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Elul 5770-Tishrei 5771

KADIMA

Forward

Congregation Beth Hillel

Walden, New York

<http://congregationbethhillel.org>

Message from the President

Dear Members:

The next year is upon us, with many of us planning to do things differently – from the mundane: “get up earlier, pack lunch the night before, put our clean laundry away right away” – the minutia that has the power to let our lives run more smoothly or reign chaos- to the more serious: be kinder, be more appreciative of others’ gifts, stay in touch with long-distance friends and family, make more time for family. Let me suggest that you also plan to add some community involvement to bring some additional fulfillment to your lives. I’m not promising you won’t feel a bit of added stress as you add one more thing to your already overloaded plate, but you will also feel fuller and more satisfied as a result of your accomplishment...with no added calories!!!

We have several standing committees here. By definition a standing committee is one whose actions are continuous. If you’re looking for a way to do something beyond your regular scope and want your involvement to be noticed and valued immediately, this is the place.

Want to work with school age children, which includes holiday celebrations? Contact Ana Sussman or Jen Cruz, our new Education Co-chairs; want to become involved with maintaining our sanctuary or better understanding how our services are planned? Contact Joe or Nava Herzog. Interested in helping to maintain and improve the condition of our House, inside and out? Contact Sam Liebman. Want to maintain contact with our members who may be ill, recovering, or in need of a

friendly ear? Contact Jane Friedland. Want to work with the Cemetery Committee? Contact Stew Glick. Want to work on Advertising or Membership Communication or Expanding our activities or Public Relations? Contact me.

We can make your wish to have more input into your community a reality. Take advantage of these opportunities to make a difference. There's room for everyone at our table!!

L'Shanah Tova.

Sincerely,
Sherri Donnell

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 30 – September (that's not a typo) Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Saturday, September 4 – Slichot Service 8 PM
Wednesday, September 8 – Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 6:45 PM
Thursday, September 9 – Rosh Hashanah Service – 9:15 AM
Children's Service – 9:30-10:30 AM
Tashlich – 6 PM
Friday, September 10 – Rosh Hashanah Service 9:15 AM
Sunday, September 12 – First Hebrew School Class & Parent Meeting
Friday, September 17 – Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur 6:30 PM
Saturday, September 18 – Yom Kippur Service 9:15 AM; Closing Service 6 PM
Thursday, September 30 – Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Service – 7:15 PM



Ways to Contribute to WJCC

Leaf or brick in Tree of Life
Yahrzeit Board memorial plaque
Religious School contribution
Building Fund contribution
Jewish National Fund
Trees in Israel

Reasons to contribute to WJCC

Bar or Bat Mitzvah
High school or college graduation
Child, grandchild or spouse's birthday
Your birthday
A family member's or friend's Simcha
Anniversary

Donations

Please mail all contributions to Nancy Arias, 131 St. Andrews Rd., Walden, NY, 12586

- ✧ Norman and Lillian Hecht made a donation in honor of Allison Bolger's Bat Mitzvah
- ✧ Jon and Shirley Zak contributed CD player
- ✧ Ricardo & Nancy Arias made a contribution to the Flax Education Fund in memory of Leo Flax
- ✧ Ricardo & Nancy Arias bought 3 trees in Israel in memory of Leo Flax
- ✧ Ruth Helper made a donation in memory of her husband, Gerald Helper
- ✧ Jackie Jacobs of the Columbus Jewish Foundation made a contribution in memory of Ben and Jenny Jacobs

Our community's synagogue is traditionally oriented. Therefore, we need to be especially careful that we remember not to work at the shul, on the grounds or at the cemetery from sundown on Friday until after havdallah Saturday evening. Among other creative activities, this includes using telephones, recording devices, coffee makers and microwaves. We also refrain from writing or doing outside work at the synagogue on the Sabbath or any holy day. If you are uncertain about this, or would like more information, please contact a member of the Board of Directors.

Hebrew School Parents Meeting

Sunday, September 12, 2010 is the first day of Hebrew School for the children and will coincide with our **FIRST PARENT MEETING**. We will discuss plans for the fall plus share any questions and concerns. We will introduce our two new education committee co-chairs-in-training, Ana Sussman and Jennifer Cruz. Please come to be an active participant in our community and in the Jewish education of your child! Refreshments will be served.



