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

Wishing
 you PEACE
 LOVE and
 LAUGHTER
 in the NEW YEAR

Happy
 New Year
 2018



President's Message

Jen Cole

As I type these words, I am recently back from a wonderful weekend in Boston at the 2017 URJ Biennial Convention, where, alongside 6,000 or so other Reform Jews including a record number of BHSS lay-leaders, we had the opportunity to learn, pray, sing, share, discuss, network, and of course eat (we are Jews, after all!). It was a wonderful experience and I am still feeling invigorated and energized by the *ruach* (spirit) which was palpable from the moment I arrived. There were many meaningful moments and a lot of laughs too, including when one rabbi approached me to introduce herself to me and then expressed relief to discover I was a synagogue president and not clergy, leaving her title of “tallest North-American rabbi” unchallenged! The offerings for learning throughout the weekend were plentiful and diverse, making it difficult at times choose from the options. Most of the sessions I selected focused on transition and change. As author Anita Diamant described in her Shabbat luncheon session, it can seem as though, in our personal lives as well as in synagogue life, “Change is the only constant.”

This sentiment feels especially true at BHSS, as we continue to navigate the rabbinic transition. As I hope you are by now aware, the BHSS Search Committee, with the staff's enthusiastic endorsement, announced its unanimous selection of Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman to become our community's next settled rabbi beginning July 1, 2018 (please see search update on page 24 for more details and a biography). On December 4, this recommendation was presented and approved at a special congregational meeting. Cantor Perper began the evening by offering words of blessing in a beautiful moment of thanksgiving, anticipation and excitement, and following the vote we celebrated by singing the *shebechianu*, collectively expressing gratitude to have reached this milestone in our congregation's history.

While we are overjoyed to have successfully completed our search process, naming Rabbi Ilana as our new Rabbi does not

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mark the end of our process. Rather, it is merely the beginning...of a new beginning. William Bridges, an preeminent expert whose pioneering research transformed what we understand about the human response to change and author of the book Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change (Da Capo Press, 2009), made an important distinction between change and transition, the former referring to an external, situational shift; the latter being more about an internal, multi-dimensional human process of reorienting from one reality and adapting to a new one. A change can happen all at once, but a transition involves psychological and emotional period that requires sensitivity, awareness, intentionality and a plan to move through it.

Identifying Rabbi Ilana as our soon-to-be next spiritual leader is a change for certain, but there remains considerable work to be done by all of us to ensure that our community is well-prepared to welcome and embrace her family, and together in partnership with her write the next chapter of our *kehillah kedosha*, our holy community. Saying good-bye to our Interim Rabbi Barry Diamond, who has served us well and helped us to clarify who we are as a community and envision our future; Intentionally working to create opportunities and experiences so that Rabbi Ilana can be successful in creating new sacred partnerships with our clergy, staff, lay leaders and members at large; and acknowledging that this important shift will affect our members in different ways and on different timelines - are all part of the transition. I invite you to embrace this transition along with me, with all its complicated dimensions and emotions. As challenging as embracing transition can be, it is also a tremendous catalyst for growth and unleashing undiscovered potential. As we begin the new calendar year of 2018, let us go from strength to strength...

I also invite you to mark your calendars so you too can join in on the fun in 2019 at the next URJ Biennial in Chicago, December 11-15!

Jen Cole, President

Is That What We're Naming the Family Service?

If you had to give yourself a new name, what would it be? At their best, our names capture our essences. Look at the first names of pro football players and you find names such as Tom, Sam, Tony, or Nate, however, rarely do you find a football player named Felix or Cecil or Percy. Our names both reflect who we are and shape us, which is why giving naming something has powerful consequences.

That's why we need your help. We are changing our family services, making them more engaging, more exciting, and even more meaningful. Because of these changes, we want to give family services a new name as well. "Family Services" is descriptive, but it doesn't capture the energy and magic of the services we are planning.

We want to tell you a little about our services and ask for your help in naming them.

The new family service will begin **February 2, 2018**, and will remain on the first Friday of the month. However, the **new time for family services will be 6:30 p.m.**

While our *Tot Shabbat* is a 30-minute service directed at kids five years-old and under, Family Services are meant for families with children in elementary school. Don't expect to sit in your seats for the entire service. We may join each other on the bima, join in a dance of freedom, march with the Torah, and chat with friends around us. Be prepared to beat a drum, hit a tambourine, and definitely sing with energy and joy. And don't forget the opportunities for parents and grandparents to connect with their children or grandchildren, sharing blessings and stories with one another.

So what do we call such a high-energy, high-impact, prayer hug-fest?

Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Barry Diamond



We have narrowed it down to five choices, but we need you to make the final decision. Your job is to go to our Facebook page and vote for the name you like the best. Consider posting a selfie or video with your vote. Get your friends to vote as well. The more the merrier!

Here are our possible names for our Shabbat Family Service:

- Shabbat Shabang
- Step-Up Shabbat
- Simply Shabbat
- Shabbat Next *Dor* (*Dor* means "generation" in Hebrew)
- ShabbaTogether

Voting will take place through January 15, 2018.

Help us to make *Shabbat Shabang* or *Step-Up Shabbat*, or *Simply Shabbat*, or *Shabbat Next Dor*, or *ShabbaTogether*, into a joyous celebration of family, community, and God.

Rabbi Barry Diamond

**Sisterhood
PAJAMA DRIVE to benefit OASIS -
A Haven for Women and Children,
Paterson, NJ**

**For Children, ages 2T to Teen
January/February**

See the upcoming temple bulletin board

**Donate a pair of new pajamas
and help keep a child warm this
winter!**



From the Educator's Office

Rebecca McVeigh

To (and from) Boston...and Beyond!

The URJ Biennial (which others have written about elsewhere in this issue) is always a phenomenal opportunity in the life of a synagogue lay leader, member-at-large, teen, or staff member. This particular biennial took me back to the state I grew up in, so it was extra special to hear that old familiar “Bahstun” accent everywhere. From Wednesday through Sunday, there were learning sessions, worship services, musical presentations – in other words, tremendous opportunities to study old text and new ideas, pray with our voices (or in the case of the yoga service, our bodies), and sing time-honored favorites as well as new compositions that are sure to become favorites. You could, if you chose, be busy from 7:30 a.m. until midnight, every day.

