

TEMPLE TOPICS



ELUL 5775/TISHRI/CHESHVAN 5776

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015

Friday, September 4 - 6:00 PM Family Service
August and September birthdays will be celebrated.
7:00 PM Congregational Dinner by RSVP
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Brown family

Saturday, September 5 -
10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Brown
8:30 PM S'lichot Program and Service

Friday, September 11 -
7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 12 -
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Sunday, September 13 -
7:30 PM - Erev Rosh HaShanah

Monday, September 14 -
8:15 AM - Rosh HaShanah early morning service
11:45 AM - Rosh HaShanah mid-morning service
2:45 PM - Rosh HaShanah family service
4:15 PM - Tashlich

Friday, September 18 -
7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Marder family
Saturday, September 19 - 9:30 AM Tot Shabbat
10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Marder

Tuesday, September 22 - 7:30 PM - Kol Nidre

Wednesday, September 23 -
8:15 AM - Yom Kippur early morning service
11:45 AM - mid-morning service
2:00 - 3:30 PM Study sessions
2:30 PM Family service
2:30 PM Healing service
3:45 PM Mincha (afternoon) service
5:30 PM Yizkor
6:15 PM Neilah (closing) service



Friday, September 25 - 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Saturday, September 26 -
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Sunday, September 27 - 7:00 PM Erev Sukkot Service

Monday, September 28 -
10:00 AM Sukkot Festival Service

Friday, October 2 - 6:00 PM Family Service
October birthdays will be celebrated.

7:00 PM Congregational Dinner by RSVP
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Pavon family

Saturday, October 3 -
10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of Max Pavon

Sunday, October 4 - 7:00 PM Simchat Torah/Consecration
Please note the early start time.

Monday, October 5 - 10:00 AM Festival Yizkor Service

Friday, October 9 - 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Schechtman family

Saturday, October 10 -
10:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Ruth Schechtman

Friday, October 16 - 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Fleischmann and Wainland families

Saturday, October 17 - 9:30 AM Tot Shabbat
10:00 AM B'nai Mitzvah of
Scott Fleischmann and Nicole Wainland

Friday, October 23 - 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Grippo and Roth families

Saturday, October 24 - 10:00 AM
B'not Mitzvah of Julie Grippo and Sophia Roth

Friday, October 30 - 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Myers and Trattner families

Saturday, October 31 - 10:00 AM
B'nai Mitzvah of Matthew Myers and Ashley Trattner

FOR NOVEMBER ONLY, the Family Service will be on the second FRIDAY.
All other FAMILY SERVICES are now on the first Friday of the month.



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President's Message

from Nancy Levene

I came to Beth Haverim 16 years ago to enroll my son, David, in Hebrew school. It was the Friday before school was about to start on Monday. I was a little nervous filling out the forms when it asked for Hebrew names, yarhzeit dates, etc. but everyone in the office was very welcoming. My only previous experience with religious school was attending grammar school at Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Peace. And no, they didn't offer Hebrew as an elective!

As you might have figured out, I was the non-Jewish spouse in an interfaith family. I knew we would fit in at BHSS when on the first day of school I noticed that one of David's classmates was Molly Maguire. We were at the right place.

We came for school and stayed for everything else. Over the course of the next few years, we attended family services and holiday celebrations. I joined the Sisterhood, and my husband, Al, joined the choir. My interest in Judaism grew, and I attended Lifelong Learning classes and Torah study. After several years of living a Jewish life, I decided it was important for me to make it official and I converted, almost a year after my son became a bar mitzvah.

I never imagined that I would serve as synagogue president, especially since I wasn't even Jewish when we joined! I thought you had to be a lawyer, a financial expert, or professor to be the president. I am none of those... What I am is committed to this community and to the Jewish people.

I found so many opportunities here from being part of a vibrant community, finding a spiritual home, participating in social justice programs, studying Torah and much more.

I am also grateful to have the best clergy, professional staff, and an amazing group of volunteers to help me do the work of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom.

We begin each day with thanks for the blessings in our lives. I would like to begin my presidency with thanks. I am thankful for the opportunity to do the sacred work of this community. And I thank you for trusting in me and giving me this great blessing.

I hope to have the chance to meet each of you, whether it is at services, over cheesecake at the Oneg, or at a Book & A Bagel book discussion in the coming year.

So let me thank you in advance for a great year to come!

L'Shalom
Nancy Levene

HOW TO REACH ME:

I'm available via phone, text, email and in person. I want to hear from you, so please be in touch!

About phone messages: I check voicemail during the day, but will most likely return your call in the evening (but not after 9 pm. My mother taught me to never call before 9:00 am or after 9:00 pm, and I still follow that rule!). I also don't make synagogue-related calls on Shabbat, so please be patient if you don't hear back until Sunday.

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SAVE THE DATE! BHSS Intergenerational Retreat

February 5-7, 2016

at

URJ Camp Harlam
Kunkletown, PA

look for more information and
registration materials soon!

From the Rabbi

“If not now, when?”



It is a time for renewing our souls. I pray that the summer has been a time of rest and renewal for you as it has been for me. Luckily for us as a Jewish community, we get to move directly from summer renewal into a High Holiday season which is all about just that.

By the time you read this, we will be halfway through the Hebrew month of Elul -- the month leading up to Rosh Hashanah. Elul is meant to be a time of preparing ourselves for the work of ahead; the rabbis were wise in knowing that it's very hard to just show up on Rosh Hashanah and expect magic to happen. We have to prepare ourselves for the sacred work we will do together.

As a congregation, we invite you to take the opportunity to do that preparation together with us by coming to Friday evening services, when we blow the shofar to help us begin to hear the call of our hearts and of that which is eternal in the universe -- a call which is meant to help us focus on the renewal of our spirits and our relationships in this season.

This year on the High Holidays, we have a new GPS, if you will, to help us navigate the High Holidays. Thanks to the generosity of the Sisterhood of BHSS, we have a new High Holiday machzor (prayerbook) called Mishkan HaNefesh – literally, "the dwelling place of the soul." This is the first new machzor for the Reform movement in almost 4 decades, and Cantor Perper, rabbinic intern Josh Fixler and I are excited about utilizing this new tool to help us with the work of renewal.

The machzor retains nearly all of what is familiar to us from Gates of Repentance; the melodies will be largely the same. Additionally, there are beautiful and moving new readings and new arrangements of the service, some of which are returns to ancient traditions, and some of which are new ritual innovations. I was privileged to serve on one of the committees which developed the new machzor, and I believe that we will all be inspired by it.

While much of the essential content of the machzor will feel familiar, the form is fundamentally different. It is inspired by the format of our weekly and festival prayer book, Mishkan Tefilah, so if you've spent time with us on those more regular occasions, our new machzor will seem more familiar to you.

We've been working hard to prepare with this new tool as a staff team, and we've been rolling out bits and pieces of it on Friday evenings over the summer so that you can become more familiar with it, as well.

So, too, we invite you to join us for our S'lichot program on Saturday evening, September 5 at 8:30 pm. We'll begin with a study session about Mishkan HaNefesh, so that you can go into the High Holiday season feeling more comfortable with the machzor; please join us and bring friends.

We'll continue that night after our study session with coffee, cookies, and community. We'll make the Havdalah separation between Shabbat the rest of the week, ritually change the Torah mantles in the ark, and recite the traditional late evening prayers of S'lichot, prayers in which we begin the process of making amends and making ourselves more whole. Lastly, please join us for our annual Spiritual Walk on Sunday, September 20 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Ramapo Reservation, when we'll walk, talk, and do some spiritual exercise to help deepen our experience of Yom Kippur. I'll bring the coffee and the exercises. Bring your walking shoes, your dog (if you'd like), and your soul that is probably, like mine, perfect (and a little broken, too!).

We welcome you back after the summer into the *mishkan* that is your spiritual home. We invite you to join us in preparing to be renewed by the beautiful and powerful and agitational season in front of us. Elyssa, Ari and Lev join me in wishing you a *Shanah tovah u'metukah* -- a sweet and good new Jewish year.

—Rabbi Joel Mosbacher

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Candlelighting times:

September 4 – 7:04 pm *Ki Tavo*
 September 11 – 6:55 pm *Nitzavim*
 September 18 – 6:41 pm *Vayeilech*
 September 25 – 6:29 pm *Ha'azinu*

October 2 – 6:17 pm *Sukkot*
 October 9 – 6:06 pm *B'reisheet*
 October 16 – 5:55 pm *Noach*
 October 23 – 5:45 pm *Lech L'cha*
 October 30 – 5:36 pm *Vayera*





October Birthdays

*Zachary Barkan
Leah Behar
Miles Brickman
Ryan Brodsky
Adam Buchalter
Chloe Caren
Joshua Chostaka
Brady Cole
Brad DeRosa
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Cantor's Corner



First, I would like to begin by offering all of our cherished members a heartfelt Shanah Tovah from my wife, Faith, and me. BHSS is a very special place, and you are here because you feel it too.

