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SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday nights: July 7 & August 4 at 6:00 pm

All other Friday nights at 7:30 pm

Saturday morning services ONLY on Saturday July 8 and Aug 5 at 10 am



Tikun Leil Shavuot



President's Message

from Nancy Levene

Thank You

I was recently reading my cookbooks looking for Passover recipes. I read cookbooks like some people read novels. As I was scanning the BHSS Sisterhood cookbook, I noticed the page that listed the Sisterhood Board the year the cookbook was published - it was 2007 and I served as co-president with Elizabeth Wandelmaier. I would never have imagined back then that serving as Sisterhood president would lead to becoming president of the synagogue! Life is not always a straight line. I have learned to embrace each turn, bump and twist along the way.

As I finish the last couple of months as synagogue president, I have been reflecting on this honor. It is the hardest thing I have ever done and the most rewarding. I have questioned my ability to do the job - on many occasions. But I have also been grateful to serve the congregation that has meant so much to me and my family. I have been so fortunate to work with amazing clergy, staff and volunteers.

My favorite things include representing BHSS at shiva minyans, presenting the congregation's gift to b'nei mitzvah, greeting congregants and guests at erev Shabbat services and being invited to participate in our Shabbatons with students and families. What I won't miss, is being asked why it is too hot or too cold in the sanctuary and why did we run out of canolli dip before the end of the oneg.

Once a week on The Tonight Show, Jimmy Fallon catches up on his correspondence and he writes thank you notes. I would like to do the same. What I lack in Jimmy's gift for humor, I make up in sincerity.

Thank you to Rabbi Diamond for serving as my partner in this important work. You have been a source of inspiration, guidance and reassurance many times over the past twelve months.

Thank you to Cantor Perper for your caring and support just when I needed it and for tolerating my singing.

Thank you to Rebecca McVeigh for your commitment to providing the best education possible to all our children, for inspiring our teachers with innovative programs and to your creativity and commitment to our school and synagogue.

Thank you to Iris Greenberg and Lisa Barrack, who always

seem to be there whenever we need something. You are quick to respond, often taking care of things before we even know they need doing. Thank you for being there for all our members, whether their needs are large or small.

Thank you to Rabbinic Intern Josh Fixler (Rabbi Fixler by the time you are reading this) for showing up at BHSS at just the right time. You came to us as a student and became our teacher.

Thank you to our teachers and youth leaders for guiding and encouraging our children even when they would rather be outside playing. Thank you for finding a way to give the extra help it is needed.

Thank you to Roberto Lara for caring for BHSS like it is his home.

Thank you to Jen Cole for being the most active past president ever. Your support made it possible for me to do this job.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. The work of the synagogue can only get done with your constant support and ideas and endless hours of meetings, programs, phone calls and more.

Thank you to every volunteer who served as a greeter, made a meal for the caring committee, drove someone to a doctor's appointment or to services, ran a program and so much more.

Thank you to Sisterhood for presenting great programs throughout the year and for your never ending generosity. Thank you for donating new tables and chairs for the school as a result of a successful Goods & Services Auction. You continue to inspire us everyday.

Thank you to the Brotherhood for being our go-to guys. You build the sukkah, help out at the Purim carnival and make your famous burgers and hot dogs (veggie dog, anyone?) at every BBQ.

Thank you to all the spouses, partners and children of our Board and volunteers. You have contributed to our success by picking up the slack at home when your family member is at another meeting or program at BHSS. I would also like to thank everyone in advance who has been inspired by all we do

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The Power of One



Imagine the world through this young girl's eyes. She may be the victim of bigotry or poverty. She may be immigrating to escape the environmental disaster in her homeland. She may be our neighbor but lack access to affordable healthcare. She may simply want equal rights and opportunities, to be paid what she is worth, love whom she loves, express outside the gender she feels inside.

It is easy to become overwhelmed when trying to help repair the entire world. The task seems so overwhelming that we may throw up our hands in surrender. That's why Judaism teaches the power of one. Even beyond the belief in one God, the power of one recognizes how our hearts are stirred by focusing on one person's story.

There is another power of one. When we come together as a congregation and focus our collective efforts in one area, we can increase our ability to transform people's lives. By marshalling our entire congregation as one, we can create impactful partnerships with local and national organizations that can make a difference. When we work as one, we can have one profound impact.

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and has decided to give their time as well. Just pick one thing you would like to do and get started today.

Even though I'll no longer be president, I'm not going anywhere. You'll still see me at services on Friday nights on the aisle, left of center, at Lifelong Learning programs and I'll be back to my favorite ushering spot during the High Holidays. I will also find other opportunities to volunteer and to support the next president in any way I can.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Barry Diamond



That's why we need your participation at TikkunCon

(*tikkun* - repair; *con* - together) when we come together as a congregation to decide where we place our collective congregational efforts.

Please join us on **Saturday, May 13 at 4:00 p.m. for TikkunCon**. Every willing person makes a difference. But the only one we need is you.

-Rabbi Barry Diamond

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All other Friday nights at 7:30 pm

Saturday morning services **ONLY** on
Saturday July 8 and August 5 at 10 am

Just like at the Academy Awards, I almost forgot to thank the person who makes this all possible!

Thank you, Al for patiently listening to me decompress after a particularly challenging meeting, for staying at one's a little longer so I can talk to everyone and for eating take-out food the second and third Tuesdays of the month for the past two years.



From the Educator's Office

Good Times Never Seemed So Good
(mad props to Neil Diamond and my BoSox)

As one of my first mentors taught me when I started as educator at BHSS fourteen years ago, you should never waste an opportunity to thank someone; over the past two years, soon-to-be-Rabbi Josh Fixler has taught me so much about gratitude. As our program year draws to a close, my own (not Merriam-Webster approved) definitions of the two concepts are that thanking is “directed” at someone as opposed to gratitude which is a more amorphous feeling. I would like to take a moment to express both the gratitude and thankfulness I’ve felt over the last school year.

I am GRATEFUL for my family, including my new granddaughter and most especially for my husband Rod. I am grateful for every day that I can wake up in the morning and get on with my day. I am grateful to have not just the BHSS school families and staff, but the entire BHSS community, on hand to support me in my work and in much of the rest of my life. And I am grateful to have the chance to be there for them, too.

I am THANKFUL to Rabbi Barry Diamond and Cantor David Perper. Cantor Perper has brought more “team spirit” into our work than I can ever repay, and Rabbi Diamond has been a terrific partner in his educational guidance as well as his expertise in transition. I look forward to another year learning from him. To Josh Fixler – I will miss your sense of humor, your wonderful geekiness, your friendship, and your steadfast help in educational planning. I wish you and Annie (and soon, the newest little Fixler) all good things. I aspire to cultivate the same gratitude “attitude” that you have learned from your mother and taught to us.

Thank you to the whole school staff, in particular my invaluable assistant, Laura Miller, and our *Morei Derech* and aides who are graduating this year – Sammi Lamster, Jake Amendola, Sarah Coffel, and Sarah Miller. I wish you all the best and hope you’ll come back for a visit!

Thank you to Iris and Lisa, who complete our team of “eyes and ears”... and hearts. And to Roberto Lara, who can always be counted on to have what we need, and if not, to find it – and quickly.

But this year, I am most particularly thankful to Lauren Einhorn, the chair of the Education Committee, and the rest of the members of the committee. They worked overtime in

meetings to brainstorm (cooperatively with the Ritual Committee) on an important issue: **our attendance policy**.

