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 Contact Beth Shalom Office to volunteer as a High Holiday Greeter.
 412-421-2288*

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 A TRADITIONAL EGALITARIAN CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATION
 WELCOMING ALL TO WORSHIP, STUDY AND GROW TOGETHER

25 Elul 5770



September 4, 2010

**TODAY'S TORAH PORTION NITZAVIM-VAYELECH BEGINS
 ON PAGE 878 IN YOUR SONCINO CHUMASH.
 THIS WEEK'S HAFTARAH CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 883.**



Please join us TONIGHT with events for all ages

Selichot Evening Saturday, September 4, 2010

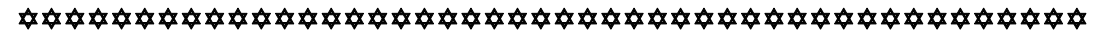
7:45 pm - Apple to Apple Program for children from Soergel Farms
 7:45 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv with Torah mantle dedication
 in honor of **Past President Connie Pollack**
 and the musical talents of our congregants

8:30 pm - Special Havdallah ceremony led by Cantor Ben
 and the musical talents of our congregants

8:45 pm - Choose from the following interactive activities:
 Apple Printing— *be creative in using an apple*
 DVD with Discussion from the Ziegler School with Rabbi Werbow
 Shofar Toot-torial— *become a shofar blowing expert*
 High Holiday Card Making
 Melody JAM with Cantor Ben— *bring your instruments and voices*

9:30 pm - Family Selichot Experience—*be part of the intergenerational congregation
 in the Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary*

10:00 pm -Selichot Snack
 10:30 pm -Traditional Selichot Service led by Rabbi Werbow and Cantor Ben *which
 will include some piano accompaniment in order to enhance the mood, tone and meaning of the service*



**MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN OUR HELFANT CHAPEL
 ARE INVITED TO VISIT OUR SABBATH PARALLEL SERVICES.**

Infant/Child Care
 3rd floor - 10:00 a.m.

Steindel Rabbinic Library - Room 326

Youth Services

3 and 4 year olds & K - 1st Graders
 3rd floor - 10:30 a.m. - Rooms 306 & 308

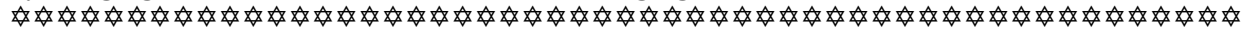
Junior Congregation

3rd floor - 10:30 a.m. - Hoffman, Stofman and Zweig Library

SHABBAT SHALOM

Rabbi Werbow and Cantor Ben join our Officers and Trustees in welcoming all members and guests to our Shabbat Services. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Yasher Koach to all of the participants of this week's Shabbat service. Everyone is invited to the Kiddush in the Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom immediately following services sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom in honor of our congregants.



SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES:

Saturday Evening Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:45 p.m. Helfant Chapel

Shabbat Ends at 8:32 p.m.



IN OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

- * Jennifer and Charles Cohen celebrated the birth of their daughter, Tamar Danya Cohen. Grandparents are Toby and Ron Neufeld.
- * Judy Palkovitz celebrated the birth of her twin granddaughters, Hannah Eden and Eva Ariel Gertz.
- * Sarita and Milt Eisner celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH:

TO: Florie Krell (Health South)

TO: Marian Hershman and Mildred Plack (Shadyside)

CONDOLENCES:

TO: Steven Schwartz and family on the loss of his beloved stepfather, Sherman Schwartz.

TO: Lisa Goldberg Prucz and family on the loss of her beloved brother, Alan Goldberg.

TO: Ruchlya Rabinovich and family on the loss of her beloved son, Edward Rabinovich.

Tashlich 5771

Thursday, September 9, 2010

6:30 pm – Family Tashlich Ritual– Beth Shalom rear parking lot

7:00 pm – Tashlich Treat - Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom

7:15 pm – Congregational Mincha/Ma'ariv– Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom

Sunday, September 12, 2010

5:00 pm - Community Tashlich– Waterfront Labyrinth (at far end of the Waterfront)

Sisterhood Evening Book Club is Back!