And for every learning session time block there were at least 15 different offerings; for Saturday morning Torah study alone there were at least 10 teachers, and lunch on Saturday offered over 10 choices for topic and teacher. It was wonderful and mind-boggling at the same time! The exhibition hall hosted 8 aisles of vendors of travel, synagogue furnishings, Judaica, jewelry, *tallitot* and *kippot*, accountants, music, alternative education formats, books, and music. It also included a musical stage, which was always showcasing an artist. With the help of the official Biennial app, we could keep track of our favorite sessions, plan our schedules, and

keep in touch with others.

I had a chance to see, face to face, URJ facilitators I have been working with only via online sessions. With my husband Rod and my son Ari, who arrived on Friday, I enjoyed Shabbat dinner with the rest of the BHSS contingent (with our special guests imported from Cape Cod, my father and his friend.) There is nothing like sharing dinner with over 5,000 of your (new) closest friends, then praying and singing with them in the largest Shabbat service ever. If you stopped to listen, it was truly magical.

One of the sessions I attended was about transition and change. It taught me a lot about how people perceive and process change. While our brains understand that change can be very, very good (I am so very excited for the opportunity to plan and dream, together with our new settled rabbi, Ilana Schwartzman and Cantor Perper), our feelings are important too, and they can be conflicted. How can we know what the future will hold? How will it feel? Will this change really be good? There is no logic and no right answer.

I learned so much at this Biennial, but the biggest thing I brought home to BHSS is that our task is to do what we have always done as leaders and as a community. That is: to move forward, together. In the coming months, with each other's

help, I hope we can all come to see how many more opportunities – for caring, learning, praying, singing, and just being together - this next chapter in our story will bring.

Rebecca Bernstein McVeigh, Educator

Some of us got to spend a little time with our new settled rabbi, Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman, and her husband Art!



The Lifelong Learning and Music Committees Present:
Dr. Gilad Cohen, Scholar-in-Residence
February 9 - 11, 2018

Join us for a weekend of music and learning with Dr. Gilad Cohen. We will hold a series of events Friday, Saturday and Sunday that will offer a full range of musical experiences. Dr. Cohen's expertise ranges from Israeli, classical to classic rock music and everything in between. He will collaborate with Cantor Perper and Rabbi Diamond to teach us, move us and to open our minds to new experiences with Jewish music.

Friday, February 9 - 7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services - Dr. Cohen will explore a text from liturgy, singing different musical settings of the text. He will lead a discussion on how those settings make us feel and think. Is the text joyous, introspective, or spiritual? Come listen and learn.

Saturday, February 10 - 7:00 p.m. The evening begins with Havdalah and continues with a wonderful multi-media presentation of *Israeli Songs - Then and Today*. The presentation features recorded music as well as live performances by Dr. Cohen and Cantor Perper. Keeping with the theme of the evening, Israeli food and drink will be served.

Sunday, February 11 - 10:15 a.m. – Dr. Cohen will join Cantor Perper and Rabbi Diamond for an interactive T'filah including a session about music and liturgy and how these important elements inform our lives.



Gilad Cohen is an active composer, performer and theorist in various genres including concert music, rock and music for theatre. Recent and upcoming engagements include commissions from Barlow Endowment for the Arts, Concert Artists Guild, Parlance Chamber Concerts and Park Avenue Synagogue; performances by Lysander Piano Trio, Israeli Chamber Project, Tre Voci (Kim Kashkashian, Marina Piccinini and Sivan Magen), violist Paul Neubauer, and principal players of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and the Budapest Festival Orchestra; and releases on Albany Records, Naxos/Delos and Parma Recordings. Notable awards include the 2016 Barlow Prize, the Israeli Prime Minister Award for Composers, and top prizes in international competitions in the US, Europe, Asia and the Middle-East. Gilad performs regularly with various ensembles around the US, playing piano, bass and guitar. An Assistant Professor of Music at Ramapo College of New Jersey, Gilad holds a Ph.D. in composition from Princeton University. His research about structure in the music of Pink Floyd has resulted in publications on academic journals, lectures in the US and Israel, and the first-ever academic conference devoted to the band that Gilad produced in 2014 at Princeton University together with composer Dave Molk.
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**Israeli
Songs**
THEN AND TODAY

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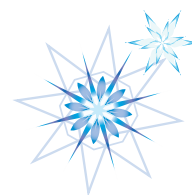


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Ryan Wolfe

Candlelighting times:

January 5 – 4:25 pm Sh'mot
 January 12 – 4:32 pm Va-eira
 January 19 – 4:40 pm Bo
 January 26 – 4:48 pm B'shallach

February 2 – 4:57 pm Yitro
 February 9 – 5:06 pm Mishpatim
 February 16 – 5:14 pm T'rumah
 February 23 – 5:22 pm Tetzaveh



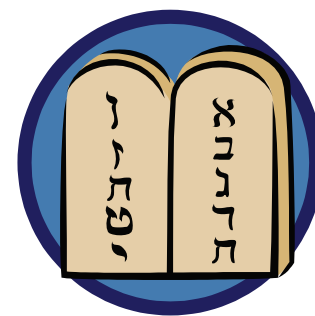
January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	No School Office Closed	No School 7:30 pm Ritual Comm.	7:30 pm Seeking Everyday Holiness 8 pm Adult Choir		6:00 pm Family Service	Sh'mot 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Zoe Lynn
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 am FS & 6 11:30 am Gp Class 1 pm Menschmakers & JYG Tubing	4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah 7 pm Sis'hood offsite	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Exec Mtg 7:30 pm MMG Mtg	8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot BHSS Retreat	Va-eira 8:15 am Torah Study BHSS Retreat
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 am FS & 6 11:30 am Group Class	4 pm School K-3 4 pm PreK 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm School 4/5 6 pm Sis'hood Israeli Dancing 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Music Comm.	8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Shabbat Shirah	B'Shallach 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Ryan Wolfe
28	29	30	31			
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February Calendar

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9 am FS & 6 10:15 am Scholar in Residence 11:30 am Gp Class 12 pm BHSSTY w/MMG Cookies for Soldiers 3 pm Sis'hood Wineglass Painting	4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah 7 pm Sis'hood offsite	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Exec Mtg 7:30 pm MMG Mtg	7:30 pm Seeking Everyday Holiness 8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot	Trumah 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Drew Weiss
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...will be called to the Torah...



Zoe Lynn – January 6, 2018

Lives in Chestnut Ridge, New York. Mother, Suzanne, Father, Jonathan, Sister, Emily, 20 is a 7th grader at Green Meadow Waldorf School Her interests include horseback riding, basketball, reading, art, hair styling, and fashion. "I want to be cantering a horse, bareback, down a beach at sunrise! I am very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and celebrate with family and friends. For my community service project I volunteered at Children of Promise Stable, in Nanuet, New York, where I work with disabled children helping them to ride horses. The thing I love most about working at Children of Promise Stable is seeing how much joy the kids get out of their time with the horses."



