

## Annual Meeting Update

On May 3rd, Beth Shalom members elected the following congregants to serve on the Board of Directors for the next two years:

**Adam Carlton**  
**Sherry Eckert**  
**Harris Green**  
**Joel Skodnick**  
**Debbie Wood**

Due to personal commitments, Jason Tanenbaum has resigned his position on the Board. We thank him for his years of service to Beth Shalom. Jason plans to remain active in our congregation.

Thank you to all members who attended this important annual event. Your attendance helps ensure that you have a vote in the direction of your congregation.

## Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 7 pm, St. Albans  
All members welcome to attend

## Join our Mitzvah Committee

We are in immediate need of members willing to serve on our Mitzvah Committee. The Mitzvah Committee will serve as the point of contact for families to reach out to the Jewish community and express their needs. They will ensure that the congregation is informed of their situation, if desired, and that they are properly cared for as needed. To volunteer, please contact Debby Wood at [volunteer@bslkn.org](mailto:volunteer@bslkn.org).

## Summer Services

**Due to summer scheduling, we will not be holding our usual Shabbaton weekends. Please consult your weekly news and monthly Nus for our service schedule.**

**Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, St. Alban's**  
Services at 6:15pm. No dinner.

**No July services due to 4th of July**

**August tbd**

## A Note of Thanks from Rabbi Gerber

*Dear Beth Shalom Family,*

*First of all, thank you so much for our beautiful gifts. The menorah/artwork looks great in our window and I've been showing everyone the Torah Thoughts book! We were really touched by your wonderful gifts.*

*But most importantly, thanks for 2 wonderful, amazing years. Rebecca and I have loved being with you; praying, singing, learning, eating and karaoke-ing with your terrific congregation. We have made such great friends in North Carolina. We can't wait to come back soon and visit. Thanks again for everything. We will never forget our loving family in Davidson.*

*Much love and thanks,  
Jeremy & Rebecca*

## Save the Date

### SHALOM LAKE NORMAN

**Sunday, September 13, 2009 12:00 to 4:00 PM**  
**Ramsey Creek Park, Cornelius**

**This is the first annual Jewish Festival on the Lake. Fashioned after the "Hard Lox" Festival in Asheville. Planned by the Jewish Council of Lake Norman, with funding from the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. Entertainment will include Klezmer music, soloists, Israeli dance group, children's crafts area and rides.**

**Ethnic food for the entire family. Judaica and resource information.**

**This promises to be an exciting and enjoyable day for all so mark your calendars now!**

## News from the Center for Jewish Studies

Director Kristine Mahoney

We are excited to announce our adaptation of the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) curriculum beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. ISJL is a private, non-profit and trans-denominational organization. This religious school curriculum is used in more than 100 congregations in 13 states to provide the foundation for a meaningful Jewish educational experience. Our director, Kristine, will represent Beth Shalom at the ISJL conference on June 28-30. In addition to the ISJL curriculum, Beth Shalom will continue to receive support from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) and Temple Israel ensuring the Conservative influence on the students' education. Hebrew acquisition and tefillot will be the areas of focus. For further information contact Kristine Mahoney at [k.mahoney04@gmail.com](mailto:k.mahoney04@gmail.com); (980) 253-0232.

Religious school registration for 2009-2010 is underway. Forms are due by July 15. There is an **early bird discount if forms are sent in by June 15**. Forms can be found on our website at [www.bslkn.org](http://www.bslkn.org).

## TZADDIKIM (RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE) IN OUR MIDST



We are proud of congregant and B'nai Mitzvah student **Brooke Phillips**, daughter of Sally and Dave Phillips. Inspired by her adoption of her dog Roxie from a shelter, twelve year old Brooke organized and held a non-traditional dog show to raise money and encourage adoption of rescue dogs. The Helping Paws Dog Show was held at Woodlawn School in Mooresville on May 16. Despite iffy weather, many turned out to compete in categories of best trick, best groomed, best personality, and best in show. Fellow congregant, veterinarian and dog enthusiast, Dr. Joanna Gelfman served as one of the judges. There were also caricatures of people and their pets, agility demonstrations, and dog washing. The event raised over \$600 for Project Halo, a local no-kill shelter. It also resulted in the adoption of a shelter dog! Great job Brooke!

***If you or a congregant you know is involved in community service we want to know! Please contact [alison@bslkn.org](mailto:alison@bslkn.org) with details.***

## Thank You!

**Beth Shalom gratefully acknowledges the following donations:**

- ★ **In honor of Elisabeth Carlton, on her Bat Mitzvah**  
by Joe & Alison Barrocas
- ★ **In honor of Jeremy Gerber, for his 2 years of service to Beth Shalom**  
by Joe & Alison Barrocas
- ★ **To the Beth Shalom General Fund**  
by Roxana Sosa
- ★ **Sponsoring May Oneg, in honor of their daughter Elizabeth's Bat Mitzvah**  
by Denise & Adam Carlton

**Do a double mitzvah & honor someone with a donation to Beth Shalom!**  
Visit [www.bslkn.org](http://www.bslkn.org) and click "Make a Donation" on the left

