

"TIKKUN TOGETHER"

The Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford has organized January as "**Mitzvah Month**" when everyone including synagogues can make a difference by doing social action projects for the larger Greater Hartford community. The month of mitzvah is being held in conjunction with President Obama's "**United We Stand**" call. Beth Hillel is involved in four different projects (one in February) and are looking for participants or volunteers. The fourth project is on another page.

We also continuing our clothing drop-off in particular are looking for cold weather coats. We continue our food drive. Our bins near the sanctuary and chapel are near empty. Many people are hungry. Our prophet Isaiah said "share your bread with the hungry." Also remember to attend our "green" holiday—Tu b'shevat.

Sixth Annual Shema Tour Monday January 18 9 am

"Shema comes before V'avayta to teach us that you can not love unless you know how to listen."

Beth Hillel Synagogue is joining with Temple Beth Hillel of South Windsor for a Social Action experiences day. You are invited Join us as we visit the places the needy go to get their needs met. We are going just to listen and to see. You will see our community in a whole new light. This is the sixth year Temple Beth Hillel is doing the program; we are glad they have included us. Note that reservations are **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE** for a bus that holds 55 passengers.

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day we will meet at Temple Beth Hillel in South Windsor for a tour through Hartford through the eyes of the less fortunate.

9:00 Orientation at Temple Beth Hillel, South Windsor (20 Baker Lane).
10:00 Jewish Association for Community Living in West Hartford
11:15 Hispanic Health Center in Hartford
12:00 Sack lunches provided by Beth Hillel Synagogue
12:45 Open Hearth in Hartford (and Food Share at the Regional Market)*
2:30 Return to Temple Beth Hillel in South Windsor

This is free and open to all, but children under 7 might find it difficult. Children need supervision. Teens need a permission slip (contact Lynn at Beth Hillel Bloomfield for the slip)

We are expecting our largest group ever, so space on the bus, and at Food Share, is limited to the first who RSVP to Karen Kasheta (860 282-8466 or tbhadmin@cox.net).

Additional people are welcomed to follow in their own cars.

*Open Hearth is a program for helping those released from jails. If you would rather do an alternate program, up to 12 individuals can help sort food for Foodshare.

SHARING A MEAL AND A PROGRAM WITH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AT CHARTER OAK CULTURAL CENTER

Thursday, January 28th
3—6:30 PM (starting time is tentative)

Tikvoh Chadoshoh has invited Beth Hillel to share in this unusual opportunity to further a partnership with Charter Oak Cultural Center while helping to feed the hungry. Charter Oak runs a remarkable after-school arts program for the school children in its neighborhood.

This volunteer opportunity is unique in that it strengthens a suburban partnership with a remarkable non-profit and that it allows us to interact closely with the people we are volunteering for.

We don't know the details of the program nor how many volunteers we will need but if you think this might interest you, please let the office know at 860-242-5561 or email lynn@bethhillelsynagogue.org

LOAVES AND FISHES SOUP KITCHEN

Thursday, February 4th
9:45 AM—12:45 PM

For many years we have been volunteering here in September. We had such an overwhelming response this past September that it was requested we do it another time during the year.

We do setup and serving of the meal and we need a total of 6 volunteers. If we have too many volunteers, preference will be given to people who have never participated before. We will carpool from the synagogue.

You will find it to be a very rewarding morning. RSVP to the office or email lynn@bethhillelsynagogue.org

**CONGREGATIONAL
TU BISHEVAT SEDER
and Simcha Shabbat**
Celebrate Shabbat
Celebrate the New Year of the Trees



FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010

Services at 6:15pm

Seder at 7:15pm

followed by a light dinner of baked pasta with Israeli side dishes
plus dessert and coffee/tea

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Friday, January 29

Please RSVP by January 27, 2010

Cost: \$5 adult, \$3.00 child under 12 (under 3 free) \$15 max

Name _____

Phone _____

Number Attending _____

[Bloomfield Interfaith Clergy Association](#)
[Annual Martin Luther King](#)
[Remembrance Community Service](#)

