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Torah Study
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 Welcome Rabbi Ilana at our BBQ & Service

*Be sure to check the temple
 emails for events to meet
 Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman
 over the summer!*

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



President's Message

Jen Cole

"Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts."

- Albert Einstein

"There's a place, halfway between now and tomorrow. It's the place where the road shifts, where time slows and choices open into every possibility, every future."

- Alden Solovy

As I write these words in mid-April, I am reminded of the counting and the accounting, both in our synagogue and secular lives, which gets done each year at this time: Income taxes, baseball stats, and the days until school is over and camp begins...and yes, this year we are still counting inches of snow!

As Jews, we recently began Counting the *Omer*. Translated literally, *omer* is "a sheaf" or measure of grain that in ancient times was offered to God as an expression of thanksgiving during the forty-nine day period between Passover and Shavuot, the interim between our liberation and the giving and receiving of Torah. While there is no longer a barley offering nor a Temple (at least not with a capital T), modern Jews continue to practice the counting as an exercise in mindfulness. It is a period of reflection and spiritual preparation during which we are meant to look forward and ready ourselves for what is to come. The *Omer* marks a major transition period for the people and for the earth. In Biblical times the Jews were becoming a new people - with a new identity. In many ways, we at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom are doing the same.

In 2016 when Rabbi Mosbacher announced that he had accepted a position with Temple Shaaray Tefilah in Manhattan, our congregation entered a period of unanticipated transition. We began the process by saying goodbye and expressing our immense gratitude for all he helped to create here in Mahwah. A Rabbinic Search Committee was assembled to find an interim rabbi, despite understandable grumblings from folks who were hesitant to attach to another rabbi whom they knew from the get-go was going to be with us only temporarily (it's okay, the ancient Jews were noted to *kvetch* too!).

Our team was overjoyed to find Rabbi Barry Diamond to serve our congregation for a one-year period, which was then

Counting and the Accounting

extended for a second year when we did not find the right match in our first year of the settled rabbinic search. Although his official title was Interim Rabbi, Rabbi Diamond's commitment was never less than complete. Any concerns that he was merely a "substitute" were immediately allayed when he hit the ground running (or more accurately galloping for those who can recall his enthusiastic first Shabbat service!). His time with us was relatively short, but his presence and contributions counted more than we could have imagined.

First and foremost, he served as our rabbi, officiating at lifecycle events, teaching, leading services, etc. He prompted us to evaluate our priorities, values, identity and vision, separate from any specific rabbi, and at times gently challenged our status quo. He helped us reinvigorate Tot Shabbat and our family service, introduced us to the gift of *Mussar*, and supported us as we broadened our social action efforts. In our congregational journey between *what was before* and *what is to come*, he tilled the soil and helped create a neutral environment in which a new rabbi could grow and thrive. Please join us on Friday, June 15 as we continue our transition by expressing our gratitude and bidding him a bittersweet farewell.

Having an interim rabbi provided us with ample time and space to conduct the kind of intense, thorough and thoughtful search that was needed to select our next spiritual leader. I will again express my deepest appreciation and admiration for those who served on the Rabbinic Search Committee. This team, along with our amazing clergy and staff, devoted countless hours reviewing resumes, interviewing and learning from the remarkable men and women who serve as rabbis within the Reform movement. I can honestly say that each and every one of the applicants had gifts to share and teachings that we will forever hold onto. Truth be told, many of them could have been successful in partnering with us to write our congregation's next chapter.

