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THE SHOFAR

Congregation Bayt Shalom
Greenville, NC

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FROM THE RABBI

Rabbi Nicole Luna

The Power of Ritual

On Friday, November 18th I was formally installed as rabbi of Congregation Bayt Shalom. It was a beautiful and moving event for me and I hope, for the congregation. When I told friends about the event afterwards, they were a bit confused. “But weren’t you already the rabbi?” they asked. “What changed after the installation?” they wanted to know. It’s true that my daily schedule hasn’t suddenly been transformed. I’ve been leading Shabbat services, teaching religious school and meeting with congregants both before and after I was formally installed. But something feels different. The power of ritual is that it can bring forth and make manifest, reality. As an example, when two people love each other and are committed to spending their lives together, they often decide to get married and plan a wedding to share their commitment with the community. Or when someone has died, we attend a funeral to recognize and mourn their death. Because of ritual, once the reality has been acknowledged, we move forward with a greater sense that life matters. I feel closer to the

congregation, more confident in my role, and more settled in Greenville now that the community has come together to acknowledge my rabbinic position and a beloved mentor, Rabbi Roz Mandelberg, has given me her blessing. A fundamental element of ritual is that it must take place in a community that understands and appreciates the significance of the ritual moment. So I thank you, not only for giving me the opportunity to serve as your rabbi but for coming together and celebrating this new phase in my life and in the life of Congregation Bayt Shalom.

*Warmly,
Rabbi Luna*

*rabbi_luna@baytshalom.org
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Samantha Pilot

Dear CBS Family,

While Thanksgiving is an American holiday, not a Jewish holiday, I would still like to take a moment to publicly give thanks to several individuals who have been very helpful in a variety of CBS endeavors over the past few weeks...

* Thank you to our very committed Jewish community for your presence and participation, and for your interest in keeping Bayt Shalom a vital part of our collective lives in Greenville. I am so proud to announce that we not only met, but exceeded our goal for the Yom Kippur appeal. *Our community raised \$10,200.00! Couple that with the matching funds offered by two families in the community, and we increased our net worth by \$20,200.00!* Thanks to each of you for your profound generosity.

* Thank you to our ad hoc transition committee, ably led by Al Schreier. The additional members of this committee include Donna Brody, Russ Needell, Todd Savitt, Michael Schinasi and Carol Woodruff. These individuals worked together from last spring through Rabbi Luna's installation ceremony in November and saw

to many details throughout that time; these include helping Rabbi Luna and Joe get settled in Greenville, organizing the first few Onegs, organizing various welcome dinners, and planning the installation weekend.

* Thank you to Alexandra Bloch who designed the beautiful programs for the installation service, and to Al Schreier and Carol Woodruff who had a hand in that as well.

* Thank you to Betty Ann and Ken Caldwell for offering the use of their home and co-hosting with Carol Woodruff the havdalah service during the installation weekend.

* Thank you to Karen Barondes who coordinated the set up and clean up of the installation festivities at shul, and thank you to all those who helped: Svetlana Valdman, Nancy and Ted Weil, Aline Shulman, Diane Stein, Donna Brody, Wendy Klein, Dindy Reich and Carol Woodruff.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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* Thank you to all who participated and were present at the Interfaith Thanksgiving service on November 20, and a special thank you to Abbie Brown, Matthew Shulman and Peter Stein—our intramural Shofar blowing team!

* Thank you to Adam Clark, President of the Men's Club, for taking on the task of revitalizing this Bayt Shalom "brotherhood."

* Thank you to Wendy Klein for giving of her time to become our new Oneg coordinator.

* Thank you to Rabbi Luna who, in a relatively short amount of time, has become an integral part of our community; not just because she is employed as our Rabbi, but because of who she is as an individual. Rabbi Luna came to a new community as a young Rabbi and immediately and successfully implemented a new educational curriculum, a new program for teens, began participating in a URJ program for Presidents and Rabbis of congregations in transition, and contacted and met with all available community members.

* Thank you to each of you, our community members, for continuing to show your support for and interest in Congregation Bayt Shalom.

I hope you each had a warm and happy Thanksgiving and I hope to see each of you at our annual Hanukkah Havdalah on December 10 (see more details later in this Shofar)! Have a safe and happy December, y'all -

Samantha Pilot

President, Congregation Bayt Shalom

THE MONTH THAT WAS

INSTALLATION OF RABBI NICOLE LUNA

On Friday, November 18, Congregation Bayt Shalom officially welcomed Rabbi Luna as its spiritual leader and teacher at her Installation following Friday night services.



Rabbi Luna's mentor, Rabbi Roz Mandelberg, of Ohef Shalom Temple in Norfolk, Virginia, officiated the ceremony. In addition to the congregation, Rabbi Luna's friends and family were in attendance at this very special occasion.

The festivities continued at the Oneg following services as well as at Havdalah on Saturday night. Welcome Rabbi Luna!



CBS PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Sunday, November 20, Rabbi Luna participated in officiating at the 10th Annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service held at Greenville's St. Paul's Episcopal Church. CBS helped begin the service with the Rabbi placing Miriam's Cup on the Thanksgiving table and calling the Shofar blasts to Abbie Brown, Matthew Shulman, and Peter Stein, each of whom sounded a Shofar.

UPCOMING

HANUKKAH SALE **Sunday, December 4**

9:30 am-12:00 pm

Congregation Bayt Shalom

Come stock up on all of your Hanukkah needs at this year's synagogue sale!