When: Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 7:30 pm

Where: Vicky Hoffman's Home

What: Rashi's Daughters, Book 1: Joheved: A Novel of Love and the Talmud in

Medieval France by Maggie Anton

Please RSVP to Vicky Hoffman at vickyh@katz.pitt.edu

For more information about upcoming youth events, please visit www.bethshalompgh.org or email youthdirector@bethshalompgh.org. USY events can be found online at www.bsusy.com.

BETH SHALOM WEEK AT A GLANCE

<u>Sunday, September 5</u> 26 Elul	8:00 a.m. Morning Minyan - Homestead Hebrew Chapel 10:00 a.m. Ushering Committee Meeting - Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv - Helfant Chapel
<u>Monday, September 6</u> 27 Elul <i>Labor Day</i>	<i>Office Closed</i> 8:00 a.m. Morning Minyan - Homestead Hebrew Chapel 7:00 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv - Helfant Chapel
<u>Tuesday, September 7</u> 28 Elul	7:30 a.m. Morning Minyan - Homestead Hebrew Chapel 2:00 p.m. Bake Sale Pickup - Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom 7:00 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv - Helfant Chapel
<u>Wednesday, September 8</u> 29 Elul <i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i> <i>Candle Lighting 7:24p.m.</i>	7:30 a.m. Morning Minyan - Homestead Hebrew Chapel No Preschool– Office Closes at noon 7:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Mincha/Ma'ariv - Helfant Chapel
<u>Thursday, September 9</u> 1 Tishri <i>1st Day-Rosh Hashanah</i> <i>Candle Lighting 7:23p.m.</i>	9:00 a.m. Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary Service 9:00 a.m. Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom Service 10:00 a.m. Infant and Toddler Care– 2nd Floor 10:00 a.m. Ages 3 and 4– 3rd Floor 10:00 a.m. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades– 3rd Floor 10:00 a.m. 3rd, 4th and 5th grades– Stofman Library– 3rd Floor 10:00 a.m. 6th, 7th and 8th grades– Homestead Hebrew Chapel 10:00 a.m. Teen Services– Helfant Chapel 6:30 p.m. Family Tashlich Ritual - rear parking lot 7:15 p.m. Cong. Mincha/Ma'ariv– Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom
<u>Friday, September 10</u> 2 Tishri <i>2nd Day-Rosh Hashanah</i> <i>Candle Lighting 7:20p.m.</i>	9:00 a.m. Combined Service - Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary Service 10:00 a.m. Infant and Toddler Care - 2nd Floor 10:00 a.m. Ages 3 and 4 - 3rd Floor 10:00 a.m. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades - 3rd Floor 10:00 a.m. 3rd, 4th and 5th grades - Stofman Library - 3rd Floor 10:00 a.m. 6th, 7th and 8th grades - Homestead Hebrew Chapel 10:00 a.m. Teen Service - Helfant Chapel 10:30 a.m. Meditation Service - Rice Auditorium– 4th Floor 7:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Services - Helfant Chapel
<u>Saturday, September 11</u> 3 Tishri <i>Shabbat Ends at 8:20 p.m.</i>	6:30 a.m. Early Minyan - Helfant Chapel 9:00 a.m. Youth Summer Experience Shabbat - Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Library Minyan-Helfant Chapel 12:00 p.m. Congregational Kiddush - Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom 7:40 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv Service - Helfant Chapel

USCJ TORAH SPARKS
PARASHAT NITZAVIM-VAYELEKH

September 4, 2010 – 25 Elul 5770

Annual (Deut. 29:9-31:30): Etz Hayim p. 1165; Hertz p. 878
Triennial (Deut. 31:7-31:30): Etz Hayim p. 1174; Hertz p. 888
Haftarah (Isaiah 61:10-63:9): Etz Hayim p. 1180; Hertz p. 883

Rabbi Joyce Newmark

Torah Portion Summary

According to tradition, this is the last day of Moses' life. He speaks to the people, reminding them that they are entering into a covenant with God and that those who violate that covenant will be punished severely.

Moses also tells the people that even as God will punish their disobedience He will not abandon them. When they learn from what has happened to them and return to God in repentance, God will welcome them lovingly and bring them back from their exile.