## Welcome New Members

**Beth Shalom welcomes the following new members to our congregation:**

★ **Sharon & Benjamin (Pat) Yaskin, Mooresville**

### About our new members:

Sharon and her husband Benjamin (his middle name is Patrick and he has always been called Pat) were raised and educated in Miami, Florida. They have three adult daughters, two of whom live in Atlanta and one in Charlotte. When Pat, an architectural engineer retired, they decided to move to Beech Mountain, but later felt it was more important to be closer to their children, sons-in-law, and 6 granddaughters. They were always involved with horses when the children were young. Nancy, their youngest, is still riding along with her two daughters. They bought a horse farm in Mooresville where they board and give riding lessons. Sharon is a retired school teacher and loves working with children. Pat has designed many bridges and turnpikes in Florida and elsewhere in the country and in Belize. They have belonged to Temple Judea, Bet Breira, and Temple Hatikvah while living in Miami. They note that they are thrilled to become members of Beth Shalom and already feel so comfortable knowing they are meeting wonderful people!

## Announcements

Congratulations to congregant **Suzanne Meyer!**



Suzanne's company, **The Welcome Committee Inc.**, has been recognized as one of the top 200 mom-owned businesses in StartupNation's 200 Leading Moms in Business Competition. The

Welcome Committee, founded by Suzanne in 1999, is a newcomer greeting service and word-of-mouth marketing company that pairs up newcomers with local businesses and professional services in the Lake Norman region. Suzanne is the mother of 3 children, ages 12, 15 and 16. She employs 9 other moms. Suzanne also serves as a mentor and role model to budding entrepreneurs through the "Teen Entrepreneur" program at a local high school. She also volunteers on many chamber and civic committees.

## June Yahrzeits

Join the congregation in remembering the following loved ones:

- ✧ Emanuel Bauman, beloved father of Beth Schimelman – June 10, 2009/18 Sivan
- ✧ Esther Weisfeld, beloved mother of Billie Green – June 14, 2009/22 Sivan
- ✧ William Pincus, beloved father of Arlene Eisberg – June 22, 2009/30 Sivan

## June Candle Lightings

June 5 – 8:16 pm  
 June 12 – 8:19 pm  
 June 19 – 8:22 pm  
 June 26 – 8:23 pm

## Todah Rabbah to our Habitat for Humanity House builders

Thank you to Beth & Mike Cupp, Alison Koehler, Dave Phillips, Stacey Schlesinger, Beth Schimelman, Roger Jones, Rich McFarling, Mimi and Gordon Frank, Ron Miller, Jason Tanenbaum, Michael Lieberman, and Arlene Berkman for participating in our build day on April 29. Thanks to Sally Phillips for preparing lunches.

And a special thanks to Mike Cupp for his role as co-house leader.

## Community Events

### Congregation Emanuel Shabbaton Weekends with Rabbi Aaron Philmus

**June 5-7 Earth Day weekend**

**June 12-14 Rabbi Philmus's last weekend and 125<sup>th</sup>**

**Anniversary weekend. Lake Norman Congregations invited to attend special Friday night service and oneg celebration.**

Friday night service and Oneg. Saturday 10 am Torah service followed by Brunch & Learn. Saturday night 6 pm covered dish/Havdallah service. Sunday 10 am Brunch & schmooze with Rabbi.

Contact Elliot Vziel at 704-924-9584 or

[docvisuals@amail.com](mailto:docvisuals@amail.com) for more information.

### 100% RUACH INITIATIVE

It's been over a year since we introduced our 100% Ruach initiative with the goal of involving every family in some aspect of Beth Shalom. Debbie Wood is our central point of contact for this program, matching each member with the ideal job for their skills, interests and time constraints. Some jobs take as little as 10 minutes a week! Please help us reach 100% by contacting Debbie at [Debbie@bslkn.org](mailto:Debbie@bslkn.org)

## Chag Sameach!

### June Birthdays

✧ Robin Rosenfeld	June 1
✧ Beth Cupp	June 3
✧ Hannah Adler	June 7
✧ Joel Skodnick	June 9
✧ Robert Eilenberg	June 12
✧ Steve Bograd	June 13
✧ Howard Swartz	June 13
✧ Yehudit Dagan	June 17
✧ Abbie Crasnow	June 23
✧ Suzie Feldberg	June 24
✧ Richard Gordon	June 25
✧ Joe Keller	June 26
✧ Marguerite Keller	June 26
✧ Sharon Yaskin	June 29

### June Anniversaries

✧ Jody & Jeff Cohen	June 3
✧ Joanne & Larry Rosenfeld	June 8
✧ Yehudit & Avigdor Dagan	June 12
✧ Erin & Evan Schwartz	June 12
✧ Linda & Roger Jones	June 23

## Sponsor an Oneg

Sponsoring an Oneg is a wonderful way to perform a double mitzvah by honoring someone special in your life, such as to recognize a baby naming, bris, b'nai mitzvah, birthday, anniversary or other special event.

When sponsoring an Oneg, you have the opportunity to have your name listed in all email communications, the monthly newsletter, press release and marketing, as well as announced at all services. Our catering coordinator will handle all of the details to make your Oneg special. To sponsor an oneg, please contact the catering coordinator at [debbie@bslkn.org](mailto:debbie@bslkn.org).





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