Over the years, we have worked hard to help our parents and children, stretched to the limit with activities and demands on their time, to keep up with required attendance in school. But as this school year progressed, it became more and more obvious that the policy needed attention. So, for the **school year beginning in September of 2017:**

- The absences allowed will be ten (10), not counting illness and other extenuating circumstances.
- There will no longer be makeup classes required.
- The penalty for being absent for more than ten (10) sessions is no longer the delay of a bar or bat mitzvah date; instead, the student’s level of participation/leadership in their bar or bat mitzvah will be limited, based on a discussion with rabbi, cantor, and educator.
- A family may still take the option of moving the date approximately six (6) months later than the child’s birthday (based on date availability), which will remove the limitation on participation/leadership during their service.

There are other details to be ironed out, but these are the highlights of the new policy that we felt you should know right away. Letters will be going out to all of our enrolled families over the summer. If you know of someone who would otherwise have joined us but did not due to our existing policy, please ask them to call me so we can talk about how this change may allow them to participate not just in our school, but in ALL of the amazing things BHSS has to offer!

A huge “thank you” again to the members of our wonderful Education Committee and its leader, Lauren Einhorn, who challenges me to think big and backs it up with unwavering support.

Please join me in thanking our staff at Teacher Appreciation Shabbat on May 19 and enjoy the beautiful spring weather...and then, summer break!

With thanks AND gratitude,

Rebecca Bernstein McVeigh
Congregational Educator and Religious School Principal

From the Rabbinic Intern

So long, and thanks for all the laughs.

Josh Fixler



I recently heard an inspiring interview on the NPR program On Being with Joy Laden. She is the Gottesman Professor of English at Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University. She is also the first openly transgender professor at an Orthodox Jewish institution. It was a fascinating interview, and I highly recommend seeking it out online: (<https://onbeing.org/programs/joy-laden-transgender-amid-orthodoxy-i-am-who-i-will-be/>). Toward the end of the interview, she shared her philosophy on what it means to be Jewish. She said, “The two most important things about being a Jew are living in gratitude and living in joy.” I almost started crying in traffic when I heard this because it seemed like such a perfect distillation of what being Jewish means to me. We cannot be joyful every minute of every day, any more than we can be grateful every minute of every day. But Judaism is about finding ways to make moments of joy and moments of gratitude as best we can. Judaism is the audacious choice to embrace joy and gratitude even when (maybe especially when) it is hard. Because joy and gratitude are the pathways to hope. But mostly, I teared up in the car that day because this grateful, joyful Judaism is the Judaism I have learned about at BHSS.

When people ask me to describe why I love Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, I like to say that we take Judaism seriously but we don’t take ourselves too seriously. I remember my first Shabbat on the bimah almost two years ago. I was so nervous to lead services for this new community that I didn’t know at all. It seemed like such a serious responsibility. But almost as soon as the service began, Rabbi Mosbacher and Cantor Perper were making jokes from the bimah. I looked out and everyone else was smiling. I breathed. I relaxed. I learned that leading services is a serious responsibility, but it is also a joyful responsibility. This joyful and relaxed worship style has continued with Rabbi Diamond, who brings his own creative and joyful energy to our services. I don’t think I ever laughed as much in prayer as I have in the past two years at BHSS. Now this has become such an integral part of my prayer life, and I can’t imagine praying without laughing. It is a great blessing to have learned how to pray this way.

Almost everything people do at BHSS they do joyfully. I have seen so many people lend a hand at a dinner or an event, not begrudgingly but with a smile on their faces. We have laughed

together as we studied late into the night on Shavuot, and we have raucously sung as we celebrated second night seders. We have even giggled as we danced the Pharaoh-Pharaoh dance together at congregational retreats. Even your approach to my rabbinic education has been one of joy. In my time as the intern at BHSS, I have made mistakes and missteps, and you have offered me much needed advice and critique – feedback that will positively shape my rabbinate for years to come. This feedback has always been delivered with love and joy by both congregants and colleagues. I always felt that the congregation took pleasure in my growth as an almost-rabbi, and I know that it brings the congregation great joy to have launched so many rabbinic careers.

As my time as BHSS’s Rabbinic Intern will wrap up at the end of May, I want to try to express some small portion of my immense gratitude to this community. Thank you for welcoming Annie and me into your community. Thank you to the many of you who have invited us into your homes for Shabbat and holiday meals. Thank you for investing so graciously in my rabbinic education and for teaching me an incredible model for a community that cares about its rabbis and invests in their growth. I am grateful to the many of you who have let me participate in the important moments in your lives, both the joyful and the sorrowful moments. Thank you to my Kadimah students, who inspire me with their passion, their commitment, and their incredible questions. Thank you to our unparalleled staff: to Iris and Lisa who have helped me in innumerable ways as I learned the ropes. Thanks to Roberto, who keeps our home beautiful and who always has a warm greeting. Thank you to Rebecca, who is the most passionate and creative educational partner a rabbi could dream of. And thank you to Cantor Perper and Rabbi Diamond, who are the most thoughtful teachers. Thank you both for opening up your sandbox and letting me play. Thank you for always being available for advice and collaboration. And thank you for walking that fine line between treating me as a colleague and treating me as a student, which has allowed me a safe and nurturing environment in which to grow. I have been so lucky to have had BHSS as my internship placement, and I know it has shaped me into the rabbi I am becoming.

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Candlelighting times:

May 5 – 7:37 pm Acharei Mot/K'doshim	June 2 – 8:03 pm Naso
May 12 – 7:44 pm Emor	June 9 – 8:07 pm B'ha-a lot'cha
May 19 – 7:51 pm B'har/B'chukotai	June 16 – 8:11 pm Sh'lach L'cha
May 26 – 7:57 pm B'midbar	June 23 – 8:12 pm Korach
	June 30 – 8:13 pm Chukat



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May Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah	2 4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Ritual	3 8 pm Adult Choir	4	5 6:00 pm Family Service Youth Group Creative Service	6 Acharei Mot/ K'doshim 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Sydney Edelson 7 pm Coffeehouse Cantors
7 9 am FS & 6 1 pm Book & A Bagel 1 pm Mah Jongg	8 4 pm School K-3 4 pm PreK 6:45 pm Kadimah	9 4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm MMG 7:30 pm Exec Comm	10 8 pm Adult Choir	11	12 7:30 pm Tefilot	13 Emor 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Samantha Fox 4 pm TikkunCon
14 9 am FS & 6 11:30 am Group Class 11:45 am YG 6-8	15 4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah 8 pm Kadimah Graduation	16 4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Annual Mtg followed by Board Mtg	17 8 pm Adult Choir	18	19 7:30 pm Teacher Appreciation & Grandparents Shabbat	20 B'har/ B'chukotai 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Tai Weiss
21 9 am FS & 6 10 am Garden Planting Day 1 pm Mah Jongg	22 4 pm School K-3 4 pm PreK 6:45 pm Kadimah	23 4 pm School 4/5 7 pm Cuba Trip Info Mtg 7:30 pm Music	24 8 pm Adult Choir	25	26 7:30 pm Tefilot	27 B'midbar 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Alexander Lipkin & Dylan Reissman
28	29 Office Closed	30 7 pm Erev Shavuot & Confirmation	31 Office Closed 10 am Shavuot Festival Yizkor Svce			

June Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					6:00 pm Family Service	Naso 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Matthew & Rachael Lokshin
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 pm Mah Jongg	6:30 pm Sis'hood Belly Dancing	7:30 pm Ritual Mtg	8 pm Adult Choir	7 pm Sis'hood Installation Dinner (offsite)	7:30 pm Board Installation & Membership Appreciaton Shabbat	B'ha-a lot'cha 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Haley Davis
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		6:30 Group Class 7:30 MMG Mtg 7:30 Exec Comm			7:30 pm Brotherhood Shabbat	Sh'lach L'cha 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Benjamin Shamus 6:30 pm Rockland Boulders
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		6:30 Group Class 7:30 Board Mtg			7:30 pm Social Action Shabbat	Korach 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Ethan & Hannah Blankman
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		7:30 Music Comm.			7:30 pm Tefilot	

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



Sydney Edelson – May 6, 2017

Lives Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Erica, Father, Greg, Brothers, Jack and Spencer, 10 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include shopping and hanging with friends. “I am looking forward to my Bat Mitzvah but I am a little nervous and overwhelmed.”



