



Congregation Beit Shalom

A Center for the Jewish Community

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The Ner Tamid / The Eternal Light

Tammuz-Av 5769 - July 2009

JULY CALENDAR

JULY 3RD Shabbat Torah Service - candle lighting @ 7 pm
 JULY 10TH Shabbat Torah Service - candlelighting @ 7 pm
 JULY 17TH Shabbat Torah Service - - candlelighting @ 7 pm
 JULY 24TH Shabbat Torah Service - - candlelighting @ 7 pm
 JULY 31ST Shabbat Torah Service - - candlelighting @ 7 pm
 July 12 @ 3:30 pm Congregational Meeting/Library. . .

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July 4th - FIREWORKS, FAMILY SWIM, DINNER.6:30pm.

RSVP 308-1333 or 625-0289 \$15

KOSHER DINNER & FUNDRAISER FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS!



RABBI NEAL WEINBERG WILL BE RETURNING FOR HIS FOURTH YEAR WITH VISALIA CONGREGATION BEIT SHALOM

RABBI WEINBERG WILL BE LEADING THE ALL HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

RABBI WILL BE WITH US FOR SEVERAL ADDITIONAL VISITS THROUGH OUT THE NEW YEAR.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

ROSH HASHANAH MORNING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

KOL NIDRE SERVICE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

YOM KIPPUR MORNING
MINCHA, YISKOR, NEILAH
BREAK THE FAST
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

MORE INFO RE TIMES OF THE VARIOUS SERVICES AND FUTURE RABBI VISITS NEXT ISSUE OF NER TAMID.

Kosher Meat Available
Congregation Beit Shalom has whole chickens, chicken breasts, legs & thighs, brisket, and ground beef. From New York.

625-0289



MAKE YOUR SHABBAT SPECIAL. .

KOSHER CERTIFIED. . .
ALL SHIPMENTS ARE PACKED UNDER THE CONSTANT SUPERVISION OF THE VAAD HARABBONIM OF THE FIVE TOWNS & FAR ROCKAWAY. . .

What is Tisha B'Av. . . read on next page!

Garage Sale in the Works

Please donate your items to the shul.

Call for pick up of your items or help by bringing them to the shul.

Also needed are workers to run the sales on one or both days. .

Contact: cfsimonian@comcast.net

625-0289 or Carla @ 732-1651

Save-Mart Shares Card

It is now possible for us to mail you a shares card. Please call or e-mail for your card. . When you swipe your card at the check-stand, Beit Shalom receives 3%.

Ruth: 741-1457 Cynthia: 625-0289

Nibble- Nosh -Nourish

A Jewish Cookbook

Congregation Beit Shalom's beautiful collection of special dishes, recipes, and meal plans from our parents', grandparents', & sometimes great-grandparents' homes and lives. Both Sephardic and Askenazic cuisine fill these pages. . from the congregation that is known for its enjoyment of plentiful & delicious dinners.

Barbara:

686-8736

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June birthday wishes go out to our friends:
21 Randi Saul O son 26 Skylar Murdock
July birthdays: 9- Andy Davis 22-Matt Epstein
13- Jamie Brotherton 18 - Andrea Hooyer

How is Tisha B'Av Important to Jews today?.

First of all, what is it? The Jewish calendar has 12 months, but they have different names than the Gregorian calendar. Tishrè, Cheshvan, Kislev, Tevet, Sh'vat, Adar, Nissan, Sivan Iyar, Tammus, Av, Elul. That's right, Av falls approximately in the month of July . Just before the High Holidays. Rosh Hashanah never deviates on the Hebrew calendar. It is always on the 1st of Tishrè. But back to Av. On the 9th of Av (Tisha = 9 in Hebrew) we lost both the 1st and 2nd Temples. Other tragedy's befell us Jews thru out our history, on that same day of the Hebrew calendar, So the 8th of Av was declared by the Rabbis in the first centuries following the destruction of the 2nd Temple (70 c.e). to be a day of mourning and fasting. We lost our land, we lost our singular Beit HaMikdash. We lost Biblical Judaism. We lost our religious leaders, the priests who performed Temple rituals. We didn't want to be Pagans. The Rabbis who where the scholars & teachers at that time, they morphed Judaism into a religious practice without animan sacrifice or meal or fruit offerings at the Temple to connect us with G-d. They taught Prayer, Tzedakah, and Community Service & religious practice as the "Sacrifice" that would reunify Jews with G-d their Creator, & Creator of the World. History can repeat itself! If we overlook these genocides first by the Babylonians, and then the Romans we condone murder and show no backbone. If we do not care that we have much to lose now, i.e. our national homeland. After 1900 years we finally have the right to our land, Israel, our religious practice, & our very lives. .There is only 1 Jewish Homeland. In order to protect Israel and ourselves,

Learn, Be Strong, & Never Forget!

cynthia fischer simonian