But one candidate stood out above the rest. We were not only able to "check all the boxes" for the qualities we were seeking based on the feedback from our congregational surveys and rabbinic roundtable discussions, but there was something special, something *immeasurable*, which led our diverse group to unanimously select Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman to be BHSS's next settled rabbi. Rabbi Ilana will join us in July. Please join us as we welcome her with open arms when she leads her first

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Modeh Ani - I Give Thanks to You

When I arrived at BHSS, the mood was a mixture of sadness at Rabbi Mosbacher's leaving and an anxious hope for the future. There was a strong culture of how the sacred work of a congregation is accomplished, including a distinct style of prayer that has been crafted through the hands of many lay and professional leaders. Everyone knew that this congregation would thrive; it always has, but it was difficult to conceive of the future BHSS without Rabbi Mosbacher at the helm. Almost two years later, the strong culture remains along with a beautiful and unique BHSS style of prayer that continues to evolve.

Carriers and Changers

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Shabbat service on Friday, July 6. On this evening we will also celebrate and offer our appreciation to the dedicated lay leaders who serve on the Board.

As another synagogue year draws to an end, I want to extend my gratitude to our incredible staff. Cantor Perper, Rebecca McVeigh, Iris Greenberg, and Lisa Barrack - when BHSS counts its blessings you are at the very top of the list and I consider it a privilege and an honor to work alongside you. And to each and every one of our members - Whether you've been here since the beginning or you've just joined; whether you're deeply entrenched in leadership or here only occasionally; regardless of where your family is in your Jewish journey, please know that we are so very grateful to have you as part of our congregational family and when we imagine our future we are proudly counting you in.

Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Barry Diamond



Not only am I pleased to see a congregation that is so healthy and vibrant, I am also grateful. Over my time here, I have been shown a generosity of spirit and an abundance of hospitality. I especially want to thank my fellow staff members: Cantor Perper, Rebecca McVeigh, Iris Greenberg, Lisa Barrack, and Roberto Lara for being such wonderful partners. This congregation is blessed to have each of you. I also want to thank Jen Cole and Nancy Levene and the entire BHSS lay leadership for sharing their love for this congregation and their dedicated work on behalf of its members. I am a better rabbi because of my work with you all.

Finally, I would like to thank each of you, not only in the role as staff or lay leaders or even as members, but as human beings. I feel fortunate to have forged friendships with many and am privileged to have shared your joys and sorrows. I will carry these relationships and experiences with me always. If you ever find yourselves on the West Coast and make your way to Thousand Oaks, California, please stop by so we can share a hug and some New Jersey memories.

With thanks,

Rabbi Barry Diamond

Summer Service Schedule:

**Fridays in July and August -
7:30 p.m.**

**EXCEPT Friday, August 3,
which starts at 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturdays, July 7 and
August 25, 10:00 a.m.**





From the Educator's Office

Rebecca McVeigh

*"Make for yourself a teacher,
and acquire for yourself a friend"*

My heart is just about full of gratitude, as it always is this time of year, but this particular year there is some sadness, too. I am saying goodbye to friends.

After a wonderful two years teaching with and learning from **Rabbi Barry Diamond**, I say goodbye as he moves on to a position as settled rabbi in his beloved home state of California. A seasoned educator himself, he has brought a different view on existing programs as well as new ideas for others, and helped me stretch myself professionally in ways I hadn't even begun to imagine when he arrived. I will always be grateful for his willingness to listen at a time when I needed it most, and for his loyalty and enthusiasm for all things education-related. I have had fun teaming up with him in the sanctuary and in the classroom, and will miss just popping in to his office to bounce an idea around. I wish him all the best as he leaves us!

Steve Schulner (aka **Mr. Schulner**) joined then-Beth Haverim as a teacher when we were still small enough to fit into a converted firehouse on Masonicus Road. He has been taught with three principals, four rabbis, and over 50 different fellow teachers as a part of our school community for almost FORTY years. He greeted me when I arrived and supported all the "crazy" new ideas I brought with me, and all the ones I've implemented since then. All I know is that Steve has been steadfastly loyal and has seen more change in his teaching environment than almost any other teacher; and yet, through it all he cared for our students, YOUR children (actually GENERATIONS of them!) Steve is taking a very well-deserved retirement to travel and enjoy some free time, and I will miss his attention to detail, his cheerful wave "hello" to everyone in the building when he arrives for the day, his unabashed adoration of my chopped liver, and his devotion to his students and the important task of helping them to learn what being Jewish is all about. From Steve I have learned that change must be thoughtful AND thought through.

