!!

LUNCH BY HEIDI!!!!!!

MOVIE: "SHALL WE DANCE"

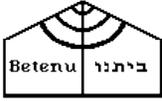
**REVIEWS: "I LOVED IT", "HEART WARMING",
"DELIGHTFUL", "A FEEL GOOD MOVIE"**

All this for just \$5.00 per person!!!

RESERVATIONS A MUST !!

CALL Roz 965 3878 or Lea 623 1810

Funding in part from The Ben and Zelma Dorson Fund, The Maurice Foster Fund, The Saul Sidore Fund, The Paul and Fran Gordon Fund The Singer Trust Fund of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Foundation



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FIVE NORTHERN BLVD #1
AMHERST, NH 03031 USA

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Federation Grants Send Youth to Camp and Israel:

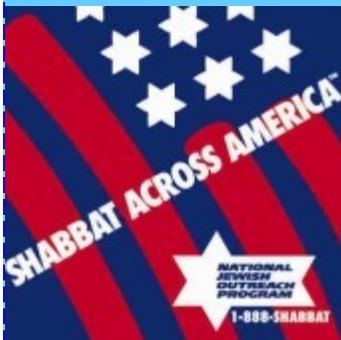
DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Last summer, youth from every region in New Hampshire received over \$30,000 in grants to attend Jewish overnight camp for the first time or journey to Israel.

Funds for these programs are provided by the Campaign for Jewish Needs, the Irving and Bernice Singer Israel Experience Fund, and the Foundation for Jewish Camp. The deadline for applying for a grant for 2012 is February 15.

Even if you have not yet decided on a camp or Israel trip provider, an application must be submitted by this deadline. Applications are available at the Federation website: www.jewishnh.org. Don't be left out, apply now. If you are interested in going to Israel on a semester program, you still need to apply now. The 2012 Israel Experience grant is for trips through spring of 2013

****March Activity****



JOIN US

16TH Annual Sabbath Across America

MARCH 2, 2012

HUNDREDS OF SYNAGOGUES AND Jews Centers across the continent will host thousands of unaffiliated and marginally affiliated Jews, as well as their own members in an evening meant to unify and inspire

Betenu will participate with a Rabbi-led service—watch for more details.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



To see the Dead Sea Scrolls, you normally would have to go to Israel. The Scrolls are currently at the Discovery Museum in New York City and will be until April 15. The New Hampshire Board of Rabbis has arranged a bus trip to New York and a docent tour of the **Dead Sea Scroll exhibit on Sunday, April 1, 2012.**

Departure: 6:00 am, Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, 698 Beech Street, Manchester.

Return: Approximately 9:00 pm.

Cost (bus and ticket into the Discovery Museum):

Adults: \$55.00

Children (4-12): \$47.00

Seniors (65+): \$52.00

Send payment to: Temple Beth Jacob, 67 Broadway, Concord, NH 03301, no later than March 9, 2012.

Funded in part through a generous gift from the Jewish Federation of NH. Participation is limited to the first 55 registrants whose payment is received.

Questions: Contact Rabbi Robin Nafshi, 603-228-8581 or rabbi@tbjconcord.org.



The River College Art Gallery Marc Chagall and the Bible

Etchings & Lithographs

January 23 through March 2, 2012

Gallery Talk – Thursday, February 23 at 4:00 p.m.

The Gallery is located at the second floor landing of Memorial Hall.

This exhibition features twenty-six original etchings and lithographs by a major 20th century artist from the Modernist period of art. Working primarily in France, and a contemporary of such towering figures as Picasso, Matisse, and Mondrian, Chagall distinguished himself primarily through his painting and stained glass windows. He also mastered fine art printmaking techniques and in this capacity was commissioned to illustrate *The Fables* of LaFontaine, Gogol's *Dead Souls*, Homer's *Odyssey*, and, on three separate occasions, the *Old Testament* of the *Bible*. The work being shown at Rivier College is accompanied by an *Exhibition Guide Book*, English translations of a selection of Chagall's poetic writings, and a documentary film made shortly before the artist's death in 1985, at the age of 97.



“BYG”
Betenu Youth Group
CALLING ALL
YOUTHS...

Watch for the following events:

~ Pottery painting

in March and

Bowling blast in April