

# B'nai Sholom Bulletin

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High Holiday and Shabbat morning Services and Study - Please consult  
the enclosed Calendar for specific dates and times.

Erev Shabbat Services begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (High Holiday Services)		September – October 2011
Friday, Sept 9	Student Rabbi visit	
Wednesday, Sept 28	<u>Erev Rosh Hashanah</u> service at 7:30 p.m. Oneg sponsored by Sisterhood to follow	
Thursday, Sept 29	<u>First Day Rosh Hashanah</u> service at 9:30 a.m.	
Friday, Sept 30	<u>Second Day Rosh Hashanah</u> service at 9:30 a.m.	
Friday, Sept 30	<u>Erev Shabbat Shuvah</u> service at 7:30 p.m.	
Saturday, Oct 1	Shabbat Shuvah (Torah service) at 10:00 a.m.	
Friday, Oct 7	<u>Erev Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre</u> service at 7:00 p.m. Be prompt, as no one will be allowed until the prayer is over.	
Saturday, Oct 8	<u>Yom Kippur</u> service at 10:00 a.m. Yizkor after the Torah service, and no one will be allowed to enter once the Yizkor service has begun. Children's service. Mincha/Neilah service will begin at 5:30 p.m. Break-The-Fast at end of services at sundown	
Friday, Oct 14	<u>Second Day Sukkot</u> (Festival of Booths) Decorate sukkah at 5:15, followed by POT-LUCK DINNER at 6:00 p.m. (Dinner is dairy/pareve)	
Friday, Oct 21	<u>Simchat Torah</u>	

## WELCOME to NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS:

Jeff Parnes, Alan and Barbara Deitel

## GET WELL WISHES:

Lisa Ritter, Mary Jarvis, and Sue Testa

## GREETINGS FROM THE CONGREGATION PRESIDENT:

I am writing this mid-August after a very busy B'nai Sholom weekend. Friday night many of us met Beni Wajnberg, our new student rabbi, at *erev Shabbat* services. Saturday morning, Beni led a *shacharit* service followed by an insightful discussion on the *parsha*.

Laurel and I were privileged to welcome as many as could come to our home Saturday evening for a "wine and cheese" get-together to know Beni a bit better. While we were having a lovely time, a large tree fell across the entrance to the synagogue, making it necessary to take an alternate route for the Sunday picnic.

Thanks to Bettylene Franzus who bought the necessities and helped set-up, Greg Sterling who served as grill-master, and all who brought sides, set-up, and cleared.

Many thanks to Ken McDonald, Greg Sterling, Gregg Goldstein, Gary Pope, and all who helped clear the tree from the driveway.

As we approach the High Holiday season, I am reminded that only by helping each other can we survive as an institution, as a people, and as individuals.

*L'shanah tovah um'tukah tikateivu*—May we all be inscribed for a good and a sweet year!

*Alan Karp*

## CONTRIBUTIONS / DONATIONS:

Here is a brief description of each of the B'nai Sholom funds. Unless otherwise noted, please send contributions to: Treasurer, P.O. Box 271,

Special Fund	Established a number of years ago in honor of Rosa Sobel. This Fund is used to purchase special items that the Congregation could not otherwise afford
General Fund Bulletin	Provides funds to the general operating fund \$25 minimum contribution. Established to help cover the costs of publishing and mailing to members, former members and friends
Rabbi Endowment Fund	Provides funds for the perpetuation of a permanent Rabbi
Betty Frances Ginsberg Memorial Library Fund	Established by David and Elizabeth Weinstein. Contributions go toward the purchase of books and videos for our library
Baby Sitter Fund	Provides babysitters for Shabbat and High Holidays
Louis and Vera Millen Endowment Fund	Established by the children of Louis and Vera Millen. This fund provides financial support for Judaic culture and educational enrichment for the congregation
B'nai Sholom Cemetery Association	Provides funds for the upkeep of the congregation's cemetery in Bristol, Virginia. Please send contributions to: Rita Scher B'nai Sholom Cemetery Association, 206 N. Cherokee St., Jonesborough, TN 37659

## HIGH HOLIDAY GREETINGS

- "Shanah Tovah and Best Wishes to all my friends at B'nai Sholom Congregation" from Michael Bigio
- "Wishing you all a Shanah Tovah" from Abigail Cantor and Alan Kalker
- "Many Blessings and All Good Wishes" from Rabbi Wayne Dosick, Your Student Rabbi 1972-1973
- "A Good New Year to All" from Nancy Fischman, Maren, Alexis & David Close
- "May 5772 be for a blessing" from Chuck and Merle Yalowitz
- "May you be inscribed for a year of health, happiness and peace – may the coming year bring Seasons of Reason and Days of Serenity" from Bettylene Franzus
- "L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu" from Marilyn, Gregg, Nicole, and Elena Goldstein