Samantha Fox – May 13, 2017

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Jamie, Father, Steven, Sisters, Emily, 11 and Nikki, 9..... is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include tennis, playing with my dog, and going to camp. “I would like to be a teacher. I am so excited to share this special occasion with all of my family and friends. I am volunteering at a senior center and playing games/doing activities with them.”



Tai Weiss – May 20, 2017

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Gayle, Father, Steve, Brother, Drew, 12 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include singing, Broadway, camp, travel, and shopping. “I would like to do something in the medical field so I can help people. I am very excited and proud to become a Bat Mitzvah and I can’t wait to celebrate with my family and friends. For my community service project, I was a buddy to the players on the ‘All Star’ special needs soccer and baseball teams. I will also be participating in a walk to raise money for autism awareness.”



Alexander Lipkin – May 27, 2017

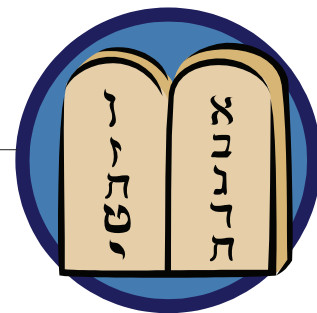
Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Stacey, Father, Jeff, Sister, Arielle, 14 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include soccer, street hockey, basketball, hanging with friends and family, travel, and experiencing new foods. “I would like to become a doctor so that I can help others and give back to my community. I am very proud that I have achieved this milestone in my Jewish education and am excited to celebrate this day with my family and friends. I am collecting gift cards for the Tomorrow’s Children’s Fund give out to teen cancer patients for their birthdays.”



Dylan Reissman – May 27, 2017

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Lisa, Father, Jon, Sisters, Jordana, 10, and Charlie, 7 is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Lake Middle School His interests include golf, basketball, movies, and games. “I want to push myself to the limits. I am as excited as I can be. I worked with Project Nest, feeding the needy on Thanksgiving and collecting food for it, I painted a house for a low-income family through Jewish Family Services, and I helped prepare food for children with cancer in the hospital when they have chemo treatments – baked brownies, packaged meals, and helped sort the food for distribution.”

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Matthew Lokshin – June 3, 2017

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Andrea, Father, Jeff, Twin Sister, Rachael, 12 is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Lake Middle School His interests include track, football, playing percussion in the school band, and hanging out with friends. "I hope that whatever career path I select, I have an opportunity to impact lives in a positive way. I feel proud of what I have accomplished and look forward to sharing this special day with my friends and family. For my Bar Mitzvah project I spent time at a local Jewish Community Center where I donated my time to help kids with disorders, such as Down's Syndrome and autism. We played sports and worked on puzzles and just interacted with the kids like we would do with our own friends. What I learned from this experience is that all kids are the same, regardless of any disabilities. They all want to just have fun and live a normal life. It felt really good to spend time with these kids and I think I helped make a difference in their lives."



Rachael Lokshin – June 3, 2017

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Andrea, Father, Jeff, Twin Brother, Matthew, 12 is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Lake Middle School Her interests include theater, acting, singing, track, and video games. "I would like to be a part of the theater arts and have an opportunity to perform on Broadway someday. Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means I now have more responsibility and will be treated like a young adult. I am so excited to share this special day with my family and friends. For my Bat Mitzvah community service, I participated in a few different projects. Since I am very involved with the animal rescue program at my school, I thought I would spend a portion of my time at an animal adoption center. I spoke with people who adopt a pet and help them take care of the animals. I also made baked goods and sold them to help raise money. Another project I did was with my mom at a center for autistic children. These were young adults who have been experiencing the challenges of living with autism their entire life. We taught them how to make chocolate and decorate bags for a holiday event. From this experience, I now know how lucky I am and how important it is to cherish each day."

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Over the past two years, many of you have heard me talk about how a daily practice of gratitude is my favorite spiritual practice. For me, gratitude is about seeking out blessings in our lives, even when they are hard to find. The blessing of being with you over these last two years has never been hard to see. Many of you know I have a practice of making a list of things I am grateful for during the silent prayer. Every time I lead prayer in this community, I have looked out at all of you with your eyes closed and thought about how lucky I have been to get to learn and pray in this community. As

Annie and I prepare for our next adventure, and our move to Houston, I find myself thinking often about all the spiritual gifts you have given me and how I hope that I will be able to carry them with me on my journey. Over the next month, I hope to get to say thank you to many of you in person, but in case I don't see you before I leave, let me say this: Thank you for being my teachers and for sharing with me a Judaism that is rich with joy and gratitude. Sharing this enriching and warm Judaism that I have experience with you will be my life's work. Thank you for setting me on that journey.

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



Haley Davis – June 10, 2017

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Stacy, Father, Michael, Sister, Amanda, 8 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include aerial silks, skiing, and tennis. "I would like to be a teacher or some profession dealing with children. I am very excited for this special day. I have been volunteering at the senior center playing various games and reading to the residents."



Ethan Blankman – June 24, 2017

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Elena, Father, Alan, Sister, Rebecca, 14, and Twin Sister Hannah, 12 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include reading, trumpet, and computer games. "I am happy to be advancing within the Jewish religion. I have been writing cards to hospitalized children and will be spending time with senior citizens to keep them company."



Benjamin Shamus – June 17, 2017

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Iris, Father, Kenny, Sister, Rebecca, 14, Brother, Jordan, 7..... is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include art, computers, science, and wrestling. "I feel honored to be a part of this Jewish tradition that has lasted for so many years. I will help assist elderly people and I look forward to hearing their stories and offering my support!"



Hannah Blankman – June 24, 2017

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Elena, Father, Alan, Sister, Rebecca, 14, and Twin Brother Ethan, 12 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include dancing and spending time with my friends and family. "I feel excited and proud of the hard work Ethan and I have done so far. I am helping senior citizens and writing cards that will be delivered to kids in the hospital."

Education Committee

Well, it's almost summertime, and school is winding down.

First of all, we are so happy to report that our book fair was very successful! Not only did we raise money for the school, but we also collected over 60 books for the women and children at Oasis Shelter. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Secondly, we want to wish all of you a very happy, safe, and fun-filled summer break!

As always, if anyone is interested in joining the Education Committee, or has questions or concerns, please get in touch with Lauren Einhorn at laureneinhorn16@gmail.com.

Good & Welfare

from & for the congregation

Condolences

To **Joanne Oventhal**, on the death of her mother, Thelma Oventhal
To **Phil Moss**, on the death of his wife, Barbara Moss
To **Rebecca McVeigh**, on the death of her cousin, Robert Karasik
To **Sandy Diamond**, on the death of her father, Robert Satrapa
To **Elise Crouch**, on the death of her mother, Thelma Hershman
To **Jan Dweck** on the death of his father, Monty Dweck
To **Michael Feldman** on the death of his mother, Barbara Spitzer
To **Barry Seidner**, on the death of his wife, Ann Seidner
To **Brian Kahn** on the death of his father, Norman Kahn

R'fuah Sh'leimah
(For a Full and Speedy Recovery)

Terri Coffel
Larry Israel
Charles Romano
Beth Wiesner

Mazal Tov

To **Harvey & Marci Weinberg** on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Arnold
To **Lia & Aaron Waitz** on the engagement of their son Ariel to Cari Lehman
To **Dara & Christine Diamond** on the birth of their daughter, Ava Madison
To our **Confirmants of 5777: Sophie Cohen, Reese Frisch, Jessica Lamster,**

Ben Lowenfels, Danielle Ratowsky, Bobby Seif, Julia Simon, Brielle Wiener

To our **Religious Action Center (RAC) L'Taken** participants on their successful trip to Washington DC!

