

News & Notes



Congregation Beth David

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Our Shabbat Program

Our Saturday Shabbat schedule has been enjoyed by many. From 10:00-10:20AM is **Shabbat Morning Meditation**, led by congregant Carol Ascher. *Please arrive at least five minutes before 10 so we are ready to begin the meditation at exactly 10 AM.* Rabbi Haddon provides us with worship service from 10:30-11:30 and we end the morning with Oneg Shabbat and Torah Study from 11:45-12:45. Our complete schedule of services and events are provided below and can also be found under the Schedule tab in our website, congbethdavid.org.

2019 Synagogue Schedule

Please be aware that dates may change, and you can always find the latest information by visiting our website at www.CongBethDavid.org.

Our 2019 Synagogue Schedule is posted below. *Dates and times are tentative. Unless otherwise noted, Shabbat services are generally every other Saturday and commence at 10:30 AM.

Saturday, August 31st	Shabbat
Saturday, September 21st	Selichot Evening Service
Sunday, September 29th	Erev Rosh Hashana
Monday, September 30th	Rosh Hashana
Tuesday, October 8th	Kol Nidre
Wednesday, October 9th	Yom Kipur
Saturday, October 19th	Succot
Saturday, November 2nd	Shabbat
Saturday, November 16th	Shabbat
Saturday, November 30th	Shabbat
Saturday, December 14th	Shabbat
Saturday, December 28th	Havdalah and Hanukkah Dinner

2019 High Holy Days Schedule

Sunday, September 29	7:00 PM	Erev Rosh Hashana
Rosh Hashanah Monday, September 30	10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Morning Service <i>Kiddush follows services</i> Tashlich in Wassaic
Kol Nidre Tuesday, October 8	7:30 PM	Erev Yom Kippur
Yom Kippur Wednesday October 9	10:00 AM 3:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	Morning Services Afternoon Service Yizkor Neilah/Closing <i>Break Fast follows service</i>
Saturday, October 19	10:30 AM	Sukkot

Temple Directory

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Board Member	Sherry Frankel	
Board Member	Richard Kalikow	

Board Member	Mort Klaus	
Board Member	Eve Propp	
Board Member	Lauren & Stewart Rosen	

Rabbi's Message – News and Notes



Dear

Friends,

There is a story that when a certain rabbi was a child, his father gave him an empty flask and told him to go to the wine shop and get wine for Kiddush so that the Sabbath could be properly sanctified.

"Where's the money for the wine?" the child asked. "With money, anyone can get wine," the father replied. Without saying anything more, the little boy left.

In the evening when the family was gathered around the Sabbath table, the father, noticing the empty wine bottle, asked his son: "Where's the wine for the Kiddush?"

And the little boy replied, "With wine, anyone can recite Kiddush." It takes money to buy wine; it takes wine to recite the Kiddush; it takes Kiddush to sanctify the Sabbath; and it takes the Sabbath to endow our week with a sense of meaning.

We need a regular periodic reminder of the purpose we serve on this earth. This reminder cannot be left to chance, for what is left to chance often does not occur. The meaning of our lives is so important that Jews have embodied it in the ceremonial of the Sabbath, so that we are reminded at least once a week of the purpose of our creation and our existence.

During these coming summer weeks, use your time for rest and relaxation, but also consider joining us at Congregation Beth David whenever you can, and together we'll share the purpose of our creation and our existence.

Board of Directors' Message

Dear fellow congregants,

Our year has gotten off to a wonderful start. Now we are enjoying the beautiful weather we all have been waiting for. Our Sabbath services have included several special events, our Passover Seder was wonderful, our 90th Anniversary dinner celebrated at the Sharon Country Club was a great success.

The Board agreed to investigate the possibility of having a State Police officer in a marked car be present in front of the building for all events. Through the great generosity of an anonymous member of the Synagogue we are able to provide this police presence for a year.

