

השופר haShofar

of DeKalb and Sycamore

Congregation Beth Shalom
820 Russell Road
DeKalb, IL 60115



ALL-CONGREGATION PICNIC
Sunday, August 27, Noon

CALENDAR

Friday, Aug. 25	Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 27	Annual potluck picnic (meat), Welsh Park	noon
Friday, Sept. 8	Shabbat Potluck (dairy)	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Rosh Hashanah Service, Synagogue	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 21	Rosh Hashanah Service, Synagogue	9:30 a.m.
	Tashlich Service, bridge across from NIU Music Building	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22	Rosh Hashanah Service, Synagogue	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 24	Kever Emet Memorial Service Fairview Cemetery, DeKalb	10:00 a.m.
Friday, Sept. 29	Kol Nidre Service, Synagogue	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept.30	Yom Kippur Service, Synagogue	9:30 a.m.
	Neilah Service	5:30 p.m.

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haShofar: Carol Zar, editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to Congregation Beth Shalom in DeKalb/Sycamore

I write in hope that this letter finds you and yours in good health and enjoying the season. As the summer ends and we prepare for the new year to come, I have some news and important information to share with you.

First, I will be out of town for the fall semester of the year, traveling with my family to Princeton, New Jersey where my wife will be taking her sabbatical as a member of the Institute for Advanced Studies. I expect to return at the end of December. While I am gone, Dave Gorman, CBS Vice-President, has been approved by the CBS Board of Directors to serve as Acting President, which I am sure he will do with skill and enthusiasm.

Secondly, the congregation has a new website and new ways of contacting the Board and Rabbi that will help us keep in step with changing times. (See information on page 10) I and the congregation are forever grateful for the service and help of Avi Bass, who was our congregational webmaster for over 14 years, and without whose help this new website would not have been possible.

While we usually start off our year with the congregation picnic this year we will have our first worship service on Friday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue.

We will have our annual Potluck Picnic, noon, Sunday August 27 at the pavilion at Welsh Park across from the congregation building. Missy Garman has volunteered to organize this on the congregation's behalf. Bring a dish to share (specifics in the announcement below) and enjoy a kosher hotdog and good company before you go finish off the DeKalb Corn Fest activities! There will be opportunities this year to sign up for High Holidays aliyot, to serve at the Salvation Army Food Pantry and to provide or co-provide a dinner at Hope Haven. This year we are again offering opportunities to not only sign up to help host a Shabbat Oneg after services, but also to host a Shabbat Potluck at the congregation building. Congregants need only arrive a little early to set up and then help clean up. Please see James Cohen, Karen Sinason, or Carol Zar if you have a spot in your schedule, as these are important ways to really help the congregation.

The High Holidays are in September and due to a scheduling conflict with the University, we have decided to hold services in our own building on Russell Road. While I expect there will be challenges and benefits to this plan, the one that comes foremost to mind is the use of the doors. While use of the rear (parking lot) door has become common for ordinary events, the Board and I feel that continued use of that door will be disruptive to worship. All who attend, save those who need to use the access ramps, are therefore asked to use the doors facing Russell Road at the front of the building. Thank you in advance for your compliance.

In addition to a different location, our High Holidays observance this year will use a new prayer book, chosen carefully for the needs of our congregation. We will also feature several additions to our worship from last year; the Tashlich Service at the bridge across from the NIU Music Building as well as the Kever Emet Memorial Service at Fairview Cemetery in DeKalb. I hope that like me, you find these services fulfilling and a meaningful addition to reflection and prayer.

As always, I ask that you consider volunteering some of your time to lend a hand, either in hosting events or helping with Sukkah construction, or taking a role in the service. Many hands make light work, and there is greater pleasure and meaning to observance when many participate. All are welcome!

If you know of someone who has moved into the community and/or may be interested in participating in our activities at any level, please let us know so that we can get in touch.

I look forward to seeing you, working, worshipping, and participating with as many of you as possible this year, upon my return. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or issues you would like addressed, discussed, or resolved feel free to contact me at President@BethShalomDeKalb.org or 815-762-0204. I will miss you all while I am away.