Our sacred year begins with a frenzy of activity and emotions. S'lichot, the official starting time of preparing one's self spiritually, for offering forgiveness, for reaching out to those you've wronged in some way. Our High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, our most sacred days of beginnings, inner reflection, honest searching toward the best of all of us. Simchat Torah, the highest heights of rejoicing and dancing with our blessed Torah, that which guides our Jewish lives each and every day. The start of religious school and seeing all our students either beginning, or continuing, their Jewish learning journey, and some doing so alongside their parents in Family School on Sunday mornings. Monday night high school, known as Kadimah, will start and the older students will be learning more about Israel, ritual and tradition, and history through interactive studies with me, our student rabbi, Rabbi Mosbacher, Cantor Steinsnyder and our other great teachers. They also take fun electives which give us another opportunity to learn and nurture learning and relationships.

The music committee has planned programming including our next Movie Night; a spring Coffeehouse Cantors, one of the synagogues most successful music events; and this year, for the first time, BHSS will have an orchestra Pops Concert, including members of BHSS and neighboring Jewish communities too. That is going to be a great afternoon -- more info to follow, stay tuned.

Our choral program is searching for more new members. We have a rich history of choirs here, and now we need more folks to help carry the torch forward. If you or your children are interested, please contact me through the temple office, and we'll get you up to speed. We have a load of fun and sing beautiful music as well. I'll be offering a trope class for anyone who wants to either begin to learn how to chant sacred text or for those who want to continue their learning on the subject. Either way, it's a fun time to spend together and learn.

We are the People of the Book. We learn and we study. If you want to join us, we have a class for you. Or, if you don't see what you're looking for, let us know, and we'll be of assistance in helping you reach your goals.

Being your cantor is a great honor for me. I cherish it, and I want to inspire you, be it at services, in the classroom, through meeting you, and hearing your stories. Join us, and bring the family!

- Cantor Perper



Amazingly, back-to-school season has begun. The school-supplies list arrived in last week's email. With the return to school, many of our children will resume their study of Hebrew. And in our generation, beyond the groans that we inflicted on our parents, comes this cutting edge kvetch: Why do we need Hebrew (or, for that matter, any foreign language) in this age of Google Translate?

Parents: Clip and save this photo of an ordinary serving tray of goulash. It was photographed in Israel by someone whose photo credit, alas, has been lost to the alienating nature of the Internet.

And if you can read Hebrew, you can make out the letters that spell "goulash." So why the translation: "surf"?

Because the Hebrew for surf is "golesh" and Hebrew is notorious for not having vowels.

All of which is to say: No, you don't want to stake your reputation on Google Translate. **Yes, you have to do your Hebrew homework.**



From the Educator's Office

I hope the above article, from one of the summer issues of the *Jewish Standard*, put a smile on your face, as it did mine. And we DO teach Hebrew WITH vowels, so rest assured that your child should not be mistaking the word "goulash" for "surf!"

I also hope that over the summer everyone had a chance to hear our students practice just a bit out of his/her Hebrew book or review pages. (As you read this, there are still almost three weeks until the first Sunday session, so there is still time.)

Welcome/welcome back to another wonderful year and we will see you soon!

—Rebecca Bernstein McVeigh, Educator

Come to the **Book Fair**

**We will have
selections for
both children
and adults!
Perfect for Chanukah
presents,
or just to "gift"
to yourself!
The first night
of Chanukah
is December 16!**

*Friday, November 13 -
after services (browsing
only)*

*Sunday, November 15
(8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.)*

*Monday, November 16
(3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)*

*Tuesday, November 17
(3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)*



Volunteers needed -
call 201-512-1983
or email to
schoolatbethhav@optonline.net

September Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | | 8 pm - Adult Choir | | 6 PM Tefilot Family Service 7 PM Dinner by RSVP | KI TAVO 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Josh Brown 8:30 pm S'lichot |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | OFFICE CLOSED | 6:30 pm Exec Comm mtg 7:30 pm Board mtg 7:30 pm MMG | 8 pm Adult Choir | | 7:30 pm Tefilot | N'TZAVIM 8:15 am - Torah Study |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 7:30 pm Erev Rosh HaShanah Service | 8:15 am - early RH svce 11:45 am - late morning svce 2:45 pm - Family Service 3:45 pm Tashlich | 9:30 am Rosh HaShanah Day 2 | 8 pm Adult Choir | 7 pm B'hood Dinner @ Overseas in Suffern | 7:30 pm Tefilot | VAYELECH 8:15 Torah Study 9:30 Tot Shabbat 10 am Ethan Marder |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 7:30 am Spiritual Walk 9 am FS & 6 9am Sukkah build 11:30 am NFTY Leadership Summit | 4 pm School K-3 4 pm PreK 6:45 pm - Kadimah | 7:30 pm Kol Nidre | Yom Kippur (see front page for service times) | | 7:30 pm Tefilot | HA'AZINU 8:15 am - Torah Study |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
| 9 am FS & 6 6:00 pm B'hood Pizza in the Hut 7:00 pm - Erev Sukkot Svce | OFFICE CLOSED 10 am - Sukkot Festival Service NO SCHOOL | 4 pm School 4/5 7 pm BM Genius Bar 7 pm Social Action Summit | 7:30 pm Ritual Comm mtg 8 pm Adult Choir | | | |

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October Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | | 6 PM Tefilot Family Service 7 PM Dinner by RSVP | SUKKOT 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Max Pavon |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 9 am FS & 6 12:30 pm 3/4/5 Event Secor Farms 7 pm Simchat Torah Consecration | OFFICE CLOSED 10 am - Festival Yizkor Service NO SCHOOL | 4 pm School 4/5 7:00 pm Sis'hood Yoga Event | 7:30 pm Israel Trip mtg 8 pm Adult Choir | | 7:30 pm Tefilot | B'REISHEET 8:15 Torah Study 10 am Ruth Schechtman |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 9 am - FS & 6 11:45 am B'hood Take Down Sukkah 12 pm BM Genius Bar | NO SCHOOL | 4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Prayer Class 7:30 pm - Exec Comm Mtg 7:30 pm - MMG Mtg | 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism @ BHSS 8 pm Adult Choir | OFFICE CLOSED 10 am - Festival Yizkor Service 7 pm B'hood Dinner Allendale Bar & Grill | 7:30 pm Tefilot | NOACH 8:15 Torah Study 9:30 Tot Shabbat 10 am Scott Fleischmann Nicole Wainland |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 9 am - FS & 6 1 pm Book & A Bagel | 4 pm - K-3 4 pm PreK 5 pm - Group Prayer Class 6:45 pm - Kadimah | 4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Prayer Class 7:30 pm Board Mtg. | 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism @ BHSS 8 pm Adult Choir | | 7:30 pm Tefilot | LECH L'CHA 8:15 Torah Study 10 am Julie Grippo Sophia Roth |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| 9 am - FS & 6 9 am B'hood Raps Off Site | 4 pm - K-3 5 pm - Group Prayer Class 6:45 pm - Kadimah | 4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Prayer Class 7 pm BM Genius Bar 7:30 pm Ritual 7:30 pm Music | 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism @ BHSS 8 pm Adult Choir | | 7:30 pm Tefilot | VAYERA 8:15 Torah Study 10 am Matthew Myers Ashley Trattner |

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From the Rabbinic Intern



Hello. My name is Josh Fixler, and I am honored and excited to be the Rabbinic Intern at BHSS this year. I am looking forward to meeting everyone in the coming months, and in advance of that I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am about to start my 4th year at Hebrew Union College, and I am also simultaneously working towards a Certificate in Nonprofit Management at NYU. Before coming to HUC, I lived in the Washington DC metro area for nine years. I attended the University of Maryland, where I created my own major in Organizational Development and Community leadership (a program which my advisor and I lovingly called “pre-Rab”). After that, I worked for two years as a college program coordinator at the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, where I had the opportunity to engage in interfaith social justice organizing with college students around the country. Following that, I served for three year as the assistant Director of Education and Youth Director at a Reform synagogue in Northern Virginia, where I planned curriculum and worked with kids of all ages, as well as adults. I am originally from Denver, and on my mother’s side, I come from a line of proud Colorado natives who have been living in Colorado since the Gold Rush! I currently live in Brooklyn with my wife, Annie. We love living in NY because we are big theater buffs, and we try to see as many shows as we can.

