

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

A Visit to Belleville

I love history, and archaeology. Only by understanding the past can we hope to chart a path into the future. This is the essence of Judaism, as a people with a book and a history. It is the fact of our own stories and lives.

We are actively organizing our home meetings to hear each other's Jewish Journeys. In the days and weeks ahead you will be invited to a gathering near you. Fellow members will join to share family's paths to this point in our Jewish lives.

What will come from this? First and foremost, we will form deeper and better relationships. We'll get to know things about each other and find points in common. And second, as a synagogue we'll get a better sense of where we've all been and what we are looking for in our Judaism. The synagogue can

help create the path for those Jewish journeys to continue.

I recently travelled back to a part of B'nai Shalom's Jewish Journey. In 2002, Ahavath Achim synagogue in Belleville merged with B'nai

Shalom. At this time, four senior memberships and two family memberships are from former members of Ahavath Achim. The memorial plaques are kept in our building. Several *Torah* scrolls from Belleville are still read from regularly. And our history is of both congregations.

Curious, and with the help of Stephen Gruhin, I visited the old building in Belleville, which is now St. Mary's and St. Mercurius Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Church. Some things have changed, some have remained the same, but our legacy there is not forgotten.

The priest's office still has a *mezuzah* on it, which I was able to teach them about. How ironic that our passage *who brought you out of the Land of Egypt to be your God* can also apply to them! The sanctuary now has a large frontal display and altar with icons of Christian



RABBI ROBERT TOBIN

worship on it, but the seats are the same pews that were there from the beginning. Many of the name plates from past fundraising campaigns were still on the rows. The kitchen has a large wooden counter, surely once used for challah

baking. A prayer from the *Apocryphal Book of Ben Sirach* is written in Arabic on the wall: *Those who serve her serve the Lord.*

The priests spoke about deciding to purchase the synagogue, and they said that its use as a House of God was important to them. This place had been the focus of God's love and worship for many years, and they felt that added value and importance to it as it became their own place of prayer.

We do leave things behind in our journey, and there can be some sorrow in that. But even where we have done so, our impact, our legacy, and our echo can still be heard. I look forward to hearing some of your Jewish Journeys as our process moves forward.

Rabbi Robert Tobin

STUDY MISHNA WITH RABBI TOBIN

This study session with Rabbi Tobin will take place between *Mincha* and *Ma'ariv* on *Shabbat* and will continue throughout the year. All are welcome to attend.

MAZEL TOV

To **Benjamin and Yael Webber** on the birth of their son, Lev Gabriel, on Thursday, October 22. The maternal grandparents are Marc and Eylana Garfinkle.

To **Gary Silver** on being named the Men's Club Man of the Year for 2015. Gary received his honor at a region-wide dinner held on November 4 at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield, NJ.

To **Clifford and Karen Aaron** on the marriage of their daughter, Hillary, to Ryan Moore on November 7.

To **Michael and Jane Kaplan** on the marriage of their daughter, Hannah, to Jared Meyer on November 14.

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 6	4:30 pm
Friday, November 13	4:23 pm
Friday, November 20	4:18 pm
Friday, November 27	4:14 pm

DECEMBER

Friday, December 4	4:10 pm
Friday, December 11	4:10 pm
Friday, December 18	4:12 pm
Friday, December 25	4:16 pm

Note: From now until the spring, **Friday night services** will track Shabbat candle lighting times.

HAYENU

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BECOME A PATRON FOR 5776 Read the highlights of our **Learners@B'nai Shalom** program this year in this issue of the *Hayenu*. It is a very ambitious program. However, the listing is not complete.

We did not mention our annual **Mini-Mester** in the winter; we did not mention **Rabbi Tobin's Lunch & Learn** sessions; nor **Janice Colmar's Torah Study** on Shabbat morning. We also did not include our **annual study with Rabbi Asekoff**; our **Tu B'Shevat Seder & Lecture**; our **Tikkun Leyl Shavuot**; and our **Summer Torah Camp**.

We need your support so we can continue to offer a broad selection of adult study opportunities to our congregation. **We invite you to become a Patron of the Learners@B'nai Shalom.** The cost is a **donation of \$90 per person or \$180 per couple.** You receive the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to preserve and expand our adult education program.

Each patron will receive two tickets to a special **Patrons Only Reception** with Rabbi Azriel Fellner following his presentation on the 1927 production of the *Jazz Singer* on Sunday, November 22.