Two winter projects are now complete. We have finished the total renovation of the kitchen. Thanks to the generosity of several people we were able to greatly supplement in different ways our available funds to complete this undertaking. We are all very pleased at how well it has turned out. The second project is the completion of the Memorial Wall. This beautiful wall is integrated into the design of the sanctuary, with recessed LED lighting and appropriate signage. It will

allow for future names to be added for many years to come. Please refer to the specific article in this newsletter regarding ordering of plaques and the dedication ceremony.

We have planned several upcoming cultural events also highlighted in this newsletter.

Our annual members meeting will take place at **9:30am on Saturday, August 3rd** prior to our Sabbath service. All members are invited to attend. For those of you who are not able to attend the proxy will be sent out via email.

The Synagogue's fiscal year starts on August 1 and dues should be paid at that time. You will receive a statement by email in the next several weeks. We very much appreciate your prompt payment.

We look forward to seeing you at services over the summer and the Holidays.

Best Regards,
Bil Ehrlich
Board President

Events

90th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

On May 18, 2019 over 100 members of the Beth David community gathered at the Sharon Country Club. A celebration of the 90th anniversary of Congregation Beth David along with the 10 year anniversary of Rabbi Jon Haddon was toasted and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the generous underwriting of the tables the party raised \$14,000 for the synagogue. In addition, the journal which was spearheaded by Ruth Lloyds was also able to raise an additional \$14,000 through personal as well as business ads. The beautiful evening was organized and decorated by Carol Kalikow and the music was provided by talented performers who donated their time through the Sharon Playhouse. This super successful evening could not have happened without all the support which was received from congregants, local business and the generosity of many.





SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

were recognized at services for Ellen Rothstein and Mike Abram.



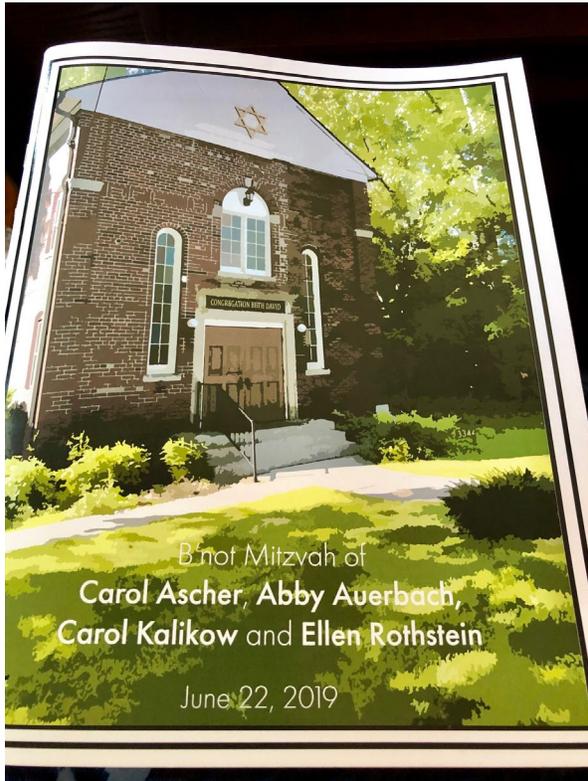
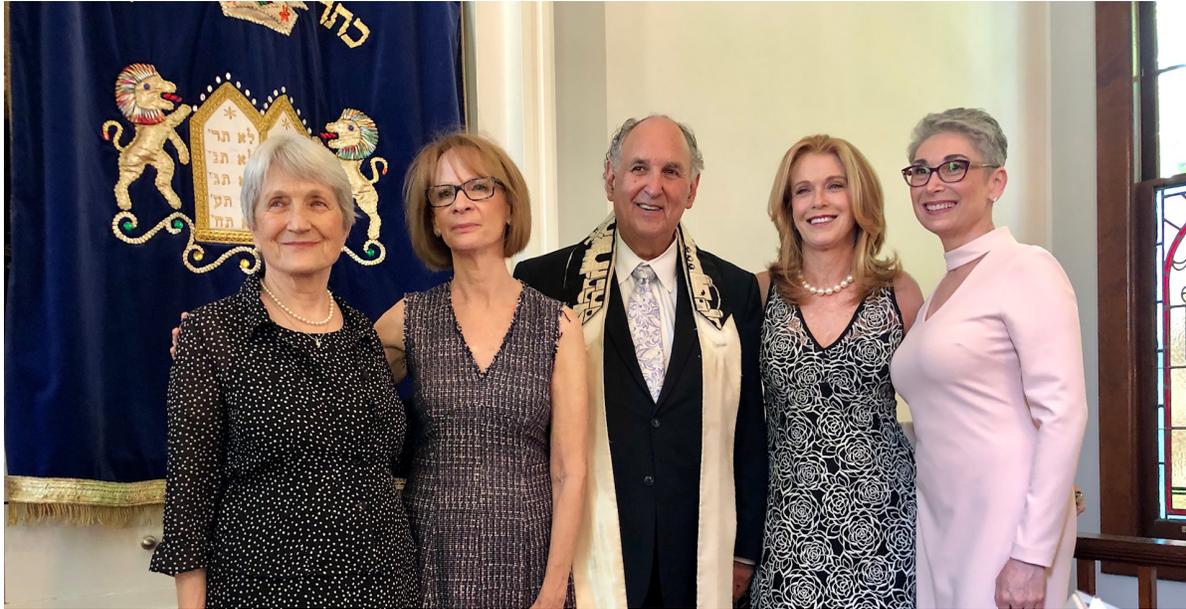
PASSOVER SEDER