**HIGH HOLIDAY GREETINGS (continued)**

- “May life be sweet! May life be good! May the New Year bring good health, contentment, peace and joy – the best of everything!” from Laurel and Alan Karp
- "Best wishes to Bnai Sholom. We wish all of you Shana Tova." from Sandra and Charles Fish
- “A very happy, healthy New Year to members of B’nai Sholom and their families” from Sue & Fred Testa

**CONTRIBUTIONS / DONATIONS****General Fund**

**Rabbi Wayne Dosick:** “In memory of Elizabeth Weinstein, one of the ‘last’ of the good folks from when I was with you so long ago! Such fond memories.”

**Marilyn and Gregg Goldstein**

**Marilyn, Gregg, Nicole, and Elena Goldstein:** “In Memory of Elizabeth Weinstein.”

**Marilyn, Gregg, Nicole, and Elena Goldstein:** “To celebrate the birth and bris of Samuel Isaac Wernick.”

**Rhona Hurwitz:** “In memory of Elizabeth Weinstein.”

**Rhona Hurwitz:** “Yizkor contribution in loving memory of Abraham and Anna Hurwitz and Bessie and Israel Silverman”

**Jeff Parnes**

**Elaine and Don Pectol**

**Joan L. Rubinstein:** “For the yahrzeit of my daughter, Ellen Barrett, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.”

**Linda and Ernie Sprouse:** “In memory of Elizabeth Weinstein.”

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**FROM THE RABBI’S DESK**

Almost right across the street from the Bristol Motor Speedway, we will also be racing. Our race is slightly different, however, than the one that most of the people will be focused on. Our cars? “And let them make Me a sanctuary and I will dwell within them”, the Bible tells us in Shemot (Exodus) 25:8. Our bodies are our sanctuaries; the vessels for our souls – it is within ourselves that God dwells. Our fuel? According to our Machzor (our High Holidays book of prayers), repentance, prayer and charity are the elements that can help us in our spiritual journeys. But what can start up our engines?

In Judaism, the New Year is not a time for fireworks or champagne. Of course that we eat – after all, we are Jews, but the focus of the High Holidays is much more spiritual than anything else. It is a time to look into ourselves – our inner-selves. Who am I? How do I want to change? And there you have the second big part of being Jewish. We make tough questions. And, of course, making those is much more important than coming up with an answer. This is why each year, we raise the same questions. Our answers vary, and we have to make sure that we are constantly reminding ourselves of the importance of addressing these issues.

Each of us is “like a rolling stone”. We slowly travel on the river of life, and our travels shape the way we live – shape our spiritual existence. But then, the shofar is blown and we are invited to look around – in which part of the river am I? Where do I want to go? Of course, this doesn’t only happen in the Holidays, but the Holidays are particularly a good opportunity of doing so. Maimonides writes that the shofar “(...) says to us: Awake, ye slumberers, from your slumber, and rouse yourselves from your deep sleep. Search your deeds and turn ye in repentance. Remember your Creator, ye who forget the truth because of the vanity of the hour(...)”, Hilkhot Tshuvah 3:4.

This is the time. Make that phone call that you know you have to make. I know, it’s hard. But find the courage inside you. Send that e-mail. Make that visit.

A joke is told that once, a rabbi decided to skip the services on Yom Kippur – perhaps the holiest day on the Jewish calendar. Instead, he decided to go play golf. God decided to punish the rabbi severely for not being with the rabbi’s congregation. The rabbi, then, played the best game he had ever played. The rabbi got a hole-in-one on the toughest hole on the course. An angel, that saw what just happened, asked God: “I thought you were going to punish him. Do you call this punishment?”, to what God replied: “Well, who can he tell?”.

Alone, we can’t achieve a genuine and living spiritual existence. The truth is that we need each other. This is why, soon, we will be praying in the High Holidays mostly in plural form. Only as a community, we can really learn and change. “If not now, when?”, tells us the Ethics of the Fathers. May the shofar, soon, start up our engines – but may we be together as a community, so that, besides from hearing the shofar’s voice, we can also hear each other voices. *Ken iehi ratzon.* May it be God’s will.