Ashley Crystal – February 10, 2018

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Phyllis, Father, Keith, Brother, Spencer, 18, Sister, Nicole, 16 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include soccer, basketball, and spending time with my friends, family, and dog. "I would like to be a veterinarian. I am excited to share my Bat Mitzvah with my family and friends. I will be raising awareness and promoting information about the need for organ donor registration. Please become an organ donor and help save lives!"



Olivia Eisberg – January 20, 2018

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Denise, Father, Joseph, Brothers, Daniel, 19 and Sam, 17, Sister, Serena, 17 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include cross country, tennis, tumbling, baking, and spending time with family and friends. "I want to become a teacher. I am excited and nervous for my special day. I have worked hard to get to this point. My community service project is making bags for cancer patients."



Ryan Wolfe – January 27, 2018

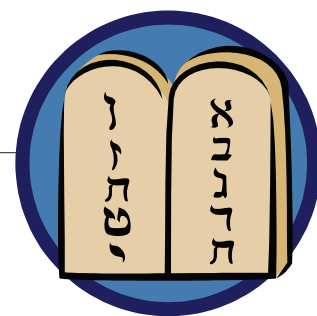
Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Julie, Father, George, Sister, Sydney, 9 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include watching sports and playing hockey and soccer. "All the work I put into my study of Hebrew has finally paid off. For my community service I collected used sports equipment and donated it to local organizations."



Jack Swerdloff – February 10, 2018

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Jessica, Father, David, Brothers, Eli, 10 and Miles, 7 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include playing soccer and basketball, and going to camp. "I would like to have my own business one day. I feel honored to become a Bar Mitzvah. I will be helping a Holocaust survivor create a slide presentation for his many speaking engagements where he tells his story to school and community groups."

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



Drew Weiss – February 17, 2018

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Gayle, Father, Steve, Sister, Tai, 14 is a 7th grader at Academy 360 His interests include hockey, karate, gymnastics, and swimming. "When I grow up I want to go into Computer Science because I love technology. I am excited to become a Bar Mitzvah and celebrate with my family. I donated cans of food to Toni's Kitchen in Montclair and pet supplies to a local animal shelter. I also plan on donating my tzedakah money to "Bianca's Furry Friends" at the North Shore Animal League."



Zachary Selfon – February 24, 2018

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Laurie, Father, Marc, Sister, Ella, 10 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include baseball, basketball, and snowboarding. "In the future, I would like to have a career that works with numbers and requires math skills. I am looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah and becoming an adult in the Jewish community. I am also happy to carry on my family tradition of becoming a Bar Mitzvah. For my community service project I will continue to work with the Mahwah All-Stars program which I have volunteered for over the last few years, and plan to continue in the future. I am looking forward to becoming more involved in this program."

Good & Welfare **from & for the congregation**

Condolences

to **Mitchell Miller** on the death of his father, Louis Miller
to **Marilyn Bernstein** on the death of her father, Gerald David
to **Ellen Pall** on the death of her brother, Joseph Smolinsky
to **Stacey Swirnow** on the death of her mother, Barbara Swirnow

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

Larry Israel
Charles Romano
Beth Wiesner

Mazal Tov

to **Michelle and Nathan Rosenberg** on the birth of their granddaughter, Lane Rose
to **Debbie Royal** on the birth of her grandson, Jordan Samuel

Welcome New Members

Michelle & Ilya Finkelshteyn and family, Upper Saddle River
Dana & Peter Hopper and family, Ridgewood, NJ
Debra & Andrew Ross and family, River Vale, NJ

Thank you!

to **Melissa Cooper, Carrie Fleischmann, Nancy Levene & Ritch Yanowitz** for providing the congregation with a delicious tasting of your amazing Latkes!
to **ShopRite of Ramsey** for donating latkes for the religious school's Chanukah celebrations



February Birthdays

Lucien Adler

Ella Arum

Samuel Cooper

Ava Epstein

Emily Fox

Matthew Glim

Jonathan Grossman

Ryan Grossman

Tyler Grossman

Benjamin Hoffman

Ryan Hoffman

Sloane Irizarry

Dara Kotz

Sean Levinson

Jesse Luftman

Jaye Evelyn Mendel

Noah Rostolder

Felix Schindler

Zachary Selfon

Jack Swerdloff

Noah Wachtel

Natalie Wolfeiler

Music Committee

Hello everyone!

The Music Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year! We are planning some interesting programming for 2018. Come join us...

First up is our not to be missed **Movie Night**. Mark your calendar for **January 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** for Havdalah, movie and snacks in the Ulam. We will be featuring ***Keeping the Faith*** with Ben Stiller, Edward Norton and Jenna Elfman.

You know, the one about the rabbi, the priest and the girl. It's rated PG-13. **It's free** so bring friends!! All we ask is that you bring a donation for the Center for Food Action. After the holidays are done is when they need us most!

While you have your calendars out, please save the date for the weekend of **February 9 - 11, 2018**. In a joint effort with the Lifelong Learning Committee, we will be inviting local Israeli musical artist **Gilad Cohen** to

our synagogue. Several events are planned for throughout the weekend that you won't want to miss!



The Committee's monthly meetings take place at the synagogue every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. We have a chair reserved just for you. If you want to know what we are about or 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!

Musically yours,
Nora Berger

ETERNAL LIGHTS DINNER 2017

The light keeps burning over the ark in the Jewish synagogue. It is the *Ner Tamid*, our Eternal Light which burns perpetually over the ark of our sacred Torah. The *Ner Tamid* is a symbolic reminder of the light that burns continuously in the western section of the ancient temple of Jerusalem. This year our Eternal Lights and the 18 years of Eternal Lights before, is a reminder of the everlasting and continuous group of people, who come together bonding relationships in support of our Jewish community. Each and every one who attends and or supports our Eternal Lights, have it in their hearts, to share what they have, with our House of Friends.

The \$400,000 that has been raised from our Eternal Lights has gone towards programming as well as ensuring all individuals and families who want to be a part of our synagogue are able to do so.

Thank you to all who support Eternal Lights.

Thank you for bringing laughter, song and fun to this year's event. And thank you for being leaders of our sacred community.

It is because of people like you that our *Ner Tamid* will continue to light the paths to our Jewish community today and hopefully for generations to come.

