

# Rabbi Joel D. Newman



Joel D. Newman was born in Cleveland, Ohio and raised in Dallas, Texas. He attended Columbia University in New York where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, and concurrently attended the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Hebrew Literature.

From 1977 until 1981, Rabbi Newman lived in London, England while attending the Leo Baeck College and culminated in the conferring of his Rabbinic Ordination. He was also a Rabbi of two congregations in London, scribe to the Jewish Religious Court of London and Senior scribe to the "Precious Legacy," repairing and cataloguing the 1,600 Holocaust Torah Scrolls (5 Books of Moses) saved from the Nazis.

He returned to the United States, where from 1981 until 1992 he served as the Rabbi of congregations in St. Paul, Minnesota and in Denver, Colorado.

Commissioned as a Naval Officer in 1990, Rabbi Newman received orders to serve with the Marines at Camp Pendleton, California. As a Navy Chaplain, for the next 23 years, he traveled to East Africa, Ecuador, Singapore, Guam, Okinawa, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Iraq, Afghanistan, Djibouti, Horn of Africa, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Bahrain, including the ships in the Persian Gulf. He traveled through Kuwait on his way to Afghanistan for his tenth "combat deployment" in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While serving with the Marines, he deployed a thirteenth time to the Arabian Gulf for "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Rabbi Newman arrived at the United States Naval Academy in June of 2002 where he served as the Jewish Chaplain and as an Ethics instructor in the "Moral Reasoning for Naval Leaders" Ethics Class taught to sophomores. While at the Naval Academy, he spent three years in the design and planning of the new Commodore Uriah P. Levy Jewish Chapel.

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## **Rabbi Joel D. Newman** *cont.*

Commander Newman retired from the Navy on 01 June 2014 after over 23 years of honorable service and twenty-seven deployments.

During his rabbinic career, Rabbi Newman was made a "Senior Fellow of the Leo Baeck College" London, England and he received a Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, from the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York.

Rabbi Newman is married to Janet, who was an Adjunct Professor with the School of Education at the University of Maryland, and taught for 35 years in public and private schools in California and Colorado. She completed her Ph.D. in Education at the University of Denver in 1996. She is an adjunct faculty member at Colorado Mountain College and is the Education Director at Starting Hearts. They have two daughters.

## **Cantor Michelle Cohn Levy**



Cantor Michelle Cohn Levy moved to the Vail Valley in the summer of 2015. In dozens of congregations, she has led participants in hundreds of services, and is very excited to lead the congregation in song.

Since the age of fourteen Michelle has been teaching and leading secular and Jewish music

in various capacities. She spent 13 summers at OSRUI, a Jewish overnight camp, as a camper and then staff member. Since 2005, Michelle has attended Hava Nashira, the Reform movement's annual intensive song leading and music workshop. Michelle also served as the song leader for her region of NFTY, and her synagogues Religious and Cultural Vice President. Living in Israel for a year, Michelle taught English at an Elementary school, and spent five years as a synagogue early childhood music educator.

Cantor Michelle skillfully engages adults, teens and children alike to join her in song with charismatic enthusiasm, love for Judaism and passion for music using her voice, guitar, and ruach.

## Membership Opportunities

Now in existence for over 45 years, B'nai Vail continues to strive to expand its programs and services to the Jewish community in the Vail Valley. Our goal is to build an enduring connection with you and your family, and to help you make membership at B'nai Vail a meaningful and lasting part of your lives!

Keep in mind that we do not hold an annual capital or building fund campaign. Your financial support, in the form of membership dues, enables us to balance our budget by paying our staff, rent and other administrative expenses.

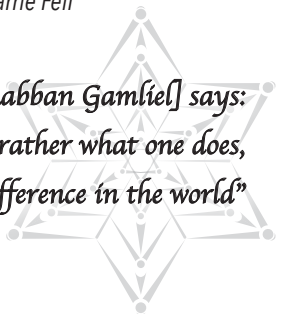
We ask that you reaffirm your commitment to B'nai Vail for the coming year. Your continued involvement is crucial in maintaining a vibrant Jewish culture and identity in our community.