Beni Wajnberg, Hebrew Union College

MESSAGE FROM THE SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

Sisterhood takes care of many things for the congregation that generally go unnoticed. However, without it, they would make a big difference. Bettylene Franzus takes care of keeping our kitchen supplies up to date, refurbishing as needed, which means many extra trips to Sam's Club! Ricki Kaplan is another unsung hero, taking care of the Passover Sedar this year, and Rosh Hashanah Oneg and the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast.

Marisol Speigel has just accepted the service of arranging for the Rabbi's Hospitality for the coming year. Please let Marisol know when you would like to host our new Student Rabbi in your home...vegetarian is his only request. We are in need of someone to arrange for our Onegs this year. In the interim, Bettylene has a sign-up sheet on the refrigerator at the shul.

Our treasury has gone down by 1/2, as we have always tried to fulfill all requests made of us. Sisterhood has not had a fundraiser for some time...so please help by sending in your membership donations, and through your generosity, we may not need a fundraiser!

Please join us at our next mini-luncheons....the second Tuesday of the month at 11:45 a.m..  
Sept. 13 - Gourmet & Company  
October 11 - Mona Lisa Gelato

Please join us and volunteer to help Sisterhood.  
Mickey Grossman

News from the Pulpit and Ritual Committee

Board Meeting July 20, 2011, Rhona Hurwitz, Chair

We welcome student rabbi Beni Wajnstein to B'nai Sholom this year. Beni is a second year rabbinical student, fluent in four languages. I think we'll definitely be expanding our horizons this coming year! Since he is only a second year student, he will visit us approximately every three weeks rather than twice a month. This means that there will be a lot of Friday night services that will need coverage, so please let me know if you would like to lead services this year. Alan and I are working on a calendar for the year- once we have it set, you can contact me if there's a particular time you'd like to lead services.

This year, we welcome Ellen Allard as our cantor for the High Holy Days. Ellen is a cantorial student at Hebrew College in Newton, Massachusetts. She is also a performer and a music educator- there should be something for everyone (musically speaking, of course).

Please remember to let Elaine Pectol know about any names that need to be added to the Yizkor list. You need to do this before the start of Yom Kippur. Also, please make sure Elaine has your Jewish (Hebrew or Yiddish) name; we need these for honors during services.

Service times for High Holy Days. Please be advised that we can't tell you exactly what time different parts of the service (Torah readings, Yizkor, etc.) will take place. We encourage you to arrive with time to spare for any assigned honors. You will be contacted soon regarding high holiday honors.

- Erev Rosh Hashanah- 7:30 PM. Sisterhood will sponsor an Oneg at the conclusion of services that evening.
- First Day Rosh Hashanah- 9:30 AM
- Second Day Rosh Hashanah- 9:30 AM
- Shabbat Shuvah Service will begin Friday night at 7:30 PM
- There will be a Saturday Torah service during Shabbat Shuvah.
- Kol Nidre- 7:00 PM. Please remember that, once the service has begun, no one will be allowed to enter the sanctuary until the Kol Nidre prayer is over.
- Yom Kippur- 10:00 AM; Yizkor will begin right after the Torah Service, and no one will be allowed to enter the sanctuary once the Yizkor service has begun.
- There will be a short children's service Yom Kippur afternoon.
- Mincha/Neilah will begin at 5:30. Break-the-Fast will begin shortly after sunset that evening.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Sept 2 – Martin Franzus	Oct 6 – Jennifer Pectol
Sept 2 – Joshua Grossman	Oct 7 – Olivia Gibian
Sept 2 – Neil Yalowitz	Oct 8 – Victoria Spiegel
Sept 5 – Rachel Klein	Oct 11 – Joshua Kear
Sept 9 – Emily Gibian	Oct 11 - Morris Seligman
Sept 15 – Alexis Close	Oct 14 – Jeremy Gordesky
Sept 18 – Rebecca Goldstein	Oct 14 – Simona Spiegel
Sept 18 – Harriet Heller	Oct 16 - Catherine Grossman
Sept 19 – Zachary Kramer	Oct 18 - Marc Spiegel
Sept 20 – Laurel Karp	Oct 20 – Ethan David Fish
Sept 30 – Juanita Landy	Oct 23 – Maggie Kite
Sept 30 – Greg Sterling	Oct 24 – Josh Yalowitz
	Oct 28 – Jeff Gold
	Oct 29 – Patti Gold
	Oct 30 – Ari Fish

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Sept 10 – Michael and Karen Baron
Oct 7 – Rodney and Alicia Klein
Oct 14 – Jennifer Pectol & David Sayres
Oct 14 – Gregory and Claire Karp
Oct 16 – Alan and Laurel Karp
Oct 19 – Bob and Lisa Ritter
Oct 29 – John and Sue Greer-Pitt