Your Eternal Lights Chairperson and Friend,
Deborah Klein

MAXINE & HOWARD ABNER	NANCY & AL LEVENE
SANDY & BILL ARLINGTON	ARLENE & RICH MANDEL
ALISON & NORMAN AXELROD	REBECCA & ROD McVEIGH
ELYSE VICTOR & JOE BERMAN	PHIL MOSS
CINDY & GARY BUCHALTER	ROBBY & EDDIE SAIFF
ROBIN & BARRY CASSELL	LESLIE SAPIENZA
TERRI & JESSE COFFEL	LINDA & DAVID SCHWARTZ
JEN & MATT COLE	JANE SIMON
RENEE & GARY GARBUS	ILYSE & FLOYD SMITH
SUE-ELLEN JOHNSON	SHERYL THAILER
CANDY & MICHAEL KASSOVER	RUTH & STU TURNER
SANDA & ALAN KESSLER	MARCI & HARVEY WEINBERG
ETHEL ROSEN	VIDA MYLSON
& STU KIRSHNER	& ERIC WEINER
DEBORAH & JEFF KLEIN	GAIL & RANAN WICHLER
LISA LAMSTER	LORI & RITCH YANOWITZ



Ritual Committee

The Reform Judaism movement is alive and relevant according to Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ).

I am grateful that I had the opportunity to attend the 74th URJ Biennial in Boston, Massachusetts in December along with 19 members of BHSS and nearly 6,000 Reform Jews from the United States, Canada and a few other countries. We came together to worship, learn, sing, build community, and shape the future of the Reform Movement. It was an amazing and memorable experience.

There were learning sessions for lay leaders and professionals, inspiring worship and torah study and an incredible line up of musicians and groups. (My new favorite band is Nefesh Mountain, bluegrass with Jewish spirit and soul.)

We were inspired by speakers such as Reverend Dr. William Barber II, Senator Elizabeth Warren and Rabbi Rick Jacobs. Reverend Barber, URJ Social Justice Partner, introduced The National Call for Moral Revival. Senator Warren talked about swimming hard against the tide. Rabbi Jacobs talked about water, its power and its vitality. Rabbi Jacobs said "Water is life because it is alive (...) so is our moment." On Saturday

Rabbi Jacobs' D'var Torah offered his vision for the future of Reform Judaism here in the United States and Israel. Rabbi Jacobs urged us to stop using the label "diaspora" in describing ourselves and suggested using the term "World Jewry" instead.

To enjoy the highlights from URJ 2017 Biennial on the Web, visit URJ.org. Also, see the Ritual tab on the BHSS website for links to Rabbi Jacob's Address to the URJ Biennial and his D'var Torah. Perhaps you will be inspired to join members of BHSS at the 75th URJ Biennial in Chicago on December 11-15, 2019. Perhaps you will be inspired to help our synagogue grow even stronger by dipping your feet in the water.

We do not have to wait until 2019 to see each other! Join us for a Shabbat service. Join us for the **Purim Spiel** on **Wednesday, February 28 at 7 p.m.** Join us for our Shabbat family service experiment. Starting in February, Family Service will start at 6:30 p.m. Stay tuned for further announcements.

L'dor Vador
Judy Teich

From the Sifriyah

As many of you know, the library has embarked on a new project this year: Exploring the stories of Jews from Faraway Places. The journey, so far, has been exciting and highly educational. Our first stop, in our first program, will be Yemen where, as you know from our earlier publicity, we will host several Yemenite Jews, hear their stories, learn a lot, and even taste typical Yemenite food. As a stimulus and precursor to attending this program, we would love to share some important facts and some history about the Jews of Yemen:

- Muslims in Yemen believed that jewelry made by Jews had healing or other magical powers;
- Yemenite Jews made their own ritual objects, doing everything from mining materials to carving the finished product;
- Yemenite Jews designed their homes to give an impression

of poverty, partly because of Yemenite law and partly not to make neighbors jealous of their riches;

- Women wore modest clothing, mirroring their Muslim neighbors;
- In 1948, the Jewish population in Yemen was 50,000;
- In 1949, Operation Magic Carpet brought 45,000 Jews to Israel;
- Today the Jewish population in Yemen is very small, numbering less than 60.

Very soon, the library will announce a date for our program, exploring Jews in Faraway Places, the Jews of Yemen. Since this is a program not to be missed, please watch for details and then mark the date in your calendars.

Sisterhood News

Happy New Year! January, we're told, is that time when we traditionally look backwards, as well as forward. As we write this, the snow hasn't really started to fly, but the dark and cold tell us we're in winter, for sure. Here at Sisterhood, we're also at the "halfway" point, and enjoying the chance to look at where we've been, and where we're going!

We are so excited that 80—count 'em!—incredible, dedicated and fun women have joined Sisterhood. Their *ruach* (spirit) has gotten our year off to a terrific start, and enabled us to continue our sacred work of supporting the BHSS community. Thanks to all of our members, we make sure that each of our B'nai Mitzvah students has a prayer book and shiny new Kiddush cup. Our annual support of Rabbi's Campership fund makes summers at Eisner and Crane Lake possible for many of our community's kids.

More than 50 members and friends, as well as our own Settled-Rabbi-To-Be Ilana Schwartzman turned out for our November 19 Silk Scarf making event. The beautiful results have been seen all over social media, as well as at Shabbat services. Some of you may even find a new treasure waiting for you at Chanukah (not to spoil the surprise)!

Did you know that each of Sisterhood's events includes a social action component? This year, we have donated household cleaning supplies to the Oasis Women's Shelter, and personal toiletries and baby supplies to the Rockland Center for Safety and Change.

So Sisterhood can indeed look back on the end of 2017 with pride, and turn with eager anticipation to the first half of 2018:

On January 23 at 7:30 p.m., our own Rod McVeigh will teach us Israeli Dance. There's no cost to attend this friendly night, and no better way to keep that New Year's Resolution going! RSVP to Linda Vogel at lsv0407@aol.com

And just when you're ready for a break from those New Year's resolutions and have some wine, (we're *always* ready for wine!), on February 11 at 1:00 p.m., we'll be joined by Wendy Sommers of Arty Party, who's going to help us paint wine glasses. If you attended our hamsa-making or butterfly-painting events, you already know how easy Wendy makes it to create something beautiful, and uniquely your own. \$36 for members, and \$40 for non-members gets you two wine glasses, custom-decorated by YOU! This event will sell out, so your check is your RSVP. Contact Lisa Estrin at lbestrin@aol.com.