I am so excited to work at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. I am friends with a few of BHSS’s former interns, and everyone I talk to sings your praises. I am looking forward to a year of varied opportunities and experiences. Among my many responsibilities, I will be lending a hand in the community organizing efforts at BHSS. I took an organizing course two years ago through HUC, and since then I have been eager to learn more by working for a synagogue that engages in thoughtful and intentional community organizing. I can think of no better place to learn than BHSS. Your national reputation precedes you. I am also incredibly excited to be working with the Kadimah program. As a former youth director, middle and high school students are some of my favorite groups to teach. Additionally, I will be lending a hand in the new Sunday morning adult learning course, where I will be teaching a unit on how classical Jewish texts can inform modern Jewish decision making. I am also thrilled to get to help out with services from time to time, including High Holidays.

I know this is going to be a terrific year, and I feel so lucky to get to learn from Rabbi Mosbacher, Cantor Pepper, and all of you! I have already felt warmly welcomed into the community and I look forward to meeting many of you over the holidays.

Yom Kippur Healing Service

Please join Rabbi Mosbacher on Yom Kippur afternoon, **Wednesday, September 23**, at 2:30 p.m. for a service of healing. This service is intended for anyone who is or has been struggling with physical or spiritual illness or brokenness in themselves or those they care about. We will share in an informal liturgy and find support in one another; it is a beautiful and warm setting for us to be together on this holiest of days.

Check your High Holiday tickets to be sure you have the correct one(s)!

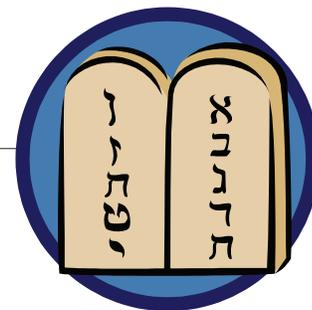
ORANGE ticket is for the service beginning at **8:15 am** on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings

PURPLE ticket is for the service beginning at **11:45 am** on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning

Yom Kippur Learning Session

For many years, we have offered a moving, meaningful learning session on Yom Kippur for those who wish to be with us throughout the day, and this year is no different. Please join us on **Wednesday, September 23**, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. as our own Sheila Groskin and her daughter Elissa Zylbershlag will guide us through a discussion entitled, "Looking Towards Ourselves: Understanding the Language of Diversity and Personal Values." The session will invite us to better understand the language surrounding issues of diversity, to think about our personal values, and consider what assumptions we make about people who hold values that are similar and different to our own.

...will be called to the Torah...



Joshua Brown - September 5, 2015

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Shana, Father, Steven Noah, Brother, 10 is an 8th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include video games, roller coasters, LEGO, and playing guitar. "I would either like to be a video game designer, an animator, or an engineer. I am excited that I am finally 13 years old and that I am a grown-up in the eyes of the Jewish people. I have learned that if I put my mind to it, I can accomplish anything. For my community service project I collected food for the Center for Food Action during the spring and summer when their food stock is low. I also sorted food at the CFA."



Ruth Hannah Schechtman - October 10, 2015

Lives in Park Ridge, New Jersey. Mother, Diane, Father, Neal, Brothers, Ethan, 19, Zachary, 18, and Jonah, 14 is an 8th grader at Park Ridge Middle School Her interests include soccer, music, cooking, animals, science, hanging out with friends, and being with my family. "In the future, I see myself studying and being in the medical field. I feel very excited and nervous for this special moment in my Jewish life. I look forward to sharing this day with my family and friends. For my community service I organized a food drive for the CFA (Center for Food Action.) I also volunteered my time this summer as a CIT (Counselor in Training) for the Park Ridge Day Camp."



Ethan Marder September 19, 2015

Lives in Montebello, New York. Mother, Christina Fernandez, Father, Rob, Brothers, Jared, 14, and Benjamin, 2, Sister, Taylor, 9 is an 8th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include playing hockey, lacrosse, football, riding off-road quads, snowmobiling, skiing, and fishing. "I would like to become a dentist and work with my father and/or play professional hockey. I am very excited to become a Bar Mitzvah and share this special day with my family and friends."



Scott Fleischmann - October 17, 2015

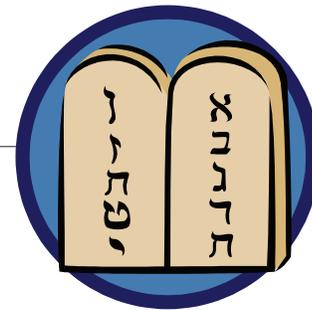
Lives in Montebello, New York. Mother, Carrie, Father, Jeff, Brother, Ethan, 5, and Sister, Mandy, 9 is an 8th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include music, reading, tennis, track and field, and skiing. "I hope to use my skills in music and math to have a happy and successful career. I feel very excited and nervous to share this special occasion with people important to me. For my community service I am performing piano concerts at the Helen Hayes Rehabilitation Hospital. I am trying to bring happiness to people going through a difficult time."



Max Pavon - October 3, 2015

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Lisa, Father, Armando, Sisters, Caitlin, 18, and Sophia, 15 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include dancing, singing, soccer, and climbing. "No matter what profession I end up having, I would like to be helping others. This is the biggest milestone in my religious life and I'm so happy to be sharing it with my friends and family. For my community service I went to New York City at night twice to give food, clothes, and toiletries to the homeless, by participating in a 'midnight run'."

...will be called to the Torah...



Nicole Wainland - October 17, 2015

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Brenda, Father, Neil, Brother, Matthew, 11 and Sister, Lilah, 7 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include digital editing, art, fashion, and interior/fashion design. "I would like to successfully fashion design for a large company. I am excited and have been studying a lot. I'm enjoying the process of preparing for this day. For my community service I am teaching and helping out at the National/United States Fish and Wildlife Service/Refuge in Newport, Rhode Island, teaching marine exploration for children and arts and crafts classes."



Matt Myers - October 31, 2015

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Jennifer, Father, Jamey, Brother, Max, 11, and Sister, Eva, 7 is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School His interests include baseball, basketball, video games, reading, and listening to music. "I would like to become a professional athlete. I feel this is an extraordinary accomplishment for my life. I am volunteering at a special needs camp called Camp Shalom and I was a buddy to one of the campers by assisting the buddy in all activities."



Julie Grippo - October 24, 2015

Lives in Airmont, New York. Mother, Michelle, Father, Paul, Brother, Michael, 16 and Sister, Nicole, 23 is an 8th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include sports, food, animals, family, and friends. "I hope to have a lot of good friends and family, love what I do (I don't know what this right now.) and to be happy. I am so excited to share this tradition with family and friends. For my community service I am collecting old blankets and towels, food and toys to drop off at the Hi-Tor animal shelter."



Ashley Trattner - October 31, 2015

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Lisa, Father, Eric, Sisters, Rebecca, 19, and Jenna, 17 is an 8th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include basketball, playing guitar, drums, and singing. "I would like to be successful and happy in whatever I choose to do in my life. I am excited and nervous. For my community service I worked at 'Linking Hearts' - a program where teens visit home-bound seniors and nursing home residents. We had fun group activities, such as arts and crafts. I also worked at 'Sports Circle' where I got to work with kids with special needs - we played a variety of sports together. Both programs were very meaningful and fun!"



Sophia Roth - October 24, 2015

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Denise, Father, Mark, Brothers, Daniel and Ian, 11 is an 8th grader at Saddle River Day School Her interests include singing, dancing, and performing, soccer, basketball, science, and Spanish. "I enjoy performing and would like to perform one day for a larger audience. For my community service I volunteered for Hunger Cares, which helps feed needy kids all over the world."

Brotherhood 2.0

Two rabbis, a Methodist theologian, and the president of the BHSS Brotherhood 2.0 walk into a national social action event...

Yes, it sounds like the beginning of a joke! There is actually no punchline, but there are several goals. America's Journey for Justice, (#JusticeSummer), is the NAACP's historic 860-mile march from Selma, Alabama to Washington, DC over 40 days in support of racial justice. The march seeks to mobilize the country to action, advocating on issues including voting rights, education and criminal justice reform, and economic inequality.

Reform rabbis from around North America have committed to marching different sections of the journey, alongside members and supporters of the NAACP, carrying the Torah each step of the way to the culmination rally on September 16. For the 25-mile stretch in LaGrange, GA, I was honored to join our leader Rabbi Joel Mosbacher, together with Rabbi David Adelson of the East End Synagogue in New York City, and Lisa Schoelles, Public Theology Advocate of the United Methodist Church of New Jersey. We started getting to know our group of participants at the gracious overnight accommodations in the gym at LaGrange College, the oldest private college in Georgia and an institution that, I was shocked to learn, desegregated only in 1991.

