



# Kol Sholom \* קול שלום

*Beth Sholom Synagogue's Voice of Peace*

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*Memphis, Tennessee—November 2010— 24 Cheshvan to 23 Kislev 5771*



Old Enough to Know Better presents...

## *Italian Night*

Sunday, November 21, at 6pm at Beth Sholom  
Dinner includes a spaghetti bar, Italian spinach, garlic bread  
and Italian ices with wedding cookies followed by the  
Program—Dean Martin's Variety Show.

Lots of laughs & lots of fun!

Reservations with a check are due to the synagogue by  
November 12. Don't miss it!

## *Join us for some Hanukkah Hilarity!*

Question: What do bottoms up, chocolate unicorn, defying gravity, hanky panky, magic carpet ride, and separation anxiety all have in common?

Answer: They're the names of just some of the challenges that plucky contestants have faced on TV's *Minute to Win It*.

Surprise! This year's Beth Sholom **Hanukkah party** on **Sunday, December 5**, beginning at 5:30pm will feature the same great food and fellowship you've come to expect, **plus** some funny but friendly competition in our own version of *Minute to Win It*!



The after-dinner entertainment portion of the evening will feature three age-level categories, so everyone will have a chance to get in on the action! Hanukkah has never been so hilarious!

The traditional meal will feature latkes with applesauce, as well as hot dogs with baked beans and sauerkraut, desert and drink, and is only \$12 for adults and \$6 for children younger than bar/bat mitzvah age.

Bring your own menorah(s) from home for a festive group lighting in the social hall.

Reservation deadline is **November 24**. Call the synagogue at 683-3591 soon to save your seats or hold a table for your group. Please invite your extended family and friends to join you for this special evening of festival lights and lighthearted fun!

*Beth Sholom Synagogue is committed to be the vibrant spiritual home of Conservative Judaism in the Mid-South, where we nurture, transmit, and celebrate our rich heritage and values.*

## From the Rabbi:

### Counting Our Blessings

Toward the end of this month we'll be celebrating Thanksgiving, an American offspring of Sukkot. Sukkot is *Zman Simchateinu* - the season of our joy; and we express that joy especially in the company of friends, celebrating and dwelling in the sukkah. The Torah states, "in sukkot you shall dwell for seven days because I caused the Israelites to dwell in sukkot when I brought them out of Egypt." Our sages placed great importance in *Hakarot HaTov* - acknowledging the good done to us by others. Why is it so important to publicly acknowledge our gratitude?

I believe it is about several things:

**Humility** - Our friends have favored us with their love and concern. These are gifts. We may or may not have earned these kind gestures but, nonetheless, our friends share their kindness and their companionship out of a sense of love. What good things do we have? For starters: We have food on the table. We have clothing in our closet. We have a car in the garage. We treat ourselves to entertainment now and then. Our children have enough to eat. They receive an education. They have opportunities to play with others...

#### What about God?

##### *A traditional take*

God gives us life, our very breath. God sustains us when we feel misery. God gives us hope and the strength to walk through the dark days. God lights up our lives with joy, with children and grandchildren. The food we eat, the homes which shelter us - we are tempted to congratulate ourselves for our material success. But these are gifts as well, and when we recognize our good fortune [just look around...], this teaching of humility and *Hakarot HaTov* - thankfulness for the Good - guides us to open our hands and hearts generously.

##### *A not-so-traditional take*

I write these words because the classic formulation of a King bestowing kindness to His subjects does not spiritually resonate for everyone. More than a few members of the kehilla have made that sentiment plain.

For many of us, the expression "there but for the grace of God go I..." is painful and destructive but it implies that the lucky soul who is spared harm is thanking God for picking someone else.

That's not the only way to envision God. Some people sense Godliness between people or as an invisible quilt that holds the universe together or as the beyond-words infinity of the cosmos. So, for those of us who consciously avoid the ancient imagery of God who personally directs our fate, what is gratitude about? I believe it is about Good. Yes, the word "God" is nestled in the word "Good." For the psalmist who gifted us with the poem that opens: *Ashrei yoshvei veitecha*, God is Good to all - *Tov Adonai lakol*. For the not-so-traditional, the world, creation is Good. **Not perfect, but very good.** Even in the midst of sorrow and ache, it is important - and beneficial - to celebrate good.

#### From Gratitude to Gemilut Chasadim

We are aware (some more than others) of great suffering near and far, and we are compelled - by a voice Beyond us or Inside us - to do our part, to make a difference. Saying "thank you" to others, to God is an excellent gesture but it is not sufficient. When we become aware of the good done to us and when we pay attention to the pain of others, the voices of teachers from Rabbi Tarfon (2nd Century sage) to Danny Siegel - echo in our ears: *true, the ills of the world are so big, they are beyond any one person's energies. But that fact does not let us off the hook.* Small as we are, our actions have a real impact upon repairing the world.