Need a place to use those new glasses? Join us at our wonderful Miriam Seder on Thursday, March 15. If you've never been to the Miriam Seder, please join us for an evening of celebrating our matriarchs, our *herstory*, and ourselves! Bring your mothers, your daughters and your friends. Watch the emails for details.

Finally, Save the Date for BHSS's first Pocketbook Bingo, on Sunday, April 29. We're bringing this event to BHSS to serve both as a fundraiser and an opportunity to come together as a community of women, for fun and games. We hope to use the funds we raise to continue to support the causes important to all of the members of the BHSS community.

We're looking for game sponsors, to help defray the cost of the designer handbags which will be prizes. If you'd like to help, please contact Jane Simon at peppersault@gmail.com

Sisterhood is proud of the year we've had, and eager for the year to come. We wish you all the joys of a new start, and the chance for a better, brighter year to come.

See you soon!

Leslie and Sheryl

Sustaining Members 2017

A special thanks to those
families who continue to
support Beth Haverim Shir
Shalom by participating in
one of the following levels
of sustaining membership:

B'racha is a blessing

Simcha is a joy

Tzedek means righteousness

B'racha

SYDELLE & DAVID AARONS
SARAH & DAVID ADELSON
ELYSE VICTOR BERMAN & JOE BERMAN
ALLSION & JOSH BERWITZ
SHELLEY & GARY BETTMAN
STACY & MICHAEL DAVIS
ALEXIA & ELLIOT FELDMAN
MARILYN ISRAEL
SHERYL & JOEL IVES
MERYL & LEN KAPLAN
CANDY & MIKE KASSOVER
MONA & JEFF LEFKOWITZ
CLAIRE & PAUL LIPSON
ROBBY & EDDIE SAIFF
LESLIE SAPIENZA
BARBARA LACHER & ANTON VLAHOVIC
GAIL & RANAN WICHLER
BEVERLY & HARLAN YORK

Simcha

LAURIE & MARC DANIEL
SUE-ELLEN JOHNSON
DEBORAH & JEFFERY KLEIN
ANONYMOUS
ANONYMOUS
FRAN & JEFF ROWBOTTON

Tzedek

SANDY & BILL ARLINGTON
ALISON & NORMAN AXELROD
SHEILA & LARRY GROSKIN
ARLENE & RICH MANDEL
PHIL MOSS
SHERI SLAVIN & ANDREW SCHECHTER
RUTH & STU TURNER
MARCI & HARVEY WEINBERG

save the dates

Purim Shpiel -

Purim "Rap"sody aka Chamilton-style!
Wednesday night, February 28

Purim Mini Shpiel and Carnival -

Sunday, March 4

Passover -

Community Second Seder - Saturday night, March 31

Contributions

Rabbi's Discretionary fund

with thanks for a beautiful holiday service

- Carole Goodman

in honor of our children

- Ariela & Fred Wichler

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

with thanks for his encouragement

- Lynne Fields

to Jane & Eric Koch, in honor of their daughter Elyssa's marriage to Luis Toribio

- Lynn & Michael Zall

with thanks & appreciation

- Amy & Steve Littman

with thanks for a beautiful holiday service

- Carole Goodman

Educator's Discretionary Fund

to Ros Jacobs, in memory of your husband Charles

- Irma & Joel Becker

with thanks and appreciation, in honor of Tai's Bat Mitzvah

- the Weiss family

Life Fund

in memory of Eric Fields and Leah Rucker

- Lynne Fields

in memory of Claire Novak, Norman Novak and Kurt Daniel

- the Daniel family

to Stacey Swirnow, in memory of her mother

Barbara Swirnow - Brittany Silverman & Aaron Punim

in memory of Norman Arkawy

- Shana Brown

to Sheila and Larry Groskin - Mazal Tov on 50 years, here's to the next 50!!

- Ruth & Stu Turner

in memory of Jerome Weinberg

- Marci & Harvey Weinberg

in memory of Erna Tuteur and Moritz Schott

- Sheri & Allan Schott

in memory of Morris Goodman

- Carole Goodman

in honor of Eric Goodman becoming a Bar Mitzvah

- Carole Goodman

to Marilyn Moser, well wishes for a speedy recovery

- Marci & Harvey Weinberg

to Bill Pearlman, well wishes for a speedy recovery

- Laurie & Marc Daniel

in honor of our new grandson, Max

- Renee & Gary Garbus

Michelle Mitzvah Fund

to Ilyse Smith and family

- Gail & Ranan Wichler

Tree of Life

in honor of Madeline Leibman's Bat Mitzvah

11/18/17

in honor of Rachel & Melanie Gilbert's B'not Mitzvah

6/30/18

Center for Food Action

Donated by their families in honor of the following simchas

Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Levine

Bar Mitzvah of Michael Savino

Bar Mitzvah of Billy Silver

Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Morgan

Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Wunder

Bat Mitzvah of Madeline Leibman

Bar Mitzvah of Warren Schindler

Contributions

Ramapo-Bergen Animal Shelter

Donated by their families in honor of the following simchas

Bat Mitzvah of Ashley Crystal
Bar Mitzvah of Jesse Sobel
Bat Mitzvah of Chase Kelman

Jewish Family Services of Rockland

Donated by their families in honor of the following simcha

Bar Mitzvah of Billy Silver

Lifelong Learning Trip to

Beth Sholom Synagogue

Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

8231 Old York Road Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

Sunday, April 29,

11:00 a.m. – Leave BHSS*

1:00 p.m.- tour begins

Cost: \$10.00 entrance fee. Please RSVP to reserve your space.

Beth Sholom is a vibrant, egalitarian, diverse Conservative congregation founded in 1918. They combine a love of Jewish tradition with innovative approaches to experiencing the richness of Jewish life.

Beth Sholom Synagogue, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2007. The congregation has been its caretaker since it was completed in 1959.

The Beth Sholom Synagogue Preservation Foundation was created to preserve the Beth Sholom Synagogue, a National Historic Landmark. Beth Sholom is the only synagogue designed by the great American architect Frank Lloyd Wright, and was recognized shortly after his death by the American Institute of Architects and the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of his seventeen most important projects. The Foundation's mission is to preserve the Wright-designed building, furniture, and landscape setting to the highest standards possible and to tell the story of this great American synagogue to a wide variety of audiences.

Our tour will feature a 20-minute film, followed by a 1-hour tour.