Shelley Jaffe (**Mrs. Jaffe** to your children) has taught our youngest students, our fourth graders just beginning their education, and Family School during her fifteen years with us.

Her "day job" as an art teacher enabled her to create amazingly creative and beautiful, meaningful projects with her students, all the while helping to instill in them a pride in being Jewish, as her own pride shows through in everything she does. As Shelley and her husband Ralph are also members

of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, families may still see her from time to time, but she is retiring as one of our teachers. My son Andrew and Shelley's son Ben have been best friends for twenty years, so I know we'll still be in touch, but I will certainly miss her innovations and catching up on a regular basis! I have learned from Shelley that

Aseih L'cha Rav Uk'neih L'cha Chaver

עֲשֵׂה לְךָ רַב וּקְנֵה לְךָ חֵבֵר

*"Make for yourself a teacher, and
acquire for yourself a friend"*

— Pirke Avot

"why not?" is not a challenge; it's an opportunity.

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- Rebecca McVeigh, Director of Education

SCHOOL NEWS!! SCHOOL NEWS!!

Beginning with the fall of 2018, we are piloting the following program: our **Kindergarten, First, and Second** Grade classes will be **FREE** of charge to all Beth Haverim Shir Shalom **member families**. This is a great opportunity to have your younger child become acquainted with our building, clergy, Jewish holidays and customs in a warm, welcoming environment.

There is crafting, singing, holiday foods, "tours" around the building, meeting and "interviewing" our staff, practicing to be a "mensch" and many other experiences – all packed into an hour and a half on Mondays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. There's no attendance requirement, since we understand that every youngster has an off day or another obligation from time to time! In addition, if you want to carpool with a family who has a 3rd grader attending from 4 to 6 (or even if you just want to have more than an hour and a half

Cantor's Corner

David Perper



Looking back with gratitude...

As we rapidly approach the end of our programming year, another year of hard working *b'nei mitzvot*, another year of joyous celebration, another year of being there for those in pain from illness or loss, I want to take a this opportunity to express my thanks to those who work to bring us inspiration through dedication.

First, I want to thank our all-volunteer adult choir. From the High Holy Days to Yom HaShoah, to singing together with other synagogue choirs at events like Yom Haatzmaut (Israel's Independence Day), you are lovely and vocal wonders. Each of you brings your own strengths struggles to rehearsals and services and concerts, enriching our singing immeasurably. It takes all of us, our highs and our lows, to make a musical ensemble work. And this one does, every Wednesday at 8 p.m., in case you want to join us. Thank you.

Next is our Music Committee and its Chair Nora Berger. Although this committee isn't our largest at BHSS, they do aid me in producing five to six programs each year. From Movie Night, to cantorial concerts, to this year's Artist-in-Residence, Gilad Cohen, and of course who could forget, Coffeehouse Cantors. These individuals are everything to this cantor. Thank you.

My gratitude also goes out to Rebecca McVeigh, all our religious school instructors, our awesome office staff Lisa Barrack and Iris Greenberg, our president Jennifer Cole, and our board of trustees, who do so much to keep us moving forward, on time, organized, and our bills paid. *Todah Rabah*, thank you very much.

Rabbi Diamond, my partner these last two years, came in to our sacred building with energy bursting from his very essence. From the first day he was with us, he was assisting us, pushing us, and ultimately helping us lay the groundwork for our next settled rabbi. Rabbi Diamond has been there for all of us, and we are so very grateful. We shared joys and sadness, he sang loud and proud at Coffeehouse Cantors, and his rhythm at services aided in producing meaningful worship experiences. He will be missed by all of us. Rabbi Diamond, may you go from strength to strength. Thanks, Partner!