This year at Beth David a special “day after Passover” Seder was held in our community room for about 40 participants. The food and good spirit of the evening was present throughout. As everyone sat around the table and read from the Haggadah we could share prayers and wine, under the guidance of our wonderful Rabbi, Jon Haddon.



B'NOT MITZVAH - June 22, 2019

The sun was shining and our little synagogue was filled to capacity. Our usual Saturday Shabbat service was anything but usual. This was the day that four congregants from Beth David became Bat Mitzvah in front of friends and family, under the guidance and education provided by Rabbi Jon Haddon. Carol Ascher, Abby Auerbach, Carol Kalikow and Ellen Rothstein were called to the Torah and received their certificates of Bat Mitzvah and Linda Michaels was recognized for her participation in the adult education class on what was a memorable day for everyone there. Mazal Tov on their accomplishment.



Future Events

Congregation Beth David Memorial Wall

Our Memorial Wall is completed now and we are taking orders for cast bronze plaques. If you are interested in having a plaque up for the High Holidays and our dedication ceremony at Yom Kippur services please fill in the order form that appears on our web site, congbethdavid.org.

Special thanks to Abby Auerbach for directing all of her birthday and Bat Mitzvah gifts to the cost of the wall.

[PLACE ORDER FOR MEMORIAL WALL PLAQUE HERE](#)



ASTON MAGNA Music Festival, August 10th, 2019

Performance by Aston Magna quartet. Tickets \$25 each.

Order form to follow at a later date.



Let's All Put Tikkun Olam Center Stage this Summer, July 6TH - August 17TH, 2019

Congregation Beth David is joining forces with the Episcopal Church in Amenia Union to support local folks in need. We have determined there is the need for **coffee and gas cards**. To this end, we are asking you to bring to services ground coffee (preferably in 10 or 12 ounce containers) or gas cards in denominations of \$20 or \$25 from local gas stations. Or you can show your support by donating cash and we will do the buying. We will collect donations from **July 6 - August 17**, and we thank you for your generosity.



Questions? Contact Lauren Rosen at lsrosen@att.net.



Mah Jongg Mondays

CONGREGATION BETH DAVID
3344 East Main Street Amenia, NY 12501

Mondays 12-4 pm

We will meet in
The Community Room
of Beth David.

Please contact me if you are
interested or know anyone
who would like to attend
All levels welcome

Bring your 2019 Mah Jongg Card & quarters
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A suggested donation of \$10 will
help to cover Synagogue costs

