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September 8
Erev Rosh Hashanah **7:30 PM**

September 9
Rosh Hashanah **10:00 AM**

September 17
Kol Nidre **6:30 PM**

September 18
Yom Kippur **10:00 AM**

Concluding Service & Break -the- Fast **5:30 PM**

September 19
Sukkot Building at the Sacred Heart Church **9am-11 am**

September 24
Sukkot and BJC Annual Meeting and Election of Officers **7:00PM**



September 25
Sukkah Tear Down

October 1
Simchat Torah **7:00 PM**

October 15
B'nai Mitzvah Service 7:00 PM

December 3
Chanukah & BJC 10th Anniversary Celebration **5:30 PM**

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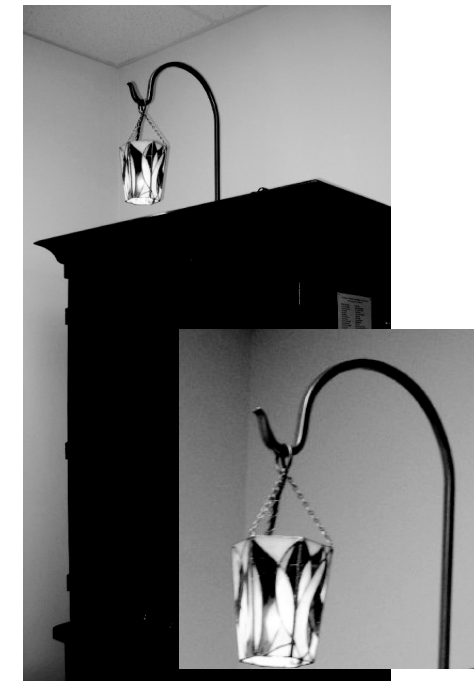
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Eternal Light Now Adorns our



A beautiful stained-glass Eternal Light (*Ner Tamid* in Hebrew) now crowns the ark where our Torah is kept. The Ner Tamid was purchased thanks to the generosity of Lowell and Linda Steinfeld. Two local artisans designed and built the lamp. Dave Wahus of Dave's Stained Glass crafted the stained glass shade and installed the lamp's electric components, while Chris Worley fashioned the steel "shepard's crook" holder. Marvin Barg provided the design concepts, coordinated the project, and installed the completed lamp with the assistance of his wife, Michele. BJC board members David Goodman, Norman Bossert, Ken Wallston, and Steve Butter reviewed and approved the design before construction of the lamp began.

The Ner Tamid has been a symbol of our faith since the days of our exodus from Egypt. It symbolizes the commandment to keep a light burning in the Tabernacle outside of the curtain surrounding the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 27:20). The Brevard Jewish Community is proud to now continue this ancient tradition.

High Holidays and More

We will welcome the New Year with many events that will bring us together as a congregation in celebration and prayer. Please mark your calendar with the dates listed on the back page so that we may come together as a community to celebrate Jewish Life in the majestic WNC Mountains. Brandeis University will present the results of the Jewish Community Needs and Population Study on October 3, 2010 to the Western North Carolina Jewish Federation at the JCC in Asheville. Be sure to attend and see how we've grown. For details call Janet Oppenheimer, Executive Director, WNC Jewish Federation at 545-4648.

President's Message



David Goodman,
President

Dear Friends:

When you receive this edition of Koleynu, we will be within a month of Rosh Hashanah, the first major observance of the "Days of Awe." Like other significant days of the annually occurring secular or religious year, each of us has memories attached to those days. For most of us, this is a time for reflection and renewal. It is a time to appraise our relationships with others and to consider our own actions and, perhaps, to adjust our priorities, if not our "moral compass."

For me, one of the most meaningful moments in the year is during the Yom Kippur Service when, together with the congregation, I forgive all those who have "wronged me" in some way. I take that commitment very seriously. Like the well respected admonition that "Past is Prologue", I believe that forgiveness is absolutely essential in any relationship if I want the future to be different than the past. Put another way, if we do not make an effort to forgive others and to forgive ourselves, then our future relationship will be forever influenced by our past and the continuing feelings of hurt or distrust or "Whatever" will never be resolved. Nothing will change without forgiveness. This is much easier said than done. But, it is worth trying to forgive and thus, trying to change our future for the better.