As we gather with family and friends, let's do something beyond eating. Let's thank each other and God (however we conceive God or Godliness) for the Good. Let's redouble our efforts to make a difference. *Thanksgiving is teaching us something:* The holiday is not just the road trip or the plane flight or the delicious food. *This sacred time carved into the American calendar is about mitzvah - feeling commanded to make a difference, to partner with God, to bring joy and healing to others.*

*Rabbi Aaron*



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**Bring a Dairy of Pareve Pot Luck Dish and Enjoy  
Drumming Some Shabbat Spirit!**

# CORNER

## YOUTH

By the time you read this, USY's Fall Sub-Regional Convention will be over, although right now I am in the home stretch of preparing for it! While I'm sure I'll have many more names to add next month, I would like to thank following people for all their hard work so far:

**Samantha Alperin** who had the daunting task of finding housing for all the teens! **Connie Binkowitz** who made sure we were all fed over the weekend! **Danny Shaffzin** for all of his USY expertise and guidance! **Janet Light** for collecting all the goody bag donations! **Madelyn Gordon** for the awesome decorations! And the many, many parents and volunteers who housed, cooked, cleaned, drove and chaperoned!

Now that USY Convention is over, we can turn our attention to KADIMA's annual convention being held this year at **Ramah Darom** from **December 3-5**. Any 6-8<sup>th</sup> grader who is interested in attending, please contact me as soon as you can. Every year our Kadimaniks come back telling us what a great time they had!



Our Tikkum Olam High School tripled our enrollment from last year and we have already started helping in the Memphis community. Any 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader can join us, and we'd love to have you!

November's Junior Congregation is Shabbat morning, **November 13 at 10:30am**. Hope to see you there.

Be sure and check out our Beth Sholom bulletin board for information about USY's Random Acts of Kindness week in November. Our USYers have big plans to "pay it forward" across the city.

Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

B'Shalom,

**Sharon**



*We had a great time at our 4th Annual Sukkot Sleepover. Seventeen kids learned about homelessness, watched "The Princess Bride" and made winter bags for the guests of Manna House. For the first time all the kids slept out in the Sukkah! Thanks to **Susan Alexander** for all her help and to **Sharona Rubinstein** and **Sean MacPhee** for spending the night in the Sukkah with us.*

*Leeya Alperin, Dovid Scheinberg, Sarah Unowsky and Andrew Zimmerman fold socks for Manna House.*

## ***Learners' Minyan continues on November 20***

The third Shabbat of each month will offer a Learners' Minyan for those who want to learn more about specific prayers in the Shabbat morning service and gain a better understanding of the different parts of the service. Members of the Congregation will facilitate the learning, which will take place in the Board Room while regular services continue in the Sanctuary. This special opportunity will begin at 9:15am and last approximately 30 to 45 minutes. Come and learn with your fellow congregants!

## *From the President:*

Since assuming the responsibilities of synagogue president, I've shared with you (in previous Kol Sholom articles, in remarks that I have made to the congregation, and in conversations) that the more Susan and I participate, the more Beth Sholom "feels like home" to us. Each visit to the shul involves interacting with people that we genuinely look forward to seeing. Many activities also involve opportunities to make new acquaintances, or to have conversations that bring us closer to people who we hope to get to know better.

Accordingly, I view our Humphreys Boulevard campus, and our synagogue building in particular, with a growing sense of affection. The feeling resembles the love that I have for our aging house in Germantown. That suburban home is where Susan and I have watched our sons become fine men and good friends, the place to which our sons have brought remarkable young Jewish women to meet us, and to become part of our family. It is the "empty nest" that periodically (not as often as we'd like!) comes alive with grandchildren, toys, books, clutter, and the other trappings of a new generation.

I love the experiences that we have shared in that house, but Oy Vey! – it's getting old! It needs new carpet, new paint, new woodwork, landscaping, driveway repairs, bathroom updates – you get the picture. So, we argue about priorities, we complain about what we should have done "way back when" to keep the house in better shape, and so on. Then, we agree that we can't do everything at once, and we start to decide what to work on / invest in first. We are impatient, but we remain – for the most part – sheltered, safe, and comfortable.