Mazel Tovs, Announcements & Thank Yous!

- ✧ Linda Edley sends her thanks to the WJCC Board of Trustees for the fruit basket they sent
- ✧ Sherri Donnell thanks those of you who contributed in some way to our annual meeting/breakfast by helping with shopping, food preparations, serving, clean-up, handling the money, running the 50/50 and making the effort to attend. Your continued support helps to maintain the Center and its purpose.
- ✧ Thank you Shirley & Jon Zak for their contribution of a CD player to the WJCC.
- ✧ **Children's Services for the High Holidays:** High Holiday services for children will be held outdoors under the tent, weather permitting. The children's services are held for young children, up to the age of 10. We ask that B'nai Mitzvah and post B'nai Mitzvah young people attend the regular adult services. The children's services will be held on Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, September 9 from 9:30 to 10:30 and on Yom Kippur, Saturday, September 18 from 9:30 to 10:30. A light snack will be provided.
- ✧ Deborah Weisman-Estis has joined the New Windsor law firm of Rider, Weiner & Frankel as a Senior Associate, practicing in the areas of Trusts & Estates, Elder Law and Real Estate.

Nava's Notes

DO OVERS

The season of Slichot, asking for forgiveness, is upon us. Judaism teaches us that before we approach Hashem with appeals to forgive and forget, we must seek forgiveness from our friends, associates, family members and even casual acquaintances.

I know very few people who are extraordinarily careful not to do or say anything that may offend another person, or might even be perceived as hurtful to someone. The rest of us are flawed and sometimes rash in deed and speech.

As we are poised on the threshold of the 'do over' season we presume that G-d will forgive us, as a parent would. In fact, forgiveness of a parent is almost a given, but nonetheless does not preclude such petition. We are still expected to ask for their forgiveness. Yes, we do expect to forgive the ones we love and hope that they too pardon our missteps.

Every year I plan to nurture a new slate, hoping to keep it neat and untouched by the eraser. My intentions are pure, but I know that I must put more effort on implementing them. My goal is to learn to be more patient, accepting and compassionate, so that my 'do over' list would become smaller each year.

OK, so here is my "do over" list for the year 5771:

1. I will listen more carefully
2. I will understand better because I will listen more carefully
3. I will have more compassion because I will understand better
4. I will be more accepting because I will be more compassionate
5. I will be more supportive because I will be more accepting
6. I will be able to help more because I will be more accepting
7. I will be a better friend, leader and colleague because I will be more attentive to all of you.

I promise to work harder on the number one on my list, and hope that it leads to the rest.

*I wish you all SHANAH TOVA U'METUKAH: A good and sweet year.
May the One who brings peace to His Universe bring peace to all his people Israel. Amen.*

We Remember. . . Yahrzeits

*To add a name to our Yahrzeit List, please contact Barbara Edelman at barb@hvi.net.
Light your memorial candle after sundown the night before the English Yahrzeit date below.*

September 2 – Harriet Goldstein
September 3 – Frances Targansky
September 6 – Simon Zak
September 7 - Phillip Kaufman
September 10 – Annie Blackman
September 17 – Jeffrey Liebman
September 22 – Abraham Kreseloff
September 23 – Rebecca Gonik
September 29 – Stuart Concors

Candlelighting Times

September 3 – 7:08 PM
September 8 – 7:00 PM
September 10 – 6:57 PM
September 17 – 6:45 PM
September 22 – 6:37 PM
September 24 – 6:33 PM
September 29 – 6:25 PM



*Happy Birthday & Happy
Anniversary*

August 28 – Robin & Frank Muth (Missed them last month; oops!)

September 1 – Andrew Schultz

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September 2 – Marie Hecht

September 4 – Donnette Smith

September 5 – Jonathan Friedland

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September 7 – Shirley & Jon Zak

September 10 – Julius Leis

September 11 – Lindsey Holland

September 21 – Lauren Mandel

September 22 – David & Hedgiw Lustig

September 26 – Mark Gebbie

