



Kol Sholom * קול שלום

Beth Sholom Synagogue's Voice of Peace

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Memphis, Tennessee — February 2012 — 8 Shevat to 6 Adar 5772

Sunday, February 5th
8:00am
Arie Becker Chapel



The Beth Sholom Men's Club invites all post Bar/Bat Mitzvah men and women to the Annual World Wide Wrap, an international program of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, bringing the global Jewish community together to learn and practice the mitzvah of tefillin.

Bring your own tefillin, and if you have extra sets, please bring those along as well to share. If you do not own your own set of tefillin, we will have extra sets. If you have never worn tefillin, consider coming this year to learn. We'll have plenty of teachers to help those who are new to this mitzvah.

Men's Club will serve a light breakfast to all participants after morning minyan.

We look forward to seeing you on the First Sunday of February for the 12th annual World Wide Wrap!

A Special Thanks to David Ross
For sponsoring this month's edition of Beth Sholom's Kol Sholom

From the Rabbi:



Now

Now I'm sitting on a bench in Leisure Village, the retirement community where my parents live. I'm directly across the street from the bench where I sat three months ago, trying to wrap words around the emotional tides and currents coursing through my veins as I attend to my father's journey with the cancer in his body. Unchanged: The "I love LA; another perfect day" sunshine, the ocean breeze, the shirt-sleeve golfers, the occasional car floating by

(strictly enforced 30 MPH MAX!).

So many friends have solicitously inquired about my dad's health. Your well wishes and conversations continue to bring me solace and healing. I cannot adequately convey how your concern lifts my spirit when I feel weather-beaten by all the miles between Memphis and Camarillo. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Here's an update of sorts. "Schedule" is mainly about trips to various cancer specialists or about my mom's checkups (she's doing great, Baruch Hashem!). The ringing phone is part of my parents' soundtrack. "How is Moshe feeling? And how are you?" My folks have gotten a lot better at letting the machine handle the calls, responding at their own convenience. Still, it's tough to override that Pavlovian response to the ring-ring-ring.

My dad often feels fatigue. There is also discomfort and some pain. Sometimes that pain is sufficiently powerful to call for a morphine pill. Even as I type the words "morphine pill" on my iPhone, I feel a tugging at my heart when I'm reminded of the bumpy road my father travels.

And yet...all things considered, my dad and mom are doing amazingly well. Yesterday morning I drove my mom to a doctor visit (ah, the 101 freeway, one of the sclerotic automotive arteries of my teen and undergrad life...) and upon our return, I tossed out something between thinking aloud and prayer: "Whaddya say I drive us all to Ventura? We can enjoy a nice meal at the harbor, it's such a gorgeous day!" Dad was up for it. The Greek at the Harbor is a favorite old haunt of my folks. The food's still terrific. My folks were in fine form, the conversation was alive and funny. My dad enjoyed a nap later that afternoon, and dinner in the little kitchen nook was wonderful - mom certainly has not lost her touch. We sat on the couch for a few hours laughing hysterically as we watched old reruns. Time stood still for a moment, but I know I will strain to hear the clear ring of that awesome laughter...

Thank You, God, for this most sublime day. I will try to remember that this day, like every other, is a one-time-only gift. Every day I strive to pay attention. The ten thousand joys and sorrows continue to be quite a roller-coaster. Thank You for Now. It is Good. Very good.

From the President:

Default is YES

A couple of weekends ago, the members of our Board's Executive Committee, together with Rabbi Aaron, took a short road trip down Highway 78 to Mississippi. Our destination: Oxford. Our goal: to develop a shared vision of Beth Sholom as a vibrant and successful Shul and, most importantly, what we as a Board need to do to make our vision a reality.



So, why did we leave town, when we could have gotten together at the synagogue to talk and plan? For the same reason we carve out special occasions to come to Shul to pray, to celebrate, and to feel spiritually close to others. Coming to the synagogue takes us away from our daily tasks and our ever present distractions. In our busy lives, getting away for a day frees us to explore possibilities that may be hidden from us when carpools, cell phones, tweets intervene. It also gives us an opportunity to know each other better. Six hours of eating junk food together gets rid of many inhibitions and tends to promote a camaraderie and understanding that is tough to accomplish when you are just a few blocks from home.