So it is with our synagogue building. I'm writing not to kvetch, but to reassure you. The Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the professional staff, and the Facilities Committee, in particular, are aware of the challenges and needs associated with our building, grounds, equipment, books, and other materials as we complete our tenth year on Humphreys Boulevard. Our Facilities Committee is providing invaluable leadership in identifying facilities related needs (maintenance, repairs, improvements, and other items), developing potential solutions, and bringing these needs to the attention of the Board. The Budget Committee is working with this information to incorporate the most important needs into our immediate and longer term financial plan. The Board will be involved in priority-setting decisions, with extensive input from the synagogue professional staff. We will take care of our shul building.

The Mortgage Elimination Plan (MEP) that has been so broadly supported by our congregants was designed to not only pay off the building loan, but to enable us to establish a fund specifically to address the inevitable maintenance, repair, and updating requirements of our synagogue. We can't do everything at once, and we will certainly need the ongoing generosity that has characterized our congregation. We will – I assure you – pursue the objective of keeping our shul a place that is safe, comfortable, functional, and welcoming.

For me – and I believe for many others in our congregation – the Conservative Jewish experience at Beth Sholom is not primarily about the building. Rather, it is about our kehillah. It is about prayer, our support of each other, our friendships, our families, and our lives. Our kehillah is best served by a synagogue environment that helps all of us "feel at home." We can work together to sustain that kind of environment, both in taking care of our building and in taking care of each other.

*Skip Rossen*

## *November 6 is Starbucks Shabbat!*

*Start the morning off with some thought-provoking Torah study, a cup of hot coffee, and a little something to go with it.*

*Hot chocolate and tea will be served for those who do not drink coffee.*

*The Café opens at 9am for refreshments and study, followed by Shacharit in the Sanctuary.*



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## Leave a legacy to Beth Sholom

In an effort to help secure the future of Beth Sholom, a Legacy Committee has been formed to focus on the concept of “deferred giving” - gifts that occur after one’s lifetime. Deferred gifts are specifically mentioned in an estate plan and benefit the synagogue by enabling synagogue leadership to plan for the future.

The Legacy Committee includes Stanley Bilsky, Vera Feldman, Marlene Gerson, Marty Halpern, Gary Kaplan, Sandy Lipman, Rose Morrison, Skip Rossen, Kay Saslawsky and Laura Linder, executive director of the Jewish Foundation of Memphis.

If you have already created an estate plan that includes a gift to Beth Sholom, please contact a member of the committee, Beth Sholom executive director, Barbara Newman at 901-683-3591 or Laura Linder at the Jewish Foundation of Memphis, 901-374-0400.

The language below will result in an unrestricted gift to Beth Sholom Synagogue in your will.

“I give, devise, and bequeath to

[Beth Sholom Synagogue],

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**Please consult with an attorney or other financial planning professional.**

## Keep swiping those cards!

Join in this great opportunity to raise money for Beth Sholom! Kroger gives Beth Sholom 5% of everything you spend on groceries and gas at no cost to you and Schnucks offers from 1 to 3%. You’ll also save money at the gas pump at both Kroger and Schnucks. But only a few of us are taking advantage of this fundraising tool.

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Don’t have your Kroger and Schnucks cards yet? Get them now in the synagogue office! Pick up your gift cards at the synagogue **or have them mailed directly to you!** Please call the Beth Sholom office (683-3591) or Sandy Lipman (754-3705) for more information.

## Load those cards and earn \$\$\$ for Beth Sholom!

And be sure to use Bensinger’s Cleaners and let them know you’re from Beth Sholom. They contribute a percentage of all cleaning done right back to the synagogue.



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## News from Beth Sholom Sisterhood...

**Save the date for an encore visit to  
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**Thursday evening, November 4: 6-8 pm**

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**Don't miss "From the Heart" on November 16!**

**A Joint Program with Temple Israel Sisterhood**

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to be at Beth Sholom on November 16 from 7 to 9 pm for a very special program presented by Kathy Kastan.

"From the Heart" is a program designed to take care of YOU! The heart is the seat of the soul and the *mishkan* of the body. Learn how heart health is connected to your emotions and thoughts and your social, familial, and spiritual life. Get the tools to change and modify habits that negatively affect the heart and overall health. This most memorable evening will include educational materials, coffee, snacks, and dessert from Kathy's *WomenHeart's All Heart Family Cookbook*.

Kathy Kastan, LCSW/MA Ed, a survivor of bypass surgery at age 42, understands the unique perspectives and challenges of women living with or at risk for developing heart disease. She is president emeritus of the board of directors of Women-Heart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease. Since 2003, Kathy has been a national spokesperson for the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's The Heart Truth®/Red Dress campaign.