Please complete the form below, mail it to the synagogue office and show your support for the **Learners@B'nai Shalom.** Thank you.

YES, I/we want to be a Patron of Learners@B'nai Shalom for the year 5776.

- I have enclosed a check for \$90 (single).
- I have enclosed a check for \$180 (couple).
- Please bill my synagogue account \$90 (single).
- Please bill my synagogue account \$180 (couple).

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City/State/Zip.....

Phone

Email

Signature

Date

Engagement Initiative Starting Soon

Now that we are past the High Holidays and *Sukkot/Simchat Torah*, we often pause to take a breath, knowing that some of the busiest time in the Jewish calendar has passed. At B'nai Shalom, however, we are entering this time with gusto, as we are moving ahead with some important projects and initiatives.

First of all, as mentioned over the High Holidays, we are in the final stages of planning our engagement initiative, which will consist of meetings with your fellow congregants in a home near yours. We have already identified many volunteers to host these community gatherings, where the dialogue will focus on topics such as your connection to Judaism, what the Jewish community means to you, and more.

These meetings will likely start this month (stay tuned for the schedule and invitations), and if you wish to host (or be involved in our planning efforts), please let me or Rabbi Tobin know as soon as possible.

Our **Annual Campaign** is also well underway, and we are making great strides towards our financial goal of \$180,000. Many of you have already received phone calls or messages, and if you haven't, one will certainly be coming soon. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far—we have seen a definitive spike in contributions—both in terms of the level and percentage of our community

that has given to the campaign. If you haven't donated please go on our website, where you can pledge/donate today.

This month will also see the return of our regular Shabbat programming for our youngest children, including **Shabbat Fun** (for the under 5 set), and **Club Shabbat** (Grades K to 4). Please bring your kids to these fun programs, and if you've got friends or those interested in the shul and these activities please do bring them along!

And finally, our new Director of Synagogue Operations, Gary Rothschild, has also had a busy first couple of months. Hopefully, you have seen some of his efforts in the shul and online.

Gary is managing changes to our custodial staff, handling room rentals (where we are offering significant discounts), boosting our social media presence and implementing other enhancements to the office and the operation



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of the shul. If you have any ideas on this front, feel free to reach out to Gary directly.

There have been some changes to our Executive Committee. I want to welcome Bernie Reger as our new Vice President of Membership. He is replacing Bill Nossen, who moved with his family to Virginia. Susan Friedman is acting as our Interim Treasurer. Seth Brown has stepped down from the treasurer's job due to a number of other commitments. Please extend a welcome and thank you to Bernie and Susan.

As always, if you have an idea you would like to share, or if you just want to drop me a note, please reach out to me at presidentsethc@bnaishalom.net.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at *shul*.

Seth Cohen
President, B'nai Shalom

SUNGLASSES LOST AT SHUL

Did you accidentally take a pair of prescription sunglasses from the cloak room on *Simchat Torah*?

They were in a brown, hard, eyeglass case.

If you did, please return them to the synagogue office.

Thank you.



ABOVE: Sisterhood members at our opening meeting, **Suffering from the Sugar Blues**. Dr. Laura Rokosz, (top photo, far right) a healthcare practitioner, presented an interesting and informative program.

RIGHT: Donna Burkat (top left) and Sisterhood yoga enthusiasts raise money for Torah Fund.



Barbecue and Books in November

Howdy Y'all!

By now everyone should have received her invitation to Sisterhood's annual **Paid Up Dinner** which will take place on Monday, November 9, at 6:30 pm. This year we will have a Western theme: square dancing with a professional caller and a barbecue dinner.

The membership committee has been working hard to make this **Paid Up Dinner** a most memorable event. We will welcome and induct our new members. For questions or to RSVP contact Debbie Saltzman at 973-992-4057 or email her at sistermember@bnaishalom.net.

Our opening meeting, **Suffering from the Sugar Blues?**, held on Tuesday, October 13, was extremely well attended and very informative. Dr. Laura Rokosz, a healthcare practitioner from EGGLock Nutrition, LLC, described the different types of sugars and explained how each type works in our body. It was a wonderful program that was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Yasher Koach to Donna Burkat who raised money for Torah Fund to

help students at the Jewish Theological Seminary by leading a fun and relaxing yoga class on Sunday, October 18.