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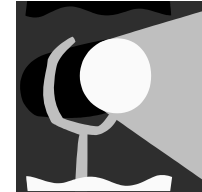
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Spotlight on Members



Ellen Rothman of Brevard and Boca Raton, Florida captured the coveted First Place award in the juried Connestee Falls Art League contest with her depiction of fish in a watercolor painting. Ellen, who has no formal training, has been a member of the League since she and her husband Michael bought a second home in Connestee Falls in 2006. Mike, an avid fisherman, served as the inspiration for her recent entry. The BJC was the beneficiary of Mike's fishing prowess and Ellen's culinary skills at the recent Bagel Brunch when they brought Ellen's Smoked Fish Dip made from Mike's recent trout catches in Lake Atagahi. Renowned local artist

Sarah Sneedan, awarded Ellen the grand prize. Ellen has enjoyed workshops here in Brevard with leading area artists. She has a studio in her home here and her work has been purchased by collectors in both NC and Florida.

CALL LAURIE GOODMAN, 885-5325 TO BE FEATURED IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Memorials & Honoraria

In Memory of....

Jacob Baskin by Barbara and Paul Grossman

Max Bernson by Judith Bernson

In Honor of...

Susan and Ellis Hyman's Anniversary by Kay Kadden

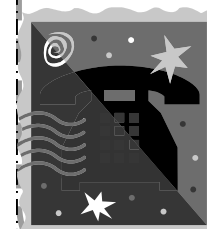
General & In-Kind Donations since October 1, 2009

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?????DID YOU KNOW????

Donations, Honoraria, & Memorials comprise 100% of our Annual Budget.

Please remember the BJC often! Your contributions keep us going and avoid having to charge Dues.



PHONE TREE

Thanks to those who volunteered to be part of our phone tree to call BJC members when the need arises to alert for cancellations or just to obtain RSVP's for special events. The Phone Tree members are: Judy Bernson, Renee Braun, Kay Kadden, Sybil Stuart, Marvin Barg, Leslie Chepenik and Laurie Goodman. Interested in being a caller? Phone Laurie Goodman to help 885-5325.

Frequently Asked BJC Questions:

Q:Where do I send
Donations?

A: Contact Ken
Wallston, Treasurer

Q:How do I honor
or remember
someone with my
donation?

A: Contact Ken
Wallston

Q:Who do I contact
to have the BJC
send a condolence
or Get Well Card?

A: Contact Sybil
Stuart

Q: How do I submit
an article to the
Koleynu?

A:Contact Laurie
Goodman at 885-
5325

or Email to laurie@
North Carolina
MountainLiving.com



Throwing My Yarmuka in The Ring

by Norman Bossert

On November 2, all of you Koleynu readers will have the opportunity to go to the voting booth here in Transylvania County and cast your vote for lots of fine candidates. One of those candidates will be yours truly. I am running for a seat on the Transylvania County School Board. Some of you may remember that I made a run at a seat two years ago. Some three thousand six hundred people voted for me. I have analyzed that election over and over, trying to figure out how I lost. I now know. Almost everybody else got more votes!

So, why am I trying again? It's really quite simple. I have been an educator for 37 years. During those years, I have dedicated myself to the children of every community in which I have lived. I have been a special educator, elementary teacher, varsity basketball and tennis coach, high school speech and drama teacher, assistant principal, and principal. I believe I have much to offer the children and families of Transylvania County and would love to serve the community in which I live.

It is my hope that I will be able to hasten the implementation of the State School Board's 21st century standards. I believe in those standards. They call, in a nutshell, for lifting the bar for performance of all our students. They increase the requirements, for example, for the number of math credits students need for graduation.

Times are hard in North Carolina schools. The State has dramatically reduced the financial support given to local school districts. One can understand the reasons why. With a teetering economy, tax revenues are drastically lower than they have been in the past. As a school principal, I have learned how to run a school successfully ... on less. I know that I can bring to the Board, problem solving skills which will help lead the charge for change. In my work, too, I have had to learn how to build coalitions of support for change, among disparate groups.

I have been taught that politics is nothing more than a battle over scarce resources. As a school board member, it is my hope to lead that battle, to build strong community support for our schools, and to foster a sense of ownership and empowerment among the many stakeholders in Transylvania County.