**Yahrzeits**

<u>September</u>		<u>October</u>	
2	Ben Spitulnik	1	Albert Weinstein *
3	Leo Judas*	2	Milton Weinstein*
5	Julius Ginsberg*	2	Isadore Epstein
7	Beatrice Shatz*	4	Helen Goldberg*
8	Morris Palkes*	4	Lillian Gelfond
10	Anna E. Fienberg*	6	Bella Shain*
14	Celia Wolf	8	Susan G. Weinstein
14	Dora Rapport*	9	Rachel Topor*
15	C.J. Kiener	9	Dorothy Spitulnik
17	Charles Deitel	13	Ben Heller*
18	Jack Broad*	13	Samuel Streim*
18	Herbert Close	16	Emanuel Nathan*
19	Sanford Van Baalen*	16	Aaron M. Schandler*
20	Harry Fienberg*	18	Goldie Green*
20	Mitchell Thorp*	21	Sterling Silver*
20	Hilda Thorp*	21	Lily Guttenberg
23	Annie Silver*	21	Anna Senner
23	Ellen Barrett	23	Irving Scharfstein*
24	Julius Switgall*	23	Dorothy E. Spitulnik
25	Melvin E. Sterling	24	Jacob Licht
26	Benjamin Thorp*	25	Leonard Supman*
26	Ralph Carbone	25	Fredrick Turner
27	Norma Fienberg*	25	Samuel J. Weinstein
28	H.L. Sobel*	27	Hilda Judas*
30	Ella Green*	28	Harold Levy
30	Milton Tepper*	29	Sam Spinner*
		29	Abraham Scher
		30	Howard Kaplan
		31	Shirley Schandler*

The Yahrzeit listing is meant to serve as a reminder to each of you. The names listed will be recalled during Kaddish within one week prior to the actual Yahrzeit date.

\* A MEMORIAL PLAQUE WILL BE LIT DURING THE PREVIOUS SHABBAT.

## BOOK REVIEW from the Librarian

Bettylene W. Franzus



### *Jewish Cookery*

The library does not have an extensive cook-book section but the books which are available include diabetic recipes, dietetic low-cal recipes, holiday and traditional recipes as well as a few gourmet cookbooks. Except for our own Sisterhood Cook-book, all recipes are kosher.

Cookbooks are located in DDC 641.56.

One of the most interesting recipe books is ***Classic Cuisine of the Italian Jews*** by Edda Servi Machlin. In her introduction to the narratives and recipes, Machlin describes the town of Pitigliano (*pea-tea-gee-ah-no*), a medieval town of Tuscany, where she was born. She notes that according to the historian, Cecil Roth, the Servi ancestors were brought to Rome as slaves after the destruction of the Temple in 70 C.E. Pitigliano, nicknamed "The Little Jerusalem" was overrun by Fascists during the time of Mussolini and by 1943, when an Italy signed an armistice with the Allies, the Germans and the loyal Fascists of Pitigliano had confiscated the property of the Jews who were then driven from their homes and rounded for transshipment to concentration camps.

Those Jews who survived the camps, and returned to Pitigliano, found the community buildings destroyed; the school, the temple, the yeshiva, the libraries and the communal ovens in ruin. So, this cook-book is also a mini-history lesson about the life and customs of a diasporic Jewish community as well as having detailed cooking and recipe instructions. Sara Paretsky is the author of a series of books featuring a private investigator called V.I. Warshawski. Warshawski's mother is a survivor from Pitigliano so if you are fond of detective - mystery stories you might try reading some by Paretsky.

#### **Tomato Bread Soup Peasant Style – Pappa Col Pomodoro Alla Paesana** (p 107)

4 TBs Olive oil, 3 cloves garlic (sliced), 6 ripe tomatoes (peeled and cut up), 3Tsp Salt, ¼ Tsp ground black pepper, 4½ cups cold water, 6 large TB grated Romano Cheese, 1TB chopped Italian Parsley. Sauté garlic in oil, add tomatoes and parsley, cook over high heat for 5-6 minutes. Stir in salt and pepper. **Set aside for at least an hour.** Add the water and bread (broken in pieces) Allow bread to soak until soft and then bring to a boil and cook for 5-6 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in cheese and serve immediately. If you omit the cheese it can be served with meat dishes; truly a peasant dish; filling and inexpensive!