Kicking off at 5:30 am, our contingent was led by an Armed Forces veteran named Middle Passage (yes, that's his name!), a man of a particular age that I cannot ascertain, considering how great shape he's in, and who proudly wore our country's uniform and walked the majority of the way carrying the Stars and Stripes. Guarded by the Georgia State Police, we walked through residential and local streets to keep us off the highways, and also visible to the locals. During four miles through a small town called Hogansville, we were joined by the town's mayor and councilman. The mayor runs a nonpartisan government, reminding his constituency that party politics have no place in local government and showing that people of differing beliefs can work together. He stated that this is highly progressive and unusual for the Deep South -- just a few miles from the Alabama border.

Most people in the neighborhoods and in passing cars greeted us with encouraging horns, waves, photo ops, questions ("Hey, what are you guys doing?"), and cheers ("Great job!"). We also passed several homes displaying the Confederate flag -- one pickup truck waving it buzzed very close to us several

times. When they made an illegal u-turn, the troopers went into action.

At the end of our day's journey, after having carried the Torah and the American flag and walked in the high heat, we returned back to campus on the bus feeling tired, achy, and extremely sweaty, but definitely uplifted. I thought deeply during the long drive back home about what I learned from this experience.

Speaking with African-American marchers and volunteers, I learned that they understand and appreciate the significance of the Torah. As Christians, they study the five books of Moses as we do. They also understand that our Torah teaches us as Jews to be kind, tolerant, unified, and to honor and respect human life and human decency, which is why we are walking together. A conversation after the walk between an NAACP officer and myself was interesting. This gentleman thanked me for traveling to walk with them. They always know they can count on the Reform Jewish community to stand up for civil rights. He said, "With the thousands of Christian churches throughout the Bible Belt, you would think we would get thousands of walkers along the route. After five thousand phone calls to churches, we got mostly no call backs and very little representation. There were some big-time Baptists that are going to show up for a photo op or to shake a hand or two, but not to walk with us. We even called Orthodox and Conservative Jewish organizations who had supported us in the past, and we couldn't even get calls back from them."

Now, don't misunderstand this. There is a huge outpouring of support from churches and synagogues alike, and from all over the country. The rally in DC [on Sept. 16] expects to be very well represented. What struck me is the parallel here that goes beyond this civil rights demonstration. It describes a universal issue within our communities of faith. The need for greater engagement from more of us, in whatever ways we can dedicate and then rededicate ourselves. Sometimes it's speaking out for a cause we're passionate about. And sometimes it's just calling a temple friend because you haven't seen them in a while.

Brothers in the 'hood, I am reaching out to you. Bring a friend, come to a meeting -- whether it be a social gathering, a fundraiser, worship, or a social action event. Help us to help you, to show our fellow congregants and the children of our community how important it is to be involved in our

Sisterhood News

Hello! The back-to-school commercials are filling the airwaves (at least, for those of us who pay attention to commercials anymore), and we're already thinking about fall.

Our "old" year closed and "new" one began with our wonderful Installation Dinner at Marcello's. Everyone present had the chance to thank our outgoing officers and Board members, and to welcome the new Board.

Like everyone else, Sisterhood has had a busy summer, enjoying all of the dinners and pool parties that were purchased from last December's Goods and Services Auction. Everyone had great fun, and we want to once again thank ALL the hosts and hostesses who participated and opened their homes to our members.

We're once again looking forward to a new year with promises of collaboration and events for not only Sisterhood members to enjoy but also the temple at large. We are following our blueprint of last year, working with

Brotherhood, Lifelong Learning, Michelle Mitzvah, our Youth Groups and other committees that do such valuable work for the betterment of our BHHS. Be on the lookout for announcements of exciting events and programs.

Sisterhood looks forward to welcoming our congregants to services each Friday night in September, as we provide the valuable mitzvah of being the Temple Greeters. Please ask any of us about Sisterhood and let us convince you to join, if you haven't already.

While there's a year of events to come, for now, be sure to save the following dates:

Our kick-off event for 2015-2016 will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 7-9 pm in the social hall: **Meditation, Music and Yoga with a Jewish Twist**. Intrigued? We hope so! The "class" part of this program will begin at 7:30, leaving us "schmooze time" beforehand. More information will follow, but please plan on joining us.

On Sunday, November 15, we will be hosting a painting party for all to enjoy! Some members have participated in these events, and we can't wait to see the masterpieces that our members create. Who knows? You might even acquire a member-created treasure at our next Goods and Services Auction!

Sheryl Thailer will once again host our Chanukah Cocktail Party with Brotherhood in her beautiful home. (Many members wanted to make this a sleepover as Sheryl is such a great hostess, but for now it will remain a cocktail party for all to enjoy.) Don't miss this great event on Saturday night, December 5.

We hope we have sparked your excitement to join Sisterhood. Once again this year we are offering a special dues rate of \$18.00 for first-time members. Remember that Sisterhood is there not only as a social group, but as a support to all that BHSS strives for and does. We promise your dues will be money well spent.

Our new board wishes everyone a sweet and healthy new year and we hope to Meet and Greet you during September and the High Holidays.

L'Shanah Tovah,
Lisa Lamster and Gail Spencer

Brotherhood 2.0

synagogue, and with the Jewish people. The worst case scenario, you may make a friend. The best case scenario? You may make a difference. L'shanah tovah tikateivu. May you be inscribed for a good year.

Some upcoming events:

Thursday, September 17 – 7 pm:

Kickoff dinner at Overseas restaurant in Suffern

Sunday, September 20 – 9 am:

Help build the Sukkah (coffee provided!)

Sunday, September 27 – 6 pm:

Pizza in the Hut

Sunday, October 11 – 9 am:

Sukkah take-down followed by coffee after Family School

Thursday, October 15 – 7 pm:

Dinner at Allendale Bar and Grill

Sunday, October 25 – 9 am:

Brotherhood Raps, location TBD.

Yes, guys! Raps is back, and better than ever!

Youth Programming



I'm **Liza Fishman**, and I'm so excited to announce that I am your new Director of Informal Youth Programming. I can't wait to get to know all of you, but first I'll tell you a little bit about me.

I grew up in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, so I had the privilege of being a member here at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom from a young age. I started Hebrew school in third grade, and basically never left. After my bat mitzvah, I couldn't sign up for Kadimah fast enough. I was then confirmed, joined NFTY, sang in the adult choir, and was an active member in the temple youth group throughout the rest of my high school years, serving on the board as vice president in 2008, and president in 2009.

Once my time as youth group president ended, I attended University of Delaware. At UD, I joined and became president of the Student Council for Children with Special Needs, I worked at our on-campus school helping to run an after-school program for the kindergarten students, and graduated in 2013 with a degree in elementary education with concentrations in special education and middle school math.

Since graduation, I returned to BHSS to help out with family school, went to work as a youth activities counselor for Disney Cruise Line, came back to life on land to work as a nanny, headed to Kent, Connecticut as part of the head staff at KenMont and KenWood Camps, and finally, returned to BHSS once again as the Director of Informal Youth Programming. I am so happy to be back and to have this opportunity to engage the youth of this amazing congregation that has always felt like home to me.

If you would like to be in touch with me, you can reach me at lfishmanbhss@gmail.com. I look forward to getting to know all of you!

Liza Fishman
Director of Informal Youth Programming

And introducing your 5776 BHSSTY Board...

My name is **Jamie Ratowsky**, and I am honored to be serving as BHSSTY's president this year! I am so excited to see what this year brings by introducing new, fun events, and expanding our youth group membership. When I am not working on BHSSTY matters, one can find me trying new things, volunteering, or just hanging out with my friends! Can't wait to have an amazing year and see the great things BHSSTY can do!

My name is **Ari Mosbacher**, and it's my utmost pleasure to be serving on the board of BHSSTY as your Social Action Vice President! I'm so, so excited to be working with many groups in the temple (including Michelle Mitzvah, Sisterhood, and Brotherhood) to make our communities better, more righteous places. Here's to an amazing year!

My name is **Kara Checke** and I have extreme gratitude to be one of your Membership and Communications Vice Presidents for this upcoming year. I am overcome with anticipation for this new and fulfilling year. In my time away from BHSSTY, I enjoy partaking in high school softball, community service, and spending time with the people I truly care about. I love this community and I'm excited to oversee the great things that we can do in BHSSTY!

My name is **Sammi Lamster** and I am one of two Membership Vice Presidents. I am in 11th grade. My interests include marching band, art, and music. I am excited to be on board this year.

My name is **Sarah Miller** and I am the new Religious and Cultural VP! This year I will be a junior at Indian Hills High School. I play the flute in marching band and I am a dancer. I am so excited to be a part of the youth group board, and I can't wait to teach and learn about Judaism with new and old youth group members.

Religious School Drop Off Change - PLEASE READ

Due to the ongoing construction of our new community building, the section of our parking lot that parents use to turn around after dropping off students is temporarily not available. Therefore, until further notice, please drop off students in the area of the handicapped parking spaces next to the school doors (they will have cones in them to keep them empty for drop-off times) and turn LEFT directly into the second parking lot, where there is plenty of room for you to turn around. As always, you are welcome to park and come in with your child(ren) (or carpool) and as always, for everyone's safety, you are REQUIRED to park at dismissal and come into the building to pick up your child(ren) (or carpool.)