A special thank you to the **BHSS Endowment** committee for their generous support of this program for the youth of BHSS.

A special "Thank You" to
Meri Greenberg for helping
create beautiful bimah baskets
for our b'nei mitzvah families
week after week!

A special Mazal Tov to *Josh Fixler*, on his rabbinic ordination

Mazel Tov to our **B'nei Mitzvah Class of 5776-5777**

Emma Freeman
Jason Ritchin
Ryan Peller
Heather Romoff
Jake Ehrman
Jordan Weinberger
Jessica Korman
Aerin & Emma Grunstein
Arielle Ravett
Chloe Caren

Harrison Flynn
Brooke Dann
Owen York
Hunter Surgan
Robin Falkow
Samantha Lever
Ally Green
Betsy Schwartz
Jonathan Moskowitz
Eliya Rostolder
Jed Katz

Ethan Moskovitz
Max Myers
Zachary Schlissel
Harrison Haber
Alex Fisherman
Ellie Greenblatt
Jack Weiss
Samantha Bruckner
Gillian DuBroff
Eli Behar
Casey Gold

Molly Darrow
Sydney Edelson
Samantha Fox
Tai Weiss
Alexander Lipkin
Dylan Reissman
Rachael & Matthew Lokshin
Haley Davis
Benjamin Shamus
Hannah & Ethan Blankman



Evan Harris Aarons
 Hailey Abel
 Corey Begleiter
 Haley Davis
 Amanda Davis
 Shea Ehrman
 Maya Fox
 Casey Gold
 Jacob Graham-Bialer
 Leah Kovar
 Zachary Lapinson
 Matthew Levin
 Ethan Levine
 Eric Levinsohn
 Allison Levy
 Matthew Lokshin
 Rachael Lokshin
 Leah Reinstein
 Dylan Reissman
 Victoria Savoy
 Ella Selfon
 Ellie Shrier
 Eric Sica
 Eliana Silver
 Jaden Slivka
 Jacob Toomey
 Madison Torrente
 Lilah Wainland
 Rachel Weisensel
 Leah Wolf

Ritual Committee

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav vitzivanu al sefirat ha'omer.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who sanctifies us with mitzvot, and commands us concerning the counting of the Omer.

The period between Passover and Shavuot is called the "Counting of the Omer" (*Sefirat Ha'omer*). Omer means "barley sheaf," and refers to the offering brought to the Temple on the second day of Passover. Starting from that day, the Torah also instructs that "*you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete: you must count until the day after the seventh week — 50 days*" (Leviticus 23:15-16).

Shavuot, the Jewish festival marking the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, is celebrated on the 50th day.

Shavuot began as an ancient agricultural festival that marked the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest. In ancient times, Israelites brought crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. Today, Shavuot is a celebration of Torah, education, and actively choosing to participate in Jewish life. Just as the Jewish people accepted the Torah on Shavuot, so do confirmands reaffirm their commitment to the covenant and adult Jewish life.

And what Jewish holiday would be complete without its special foods? On Shavuot, it is customary to eat dairy foods, which symbolize the Jewish tradition of comparing the words of Torah to the sweetness of milk and honey. Blintzes and cheesecake are two traditional holiday favorites!

Celebrate the festival of Shavuot and the confirmation of our teens on Tuesday, May 30 at 7 PM!

Other happenings:

- Sign up to serve as a Shabbat Greeter on the website's Ritual page
- Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'atzmaut – Monday, May 1 at 7:30 PM – community concert at Beth Rishon in Wyckoff featuring Cantors Perper & Steinsnyder, the BHSS Adult Choir and more!
- Creative youth group service – Friday May 5 at 6 PM
- Teacher appreciation Shabbat AND thanks and honoring (as he will be by then) Rabbi Josh Fixler - Friday, May 19 at 7:30 PM
- Shavuot Yizkor service – Wednesday, May 31 at 10 AM
- Board Installation and membership appreciation Shabbat – Friday, June 9 at 7:30 PM
- Brotherhood Shabbat – Friday, June 16 at 7:30 PM
- June services to include Social Action Shabbat, Pride Shabbat - June 23 and tbd
- Join us for our upcoming Ritual Committee meetings on May 2 and June 6 at 7:30 PM...all are welcome... no experience necessary!

Sisterhood News

What's that? I can't hear you, because I'm too busy playing my souvenir timbrel, and trying on all my beautiful new clothes! What am I talking about? Why, Sisterhood, of course!

We had an amazing time at our Annual Miriam Seder on March 28. Thanks so much to Jen Cole for her amazing leadership (and those timbrels!), Stacey Coyne for her beautiful singing, and to all of you who joined us in a thoughtful and meaningful celebration of our mothers, inspirational women of Jewish history, and ourselves. If you've never heard the Passover story from "the women's side", you've never heard the whole story.

Though the weather is warm, and thoughts are turning to summer, our year isn't over yet. We began our Sisterhood year with Yoga—let's mark the end of this year with just as much fun and fitness. Come out for Belly Dancing on June 5 from 7 - 9 p.m. Details will follow, so watch your email, the E-Board in the temple lobby, and the weekly temple news.

Our installation dinner is always a joy. Once again this year, we'll gather at Marcello's in Suffern, on Thursday, June 8. Come out and celebrate our Boards, old and new, and learn all about what we're planning for the upcoming year.

On behalf of both of us, many thanks to our current Board, who worked so hard and brought us so many successful events this year. And thanks to all of you who came out to support Sisterhood; whether you painted, did yoga, bid at the auction, staffed the soup kitchen, sashayed in your finery, or worshipped with us at Sisterhood Shabbat, you helped us do the work we do, to build our own community, and to repair our world.

As we get ready to hand over the gavels to new co-presidents Leslie Sapienza and Sheryl Thailer, we wish the incoming Board members a happy and successful year.

When you receive your new membership packets, you'll find your Sisterhood membership applications there. Don't forget to become a member, and be a part of BHSS in a whole new way.

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Lisa Lamster, Co-President, lisalams@optonline.net



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Nolan Irizarry
Allison LaCorte
Madison Marano
Chase Moskowitz
Dylan Moskowitz
Simon Newhouse
Charlie Reissman
Dylan Strauss
Emily Tocci
Abbie Torrente
Addyson Wachtel
Michael Weinstein
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Sarah Cassell
Alexandra Dain
Kate Dweck
Chase Fishman
Matthew Gershengorn
Blake Grossman
Jayden Grossman
Hana Hayes
Jacob Hayes
Leo Kaufman
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Benjamin Mandler
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Jordana Reissman
Amaya Sachs
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Drew Tetefsky
Matthew Wainland
Stephen Weiner
Michael Weishar

Brotherhood 2.0

As the Brotherhood year comes to a close, I find myself reflecting upon the events of the year, how Brotherhood fits into my life...and the lives of everyone in the congregation. This particular year end is also the end of a two-year presidential cycle, so looking back at the past two years of events becomes more topical. Over the past term, our synagogue saw some changes - change in clergy, in membership, and especially in many of our personal lives. Finding time to plan events became challenging; and even more challenging was finding the time and support to execute events.