## Message from the Librarian – Bettylene W. Franzus – Betty Frances Ginsberg Memorial Library



Almost all of the non-fiction books have been classified in the Dewy Decimal Classification System and have been posted with cards, pockets and spine labels. The library personnel, primarily Michelle Meegs and Bettylene Franzus, have been entering these books into the CROSS data base and then, with the sometime assistance of the Spiegel girls, Simona and Victoria, shelving these books. We hope to have the library functioning as a place of use by the end of 2011.

Nikki Lewin has graciously offered to assume responsibility for maintaining and collection items for an archival scrap book and we earnestly request that the membership offer such items for inclusion. Identification of persons, object and dates of collection on such materials would be of great help to the archivist personnel.

This has been a labor intensive and time consuming effort; with little support from the membership it has taken much, much more time that was expected. We have many unusual and treasured books in our library and it is hoped that others will become interested in becoming library aides so that maintenance of the library is something that does not go unattended as it has for many years.

As time and energy permit, I will review the archived materials at ETSU's Archives of Appalachia and report on selected findings. These holdings, originally brought to the library by Basil Safir, are predominantly from 1945 – 1965 but do contain some records from 1905 to 1978. A copy of these holdings is available for review from the Secretary of the Congregation.

It is to be hoped that the video presentation made for the Centennial celebration will be available for view and archiving in the near future.

*Bettylene W. Franzus*, Librarian and Archivist (2011 – 2012)

*September*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Rabbi here Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	10 Shabbat Service 10:15 a.m. Adult Education TBD
11 Religious School 10:00 a.m.	12	13	14	15	16 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	17
18 Religious School 10:00 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	24
25	26	27	28 Erev Rosh Hashanah Rosh Chodesh Tishrei Services 7:30 p.m.	29 First Day Rosh Hashanah Services 9:30 a.m.	30 Second Day Rosh Hashanah Services 9:30 a.m. Erev Shabbat Shuvah Services 7:30 p.m.	

*October*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Shabbat Shuvah Services 9:30 a.m.
2 Tzom Gedaliah Religious School 10:00 a.m. Cemetery Service Noon	3	4	5	6	7 Kol Nidre Service at 7:00 p.m.	8 Yom Kippur Service 10:00 a.m. Break-the-Fast to follow
9	10	11	12	13 First Day Sukkot	14 Second Day Sukkot Decorate sukkah at 5:15 Pot-Luck Dinner 6:00 p.m.	15
16	17	18	19	20 Shemini Atzeret	21 Simchat Torah Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	22 Shabbat Service 10:15 a.m.
23 Religious School 10:00 a.m.	24	25	26	27	28 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	29 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
30	31					

## Shabbat and Holiday Candle Lighting Times:

<u>SEPT</u>		<u>OCT</u>	
Friday, Sept 2	7:39 p.m.	Friday, Oct 7 (Eve of Yom Kippur)	6:48 p.m.
Friday, Sept 9	7:29 p.m.	Wed, Oct 12 (Eve of first day Sukkot)	6:41 p.m.
Friday, Sept 16	7:19 p.m.	Friday, Oct 14	6:38 p.m.
Sept 23	7:08 p.m.	Wed, Oct 19 (Eve of Shemini Atzeret)	6:31 p.m.
Wed, Sept 28 (Eve of first day Rosh Hashanah)	7:01 p.m.	Thurs, Oct 20 (eve of Simchat Torah)	7:27 p.m.
Thurs, Sept 29 (Eve of second day Rosh Hashanah)	7:55 p.m.	Friday, Oct 21	6:29 p.m.
Friday, Sept 30	6:58 p.m.	Friday, Oct 28	6:20 p.m.



## SHABBAT and HIGH HOLIDAY TORAH AND HAFTARAH PORTIONS

	Torah	Haftarah
<u>SEPT</u>		
3	<i>Parshat Shoftim</i> Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9	<i>Isaiah 51:12-23, Isaiah 52:1-12</i>
10	<i>Parshat Ki Teitzel</i> Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19	<i>Isaiah 54:1-10</i>
17	<i>Parshat Ki Tavo</i> Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8	<i>Isaiah 60:1-22</i>
24	<i>Parshat Nitzavim-Vayelech</i> Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30	<i>Isaiah 61:10-63:9</i>
<u>OCT</u>		
6	<i>Parshat Ha'Azinu</i> Deuteronomy 32:1-32:52	<i>Hosea 14:2-10, Joel 2:15-27</i>
15	<i>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</i> Exodus 33:12-364	<i>Ezekiel 38:18-39:16</i>
22	<i>Parshat Bereshit</i> Genesis 1:1-6:8	<i>Isaiah 42:5-43:10</i>
29	<i>Parshat Noach</i> Genesis 6:9-11:32	<i>Isaiah 66:1-24</i>