Yasher Koach to Anne Spring who moderated our first **Book Review** discussion of 2015-2016.

We met at the shul on Shabbat, October 24, following Kiddush, to discuss *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure. It is fun to participate in the discussions even if you haven't read the book.

Please consider joining us for our next **Book Review** which will take place on Sunday, January 10, at 10:00 am at the home of Sheryl Mazur. Lori Mayer will moderate the discussion of *The Aleppo Codex* by Matti Friedman.

Yasher Koach to Ellen Grossman and the rest of her committee for the hard work and preparation that went into creating the wonderful *Sukkot* luncheon. The lunch was enjoyed by all. And of course we wouldn't be able to do this without the financial help of our sponsors. Thank you again to all the people who contributed.



PAULA LIPKIN

An exciting event will be taking place on Sunday, November 15, at 7:00 pm. Author Talia Carner will be at our shul presenting a discussion entitled *Jewish Legacy—Burden or Privilege?* She is the author of several books including *Jerusalem*

Maiden. Her new book *Hotel Moscow* will be available for purchase and can be signed by Ms. Carner. Cost for the program is \$7. If you have any questions or to RSVP please contact Eylana Garfinkle at 973-477-8256 or Abby Ruder at 973-953-4568.

In December we look forward to our **Gift Wrapping** fund raiser at Barnes and Noble. More information will follow. Please sign up and participate. It is always fun.

Paula Lipkin

Paula Lipkin, Mirabella Sheppard and Anne Spring
• **Sisterhood Presidium** •

SCHEDULED SISTERHOOD PROGRAMS FOR 2015

- **Monday, November 9** at 6:30 pm: **Annual Sisterhood Paid Up Dinner: Western Theme**
- **Sunday, November 15** at 7:00 pm: **Meet the Author**—Talia Carner. Hear about her new book—*Hotel Moscow*
- **Thursday, December 3** time TBD: **First Thursday at Montclair Museum**
- **Sunday, December 20** and **Thursday, December 24: Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap**

Please contact us if you are available to help with any of these events or if you have any questions: **Anne Spring** at 973-736-2252 or sisterhood@bnaishalom.net.

PLEASE DONATE TOYS

B'nai Shalom
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Rabbi Robert L. Tobin
Rabbi Emeritus Stanley L. Asekoff
President Seth M. Cohen

Dear Friends,

For 30 years the Men's Club has been collecting new toys, puzzles, games, books and school supplies and distributing them to organizations that service the less fortunate. It's estimated that over the years we have collected almost 4000 items

The organizations we have donated to have changed but the need remains. For many years we donated to the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty and the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry. Sadly, neither organization is in a position to collect and distribute the items that we collect.

From the very beginning one of our receiving agencies has been the Rachel Coalition, an agency for battered women sponsored by the Jewish Family Service of MetroWest. A more recent recipient is the Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey. There is no lack of agencies that will accept our donations.

Please help us continue our good work. Bring a new unwrapped toy or school supply to the synagogue and put it in the collection box in the Legow Loggia. The box is clearly marked for the Toy Drive. Your concern and caring will make the holiday season a little brighter for a child.

Our Toy Drive ends on Monday, November 23, 2015.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Phon', written in a cursive style.

Tom Phon
Toy Drive Chairman

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Jews as Veterans and as Americans

It was nostalgia time at our October Meeting. Ron Farber played music from the 50s and 60s. Each piece brought a smile of recognition to everyone's face. What made the program especially interesting were the anecdotes he told about the famous recording artists he knew.

No one wanted to leave when the program was over, so Ron generously gave us additional time and played more music and answered questions. Everybody left in a good mood.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 11, which is Veterans Day.

Most Hazak members probably remember it as Armistice Day, the original name of the holiday. We are fortunate to have as a guest speaker Chaim Lauer, whose topic is *Thoughts for Veterans Day: Jews as Veterans, Jews as Americans*.

Most of us have heard Chaim speak before and know the depth of his knowledge so on many subjects. He has an extensive Jewish and general education background and has spent decades in Jewish communal service. His experiences have helped him develop and share new insights with his audiences. These are



PHYLLIS TOLKOWSKY

insights that make the strange familiar and the familiar strange.

Chaim likes to make you think and feel. Join us for what promises to be a very interesting program.

See you on November 11 at 12:30 pm. As always, tea and coffee will be available.