One important thing to discuss here is this. Regardless of the challenges and stress of planning and executing events, when it really came down to it, the Brotherhood always stepped up, executed and went above and beyond...as always. On Brotherhood Shabbat this year, specific thanks will be given out; but it is important for me to say here, in this forum, that Brotherhood means so much to me, to our congregation, and to each other. Whenever challenges arise, whenever the synagogue needs us, whenever ANYONE needs us, we always rally around in support.

As my final official term as president comes to an end, it is important to reflect upon what Brotherhood means to me in my life, and what it means to everyone involved. Brotherhood is an organization within the community of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. Brotherhood builds the sukkah, provides food for Purim, for Family School, and for many events during the year. Brotherhood meets, as regularly as possible, to discuss topics of importance to us, to our families and our communities. Brotherhood joins hands with every other committee and group to help carry out their initiatives... and will continue to do so.

Brotherhood's mission is, was, and always will be to support our community, be a valuable resource and to truly help repair the world – one mitzvah at a time... Please look out for our upcoming events, and come out and enjoy!

Upcoming dates and events:

May 18 – Monthly Brotherhood dinner at Mahwah Bar and Grill – 7 pm start...

May 20 – BHSS Brotherhood Family Bike Ride – 1:00 PM, meet at the beginning of the Heritage Trail – Museum Village Road, Monroe, NY

June 16 – Brotherhood Shabbat

June 17 – Brotherhood annual Suite at the Boulders – Join us every year! Father's Day weekend at the Rockland Boulders – we have a suite, food, fireworks and fun! – Events begin at 6:30 – so don't be late!

July 2 – Brotherhood at the Soup Kitchen – We usually need Saturday, the day before, for shopping, cooking, prepping...

Contributions

Rabbi's Discretionary fund

to Sandy & Rabbi Diamond, in memory of
Sandy's father, Robert Satrapa

-Ilyse & Floyd Smith

-Laurie & Marc Daniel

-Sheryl Thailer

-Linda & David Schwartz

-Alison & Norman Axelrod

-Jane Simon

-Marci & Harvey Weinberg

-Sheri & Allan Schott

-Sisterhood of BHSS

-the Spencer family

-the Lamster family

-the Library Ladies

-Gail & Al Schlosser

-Susan & Harris Reinstein

in honor of my adult Bat Mitzvah, with thanks

-Melissa Cooper

with gratitude and love and in honor of Zach's Bar Mitzvah

-the Schlissel family

to Barbara Lacher, in honor of her adult Bat Mitzvah

-Sheryl Thailer

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-Barbara Lacher & Anton Vlahovic

to Sheryl Thailer, with thanks for helping with the B'nei
Mitzvah Class

-Lia Waitz

thank you for helping with my Bat Mitzvah

-Lia Waitz

in memory of Samuel Segal and Solomon Royal

-Debbie Royal

with appreciation for your time and for all your help!

-Lisa Lamster

thank you for teaching me to learn as a Bat Mitzvah
and inspiring me

-Sheryl Thailer

with appreciation for the wonderful care you provided to
our family

-Sue-Ellen Johnson

in appreciation for your help and support in
preparing me for my adult Bat Mitzvah

-Barbara Lacher

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

in honor of my adult Bat Mitzvah, with thanks

-Melissa Cooper

with love and gratitude and in honor of Zach's Bar Mitzvah

-the Schlissel family

for helping with my adult Bat Mitzvah

-Lia Waitz

to Jane Simon and family in memory of Jan Simon

-Sandy & Newt Parks

-Lynn & Michael Zall

with love and thanks for helping me to prepare
for my adult Bat Mitzvah

-Lisa Lamster

thank you for helping to teach me to chant torah

-Sheryl Thailer

in appreciation for your help and support in
preparing me for my adult Bat Mitzvah

-Barbara Lacher

Educator's Discretionary Fund

with appreciation and in honor of Zach's Bar Mitzvah

-the Schlissel family

for helping with my Bat Mitzvah

-Lia Waitz

to Rebecca and Rod McVeigh, on the birth of Rose Margret

-Deborah & Jeff Klein

to Jane Simon, in memory of Jan Simon

-Irma & Joel Becker

with appreciation and for all your help!

-Lisa Lamster

thank you for teaching me to read Hebrew

-Sheryl Thailer

with thanks for helping me prepare for my
adult Bat Mitzvah

-Lisa Lamster

Contributions

in appreciation for your help and support in preparing me
for my adult Bat Mitzvah *-Barbara Lacher*

Life Fund

to Sheryl Thailer, in honor of her adult Bat Mitzvah and
being a super aunt! *-Morgan, Max & Lexi Thailer*

to Sheryl Thailer, in honor of her adult Bnei Mitzvah
-Jay, Ilene & Family

to Phil Moss and family, in memory of Barbara Moss
-Susan & Harris Reinstein
-Jane Simon
-Deborah & Bruce Gunther
-Dede & Rick Levine
-Eva & Ken Cohen
-David Freudenenthal
-Barbara & Charles Burghardt
-Laurin & Adam Steiger
-Marci & Harvey Weinberg
-Alison & Norman Axelrod
-Jayne & David Petak

to Joe Berman, in honor of your birthday! *-the Jonas family*

to Ruth and Stu Turner, in honor of your granddaughter
Jayden's Bat Mitzvah *-the Social Action Committee*
-Sheila & Larry Groskin
-the Library Ladies

in memory of Joseph Schwartz *-David Schwartz*

to Jane Simon and family, in memory of Jan Simon
-the Spencer family
-Ethel Rosen & Stu Kirshner
-Susan & Harris Reinstein
-Deborah & Bruce Gunther
-Sheila Lobel
-Marsha & Larry Gluck
-Barbara Fried
-Ruth & Stu Turner
-Emily & Herb Schuman
-Joyce & Stephen Weinberg
-Barbara Lacher & Anton Vlahovic
-Mona & Jeff Lefkowitz
-Laurie & Marc Daniel
-Amie Gartenberg & Tom Howard

to Jane Simon and family, in memory of Jan Simon
-Gail & Al Schlosser
-Janet Paul
-Judy & Joel Dorfman
-Anne Gunar & Martin Kenwood
-Sheryl Thailer
-Sheri & Allan Schott
-Lois & Marty Klapper
-Sheila & Larry Groskin
-Sisterhood of BHSS
-Lisa Lamster
-the Library Ladies of BHSS
-Robbie & Eddie Saiff
-Marci & Harvey Weinberg
-Barbara & Jeff Nimerofsky
-Candy & Mike Kassoer

in memory of Sally J. Paris and Lawrence Weinberg
-Joyce & Stephen Weinberg

in memory of Essie Greenzweig, Marilyn Haberman's
mother *-Marilyn & Irwin Haberman*

to Bob Seidner, in memory of Ann Seidner
-Ruth & Stu Turner

to Sue-Ellen Johnson, in memory of Ron Johnson
-Ethel Rosen & Stu Kirshner

to, Lisa Lamster, Sheryl Thailer, Tim Crouch & Barbara
Lacher, in honor of your Adult B'nei Mitzvah *-Jane Simon*

to Irene Finkelstein, in memory of Jerry Finkelstein
-Gloria Haber Goldberg

in memory of Betty Gluck *-Marsha & Larry Gluck*

to Lois Feigenbaum, in memory of Irwin
-Marsha & Larry Gluck

to the Adult Bnei Mitzvah Class of 5777, in honor
of your accomplishment *-Rabbi Joel & Elyssa Mosbacher*
-the Library Ladies
-Ruth & Stu Tuner