And now, after a period of twenty-four months, Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman's arrival is upon us. I clearly remember when she visited for her interview; as soon as we sat down to talk, I knew that she was IT. She was our next leader, my next partner, and a friend to us all. I remember leading a brief service during her visit and hearing her beautiful voice ringing

through the sanctuary, and seeing joy on the faces of our members as they heard her, and hearing the two of us singing together. It was special. We all - staff, lay leaders, teachers, and students - are ready to begin the next chapter with her by our side.

Our future is not fixed. We must work hard together to achieve it. And you must choose. Visit our website, look at the synagogue calendar regularly, and choose programs to attend. Make this special community a part of your family's life. We cherish you, and we want to be with you, to learn together, to sing together.

B'Shalom, in peace,

Cantor David Perper

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to get coffee or shop), there is a half hour of enrichment available at a very reasonable fee that allows for dismissal at 6 p.m.

Also new this coming year – **non-members will be able to enroll their children** in these three grades as well (for a fee). So if you have **friends** who are just beginning to think about synagogue membership but not ready quite yet because their children are young, this offer is for them – the more the merrier! Our early years programming are some of the most fun years; why wait for your child to begin their Jewish learning experience?

Of course, for your friends who are not yet members, our Young Family membership plan is always an option for families whose oldest child below Fourth Grade in the fall of 2018. Come and see what we're all about!

Call Educator Rebecca McVeigh in the school office for more information, or write her at schoolatbethhav@optonline.net.

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Candlelighting times:

May 4 – 7:37 pm Emor	July 6 – 8:11 pm Pinchas
May 11 – 7:44 pm B'har/B'chukotai	July 13 – 8:08 pm Matot/Masei
May 18 – 7:51 pm B'midbar	July 20 – 8:04 pm D'varim
May 25 – 7:57 pm Naso	July 27 – 7:58 pm Va'et'chanan
June 1 – 8:03 pm B'ha-a lot'cha	August 3 – 7:50 pm Eikev
June 8 – 8:07 pm Sh'lach L'cha	August 10 – 7:42 pm Re'eh
June 15 – 8:11 pm Korach	August 17 – 7:32 pm Shof'tim
June 22 – 8:12 pm Chukat	August 24 – 7:22 pm Ki Teitzei
June 29 – 8:13 pm Balak	August 31 – 7:11 pm Ki Tavo



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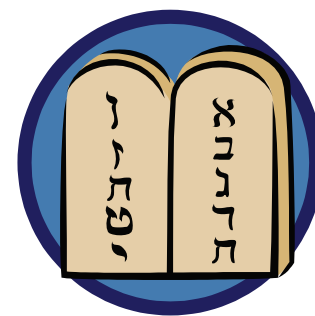
May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		7:30 pm Ritual Mtg.	8 pm Adult Choir		6:30 pm Shabbat Shabang Honoring Girl Scouts	Emor 8:15 am Torah Study 9:30 am Kobi Moskovitz & Sydney Selman 12:15 pm Jack Adler
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 am FS & 6 9 am LLL Adult Learning 7 pm Stars of David Concert	4 pm School K-3 4 pm PreK 6:45 pm Kadimah 7 pm LLL Adult Learning 7 p.m. Sis'hood Mtg offsite	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Exec Comm Mtg 7:30 pm MMG Mtg	8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot Sisterhood Shabbat	B'har/B'chukotai 8:15 am Torah Study 9:30 am Leah Kovar & Jakob Mitnick 12:15 pm Tanner Dweck
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10 am Shavuot/Yizkor Service	4 pm PreK	7:30 pm Music Comm. Mtg.	8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot	Naso 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Brian Ritchin & Eli Toomey
27	28	29	30	31		
	OFFICE CLOSED		8 pm Adult Choir			

June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					6:30 pm Shabbat Shabang	B'ha-a lo't'cha 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Jaden Slivka
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Editors' Note: In our last issue, we inadvertently omitted the bat mitzvah information for Natalie Wolfeiler. It is included here.