Shalom,

Rob Feldacker, President

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Two DeKalb social service agencies, Hope Haven Homeless Shelter and the Salvation Army Food Pantry provide valuable and necessary help for local families in need. To accomplish this, they rely on volunteers from the community, largely provided by local places of worship. Beth Shalom has been actively supporting both for many years and our volunteers benefit from the satisfaction of participating in this important work.

Hope Haven volunteers provide a complete meal for as many as 50 people (including children) on the first Wednesday of each month, shopping for and delivering the meal to the shelter by 6:30 p.m. Salvation Army Food Pantry volunteers work from 9:00-12:00 on the third Thursday morning of the month, helping shoppers throughout the pantry aisles. Please consider signing up at the Beth Shalom picnic on Sunday, August 27, or by contacting me at 815-756-4180.

Karen Sinason, Social Action Chair
socialaction@bethshalomdekalb.org

FROM THE RABBI:

TZEDAKAH THOUGHTS IN PREPARATION OF THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

All Jewish holy days may be linked to the mitzvah of *tzedakah*. Prior to kindling the *Shabbat* candles, tradition holds to place a few coins in the pushka (*tzedakah* box). On *Purim* we give *matanot la'evyonim*, gifts to the poor. Before *Pesach* special *maot chittim* funds are raised to help the needy purchase food for the *sedarim*. On *Pesach* we ask "all who are hungry" to join us at the *seder*. On *Shavuot*, the first fruits, *bikurim*, were brought to the Temple and shared with the priests, just as the corners of the field were left to be gleaned by the poor.

Acts of *tzedakah*, as our sages are quick to point out, have always added to the spirituality of our celebrations. The time period leading up to the *Yamim Noraim*, the Days of Awe, is when we are to reflect upon our accomplishments and the missed opportunities of the past year. Tradition holds that we are to listen to the sounding of the *shofar* each morning. Why? To wake us up spiritually, to remind us to take stock of our lives and to call us to strive to improve ourselves.

In Judaism, this call to self-improvement almost always involves helping others. Rabbi Israel Salanter said that "a person should be more concerned with spiritual than material matters, but another person's material welfare is his own spiritual concern." Thus one of the *mitzvot* we are particularly careful to fulfill during *Elul* is the mitzvah of *tzedakah* – bringing justice to the world through acts of charity.

The sages taught that the giving of *tzedakah*, does as much if not more for the giver than it does for the recipient. "A businessman came to see the Lubavitcher Rebbe. He complained that his profits were far too low in every business venture he pursued, no matter how hard he or his partners worked. "And how much of these profits do you give to charity?" the Rebbe asked. The man shamefacedly replied that he had given none. "In your next venture," the Rebbe suggested, "make G-d your partner by contributing ten percent of your profits to charity. G-d like any good business partner, will then do everything in His power to ensure that the business succeeds."

Tzedakah, often translated as charity, is better translated as justice or righteousness. By giving *tzedakah*, we are bringing justice and righteousness to the world. The commandment of *tzedakah* is found in Deuteronomy 15:7-11, which is read during this season: "If there is a needy person among you...do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kinsman. Rather, you must open your hand and lend him sufficient for whatever he needs...Give to him readily and have no regrets when you do charity, and you will gain a place in the world to come, for in return the Lord your God will bless you in all your efforts and in all your undertakings. For there will never cease to be needy ones in your land, which is why I command you: Open your hand to the poor and needy kinsman in your land."

It can be difficult to determine the best way to observe the mitzvah of *tzedakah*, so you might wonder if there are guidelines to being an effective practitioner. Around 800 years ago, Moses Maimonides gave us "The Nine Levels of *Tzedakah*".

1. Giving *tzedakah* grudgingly.
2. Giving *tzedakah* where each party knows the other, but the gift is given only after a specific request, and the donor gives less than should be given but does so willingly.
3. Giving *tzedakah* where each party knows the other, but the gift is given only after a specific request.
4. Giving *tzedakah* where each party knows the other, but the gift is given unasked.
5. Giving *tzedakah* when the recipient is aware of the donor's identity, but the donor still doesn't know the specific identity of the recipient.
6. Giving *tzedakah* when the donor is aware of to whom the charity is being given, but the recipient is unaware of the source.
7. Giving *tzedakah* to community charities, which should only be done if there is confidence that the charity is administered in an honest, prudent, and efficient fashion.
8. Giving *tzedakah* in such a way that the giver and recipient are unknown to each other.
9. Giving *tzedakah* to someone who has fallen on hard times by presenting a gift or loan, or entering into a partnership with the person, or finding them work, thereby helping that person to become self-supporting.

