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THINGS TO DO:

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Torah Study

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Social Action Workshop

Spiritual Walk

Mah Jongg

Decorate the Sukkah

Enjoy Pizza in the Hut

Dance with the Torah

Dine A Round

Spaghetti Dinner

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Library Program

Jews in Foreign Places



MAZEL TOV to BHSS On OUR 10th ANNIVERSARY YEAR!!!





President's Message *Jen Cole*

Honored

I am honored to once again serve as president of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, a place that has truly become

a second home for me and my family.

Many of you know that when my husband Matt and I made the decision to join a synagogue in 2004, we did so primarily to provide our children with a Jewish education. Finding a spiritual home for ourselves wasn't something we even imagined, but in the 13 years that followed this community has come to mean so much to us. The people within this building have been there to support our family in our everyday life as well as during times of our greatest joys and deepest sorrows.

Getting involved in the leadership of BHSS has never felt like a burden, but a blessing. I look forward to serving my second term as president as we navigate our rabbinic transition, continue our search for our next settled spiritual leader and begin to write the next chapter in our congregation's rich history.

As we enter the High Holiday season, it seems a good time to reflect upon our beginnings. In 1971, two congregations were founded - Beth Haverim in Mahwah, NJ and Reform Temple of Suffern-Shir Shalom in Suffern, NY. In 2007, these two congregations merged to form Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. Here we are, ten years later, celebrating the anniversary of two communities successfully coming together to form a true *House of Friends, Song of Peace*.

While we find ourselves at another crossroads at BHSS, it remains our mission at to be a spiritual, intellectual, and cultural center for our membership by creating worship and musical experiences that appeal to mind, heart, and soul; offering support at all life cycle events; providing meaningful education to members of all ages; offering programs which cultivate friendship, warmth, and kindness; fostering

connections to the larger Jewish community as well as to people of other faiths; pursuing social justice; and perhaps most importantly, simply caring for one another.

With the leadership of Interim Rabbi Barry Diamond and Cantor Perper, our incredible staff, and a wonderful team of dedicated lay leaders, we will continue to meet the diverse needs of our membership and continue to grow and evolve as a congregation, always towards our vision for the future.

I look forward to seeing familiar faces and the opportunity to meet those of you I don't already know during the High Holiday season. My husband Matt and my children Aidan, Garrett, Brady and Emily join me in wishing you all Shanah Tovah!

Prepare for the holidays with us!



Saturday, September 16 8:30 p.m. S'lichot program and service of forgiveness at Shomrei Torah in Wayne, NJ

Sunday, September 17 from 7:30–8:45 a.m. Spiritual Walk at the Ramapo Valley Reservation

Judging According to One's Merit

I am sitting with a woman in her 50s who is dying of cancer. Though she is not religious and not even a member, she wants to meet with a rabbi. As I sit by her hospital bed squeezed into her living room, her husband busies himself, caring for her physical needs, while her mother sits silently outside in the summer sun, smoking a cigarette and looking sullen. As I speak with the woman, she reveals that she does not speak with her mother and has no intention to. She would rather die with their disagreements unresolved rather than addressing them or forgiving her mother for perceived insults, slights, or betrayals.

As we approach Rosh Hashanah, many of us face a similar choice. What do we do with the people who have acted badly towards us or the ones we love? The Rabbis address this issue in a Midrash, a biblically-based story meant to convey a point. In it, God does not create only one world but many worlds, one after another. After each creation, one angel, representing strict justice, points out that the human beings living on this new world are flawed and will ultimately commit evil and deplorable acts. The angel representing mercy acknowledges humanity's nature, but argues that they are less than divine and must be accepted with their flaws. With each new world God creates, the angel of justice invariably wins the argument; God would then destroy the world and begin again until God creates our world At that time, God grabs the angel of justice and before he could make his argument about the obvious evil that human beings will commit, God casts justice out of the heavenly court and down to earth. Our world is safe from the judgement that it may deserve.

This mythic story offers several insights. First, we do not have to wait for God alone to judge. Now that justice is an earthly activity, we must judge to the best of our ability. Second, our world would be unsustainable if we only employed justice and

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Rabbi Barry Diamond

avoided mercy.



During this season, it is helpful for

us to reflect on one of the virtues (Hebrew – *middot*) by which we can measure our own behavior. The High Holidays call upon us to judge people according to their merit. While this can be interpreted as judging with strict judgment, I believe it implies that a person must be judged for the good conduct they are *able* to achieve. The heart of *wisdom* is knowing our faults and limitations; the heart of *mercy* is knowing and accepting other's faults and limitations while celebrating and treasuring their most noble acts.

As we move towards this time of judgment, both of ourselves and others, I hope that we can hold justice and mercy in balance, judging ourselves and others according to the goodness they strive to achieve in their lives.

L'Shanah Tovah, Rabbi Barry Diamond

CHECK YOUR HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS

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

PEACH ticket is for the service beginning at 11:45 am on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings



From the Educator's Office

Rebecca McVeigh

The Gift of Time

During this past year, I've been learning in various webinars and programs offered by our parent

organization, the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism), that reflection is a good way for us to think critically about where we've been. It helps us figure out how to get where we are going, perhaps more efficiently but more importantly, more meaningfully. However, reflection is not just for work (whatever that may be); it is for all aspects of our lives.

As I began writing this article, I was sitting in my office completely surrounded by baby paraphernalia – portable bouncer/activity ring, booster seat, toys, diaper bag, stroller, blankets, and bottles. All for one tiny granddaughter, who was watching me and I watched her. Oh, she "helped" occasionally by teething on my phone cord while I was having a conversation, dropping Cheerios on the carpet, and flinging toys off her perch in the booster seat. I stopped now and then to get a quick kiss on the top of her head as we went about our day.

While I packed up to take her home to her parents (the beauty of grandparenthood) I thought about how I couldn't wait until she was old enough to come to work with me to color, staple random papers, and tape scrap paper together. That thought was followed by, "Don't rush it." The other thing about being a grandparent is that you already know how quickly the time that you have with your young children goes. (The words to Joni Mitchell's "Circle Game" poignantly illustrate that idea.) I was reflecting personally, albeit not in a very organized fashion. You probably reflect all the time; let's just call it "thinking." Reflecting takes time, and time is hard to come by, or so it seems.