Part of our shared vision is a focus on "customer" service. Our members come to us for their special occasions, whether they are weddings, Brits and baby namings, B'nai Mitzvot, birthdays and anniversaries, times for mourning, Shabbat observance, and for the Holidays. Making these experiences as pleasant and meaningful as possible for our membership will continue to be uppermost in the minds of our clergy, staff, and lay leaders. We recognize that planning life cycle events is extremely important and may be stressful at times. Our Shul has policies and procedures that we follow to assure that our congregants and employees are safe and that the facility and other resources we have will be available to all of us both now and in the future. Whenever possible, we want to offer you the service and assistance to help you make your events and our services successful. We hope to meet your needs and expectations—to say yes to your requests whenever possible. Although sometimes we may disappoint you, we will always listen to you with respect and with a goal of finding a solution that will work for you and for Beth Sholom. Your special moments are special for all of us. Yes is our default.

News from the Beth Sholom Religious School:

Religious School Calendar:

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Beth Sholom Religious School in session 4:00-5:30 pm Beth Sholom
Sundays, February 5, 19 & 26: Beth Sholom Religious School in session 9:30am - Noon at BSSS
Sunday, February 5th Grades 5 - 7 Visit Temple Israel's Eco Expo Pick Up at Temple Israel
Sundays, February 12 & 26: Tikkun Olam High 9:30am - Noon Meet/Pick up at BSSS
No Religious School On Sunday, February 12th

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS:

Rockin' Ruach Tu B'Shevat Seder, Friday, February 3rd, 5:45pm

We are so excited by the overwhelming response to this program. At this point, we are oversubscribed and reservations are closed. Watch for future Young Families events - we'll do our best to plan for a larger crowd as our group of young families at Beth Sholom continues to grow.

Lox Box Packing, Sunday, February 4th, beginning at 7:00pm

All **Kadima & USY Members** are encouraged to join the Beth Sholom Family to help Pack Lox Boxes!

World Wide Wrap, Sunday, February 5th, 8:00am

All of our Post Bar and Bat Mitzvah students are invited and encouraged to attend! Breakfast will follow, prepared by the Beth Sholom Men's Club. Please RSVP to Sharon Prager if you plan on attending, (901) 683-3591 or email at sharon@bsholom.org

Annual Tu B'Shevat Seder, Sunday, February 5th, 9:30am - 10:30am

All Jr. Kadima and Kadima Members are invited to join the Beth Sholom Religious School Students for our annual Celebration of the Trees! Please make sure to RSVP to Sharon Prager to let us know if you'll be there: (901) 683-3591 or email at sharon@bsholom.org

Youth Shabbat Services, Saturday, February 11th, 10:30am

Jr. Congregation (grades 2-7) - Chapel
Mini-Minyan (K-1) – Social Hall A
Tot Shabbat (PreK and younger) – Youth Room

B'nai Mitzvah Class, Sunday, February 26th, 12:30pm - 2pm

Our 2nd workshop will be on "The Torah Connection. Make sure to bring your Torah and Haftarah portions with you and remember to RSVP to Sharon Prager by Tuesday, February 21st (901) 683-3591 or email at sharon@bsholom.org

During the month of February **Kadima Kafe** will meet on Wednesdays the 1st, 22nd and 29th at 3:30pm. All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us in the Youth Lounge for snacks, Wii, and Hang out time! Please note: There will be no Kadima Kafe on February 8th or February 15th.



Friday through Sunday, February 3rd - 5th: **USY ROCKY TOP SHABBATON**, Nashville
SAVE THE DATES: March 2nd - 4th: USY Spring Convention in Chattanooga, TN

News From.....

Beth Sholom Sisterhood and Men's Club



Anne Greenbaum, President of the Southern Region of Women's League of Conservative Judaism, will be visiting with Beth Sholom Sisterhood Sunday, February 26th - 10:00am

All sisterhood members are invited to attend for an informal Q & A. Please let Marsha Bender know if you'll be joining us:

mabelle225@aol.com or (901)755-8154

MEN'S CLUB MINYAN

The 2nd Sunday of Each Month

January 8th

8:00am Minyan

Followed by Breakfast and Men's Club News!

CITY-WIDE SISTERHOOD GAME NIGHT

Thursday, February 16, 2012



6:00-9:30 pm

Temple Israel

1376 East Massey Road

Kosher dinner! Snacks! Dessert! Door prizes!

Send your check for \$8/person to Temple Israel by Feb. 13.

Indicate what game you will be playing and who is in your group.

No group? No problem! Just tell us your game preference, and we will seat you!

Contact Melanie Mann, 683-1865, Debbie Jackson, 757-5271, Sue Pfeffer, 758-0624, Madelyne Daneman, 754-1332, or the WRJ-Sisterhood Hotline, 937-2790

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A BIG thanks to all everyone who participated in Sisterhood's Christmas Day Baked Goods Deliveries



This special project grows each year and we know

that everyone who participates gets great satisfaction in helping. Considering making this part of your personal Tikkun Olam next season.