After our visit, please enjoy the Design Store. The Design Store offers books and merchandise related to Frank Lloyd Wright's work and life. It also features unique collectibles and souvenirs specially created for The Design Store

- * We will meet to form carpools to Elkins Park. It's approximately a 2 hour highway drive from Mahwah to Elkins Park (about 10 miles north of Philadelphia)

Youth Programming



In the month of November, the Menschmakers, Junior Youth Group, and Senior Youth Group had a combined event for Mitzvah Day. We cannot thank all of you for your generous donations as you helped mothers have more clothing to dress their children in for the coming months. We would also like to thank Michelle Mitzvah for sharing this event with the Youth Group and are looking forward

to our next community service event in February, making cookies and writing letters for our troops.



Brittany Silverman,
Director of Informal
Youth Programming

The **Menschmakers** and **Junior Youth Group** also had a No Cook Cooking event in the month of November, making cheesecake Oreo bites, dirt worm cups, chocolate chip no bake cookie cake, and Rice Krispies Treats. It certainly was something sweet without the heat!

Please join us for Tubing at Campgaw on January 7!



The **Senior Youth Group's** Spaghetti Dinner would not have been possible without BHSS's own Roberto, and our Youth Group is beyond thankful for all of your help, catering to feed 50 people. With the Senior Youth Group Board's help and the members of our community who attended, including the wonderful Tot Shabbat families, we were able to raise over \$300, which was donated to Oasis: A Haven for Women & Children.



The **Senior Youth Group** has also been working hard and organized a bake sale early in December and collecting sweatshirts for our upcoming Midnight Run event in Manhattan on December 9. This is an event that was very successful, and we hope you can join with us in helping during the holiday season when we do it again next year.



Please join us on **February 11 for Cookie Baking and Letter Making for our troops.**

Brotherhood 2.0

Occupy the most amount of space you need, but by no means occupy less than the space you deserve. You may have heard this sentiment before ... but what does it mean? The book *Everyday Holiness*, by Alan Morinis, defines this concept as humility – which does have a different meaning for different people.

Brotherhood is never static. Brotherhood has always fulfilled a need within the synagogue community, but what changes over time is what that need actually is. What does remain constant, however, is that Brotherhood is part of our community – occupying the most amount of space needed without occupying less than we deserve.

Brotherhood is, was and always will be a place where all men can get together, have fun and hang with friends...all while supporting each other. Together, we build the sukkah, attend shivas, cook for the youth group for Purim, and for various other events throughout the year. We collect seasonal clothing for drives, we help feed at the Soup kitchen, and so much more...

Come and check us out. Get on our mailing list. Look for activities that are upcoming ... and if you aren't sure, just ask one of us. Send us an email at president@bhssbrotherhood.org. Just come to one thing –

one dinner, one "Raps," help us cook, or just lend a hand. You'll be happy you did ... and you'll walk away with a few new friends.

We are Brotherhood – changing the world, one mitzvah at a time ... and just having fun doing it.

By the Legion of Past Presidents

- Allan Schott
- Erb Cooper
- Ian Coyne
- Jonathan Theodore

January 12-14, 2018 – BHSS Retreat

January 18 – 7:30 PM Mahwah Bar and Grill, Mahwah

January 28 – 10:00 AM Brotherhood Raps, Panera, Ramsey, NJ

February 8, – 7:30 PM Growler and Gill, Nanuet, NY

February 25 – 10:00 AM, Brotherhood Raps, Panera, Ramsey, NJ



Shabbat Shirah
Sabbath in Song

Friday, January 26, 7:30 pm

Join Cantor Perper and our awesome all volunteer adult choir
for a service of beautiful singing and spirit!
Do you love your cantor? Yes??

Join us! :)

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR BLESSING  זכרונם לברכה

January Yahrzeits

ELLEN ABRAMS	REGINA GUNTHER	MURRAY MILLER	JAN SIMON
MARK ABRAMSON	NATHAN HIEGER	HAROLD MILLMAN	MILTON SITOMER
HERMAN ACKERMAN	JACOB ISRAEL	NANCY MORGAN	MARILYN SOLOMON
LENA BENDALIN	ROSE JACOBSON	MILTON NACHINSON	EDWARD SPENCER
ESTHER BERNSTEIN	PHOEBE JAFFE	MARIANNE PERTEN	TODD SPENCER
DAVID BLEIBERG	RONALD JOHNSON	PAUL PLOTT	EVA STEDMAN
CLAIRE BENDER	PAULA KAPLAN	BENJAMIN RABIN	JUDITH STEINMAN
RONALD BRENNER	GERALD KLEIN	LEO ROSENGARTEN	LOUIS STERNBERG
VINCENT BRUNHARD	SARAH KNOX	DAVID SALTZMAN	JACOB SUPERFIN
FREDEL COHEN	LIBBY KOVAR	SELMA SCHECHTER	SAMUEL SURKES
MARGARITA COYNE	SYLVIA LACHER	RONA SCHICK	SUMNER VICTOR
RUTH DOBLIN	DR. THEODORE LEIBMAN	BERNIE SCHWARTZ	EDDIE WACHTEL
WILLIAM EISENSTEIN	DAVID LEVY	BEVERLY SCHWARTZ	JACOB WEINBERG
THEODORE EPSTEIN	THELMA LITMAN	DAVID SCHWARTZ	LILLIAN WEINER
ROBERT ESTRIN	SOPHIE LIVINGSTON	MORRIS SCHWARTZ	HERMAN WEISSMAN
LINDA FEUCHTBAUM	HANNIS LOWENBACH	ROSE SCHWARTZ	RUTH WHITMAN
LAWRENCE FLON	SYLVIA MANDEL	RUTH FRIEDMAN SEAGER	NATHAN WIDMAN
GRETE FRIEDMAN	VALI MANZON	SAM SEGAL	KARL WILDMAN
BERDIE GELFENBEIN	CELIA MEYERS	SYDNEY L. SEILER	BOB WITT
IRVING GLUCOFT	JAY MEYERS	BEA SHERMAN	JEREMY ZALL
ELY GORDON			

Tot Shabbat

Join us 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, January 19 and February 9 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.
RSVP to the office 201-512-1983

