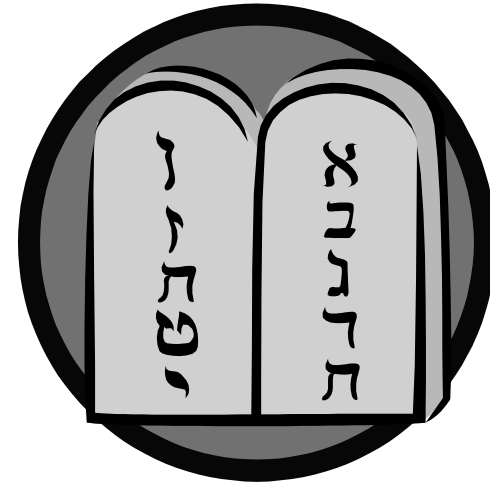


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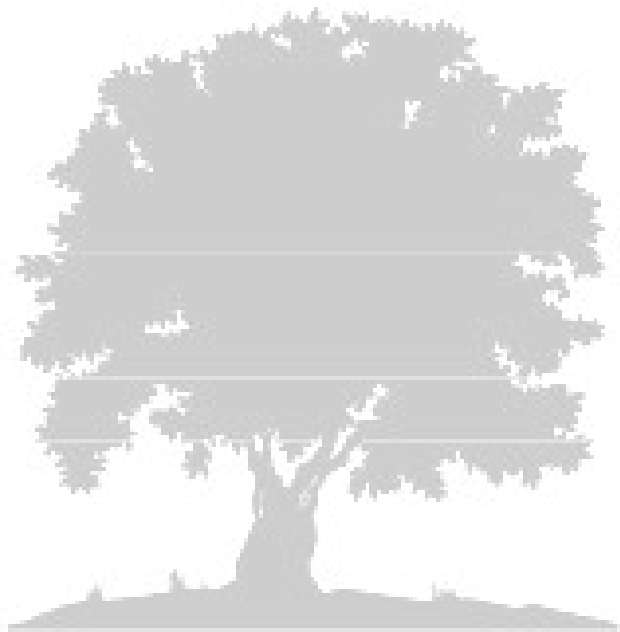
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- Special Fund                      Established a number of years ago in honor of Rosa Sobel. This Fund is used to purchase special items that the Congregation could not otherwise afford
- General Fund                      Provides funds to the general operating fund
- Bulletin                              \$25 minimum contribution. Established to help cover the costs of publishing and mailing to members, former members and friends
- Rabbi Endowment Fund              Provides funds for the perpetuation of a permanent Rabbi
- Betty Frances Ginsberg Memorial Library Fund              Established by David and Elizabeth Weinstein. Contributions go toward the purchase of books and videos for our library
- Baby Sitter Fund                      Provides babysitters for Shabbat and High Holidays
- Louis and Vera Millen Endowment Fund              Established by the children of Louis and Vera Millen. This fund provides financial support for Judaic culture and educational enrichment for the congregation
- B'nai Sholom Cemetery Association              Provides funds for the upkeep of the congregation's cemetery in Bristol, Virginia. Please send contributions to: Rita Scher B'nai Sholom Cemetery Association, 206 N. Cherokee St., Jonesborough, TN 37659
- Building Fund                      Contributions go directly to maintain and repair

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- Special Fund                       Rabbi Endowment Fund
- BFG Library Fund                       Baby Sitter Fund
- General Fund                       Millen Endowment Fund
- Bulletin                               Building Fund
- Cemetery Assoc. Fund

Contribution made by \_\_\_\_\_  
Message \_\_\_\_\_

Message from the Librarian - Bettylene W. Franzus

Mention the name Herman Wouk and you are sure to hear remarks about his historical novels, "*The Caine Mutiny*", "*The Winds of War*" and "*War and Remembrance*". You might even meet someone who had read Wouk's personal sojourn into religious writing: "*This is My God*". But I'll give you odds that it will be only a rare reader that has read Wouk's odyssey concerning the life and loves of Herbie Bookbinder!

Herbie, like Booth Tarkington's *Penrod* and Mark Twain's *Tom Sawyer* is a period piece. It's about a fat Jewish boy growing up during the mid-1920s in the New York borough of the Bronx. It's about love, and honor, and disappointments, and growing up Jewish. Published in 1948, as the second novel Wouk had written, it was entitled *The City Boy*. At the time the work was published it would have been classified as a "realistic novel" since it reflected the societal norms of the time and place and like *Penrod* and *Tom Sawyer* can be read for that purpose. It is also a "growing up" story that does not need to be limited to the young for readership.