For the rest of 2015–2016 these are the Hazak meeting dates:

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| December 9 | April 13 |
| January 13 | May 11 |
| February 10 | June 8 |
| March 9 | |

Phyllis Tolkowsky

Friends of Jewish National Fund and B'nai Shalom
invite you to attend an evening reception
Monday, November 2, 2015 • 7:00 pm
AT THE HOME OF BARBARA AND DAVID BORTNIKER

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER: NOA GEFEN

Noa Gefen joined the Society for Preservation of Israel Heritage Sites (SPIHS) as Executive Vice-Chairman in January 2011. Prior to joining SPIHS, she worked as an independent consultant and was Director of the Management Program for Emerging Companies (MPEC) at TIM Global. Noa is the daughter of the late Yehuda Dekel, one of SPIHS' founders and a leader of the State of Israel, who devoted most of his life to the development of the Negev.

Open to the entire community • No cost to attend

Light refreshments will be served • Dietary laws observed

Space is limited. RSVP to RSVPNJ@jnf.org

For more information, contact Anna Richlin at arichlin@jnf.org or 973.593.0095 x826



ABOVE: Our Primary School students (and some congregants) get ready to beat the willow branches until the leaves fall off at *Hoshana Rabbah* services on Sunday morning, October 4.

LEFT: Primary School students and other participants dip apples into melted chocolate in preparation for our *Simchat Torah* celebration. The program was open to children of all ages and was under the supervision of Rena Casser.



Some happy attendees of our October Pre-School Workshop for children 3 and 4 years old. The program takes place once a month on Sundays from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. Contact Rena Casser for more information.

This Year's Major Curriculum

It was so good to finally have a Tuesday after all those weeks where we only had classes on Thursday because of the holidays. It's amazing how much learning gets done when we have full weeks of school.

During the second week of October, the Religious School was privileged to be taught by Rabbi Tobin. Our major curriculum this year is *Tefila L'Ma'aseh, Practicing Prayer*. Not only do we want to become proficient in our davening, but we want to put our learning to practical use. In his first series of lessons, Rabbi taught us that we were made in God's image, not physically, but in the ability to do the same kinds of things that God has done.

Our first project for the year will be **Feeding the Hungry**. Rabbi Tobin showed us some of the prayers that instruct us to help feed those in need. We also learned about

those same *mitzvot* from the *Torah* and *Mishnah*.

Accordingly, we will be collecting non-perishable food, as well as *Tzedakah*. Our goal is to be able to go to the supermarket and buy supplies for the Kosher Food pantry.

There will be no Religious School from Thursday, November 5 through Sunday, November 8 for Teachers' Weekend, as well as no school from Thursday, November 26 through Sunday, November 29 for Thanksgiving.

Our October **Pre-School Workshop** about Noah was an amazing success. We made arks and rainbows, heard a story from the Rabbi and shared a snack. Our next **Pre-School Workshop** is Sunday, November 15. We will be learning about *Shabbat*. Remember, these Pre-School Workshops are free and



RENA CASSER

open to everybody. Tell your friends.

In October, the Primary also participated in *Hoshannah Rabbah*. As you can see, we really whacked those willow branches. We also made chocolate covered apple

bits, which were served for *Simchat Torah*. A fun, if messy, time was had by all.

Finally, a hearty *Yasher Koach* to **Arthur Rosu** who moved from Level 1 to Level 2 in Hebrew; and to **Risa Kampel** and **Josh Reger** who completed Level 6h.

Have a great November.



Rena Casser
Religious School Director

Rabbi Tobin teaching the Religious School students about the importance of prayer and why they should do the same kinds of things that God has done.





Scholar-In-Residence: **Dr. Benjamin Gampel**

Jews and Muslims: Cooperation and Confrontation—An Historical Perspective

**REGISTRATION FORM
FOR THE SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBAT DINNER
• FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 13 • 6:00 PM •
DR. GAMPEL'S LECTURE IS AFTER DINNER**

Name
Address
City / State / Zip
Phone Email

Number of Attendees

Adults (\$25 each) Amount
Children Under 17 (\$12 each) Amount
Maximum cost per family (\$70) Amount

Method of Payment:

Check Credit Card

Amount of Check Enclosed: \$.....
Make checks payable to **B'nai Shalom Shabbat Dinner.**

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**Thank you for your support. Fill out this form and mail to:
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Thank you for your support.