The calendar and the clock are both friend and foe. Especially as we move into the school year, everyone is busy, (it feels like) all the time. And then, as Jews, we are gifted with the High Holidays, a time that is custom-made for reflection! We are given words to use in our *machzor* (prayerbook) *Mishkan HaNefesh* along with opportunities to pray with our own words, songs to sing with Cantor Perper and the choir, new ideas to consider from Rabbi Diamond, and so much more – but most of all we are given the time. I hope you take it, use it, and come out of the holidays refreshed and renewed. I look forward to seeing you.

Shanah Tovah from me, Rod, Andrew, Jackie, Alex, Ari, and her highness Princess Rose

Attendance Policy for the School Year 2017-2018

- reprinted from the newly-updated Religious School Home Handbook

*Note: This policy begins with grade 4, although if a student will be 9, turning 10 during third grade, he/she may need to start school in third grade in order to receive a bar/bat mitzvah date near his/her 13th birthday.

- 1. There is a requirement*of a **minimum of four consecutive years** of religious school attendance beginning with the fourth grade year before there can be a Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. If you have questions about when your child should start, please call the school office.
- 2. The Education Committee believes that students' regular attendance in the religious school is a necessity in order to attain a well-rounded education and to become a part of the community that they will eventually lead in prayer. Students may be absent a maximum of ten times a year. Leaving early or arriving late may also result in a partial absence. Excessive absences will result in a decrease in the leadership role your child takes during their bar/bat mitzvah; how much of a decrease will be determined by the rabbi, cantor and educator.

Cantor's Key Signature

From the Cantor

David Perper



Time of our turning זְמָן נַשׁוּב z'man nashuv

The time to turn, goes on, ever fleeting.
This time to love, our hearts, never retreating.

As I write on this beautiful and unseasonably cool day in the summer, I am reminded, as happens each and every year, that time marches onward, and we must heed the call, to hear it, mark the passing, the journey, and be aware. Taking stock. Being grateful.

My family tree has grown larger with the utility of social media, adding cousins, and their history. We learned I was related to the Vilna Gaon, Elijah ben Solomon Zalman (1720-1797), a great kabbalist and talmudist. Further research revealed that I'm also related to a Cantor Fuchs who served at the same time with Solomon Sulzer (1804-1890) a great Cantor and composer in the Royal Court in Vienna. Our best known melody for *Sh'ma Yisrael* was written by Sulzer. Then, a connection to Richard Tucker and Jan Peerce. New pages are being written; pages to return to and fill in the missing pieces.



We yearn to be whole, a tough task, how we strive. It's together, among support of community, that our strength feels most alive.

Having taken some time to off-load and slow down, I'm feeling recharged, decompressed, and invigorated, in a Jewish spiritual kind of way.

I'm ready to.....

- check in with you our cherished members. How are you? We care.
- celebrate our next b'nei mitzvah. They'll be great, but first we'll prepare.
- search for our next leader, wise and strong and true.
- hear the halls full of our learners. It's knowledge and spirit we'll pursue.

Shanah Tovah, Happy New Year, from Faith and me.

PS - Here are a few images you may enjoy!









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Candlelighting times:

September 1 - 7:09 pm *Ki Teitzei* September 8 - 6:57 pm *Ki Tavo* September 15 - 6:45 pm *N'tzavim/Vayeilech* September 22 - 6:33 pm *Ha'azinu* September 29 - 6:22 pm *Yom Kippur*

October 6 - 6:10 pm *Sukkot* October 13 - 5:59 pm *B'reisheet* October 20 5:49 pm *Noach* October 27 5:39 pm *Lech L'cha*





Chelsey Abel Emily Alpert Justin Barkan Jared Bendayan Alana Bendayan Charlotte Birenbach Zachary Freeman Ava Gamburg Sarah Hyman James Hyman Andrew Korman Todd Korman Emily Levin Jessica Levinson Nicole Levinson Zachary Schnelwar Daniel Sheppard Cooper Shirvan Carlie Shmaruk Jessica Shmaruk Jesse Sobel Dylan Stark Jake Stark Cate Weinberger Henry Weiner Abby Weintraub Andrew Weishar Noah Weiss

Sydney Wolfe

September Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes:	l I			l	6:00 pm Family Service	2 Ki Teitzei 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Ian Greenberg
3	4 Office Closed	7:30 pm Ritual Comm.	6 8 pm Adult Choir	7	7:30 pm Tefilot	Ki Tavo 9 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Rachel Schulman 6:30 pm Music Comm Kickoff (offsite)
9 am FS & 6 11:30 am Group Class 3 pm Soc Act Wkshp - Poverty	4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah 7 pm Sis'hood Mtg offsite	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Michelle Group 7:30 pm Exec Comm	7 pm Soc. Act Environ 8 pm Adult Choir	14	5:15 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Tefilot	N'tzavim/ 16 Vayeilech 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Matthew Wainland 8:30 Slichot Shomrei Torah
7:30 am17 Spiritual Walk 9 am FS & 6 11:30 am Group Class 1 pm Mah Jongg 1:30 pm Menschmakers	4 pm School K-3 4 pm PreK 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Board Mtg	Office Closes 3 pm 7:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah service	Office Closed Rosh Hashanah (see tickets for service times)	Office Closed 9:30 Rosh Hashanah Day 2 7:30 pm Tefilot	Ha'zinu 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Alexandra Dain & Gus Kraft
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October Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
No School 1:30 pm JYG Apple Picking & Pie Baking	4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Ritual	4 6 pm Pizza in the Hut 7 pm Erev Sukkot service	Office Closed 10 am Sukkot Festival service	6:00 pm Family Service	Sukkot 7 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Arden & Olivia Flynn 6 pm Sis'hood Dine-A-Round
8 No School	No School 7 pm Sis'hood Mtg offsite	No School 7:30 pm Michelle Group 7:30 pm Exec Comm	7 pm Consecration & Simchat Torah service	Office Closed 10 am Simchat Torah Yizkor service	6:30 pm BHSSTY Spaghetti Dinner 7:30 pm Tefilot	B'reisheet 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Zachary Barkan & Daniel Sheppard
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9 am FS & 6 11:30 am Group Class 1 pm Library - Jews in Foreign Places	4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah	No School	Notes:			

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

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Ian Greenberg - September 2, 2017

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.
Mother, Debbie Cinquemani, Father,
Matthew, Brother, Carson, 9 is an
8th grader at Cavallini Middle School
.......... His interests include basketball and
football. "I hope to be successful in school
and in life. I feel proud of myself that I was
able to study and prepare for my Bar Mitzvah.

I love sports and I helped children with special needs in a program called Mahwah All-Stars. Once a week I helped teach baseball skills like catching, throwing, hitting and pitching. In school I was selected to be a Cardinal Ambassador. I helped at parent and student orientations as well as an art show, to help my school community."