A twentieth anniversary publication, retitled as *City Boy: The Adventures of Herbie Bookbinder*, as well as a first edition of this book, is in our library and as a pleasant trip down memory lane I recommend *Herbie* to you all, young and old(er) alike.

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*Bodmin, 1349: An Epic Novel of Christians and Jews in the Plague Years* by Roberta Kalechofsky is both a torturous love story and historical fiction. Kalechofsky's portrayal of the Jewish – Christian relationships which existed during this medieval period in England and on the Continent and the resulting religious enigmas which affect Will, a Christian laborer and his wife, Miriam, because of the possibility of her being Jewish, make for a fantastic journey into the past.

The novel incorporates existing documents of the time (late Middle Ages); charters and chronicles, along with insightful storytelling. Recommended for adults and mature young adult readers, it is a great way to learn about the plague years and religious ideology from the perspective of a novel rather than text-book.

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*Note from the Bulletin Editor: Many thanks, Bettylene, for your informative contributions to the Bulletin. I, for one, am interested in the Jews during the "Plague Years," and intend to read "Bodmin, 1349".*

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## Congregation President's Message

Dear Fellow Congregants and Friends of B'nai Sholom,

We mourn the recent loss of five people close to our congregation: Elizabeth Weinstein, Lisa Ritter, Don Pectol, Basil Saffer, and Fred Jarvis. They all contributed much to B'nai Sholom and will be sorely missed. May their memory be for a blessing.

We celebrate the birth of Gideon Ben Adam McDonald to Barbara & Ken and Sienna Leighton Karp to Claire & Greg. The details are elsewhere in this bulletin.

Plans are underway for *Purim* and *Pesach* events. We also are planning a *Shabbat Mincha Torah* service with a program to follow and a community film screening in March. Check our website: [www.bnaisholomtnva.org](http://www.bnaisholomtnva.org) for specifics and please plan to participate.

There are still some open dates for hosting the student rabbi as well as Oneg hosting. Please contact Marisol Spiegel at [thespiegels5@gmail.com](mailto:thespiegels5@gmail.com) to reserve a date for the hosting of the student rabbi and contact me at [alan@bnaisholomtnva.org](mailto:alan@bnaisholomtnva.org) to reserve a date for hosting an Oneg Shabbat.

Remember, B'nai Sholom is, at its core, a volunteer organization. When there is an opportunity to do something to advance B'nai Sholom, our response should be as the patriarchs said: "*He nay ne* – Here I am". It is with your **active** participation that B'nai Sholom serves our diverse congregation and region.

B'shalom,

Alan Karp

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## Announcements

- ★ Alan and Laurel Karp are thrilled to announce the birth of their granddaughter Sienna Leighton Karp on 28 December 2011 to proud parents Greg and Claire Karp.



## CONDOLENCES

**Our sincere condolences** to the family of **Basil Saffer and his wife Judy Saffer**, long-time members of B'nai Sholom. Basil, a past President of B'nai Sholom, passed away in December at the ripe old age of 92, leaving behind a legacy of commitment to Jewish education and participation in Jewish life. Basil served many terms as President in intervals from 1956 - 1984. He was involved in every aspect of the temple from youth group to officiating at High Holiday services during times when we had no rabbi. Basil moved away in 1984 to be nearer to his daughter Lynne and her family, moving to south Florida with Lynne. Basil's wife Judy was also a staunch supporter of B'nai Sholom, and many of us remember both Basil and Judy with affection and respect. Basil's widow Judy was residing near Lynne in an Alzheimer care facility until her death in February 2012. Judy is remembered as always part of B'nai Sholom in many ways. She regularly attended services, was involved in Sisterhood, organized holiday celebrations at the Temple and accompanied her husband Basil on Youth Group outings. Through the many years of belonging to B'nai Sholom she developed long lasting friendships. Both Basil and Judy will be deeply missed by Lynne and Jeff as well as those of us who remember their service and devotion to B'nai Sholom.

The address for condolences is Lynne Goldstein, 12 Saint Edward Place, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418.