The incumbents currently serving on the Board are good and well intentioned people who also want to serve the community. So, why vote for Norm? I believe that I bring something different to the school board ... a different, unique set of experiences that I hope voters will believe to be valuable.

As much as I want your vote, I also need financial support. It isn't cheap to run a campaign, not even for School Board. If you feel like you can help, my treasurer is Ken Chepenik. Please send him a donation to support my candidacy. I will use those funds wisely and judiciously. Any checks need to be made out to "The committee to elect Norman Bossert to the School Board." Your donation of \$10, \$20, \$50, or \$100.00 can make a big difference!

I will tell you this, win or lose, I win! I am an American and proud of our Country, a place where people with dreams, have opportunities to realize them. It is for that reason that I love schools and the children who fill them. Children are the stuff of dreams!

Annual Meeting

The BJC Annual Meeting will be held Friday, September 24., 2010 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 7 p.m. following an abbreviated Service. There will be nominations from the floor. At our brief annual member meeting, we will vote for directors, review our financial status and conduct any other business brought up by the membership. You are considered a BJC member, with voting privileges, if you attend one service or meeting per year, and complete a Registry Form. If you can't attend, please complete a proxy (included in this Koleynu issue in the insert) and give it to someone who will be in attendance, or mail it. This will help us to fulfill our bylaw requirements and protect our non-profit status.

Join us as we prepare for the year 5771.

The BJC is trying to improve our collective future. We have begun a B'nai Mitzvah group that will meet on select Saturdays for 90 minutes culminating in a unique Shabbat Service on Friday, October 15th. There are currently four participants but we encourage you to join us. Please contact myself, Norman or Marvin so that we can bring you up to speed on what we have planned. Hebrew is not required.

We have found two able volunteers to chair our first annual "Mitzvah Day"- our name for a day of community service working in cooperation with members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church to perform a "good deed" for the Greater Brevard Community. Learn how really easy, yet significant, this can be for us all.

On Sunday, September 19, volunteers are needed for about two hours to help build our new Sukkah structure at the Sacred Heart Church. We have purchased "pre-fab" trellis sections to frame the small structure and we will decorate it with fruit, vegetables, etc. Please join us for this morning of fun-kibitzers are welcome.

Our Annual Meeting will be held Friday, September 24 at 7:00 . Elections for Board positions will be held that evening and we will discuss our budget and goals for the coming year as we share together an Oneg Shabbat.

We are looking forward to planning a major celebration event in late November or very early December to mark our Tenth Anniversary. Your ideas and input are important. Please contact a board member if you want to contribute your thoughts or volunteer to serve on a committee.

You will find a Calendar of SAVE THE DATES on the last page of this issue Be sure to plan your involvement with YOUR Brevard Jewish Community. We welcome YOU and your ideas.

Finally I want to express my thanks for the fabulous Welcome Back Brunch we all enjoyed last month Thanks to all who attended, brought food, set-up, cleaned-up and who made it the success it was for both our annual and seasonal members. A special thanks to our Chairperson (and my wife) Laurie.

As you can see, there is much planned for the remainder of 2010. We hope each of you will join us to make this the most outstanding year for the BJC.

Faithfully,

David

BREAK-THE-FAST

Break-the-Fast will follow the concluding Service for Yom Kippur which will begin at 5:30 on Saturday, September 18th. Volunteers are needed at 4:30 for set-up and following the dinner as well for clean up. Dinner will be a pot-luck dairy dinner and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Ellen Rothman , Chairman, is coordinating. Please call her to volunteer and let her know what you will be bringing. 885-2692

SPONSOR AN ONEG !

Challahs are provided by the BJC. No need to bake or search. Just let us know and we will supply. You just bring juice, wine and a treat to eat. Join us Fridays at 7:00. Only here for the season? All the more reason to call Leslie Chepenik at 877-5721 today to sign up!