OUR COMMUNITY WILL NEVER EXCLUDE ANYONE ON THE BASIS OF FINANCIAL CAPACITY!



*The Vail Minyan by Carrie Fell*

*Shimon [the son of Rabban Gamliel] says:  
“It is not what one says, but rather what one does,  
that makes all the difference in the world”*



# Membership Opportunities

## Dues Structure

Join us and be a Pillar

To those with a greater capacity for giving, we ask that you please consider a higher level of support.

## Pillars

Chai	\$18,000 and up
Platinum	\$15,000
Double Diamond	\$10,000
Black Diamond	\$7,500
Diamond	\$5,000
Pearl	\$3,600
Emerald	\$2,500
Ruby	\$1,800
Sapphire	\$1,300

## Family

includes dependant children      \$850

## Couple/Family

35 & Under      \$180

## Single

35 & Over      \$450

Under 35      \$100

## Associate

In the Vail Valley      \$650

4 months or less per year

In an effort to keep our religious school accessible to our member families, our board has decided to keep the tuition fees very low, at approximately one-third of the actual cost per student. To address this shortfall, we ask that as you consider your B'nai Vail membership for the coming year, that you join us in continuing the great mitzvah of helping the next generation of Jews discover and develop their Jewish identity by becoming a "Pillar" upon which our future can grow and thrive.



## Children's Judaic Studies

B'nai Vail Sunday School provides Jewish learning and social interaction for children ages three through thirteen. A calendar and registration form can be obtained by contacting Cantor Michelle Cohn Levy at: [cantor@bnaivail.org](mailto:cantor@bnaivail.org)

### Class Information

We meet Sunday mornings at the Edwards Interfaith Chapel & Community Center from 9 - 10:45 am. We also gather for family educational celebrations of Shabbat, Holidays and special programs all year. If we cannot meet in a classroom, virtual meetings will be held.

### Tuition

In order to keep Jewish education affordable for local families, tuition is priced at less than half the actual per student cost for teachers, rent and supplies. Therefore, we hope that in considering your membership contribution, you'll give as generously as possible.

\*Private B'nai Mitzvah training is available for an additional fee. No one in our community will ever be excluded from religious school for financial reasons. Please contact the office if you need to make special arrangements.



*PJ Shabbat with the Religious School*

# Ernest Scheller III BBYO

BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization) is the leading pluralistic teen movement aspiring to involve more Jewish teens in more meaningful Jewish experiences. For 90 years, BBYO has provided exceptional identity enrichment and leadership development experiences for hundreds of thousands of Jewish teens.



*Ernest Scheller III BBYO*

Ernest Scheller III BBYO Chapter was made possible through the generosity of the Scheller Family. Rachel Zacher, our Youth Director, is the driving force behind its success. Membership in the organization is provided free of charge to all interested participants, courtesy of the Ernest Scheller III Endowment. Call the B'nai Vail office for more information.

## B'nai Vail Cemetery

45 years after the founding of B'nai Vail, the B'nai Vail Cemetery Committee was established and a suitable site was acquired and consecrated. Just eight miles from Vail, nestled between the mountains in Minturn, Colorado, B'nai Vail members now have the opportunity to purchase Interment Rights at this special place.

- The purchase price for Interment Rights is \$3,000 per plot and includes perpetual care
- Each family may purchase Interment Rights for up to two plots; however, if extraordinary circumstances exist the Cemetery Committee has the flexibility to accommodate families' particular needs
- The Cemetery Committee includes:  
Chairman: Mark Gordon  
Members: Sharon Kushner, Rabbi Joel Newman, Karen Numerof, Wendy Nichamin & Bobby Lipnick

For questions or to purchase Interment Rights at the B'nai Vail Cemetery, please contact Mark Gordon at [markgordonvail@gmail.com](mailto:markgordonvail@gmail.com) 970-331-5821 or the B'nai Vail office at 970-477-2992.