in memory of Rona Schick *-Lorraine & Marc Orlick*

Contributions

to Jen Cole, for all that she does! *-Ruth & Stu Turner*

in memory of Elyse Weisser *-Carole Goodman*

to Jane Dougan, in honor of her Adult Bat Mitzvah
-Carol & Arthur Freeman

in memory of dear mothers Rose Rubin and
Charlotte Dorfman *-Judy & Joel Dorfman*

to Sheryl Thailer, Lisa Lamster, and Tim Crouch, in honor
of your Adult B'nei Mitzvah *-Joyce & Stephen Weinberg*

in memory of Betty Schott and Juan Hans Lowenstein
-Allan & Sheri Schott

to Lia Waitz, in honor of your Adult Bat Mitzvah
-Paula & Marshall Lehman

to Ian Coyne and family, in memory of Paul Plott
-Sheri & Allan Schott

in memory of Joel Sankel *-Sheryl & Joel Ives*

to Eric Fisherman and family, in memory of Carl Fisherman
-Laurin & Adam Steiger

to Julie Wright and family, in memory of Lewis Jacobs
-Marci & Harvey Weinberg

in memory of Janice Kaplan *-Alison & Norman Axelrod*

to Nicole Pepper, in honor of Ellie becoming a Bat Mitzvah
-Alison & Norman Axelrod

to Iris Schwartz Perten, in memory of Bernie Schwartz
-Sheila & Larry Groskin

Michelle Mitzvah Fund

to Jane Simon, In memory of Jan Simon
-Ilyse & Floyd Smith
-Gail & Ranan Wichler
-Rhonda & Marty Hymowitz
-Sarah & David Adelson
-Whitney Speer & Nat Stern

Tree of Life

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of our mom, Lisa Lamster
-Sammi, Jessica & Josh Lamster

in honor of Melissa Cooper's Bat Mitzvah
-her loving family

in honor of Jen Cole, Miriam Seder 2017
-the Sisterhood of BHSS

Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge

Donated by their families
in honor of the following simchas:

Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Reissman
Bat Mitzvah of Gillian DuBroff
Bar Mitzvah of Jack Weiss

Center for Food Action

Donated by their families
in honor of the following simchas:

Bat Mitzvah of Gillian DuBroff
Bar Mitzvah of Eli Behar
Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Bruckner
Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Lipkin

Jewish Family Services of Rockland

Donated by their families
in honor of the following simchas:

Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Bruckner
Bar Mitzvah of Jack Weiss

From the Sifriyah

We answer to the call of Library Ladies. We are now 10 strong and relish in our role of reading, selecting new books and recommending them to you, creating new programs and refining old ones. We believe we are an integral and vital part of BHSS.



At our recent Taste of Passover... (left to right) Ruth Turner, Ellen Weiner, Jane Simon, Lynn Zall, Lisa Lamster, Sheryl Ives, Barbara Nimerofsky, Joyce Weinberg, and Sheila Groskin. Not pictured: Marilyn Bernstein

On April 20, at noon, congregants were invited to join the Library Ladies as they decorated PBA-free water bottles for delivery to Oasis. Environmental messages were placed inside the bottles highlighting the importance of water conservation and reusing these bottles. We were thrilled to collect over 50 water bottles. Thank you congregants for helping us fulfill a social commitment to Oasis.

We make promises. One very important promise is to remain current, adding to our collection of books. Recently, we purchased several new books including *People of the Book* by Pulitzer Prize winner Geraldine Brooks. Sheryl Ives, an avid reader and most importantly a Library Lady, calls *People of the Book* a must read, a new and highly valued addition to our collection. This is the story of the rescue of the Sarajevo Haggadah. More centrally, this fictional work concerns a contemporary Australian expert in rare books and a smart sophisticate, Hanna Heath, who is brought over to Sarajevo to analyze the fictional Haggadah and its origins. She also falls for the fictional librarian who rescued it. Adventures occur through five centuries. Brooks creates a complex plot of twists and turns, mystery, history, and love. Readers will be rewarded with a real treasure.

Do you remember *The Zookeeper's Wife*? Several years ago, we at BHSS read this book which at that time was the "One Book One Community" selection. It is now a movie, depicting a Polish woman who turned her bombed out zoo

into a hiding place for Jews fleeing the horrors of the Nazis. Let us know how you like this movie and how it compares to the book.

On May 7, the Library will host our spring Book and Bagel. The book: *Joshua: A Brooklyn Tale* by Andrew Kane explores 3 lives - Joshua, a black man struggling; Rachel, rebellious daughter of a Hassidic rabbi; and Paul, privileged but wanting to escape a difficult past. This book is bound to stimulate and interest. See you May 7 at 1 pm.

Second Bar Mitzvah of Bob Meyers - July 1

"The date was April 19, 1947 - the location: Congregation B'nai Yehudah in Brooklyn, New York. My *parshah* was *Machor Chodesh*, used only on the new moon.

The idea of celebrating a second Bar Mitzvah came from a very special man in my life, my uncle Jay Kaplan. He was my surrogate father, as my own dad had passed away when I was only five years old. Jay was a loving, wise, compassionate man, devoted to Judaism, and he had a second Bar Mitzvah at age 83. I was asked to take the *Kohayn* (priestly) *aliyah* and I wanted to do more than just the Torah blessings, so I chanted the Torah portion also. It remains a special moment in my memory, and Jay's nod of approval when I 'nailed' my portion still stands out in my mind."

-Bob



May Yahrzeits

CINDY ALLMAN	BENJAMIN FINN	JOAN LITTMAN	THEODORE SIEGEL
JERROLD ARONS	REGINA FISHERMAN	FELIX MELLIN	HYMAN SMITH
RUTH BAUM	JACK GOLD	FRANK NATHANSON	STANLEY SPELLMAN
BARBARA BERDON	LILLIAN GOLD	KATE NEUMANN	SOPHIE SQUIRES
MOLLIE BLACKMAN	DAVID GOLDMAN	SCOTT NEWHOUSE	MARION STANSFIELD
HERMAN COFFEL	NATALIE GORDON	HELEN OSHEROWITZ	DAVID STEINMAN
HARRY COHEN	FRANCES GROSSMAN	NORMA PALANT	JANE STEINSNYDER
JUDITH BERNSTEIN	MADELINE GUNTHER	LUCILLE PALL	HILDA WAGNER
COHEN	NATHAN GURIAN	GEORGE PERTEN	RABBI MILTON WEINBERG
ALICE COLE	MAURICE SONNY ISRAEL	HELEN RIFKIN	IRVING WEISS
FLORENCE DAVID	LORE KAHN	STEPHEN RIPPS	RUTH WEISS
ISABELLA LEAH	ANN KRANE	RUTH B. ROSE	AARON WHITMAN
DEBETHENCOURT	SIMA KRIEGLER	JOHN ROTHMAN	GITTY WIDMAN
GREGORY DU CHARME	SEYMOUR KULICK	MAZAL RUDACH	GILBERT WUNSCH
JOSEPH EISBERG	BLANCHE LAMBERT	HERBERT SAKOW	SEYMOUR YANOWITZ
CAROLE FARFEL	BETTY LANDIS	JACQUELINE SCHECHTMAN	ROSE ZAHM
ARTHUR FASSLER	MARILYN LASS	JANICE SCHWARTZ	LEO ZUCKER
EDWARD FINK	JEANETTE LICHTER	SIMON SEIDNER	MAX ZUKOF
	BERTHA LIPSKER	DOROTHY SELIGMAN	

Michelle Mitzvah Group

The Michelle Mitzvah Group is looking forward to the **Friday night service on June 23**. Please join us that evening and learn about our group and all that we are doing. If you'd like to participate in the service with either an English or Hebrew reading, please let us know. Even if you haven't been part of our group in the past, use this opportunity as your entry point!