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City/State/Zip
Phone.....
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Signed
Date



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A Full Schedule for November



Highlighting the November calendar are two exceptional programs. First we have our **Scholar in Residence on Shabbat**, November 13 and 14. Dr. Benjamin Gampel, the Associate Professor of Jewish History at the Jewish Theological Seminary, is our scholar.

Dr. Gampel will teach three times: Friday night, November 13, following dinner at B'nai Shalom; Saturday morning, November 14, during services; and Saturday afternoon at 1:00 pm, following our Kiddush-lunch. All sessions are free and open to the public. Please look at the flyer on the opposite page for details.

Our second excellent program is **Rabbi Azriel C. Fellner's** lecture on *The Jazz Singer* on Sunday evening, November 22, at 7:00 pm. This is a film which was a cultural phenomenon and still demands our attention. Rabbi Fellner is a noted speaker and an authority on Jewish themes in film. Admission is \$10.00 and payable at the door.

Support our adult education programs by becoming a **Patron of Learners@B'nai Shalom**. Even a cursory view of B'nai Shalom's calendar will confirm that we offer an extensive program of classes and lectures geared to adults. The cost of bringing these programs to B'nai Shalom is significant. You can help us continue to bring quality educational programs by becoming a Patron at the cost of \$90 per person (\$180 per couple) for the

year 5776. To enroll, use the form on page 2 of this *Hayenu* or visit the **Learners'** page on the B'nai Shalom web site.

This year, through the gracious gift of Dr. Milinda Carson and Dr. Noel Meltzer, we are bringing outstanding professors from the Jewish Theological Seminary to B'nai Shalom in our **JTS@B'nai Shalom** series.

The second session in our **JTS@B'nai Shalom** series will be on

Sunday, December 6, at 10:30 am. Our teacher will be Dr. David Kraemer. Please consult the flyer in this *Hayenu* and the B'nai Shalom web site for details.

We are pleased to offer many regularly scheduled classes and courses. Please consult the B'nai Shalom calendar or the **Learners@B'nai Shalom** calendar to keep up with these events.

Rabbi Ken Tarlow
Leah Tarlow

The B'nai Shalom Sisterhood invites you to our annual **Paid-Up Membership Dinner** and induction of New Sisterhood Members

Monday, November 9, 2015
6:30pm - 9:30pm

JOIN US FOR A

Square DANCE

AND BARBEQUE

Professional Caller and Teacher

THEME ATTIRE IS ENCOURAGED
DON YOUR JEANS, BOOTS, BANDANA AND COWBOY HAT!

MEMBERS: \$12 IN ADVANCE, \$15 AT THE DOOR
GUESTS: \$18

WE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION, IF NEEDED.
PLEASE INCLUDE RIDE REQUEST IN RSVP.

RSVP by OCTOBER 26th to Debbie Saltzman
SISTERMEMBER@BNAISHALOM.NET OR 973-992-4057

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

We at B'nai Shalom are proud of the men and woman who have served in the Armed Forces defending the United States. Their heroism and bravery has helped to define our great democracy. Below is the honor roll of our veterans who served in the Armed Forces either from B'nai Shalom or from Congregation Ahavath Achim in Belleville.