Thank you!
Lauren Einhorn, Chair, Education Committee



Youth Programming

Let me introduce myself. I am Brittany Silverman, your new youth advisor for the third, fourth, and fifth grade at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. I am not new to this temple, as my family has been members for over 20 years. I have personally been involved in the Hebrew school from third grade until I graduated high school, worked in the temple in the education office, and was the president of our Youth Group board for many years.

I received my undergraduate degree at Binghamton University with my BA in English and a minor in Judaic Studies. I then attended Montclair State University in 2011 to receive my masters degree in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in Child/Adolescent along with a School Psychology certification. Currently, I am working as a school psychologist in a local high school, and I have pursued a career in which the most rewarding aspect of my job is being able to work with children.

Since 2013, it has been an honor to be a third and fourth grade teacher and help out on Monday nights with Kadimah. I am looking forward to meeting with your children and having them discover the ways they can have fun and also make a difference while getting involved in Jewish living every day. If you would like to be in touch with me, I can be reached by email at bsilvermanbhss@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events this year!

L'Shalom,
Brittany Silverman

YOUTH ACTIVITIES MEMBERSHIP

Is your child in 3d through 12th grade? Interested in some fun programming? Youth group registration forms will be available in the coming days. Look for announcements in the weekly e-bulletin, on our website and on Facebook!

Michelle Mitzvah Group

Michelle Mitzvah has some great volunteer opportunities with which to get involved and give back to the community: Center for Food Action

There will be a CFA truck at the temple for the High Holidays. Please bring a bag of non-perishable food to donate. It's a great way to begin the new year with a mitzvah!

Oasis

-- SAVE THE DATE for the **Saturday, October 10 Grape Gallop** in Milford, NJ. Walk or run through Alba Vineyard and then enjoy a wine tasting. Several of us participated this past May and it was a great day! Proceeds benefit various programs for Oasis. The cost is \$50 if you're going to do the wine tasting and \$35 if you are planning to be a Designated Driver. It would be great to get a MMG "team" together. Please visit the Grape Gallop web site for information: <http://grapegallopnj.com/>

-- Math and reading tutoring sessions for elementary school age children. Oasis is looking to have approximately three volunteers to work with students on Saturdays, although you do not need to commit to every Saturday. They are in the process of putting together a schedule. Stay tuned, but let us know in the meantime if you have an interest.

-- Other programs, including youth photography, arts, science, and dance. In addition, Oasis recently received a grant from City Green for the Oasis Edible Garden and all is "a go." They're just waiting to find out their dig out day during August and will be planting and beautifying "Edible Oasis" for a fall crop!

-- Saturday morning programs run from 10-11:30 am beginning September 26 – December 5 (and then again for another 10 weeks after the holidays)

Children's Aid and Family Services (CAFS)

-- **The Baby Basics Program** is in need of volunteers! They are also in need of volunteers at their headquarters to help with administrative work, part time 1-2 days a week, from 8 am – 2 pm.

-- The **2015 Back to School Drive** has kicked off! Please donate what you can to help the children in the various programs go back to school well prepared! Anything is appreciated: backpacks, basic school supplies, etc.

Contributions

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

thank you for being such a good companion on the Eastern Europe trip
- Carole Goodman

with thanks and in honor of Rebecca's Bat Mitzvah
- the Blankman family

to Rabbi Daniel Kirzane, with thanks for running the BHSS Passover Seder
- Ethel Rosen & Stuart Kirshner

to Barbara and Phil Moss, in honor of your 50th wedding anniversary
- Nancy & Danny Kahn

with thanks and in honor of Alyssa's Bat Mitzvah
- the Kovar family

with sincere appreciation
- the Shirvan family

with thanks for making Confirmation services so beautiful and in honor of Madisen!
- the Siegel family

in honor of Tyler's Bar Mitzvah
- the Ehrman family

with thanks and in honor of Sammi's Confirmation
- Lisa Lamster

with thanks for your support during Gloria Goldberg's recuperation
- Beatrice Farber

to Nancy Levene, in memory of Richard Boyle
- the Sisterhood of BHSS

with thanks for your support and kindness
- Jay Levy & family

with thanks for the beautiful and sensitive service you led for our friend Jerry Sondack
- Bonnie & Rich Berens

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

to Bonnie Berens, in memory of her beloved mother, Natalie Jaffe
- Lynn & Michael Zall

with thanks and in honor of Rebecca's Bat Mitzvah
- the Blankman family

with thanks and appreciation
- Jackie & Ben Lowenfels & Shannon

with thanks for running a great BHSS Passover Seder!
- Ethel Rosen & Stuart Kirshner

in honor of Alyssa's Bat Mitzvah and with thanks!
- the Kovar family

with thanks for making Confirmation services so beautiful and in honor of Madisen!
- the Siegel family

thank you for organizing the talent show and everything you do for us!
- Lisa Lamster & family

with thanks for your support and kindness
- Jay Levy & family

thank you for all your loving care you gave to the Yom HaShoah program
- Sheila & Larry Groskin

to Nancy Levene, in memory of Richard Boyle
- Sheila & Larry Groskin
- Irma & Joel Becker

with thanks for all the get well wishes!
- Sandy & Newt Parks

Educator's Discretionary Fund

to honor Rod McVeigh for his kindness and unending helpfulness - he is a true mensch!
- Carole Goodman

with thanks and in honor of Rebecca's Bat Mitzvah
- the Blankman family

with thanks for making the Confirmation services so beautiful and in honor of Madisen!
- the Siegel family

Contributions

Life Fund

in memory of beloved father Frederick Flisser

- Robin Ackerman

to Paul Radisher, in memory of his sister, Carol Radisher

- Nita & Eddie Klaskow

in memory of grandfather Otto Tuteur

- Sheri & Allan Schott

to Bonnie Berens and family, in memory of
your mother, Natalie Jaffe

- Lisa & Kenny Glick

- Judy & Joel Dorfman

- Sheryl & Joel Ives

- Jane & Jan Simon

in memory of Ethel Pesin

- Barbara & Phil Moss

to Joan Kessel, in memory of your husband George Kessel

- Pearl & Bob Meyers

- Marci & Harvey Weinberg

in memory of Harry Meyers

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to Barbara Lacher, in memory of Philip Lacher

- Sheryl Thailer

in memory of Lee Johnson

- Sue-Ellen & Ron Johnson

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- Jill & Lewis Gold & family

to Barbara and Phil Moss, in honor of their 50th
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- Riva Chase & Harris Riesbaum

- Judy & Joel Dorfman

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- Lisa Lamster & family

- Beryl & Mel Lamster

to Jeffrey Meshberg and family, in memory of Leonard

Mansdorf

- Lisa Lamster & family

to Nancy Levene, in memory of her father, Richard Boyle

- Lisa & Kenny Glick

- Sheryl & Joel Ives

- Jane & Jan Simon

- Dede & Rick Levene

- Lisa Lamster

- Barbara & Charles Burghardt

- Marci & Harvey Weinberg

- Sheri & Allan Schott

- Sheryl Thailer

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- Susan & Dennis Gralla

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- Gail & Ranan Wichler

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- Candy & Mike Kassoover

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- Laurie & Marc Daniel

- Arlene & Rich Mandel

- Barbara & Charles Burghardt

- Sheryl & Joel Ives

- Dede & Rick Levine

- Sheryl Thailer

- Jane & Jan Simon

- Lisa Lamster

- Marci & Harvey Weinberg

in memory of Charles Sankel

- Sheryl Ives

in memory of Max Miller

- Carole Goodman

to Dr. Harry Wagenberg, in memory of Sylvia Wagenberg

- Nora & Harold Berger

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Life Fund

to Matt Cole and family, in memory of Alice Cole

- *Gail & Ranan Wichler*

- *Sandy & Jerry Wernovsky, Diana & Harris Wernovsky*

- *Aunt Bea Farber and Renee & Brian Eugendorf*

in memory of Helen Weinberg - *Joyce & Stephen Weinberg*

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to the Main Street Singers - *Lynn Zall*

in memory of Morris Roth and Edith Roth - *Sandi Jeanette*

in memory of Eva and Saul Stedman - *Sherry Levitt*

to Gail and Al Schlosser, in honor of their 50th wedding

anniversary - *Linda Partkoff & John Holland*

to Linda Vogel, in memory of your dear father,

Solomon Wexler - *the Sisterhood of BHSS*

- *Lisa Lamster*

- *Laurie & Marc Daniel*

to Sammi Lamster and Madisen Siegel, with thanks for

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to Sharon Marech, in memory of Mel Marech

- *Nita & Ed Klaskow*

in memory of Benjamin Kassover - *Candy & Mike Kassover*

to Nancy Levene, Mazal Tov on becoming temple president!