Michelle Mitzvah is dedicated to helping children and young adults in our community. There are a number of organizations that we are already connected to and we would love to expand those we help, so if you have an idea, are passionate about a particular group/ organization/cause, please get involved with our group. We are open to new ideas.

We are thrilled with the amount of food we are bringing to the **Center for Food Action** on a weekly basis. Between the food donated by members of our temple and the donations we receive from The Fresh Market in Montvale, we are making a huge impact at the CFA.

We thank **The Fresh Market** for its generosity - twice a week they provide fresh produce, baked goods, deli items and much more! This enables us to make one weekly delivery to the CFA as well as the **Suffern Soup Kitchen**, letting us feed many.

We bought toys for Spring Baskets for children at **Oasis**, whose mission statement is: *to change the lives of women and children by breaking the cycle of poverty through compassionate programs designed to feed, clothe, educate, and empower women and children in need*. It is an amazing organization and we are very involved in supporting various programs there. We invite anyone with an interest in learning about it to contact us....we are happy to take you there and show you around so you can explore opportunities to get involved. It is truly life changing.

We are also thrilled to be giving a **scholarship** to a young woman to help complete her senior year in college. She spent time at Oasis from a very young age - was literally raised there, and we couldn't be more proud of all that she has achieved... it is a testament to her hard work and to the framework and structure Oasis provided to her and her family.

June Yahrzeits

RUTH ABNER	EDWARD GORDON	JENNIFER LATEINER	BENJAMIN SANTO
SUSAN ARKAWY	HARRIET GORDON	SAUL LESSEN	FRAYDA FAY LEVY SEIF
SANFORD BELL	RAY GROSSMAN	SHIRLEY LEVINE	SELMA SHACKNAI
PEARL BERGER	THOMAS GROSSMAN	MELVIN LISK	MACK SHIFFMAN
JILL BERNSTEIN	MONROE GUNTHER	ALLEN MAY	ALEKSANDER SHLAHET
FRIEDA BIBI	FAJGLA SARA GUTMAN	PEARL MELLIN	ANITA SILVERMAN
ELOYSE BOLSON	MOSZKET MATYLD	ROSE MELLIN	RUTH SILVERMAN
ESTHER CITRIN	GUTMAN	IDA MEYERS	ELIAS SILVERSTEIN
SAMUEL CLARKE	RACHELA SARA GUTMAN	HELEN MILES	PHILIP SIMON
VICTOR COHEN	SOL HEILBRAUN	MAX MILLER	LOIS STARTZ
ESTHER COLE	ANNE HESSION	SADIE MILLER	BARBARA THAILER
BLANCHE CRAMER	EDNA HOMNICK	ALLEN NUDELMAN	KATHERINE TOWELL
IRVING DORFMAN	HOWARD ISRAEL	SAUL OKON	ROBERT TOWELL
LARRY ELKINS	MENDE JAFFE	GEORGE ORLICK	MORRIS TREPPER
CHARLES FEIN	ROMOLA KAPLAN	NORMA RESNIK	BARNEY VICTOR
ABE FEIT	SIMON KASPER	ANNE ROBINOVITZ	HAROLD WEINBERG
HAROLD FELDMAN	CAROL KELMAN	EDITH ROTH	HELENE WEINBERG
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SADIE GETTLEMAN	RONALD LANDAU	JEANETTE SAIFF	CHARLES WISEMAN



July 7 – 8:11 pm Balak
 July 14 – 8:09 pm Pinchas
 July 21 – 8:04 pm Matot/Masei
 July 28 – 7:58 pm D'varim

August 4 – 7:51 pm Va'etchanan
 August 11 – 7:42 pm Eikev
 August 18 – 7:33 pm Re'eh
 August 25 – 7:22 pm Shof'tim



July Yahrzeits

SHIRLEY ANESETTI	MURRAY GREEN	ALAN LEFKOWITZ	DORIS SCHACHTER
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ABRAHAM BERKOWITZ	SAMUEL GREENE	MILLIE MARKS	AARON SCHEININ
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DAVID BERMAN	BENJAMIN ISRAEL	PAULINE MEISNER	STANLEY SCHICK
LOUIS BERNSTEIN	JEFF JAFFE	HARRY MEYERS	WERNER SCHOTT
SIDNEY BLUMENFELD	NATALIE JAFFE	FRED MOSER	JULIUS SCHWARTZ
FERN BRUCKNER	JEROME JOHNSON	GEORGE MOSS	BLANCHE SEIDNER
GRACE CLARKE	DANA KANTOR	JUDY MYERS	ESTHER SENZEL
ANDREW COHEN	ROBERT KANZER	HANS NEUMANN	MARTHA SILVERMAN
BARRY COHEN	ALAN KARASIK	MILTON NOVOK	MILDRED SITOMER
RITA COHEN	EDWARD KLASKOW	SHELDON PALL	MILTON STARTZ
CHARLES COLE	HUBERT KLASKOW	BARRY RAFTEN	ARTHUR STERNBERG
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PHILIP GORDON	PHILIP LACHER	CHARLES SANKEL	PAUL WEISKOP
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August Yahrzeits

JERALD AFIR-HEFFLER	CHRISTOPHER FIELDS	PHYLLIS HYMOWITZ	BRAD PERLSTEIN
MEYER ALPERT	RACHEL FIELDS	LEE JOHNSON	ETHEL PESIN
SYDNEY ALTMAN	SETH FINK	WILLIAM KAPLAN	ALEXANDER PITTMAN
SAUNDRA ARONS	SOL FISHKIN	BENJAMIN KASSOVER	EUGENE REINSTEIN
DAVID ATLAS	IRVING FRANK	ROY KESSLER	ELINOR ROOT
BEN BENDALIN	ETHEL FREEMAN	ROZ KOREK	GEORGE SAULT
GLORIA BERENS	HARRY FREEMAN	KEN KRESCH	LOREN TEDROW
JACKLYN BOFFORD	EVAN GARBUS	NATHAN LAMBERT	THOMAS TOWELL
EDWARD BRICKMAN	MAC GELFENBEIN	FRIEDA LIEBERMAN	OTTO TUTEUR
RUTH BROTMAN	RYNA GERBER	MICHAEL LIPSKER	HAROLD WEINSTEIN
HARRY BYALICK	IRV GOODMAN	CLARA LYNN	MORRIS WEISBERGER
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VICTOR COOPER	MICHAEL SCOTT GORDON	LEON MEEROVICI	SOL WEXLER
ELLEN ESTRIN	MYRON GREENZWEIG	SEYMOUR MUNY	SADIE WIDMAN
LOIS FASANARO	ROSALYN HESS	INGE OELBAUM	DOUGLAS WRIGHT
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Social Action Committee

Are you ready for **TikkunCon**

on Saturday May 13, at 4:00 p.m.

We heard your stories at the Roundtables.

Now it is time to decide where to
focus our efforts as a congregation.

Which issues speak to you:

Bigotry (Including anti-Semitism)
Environment
Healthcare
Poverty
Immigration
Gender equality/LGBTQ issues

Lend your voice; make a difference.

Light refreshments will be served.
Please contact Sheila Groskin
at sgroskin@optonline.net
if you have additional thoughts or questions.

Best regards,
The Social Action Committee:
Whitney Speer, Marla Muni, Ruth Turner,
Sheila Groskin, Lisa Estrin, Jonathan and Annabel Theodore,
and Rabbi Diamond

With excitement, the Social Action Committee is announcing our next step in this Tikkun Olam Roundtable journey: **TikkunCon** on Saturday, May 13, at 4 p.m. We urge you to make this event a priority. At TikkunCon, as a community, we will work to refine and advance our commitment to the stories with heard at the Tikkun Olam Round Tables. Since those meetings, we collated the concerns of the groups. We organized them into six relevant topics:

Bigotry
Environment
Health Care
Immigration
Poverty
Gender Equality

Now we need your vote, your voice, your input as to what social action focus BHSS will have in the next few years.