Dr. Maurice Abramson *	S. Joseph Glynn *	Edward Meyers	Emanuel Schnitzer *
Henry Abramson *	Arthur Gordon	Nathan Miller	Alvin Schub
Edith Asher *	Murray Gottlieb *	Sheldon Mishkind *	Charles Schuman
Leonard Atkins *	Jack Greene *	Edwin Moscovitz	Harry Schwartz *
Harold L. Atkins *	George Grossman	Oscar Nathans *	Russell Schwartz *
Wallace Babbitt *	Irving Grossman *	Jack Nathanson	Morris Schwartz *
Abraham Becker *	Abe Haber *	Joseph Paul *	Paul Shapiro *
Ralph Becker *	Dr. William Halpern *	Thomas Phon	Pearl Simon *
Benjamin Beilin	Jerome H. Halzman *	Dr. Seymour Pollack *	Nathan H. Sisselman *
Irving Berkowitz *	Morris Hecht *	Sanford Pollack *	Allen Smiler *
Leslie Biebelberg *	Sidney Hellring *	Julius Prager *	Ralph Smith *
Theodore Bierstein *	William Jacobs *	George Rader *	William Smith *
Darren Blatt	Steven Jacoby	Dr. A.A. Rich *	Charles Sorragen *
Meyer Borks *	Harold Kaplan *	Dr. William Rich *	Dr. Seymour Taffet *
Lester Bornstein	Murray Kipnis *	Donald B. Rochlin *	Dr. William Taffet *
Allan Canter *	Edgar Kogan *	Dr. M. Roochvarg *	Isaac Tarnofsky *
Donald Canter	Edward Kraus *	Israel Rosen *	Adolph Thaler *
Arnold Citrin *	Herbert Kushner	Alan Rosenberg *	Herb Tolkowsky *
Henry M. Creditor *	Martin Leitzes *	Dr. Harry Rossen *	Irving Weinstock *
Marvin Denner *	Sol Lempert *	David Roth *	George Zeidwig *
Fred Dreskin *	Jacob Levine *	Herbert Rozansky	Anita Zirn *
Marvin Faner *	Irving Levine *	Harold Savitt *	Joel Zucker
Jerome I. Firtel *	Charles Levine *	Dr. Barney Schaffer *	Louis Zuckerman *
Dr. Seymour Fischer *	Bernard Liderbaum *	Abe Schilinsky *	
Myron Freeman *	Robert Lieberman *	Nat Schlossberg	* Deceased
Jack Gilbert *	Jeffrey Maas	Mort Schneider	
Dr. Robert Glynn *	Lt. Roger Melin *	Paul Schnitzer *	

TRADITION! SUNRISE SUNSET. IF I WERE A RICH MAN.

Fiddler is returning to Broadway!

Do you want to see *Fiddler on the Roof* on Broadway? We are considering purchasing a block of group tickets for B'nai Shalom members, but we need to know your interest.

We would aim for a Sunday matinee in December or January. Please let us know if you want to join

a group from B'nai Shalom for this Broadway treat. Indicate number of tickets and Sunday dates that work for you. We will do our best to choose a date that is satisfactory for the majority of people.

We want to act promptly because *Fiddler on the Roof* is going to be a popular show to see. **Please contact Leslie Gleaner at 973-731-0160 ext. 207 or email Programs@bnaishalom.net.**

Exciting Programs in November

Amidst the beautiful autumn backdrop that surrounds B'nai Shalom at this time of year, there has been a flurry of activity inside. Classes are being conducted for *Talmud*, *Torah* and core Judaism.

Our guest lecture series, **JTS at B'nai Shalom** got off to a dynamic start with Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky speaking about the role of women in Jewish texts. We look forward to two more presenters from the Seminary in December and January.

Shabbatot throughout October were filled with shared celebrations and finished with Rabbi Tobin's **Lunch and Learn on Mishna and Memory: The Ever-Changing Oral Torah**.

B'nai Shalom was happy to participate in the second West Orange **Got Shabbat** project with the other synagogues in town. We hosted the *Havdallah* celebration at B'nai Shalom on Saturday night. The evening was filled with *ruach* as Rabbi Tobin introduced *Havdallah* and welcomed the community. The Jewish acapella group Six13 performed and got everyone up dancing. It was a *freilach* gathering. Many thanks go to our committee, spearheaded by Hannah Bargad with Sue Kamens, Charles Kurtzer and all of the others who helped with the setup on Saturday night.

Coming to you in November: There is a **Jewish National Fund evening reception** at the home of Barbara and David Bortniker on Tuesday, November 2. The

featured guest speaker is Noa Gefen.

Janice Colmar Michaelis will begin a **five-session course on the prophets Elijah and Elisha** on Wednesday, November 4. Registration is required.

All of our veterans are invited to be honored during services on Saturday, November 7, to mark **Veterans Day**, which takes place on Wednesday, November 11.

Hazak will host Chaim Lauer at their regular monthly meeting. His topic is about Jews serving their country as members of the Armed Forces. The meeting is on Wednesday, November 11, which happens to be Veterans Day.

Our upcoming **Scholar in Residence, Dr. Benjamin Gampel**, will present his lectures on *Jews and Muslims: Cooperation and Confrontation – An Historical Perspective*. We hope you will come for some or all of the lectures during the weekend of November 13 and 14. **Please RSVP for the Shabbat dinner by Friday, November 6.** The Shabbat meal is being catered by Lymone Caterers and will be delicious.