In February 2010, she was awarded the *Woman's Day* Red Dress Award for her dedication to women and the heart disease movement.

**Be prepared for a very important and informative evening!**

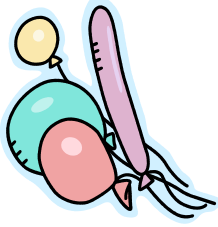
Anyone interested in ordering Mah Jong cards from Sisterhood is invited to contact Marsha Bender at 755-8154 or email [mabelle225@aol.com](mailto:mabelle225@aol.com) and provide your name and address.



**Who wouldn't want to win an exciting get-away for two?**

Sisterhood will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a weekend stay at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, with some other goodies included. Watch for more details!





Have a simcha, anniversary, or birthday coming up?  
Beth Sholom honors our members' birthdays and anniversaries  
on the third Shabbat of the month.

Anniversary and Birthday Shabbat is **November 20.**

Share the celebration and co-sponsor the Kiddush luncheon on  
*Your special third Shabbat!*

Call the office at 683-3591 to reserve a space on the sponsor list for \$36. It's your day! Let's party!

Thanks to our September Sponsor: **Kathy Kastan**

**Adopt a Shabbat** Returns on **November 12th** with Kabbalat Shabbat Services in the Arie Becker Chapel followed by Pot Luck Supper at the Home of Shelley Robbins and Reed Landau. The only requirements are to be a part of the minyan at shul and to contribute a pot luck item for dinner. If you are interested in participating in this special Shabbat experience, please RSVP to Shelley & Reed at (901) 683-5717 or at [shelley.robbins@landau.com](mailto:shelley.robbins@landau.com)

### ***Tikkun Olam alert...***

**You've got something very special inside to share with others!**



Roll up your sleeves and share the gift of life at our Beth Sholom Blood Drive. **Many of our fellow congregants** – and thousands of our fellow Memphians – have benefited from this gift over the years, but only 5% of Memphians donate all the blood collected. Let's all pitch in to make sure that the supply is there when a loved one needs it. If we all pledge to donate one additional time each year, Memphis would be self-sufficient and Lifeblood wouldn't need to purchase from other cities. And if you've never donated before, this is the time to start.

**The Bloodmobile will be at Beth Sholom greeting donors on Wednesday, November 3, from 4 to 8pm.**

**Choose a time slot and sign up today. Bring a friend and donate together! Donor times are scheduled every 20 minutes beginning at 4pm until 7:40pm.**

**And now you can sign up online and choose your appointment time. Just go to <http://www.clublifeblood.org/index.cfm?group=op&hlc=bss&hostlookupcode=bss>**

Retrieve or enter your donor ID and you're enrolled!



What a great way to spend a few minutes of your time between evening minyan and Limmud class! If you have a problem making your appointment, call Alayne Shoenfeld at 452-0139 or email [alaynes@earthlink.net](mailto:alaynes@earthlink.net).

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The Beth Sholom family offers sincere condolences on the passing of Fagie Dubrovner Schaffer,  
mother of Sondra Lazarus.

**Hamakom yenachem - May God grant comfort and consolation to the Schaffer and  
Lazarus families and to all who grieve.**

An Open Letter to Conservative Jewish Teens and College Students  
Rabbi Steven Wernick  
Executive Vice President and CEO of the  
United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Dear Friends,

Like many in North America I was saddened by the recent suicide of Rutgers University freshmen Tyler Clementi. I feel for his family and friends. May their memories of him be a comfort.

As I have been reflecting on the events that lead to his death and discussing it with my family, friends, and colleagues a few thoughts come to mind. I'd like to share them with you because I know you are also thinking about this tragedy.

It seems that the suicide might have been in reaction to bullying. Bullies pick on the people they think don't fit in, maybe because of how they look, how they act, their race or religion, or because the bullies think their targets may be gay or lesbian. Research shows that people who are abused by their peers are at greater risk for mental health problems, such as low self-esteem, stress, depression, or anxiety. They may also think about suicide more. Bullying is a form of abuse in which one person is picked on repeatedly by an individual or group with more power, either physically or in social standing. Bullying often happens in public, adding to the humiliation the victim suffers. Today, with instant communication through text messaging, Facebook, email, and YouTube the tools of bullying are ever more public, more humiliating, and more abusive. The consequences of that bullying -- including suicide -- can be far greater than the bullies can imagine, and will scar the bullies as well as the victims for the rest of their lives.

Bullying is antithetical to Judaism. We believe that every human being is created b'tzelem Elohim, in the image and likeness of God. Bullying another person, therefore, is like bullying God.