- *Candy & Mike Kassover*

to Sammi Lamster in honor of your Confirmation

- *Candy & Mike Kassover*

to Samantha Spencer, congratulations on graduating high

school and entering the University of Vermont

- *Candy & Mike Kassover*

to Rabbi Mosbacher, Cantor Perper, and Iris Greenberg -

thank you for your gracious cordiality extended to the Main

Street Singers! - *Sue-Ellen Johnson*

in memory of our dear grandfathers, Samuel Rubin and

Irving Dorfman - *Judy & Joel Dorfman*

to Stacy Paton, in memory of Jack Baskin - *Jen & Matt Kraft*

in memory of Simon Seidner - *Ann & Barry Seidner*

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- *Laurie & Marc Daniel*

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- *Judith & Michael Blackman*

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in memory of Paul Levitt - Sherry Levitt

Michelle Mitzvah Group

to Barbara and Phil Moss, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
- Richard Pesin

to Gail and Ranan Wichler, in their honor
- Marilyn Gross & Kim Hausner

in gratitude - Floyd & Ilyse Smith

Tree of Life

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Ehrman

in honor of the Confirmation of Madisen Summer Siegel

Mazal tov to Barbara and Phil Moss on their 50th wedding anniversary

congratulation Michael Lipson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Polansky

From the Sifriyah

At the Sifriyah, the Library Ladies vigorously scratch our heads, wondering where the summer months have flown. However, in between travels to Hawaii, visits to the beach, to Disney, and other points north, south, east and west, we have always carried a book with us. Many of us read Bury the Hot by Deb Levy. The author's first work is wonderful, reminding us that every Holocaust survivor has a story to tell. Sal Wainberg carries no number on his arm but delivers a narrative of incredible strength and remarkable detailing. At the age of 5, he remembers German planes overhead, marking the German invasion of his hometown, Zelechow, in Poland. To survive, the family went into hiding, to the home of a farmer who hid the family. Sal grew up quickly, too quickly. The family did not give up, and "pushed forward because they had to, because human beings are wired for survival."

So impressed were the library ladies that they immediately chose Bury the Hot as the first selection for the fall A Book and a Bagel, on Sunday, October 18 at 1 pm. As always, our Book and a Bagel chats are worthwhile and popular. Plan to attend; mark your calendar. Remember, Sal Wainberg gave an account of his struggles and his survival. He provides testimony to history. This is an important piece of literature.

In addition to our Book and a Bagel chats, the library will again participate in "One Book One Community." We will join other synagogues in Bergen County who will be reading A Backpack, a Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka: A Memoir, an engrossing title if there ever was one. Lev Golinkin flees the Ukraine for Lafayette, Indiana, and describes his "hilarious and heartbreaking story of a Jewish family's escape from oppression." We will soon have a copy of this memoir in our library, and of course, copies are available in your public libraries.

Beginning in September, watch for a library lady to recommend her favorite and recently read book. This short blurb will appear for the entire month of September in our weekly announcements.

Lastly, if you have an overdue library book at home, please return it. Remember other folks might like to sample that book.

From all of us at the Sifriyah, best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year.

Ritual Committee

I am back and I hope all of you are too. I am looking forward to beginning a New Year together. After a long hiatus from synagogue leadership, I am back. It's all or nothing for me. I couldn't just join a committee -- I had to jump back in with both feet. So here I am as Ritual Co-Chair with Stacey Coyne, my long-time temple buddy. I am so grateful to be working with Stacey and with Rabbi Mosbacher, Cantor Perper, Iris and Lisa and the absolutely wonderful Ritual committee who (I hope) will gently guide me through the rhythm of the Jewish year.

I guess I had to refresh and renew. After many years as a board member at Reform Temple of Suffern and then at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, it was time to take a back seat and just be. Then I received an email from Lisa: "Rabbi Mosbacher would like to set up a conference call." That's when I started making up stuff in my head. What does the rabbi want? What did I do or not do? We spoke, got through the niceties and then the question: "How about co-chair of the Ritual Committee?" What? Really? Me? Was I ready for this commitment? I have to be honest, I was on the fence, and I did take a month or so to make a decision. Ritual Co-Chair is an important position and requires a significant time commitment; thank you Stacey and past Ritual chairs. This was not a decision I could have made on my own without the support of my partner, Lois. We discussed; I pondered. Ultimately, I knew in my heart that it was time to give back to the community that I love and get back into the game. I am refreshed. I am renewed. I am ready.

And just to give you a taste of what the Ritual Committee has been working on all summer, here is a list:

- formulating the ushering schedule (give a thank you to our ushers)
- polishing the silver that adorns our Torahs
- scheduling High Holiday honors
- organizing the shofar blowers
- and so much more...

I am refreshed and renewed and looking forward to working in collaboration with Stacey and the Ritual Committee. Please let us know what's working and not working. We would love to hear from you.

L'shanah tovah from my family to yours,

Judy Teich

RETREAT!

Now is the time -- register for the **Fourth Annual Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Congregational Retreat!** Plan now to spend the weekend of February 5 - 7, 2016, at Camp Harlam in Kunkletown, PA (less than 90 minutes from Mahwah), where you can share a wonderful time with other congregants of all ages and experience prayer, song and fellowship in the beautiful Pocono mountains. We have a full range of activities planned including crafts, yoga, the Israeli game known as gaga and social time where everyone will have the opportunity to make new friends, experience the tranquility of the mountains around us and enjoy a weekend free of cooking (unless of course you sign up for Rabbi's baking class!).

The retreat will begin early Friday evening with your arrival at Camp Harlam, and it ends on Sunday morning around 11 am. In between, we'll have delicious meals, song sessions, services and fun! The accommodations are simple but clean, and each room has a private bath. We anticipate the event will sell out, thanks to the generous support of the Endowment Fund. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share this weekend with others. If you have any questions, please email them to: lstheodore@optonline.net. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Lifelong Learning

Reflect, Renew, Repair

Announcing the BHSS 5776 study theme: Reflect, Renew, Repair! Join the Lifelong Learning committee and our new co-chair, Beth Dubiel, as we take some time out of our busy lives to pause for a few moments and reflect on what is important to us, what is happening in the world, or what Jewish text and learnings have to teach us. With those reflections in mind, let's identify what actions we can take to renew and repair ourselves and the world around us.

You can always checkout the Lifelong Learning page for more details, but "save the date" during the fall for some of our upcoming exciting events:

Lifelong Learning Calendar

- **S'lichot High Holiday Program:** Join us to learn about the brand new High Holiday machzor (prayer book) on **Saturday, September 5**, beginning at 8:30 pm followed by services at 10 pm.
- **High Holiday Spiritual Walk:** Join Rabbi Mosbacher and center yourself during the High Holy Day period with a Spiritual walk on **Sunday, September 20** at 7:30 am at Ramapo Reservation.

- **BHSS Reflections Project:** As you prepare for this year's High Holiday period, privately answer 10 questions and we'll lock away your answers until Shabbat, **January 15, 2016**, when we'll return them to you for contemplation and consideration. All answers are confidential and for your eyes only! Complete the form included in Temple Topics, tear it out and return in a sealed envelope by October 5. Write your name and email address on the envelope and return to BHSS.

- **Intro to Judaism:** Rabbi Mosbacher and Rabbi Frishman of Barnert Temple will be team-teaching an Introduction to Judaism class under the auspices of the Reform movement. This class is appropriate for anyone who want to brush up on their basic knowledge or for those who are considering conversion. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning in the middle of October for 16 weeks. Please contact the synagogue office for more information.

- **Mah jongg Mania:** The mania continues to grow with a group meeting monthly on Sunday and Tuesday. Beginners are welcome! See Lifelong Learning page on the BHSS website for dates & details.



Join us as we welcome

Julie Baretz

(BHSS' favorite Israel tour guide!)

Monday, November 23

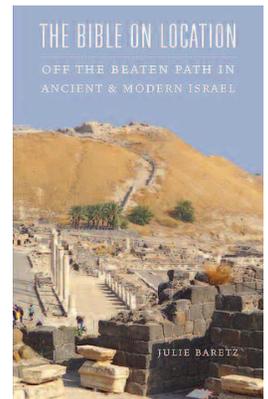
7:30-8:30 pm

talking about her new book

The Bible On Location: Off the Beaten Path in Ancient and Modern Israel

In this innovative guidebook Julie Baretz takes readers to twenty-one off-the-beaten-path locations in Israel where Bible stories are said to have happened. At each site she sets the scene by relating the historical context of the event, then follows with the biblical text itself and her own lively commentary. Captivating and complex Bible characters bring the locations to life as they face social, ethical, and spiritual dilemmas not unlike our own today. Baretz's narratives draw on history, archaeology, academic scholarship, and rabbinic literature for interpretations that enhance the meaning of the biblical events. Each story is told in the voice of Baretz as the tour guide—knowledgeable yet informal and friendly.