While determining which level best suits your *tzedakah* temperament, you might also wonder if it is ever too late for an act of *tzedakah* to have a positive effect on your life. A story is told of a man who had been selfish all his life. When he was dying, his family urged him to eat. "If you give me a boiled egg," he said, "I'll eat it." As he was about to eat, a poor man appeared at his doorstep and begged, "Give me charity!" The dying man turned to his family and ordered them to give the beggar his egg. Three days later the man died. Sometime afterward the dead man appeared to his son, who asked him, "Father, what is it like in the world to which you have gone?" His father answered, "Make it your practice to perform acts of *tzedakah*. Throughout my life the only act of charity I ever performed was giving that egg to the poor man. Yet, when I died, the egg outweighed all the sins I had committed, and I was admitted to Paradise."

May we all be blessed with a productive, introspective month as we prepare for the High Holy Days.

Rabbi Barb Moskow

ALL-CONGREGATION PICNIC ***Sunday, August 27, Noon***



All are welcome to our annual hot dog picnic on Sunday, August 27 at noon. The picnic will be held at Welch Park and shelter across the street from Congregation Beth Shalom on Russell Road.

The picnic is a great way to catch up with friends and make new ones.

If you are a member, please bring a dish to pass. This is a meat meal, so please don't use any dairy products or shellfish. Kosher hot dogs and the trimmings and cold drinks will be provided. If you are a prospective member, please come as our guest. There's no need for you to bring a thing.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Missy Garman
815-858-5315

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Welcome back to another high holiday season! We are excited to have three changes to announce regarding the High Holy Days.

First, we will be doing the recruiting of the various honors a little differently this year. Each year, the ritual chair is responsible for inviting people to participate during the various services. That means emailing and calling and getting people to sign up for each of the honors (e.g., opening the Ark, carrying the Torah, doing an aliyah, etc.). Although as ritual chair, I will still be inviting people to help make the High Holy Days as beautiful as ever, I am hoping that people will also email me at Rituals@BethShalomDeKalb.org letting me know if they are interested in doing a specific honor. This will help me ensure that anyone who is interested in participating is not left out. I will also be at the picnic on Sunday August 27 inviting folks to participate.

Second, as another means of getting more people participating, we are asking that if, for example, one family member is going to help open the Ark, the rest of the family would join in. This way we have more people participating, and it makes for a more meaningful experience for all involved. If a family member has an aliyah but you do not know how to read Hebrew, that is o.k. Just go up to the bimah and stand beside the family member reciting the blessings. In that way you share in the honor of saying the Torah blessing. Rabbi Moskow has instituted this at other synagogues she has served and has found this to make the services much more meaningful, beautiful and participatory.

Third, we have changed the venue of the High Holy Days services to the synagogue itself. We were unable to reserve one consistent location at the NIU Holmes Student Center for all our services. So, the Board has decided to move the services to the synagogue. We are very excited about these new changes to the High Holy Days services and are looking forward to sharing these special days with all of you. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to have a High Holy Days honor, please feel free to email me at Rituals@BethShalomDeKalb.org.

James Cohen, Ritual Chair

NEW HIGH HOLY DAYS PRAYERBOOKS

After careful consideration by our ritual committee and approval by the Board we have new Machzorim (High Holy Days prayer books). Although much has been updated and made user friendly with full transliteration and beautifully rendered translations and commentary, our nusach (tunes), songs, and style will remain uniquely ours. For more information and sample pages of our Machzor please use this link: https://www.ccarpress.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=50288

The following is an excerpt from the CCAR Press website:

Mishkan HaNefesh: Machzor for the Days of Awe offers meaningful liturgy for both regular service attendees and those new to Jewish spirituality and practice. Providing an accessible guide through the journey of *t'shuvah* (repentance) and *cheshbon hanefesh* (self-reflection), it bridges the personal and the communal, as well as the ritual and the ethical dimensions of *Yamim HaNoraim*. From feelings of awe to moments of solace, from the solitude of contemplation to the solidarity of song and worship, *Mishkan HaNefesh* inspires a multifaceted experience through the High Holy Days while embracing both the rich liturgical voices of the Jewish past and the aspirations of our people today.