When Rabbi Akiva asked for the Torah's most important lesson, he said v'ahavta l'reekha kamokha. Love your neighbor as yourself. In other words, the entire Torah is intended to teach us how to be menschen, how to get in the habit of civility and decency in our interactions with each other; how to act on the belief that each of us is created in the divine image. V'ahavta l'reekha kamokha and b'tzelem Elohim guide us to be ever vigilant in elevating each other toward holiness, not bringing each other down through bullying.

A second and related thought is about suicide. Because we are created in the divine image we are sacred and our lives are of infinite worth. We -- your parents, your teachers, your community -- want you to know that we love you unconditionally. You are sacred to us. You are our infinity. You are the embodiment of our past and our hopes for the future. Suicide is permanent. It does not resolve loneliness or hopelessness. It is just the end of everything. We want you to know that we take the feelings that may lead someone to consider suicide seriously. We are committed to do whatever it takes to assure that each of you has a support system and you know that you have the resources to work through whatever feelings and challenges you face. There is always hope. And we are always here for you.

It might help to remember these things:

- If you are being bullied or see someone else being bullied, speak out. Ask for help from an adult you trust.
- If you are thinking about suicide talk to a parent, a teacher, a rabbi or another responsible adult.
- If you know someone who is thinking about suicide, don't try to handle it yourself. Talk to a responsible adult.
- Or if you prefer seek help by calling a teen suicide hotline: 1-800-Suicide (800-784-2433) or 1-800-273-Talk (800-273-8255 On USY's homepage, [www.usy.org](http://www.usy.org), there are educational resource materials on bullying for you to consider.

If our reflections on Tyler's life and death lead us to a renewed commitment to reduce bullying and to reach out to people who need help, then we will have turned his tragedy into an opportunity for growth. And we will all be the better for it.

B'Shalom,

*Rabbi Steve Wernick*

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## ***Beth Sholom's Lifelong Jewish Learning Focuses on "Religious Perspectives"***

The Lifelong Jewish Learning Fall Series continues an in-depth look into faith traditions of our neighbors in the community.

On **Thursday, November 11, at 7pm**, Dr. John Kaltner will present a discussion on Islam.

John Kaltner is also an Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes College, where he teaches courses on the Bible, Islam, and Arabic. He is the author of several books, including *Ishmael Instructs Isaac: An Introduction to the Qur'an for Bible Readers* and *The Old Testament: Its Background, Growth, and Content*, which he coauthored with Steven L. McKenzie.

His education preparation includes State University of New York at Oswego (BA), Maryknoll School of Theology (MA), Pontifical Biblical Institute (SSL, Pontifical Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies (Diploma), and Drew University (PhD—the Hebrew Bible). Dr. Kaltner earned the Jameson M. Jones Award for Outstanding Faculty Service in 2007.



**Don't miss these exciting events—and watch for news about the December session!**

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**Questions? Contact Sandy Lipman or Bruce Newman through the  
office at 683-3591 or 754-3705.**

### ***November Calendar at a glance...***

- November 4 6pm – Sisterhood night at Dazzle
- November 6 9am – Starbucks Shabbat
- November 6 10:45am - Shabbat First
- November 11 7pm – Lifelong Jewish Learning: Dr. Kalter speaks on Islam
- November 12 6pm – Adopt a Shabbat
- November 16 7pm – Sisterhood program with Kathy Kastan: "From the Heart"
- November 19 6pm - Drum Circle
- November 20 9:15am – Learners' Minyan
- November 21 6pm – Old Enough to Know Better presents "Italian Night"



***And don't forget the Hanukkah Party on December 5 at 5:30pm  
and the "Work o' the Weavers" Concert on December 11 at 7:30pm!***

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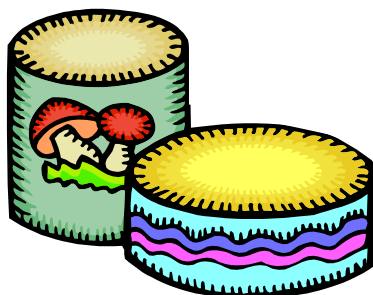
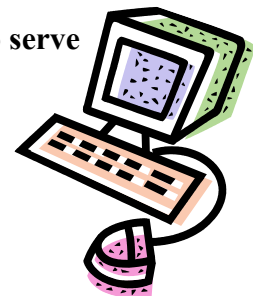
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Beth Sholom members have been very generous in bringing canned goods and other non-perishable foods to deposit in our Mid-South Food Bank bin at the synagogue entrance. Hunger and food insecurity remain critical issues in our community, and we encourage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