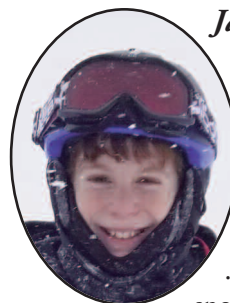
Natalie Wolfeiler – April 14, 2018

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Debra, Father, Jay, Brother, Matthew, 14 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include painting, marching band, cooking, and baking. "I would like to be a music teacher. I am excited and nervous to become a bat mitzvah and looking forward to sharing the day with my family and friends. For my community service I cooked meals for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House and raised money for cancer research."



Sydney Selman – May 5, 2018

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Julie, Father, Jon, Brothers, Justin, 24, Brody, 17, Ryan, 17, and Cole, 15 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include baking, tennis, music, and hanging out with friends. "I want to achieve my goals in life. I'm super excited to become a bat mitzvah and make my family and teachers proud. I am raising money for families and students in Africa, helping an organization called 'Where We Work.'"



Jack Adler – May 5, 2018

Lives in Ramsey and Wyckoff, New Jersey. Mother, Amy, Father, Barry, Stepmother, Yesenia, Brothers, Tyler, 15, Lucien, 9, Stepbrother Christian, 24, Stepsister, Caroline, 20 is a 7th grader at Eric S. Smith School His interests include snowboarding, wrestling, and running. "I would like to work with my dad in the family business. I am happy to become an adult. I am excited to become a bar mitzvah. For my community service I am raising money for Pennies for Patients to help children with childhood cancers."



Tanner Dweck – May 12, 2018

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Carrie, Father, Jan, Sisters, Sophie, 16, and Kate, 11 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include football, track, coding, video games, and animals. "I want to create the next greatest app or video game. I'm excited to show everyone how hard I've studied. For my community service I will be helping animals who are in a kill shelter, providing needed supplies."



Kobi Moskovitz – May 5, 2018

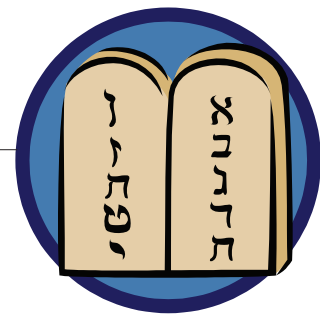
Lives Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Sheryl, Stepfather, Jeff, Father, Gil, Brother, Ethan, 14 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include baseball, PS4, and hanging out with friends and family. "I hope to do well in school, be successful in my future and live a happy life. I am excited about becoming a Jewish adult and proud of what I've accomplished. For my community service I volunteered my time at Camp Sunshine, a day camp for special needs children. It made me feel really good to assist the kids and watch them have fun."



Leah Kovar – May 12, 2018

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Beth, Father, Lance, Brother, Jake, 18, Sister, Alyssa, 15..... is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include playing basketball and soccer and hanging out with her friends. "I would like to be successful and happy in whatever I chose to do. I am so excited to become a bat mitzvah and to share this special occasion with family and friends. For my community service my friends and I collected art supplies that were generously donated by my friends and family. We made art gift bags and delivered them to Hackensack Medical Center's 'Tackle Kids Cancer' program. Hopefully the children will enjoy these bags during this difficult time in their lives. I hope to help other great causes in the future."

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Jakob Mitnick – May 12, 2018

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Nancy, Father, Corey, Brother, Benjamin, 15, Sister, Gavriela, 18 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include music, video games, animal rights, writing, and YouTube. “I would like to be a freelance author (mostly based on stories). It’s a very exciting and nerve-wracking time for me. In honor of my two rescue dogs, I’ve decided to raise money in order to support the local animal shelter.”