## Donations

(donations received after Feb 15 will be posted in next Bulletin)

### General Fund

- Anonymous bequest.
- Linda Buxbaum: "In memory Don Pectol."
- Linda Buxbaum: "In memory of Lisa Ritter."
- Charles and Sandra Fish: "In memory of Don Pectol."
- Charles and Sandra Fish: "In honor of the birth of Sienna Karp."
- Marilyn and Gregg Goldstein
- Marilyn and Gregg Goldstein: "In memory of Don Pectol."
- Marilyn and Gregg Goldstein: "In memory of Ruth Goldstein."
- Marilyn and Gregg Goldstein: "In honor of the birth of Laurel and Alan Karp's granddaughter Sienna."
- Rhona Hurwitz: "In memory of Ed Hausman's mother."
- Alan and Laurel Karp: "In honor of the birth of their granddaughter Sienna Leighton Karp on 28 December 2011 to proud parents Greg and Claire Karp."
- Alan and Laurel Karp: "In memory of Fred Jarvis."
- Rhona Hurwitz: "In memory of Don Pectol."
- Chuck and Merle Yalowitz: "In memory of Fred Jarvis."
- Richard and Susan Kesner: "Wishing you a healthy and happy holiday season and a glorious new year! Lots of love from the Kesner Clan. Thanks for keeping us on the Bulletin list after all these years."
- John Kiener: "In memory of Don Pectol."
- Lynne Goldstein and Jeff Saffer: "In loving memory of former member Basil Saffer who was one of the 'old timers'. Basil's wife Judy followed him in death a month later."

### Internet

- Bettylene Franzus

### Publicity

- Bettylene Franzus
- Laurel Karp
- Barbara Turner

## Donations (continued)

### Betty Frances Ginsberg Memorial Library Fund

- The Estate of Elizabeth S. Weinstein

### Bulletin Fund

- Helene Y. Cridge
- Andrew H. Sohor
- Chuck and Merle Yalowitz

### Cemetery Fund

Michael and Karen Baron: "In memory of Edward S. Shatz."

### Rabbi Endowment Fund

Michael and Karen Baron: A leaf "in memory of Fred Jarvis, Holocaust survivor and philanthropist."

## Sisterhood President's Message

Sisterhood will again have our special book discussion meeting on Wednesday, March 7th at 7:30 p.m. at Rita Scher's home, 206 N. Cherokee St. in Jonesborough, TN. The book chosen for us this year is "The Sacrifice of Tamar" by Naomi Ragen...and you will enjoy the discussion whether you have read the book or not. The Johnson City Public Library has a copy of the book, and it is most readable. If you've not made one of these special meetings, led by the former director of the ETSU Library, you have a special treat in store for you! If you want to carpool, just let me know and we can meet and go.

Our mini-luncheon will be held Tuesday, March 13th at Sahib off of N. Roan St. in Johnson City, at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us. Shalom,

*Mickey Grossman*, Sisterhood President

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## From the Rabbi's Desk

Perhaps one of the best metaphors for the human condition – especially nowadays – is an ostrich. Just like an ostrich, we are always trying to bury our heads into the soil, for good and for bad. In moments of happiness, we like to pretend that we are the most important people. Our ego gets so inflated that we don't even want to share our joy with others; we want to isolate ourselves. The same is true for moments of sadness. We want to be by ourselves, and to pretend that there isn't a whole world out there. Once we hide from everything else, we feel safe. The Jewish mystical tradition teaches that we are never alone. There are always, angels of God in our surroundings. To our right, Mikhael, to our left Gavriel, before us Uriel and behind us Rephael – and above us, the Shechina, the female presence of the Almighty blessed be He. The idea is that we are surrounded, encapsulated, accompanied. This has two immediate consequences: A) we should feel, in our everyday lives, that we are not acting without being noticed. We are a part of the world, and through this dynamism, our actions impact our world, our environment and our society. B) When we feel abandoned, we have to remember that the world is there for us – that we are always with company; that is, that there are mystical beings (or non-beings, since only living creatures can actually BE), fellow humans and the society.

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## From the Rabbi's Desk (Continued from previous page...)

Einstein's contribution to modern physics is precisely on this subject. One piece of matter alters, deforms the space-time dimension on its surroundings, changing its trajectory. We impact more than our lives. What we do leave this "distortion" that will always be there. We might not see it – for whom, but the One who is beyond time would be able to notice it – but we definitely feel it.