Our teen-led **Club Shabbat**, for 6–10 year olds, and **Shabbat Fun**, for children up to age 5, will take place on November 14.

Our **First Young Family Shabbat and Dinner** is scheduled for



LESLIE GLEANER

Friday, November 20. We hope to have a nice gathering of young families as they enjoy a short, family-friendly service with Rabbi Tobin and a kid-friendly, fall finger food menu for dinner. RSVP by Monday, November 16.

Rabbi Azriel Fellner will lecture on *The Jazz Singer* on Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 pm.

Find more information about these programs in this issue of the *Hayenu*. Enjoy the beautiful fall scenery surrounding B'nai Shalom, but don't forget to come inside and join the activities being offered.

Something New on Shabbat: During *Kiddush* on a few Saturdays each month we will designate a special table for a focused gathering of interested participants.

The first will be a *Shulchan Shirah* – a table of song. At *Kiddush*, on November 7, look for the table with musical notes and *shironim* (songbooks). Take a seat and sing along. On another week, we will have a *Shulchan Ivrit*, a table for speaking Hebrew and another will be a table for a *Yiddish Tish*. Stay tuned for those dates.



Leslie Gleaner
Program Coordinator

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Friday, November 20

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■ May 14, 2016 ■

Parsha Kedoshim

30th Annual Toy Drive, Please Help

As we move into the cooler Indian Summer part of fall, the Men's Club continues to be active at B'nai Shalom.

As I mentioned in last month's column, Men's Club planned a special treat for *Shabbat* morning services on October 10. We had the *Sefer Haftorah*, a special scroll commissioned by the Federation of Jewish Men's Club at *Shabbat* services.

Every week this scroll is sent from congregation to congregation across the country. The scroll looks like a *Torah* scroll, but the weekly *haftorah* portions are inscribed on the parchment. It was very special to see this, and it was a pleasure to hear Ronin Lautman, brother of the groom-to-be chant from it. The chanting was done in honor of the upcoming wedding of Sally Hammer and Yonathan Lautman. October 10 was Yonathan's *auf ruf*. *Mazel tov* to the Hammer and Lautman families!

Late October and most of November is the time for our **30th Annual**

Toy Drive. Chaired by Tom Phon, the **Toy Drive** is one of our most important and longest running programs. You have an opportunity to make the upcoming holidays a little nicer for a child. Please bring new, unwrapped toys to the *shul* and put them in the big wooden box that is clearly marked for toys in the Legow Loggia. We are counting on your support.

November 4 is the **Men's Club Regional Man of the Year** dinner at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield. We are honoring Gary Silver as our Man of the Year. He has played a big part in the revitalization of the Men's Club. Gary has been the Men's Club treasurer for many years and always volunteers when help is needed. *Yasher koach*, Gary!

Lastly, we encourage all to join us on the first night of *Hannukah* at the Prudential Center in Newark. It is **Jewish Heritage Night** and the New Jersey Devils will take on the Florida Panthers. The date is



DAVID GLEANER

Sunday, December 6. For the price of a ticket you get a free Devils hat and can watch the lighting of the menorah. There will be kosher food and a post game concert by the Maccabeats. Tickets are only \$45 a person and are available at

<http://www.goldaochacademy.org/page/NJ-Devils-Game>. For more information, see the flyer on our website at <http://bnaishalom.net/flyers.php>.

Coming up on December 24 is our annual **Chinese food dinner and movie night**. Have a movie you want to see? Tell us about it. This a family affair and everybody is welcome to join us.

Shalom.



David Gleaner
President, Men's Club

L'chaim!

Please enjoy the single malt Scotch at *Kiddush*, courtesy of **B'nai Shalom Men's Club**. We are happy to enhance your *Shabbat Kiddush* enjoyment and to share a sip of amber goodness with you.

If you would like to support our efforts to provide choice Scotch options at *Kiddush*, please make your check payable to **B'nai Shalom Men's Club**. You can mail or drop off your check at the synagogue office.