**Our goal is to turn your ideas and energy into
social action!**

Community Garden:

We are back! Marla and Whitney love the garden, but we cannot do it alone. There are many reasons why BHSS should do this:

- We are providing ORGANIC produce to hungry people
- We are supporting other regional faith-based organizations' community service
- We offer BHSS members an easy hands-on community service, that is convenient and efficient
- Congregants are proud of what the garden represents and produces

Please join us!

The next dates that are important are:

- May 21 at 10 a.m., Planting Day
- June 18 at 9 a.m. and EVERY Sunday until it frosts

PLEASE email Marla at marlasm6@optonline.net

-Whitney Speer, Chair, Social Action Committee



Mah Jongg is BACK!

To everyone interested in playing or learning Mah Jongg:

Mah Jongg will be held on the following dates:

May 7 & 21, and June 4, 1 pm

All are welcome. Please let Marilyn Taylor know if you are coming, and if you can bring a set.

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Caring Committee

The Caring Committee has been quite busy making phone calls and visiting synagogue members who are ill and are in hospitals or rehabilitation centers. We have several volunteers who prepare meals that are delivered as needed, and this committee thanks each contributor for his/her kindness and generosity.

Along with our Brotherhood volunteers, we have been providing rides to doctors and Friday night services to members who are not able to drive. We are, however, in need of more driving volunteers so we don't have to turn anyone down when a request is made. If the Caring Committee has helped you in the past, and you are able, please try to "pay it forward" to provide help to fellow members.

Caring Committee members also attend shiva services. It is very rewarding to see the comfort on the face of the mourner when a temple member walks in the door to support the family at their difficult time. We encourage all to participate in this mitzvah.

If you have any availability and are willing to provide a service, please contact:

Candy Kassover at candy1951@optonline.net or Laura Miller at mlctsmiller@verizon.net.

Join us as we celebrate Shavuot and our Confirmation Class of 5777!

Service begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30.
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Come and learn with us for
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Jewish tradition calls for us to
study all night long,
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Our Shavuot Yizkor Service is on
Wednesday, May 31 at 10 a.m.



Recent Shabbat at the Ramapo Reservation

Membership Committee

“Good morning. Are you ready to start your day with gratitude?” This is the notification I get on my phone every morning at 8 AM. I have a gratitude journal app on my phone and have made a commitment to enter at least one thing I am grateful for each morning and each evening. Sometimes the entry is mundane ... “I am grateful for a blue sky” or “I am grateful Ian made me coffee”. Sometimes it is part of a larger goal ... “I am grateful both Cyd and Josh are in their final semesters in college.” Often the entries repeat themselves. I am often grateful for a job I (mostly) love, for my family, for my marriage, for my friends. This practice of gratitude has been eye-opening, especially at the end of a day I have to struggle to find something to be grateful for. What has been even more eye-opening is that as the days progress, I realize it much less difficult to find something I am grateful for, which is pretty much the point of the daily exercise.

I often find myself grateful for BHSS. MY BHSS entries include statements like, “I am grateful to have been able to lead shiva for a family in need”, “I am grateful for sitting next to Jen Cole and helping her lead an amazing Miriam Seder”, “I am grateful to Cantor Perper for accompanying me so beautifully as I sang ‘Eizeh Achla Olam’ (the Hebrew version of ‘What a Wonderful World’) for the Sisterhood Shabbat.” And many, many entries are about gratitude for the people who are members of this congregation ... the clergy, the staff,

my friends, my students, my fellow teachers, and newer members I have yet to form strong connections with, but hope to soon.

As chair of the Membership Committee, I recognize that what I am really grateful for is all of you. You could have chosen to join any of a number of synagogues in Rockland or Bergen counties, or you could have chosen not to join a synagogue at all. Instead, you chose to become a part of BHSS, and we are lucky to have you. **You** are what makes us a “warm, welcoming community.” **You** are the reason we have students in our classrooms and singers in the choir and greeters at the door. **You** are the reason we have a minyan for shiva and a garden in our front lawn and an annual retreat. And **you** are the reason we exist at all. The membership committee would like to show our appreciation for ALL of our members, new and old, Rockland and Bergen, children and adults. On **Friday night, June 9**, we will have a **Membership Appreciation service** in conjunction with the Board Installation. Please join us as we hear from different BHSS congregants about community, connection, and gratitude. I hope you will join us for this very special service, because BHSS would not be the same without you. I look forward to seeing you there.

-Stacey Coyne

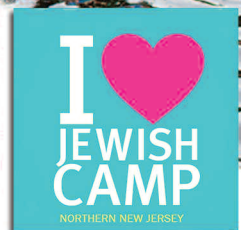
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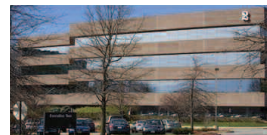
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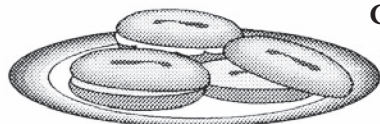
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Saturday, May 6	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Edelson
Friday, May 12	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Fox family and McVeigh family
Saturday, May 13	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Fox
Friday, May 19	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service Grandparent Appreciation & Teacher Appreciation Shabbat with Special Thanks to Josh Fixler Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Weiss family
Saturday, May 20	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Tai Weiss
Friday, May 26	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Lipkin family and Reissman family
Saturday, May 27	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Alexander Lipkin & Dylan Reissman
Tuesday, May 30	7:00 pm	Confirmation/Shavuot Service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Confirmation families
Wednesday, May 31	10:00 am	Shavuot Festival Yizkor Service
Friday, June 2	6:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Family service <i>Birthdays in June & July will be celebrated</i> Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Lokshin family
Saturday, June 3	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Matthew & Rachael Lokshin
Friday, June 9	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service Board Installation & Membership Appreciation Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Davis family
Saturday, June 10	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Haley Davis
Friday, June 16	7:30 pm	Brotherhood 2.0 Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Shamus family and Brotherhood 2.0
Saturday, June 17	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Shamus
Friday, June 23	7:30 pm	Social Action Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Host: the Blankman family & Social Action Committee
Saturday, June 24	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Ethan & Hannah Blankman
Friday, June 30	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Meyers family
Saturday, July 1	10:00 am	Second Bar Mitzvah of Bob Meyers

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Tuesday, July 4

To do in May and June:



- **Torah Study** ~ Shabbat mornings, 8:15 am
- **Family Shabbat Services** ~ May 5 & June 2, 6:00 pm
- **Mah Jongg** ~ May 7 & 21, June 4, 1:00 pm
- **Youth Group Creative Service** ~ May 5, 6:00 pm
- **Book and a Bagel** ~ May 7, 1:00 pm
- **TikkunCon** ~ Saturday, May 13, 4:00 pm
- **Teacher Appreciation Shabbat/Grandparent Shabbat** ~ May 19, 7:30 pm
- **Shavuot/Confirmation/Tikun Leil Shavuot** ~ Tuesday, May 30, 7:00 pm
- **BHSS Board Installation/Membership Appreciation** ~ June 9, 7:30 pm
- **Brotherhood Shabbat** ~ June 16, 7:30 pm
- **Rockland Boulders Game** ~ June 17, 6:30 pm
- **Social Action Shabbat** ~ June 23, 7:30 pm