

The Shofar

Words from Rabbi Brown

My family just returned from the Jersey Shore to celebrate my wife Ari's 35th birthday with family. It was so special to watch our 17 month old son, Nathaniel, frolick on the sandy beach for the first time. There is nothing like rediscovering life's simple pleasures through the vantage point of an innocent child. While Nati's toe prints were washed away by the Atlantic Ocean, my memory was forever etched with happiness and tranquility. Fireworks were ignited off the rickety pier in honor of the 239th birthday of the United States. I wondered what our founding fathers would think about our lives in the 21st century. Are we honoring their legacy? Did their dreams come true? Does liberty still ring

true?

As we approach the High Holidays, I encourage each of us to revisit, embrace and cherish the timeless values of memory and freedom. In the coming Hebrew Year 5776 let us strive to fill our lives with profound simplicity. We will soon reconnect with family, friends and community. We have the powerful choice to exercise our free will and discard our past mistakes and write a new chapter in the Book of Life. The powerful liturgy from our High Holiday Machzor cleverly commands us to rise and proclaim our sins in the first person plural narrative. "Ashamnu: - We have sinned. We have stolen. We have gossiped. Even if we

have not individually committed a particular injustice, we still stand in solidarity with our fellow Jews to offer them support. We recognize the G-dliness and humanity within each other and inspire our neighbors to learn how to fail better.

Let us not forsake the treasured bonds of freedom endowed by our Creator, ratified by our founding fathers and sacrificed by our martyrs and heroes. We pray for the safety and speedy return of our brave men and women in uniform who enable us to pray freely as Jews and Americans. May the coming year grant us all a blessed year of health and happiness.

L'Shanah Tova,

Rabbi Randy Brown

Rosh Hashanah begins on Sunday, September 13

Services at Belvoir Chapel. See info inside! Come experience the magic of FBJC

News from the FBJC office

The Jewish Activities Office has moved to Belvoir Chapel basement. A lot more room and a window! Yippee!

Moshe the ground hog peeks in my window often. Phone number has stayed the same.

With the new location of my

office, I received a new computer while many of my files still on my old computer—please let me know if you have lost a loved one during this year—since last Yom Kippur. Much of that data is locked on my hard drive.

Please be patient as I try to rebuild years of computer

history on my new computer. Technology is a wonderful thing, until it isn't....

I have threatened often these last few weeks to go back to steno pad and pencil!

B'Shalom,

Sara

Above and Beyond Movie

We will be having a Movie Afternoon—be on the look out for an August date. We will be showing the movie—“Above and Beyond” - Bruce Lichtman will be doing an intro about the movie. The movie details how the US Air Force assisted in the estab-

lishment of the State of Israel. Look for a flyer coming out soon!

BBQ & Barhu –Friday, August 21

Please join us for a BBQ before we bow for the Barhu! Hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixings!

Service with Rabbi Randy Brown. Dinner will be at 5:30 PM. Suggested donation of \$10 per person/\$30 max per family. If the weather

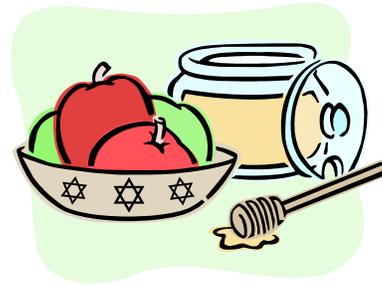
permits, we may have the service outside!



High Holidays 5776

People say that the High Holy Days are early this year. Actually, they are right where they are supposed to be— on 1 Tishrei. It is the same time every year. On the non-Jewish calendar, it is early—Sunday, September 13—the week AFTER school resumes.

See the attached High Holy Days schedule. Kol Nidre is Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 PM. All services will be held at Belvoir Chapel. Make your reservations for Break the Fast, Wednesday, September 23rd—please see the attached form.



Community news

Condolences to Bea Kleier, on the death of her son, Scott from Florida. May his memory be of a blessing.

Get well wishes to Ron Markiewicz, Jay Smolins, Eddie Smolins, Edna Salzburg and Jack Kaufman.

We wish a fond farewell to

Mike, Beth and Ella Adams who are PCSing to Japan. You will all be missed.

Today to Evan Krauss, Olivia Cobiskey, Leah Choper, Beth and Mike Adams, Shana and Jason Spindler for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat.

If you need a ride to Services,

please call the office so Sara can check with other members of the congregation who live in your area. 703-806-3393.

Being part of a 'kehillah' or community means we take care of each other.

Hebrew School

We have begun the process of advertising for a Hebrew School Director. This person would be responsible for teaching your children and

all that goes with it. Stay tuned for more information about start dates and times. There will be a children's service for the High Holidays.

Monday, September 14 for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur— Wednesday, September 23.



Fort Belvoir Jewish Congregation Vision Statement

We will create and sustain a learning and participatory congregation that will enhance the congregants' appreciation of liturgy, Torah and holidays. We will enhance congregational fellowship and a sense of community and project our Jewish presence to the surrounding communities . Our congregation will effectively plan and conduct religious services as well as cultural, social and other activities that encourage the participation and fulfill the broad spectrum of needs of our DoD congregants.

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