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Sisterhood thanks the following families for their gracious sponsorship of the *Sukkot* luncheon:

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Sisterhood also thanks **Ellen Grossman**, our dedicated *Sukkot* luncheon chairperson, and her committee, for all the planning, shopping, schlepping, cooking and plating.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FALL CALENDAR

- Scholar in Residence • Film Event • JTS Series •

■ Scholar in Residence

• **NOVEMBER 13 AND 14:** Dr. Benjamin Gampel, Associate Professor of Jewish History at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Dr. Gampel's topic is: *Jews & Muslims: Cooperation & Confrontation: An Historical Perspective*. After Friday evening *Shabbat* dinner, Dr. Gampel will speak with us about *Judaism and the rise of Islam*. The theme will be continued on *Shabbat* morning when he will address, *The Effects of the Muslim Conquest*. The final session, after *Kiddush* lunch on Saturday, will be devoted to, *Muslim Power and Jewish Survival*.

While there is a charge for *Shabbat* dinner, all sessions are open to the public free of charge. Please consult this *Hayenu* and the B'nai Shalom web site for information and the dinner reservation form.

■ Film Event

• **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22:** Rabbi Azriel Fellner, popular speaker and expert on Jewish content and themes in television and films, will speak on the 1927 Production of *The Jazz Singer*. There is a \$10 charge for this program. Following the program there will be a reception for Learners@B'nai Shalom patrons.

■ JTS@B'nai Shalom

• Three Sunday mornings (10:30 am – 12:00 noon) with noted faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

1. **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25:** The first of three lectures by noted members of the Jewish Theological Seminary faculty kicks off with Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky, Associate Professor of Bible, who will speak on: *By the Hands of Women: Sister in Arms in Judges 4*.

2. **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6:** Dr. David Kraemer, Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics. Dr. Kraemer's topic is: *Where is the Center? Diaspora and Zion in Jewish History and Thought*.

3. **SUNDAY, JANUARY 31:** Rabbi Eliezer Diamond, Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, will speak on: *Preparing for the Final Journey: A Look at the Taharah Ritual*.

All sessions in the JTS@B'nai Shalom series are free and open to the public.

We thank Dr. Milinda Carson and Dr. Noel Meltzer, who are graciously sponsoring this program in loving memory of Jack Meltzer, z"l, and Bruce Eden, z"l.

■ Other Learning Opportunities on the Calendar

1. **Mishna with Rabbi Tobin:** Shabbat afternoons between *Mincha* and *Ma'ariv* (ongoing).

2. **Year 2 of the Melton Course:** Every Sunday, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, beginning October 11.

3. **Study with Janice Colmar:** Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 pm, kicks off the popular 5 session series on *Legends Surrounding Eliyahu & Elisha: Prophets of Miracles & Magic*. Consult with this *Hayenu* and the *Learners* page of the B'nai Shalom website for other dates.

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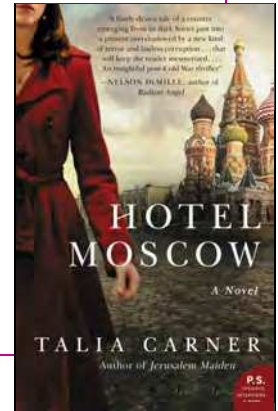
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TO DISCUSS: "JEWISH LEGACY-BURDEN OR PRIVILEGE"

When then-businesswoman Talia Carner visited Russia for the second time in 1993 to teach Russian women entrepreneurial skills, she was caught in the uprising of the parliament against Boris Yeltsin. Her escape from Moscow launched her writing career, and since then she has been taking readers on fictional journeys with groundbreaking exploration of a social issue at the center of each of her novels. Carner's research into the lives of Russian women trying to make sense of a world in transition from communism—a lawless reality steeped with corruption, deprivations and violence—also launched her examination of the status of women around the globe.

HOTEL MOSCOW is the story of both the valiant Russian women and the brave visiting American woman helping them navigate the new and strange world of business. While investigating a business crime on behalf of her new friends, the American protagonist finds herself confronting anti-Semitism and must come to terms with her parents' Holocaust legacy.

The former publisher of *Savvy Woman* magazine and a lecturer at international women economic forums hit the ground running with her first novel, *PUPPET CHILD* (that launched The Protective Parent Reform Act) followed by *CHINA DOLL* (her platform for 2007 U.N. presentation against infanticide in China) and *JERUSALEM MAIDEN* (winner of Forward National Literature Award.) Carner continues in her mission to save and empower women in *HOTEL MOSCOW*, a story of one woman's journey through self-realization, intertwined with international intrigue (HarperCollins, summer 2015).



When: Sunday, November 15, 2015, 7:00 PM
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