Samantha Rowbottom – May 19, 2018

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Fran, Father, Jeff, Sister, Olivia, 15 is a 7th grader at Hackley School Her interests include tennis, writing, animals, and art. “I would like to work in interior design. I am proud that I will soon be considered an adult in the Jewish community. I organized a snack packing event with my friends and family for the Center for Food Action. I am so happy that I was able to help people in need in our area.”



Emma Kaufman – May 19, 2018

Lives in Montvale, New Jersey. Mother, Faith, Father, Seth, Sisters, Noa and Samone, 8 is a 7th grader at Fieldstone Lake Middle School Her interests include ballet, baking, reading, shopping, and hanging out with friends and family. “I would like to be a professional ballerina. I am proud to become a Jewish adult and have enjoyed learning to read Torah. I look forward to celebrating with my family and friends. I am raising money to donate to the Immune Deficiency Foundation by participating in their annual walk across the Brooklyn Bridge in October.”



Brian Ritchin – May 26, 2018

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Carrie, Father, Mark, Brother, Jason, 14 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include reading, hockey, Harry Potter, video games, Eisner Camp, Greek/Roman mythology, and hanging with friends. “I hope to be happy and successful with whatever I do. I am excited to become a bar mitzvah and share this special day with my friends and family. I hope I can do as well as my brother did. My community service project was working at the community garden here at BHSS. At the garden I was able to harvest food that was then donated to families in need. I enjoyed the experience working there and will continue to volunteer to help make a difference for those less fortunate.”



Emma Popowitz – May 19, 2018

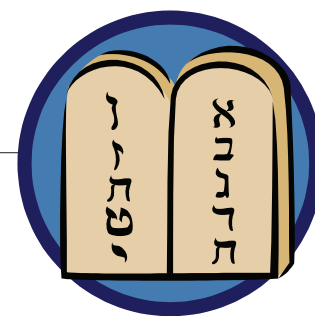
Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Rosana, Father, Richard, Brothers, Mason, 15, and Alex, 7 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include soccer, tennis, dance, and cooking. “In the future I would like to pursue a career where I can positively impact someone’s life. Some of the jobs I would like to do are a doctor, teacher, or a lawyer. I am really looking forward to sharing my special day with friends and family. I am helping tutor and playing with underprivileged kids.”



Eli Toomey – May 26, 2018

Lives in Allendale, New Jersey. Mother, Elyssa, Father, Mike, Brother, Jacob, 10 is a 7th grader at Brookside School His interests include skiing, rock climbin, hiking, running, and hanging out with family and friends. “I would love to be a sports agent when I grow up. I love sports and want to be close to the action. I feel honored to take this next step in being part of the Jewish faith and community. As soon as my broken leg is healed, I will be doing trail maintenance with the New Jersey Trail Service. I love being outdoors and exploring Ramapo Reserve with my family and friends and this is a great way to help make the trails available for all of us to enjoy.”

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



Jaden Slivka – June 2, 2018

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Dana, Father, Barry, Sisters, Remi, 10, and Parker, 8 is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School His interests include baseball, basketball, and hanging out with friends. “I would like to run a winning sports team. I am very excited to become a bar mitzvah and celebrate with my family and friends. I have teamed up with Billy’s Baseballs that sends signed baseballs to our military troops. I have helped organize events and signings of baseballs to provide hope and cheer to our troops both home and abroad.”



Victoria Savoy – June 16, 2018

Lives in Montebello, New York. Mother, Maddy, Father, Gary, Brother, Luke, 15 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include basketball, soccer, dance, and being with my friends. “When I grow up I want to be a therapist so I can help people or a police officer to protect people. I have been excited for my bat mitzvah for as long as I can remember. I can’t wait to celebrate this special day with everyone I love. For my community service I volunteer at a group home for kids with special needs. I love spending time with them doing things that make them smile. I also volunteer at a nursing home to keep the elderly company.”