Julie Baretz was born in 1962 and grew up in Valley Cottage, New York. She was active in Young Judaea, the Zionist youth movement, where she built a strong background in informal education through programming and peer leadership. After receiving a BA in English Literature from Union College, in 1985 she made aliyah and settled in Jerusalem. Julie completed the Israel Ministry of Tourism Tour Guides Training Course in 1987 and has since guided thousands of visitors of all faiths to Israel.



September Yahrzeits

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| KAY APPELBAUM | BERTHA ISRAEL | HARRY ROSENZWEIG |
| FLORENCE ARFIN | BLOSSOM ISRAEL | RUTH ROSENZWEIG |
| FLORENCE ASHKANAZY | BENJAMIN JACOBS | BOB ROSIN |
| JACK BERENS | FRANCES KATZ | JOSEPH ROSSANT |
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| GUSSIE BLUMENFELD | MARTIN LAST | ESTHER SHIFFMAN |
| EDITH BLUMENTHAL | SADIE LAZAR | HARRIET SHRENSEL |
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| BERNICE DAVIS | IRVING LIBES | JACK SPRUNG |
| FRANCES DUCHARME | IRVING LICHTENFELD | LAUREN STRAUS |
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| DOUGLAS FREEMAN | CYNTHIA PETERLIN | ESTELLE WEINBERG |
| OTTO FRIEDMAN | SOPHIE PETERLIN | ROSA WEINBERG |
| MOLLIE GARBUS | NANCY PIVAR | RUTH WEISKOP |
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| BARRY GREENE | HERBERT ROSENBLATT | ANNE WILK |
| ABE HYMOWITZ | DIANA ROSENTHAL | DANIEL ZAHM |
| SARAH ISKOWITZ | | JERRY ZICHERMAN |

Does your family have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah coming up?

In order to be included in the appropriate issue of Temple Topics,
your child's brief "bio" and photo are due as follows:

For a November or December date, by October 1

For a January or February date, by December 1

For a March or April date, by February 1

For a May or June date, by April 1

If you need a form, or have any questions, please call or email to the synagogue.

October Yahrzeits

STEVEN ABEL
 MANUEL ANSIN
 MICHELLE APPELBAUM
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 ADELE AXELROD
 EVELYN BARRON
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 SANDY BERNSTEIN
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 HELEN WISNEWSKI
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 SARA ZINN

Adult Learning on Monday Nights - **NOT Just for Kadimah Parents!**

Jerry Kirshman and educator Rebecca McVeigh are organizing a series of study sessions for adults on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (ending to coincide with Kadimah dismissal.) Watch the weekly announcements and your inbox for the lineup of classes, and sign up!

Dedicate a Mishkan HaNefesh High Holiday Machzor!

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The Caring Committee is continuing to do the best it can to assist our members in times of need. We are grateful to the Brotherhood who has teamed up with us to better serve our members. Brotherhood, under the direction of Jonathan Theodore, has stepped up to provide rides to doctors and various other destinations. We sincerely thank all those drivers who have volunteered their time. Additionally, we have continued to provide meals, shiva assistance, pastoral visits and other much needed services to members. Rabbi Mosbacher is always there to help us by providing guidance and insight when dealing with challenging issues. We are always available to listen and/or visit, and everything is confidential.

To request services or to become a volunteer, please contact Candy Kassover at candy1951@optonline.net or Laura Miller at mlctsmiller@verizon.net.

MONTHLY TOT SHABBAT

Tot Shabbat is back, and better than ever! Families with children from **birth to 2nd grade** are invited to join Miss Ilene and Rabbi Mosbacher for a story, singing, a craft and a snack, from **9:30-10:15 am** on the following Shabbat mornings:

September 19,
October 17,
November 14,
December 12,
January 9,
February 13,
March 12,
April 9,
May 14,
and June 11.

Please RSVP to the synagogue office at 201-512-1983 if you plan to come, so we will have enough supplies for everyone!

Social Action/Community Garden

BHSS's amazing commitment to social action and social justice continues to grow, just like our community garden. As this gets written, we've donated over 200 pounds of organic produce to the Soup Kitchen at Christ Episcopal Church in Suffern and the Center for Food Action in Mahwah. We hope to meet our goal of 400 pounds, all organic and all grown with the help of volunteers from BHSS.

To facilitate our continued growth in the social action arena, the **4th Annual Social Action Summit** will be held on **Tuesday, September 29** at 7 pm. At the Summit, we ask every committee chairperson and a social action delegate to attend. We discuss each committee's plans for events throughout the year, we brainstorm on how a social action component can be added to the activities, and how committees can support each other's events.

As we do every year, the **Center for Food Action** will have their truck out in front of the sanctuary during the High

Holidays. We urge you to bring food, lots of food, for the CFA. Can we grow the number of times we fill the truck? If everyone added just \$5.00 more food to his or her donation bag, can you imagine how full the truck could be? On behalf of those who receive the much needed aid from the Center for Food Action, thank you for remembering your donations throughout the High Holidays!

Mitzvah Day is Sunday, November 1; we along with many other synagogues in northern New Jersey participate with the Jewish Federation. One of the activities of Mitzvah Day is to collect, sort and donate GENTLY used children's clothing. We are a collection location for the clothing and from 1 pm – 3 pm, and we will have volunteers sorting the clothing. Please mark your calendar to join us to sort, and if you have clothing to donate, please do. All the clothes collected go to the families at Oasis in Paterson, which is a wonderful organization that Michelle Mitzvah Group of BHSS actively supports.

Notes from Music

The Music Committee and the choirs would like to wish everyone in the congregation a happy and healthy New Year! We are hard at work on programming for the coming year. There will be something that will appeal to everyone! September and October will be spent on the High Holidays – Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. Look to Temple Topics and the weekly email for announcements of events as they come up.

Our main event of the year will be Cantor's 10th Year at BHSS Celebration. **Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 5, 2016.** Much more news will be coming your way!

As we start the year, please consider the opportunity for your child joining the Junior Choir. Children must be in third grade or older to participate. The kids have a lot of fun while getting a great start learning for their b'nei mitzvah. Plus, they

get to share a great rapport with Cantor Perper. Lisa Lamster is our parent contact for those interested in more information. Please get in touch with her at lisalams@optonline.net.

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our Adult Choir. We are always welcoming new voices. It's never too late. Please contact Cantor Perper for more information.

Singing is not a requirement for membership in the committee! We always are looking for new ideas. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the synagogue. Contact me any time at niberger@aol.com, and let's chat!

Musically yours,
Nora Berger

Good & Welfare
from & for the congregation

Condolences

To **Lori Mabry**, on the death of her grandmother, Frieda Lieberman
To **Ken Glick**, on the death of his sister, Ryna Gerber
To **Linda Vogel**, on the death of her father, Sol Wexler
To **Jamey Myers**, on the death of his mother, Judy Myers
To **Stephen Cohen**, on the death of his brother, Ricky Cohen
To **Barbara Lacher**, on the death of her father, Philip Lacher
To **Bonnie Berens**, on the death of her mother, Natalie Jaffe
To **Barbara Sternberg**, on the death of her husband, Arthur Sternberg
To **Joan Kessel**, on the death of her husband, George Kessel
To **Marc Bruckner**, on the death of his mother, Fern Bruckner
To **Audrey Flynn**, on the death of her father, Harold Landau
To **David Seif**, on the death of his mother, Frayda Fay Levy Seif
To **Sheryl Thailer**, on the death of her mother, Barbara Thailer
To **Stephen Kanter**, on the death of his mother, Sandra Kanter
To **Lana Hoffert**, on the death of her grandfather, Herbert Weissman
To **Bernice Widman Medici**, on the death of her sister in law, Gitty Widman
To **Rebecca Bernstein McVeigh**, on the death of her aunt, Judith Bernstein Cohen
To **Matthew Cole**, on the death of his mother, Alice Cole

R'fuah Sh'leimah
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Larry Gluck
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Marilyn Taylor

Mazal Tov

To **Karen & Bruce Silverman** on the birth of their grandson, Stephen Alexandros
To **Myra Dulberger** on the marriage of her son Jason Dulberger to Rachel Serkin
To **Joan Cohen**, on the birth of her granddaughter, Eliza Rose
To **Marc & Laurie Daniel** on the birth of their grandson, Bryce
To **Liza Fishman** in her new positions as BHSS Director of Informal Youth Programming and BHSS religious school teacher
To our religious school teacher, **Brittany Silverman**, as her role expands to include Youth Activities coordinator, grades 3-5
To **Shelley & Ralph Jaffe** on the birth of their grandson, Miles Emmett
To the **Johnson family** on Abigail becoming a Bat Mitzvah in Israel this past summer
To **Beth Wiesner**, on her daughter Ana's marriage to Oliver Schwab
To **Leah Rosenberg**, BHSS religious school teacher, on her marriage to Avi Sanders

Welcome New Members!