An ostrich cannot bury in dirt its own mind and its soul. And so, neither can we. In our hiding, we are still impacted by what, who, how and when happened. Living creatures and events die, i.e. cease to exist, just like they are born or are initiated. But their influence will always be present. It is a mystical, emotional and deep connection that, though we might not notice it all the times, always guides our path. Always remain a part of our trajectories in life.

All of this to transmit the following message: next time that you feel like an ostrich, remember: you are NOT one. As Reb Nahman of Breslov taught: "the whole entire world is a very narrow bridge, and the most important thing is not to fear at all". Yes, we could try to spend our lives by ourselves, but why would we waste our time like this, when we could be not only being altered by people, society and the world but also altering ourselves the cosmos surrounding us? It might be a narrow bridge, but we are not alone. May we always feel the presence of the past in our present, and may we always help to shape the future, of which we will only be a part of for 120 years (God willing), but that we can change for the infinity. *Ken lehi Ratzon* – May it be God's will.

*Beni Wajnberg*, Rabbinical Student, Hebrew Union College

## Birthdays

### March

2 Judith R. Cohen  
 7 Elena Scher  
 8 Andy Lobsenz  
 9 David Close  
 15 Elaine Pectol  
 15 Benjamin A. Sayres  
 16 Mickey Grossman  
 18 Halle Hausman  
 19 Rita Scher  
 23 Scott Smith  
 24 Fred Testa  
 24 Merle Yalowitz

### April

3 Hannah Hausman  
 5 Michael Fish  
 6 Joshua Michael Manz  
 6 Tina Sobel-Foster  
 7 Richard Gibian  
 8 Alan Nachman  
 9 Melissa DePriest  
 9 Bena Kear  
 13 David Landy  
 17 Tara Bain  
 18 Matthew Klein  
 23 Daniel Wernick  
 25 Brad Bain  
 25 Jennifer Gold  
 28 Susan Kiener Lobsenz

## Anniversaries

### March

15 Alan & Barbara Deitel  
 16 Ben & Autumn Dowdy  
 18 David & Catherine Grossman  
 21 Charles & Sandra Fish  
 26 Terry & Lydia Bloom  
 26 Joshua & Mickey Grossman

### April

4 Chuck & Merle Yalowitz

Kenneth and Barbara McDonald announce the birth of

Gideon Ben Adam McDonald  
 January 24, 2012, 7:50a.m.  
 8lb, 4oz. 20.5 inches long

## Shabbat Torah Portions

	Torah	Haftorah
<b>March</b>		
2	<i>Parshah Tetzaveh</i> , Exodus 27:20-30:10	<i>Ezekiel 43:10-27</i>
9	<i>Parshah Ki Tisa</i> , Exodus 30:11-34:35	<i>I Kings 18:20-39</i>
16	<i>Parshah Vayakhel</i> , Exodus 35:1-38:20	<i>I Kings 7:103-26</i>
23	<i>Parshah Pekudei</i> , Exodus 38:21-40:38	<i>I Kings 7:51-8:21</i>
30	<i>Parshah Vayikra</i> , Leviticus 1:1-5:26	<i>Isaiah 43:21-44:23</i>
<b>April</b>		
6	<i>Parshah Tzav</i> , Leviticus 6:1- 8:36	<i>Jeremiah 7:21-28;9:22-23</i>
13	<i>Parshah Shemini</i> , Leviticus 9:1-11:47	<i>II Samuel 6:1-19</i>
20	<i>Parshah Tazria</i> , Leviticus 12:1-13:59	<i>II Kings 4:42-5:19</i>
27	<i>Parshah Metzora</i> , Leviticus 14:1-15:33	<i>II Kings 4:42-5:19</i>

## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

March 2	6:08	April 6	7:38
March 9	6:14	April 13	7:44
March 16	7:20	April 20	7:50
March 23	7:26	April 27	7:56
March 30	7:32		

## YAHRTZEITS

### MARCH

- 1 Louise Sobel
- 2 Lena Cohen Rossoff\*
- 3 Frieda Margolin\*
- 3 Florence Spitulnik
- 4 Abraham Elekman
- 5 Beba Shaposhnikov\*
- 6 Jerome Friedman\*
- 8 Louis Kramer\*
- 10 Norman Zinn\*
- 11 Esther Strauss\*
- 15 Esther Leah Schwarz
- 16 Mildred Moskowitz\*
- 17 Morris Moskowitz\*
- 17 Robert Nachman\*
- 17 Mary Carbone
- 22 Beatrice Samet\*
- 22 Anna Merrill Grossman
- 24 Carol Kiener\*
- 25 Irving Baron\*
- 26 David Silver\*
- 28 Murry Turner
- 31 Daniel Miller