Rachel Schulman – September 9, 2017

grade. For my community service I worked with an organization called People to People, raising money and making over 50 bags of food for children whose families can't afford food over the weekend."

Matthew Wainland – September 16, 2017

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Brenda, Father, Neil, Sisters, Nicole, 14, and Lilah, 9 is an 8th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include video games, robotics and drums. "I want to become a video game designer.

I'm excited to become a bar mitzvah because it is a very special achievement for a Jewish teenager. I raised money for Alex's Lemonade Stand. I held lemonade stands over the summer and donated the money to help find a cure for kids' cancer I was happy to work on this project because September is Children's Cancer Awareness month, which is when my bar mitzvah is. And I loved having the lemonade stands."

Alexandra Dain – September 23, 2017

community service I am putting together 'Chemo Care' kits for children who are undergoing chemotherapy."

Gus Kraft – September 23, 2017

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Jen , Father, Matt, Brother, Scooter, 10 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include basketball, football (and fantasy football!), movies, games and hanging with his friends and family. "I

would like to work in the sports and media world when I'm older. I am very excited and honored by this special occasion. For my community service project, I am running a basketball camp for kids who don't get to play every day."

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

xnark nakby

Arden Flynn – October 7, 2017
Lives in Allendale, New Jersey. Mother,
Audrey, Father, Stephen, Brother,

with sports for my life. I am very excited and can't wait to have a lot of fun with my friends and family at the party. For our community service project we are collecting used sports equipment to give to kids who don't have them. We are doing this because Olivia and I and all of our friends love sports and we couldn't imagine not being able to play them."

Olivia Flynn – October 7, 2017

Lives in Allendale, New Jersey. Mother, Audrey, Father, Stephen, Brother, Harrison, 14 and Sister, Arden, 13 is a 7th grader at Brookside Middle School Her interests include soccer, basketball, cross country and lacrosse. "I would like to be a soccer coach so I could share my passion about soccer with younger

kids. I'm happy to become a bat mitzvah, and glad that I don't have to do more work. I am giving new and slightly used soccer equipment on behalf of a charity called Passback."

Zachary Barkan – October 14, 2017

achieving my goal. For my community service, I am going to help make sandwiches for a food drop off at Eva's Village, which is a rehabilitation center for former drug addicts in Paterson, NJ. My dad has been involved in this charity for many years and this year I decided to help."

Daniel Sheppard - October 14, 2017

Lives in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey.

Mother, Riva, Father, Gary, Sister, Emily, 17....... is a 7th grader at Franklin Avenue Middle School His interests include lacrosse, animals and helping people. "I wold like to become successful in life, go to a good college and study to become a doctor. I feel excited to follow in the

footsteps of my ancestors and look forward to taking my place as a bar mitzvah, and I can't wait to see all my friends and relatives. Raising money and collecting school supplies is a rewarding task. My work has made less fortunate children excited to get "back to school," knowing they have everything they need to work hard in the classroom."

Alexander Frisch - October 21, 2017

the hard work I've put in for my bar mitzvah. I am happy my bar mitzvah is almost here. I've volunteered my time helping my Boy Scout troop with many ongoing projects like: building a bench for a school park and working at the Suffern soup kitchen."

Miles Brickman - October 28, 2017

community service I am volunteering at a senior living center, helping the residents any way I can."

Music Committee

Hello everyone!

Welcome back for another year of entertaining programs brought to you by the Music Committee. This marks my fourteenth year working with a talented group of people dedicated to bringing meaningful programming to our congregation. We have fun doing it and there are opportunities for participation for everyone. Do you have suggestions for what you would like to see? Email me any time at niberger@aol.com and let's meet. I'd love to hear from you!

The Committee's monthly meetings take place at the synagogue every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining the Adult Choir, please contact Cantor Perper. He is always looking for new voices. The ability to read Hebrew and/or music is not a requirement. Willingness to learn and dedication is. You can reach him at cantorperper@earthlink.net. We would love to have you!

And for the parents of kids who are in 3rd grade or older who want to sing with the Youth Singers, please contact Lisa Lamster. She is our "Choir Mom" and can be reached at lisalams@optonline.net for more information.

Our first event is rapidly approaching. We will have a membership drive scheduled for September 9, at my house, a combination cocktail and dessert party. All congregants and their significant others are welcome. Come check out what the committee is about! RSVP to BHSS Office.

Our year consists of favorite programs like Coffeehouse Cantors, BHSS Got Talent and Movie Night benefitting the Center for Food Action. Our second program will feature *The Mistral Wind Quintet* in November. Details will be announced. More surprises will pop up along the way. We'll keep you posted.

Finally, all of us related to music would like to wish the congregation a Happy and Healthy New Year! L'Shana Tova!

Musically yours, Nora Berger



Love music?

Curious about how you can help?

Join us for our kickoff event

at the home of

Nora & Harold Berger,

September 9

6:30 pm

Havdalah, cocktails & desserts

Good & Welfare

from & for the congregation

Condolences

- to Allison Grossman on the death of her father, Ira Siegel
- to Lori Perlstein on the death of her mother, Marilyn Krichmar
- to Sandy Parks on the death of her husband, Newt Parks
- to Emily & Herb Schuman on the death of their sister-in-law, Midge Schuman
- to Whitney Speer on the death of her mother, Joan Speer
- to Marcy Moskowitz on the death of her father, Philip Brenner
- to Alan Peister, Fern Lowenfels & Jackie Lowenfels

on the death Phoebe Peister, wife, sister & aunt

- to Beverly & Harlan York on the death of their nephew, Joseph Rothenbucher
- to Linda Ellman Schwartz on the death of her father, Jesse Ellman
- to Lance Kovar on the death of his father, Allen Kovar

R'fuah Sh'leimah

(For a Full and Speedy Recovery)

