

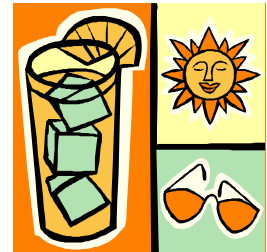


BETH CHAI NEWS

The Greater Washington Jewish Humanist Congregation

You Are Invited to Beth Chai's Summer Havdalah, Potluck & Pool Party

Saturday, July 29 from 6 to 8:30 PM. All members of Beth Chai are invited to come to our mid-summer get-together at the home of our generous hosts, Cindy Welsh and Scott Greenberg. There will be a Havdalah service (a short ritual to mark the end of Shabbat). If you would like to invite guests who might be interested in becoming members of Beth Chai, please feel free.



What to bring? A swimsuit, towel, and a potluck dish that feeds eight to ten.

RSVP Information: Please RSVP to say how many are coming, what you'll bring, and get the exact address and directions to the Welsh/Greenberg home in Potomac, MD. Email cindywelsh@gwellc.com or Scott at sagreenberg@gwellc.com or call 301-983-3357.

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Planning Underway for Beth Chai's Shabbat & Adult Ed Programs for 2006-2007: Program Committee Welcomes Your Ideas by Ken Jacobson

Beth Chai's Program Committee has tentatively picked the evening of July 20 to talk about topics for our Adult Education series and Shabbat programs for the 2006-07 year. All interested are invited to attend the discussion and encouraged to bring their ideas.

Among the proposals for Adult Ed series that have been discussed in the past — but for which there hasn't yet been time — are a look at the realities of Jewish life in Muslim lands at different historical periods and a comparison of Abrahamic texts in Judaism and Islam. One idea that's new this year is to examine the nature of obligation and the roots of guilt in Jewish religion and culture.



As for Shabbat programs, suggestions have ranged from tracing anti-Semitic symbolism in the vampire myth, including its manifestation in Bram Stoker's classic novel *Dracula*, to delving into the characteristics of Klezmer that make it a distinctive form of music, and a distinctively Jewish form of music.

Please watch the Beth Chai weekly email announcement for the final information on the date, time, and place of the meeting. All those who, for whatever reason, won't be able to attend are invited to send their suggestions in for consideration; please address them to me at kenjacobson@hotmail.com.



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Financial Need Policy: Beth Chai welcomes anyone to attend services, become a member, or have their children attend our Jewish Family School, regardless of ability to pay. Considerations available include extended payment plans, service exchange, and fee reduction. Financial aid determination will be made on a case by case basis. Please contact Diane Page for assistance.

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New Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Vicky and Gregg Marchand on the birth of their son, Alexander, in the spring.



Congratulations to Eron and Elizabeth Sodie on the birth of their son, Noah Thomas Sodie, on May 20th.

Congratulations to Shannon Rudisill and Jeffrey Gerber on the birth of their son, Wesley Lanier Gerber, on June 5th. (Photo below)



Condolences

The Congregation sends its condolences to David Kameron and family on the passing of his sister Barbara Steppel.

The Congregation sends its condolences to Harry Feldman and Paula Rubinoff on the passing of Harry's father.

The Congregation sends its condolences to Evan Foster on the sudden passing of his mother, Ruth Shaul.

Thanks

Many thanks to Wendy Baber for delivering the congregation's donations to the Manna Food Bank of Montgomery County on June 4. Beth Chai members and friends contributed **108 pounds** of food, and the staff was very appreciative. Thanks to all who donated!



~ Mark Your Calendars ~ High Holy Days at Beth Chai Congregation

Here's the schedule. Look for full details in September's newsletter and posted on www.BethChai.org.

Rosh Hashanah
Saturday, September 23
9:30 AM Family Service
10:30 AM Adult Service



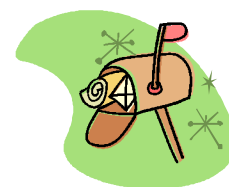
Kol Nidre
Sunday, October 1 at 7:30 PM

Yom Kippur
Monday, October 2
9:30 AM Family Service
10:30 AM Adult Service
6:30 PM Break-the-Fast Potluck

All services at Beth Chai Congregation at RRUC
6301 River Road, Bethesda, MD
(Entrance to parking lot on Whittier Blvd.)

Coming to Your Mailbox This Summer: Membership Renewal Packets

The Beth Chai membership renewal packets will be mailed out sometime around the middle or end of July. Please take the time to fill the forms out and return them to us — sooner is better than later. All Beth Chai operations and events tend to run more smoothly when we have an accurate member database to work with. If you renew by August 21st, we will mail your High Holiday tickets to you, and you can avoid the crowd at the “will call” desk picking up tickets on the day of services.



It's especially helpful to have registrations in early for Sunday school: Planning for classes goes so much better when we have all the information in hand before the start of the new school year.

This year the first day of Sunday school will be **September 10th**. Remember, you can also register your children for school by visiting our web site, <http://www.bethchai.org/school.html>, and clicking on the School Registration Form. Just print the form, fill it in, and send it to Beth Chai Congregation at RRUC, 6301 River Road, Bethesda, MD 20817, along with your check for the tuition amount or your note about your online credit card payment. (To pay by credit card, scroll down the Beth Chai Sunday school page to find the PayPal credit card button, click on it, and follow the instructions you'll find there.)

We thank you for your support of the congregation and look forward to seeing you all at the next Beth Chai event!

Calendar of Events

Date & Time	Event	Location
Thurs., July 20 (date tentative; time TBD)	Program Committee to meet to begin planning Adult Ed and Shabbat programs for 2006-2007.	Location will be announced on the Beth Chai Email List. Contact Ken Jacobson (see front page article for contact information) if you plan on attending.
Sat., July 29 from 6 to 8:30 PM	Potluck pool party & Havdalah service	Home of Scott Greenberg & Cindy Welsh in Potomac. Call 301-983-3357 or email cindywelsh@gwellc.com or sagreenberg@gwellc.com to RSVP and get directions.
Sun., Aug. 13 from 6 to 8 PM (Note earlier starting time!)	Beth Chai board meeting. All interested members are welcome to attend.	Home of Howie and Karen Feinstein in Bethesda. To RSVP and get directions please call 301-564-9482 or email khfeinstein@us.net.
Sun., Sept. 10 at 9:30 AM for students, 10 AM for Adult Ed.	First day of Beth Chai Family School!	Burning Tree Elementary School, 7900 Beech Tree Rd., Bethesda
Sat., Sept. 23, 9:30 AM (family svc.) and 10:30 AM (adult svc)	Rosh Hashanah Services	Beth Chai Congregation at RRUC, 6301 River Rd., Bethesda, MD (entrance to parking lot on Whittier)
Sun., Oct. 1 at 7:30 PM Mon., Oct. 2 at 9:30 (family svc.) & 10:30 AM (adult svc.) 6:30 PM (Break-the-Fast)	Kol Nidre service. Yom Kippur Services in the morning; Break-the-Fast Potluck in the evening (more details in September newsletter).	Beth Chai Congregation at RRUC, 6301 River Rd., Bethesda, MD (entrance to parking lot on Whittier)



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