For More Information about Beth Sholom Sisterhood, or to become a member, please contact Sisterhood president, Marsha Bender at mabelle225@aol.com or at (901) 755-8154

For More Information about Beth Sholom Men's Club, or to become a member, please contact Men's Club President, Kevin Bernstein at kbernstein1@gmail.com or (901) 317-7260

February 2012 Events

Saturday, February 4th – 9:00am

Starbucks Shabbat

Led by Rabbi Aaron

Enjoy Starbucks Coffee and syrups, hot chocolate, tea and treats along with a little Torah study in lieu of the preliminary service

Friday, February 10th – 6:00pm

Adopt – A- Shabbat

Enjoy Kabbalat Shabbat Services at Beth Sholom followed by a Dairy Pot Luck Supper at the Home of Larissa & Jeff Kay. To participate, please contact the Kays at (901) 304-6613 or kaylarissa@gmail.com

Friday, February 24th – 6:00pm

Kabbalat Shabbat & Drum Circle at the Rubinstein Home

Bring a Dairy or pareve item for a Pot Luck Supper to follow Shabbat Services. Come ready to sing and drum some Shabbat Spirit. All events will occur at the home of Rabbi Aaron and Sharona Rubinstein

Mondays in February – 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Israeli Dance in the Social Hall

Put on your dancing shoes! Join the fun along with some great exercise and enjoy our weekly Israeli Dance Group. Beginners as well as experienced dancers are welcome. For more information, please contact Jody Sosh at (901) 737-7760 or by emailing joddw@aol.com

Tuesdays in February – 7:30pm

Meditation Group, meets in the Arie Becker Chapel

For the experienced or novice meditator, come join other like-minded people of all faiths for this weekly spiritual group. Different leaders each week

Wednesdays in February – 7:30pm

Limmud, meets in Rabbi Study

Join Rabbi Aaron in study and discussion at this highly popular adult education program. Whether you are a regular or can only come occasionally, you will certainly come away from this class having learned something interesting

Thursdays in February – Noon

Lunch and Learn, meets in the Board Room

Bring a dairy or pareve sack lunch and join Rabbi Aaron in the board room for an hour long session on the weekly Parasha. Lively discussion and interesting ideas are guaranteed

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**The Beth Sholom Family extends condolences to
the families of the recently departed:**

Shirley Ostrow

**Hamakom yenachem –May God grant comfort
and consolation to these families and to all who
grieve**

Mazel Tov

Beth Sholom Sends
Congratulations to:

Kate and Danny
Schaffzin on the birth
of their daughter Celia
Simone Schaffzin. Celia joins big brother
Elijah. Proud grandparents are Jane and Mike
Doyle of Warrington, PA, Carole and Larry
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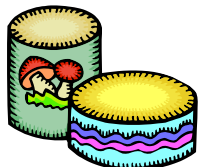
January Birthdays

David Sabin

February Anniversaries

Keri & Dan Unowsky

February Anniversary & Birthday Shabbat will be held on
Saturday, February 18th



Yes, we "can"!

Beth Sholom members have been very generous in bringing canned goods and other non-perishable foods to deposit in our Mid-South Food Bank bins at the synagogue entrance. Hunger and food insecurity remain critical issues in our community, and we encourage all members of our Beth Sholom family to remember to bring a food item each time they come to shul.

The Gift Shop space at Beth Sholom is being turned into a permanent exhibit that will educate the community about Beth Sholom's history in the Memphis Jewish Community and will also highlight the story of our Holocaust Torah. Although the Torah was buried, we have one section left that will be preserved and displayed. Tikkun Olam High has the honor of researching the materials stored at the synagogue and selecting those that will be displayed in the exhibit. Who knows what treasures we will find in our search!

Coming in March

Sunday, March 4th

3:30pm: Purim Puppet Show followed by,

3:45pm - 5:30pm: PURIM CARNIVAL

**Games, cake walk, face painting, and snacks,
plus some new surprises. Watch for details!**

Wednesday Evening, March 7th

**PURIM MERRIMENT - including the Megillah reading, music,
hamantaschen and ELVIS! More information to come soon. Save the
date. We'll have a second Megillah reading on Thursday morning
during morning minyan! Don't Miss It**



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March Kol Sholom Deadline: February 15th

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The Beth Sholom Office is closed on Mondays, but the staff is happy to serve you Tuesdays through Thursdays from 8:30am until 4pm and Fridays from 8:30am until 3pm.

Check out the news, photos, calendar of events, and many articles of interest on our fabulous new and improved website:

Go to www.bsholom.org !



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