Terri Coffel

Larry Israel

Charles Romano

Beth Wiesner

Mazal Tov

to Bill and Sandy Arlington on the birth of their granddaughter, Maya Catherine

Welcome New Members

Mindy & John Roberts and family, New City, NY

Lynne Feldman, Upper Saddle River, NJ

Sharon & Marty Arshansky, Suffern, NY

Marjorie & Drew Levinson and family, Upper Saddle River, NJ

Dori & Mat Mendel and family, Ramsey, NJ

Jann & Marc Reissman and family, Upper Saddle River, NJ

Jamie & Howard Rosenkrantz and family, Mahwah, NJ

Special Thank You

to our lay leaders for summer Shabbat services

Jane Young

Stacey Coyne

Lisa Lamster

Samantha Lamster

Gail Spencer

Jane Koch

Al Levene

Bob Meyers

Nancy Teichman





Zachary Barkan Leah Behar Miles Brickman Adam Buchalter *Jake Bugni* Jaden Bugni Brooke Dylan Einhorn Cora Einhorn Iack Fein Mandy Fleischmann Arden Flynn Olivia Flynn Benjamin Goldstein Ava Gottlieb Laila Graham-Bialer Griffin Heit Adriane Heit Riley Nierenberg Skylie Prizel Justin Silver Miles Swerdloff Owen Weiner Sydney Weiner Leo Wunder

Eli Wunder

Ritual Committee

"You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards." -Steve Jobs

Reflection and meditation seem to be all the rage - Reflection may seem like a new thing but it's a concept that has been around for a long time. As Jews we have been practicing reflection for 5778 years. The practice of reflecting begins in the month of Elul preceding Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Elul is our month of introspection, a month of preparation and personal reflection.

As we celebrate the turning of the seasons we are reminded of the power of returning to the depths of who and what we are. During the month of Elul we prepare for the set period of time between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, when we take stock of where we have been in the past, where we are now and where we are going as individuals and communally. We admit our sins, asks for forgiveness, and resolve not to repeat. This is *teshuvah*.

During the month of Elul I will be reflecting on my year as co-partner in my home, as a leader at my office and co-chair of the Ritual Committee at BHSS. I can't be three different people. I am only one. The leader I am at the office must be the leader I am at home must be the leader I am at BHSS.

These are the questions I will be asking myself during the month of Elul. Did I stretch my limits? Did I walk the walk for being good and doing well? Did I use my self-knowledge to relate and interact with others? Did I hold myself responsible/accountable? Did I smile, laugh and show joy and love? Did I take a stand and did I make a difference? And finally, did I practice my values and beliefs daily?

It's a pretty lofty task to reflect on a whole year and make changes. Breaking down the process to a weekly practice seems more manageable. Small changes are manageable and easily become habits. Perhaps that will be the change I make for the year to come... to reflect weekly. It will be easier to connect the dots.

From my family to yours L'shana tovah! Judith Teich Ritual Co-chair



Sisterhood News

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Shana Tov

שנה טובה ומתוק

So what is September for you? Excited that the kids are (finally?) going back to school? Looking forward to the peaceful ritual and sweet song of the approaching holidays? Or longing for the warm days that will soon be memory? At

Sisterhood, September is all of these, and more. We hope you've ordered your **Honey for the Holidays**, but if it slipped your mind while you lay in the sun, it's not too late! There are tables at Family School each week, and you can pick up honey there, for \$11 per jar; or visit the website at https://orthoney.com/bhs. What a wonderful way to wish a healthy and happy Shanah Tovah to your friends and family (and to support Sisterhood's work at the same time)!

Sisterhood is excited to start the new year and welcome the new Board, including new co-presidents Leslie Sapienza and Sheryl Thailer and first-time Board members Debbie Falkow, Cindy Buchalter, Carrie Ritchin and Mona

Sussman. You should have gotten your membership packet in your BHSS renewal form, but if you have any questions on joining Sisterhood, please contact our Membership co-chairs Lauren Theodore and Candy Kassover, or co-presidents Leslie and Sheryl—we'll set you right up!

We are looking forward to kicking off the fall with our Famous Dine-A-Round on Saturday night, October 7. If you've been with us before, we don't need to tell you what fun you'll have. If you've never attended, it's a great evening where we gather together for wine and hors d'oeuvres at one place, split into groups for gourmet dinners at different members' homes, and come back together for dessert. It's a chance to meet old friends, and make new ones, and for us to share stories, recipes and a whole lot of fun. Tickets are \$40/person, and support Sisterhood's work for BHSS and the Jewish community. Don't miss it! RSVP by September 24 to Mona Lefkowitz at doclefko@optonline.net.

On **Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m.**, at the synagogue, we'll be learning to make silk scarves! **The art of Ebru** or Turkish Marbling, is a classical marbling technique

producing one-of-a-kind floating pictures. For five centuries it has intrigued, fascinated and inspired the imagination by creating soft, warm colored images, laced with exciting, never ending patterns, lines, swirls, and figured images. The art of taking a print from ink floating on water was first developed in Japan and by the 12th century the art of Suminagashi had been established. In the beginning of the 15th century the art of marbling would make its entrance into Turkey by way of the Silk Road where the use of all an all water-based art form was developed.

By November 19, we'll all be thinking of holiday gifts, and what could be nicer? For more information, check out www.createyourownsilkscarf.com. Come

join us; it'll be a great event. Members \$36/non-members \$40. RSVP by November 4 to Debbie Falkow at debfalkow@hotmail.com.

Need babysitting so you can attend a Sisterhood event? Contact Leslie Sapienza at lsapienza68 @gmail.com

Sisterhood is always looking for new members, new ideas, new programs and new friends! Be a part of it! Hope to see you soon.

Leslie Sapienza and Sheryl Thailer

Brotherhood 2.0

Hello, BHSS! Hope you had a fabulous summer. Welcome Back!

As we look at the world around us, and recognize the changes and the challenges in our communities, it is important...as Jews, and as decent people to work harder than ever to help others, and to effect change, and to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. What I'm talking about is this. Ask yourself, how much stress are we under every day? Why? What motivates you? What changes do you want to see in the world around you? What are your needs, both short term and long term?

BHSS is a wonderful place. One can come and worship to their level of comfort. There are many groups one can join and participate as much or as little as one wants - to help clean up the environment, feed and clothe the needy, sing in the choir, support our school and educator, our youth, or just to make a new friend and hang out sometimes. Now, more than ever, BHSS needs you to come out, try just one thing new, and try and make one small difference.

BHSS Brotherhood is an organization within BHSS which gives men an opportunity to come out, make a new friend, and support every other group within the temple. BHSS Brotherhood. We are changing the world, one mitzvah at a time.