B'BAYIT— **TEEN EDUCATION** **WITH RABBI LUNA** **Sunday, December 4**

5:00 pm-6:00 pm

259 Foxcroft Lane, Greenville, NC
(The Stein Family Home)

RSVP to:

Rabbi Luna

Rabbi_Luna@baytshalom.org

SISTERHOOD **BUNCO PARTY** **Thursday, December 8**

7:00 pm

3609 Fair Oaks Court (Ironwood),
Greenville, NC
(The Bornstein Family Home)

Feeling lucky? Then come to the CBS Sisterhood girls' night of Bunco at the home of

Karen Bornstein. Know how to play? Great! Want to learn? Now's your chance!

Please bring an appetizer to share and \$10 for the kitty.

RSVP by December 6th to:

Judi Duffy

judinc@gmail.com

HANUKKAH HAVDALAH **Saturday, December 10**

7:00 pm

600 Jordan Drive, Greenville, NC
(The Caldwell Family Home)

Come celebrate Hanukkah and Havdalah at the home of Betty Ann Caldwell. Please bring a dairy or pareve dish—no meat or shellfish—to share.

Questions? Please contact:

Betty Ann Caldwell

(252) 757-7784

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UPCOMING

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MEN'S CLUB

**MEN'S CLUB
SPONSORS ONEG
Friday, December 9**

Please watch your e-mail
for additional details.

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING
Sunday, December 18**

10:00 am-12:00 pm

3609 Fair Oaks Court, Greenville, NC
(The Bornstein Family Home)

(ph) 252-327-3353

Ken Bornstein hosts this event
where Nimi Baharav will be speak-
ing on Kibbutz life.

*If you are not receiving Men's
Club notifications and would like
to, please e-mail Adam Clark
at adamclark3@gmail.com.*

**YOUNG JEWISH
PROFESSIONALS
OF GREENVILLE
AND EASTERN NC
Wednesday December 21**

6:30 pm

Congregation Bayt Shalom

Hanukkah Dinner

**YOUNG JEWISH FAMILIES
Sunday, December 25**

4:00 pm

227 Churchill Drive, Greenville, NC
(The Zapler Family Home)

December 25th this year is.....
Hanukkah!

Celebrate Hanukkah together
with other young Jewish families
at the home of Vittoria and
Balfour Zapler, 227 Churchill
Drive, Sunday Decem-
ber 25th at 4pm.

We'll play dreidel, eat latkes,
light the menorah, and enjoy
celebrating Hanukkah together.

RSVP by December 18th to:

Vittoria Zapler

PITZALISM@ecu.edu

A CALL TO ACTION

ONEG HOSTS NEEDED

Everyone likes a nice Oneg following Friday night services so we can make kiddush, schmooze, and, of course, nosh!

For it to happen, though, we need volunteers to host. It is easy, affordable and fun! Each Oneg host even receives written instructions that covers everything—soup to nuts.

Not hosting one week? You can still add to the festivities by bringing a finger food!

If interested, please contact:

Wendy Klein

waksgp1@suddenlink.net

YOUTH GROUP NEEDS HOLIDAY PARTY PRIZES

Please save any small party favors or fast food toys for the youth group to use as prizes for holiday parties. If you already have some set aside, we could use them on December 4 for the Hanukkah party. Thank you.

SIDDURIM/PRAYER BOOKS

It has come to our attention that we are running low on some prayer books—*Likrat Shabbat and (Gray) Gates of Prayer*. Many of us may have borrowed these for the admirable endeavor of learning, during Bar or Bat Mitzvah training, or simply walked to our cars with it without thinking. If you have inadvertently taken one home with you and forgotten to return it, please make an effort to bring it back to Shul sometime this month or arrange to get it to Samantha Pilot or Rabbi Luna. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

To November's Oneg hosts:

The Baharav Family

Joseph Blalock and
Alexandra Bloch

The Shulman Family

The Sisterhood

To December's Oneg hosts:

Abbie Brown

December 2

The Men's Club

December 9

Wendy Klein and

Allyn Hollingsworth

December 16

Joseph Blalock and

Alexandra Bloch

December 23

The Stein Family

December 30

To January's Oneg hosts:

The Valdman Family

January 6

The Duffy and Weissman Families

January 13

Donna & Stephen Brody & Family

January 20

The Barondes Family

January 27

CONTRIBUTIONS

Norman and Elissa Bakall

Yom Kippur donation

Abbie Brown

Yom Kippur donation

Adam and Suzanne Clark

Yom Kippur donation

Michael and Judy Duffy

Yom Kippur donation

Stephen and Donna Brody

General Contribution

Abbie Brown

For Synagogue Email Service Upgrade

Russ Needell

For Synagogue Email Service Upgrade

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANNIVERSARIES

Ted and Nanci Weil

December 11

Craig and Camilla Becker

December 27

BIRTHDAYS

Alex Adler

December 3

Rachel Weil

December 6

Stephen Brody

December 9

Diana Cohen

December 9

Abbi Adler

December 12

Samantha Brody

December 13

Rebecca Brody

December 20

Allan Streigold

December 31

YAHARZEIT

Bert Ogus

Father, Carol Ogus Woodruff,

December 3

Jacob Michaels

Friend, Gene and Millie Plotkin,

December 13

Michail Duk

Grandfather, Max Valdman,

December 14

David Bunin

Father, Judy Goodman Duffy,

December 15

Sid Janow

Father, Karin Bornstein,

December 31

SERVICES & CLASSES

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES

Friday, December 2

First Friday Shabbat

Tot Shabbat

6:00 pm

Community Shabbat Dinner

6:30 pm

Family Shabbat Service

7:30 pm

Friday, December 9

Shabbat Service

7:30 pm

Friday, December 16

Shabbat Service

7:30 pm

Friday, December 23

Shabbat Service

7:30 pm

Friday, December 30

Shabbat Service

7:30 pm

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Saturday, December 3

Torah Study

9:00 am

Shabbat Service

10:00 am

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