

Monday, March 12, 2018

Beth Jacob Synagogue Weekly Announcements

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Prayer Services

Thursday morning, 7:25 am. Morning Minyan.

Friday night, at 6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat, with a variation of Torah Study.

Shabbat morning, 9:00 am. This week we are privileged to read from the combined *parashat Vayikra*. Because we are welcoming the Schechter School community to participate and lead various portions of the service, there will not be space for the usual Torah Study (but there will be a modified format for this week's Friday night service).

Upcoming

Saturday, March 17th, at 9 am—Schechter Shabbat at 9am

Saturday morning, March 24, 9:30 am. New 2-hour Shabbat morning experiment; and **note the start time** (details in the VOICE). And in case there is any confusion, this is an experimental event; and that the normal start time for Shabbat remains at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 30th, 6:00 pm—Beth Jacob Community Wide First Seder

A Note from Rav Julius Regarding March 24 Shabbat Morning Service

I want to clarify some confusion that has arisen about the March 24 Shabbat morning service (which is more fully described in the last week's VOICE).

First, this is a one-time experiment to see if there is a prayer offering that Beth Jacob can deliver that is more appealing to the membership than the current fare.

Second, I was asked what I was trying to deliver, and my response was quite simple: Over the 5-6 years I've been at Beth Jacob, I've seen virtually all of you come to a Shabbat morning service, some maybe once, and others more than once. Either way, your being a synagogue member and someone who has tried at least one service indicates to me that you are someone who is interested in going the prayer route experience to find some help in your lives, but that apparently you didn't find it in that service. So, my challenge is to craft a service that meets your needs, and not those of a prior generation.

And if this attempt doesn't work – and I hope that those who do try it out, will candidly let me, or at least your Synagogue leadership, know what their experience was like, we can try other paths.

BETH JACOB TO HOST A COMMUNITY-WIDE FIRST SEDER

Beth Jacob Synagogue will once again be hosting a seder the first night of Passover Friday evening, March 30th, at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a service at 6 p.m. We invite everyone in the community to share with family and friends an exciting seder led by Rav Julius, with full interactive participation by everyone attending. This year our seder will be catered by a cordon bleu trained chef, who also graduated from the DCO school in Tuscany.



Our seder menu will consist of appetizer plates of hummus and chopped liver with celery and carrot sticks and matzoh crackers, stuffed cabbage, chicken soup with matzoh balls, stuffed chicken breasts with matzoh stuffing, saffron rice pilaf and fresh sauteed string beans. Dessert will be a sorbet served with fresh berries. Vegetarian options will be available upon request when you make your reservation.

Reservation deadline will be March 26th and must be accompanied by your payment. The cost to Beth Jacob members is \$25.00 and \$30.00 for non-members.

The seder will begin at 6:30 p.m. and we look forward to welcoming members and their families and friends. Please call Beth Jacob Synagogue at (860)886-2459 or Arlene Dressler at (860)537-1505 or send your check to Beth Jacob Synagogue at 400 New London Turnpike, Norwich, CT 06360.



Solomon Schechter Academy
is pleased to announce a
Schechter Shabbat at Beth Jacob Synagogue.
Rav Julius and the Schechter students
will lead a morning of worship.
All are welcome to attend.
Kiddush luncheon to follow.

What: Schechter Shabbat and Kiddush luncheon
When: Saturday March 17, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Where: Beth Jacob Synagogue, 400 New London Tpke,
Norwich, CT 06360

Education Opportunities

Mishnah Class

We have discontinued this class (that followed morning minyan) and will come up with a new subject shortly.

New Talmud Class

Meets Wednesday nights, and we are studying the first Tractate of the Talmud, Berakhot (blessings), that begins with conversations on the Shema (and then the *Amidah* and other blessings), but which will go far afield. Feel free to drop in anytime to see if this might be of interest for you. We meet on Wednesday nights, from 7-8:30 pm, with light refreshments. All study is in English with a translation that was published about 4-5 years and is very user friendly (and with illustrations). Don't worry if you miss classes.

Attention BJS Reader's Circle:

The 4th and final book of this year's series is, "Rabbi Akiva." The "streaming event" with the author will be May 9th. Schedule of Discussion dates will be released at end of March. All congregants are welcome to participate in this final personality of the year.

March 13 26 Adar

Clara Mindel
Rachel Cooper
Charles Labb—*Father of Robert Labb*

March 14 27 Adar

Garland Brown—
Husband of Hazel Brown
Jerome Zuckerbraun—
Brother-in-Law of Irene Zuckerbraun;
Uncle of Joel Zuckerbraun

Ruth Fox—*Mother of Kim Brissette*

March 15 28 Adar

William Zurlin
Martin Himmel
Herman Horwitz
Henry Swatzburg
Rachael Adoff



Passover Service Schedule 2018/5778

Friday, March 30, 7:00 am. (note earlier time)
Morning Minyan, Siyyum for Erev Pesach

Friday, March 30, 6:00 pm. * Pesach 1st Night Service (and for those staying for the Beth Jacob Seder, it will start at 6:30 pm)

Shabbat, March 31, 9:00 am. Shabbat/Pesach 1st Day Services —Kiddush Follows Service

Sunday April 1, 9:00 am. Pesach 2nd Day Services —Kiddush Follows Service

Thursday, April 5, 7:25 am. Minyan – 4th Day of Chol HaMoed

Friday April 6, 9:00 am. Pesach 7th day Services – Kiddush Follows Service

Friday, April 6, 6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 7, 9:00 am. Shabbat/Pesach Service, Yizkor Service no earlier than 10:00 am. Kiddush Follows Service

*Out of respect for all of those who need to prepare their Seders, or who need to travel to reach their Seders, Beth Jacob will not be holding a service for the second night of Passover. However, since Beth Jacob is planning to have a Seder in the synagogue for the first night of Passover, we will be conducting an evening service that night (March 30)

Albert Mindell
Lena Bokoff

March 16 29 Adar

Jeffrey Berk
Nathan Levine
Margaret Gottlieb
Henrieta Alter—

Mother of Betsy Eicholz

March 17 1 Nisan

Esther Gerber

March 18 2 Nisan

Mollie Goldblatt
Maxine Pevner

March 19 3 Nisan

Louis Sadernsky
Rachael Slosberg
Joseph Herman
Philip Bokoff