Upcoming dates:

- Thursday, September 14 Meet Brotherhood at Overseas Restaurant for our opening get together! Bring a friend! -Indian Rock Plaza, Suffern, NY - 7:00 PM
- **Sunday, September 17** Meet us at the synagogue at 9:00 AM to help us with our annual tradition Brotherhood building of the BHSS sukkah! IF you have power tools, bring them. If not, bring a friend!
- Sunday, September 17 Join us, after we build the sukkah, at Panera Bread for our monthly Brotherhood Raps talk about politics, religion, sports, or just about anything you want!
- Wednesday, October 4 Pizza in the Hut at 6 PM this is our annual tradition on Sukkot. Join BHSS at 7 p.m. for Erev Sukkot Services.
- **Sunday, October 15** Brotherhood needs your help. Please come at 9:00 and help us take down the sukkah.
- October 21 Come join BHSS Brotherhood for Havdallah and S'Mores! Shavuah Tov with a twist!
- Sunday, October 22 Join us at 9:30 AM at Panera Bread for Brotherhood Raps! What's on your mind? Let's talk about it!

Rabbi Search Committee

We are excited to announce that the search for the BHSS's next settled rabbi is underway! We posted our application on August 1 and are very pleased with the response this far. We are currently in the process of reviewing resumes and will begin Skype interviews before the High Holidays, with in-person interviews likely starting in October. We will continue to provide updates on the website's Rabbinic Search link.

The committee will be co-chaired this year by Jen Cole and Michelle Sherry, and includes Alison Axelrod, Gary Buchalter, Stacey Coyne, Gary Garbus, Marin Greene, Deborah Klein, Nancy Levene, Michael Kassover, Sophie Pavon, Debbie Royal, Linda Schwartz, Jack Schulman, Harvey Weinberg and Lori Yanowitz.

Contributions

Rabbi's Discretionary fund

in honor of Alex's bar mitzvah and with thanks!

-the Lipkin family

in honor of Hannah and Ethan's b'nei mitzvah and with thanks!

-the Blai

-the Blankman family

with thanks for your support and guidance

- Lori Perlstein & family

with thanks and appreciation

- Bob Meyers

in honor of Bob Meyers' second bar mitzvah

- Sheryl Thailer

- Ceil Baldwin

with thanks for your kindness and caring

- Candy & Mike Kassover

in memory of your father-in-law, Robert Satrapa

- Deborah & Jeff Klein

- Ilyse & Floyd Smith

- Laurie & Marc Daniel

- Sheryl Thailer

- Marci & Harvey Weinberg

- Linda & David Schwartz

- Alison & Norman Axelrod

- Sheri & Allan Schott

- Jane Simon

- Lori Perlstein

thank you for all that you do...

in memory of Barbara Moss - the Moss family

in memory of Allen Nudelman - Roni & Andrew Silver

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

in honor of Alex's bar mitzvah, with thanks & appreciation

- the Lipkin family

with thanks and appreciation - Melissa Cooper

in honor of Hannah and Ethan's b'nei mitzvah

and with thanks! - the Blankman family

with many thanks for your guidance

- Bob Meyers

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- Candy & Mike Kassover

to Phil Moss, with deepest sympathy and much love on the

loss of Barbara Moss - Sandy Parks

because my mom, Barbara Moss, loved the music and the spirit you bring to the BHSS community

- Ilene Moss & Abigail Marble

thank you for all that you do... in memory of Barbara Moss
- the Moss family

Educator's Discretionary Fund

in honor of Hannah and Ethan becoming b'nei mitzvah
- the Blankman family

with thanks and appreciation

- Bob Meyers

in honor of Alex's bar mitzvah and with thanks!

-the Lipkin family

Life Fund

to Lori Perlstein, in memory of your dear mother

Marilyn Krichmar

- Rhonda & Bennett Pine

to Sandy Parks, in memory of Newt Parks

- Robbie & Eddie Saiff

- Nita Klaskow

- Jane Simon

- Helen Pine

- Barbara & Charles Burghardt

- Phil Moss

to Phil Moss, in memory of Barbara Moss

- Ron Rivlin

- Sue & Harris Reinstein

- the Dorfman-Grubin family

- Bonnie & Rich Berens

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- Deborah & Jeff Klein

- Marsha & Larry Gluck

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- Sue & Harris Reinstein

in memory of Rose Zahn

- Pearl & Bob Meyers

Contributions

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to Lynn and Michael Zall, in memory of Jeremy Zall
- Jeanette & Roger Gold

to Jane Simon, in memory of Jan Simon - Phil Moss
- Bonnie & Rich Berens
- Dede & Rick Levine
- Alice Kestenbaum
- Elyse Victor Berman & Joe Berman
- Cantor Stan Kronberg

in memory of Edith Roth

- Sandi Jeanette

to the Crouch family, in memory of Thelma Hershman
- Bonnie & Rich Berens

in memory of Helene Weinberg and William Weinberg
- Joyce & Stephen Weinberg

to Linda Ellman-Schwartz and family,

in memory of Jesse Ellman - Deborah & Jeff Klein - Alison & Norman Axelrod - Candy & Mike Kassover

to Rabbi Josh Fixler, in honor of his rabbinic ordination
- the Library Ladies
- Ruth & Stu Turner

to Lisa Lamster in honor Jessica Lamster's Confirmation
- the Library Ladies

to Marilyn and Irwin Haberman, in honor of their granddaughter's bat mitzvah - Ellen & Stan Weiner

a donation for whatever is needed

- The Retreat Spa Girls: Annabel Theodore, Sarah Cassel, Hannah Altman & Justine Freitag

to Alyssa and Michael Gold, in honor of Emma's baby naming - Lynn & Michael Zall

to Marilyn Bernstein, wishing a speedy recovery
- Marsha & Larry Gluck

to Jade and David Gluck, in honor of the birth of their son Paxton Beau Gluck - Marsha & Larry Gluck

in honor of of our grandson Paxton Beau Gluck
- Marsha & Larry Gluck

to Sue-Ellen Johnson, in memory of Ron Johnson
- Cantor Stan Kronberg

in memory of Janice Schwartz - David Schwartz

to all the members of the Caring Committee, thank you.... and a special thank you to Iris Greenberg and Lisa Barrack - the Moss family

to Joe Berman, in honor of his 70th birthday

- Debbie & Wayne Miller

- Ilona Vinkerova

Michelle Mitzvah Fund

in honor of the birth of Maya Arlington

- Sandy & Bill Arlington

to Iris Greenberg, Lisa Barrack and Rebecca McVeigh, with thanks for your kindness and caring

- Candy & Mike Kassover

Tree of Life

Mazel Tov on your bat mitzvah dearest Sheryl Thailer - Robin & Jonathan Zweigel

in honor of the confirmation of Jessica Lamster
- Lisa Lamster & family

Center for Food Action

in honor of bar mitzvah of Matthew Wainland - the Wainland family

From the Sifriyah

Picture this...a beautiful warm summer day, a hot tennis game, riding in a golf cart, navigating ocean waves, chatting with friends. Well, you have the picture. Yet, in July, the Library Ladies defied all summer traditions to meet and greet each other and to work in the library, shelving books. Within minutes after catching up on the latest news, our group began work.