Moses encourages the people, telling them that God's commandments are not too difficult or beyond their reach. Rather, they are very close, so that every Jew has the ability to observe them.

Moses concludes: "I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life – if you and your offspring would live."

Moses then tells the people that now it is time for Joshua to succeed him. They should not be afraid, because God will continue to be with them as they conquer the Canaanites, just as He was with them when they conquered the Amorites. Moses then charges Joshua in the sight of all Israel.

Moses writes down the Torah (or perhaps parts of Deuteronomy) and gives it to the priests and the elders. He tells them that at Sukkot every seventh year they are to assemble the people and read the Torah to them.

God now calls to Moses and tells him that it is almost time for him to die. God instructs Moses to bring Joshua to the tent of meeting to hear God's instructions. God tells Moses that in the future the people will break the covenant and turn to alien gods, so that God will become angry and "hide His countenance" from them. Therefore, Moses is to write down a poem (which is found in Ha-azinu) and teach it to the people. It will remind them of God's promise and their disloyalty and prompt them to repent.

1. Leadership Development

Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel: "Be strong and resolute, for it is you who shall go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their fathers to give them, and it is you who shall apportion it to them."... And He charged Joshua son of Nun: "Be strong and resolute: for you shall bring the Israelites into the land that I promised them on oath, and I will be with you." (*Deuteronomy 31:7, 31:23*)

1. "You shall go with this people" – Moses said to Joshua: The elders of the generation will be with you; (act) entirely in accordance with their understanding and their counsel. But the Holy Blessed One said to Joshua: "You shall bring the Israelites into the land that I promised them" – Bring them in (even) against their will, everything depends upon you. Take a rod and smite their heads; one leader for a generation, and not two leaders for a generation. (*Rashi [Rabbi Shlomo Yitzhaki], 1040-1105, France]*)

2. How could Moshe Our Teacher, when speaking to Yehoshua, have changed the words of the language used by the Almighty? How could Moshe have said, "You will go" when the Holy Blessed One said, "You shall bring"? Rabbi Elhanan Wasserman answered this with the following explanation: Both are the words of the living God – both are correct. There is truth and justice in both versions quoted in the Torah. On the one hand, it is clear that the leader of the generation has to listen to the opinion and counsel of the elders and sages. However, the leader, having heard the opinions of the advisers, must then show leadership ability and decide on a course of action. If the leader does not do that, then chaos will reign in the land and "every man will do that which is right in his own eyes." (*Simcha Raz, The Torah's Seventy Faces: Commentaries on the Weekly Sidrah, edited by Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins, p. 385*)

Sparks for Discussion

Rashi points out an apparent contradiction between the words Moses spoke to Joshua and those spoken by God.

Sedra Nitzavim/Vavelech (in your Soncino Chumash)

Kohen:	כהן	Deuteronomy	Chapter 29:	verses 9 thru 28	page 878
Levi:	לוי	Deuteronomy	Chapter 30:	verses 1 thru 6	page 880
3:	שלישי	Deuteronomy	Chapter 30:	verses 7 thru 14	page 881
4:	רביעי	Deuteronomy	Chapter 30:	verses 15 thru 31:6	page 882
5:	חמישי	Deuteronomy	Chapter 31:	verses 7 thru 13	page 888
6:	ששי	Deuteronomy	Chapter 31:	verses 14 thru 19	page 889
7:	שביעי	Deuteronomy	Chapter 31:	verses 20 thru 24	page 890
Acharon:	אחרון	Deuteronomy	Chapter 31:	verses 25 thru 30	page 890
Maftir:	מפטיר	Deuteronomy	Chapter 31:	verses 28 thru 30	page 890

Rabbi Wasserman explains that there is no contradiction here, but rather a description of the process of leadership – a leader should consult his or her advisors but then must make the final decision alone. Do you think this is a good model of leadership for a shul? For a business? For a country? What are the dangers and benefits resulting from a leader who follows only one of these approaches? Do you think that elected officials and those whom they appoint should follow the will of the people as expressed in polls and other instruments, or should they act according to their own judgment? Why?