Upcoming Oneg Sponsors:

July 30- Sybil Stuart/Steve Butter

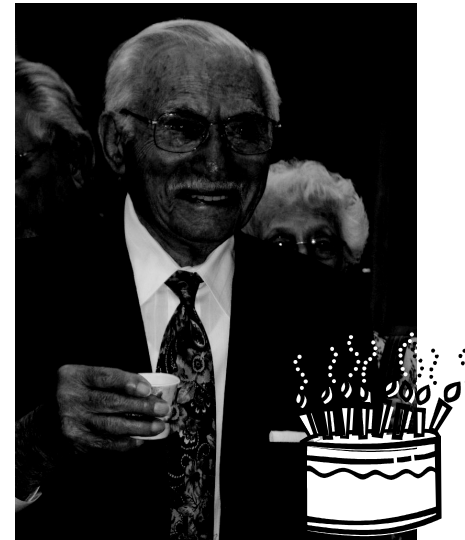
August 6- Barbara/Paul Grossman

August 13- Linda/Lowell Steinfeld

August 20- Sonja/Jerry Post

August 27- Doris/Fred Singer

**A BIRTHDAY TOAST
TO IRVING HYMAN
100 YEARS YOUNG
NOVEMBER 13th**



**WITH LOVE & AFFECTION
YOUR BJC FAMILY**



Our Sukkah will be up from Sunday, Sept. 19th to Saturday, Sept. 25th, during which time you may feel free to decorate the Sukkah with cards, artwork, gourds, flowers or ornaments (preferably with strings or thin wires already attached, for easy placement), have a snack, or just enjoy standing in the Sukkah and thinking about those things for which you are grateful.

Norman Bossert, who is coordinating Sukkah set-up, requests the following help:

- Use of a **vehicle** to transport the Sukkah materials (pickup truck, van or SUV with 8-foot length of clear cargo space)
- **Four volunteers to help assemble** the Sukkah on Sunday, Sept 19th (for about 2 hours)
- **One volunteer to help disassemble** the Sukkah on Saturday, Sept 25th (less than one hour)
- **No tools are needed** and the **set-up is easy**, just four lattice panels to assemble

*Please contact Norman at
884-7134 if you can help!*

1st Annual BAGEL BRUNCH a Success



46 BJC Members attended a Bagel Brunch on Saturday, July 10th to welcome back our seasonal members and provide an opportunity to unite both seasonal and annual members. The BJC provided Bagels and Lox while our members provided everything from Blintzes to Herring. We were pleased to have attendees from Asheville, Hendersonville, Cedar Mountain, Pisgah Forest, and Florida, as well as Brevard. We had several new members join us. We encourage you to tell your friends about us and bring them with you to services.

Stepping Up to the Torah or It's Never Too Late to be Called to the Torah

We have a wonderful opportunity, and challenge standing before us. The Brevard Jewish Community has, at the suggestion of David Goodman, started a B'nai Mitzvah program for anyone interested. At an initial meeting we collectively agreed that our special task would be to team up, over the course of several Saturday meetings, to put together a special Sabbath Service. The members, Laurie & David Goodman, Ellen Rothman, and Ann Strother, with the guidance of Marvin Barg and Norman Bossert, will actually create their own service, part of which will include being called to the Torah.

It is not, by the way, too late to join in! Our goal will be to have our B'nai Mitzvah service, Friday October 15th. It will to present us with an opportunity to have a really special Shabbat as a we celebrate our faith, our history as a people, and our history as the Brevard Jewish Community. This special service should be one of the highlights of this, our tenth anniversary year.

The next meeting of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class will be on Saturday, Aug. 14 from 10:00 to 11:30 at the home of David & Laurie Goodman, 60 Unole Ct, in Conneestee Falls. Call 885-5325 for directions. The main topic of discussion will be the class project of designing and presenting the Shabbat Friday night service. We'll study the framework of a Friday night service, decide on a schedule of meetings, talk about reference sources, and make assignments for further reading and research.



For more information call Marvin at 862-8980 or Norman at 884-7134

MITZVAH DAY

The Brevard Jewish Community in conjunction with the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Congregation is planning a joint project in the Fall to benefit the Brevard Community. It will be a day of community service doing Mitzvahs for one or more service organizations where our members and theirs jointly volunteer to "make a difference". Suggestions are welcome for organizations that could use our help. Currently under consideration is involvement with either the Rise and Shine Program and/or The Transylvania Boys and Girls club. Please call Mike Rothman at 885-2692 or Roxanne Zusmer at 862-8979 to volunteer to participate.