We welcome our new
Rabbinic Intern **Josh Fixler**
and his wife, **Annie**.

Katherine & Zvi Bareket, Suffern, NY
Vida Mylson & Eric Weiner and family, Upper Saddle River, NJ
Lee Wayser & Martin Gordon, Mahwah, NJ
Harriet & Harold Eckstein, Woodland Park, NJ
Sydelle & David Aarons and family, Upper Saddle River, NJ
Marlene & Steve Portnoy, Suffern NY
Karen & Steven Begleiter and family, Upper Saddle River, NJ
Barri & Adam Fruitbine and family, Woodcliff Lake, NJ



New Adult Learning Opportunity!

Join us Sunday mornings from 9-10 am (beginning Sept. 20)
as we explore what it means to live Jewishly in the 21st century.

Four teachers, four subjects – sign up for as many as you like! (Some subjects will have a text that participants will need to acquire, as noted in the descriptions below.) Please RSVP to the synagogue office (201-512-1983) so we know you're coming. Sessions will include coffee and bagels.

1. Can living “biblically” help us understand how to live more Jewishly?

In *The Year of Living Biblically*, the author documents a year of living his modern-day life while still abiding by a very literal reading of the Torah. We will read sections of his sometimes funny, always interesting and thought-provoking story, and compare them to the Torah texts and to commentaries of our great sages.

Teacher: Rebecca McVeigh

Dates: Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Nov. 7, Dec. 11, Jan. 10, Feb. 21, March 21, May 25

Text: *The Year of Living Biblically*, by A.J. Jacobs

2. How does a modern Reform Jew make authentically Jewish decisions?

In this unit, we will look at *Reform Responsa*, an at-once ancient and modern form of Jewish legal literature that invites us to look at biblical, Talmudic, medieval, and modern Jewish teachings to arrive at Jewishly rooted decisions to modern questions. Some examples of issues we'll explore include: What does Judaism say about in vitro fertilization? What about Jewish burials for pets? What about organ donation and end of life issues?

Teacher: Rabbi Joel Mosbacher

Dates: Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Dec. 6, Feb. 28, March 20, April 24, May 28

Text: “*Reform Responsa for the Twenty-First Century: Sh'eilot U'Tshuvot*,” Vol. 1 & 2

3. Jewish Holidays from Texts to Today: We Are What We Celebrate

Jewish holiday celebrations reflect our fundamental beliefs, as well as offering opportunities for the contemporary Jew to adopt and adapt personally meaningful rituals and practices. This class will examine (some surprising) traditional sources of the Jewish holidays as well as contemporary translations of those traditions, perhaps creating some new traditions along the way.

Teacher: Sharon Halper

Dates: Oct. 11, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, March 6, April 3, May 8

Text: *A Guide to the Jewish Seasons*, ed. Rabbi Peter S. Knobel (CCAR Press)

4. My Other Rabbi Wrote the Talmud: Finding Modern Meaning in Rabbinic Texts

In this unit we will look at some favorite rabbinic texts from Jewish thinkers throughout the ages, from Akiva to Maimonides to Spinoza, and ask the question “What do these texts have to say for our lives as 21st Century American Jews?” We will explore eccentric, surprising, and challenging texts from across the history of Jewish thought and listen to how they speak to us. Is there a place for Rambam in the board room? What would my children say to Rabbi Hillel if he sat across from them at our dinner table?

Teacher: Rabbinic Intern Josh Fixler

Dates: Oct. 18, Nov. 22, Jan. 24, March 13, April 10, May 15

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BHSS Lifelong Learning Reflections Project



As part of this year's Lifelong Learning theme, "Reflect, Renew, Repair," we are asking you to participate in this year's Reflections Project.

As you prepare for this year's High Holiday period, privately answer 10 questions and we'll lock away your answers until Shabbat, January 15, 2016, when we'll return them to you for contemplation and consideration.

All answers are confidential and for your eyes only! Complete this form, tear it out of Temple Topics and return in a sealed envelope by October 5. Write your name and email address on the envelope and return to BHSS.

1. Describe a significant experience that has happened in the past year. How did it affect you? Are you grateful? Relieved? Resentful? Inspired?

2. Is there something that you wish you had done differently this past year? Alternatively, is there something you're especially proud of from this past year?

3. Think about a major milestone that happened with your family this past year. How has this affected you?

4. Describe an event in the world that has impacted you this year. How? Why?

5. Have you had any particularly spiritual experiences this past year? How has this experience affected you? "Spiritual" can be broadly defined to include secular spiritual experiences: artistic, cultural, and so forth.



BHSS Lifelong Learning Reflections Project



6. Describe one thing you'd like to achieve by this time next year. Why is this important to you?

7. How would you like to improve yourself and your life next year? Is there a piece of advice or counsel you received in the past year that could guide you?

8. Is there something (a person, a cause, an idea) that you want to investigate more fully in 5776 (2015-2016)?

9. What is a fear that you have and how has it limited you? How do you plan on letting it go or overcoming it in the coming year?

10. When January 2016 rolls around and you receive your answers to your 10Q questions, how do you think you'll feel? What do you think/hope might be different about your life and where you're at as a result of thinking about and answering these questions?

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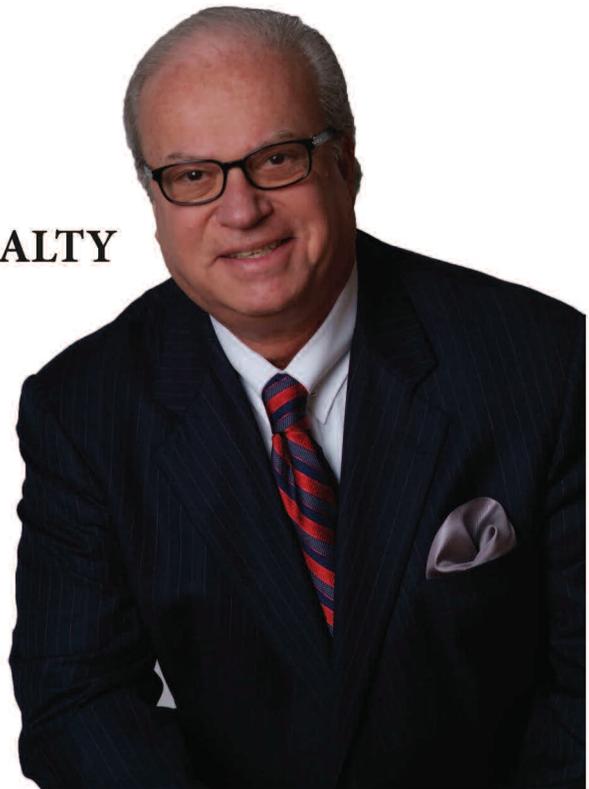
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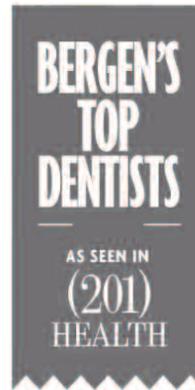
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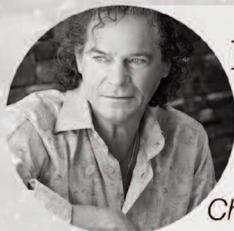


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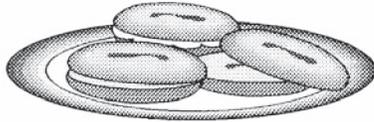
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Monday, September 7
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To do in September and October:



Play Mah Jongg! at BHSS on Tuesday, September 1 and Monday, October 12 from 7 to 9 PM and on Sunday, September 20 and Sunday, October 25 from 1 to 3 PM

Enjoy dinner with your friends at 7 PM on Friday, September 4 and Friday, October 2 (by RSVP); services begin at 6 PM

Torah Study - Saturdays beginning at 8:15 AM - September 5, 12, 19, and 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Bring your tots to **Tot Shabbat** at 9:30 AM on Saturday, September 19 and Saturday, October 17

Appreciate nature on the spiritual walk - Sunday, September 20 beginning at 7:30 AM

Enjoy Brotherhood's **"Pizza in the Hut"** - Sunday, September 27 beginning at 6 PM

Celebrate Simchat Torah and our new school students for Consecration - Sunday, October 4 beginning at 7 PM

Share "A Book and a Bagel" with the Library Ladies on Sunday, October 18 beginning at 12:30 PM