*B'nai Vail Cemetery  
in Minturn*

## High Holiday Information

### Tashlich

After morning services on Rosh Hashanah, the congregation is invited to gather outside by Gore Creek across from the entrance to the Amphitheater to enjoy a brief Creekside Tashlich service sponsored by Alice Leeds.



### Rosh Hashanah Luncheon

Immediately following the Tashlich Service, we will gather for our annual Rosh Hashanah Luncheon at The Lionshead Chop House. Thanks to the generosity of The Lautenberg Family Foundation, costs for the luncheon are only \$49 per adult and \$18 per child (12 and under). Space is limited and sells out annually, so please RSVP quickly on the enclosed form.

### Yom Kippur Break The Fast

Our community break-fast, sponsored by The Futernick Family Foundation and The Stone family, will be in the Edwards Chapel immediately following the Neilah and Havdalah services on September 25<sup>th</sup>. This catered event is free to participants, but please RSVP on the enclosed form so we may plan accordingly.



# High Holiday Information

*Please see services & events schedule for times and locations.*

## Participation Honors

Our community values the participation of as many members as possible. Please indicate on the membership worksheet what you would like to do and indicate which services you will be attending so that we can coordinate everyone's participation.

## Flowers & Music

If you would like to sponsor the fresh flowers on the bima, or be recognized as a supporter of the music in the sanctuary during the High Holiday Services, please indicate on the enclosed form.

## Yahrzeit

Remembering those who have died is an integral part of the Jewish tradition. **At the start of our Yom Kippur afternoon Yizkor service at the Edwards Interfaith Chapel, names of deceased relatives will be read for all current members and registered guests.** Guests will have the opportunity to provide the names of loved ones being remembered. It is a tradition to make a contribution in honor of their memory.

## Religious School

Classes resume in August. Please contact Cantor Michelle Cohn Levy, [cantor@bnaivail.org](mailto:cantor@bnaivail.org) for more information.

## High Holiday Services & EVENTS SCHEDULE

### Erev Rosh Hashanah

*Friday, September 15th* - Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater  
7:00pm Congregational Service

### Rosh Hashanah

*Saturday, September 16th* - Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater

9:30am - 12:00pm Congregational Service

12:30pm Tashlich Service immediately following  
on Gore Creek across from the Amphitheater  
entrance.

1:00pm Luncheon at The Lionshead Chop House  
(pre-payment required)

### Kol Nidre

*Sunday, September 24th* - Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater  
7:00pm Congregational Service

### Yom Kippur

*Monday, September 25th* - Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater  
9:30am - 12:00pm Congregational Service including  
Yizkor Prayers (Reading of Family  
Names Before Neilah).

### Neilah

*Monday, September 25th* - Edwards Interfaith Chapel

5:00pm Reading of Departed Family & Friends Names

5:30pm Neilah

6:30pm Havdalah and Community Break-the Fast  
(reservations requested)

# High Holiday Services

## Directions to Edwards Interfaith Chapel

- From I-70 take exit 163
- Continue South onto Edwards Access Road
- Turn right onto US Hwy 6 West
- Follow US Hwy 6 West for 1.8 miles
- Chapel is located at 32138 US Hwy 6

## Directions to the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater

**530 S. Frontage Road East, Vail, CO 81637**

Take exit 167 off I-70. Head south toward Vail Mountain, into the main Vail roundabout. Exit the roundabout so you are heading east on South Frontage Road. Continue to the Ford Park parking lot. Alternatively, the Vail Parking Structure is available, also at no charge.

From Ford Park parking lot, look for the bike path at the southeast end of the tennis courts. Follow this directly downhill to the Amphitheater.

From the structure, exit to the east. Walk northeast toward the softball fields until you see the paved walkway into the park on your right. Follow that path straight down to the Amphitheater. You can also take the Gore Creek Trail directly to the venue.

Courtesy cart service is provided to the facility on a regular basis before and after each performance for those needing transportation assistance.