Our work led to the discovery and rediscovery of gems. We'd like to share some of these incredible treasures. First, there's the little book entitled *Yiddish Wisdom: Humor and Heart from the Old Country*. The book is packed with the treasured sayings of the Yiddish language, sayings handed down to us through centuries of Jewish culture. How about a few of these sayings?

- Life is the greatest bargain; we get it for nothing;
- A wise man knows what he says; a fool says what he knows;
- Love is sweet but it's nice to have BREAD with it.

 To delve further, check out *Yiddish Wisdom*.

We were all entranced by the delivery of one of our newest books, *Zahav*, by Michael Solomonov, an Israeli by birth who spent his childhood in Pittsburgh. This book is part cookbook and part memoir. It is also the 2017-18 book choice for One Book One Community, a unique choice with a fit for lovers of innovative Israeli cuisine. Gail Simmons, TV host and author of *Talking with MY Mouth Full*, writes, "Each of Michael Solomonov's soulful recipes feels created by someone impassioned by one of the world's most exciting cuisines - a master of his craft. I'm smitten." In addition, Zahav also reveals the history of the author's response to challenges in his own life, including drug addiction and death. Zahav is also Solomonov's restaurant, located in Philadelphia. This book should not be missed. After reading it, please share your thoughts, even critique with any of the Library Ladies.

Let's not forget the little ones. Preschoolers will love *Little David & Big Goliath*, written by Tracy Harrast. This traditional story, written in good prose, also showcases wonderful illustrations. And, if you are a young person, you will definitely appreciate that each page is a Lift-the-Flap Book, making this book worth a trip to the BHSS library.

Up and coming:

- Jews in Foreign Places: October 29
- Book and Bagel December 3.

Lifelong Learning Committee

Jewish Basics: Everything you forgot or never learned.

Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.

-Albert Einstein

This year the Lifelong Learning Committee is going back to basics. Music, God, holidays, rituals and of course food! We are working on programming that would touch everyone in the congregation; alternating day and evening programs to accommodate busy schedules. So please if there is anything that fits into our theme that you feel would be fun let us know, and we will try to make it happen!

The first programs for the season are:

Intro to God in Judaism, lead by Rabbi Diamond - on Wednesday, October 18 and repeated Sunday, October 22.

Jewish Music - Taught by Cantor Perper and Cantor Steinsynder on Sunday, November 19, and is for both adults and children; together and apart.

The Great Latke Cookoff is back! On Friday evening, December 1, you will have the opportunity to compete for bragging rights in the latke cookoff. Event will feature a panel of not-quite celebrity judges.

Scholar in Residence - February 9-11 will be a joint program with the Music Committee featuring Ramapo College professor Gilad Cohen.

Please watch the weekly emails for timing and program updates. We look forward to learning together this year!

Lori Yanowitz and Nancy Levene, LLL Co-Chairs

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September Yahrzeits

HELEN ALLMAN CAROLINE ALPERT **RUTH ANSIN** KAY APPELBAUM FLORENCE ARFIN **IRVING ARFIN** FLORENCE ASHKANAZY JACK BERENS Selma Berman PHILLIP BLACKMAN GUSSIE BLUMENFELD **EDITH BLUMENTHAL** MARION COHEN **BUDDY COLEMAN AARON HARRY CRAMER** SIDNEY DEMSKY FRANCES DUCHARME RICHARD WOLF DUFFINE FRANTISEK LEOPOLD EISENGER **BURT ERLMAN ELEANOR FIELDS** Mona Finkelstein MILDRED FONDILLER Augusta Frank CHARLOTTE FREDERICKS

DOUGLAS FREEMAN Otto Friedman MOLLIE GARBUS HARVEY GELFENBEIN RALPH GILBERT MOLLIE GILSTON **JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN** MUTTEL GORDON BARRY GREENE Sylvia Barish Groskin ABE HYMOWITZ SARAH ISKOWITZ BERTHA ISRAEL BENJAMIN JACOBS GERTRUDE JEANETTE HOWARD KAPLAN ROBERT KASSOVER ELSIE KESSLER DAVID KORETZ Ryan Kossar FANNIE KURSMAN NATHAN KUSHER DOROTHY LAST MARTIN LAST SADIE LAZAR DINA LEITNER

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LILLIAN K. SEILER IRWIN SELMAN GIDEON SHACKNAI HARRIET SHRENSEL MARION SILVER RICHARD SILVERMAN **JULIA SIMON** IDA SINGER RUTH SLAKTER PAULINE SMITH **IEAN TRIEBITZ** CELIA TURNER JACK TURNER WILLIAM WALDBAUM PEARL WALLISON **ESTELLE WEINBERG** BENJAMIN WEINER RUTH WEISKOP BERTHA WEISSER FLORA WEISSMAN JULIUS WICHLER Anne Wilk MARCIA WITT CHARLES YOUNG Daniel Zahm JERRY ZICHERMAN

Simchat Torah & Consecration a Night of Dancing, Singing (and sweet treats!)

Help us welcome our new students

Join with your friends and family parading

with our torah scrolls

Wednesday, October 11 beginning at 7 p.m.



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October Yahrzeits

STEVEN ABEL MICHELLE APPELBAUM DOROTHY AUERBACH ADELE AXELROD **EVELYN BARRON** SANDY BERNSTEIN BENIAMIN BLUMENFELD BEATRICE BURGHARDT CECILE BYALICK LEWIS BYNE Monya Clarke BEVELY DOSS ALLAN EISENSTEIN BERNICE FISHKIN BERNARD FRISHBERG DEBRA FRISHBERG LAUREL GLUCK Morris Goodman

SHIRLEY GRALLA BILL GREEN NINA GREENBERG FANNIE GRUBMAN DAVID HABERMAN FRANCINE HELLERMAN Sadie Hyman GRETA ISRAEL RICHARD JANSEN SAMUEL KAPLAN SEYMOUR KIRZNER ALBERT KLEIN ISRAEL SAMUEL KRIEGEL BENIAMIN LASS DALIA LEIBOWITZ HATTIE LEVY JESS LIEBERMAN DMITRY LOZINSKY