## YAHRTZEITS

### APRIL

- 1 Henrietta Licht
- 2 Maurice Green\*
- 5 Allan Stephen Baron
- 5 Juanita Hartley
- 9 Anna Bohn\*
- 10 Herbert Bocckian\*
- 10 Elaine Seligman
- 11 Ida Nakdimen\*
- 12 Meyer Sternberger
- 14 Albert Rothbart\*
- 14 Yachet Sobel\*
- 14 Joseph Strauss\*
- 15 Sarah Cantor\*
- 18 Jay Goran
- 19 Martin Kramer
- 21 Melvin Palkes\*
- 21 Stanley Miller
- 22 Pearl Silver Rothbart\*
- 24 Rose Crumley\*
- 26 Leonard Karp
- 29 Ruth M. Goldstein\*
- 29 Lena Goldstein\*
- 30 Morris Sobel\*

## CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences go to the family of **Fred Jarvis**, a much beloved member of our congregation.

The following is from the Tennessee Holocaust Commission:

*It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Fred Jarvis who passed away in Bristol, Tennessee on February 10, 2012. Fred was smuggled out of a French concentration camp in 1942 when he was seven years old. His earliest memory is of the Gestapo coming to his home in 1940 and telling them to pack. Fred and his parents (his older brother had been on the last Kindertransport to England) and several hundred other Jews were shipped on cattle cars to Gurs, a French concentration camp near the Pyrenees, then transferred a year later to nearby Rivesaltes. With the help of a cousin, they escaped, driving toward Switzerland to find the border closed.*

*As deportations to Auschwitz began, the OSE (Society for the Rescue of Jewish Children) surreptitiously collected the small children. Fred was given a new identity and taken to a farm. Madame Burra was very good to me, Fred recalls, She took me in as her supposed nephew at the risk of her own life. In school he had to speak French. We had to learn very rapidly, without making the slightest mistake. Mistakes were fatal, he says.*

*At war's end, his brother Joseph located him through the Red Cross and found that their parents had perished at Auschwitz. An aunt in New York City sponsored Fred's immigration to America. Fred spoke to many Tennesseans about his experiences during the Holocaust. He believed that it was important to remind people that prejudice, hatred, and violence, as manifested in the Holocaust and other genocides, leads to the destruction of a humane society.*

**Film & Discussion: “Unmasked Judeophobia – The Threat to Civilization.” The film documents the political assault on Israel as war against the Jewish people.**

**Johnson City Public Library  
March 11 @ 2:00 p.m.**

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Erev Shabbat 7:30 p.m.	3
4	5	6	7 Fast of Esther  <b>Sisterhood Meeting Rita Scher's Home 7:30 PM</b>	8 Purim Adar 14	9 Shushan Purim  Erev Shabbat 7:30 p.m.	10 Shabbat Torah Service 10:15 a.m.  Adult Purim Party 7:00 p.m.
11 Purim Carnival 10:00 Film & Discussion JC Public Lib. 2:00	12	13 Sishood Luncheon Sahib	14	15	16 Erev Shabbat 7:30 p.m.	17
18	19	20	21 <b>Board of Directors 7:30 p.m.</b>	22	23 Erev Shabbat 7:30 p.m.	24 Rosh Chodesh Nissan Hachodesh
25 Religious School 10:00	26	27	28	29	30 Erev Shabbat 7:30 p.m.	31 Shabbat HaGadol

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Pesach First Sedar Nissan 15	7 Shabbat Torah Service 10:15 a.m.
8 <b>Community Seder - 7:00 p.m.</b>	9	10 Sishood Luncheon TBD	11	12	13 Erev Shabbat 7:30 p.m.	14
15	16	17	18	19 Yom Ha'Shoach Holocaust Memorial Day Nissan 27	20 Erev Shabbat 7:30 p.m.	21 Shabbat Torah Service 10:15 a.m.
22 Religious School 10:00	23	24	25	26 Yom Hazikaron Israel Memorial Day Iyar 4	27 Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel Independence Day Iyar 5  Erev Shabbat 7:30 p.m.	28
29	30					