Elyssa Hyman – June 9, 2018

Lives Airmont, New York. Mother, Stacey, Father, Jerome, dogs, Ginger and Brutus is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include soccer, tennis, and playing the trumpet. “I want to work for NASA when I’m older. I’m excited for my bat mitzvah and can’t wait to celebrate with my family and friends. I volunteer at Hi-Tor animal shelter and raise money for them by selling my rainbow loom creations.”



Leah Elizabeth Reinstein – June 23, 2018

Lives in Augusta, New Jersey. Mother, Jodi, Father, Ari, Brothers, Jack, 14, and Gabe, 11 is a 7th grader at Frankford Township Middle School Her interests include dancing, reading, being with friends, and playing with her dog. “I want to become a better dancer, and do well in school. I’m excited to become a Jewish adult. For my community service I collected hygiene products from various donors and made them into hygiene kits. I then gave them to a local homeless shelter, the Samaritan Inn.”



Turner Katz – June 16, 2018

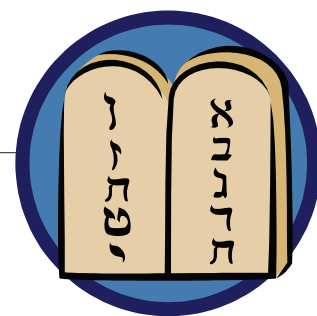
Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Robin, Father, Marc, Brother, Jed, 14, Sister, Averie, 10 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include baseball and basketball. “I want to be successful, happy, and have a great family. My bar mitzvah is a big milestone. For the most part I am very excited but also pretty nervous! For my community service I helped underprivileged kids learn and play basketball by running a weekly clinic at the Bergen Family Center in Englewood, New Jersey.”



Leah Wolf – June 23, 2018

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Jen, Father, David, Brothers, Marc, 17, and Jacob, 15 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include karate, gymnastics, piano, and guitar. “I would like to be a surgeon. This occasion is a mark in my young adulthood and my Jewish education. I am raising money for the Leukemi and Lymphoma Society.”

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



Melanie Gilbert – June 30, 2018

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Michelle, Father, Adam, Sisters, Rachel, 12, and Ilana, 7 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include violin, singing, and acting. “I would like to have a career rooted in higher education as an instructor or an administrator. This has been a long yet rewarding journey culminating in my bat mitzvah. I look forward to the next stages of my life as an ‘adult’ member of the Jewish community. My community service project involved volunteering at The Promenade Senior Living Center. It opened my mind as I interacted with a different generation of adults and learning about their lives. This experience is helping to shape my future.”



Rachel Gilbert – June 30, 2018

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Michelle, Father, Adam, Sisters, Melanie, 12, and Ilana, 7 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include drawing, reading, and writing. “My current interests could lead me to any of the following fields: law, interior design, philosophy, and photography. It has been quite an experience to look back from where I started in Kindergarten to this point now. I am very proud of my accomplishments that brought me to this special day. The lessons I’ve learned at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom have grounded me for my future as a Jewish adult. I volunteered my time and energy at The Promenade Senior Living Center. I went there to engage with seniors and learn about their lives. It was a terrific experience and one that I will take with me in my future endeavors.”

Social Action Committee

This map is a graphic representation of the immigration that has resulted in our community at BHSS. If you look closely you will see little dots representing the lands our congregants and their ancestors emigrated out of and into the United States. Where did your ancestors originate? This is a big question these days with companies offering to find your “roots.” At BHSS we did this exercise to make a point; at one point ALL of us were immigrants or refugees.



This was the Social Action’s Poverty group’s first event and it was quite a success. The food was good; the camaraderie was heart-warming, and the cause effective. Helping refugee families settle in the United States while having an enjoyable Saturday night made for a wonderful evening all around.

On March 17 we welcomed three families of Syrian refugees into BHSS. The organizing institution is the Syria Supper Club, which sent us our cooks, drivers and children. The women cooked dinner for eighty BHSS congregants and their guests. The male Syrians drove their families to BHSS to deliver the food. They brought with them about six children, each family leaving approximately four children at home.