THERESA MCFADDEN Roslyn Millman CEIL MOSER BARBARA MOSKOWITZ BOB NISENBAUM HERMAN ORTH HERMAN OSHEROWITZ SOL PINCUS **IRVING POSNER** HARRY FRANK ROSE AL ROSENBLATT HERBERT ROSENBLATT **IOSEPH ROSSANT** BETH ROTTELL LILLIAN SAULT PHIL SCHOENFELD SHELDON SCHOLL Anneliese Schott

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Sukkot

Wednesday, October 4: Join Brotherhood 2.0 for **Pizza in the Hut** ~ 6 pm please RSVP to the temple office and **Erev Sukkot Service** ~ 7 pm

Thursday, October 5: **Sukkot Festival Service** ~ 10 am

Sisterhood's

Oine A Round/Progressive Dinner

Some Old Friends

and Make

During an Evening of Food and Fun Saturday, October 7 6:30 PM \$40 per person

Some New Ones



Appetizers: Home of Jen and Matt Cole

Dinner: Home of Host Congregants

Dessert: Ulam at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom

RSVP to doclefko@optonline.net by September 24

Yom Kippur Learning Sessions

2 - 3:30 p.m(between the midmorning service and the afternoon service)

Join us as we explore this year's theme: "Judaism: Right, Left and Center"

Led by your fellow **BHSS** members!



Michelle Mitzvah Group

Shalom. As I logged into Facebook the past couple of days, a few things in my "On This Day" reminded me of the need to help others. On two consecutive days last year, I donated blood at the Community Blood Center & then helped feed meals at the Suffern Soup Kitchen. Among the comments in the feed of the posts, I wrote, "Donating & helping others is in the Simon DNA. So I do what I can." A friend replied, "it's actually in your blood."

Whether it's in my blood or in my DNA, it is good for the soul. I am sure there's a *Chicken Soup for the Soul* reference that can be made. Regardless, there is still work we can all do and Michelle Mitzvah Group is always willing to help.

The Center for Food Action needs donations. The collection bins are by the entrance to the synagogue and they can always use supplies - fruit packs, pancake mix, syrup, soap, shampoo, tooth brush & toothpaste, coffee. This year, as in the past, the Center for Food Action van will be at BHSS during the High Holidays to collect food to help our neighbors in need.

There are still days available to sign up for the Suffern Soup Kitchen thru the "Lunches with Love" program at Christ Episcopal Church. They are always looking for volunteers to help with their efforts in feeding the hungry.

I can go on listing all the things Michelle Mitzvah does, but, at least for me, a short attention span is also part of my DNA. If helping others is in YOUR DNA, please contact me and come to our meetings, the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue.

And stay tuned for further details regarding Mitzvah Day, November 5 (in partnership with Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey) and collaborations with our Youth Groups.

B'Shalom Steven Simon Michelle Mitzvah Group Chair 201 788-6755 steveoum@verizon.net

Youth Programming

I am thrilled to expand my role and become the Director of Informal Youth Programming for all three youth groups at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. My job as a religious school teacher has continued to help me foster relationships with the students and strengthen bonds outside of the classroom environment. I have been working for several years at Kadimah on Monday nights and I am excited to be teaching an evening class to our junior and senior high school youth. There are many events that have been planned for the Menschmakers, Junior Youth Group and BHSSTY, and I am looking forward to another year filled wit hssocial action, learning and (always) fun!

Our first events are scheduled as follows::

Menschmakers:

September 17-Apple Picking at Maskers and Pie Making November 5-Mitzvah Day for Youth and Families November 19- No Cook Cooking

Junior Youth Group:

October 1-Apple Picking at Maskers and Pie Making November 5-

Mitzvah Day for Youth and Families November 19- No Cook Cooking

Senior Youth Group (BHSSTY):

August 26- BHSSTY Board Retreat October 13- Spaghetti Dinner November 5- Mitzvah Day



Brittany Silverman, Director of Informal Youth Programming

Social Action Committee

Do you know anyone who does not appreciate having his or her voice heard? I don't! I think one of the greatest gifts one can give another human being is to listen to them, their story, their opinions, and their concerns. The Social Action Committee is committed to doing just that; listen to your opinion and your concerns!

After the Social Action's Tikkun Con in May, when the many attendees voted for two areas BHSS should allocate our efforts, we have formed sub-committees: the Environment, and Addressing Poverty. So, our congregants voted and the Social Action committee listened. Yet our need for your voice continues.

Addressing Poverty and the Environment are large arenas to tackle. The committees have met several times since Tikkun Con and have explored where their efforts should be directed. They each have a list of impacts that BHSS could tackle, but they do not want to be doing this alone. To make a difference on either of these issues, we need your voice, your opinion, and your efforts!

Please join us; we are great listeners! Sheila Groskin is leading Addressing Poverty and Marla Muni leads the Environment. The meetings have been about once a month. Please watch the weekly emails for meeting times or email one of us:

- -whitneyspeer@msn.com
- -marlasm6@optonline.net
- -sgroskin@optonline.net

Elissa Groskin Zylbershlag (daughter of Sheila and Larry Groskin) is returning to BHSS at the request of our Social Action Committee on Sunday September 10 at 3 p.m. The Social Action Committee has been meeting this year to discuss ways to combat poverty and homelessness.

Elissa is a National trainer with the ADL (Anti Defamation League) and the Director of Conflict Resolution and Anti Bias Initiatives for the NJ State Bar Foundation. She had previously spoken at BHSS about combating biased language.

Her next workshop in September will center on childhood poverty and the results of this, both to the child and to the community. There is no charge and non-members are welcome.

Please join us for this most important event

RSVP to Sheila Groskin: sgroskin@optonline.net

Mah Jongg is BACK!



To everyone interested in playing or learning Mah Jongg:

We will play on select Sundays in the synagogue. The first Mah Jongg will be held on:

September 17, 1 pm

All are welcome.

Please let Marilyn Taylor know if you are coming, and if you can bring a set. marilyn_taylor15@hotmail.com. Thank you.

GIFT CARDS

Meeting friends at Panera? Sipping Starbucks? Do you shop at ShopRite, Stop&Shop, Acme or Fairway? Support BHSS with this easy, ongoing fundraiser by buying gift cards to use at these and dozens of other stores and restaurants!

They also make wonderful gifts for teachers, coaches, birthdays, anniversaries and the holidays!

Please contact Lisa Lamster at (lisalams@optonline.net) or 201-760-1935 with any questions or to order your cards today!



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 a ble, 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.