Special Features

- Fully transliterated liturgy
- Expanded options for Torah readings
- Study texts that provide background and context
- Contemporary poetry and alternative readings
- Rich commentary drawing from Jewish tradition

- A range of theological possibilities
- New translations that capture the beauty of the Hebrew
- Original woodblock art by acclaimed artist Joel Shapiro
- Includes essays by the leading Reform Movement thinkers

AND IN ADDITION

This year High Holy Days services will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom, 820 Russell Road. Although there will certainly be more information forthcoming, two things are worth mentioning right now. **Parking:** in addition to parking spaces in the lot behind the building, there will be room for overflow parking on the grass next to the lot, as well as street parking on both sides of Russell Road. **Access:** please use the front door of the building for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services; however, there is a rear entrance with a ramp for wheelchair access.

David Gorman, Vice President/Buildings and Grounds

TASHLICH

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, after morning services, it's customary to go to a body of water and perform the ritual of tashlich, in which we throw breadcrumbs or pieces of bread into the water as a symbolic releasing or casting away of our mistakes from the previous year. We will gather at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 21 at Annie's Woods (on Lucinda Avenue across from the NIU Music Building).

Please join Rabbi Barb Moskow in this ancient ritual with a few modern twists and some light refreshments.

KEVER EMET– MEMORIAL SERVICE AND BURIAL OF SACRED TEXTS

Please join us Sunday, September 24 at 10:00 a.m. for the Kever Emet Memorial Service, the traditional practice of remembering our loved ones at the DeKalb Garden of Shalom Cemetery during the High Holy Days season. During the brief 20-minute service, led by Rabbi Barb Moskow, Kaddish and El Maleh Rachamim will be recited along with other prayers of remembrance and comfort. The community is invited to join us.

Following the Memorial Service, congregants, who wish to do so, may remain to participate in the burial of our sacred texts such as prayerbooks and *haggadahs* which are no longer fit for use. If you have any material which you wish to dispose of, which contain one of the names for God in Hebrew, you may bring them with you for burial or drop them off at the synagogue prior to September 24th with a note for Rabbi Barb Moskow.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

We pleased to announce that our students will be joining the Religious School program at Temple B'nai Israel (TBI) in Aurora. Both Rabbi Ed Friedman and TBI President Jeremy Ginsberg, with strong support from their Board, have expressed their delight in having our students participate in their educational program. At a recent Board meeting they *approved a motion to allow students from Congregation Beth Shalom in DeKalb to benefit from the TBI member rate for school this year as long as they maintain membership with Congregation Beth Shalom.*”

We are equally delighted that our students will have an opportunity to make new friends and participate in the Shalom Learning program. According to Faith Young, Board of Education Chair at TBI, *we are excited to introduce our new dynamic, engaging, state-of-the-art curriculum and materials developed by Shalom Learning. Every Sunday your child will still learn Hebrew, prayers, Jewish holidays, culture, traditions, and ethics. Each teacher will use videos, short stories, songs, games, and projects to meet the needs of each child's learning style. In addition, every student (Grades 2 – Confirmation) will access an online portal that enables teachers to monitor student assignments and progress while students work independently during the week.*

Although we will not have the students in our building for religious school, we look forward to seeing them for Shabbat, holy days and special programs. B'nai Mitzvah preparation will continue to be supervised by Rabbi Barb Moskow. Rabbi Barb will also, as her schedule permits, participate in the educational program at TBI and maintain contact with their educators and Board of Education.

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM AND THE INTERNET

Congregation Beth Shalom has a new and updated look on the Internet. Our congregational website has been redesigned from the ground up, featuring more information about what is going on as well as more information about us. The web address is the same (BethShalomDeKalb.org), however there are many new features for all to see and use, including:

- The entire website is now device-friendly, automatically reformatting for the best viewing experience on your computer, tablet, or phone.
- An expanded menu of options and information (click on the links on the left-hand side of the page, or on the word “Menu” when viewing on your phone, to expand the choices available).
- New “@BethShalomDeKalb.org” e-mail addresses for each of the CBS officers and directors — while the person doing the job can change from year to year, the e-mail to get in touch with the officer or director will stay the same (for example, to get in touch with Rabbi Barb send your e-mail to “Rabbi@BethShalomDeKalb.org”, or to ask a question about dues or donations to “Treasurer@BethShalomDeKalb.org”).
- haShofar is now included in the website, with issues going back to April/May of 2014 (you will need the Adobe Acrobat PDF readers on your computer to open these newsletters).
- Updated links to Jewish info, including a display of today’s date on the Hebrew calendar and upcoming Shabbat times and Parashat (with links to the text).
- A fun calendar of the year’s events that can be viewed either as a list or in a traditional calendar format. The location of each event is mapped, and any/all events can be easily downloaded in either Google Calendar or iCal format for quick upload into your computer or phone’s calendar programs.
- A new online store that lets you pay your dues, make a donation (regular or High Holidays), or purchase CDs right from the website. We are using PayPal as our secure online payment processor, allowing you to use any major credit card, or your PayPal account if you have one, to make purchases from the website. PayPal charges a low 2.2% fee (plus 30 cents) for this service, automatically calculated and added to your total whenever you use the on-line store. If you earn cash back or travel miles, you might consider this option thinking of donating to CBS.

We invite you to take a moment and look through all that the new website has to offer. If you have suggestions for future improvements, have a picture or some new information you would like to share, or if you find an error that needs to be fixed, please let us know by writing to the webmaster at “WebMaven@BethShalomDeKalb.org”.

NOTE: At this time, the website is not capable of creating or accepting automatic payment plans for dues or donations. This is a feature we hope to bring to everyone in the near future.

\$\$\$ ANNUAL DUES

The Board of Directors voted earlier this year to maintain suggested dues levels for the upcoming year (2017-2018) the same as they have been this past year. While the congregation experienced a slight decline in the amount of funds raised from dues during 2016-2017, this was more than made up for by increased donations that were received. We are hopeful that this year will see an increase in both membership (and dues received) as we continue to improve and expand on the number and types of religious, educational, and social service programming being offered.

Annual membership renewal letters will be sent out next month (September), with a reminder included in the next issue of haShofar. This same information, including the blank membership form, are already available on the CBS website (BethShalomDeKalb.org). This year members have the option of either mailing a check for their dues and donations (Congregation Beth Shalom, P.O. Box 1177, DeKalb, IL 60115), or by paying their dues and donations on-line (<http://bethshalomdekalb.org/donate-to-cbs/>) using any major credit card or their PayPal account. Payments made online are secured, encrypted, and protected by PayPal, the largest online payment processor on the Internet, and are subject to an additional 2.2% fee (plus 30 cents) automatically applied.

HOSTING THE CONGREGATION

As in past years, at the annual picnic you will have the chance to sign up to host an oneg. Again this year there is an opportunity to serve as host of one of our Shabbat potlucks. Neither job is onerous! Paper goods, kosher wine, challah, and grape juice will be available at the synagogue. Your responsibility for the oneg is to set things up at the table in the back of the sanctuary and provide some goodies, and maybe some fruit, for us to snack on as we chat after the end of services.

For the potluck, the host will have to arrive about 6:00 p.m. to set things out and provide something cold to drink. Cleanup is always a communal affair...you just need to ask those in attendance to help.

If you can't make the picnic but want to help, just give me a call (815-758-1905) or email me at hashofarEditor@bethshalomdekalb.org

Carol Zar

ADVANCE NOTICE: MUSICAL EVENT

The Chicago A Cappella chorus has a tradition of opening its season with a concert with a Jewish theme, which some of our members have attended. They're doing it again this year. *Funny, That Doesn't Sound Jewish* will be presented on Sunday, October 8, at 4 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom, 772 W. Fifth Avenue in Naperville.

From the group's brochure: From Mendelssohn to Bernstein, from European courts to Yiddish theater and the Broadway stage, many Jewish composers have wrestled with their faith. We'll explore this rich musical dynamic through sublime classical works, church anthems and oratorios, American Songbook hits and Broadway novelties. Discover the world of sound, lyrics, and ideas that comes about when creativity bumps up against social pressure, and the resulting music does – and doesn't – sound Jewish.

While we are not organizing a group trip this year, individual general seating tickets are available at \$35 (\$30 for those 65 and older) and may be ordered at chicagoacappella.org/tickets.