Monday, January 18th
7:00 PM

Hosted by Seabury Retirement Community
Bloomfield



**THE BETH HILLEL SYNAGOGUE
MINYONAIRES**

SCHMOOZE AND LUNCH PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JAN 14TH

**STATE SENATOR
JONATHAN HARRIS**

*SENATOR HARRIS IS CHAIRMAN OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. GET THE
LOWDOWN ON WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH
HEALTHCARE ON THE STATE LEVEL.*

*BE SURE TO BRING YOUR QUESTIONS SO
THAT SENATOR HARRIS WILL KNOW WHAT
IS ON THE MINDS OF HIS CONSTITUENTS.*

THURSDAY, JAN 28TH

**YVETTE
HUYGHUE-PANNELL**

**YVETTE IS THE DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES
FOR THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD. COME AND
LEARN ABOUT ALL THE THINGS YOU HAVE BEEN
MISSING. AND IF YOU'RE NOT FROM BLOOM-
FIELD, SHE WILL TELL YOU HOW YOU CAN GET
INFO ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR TOWN.**

**THERE ARE MORE THINGS FOR YOU BESIDES
A "SENIOR'S DISCOUNT".**

***ALL ARE WELCOME. BRING YOUR
FRIENDS.***

**PROGRAM: 11:00 TO NOON
SCHMOOZE AND LUNCH:
NOON TO 1:30PM
SCHMOOZING (FREE); LUNCH \$3.00**

RSVP: SYNAGOGUE OFFICE 242-5561

**Saturday, January 23rd
9:30 AM**

Musical Musaf
Junior Congregation
Tot Shabbat

*Come experience the **Ruach** of Musaf with
Dr. Ethan Nash*



On-going Social Action Program

We are participating in the program "**THIS OLD SHUL**". This energy auditing class is sponsored by the Interreligious Eco-Justice Committee. More than 100 churches and synagogues have participated. In addition to helping the environment, churches and synagogues have saved between 5 and 25 % on their utility bills. Barry Berson will be in charge of Beth Hillel's program. So far 4 other synagogues in Greater Hartford are participating.

If you would like to help in this or any other social action program, please let the office know at 860-242-5561 or lynn@bethhillelsynagogue.org

Lenny Swade, Social Action Co-Chair

February 6th
4:45 pm
HAV DELI

Come for the short Mincha service followed by a deli "third meal", then Maariv and Havdalah. RSVP's to the office for planning purposes are invited.

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YOUR NEIGHBORS, YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN!!!

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Learn the Mitzvah

Do the Mitzvah

Celebrate the Mitzvah



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Community Havdalah

Saturday, February 13, 2010
7 PM—\$5 per person
Congregation Beth Israel
701 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT

A Joyous Havdalah at 7:30 PM
Followed by Music, Singing and Dancing
Kosher Refreshments

Participating Congregations:

*Beth Ahm, Windsor, Beth David, West Hartford,
Beth El, West Hartford, Beth Hillel, Bloomfield,
Beth Hillel, South Windsor, Beth Israel, West
Hartford, B'nai Shalom, Newington, Emanuel
Synagogue, West Hartford, Emek Shalom,
Simsbury, Tikvoh Chadoshoh, Bloomfield, Young
Israel, West Hartford*

Reservations invited but not required—
adulated@cbict.org—860-233-8215, x 427

Religious School Tu B'Shevat Seder Sunday, January 31

The Congregation is invited to share in the Religious School Annual Tu B'Shevat Seder. The Seder will take place on Sunday, January 31st starting about 11:00 a.m. Our Religious School students, staff and families along with the Beth Ahm Synagogue Religious School and families will conduct the Seder.

Reservations are necessary so that we may prepare the many foods that make the Tu B'Shevat Seder so special. Call the synagogue office to make your reservation and join in the excitement on January 31st.