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February Yahrzeits

SHELBY ALTER	ARTHUR GUNTHER	NOAH MANDEL	LOUIS SCHULMAN
ROBERT ANESETTI, SR.	ELSIE GURIAN	GEORGE MENDELSON	TESS SEGAL
HERMAN ASHKANAZY	ANNA HEFFLER	GLORIA MENDELSON	ANN SEIDNER
NORMA ATLAS	MAX HEFFLER	NORMAN MOSKOWITZ	FRED SHAFFER
IRENE BERNSTEIN	IRA HIEGER	DOROTHY NACHINSON	ARTHUR SHERRY
SAMUEL BORNSTEIN	ELIOT HYMAN	IRWIN ORSHALICK	IRVING SILVER
MAUREEN BOYLE	ROY ISRAEL	GEORGE S. PARIS	MARGO SIMMONS
FLORENCE BRESSLER	PAUL JEANETTE	JARDENA PAVLOVEC	JULIUS SLAVIN
ALICE BRICKMAN	NORMAN KAHN	ARNOLD PELLER	BETTY SPIVACK
MYRON BUCHALTER	JANICE KAPLAN	LOUIS PIPER	SHEILA STARK
HOWARD COLE	HELEN KASSOVER	HERB PORTNOY	SUSAN STERN
BETTY COYNE	GLORIA KIRSHNER	ANNA PREMSLAAR	NICK SUSA
MONTY DWECK	MILDRED LANDAU	TOBY PUTTERMAN	ANDREA GREEN SWAN
LARRY FELDMAN	SEYMOUR LANDAU	MERRIE RABIN	EDWARD TAPP
HERMAN FIELDS	LEE LANDIS	LEAH REINSTEIN	MARIA TITCOMB
ALTER GEBROWITZ	JACK LAZAR	BETTY RESNICK	SALLY VICTOR
LEA GLITMAN-ALKALAI	RICHARD LEAVITT	MELVYN ROMOFF	WALTER WALLISON
ALVIN GOLDBERG	JULIETTE LESSEN	BERNARD ROSENBERG	JEFFREY WEIN
MITCH GOLDMAN	BILLYE LEVINE	MOLLIE ROSENZWEIG	RHODA WEIN
WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN	RUTH LEVINE	JACK ROTH	LAURIE WEINBERG
BARBRA GOLUB	THELMA LEVITT	SAMUEL ROTH	JACOB WIDMAN
HENRY GREENBERG	MIRIAM LICHTENFELD	JOEL SANKEL	BETTY WILDMAN
STEWART GROSSMAN	PINCHAS LIPSON	HARRY SAULT	HARRY ZALL
REUBEN GRUBER	JEANE LISK	ROBERT SCHEININ	LEONARD ZINN
	MARTHA MAIER	DIANE SCHORR	

Our beautiful new space, The *Ulam*, is available for your next event!!

Are you having a meeting? A small intimate gathering? Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation or Extended Kiddush?
Please call the office for more information on renting out this space.



Michelle Mitzvah Group

Shalom,

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season. We are now into January and New Year's resolutions and I always wonder if it is the same resolutions we make for Rosh Hashanah. One resolution people make is to "get involved" by helping their community. If that is your New Year's resolution, please look no further than the Michelle Mitzvah Group. We are always looking for volunteers and, just like the circus, we accept "ladies and gentlemen and children of all ages."

The Center for Food Action is always in need of donations. That is why there are collection bins at each entrance to the synagogue. Over the past year, Beth Haverim Shir Shalom donated over 10,000 pounds of food - that is 5 tons of food! Below is a list of the most needed items:

- Supermarket Gift Cards (Supermarket gift cards allow us to purchase the food items that are not donated. Please give to donation official)
- Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Canned Hearty Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Tomato Sauce
- Cold Cereal (low sugar) and Oatmeal
- Powdered Milk and/or Boxed Milk, such as Parmalat
- Canned Fruit
- Instant Potatoes
- 100% Juice
- Baby Formula and Diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Dental Floss

Or follow this link to see the official list: <https://cfanj.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Most-Needed-Items.pdf>

I would like to say a hearty "Thank You" to everyone who donated to our "Move for Success" clothing drive on Mitzvah Day. When we donated the clothes, the staff at the Bergen Community College Closet were overwhelmed by the generosity; one person commented, "I think we need another closet." Through your donations, college students will now be "dressed for success" as they walk into job interviews.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce a joint event with the Youth Group to help support our troops. On Sunday, February 11, starting at noon, the Michelle Mitzvah Group and the Youth Group will be baking cookies to send to our troops overseas.

The Michelle Mitzvah Group meets the second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Steven Simon at steveoum@verizon.net or call/text me at 201-788-6755.

B'Shalom
Steven Simon
Michelle Mitzvah Group Chair

BHSS Community Garden's Adopt-a-Bed for 2018

How about "owning" a piece of the BHSS Community Garden for the season? Want to try growing vegetables? Want an easy but fulfilling community service project? Want something to do with your loved ones (family or friends) outside while performing *tikkun olam*, repairing the world? Want to learn from other gardeners?

There are many benefits to Adopting-a-Bed. The BHSS Community Garden is deer and groundhog protected; you can grow what ever you want in safety. There is a watering system in place. It is only one or two beds to care for. It is a great place to teach children about the cycle of food: planting, growing, harvesting, preparing, and finally enjoying it! Gardeners are great company, make new friends, learn and share tips, and do go for your community.

The produce is yours, but we ask that about 50% of your yield is "given back" in some way, donated to CFA, Soup Kitchen, used in food that is cooked for Caring Committee at BHSS, etc...

You will not be on your own! The Garden Committee will still be involved and we will help novices!

Interested? Please come to a meeting to talk about it on February 21 at 7:30 pm. If you can't make the meeting, email Marla at marlasm6@optonline.net