--Elizabeth Bass, adult ed

CHATTER

Mara Kuchynka, Sandi Splansky's daughter, was married July 8, 2017 at Kilbuck Creek in Monroe Center - beautiful outdoor setting! She married Ben Heinsohn, also from DeKalb. They are living in DeKalb. Mara and Ben have been dating since junior year in high school. Ben is a graduate of Iowa State University and will be resuming studies this fall at NIU to pursue a degree in computer science. Mara is working at American Marketing and Publishing in DeKalb. Mazel Tov to all!

A special edition of haShofar with complete information for High Holy Days Services will be sent in mid-September. Watch your email!

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM CALENDAR 2017-2018

August

August 13	Sunday	Fox Valley Family Education Kick-off picnic @ 11:00-1:00 Randall Oaks Park, Dundee, IL
August 26	Friday	Shabbat Service @ 7:30 p.m.
August 27	Sunday	Annual Potluck Picnic (Meat) @ noon (Welsh Park, across from synagogue)

September

Sept. 8	Friday	Shabbat Potluck (dairy) @ 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Wednesday	Erev Rosh Hashanah @ 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue
Sept. 21	Thursday	Rosh Hashanah day 1 @ 9:30 a.m. at the synagogue
Sept. 21	Thursday	Tashlich Service @ 3:30 p.m. (bridge across from music Building)
Sept. 22	Friday	Rosh Hashanah day 2 @ 10 a.m. at the synagogue
Sept. 24	Sunday	Kever Emet Memorial Service @ 10 a.m. Fairview Cemetery, DeKalb
Sept. 29	Friday	Kol Nidre Service 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue
Sept. 30	Saturday	Yom Kippur service @ 9:30 a.m. at the synagogue
Sept. 30	Saturday	Yom Kippur Neilah service @ 5:30 p.m. at the synagogue

October

October 1	Sunday	Sukkah building & decorating @ 3 p.m.
October 6	Friday	Dinner in sukkah: potluck (meat) @ 6:30 p.m.
October 14	Saturday	Shabbat service @ 10 a.m.
October 27	Friday	Shabbat service @ 7:30 p.m.

November

Nov. 17	Friday	Shabbat service @ 7:30 p.m.
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December

Dec. 9	Saturday	Shabbat service 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 17	Sunday	Hanukkah Party potluck @ 5 p.m. (Dairy)
Dec. 22	Friday	Shabbat service @ 7:30 p.m.

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January

Jan. 12	Friday	Shabbat potluck (meat) @ 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Friday	Shabbat Service @ 7:30 p.m.

February

Feb. 3	Saturday	Shabbat Service @ 10:00 a.m.
Feb 16	Friday	Shabbat potluck (dairy) at 6:30 p.m.

March

March 4	Sunday	Purim celebration @ time TBD
March 9	Friday	Shabbat service @ 7:30 p.m.
March 18	Sunday	Fox Valley Family Education Pesach Program (time/location TBD)
March 23	Friday	Shabbat potluck (meat) @ 6:30 p.m
March 31	Saturday	Community Passover second night Seder @ 6 p.m.

April

April 7	Saturday	Shabbat Service with Yizkor @ 10 a.m.
April 13	Friday	Shabbat potluck (dairy) @ 6:30 p.m.
April 22	Sunday	Bagels and Lox Brunch @ 10 a.m. (location TBD)
April 27	Friday	Shabbat service @ 7:30 p.m.

May

May 4	Friday	Shabbat Potluck Lag B'Omer (dairy) @ 6:30 p.m.
May 18	Friday	Shabbat Service @ 7:30 p.m.
May 21	Monday	Shavuot Study Session (7:00 p.m.) & Congregational Annual Meeting (8:00 p.m.)

June

June 2	Saturday	Shabbat Service @ 10:00 a.m.
June 8	Friday	Shabbat Potluck (meat) @ 6:30 p.m.
June 22	Friday	Shabbat Service @ 7:30 p.m.

Tentative Adult Education dates Sundays:

Nov. 5, 2017; Jan. 21, March 18, 2018

Book Group on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.: Oct. 26, Dec. 7, 2017; Feb. 1, April 5, 2018

Synagogue Board Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All congregants are welcome to attend.