2. First Things First

The Lord said to Moses: The time is drawing near for you to die. (*Deuteronomy 31:14*)

1. No man when about to die can say, "I will send my slave in my stead." Rabbi Shimon ben Halafta said: No man can make weapons which will save him from the Angel of Death... No man has the power to say [to the Angel of Death]: "Wait for me until I have made up my accounts" or "until I have set my house in order, and then I will come." ...Lo, after all the greatness that Moses had enjoyed, when the day of his death came, he could not hold it back. Forthwith God said to him: "The time is drawing near for you to die."

2. Rabbi Eliezer said, "Repent one day before your death." His disciples asked him, "But does a person know on what day he is going to die?" "All the more reason, therefore, to repent today, lest one die tomorrow. In this manner, a person's whole life will be spent in repentance." (*Talmud Shabbat 153a*)

3. On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed: How many shall leave this world and how any shall be born into it, who shall live and who shall die, who shall live out the limit of his days and who shall not, who shall perish by fire and who by water, who by sword and who by beast, who by hunger and who by thirst, who by earthquake and who by plague, who by strangling and who by stoning, who shall rest and who shall wander, who shall be at peace and who shall be tormented, who shall be poor and who shall be rich, who shall be humbled and who shall be exalted. (*Mahzor for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, edited by Rabbi Jules Harlow, The Rabbinical Assembly, p. 241*)

4. Even Kohelet, cynic of cynics, proclaims, "God will hold you to account for everything you have not done and could have" (Eccles. 11:9). The Days of Awe are days for self-judgment. Celebrating life, we also judge the quality of our lives. Made aware as at no other time of how short life is, we ask ourselves the most difficult questions: During this past year, have we learned what we needed to? Have we helped others? Have we done enough? Have we created anything? Are we satisfied with what we have accomplished, with what we are? Where would we like to be when this season comes round again next year? (*Rabbi Reuven Hammer, Entering the High Holy Days, p. xiii*)

Sparks for Discussion

One of the major themes of the Yamim Nora'im (the High Holy Days) is that none of us knows how much time we will be given, so we must use that time well. If you knew that you had only one day, one week, or one month to live, how would you reorder your priorities? What are you waiting for?

USHERS NEEDED for HIGH HOLIDAYS

We need ushers to help distribute our new machzorim, guide others to their seats and help families with their children.

We really appreciate all of your support .

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Orders will be available for pick up at Beth Shalom Tuesday, September 21, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.– 7 p.m.

Please fill out the form below and submit it with your payment to Congregation Beth Shalom

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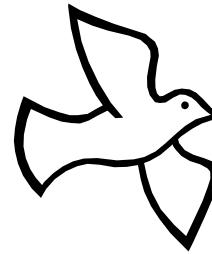
(double chai for a double mitzvah)

Orders which are not picked up are not the responsibility of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Are you a parent? Are you interested in visiting our Youth Services program during the High Holidays for one hour to be a presence in the service?
Could you please volunteer? Volunteer in your child's service or in a service where your child doesn't attend.

Please contact Dana Himmel to volunteer. Danahimmel@hotmail.com

Beth Shalom Cemetery



As in previous years, we will have someone available to recite the traditional memorial prayers at the gravesides of your loved ones during the following pre-holiday schedule:

Sunday, September 5, 2010 10 am - 12 noon
Monday, September 6, 2010 10 am - 12 noon
Sunday, September 12, 2010 10 am - 12 noon

It is an act of faith and love to provide a hallowed resting place for our families.

If you cannot come to the cemetery on these days and would like to recite the prayers with a clergy member, please call 412-421-2288. to make an appointment.



Be sure to join us as we celebrate next Shabbat
YOUTH SUMMER EXPERIENCE SHABBAT
SEPTEMBER 11 at 9:00 AM

in the Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary as part of our Shabbat Shuva Service
We look forward to participation by all of our youth who took part in a Jewish Summer Camp or Program

* For additional information or to sign up for a part in the service please contact Carolyn Gerecht at: bethshalomusy@gmail.com

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Holocaust Memorial Service

Abe Salem will conduct the Memorial Service at Beth Shalom Cemetery on Sunday, September 12th at 10:00 am. If you need transportation, please contact the Beth Shalom office. The Holocaust Memorial Monument was provided through the generosity of the Stark, Adler and Balis families.