High Holiday Appeal

Maxine & Howard Abner	Dennis & Susan Gralla	Harris & Susan Reinstein
David & Sarah Adelson	Larry & Sheila Groskin	Jeff & Fran Rowbottom
Bill & Sandra Arlington	Martin & Merri Gurian	Leslie Sapienza
Sharon & Martin Arshansky	Irwin & Marilyn Haberman	Allan & Sheri Schott
Norman & Alison Axelrod	Barbara Heitman	Andrew & Janet Schlissel
Herb & Joyce Barrack	Marc & Julie Irizarry	David Schwartz
Joel & Irma Becker	Marilyn Israel	Lois Schwartz
Helen Benado	Joel & Sheryl Ives	Barry Seidner
Harold & Nora Berger	Robert & Sandi Jeanette	Marc & Laurie Selfon
Joseph & Elyse Victor Berman	Sue-Ellen Johnson	Marcelle Shacknai
Ira & Marilyn Bernstein	Michael & Candy Kassover	Randy & Michelle Sherry
Gary & Shelley Bettman	Richard & Linda Kaplan	Rick & Randy Shill
Robert & Linda Blau	Doug & Caren Kern	Andrew & Roni Silver
Jill Blum	Stuart Kirshner & Ethel Rosen	Chad & Paula Skier
Sharon Bobroff	Jeff & Deborah Klein	Janice Smith
Charles & Barbara Burghardt	Michelle Kossar	Harlan & Gail Smith
George and Karen Charne	Lisa Lamster	Betty Spellman
Michael & Dorothy Cohen	Peter & Kathy Liebmann	Daryl & Gail Spencer
Rick & Liz Cohen	Martin & Rhoda Lonow	Nathan Stern & Whitney Speer
Melvin & Jacqueline Cohn	Bruce & Phyllis Meller, in honor of the engagement of Gregg	Marilyn Taylor
Erb & Melissa Cooper	Meller & Bella Simon	Judith Teich
Matt & Jennifer Cole	Shane & Maddy Melzer	Jack & Nancy Teichman
Ian & Stacey Coyne	Bob & Pearl Meyers	Mel & Paula Tenenbaum
Marc & Laurie Daniel	Helen Milstein	Joel & Carol Thea
Hugh & Jane Dougan	Stanley & Marilyn Moser	Stuart & Ruth Turner
Eric & Lauren Einhorn	Phil Moss	Harvey & Marci Weinberg
Norma Emrick	Brian & Marla Muni, in honor of	Stephen & Joyce Weinberg
Joshua & Erica Fox	Cantor Perper	Gerry & Lynn Weston
Gary & Renee Garbus	Eric Weiner & Vida Mylson	Ranan & Gail Wichler
Kenneth & Lisa Glick	Joanne Oventhal	Beth Wiesner, Ana Swab & Ashley Ellis
Jeffrey & Susan Goldstein	Sandra Parks	Lori & Ritch Yanowitz
Carole Goodman	William & Jill Pearlman	Harlan & Beverly York
Martin Gordon & Leona Wayser, in honor of Rabbi Diamond & Cantor Perper who both made the holiday so special	Jay & Melissa Peller	Michael & Lynn Zall
	Charles Pesin	
	Steven & Iva Rea	

Rabbi Search Committee

The Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Rabbinic Search Committee is overjoyed to announce that our search for our next settled rabbi has successfully come to completion! After considering many qualified candidates for the position, our committee was unanimous in its recommendation of Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman to become our settled rabbi beginning July 1, 2018. This selection came with the full support of our staff and was approved by a special meeting of the congregation on December 4, 2017.

Rabbi Ilana comes with over 7 years of experience as a solo rabbi of Congregation Kol Ami in Salt Lake City, Utah where she has served since 2010. Prior to that, she served as assistant rabbi in Buffalo, New York. She received her undergraduate degree from University of Virginia and went on to study Hebrew at Ben Gurion University in Beer Sheva, Israel. She was ordained in 2007 from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rabbi Ilana is a third generation rabbi. Her grandfather Rabbi Sylvan Schwartzman (z”l) was at the forefront of Reform Jewish education and her father Rabbi Joel Schwartzman has served as an Air Force chaplain and a congregational rabbi.

Rabbi Ilana has lived in places far and wide, including Germany, Greece, Israel and many states within the U.S. She is now seeking to put down roots with her husband, Art Kieres and their 6 month-old daughter, Sabine.

Rabbi Ilana views the contemporary synagogue as a home for prayer, spirituality, social action, study, leadership and engagement and is devoted to these pursuits in her rabbinate. In addition to a love for Judaism and Jewish texts, she has a great love for people and their stories. Her joy lies in the interplay between intellectual Judaism and personal relationships. She also believes that music is a powerful vehicle through which we can connect to each other and God. Her impressive resume, coupled with her warm, approachable personality and generosity of spirit, make her a wonderful fit

for BHSS and we are confident her leadership will be a blessing to our community.

We very much look forward to partnering with her to write the next chapter of our congregation’s history and welcoming her family into our community.

In closing, we would like to thank everyone who was a part of our team as well as our incredible staff – for their time, efforts and dedication. It was truly an honor and privilege to engage in this sacred work with all of you on behalf of our community.

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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.

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Social Action Committee

There is a great deal of ACTION in SA these days!
The Poverty Group is busy organizing their first event,
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The Environmental Group is still exploring their potential
projects and the impact on our community (please define
community as globally as you choose). The next meeting is
January 17 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us as we decide on the
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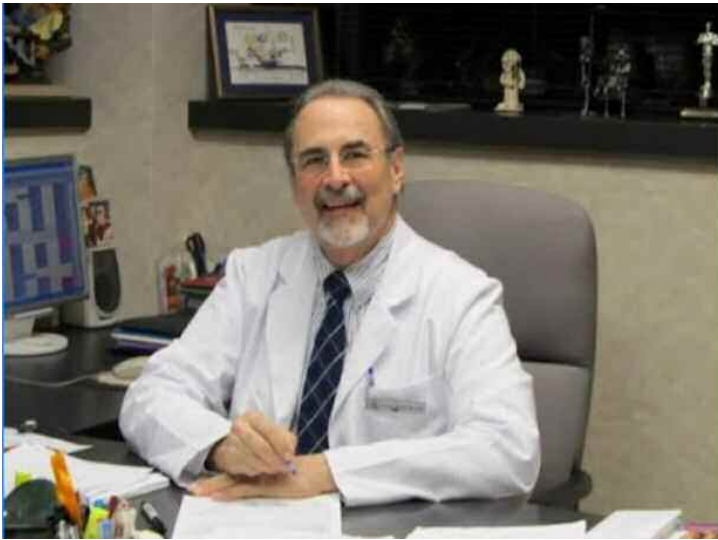
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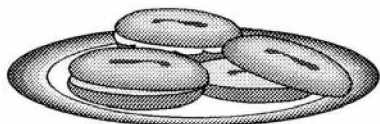


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Friday, Jan 12	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service
Saturday, Jan 13		No Shabbat Morning service
Friday, Jan 19	5:15 pm	Tot Shabbat
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Saturday, Jan 20	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Eisberg
Friday, Jan 26	7:30 pm	Shabbat Shirah service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Wolfe family
Saturday, Jan 27	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Wolfe
Friday, Feb 2	6:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Family service <i>Birthdays in February will be celebrated</i>
Saturday, Feb 3	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning service
Friday, Feb 9	5:15 pm	Tot Shabbat
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Saturday, Feb 10	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Ashley Crystal & Jack Swerdloff
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- *Tot Shabbat Fridays, January 19 & February 9, 5:15 pm*
- *'Keeping the Faith', Music Committee Movie Night Saturday, January 20, 7:00 pm*
- *Israeli Dancing, January 23, 7:30 pm*
- *Shabbat Shirah Service Friday, January 26, 7:30 pm*
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