Spaghetti Dinner

6:30 pm, Friday, October 13

Suggested Donation \$5



Sponsored by the Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Senior Youth Group

All proceeds will go to the Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children

Save the Date

19th annual Eternal Lights Dinner

Thursday, November 16 the River Palm Terrace, Mahwah



Tot Shabbat

Join Rabbi Diamond and Educator Rebecca McVeigh for a song and a story and a taste of Shabbat with your little ones!

Who: Parents, Grandparents with children ages birth to 5. When: Friday, September 15, 2017 from 5:15 to 6 p.m.

Open to members and non-members alike – bring your friends. We'll share a little challah and grape juice before we go, wishing each other a sweet Shabbat of rest and peace.

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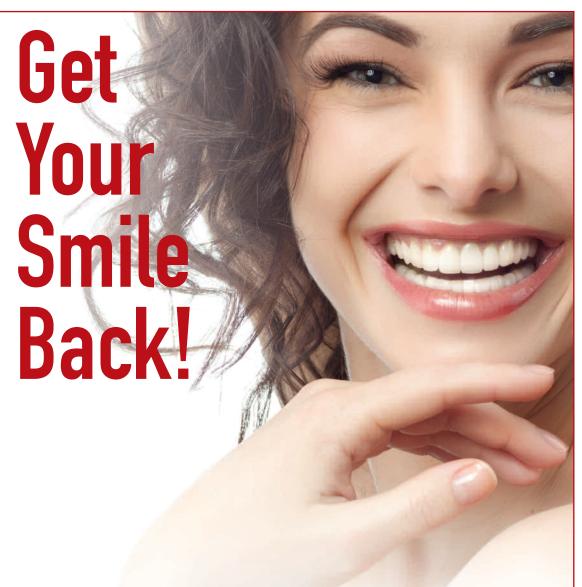


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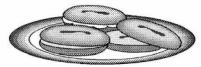


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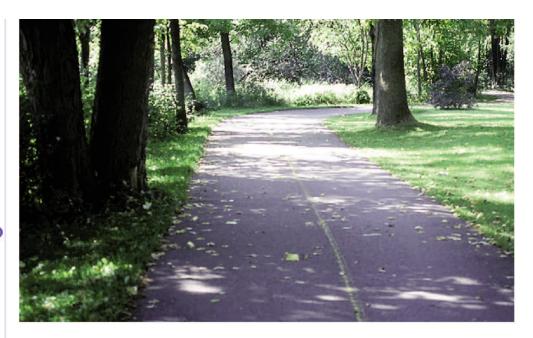
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Saturday, Sept 2	10:00 am	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Cinquemani & Greenberg family Bar Mitzvah of Ian Greenberg
Friday, Sept 8 Saturday, Sept 9	7:30 pm 10:00 am	Shabbat Evening service, Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Schulman family Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Schulman
Friday, Sept 15 Saturday, Sept 16	7:30 pm 10:00 am 8:30 pm 10:00 pm	Shabbat Evening service. Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Wainland family Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Wainland Pre-S'lichot Program at Shomrei Torah, Wayne, NJ Havdallah & S'lichot Service of Forgiveness at Shomrei Torah, Wayne, NJ
Wednesday, Sept 20 Thursday, Sept 21	7:30 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah service Rosh Hashanah services: Refer to High Holiday tickets for services scheduled throughout the day.
Friday, Sept 22	9:15 am 7:30 pm	2nd Day Rosh Hashanah service Shabbat Evening service. Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Dain & Kraft families
Saturday, Sept 23	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Alexandra Dain & Gus Kraft
Friday, Sept 29 Saturday, Sept 30	7:30 pm	Kol Nidre service Yom Kippur Services: Refer to High Holiday tickets for services scheduled throughout the day.
Wednesday, Oct 4	7:00 pm	Erev Sukkot Service
Thursday, Oct 5	10:00 am	Sukkot Festival Service
Friday, Oct 6	6:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Family service. <i>Birthdays in October will be celebrated</i> Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Flynn family
Saturday, Oct 7	10:00 am	B'not Mitzvah of Arden & Olivia Flynn
Wednesday, Oct 11 Thursday, Oct 12	7:00 pm 10:00 am	Simchat Torah/Consecration service Simchat Torah Yizkor service
Friday, Oct 13	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service
Saturday, Oct 14	10:00 am	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Barkan & Sheppard families B'nei Mitzvah of Zachary Barkan & Daniel Sheppard
Friday, Oct 20 Saturday, Oct 21	7:30 pm 10:00 am	Shabbat Evening service. Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Frisch family Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Frisch
Friday, Oct 27 Saturday, Oct 28	7:30 pm 10:00 am	Shabbat Evening service. Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Brickman family Bar Mitzvah of Miles Brickman

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Sessions of School:

Sundays: Sept 10, 17, 24 & Oct 15, 22 & 29 Mondays: Sept 11, 18, 25 & Oct 2, 16, 23, & 30

Tuesdays: Sept 12, 19, 26 & Oct 3, 17, 24

Office Closed:

Monday, Sept 4 Friday, Sept 22 Thursday, Oct 5 & 12

To do in September and October:



- Torah Study ~ Shabbat mornings ~ 8:15 am
- Volunteer in the BHSS Garden ~ Sundays thru October, 9 am
- Family Shabbat Services ~ September 1 & October 6, 6:00 pm
- Music Committee Kick-off Event ~ September 9, 6:30 pm
- Attend Social Action: Poverty Workshop ~ Sunday, September 10, 3:00 pm
- Join Rabbi Diamond on a Spiritual Walk ~ Sunday, September 17, 7:30 am
- Mah Jongg ~ 1:00 pm Sunday, September 17, October dates TBD
- Enjoy Havdalah & S'lichot services at Shomrei Torah in Wayne, ~ Saturday, September 16, 8:30 pm
- Help Brotherhood Build the BHSS Sukkah ~ Sunday, September 17
- Enjoy Pizza in the Hut with Brotherhood ~ Wednesday, October 4, 6:00 pm
- Decorate the BHSS Sukkah following our Erev Sukkot Service ~ October 4, 7:00 pm
- Participate in the Sisterhood Dine-A-Round ~ Saturday, October 7
- Dance with the Torah for Simchat Torah & celebrate the Consecration of our new students ~ Wednesday, October 11
- Support BHSSTY and enjoy a Spaghetti dinner ~ Friday, October 13, before Shabbat services
- Attend LLL program "Intro to God in Judaism" ~ either Wednesday, October 18 or Sunday, October 22
- Attend the Library Committee program "Jews In Foreign Places" ~ Sunday, October 29