If you attended the March 17 Syria Supper Club, what did you take away from the dinner? Do you want to do more for these families? What touched your heart? If you are looking for catering, this organization can do it.

<https://www.theunitedtastesofamerica.org/>

The Social Action and Michelle Mitzvah Group Shabbat, along with will be on Friday, May 18.



Hailey Abel
Evan Harris Aarons
Corey Begleiter
Amanda Davis
Shea Ehrman
Maya Fox
Jacob Graham-Bialer
Dylan Hurwitz
Leah Kovar
Zachary Lapinson
Matthew Levin
Ethan Levine
Eric Levinsohn
Leah Reinstein
Victoria Savoy
Ella Selfon
Eric Sica
Eliana Silver
Jaden Slivka
Jacob Toomey
Madison Torrente
Lilah Wainland
Leah Wolf
Dylan Zalensky

Music Committee

Hello everyone!

Our final program of the year will be **Stars of David on Sunday, May 6** at 7 p.m. It is a musical featuring Cantor Perper and guest cantors singing the stories of famous Jews. The play is based on a book by Abigail Pogrebin and conceived by Aaron Harnick. This program is FREE so bring friends! Light refreshments will be served. We hope you can join us!

Look out for an invitation to our first meeting of the 2018-2019 season which will be held at my house in August. Harold and I host a cocktails and dessert party as a get-to-know-you open to everyone. Details will be posted in the synagogue's weekly email. The Music Committee and I look forward to meeting you!

Email me any time at niberger@aol.com and let's meet. I'd love to hear from you

Musically yours,
Nora Berger

Stars of David & More!!

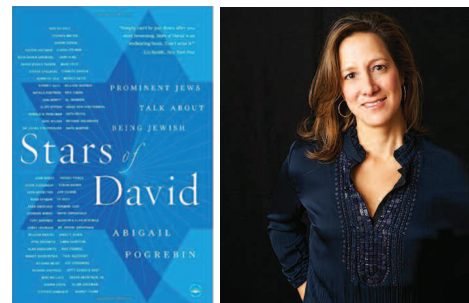
Based on the book by Abigail Pogrebin

Sunday, May 6, 7PM

Admission - FREE

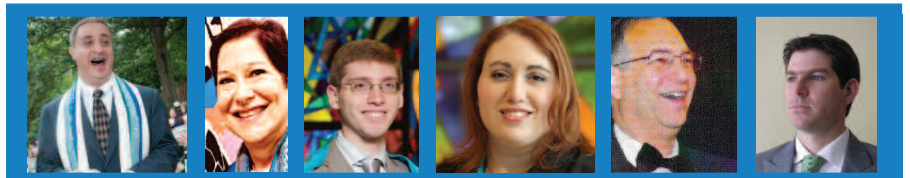
at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, 280 Ramapo Valley Rd, Mahwah, NJ

Prominent Jews like Fran Drescher, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Leonard Nimoy, Norman Lear and more.
Hear their stories about their lives as Jews, IN SONG!
Laughter and tears included!



FEATURING

Cantor David Perper - Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, Mahwah, NJ
 Cantor Faith Steinsnyder - Temple Israel, Tulsa, OK
 Cantor Kenneth Feibush - Temple Shalom, West Essex, NJ
 Cantor Rebecca Moses - Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, South Orange, NJ
 Cantor Sheldon Levin - Congregation Neve Shalom, Metuchen, NJ
 Accompanist - Itay Goren



For info call 201-512-1983

Sisterhood News

The calendar (even if not Mother Nature) says it's spring, and that means our Sisterhood year is winding down. But it doesn't mean we haven't been busy, or that we're not going to stay that way!



Seders are not rituals led by experts. They are home-based, peer-led rituals that can help us revive our personal connections with Jewish history, and restore our sense of ownership of Judaism's future. We are told that each one of us personally left Egypt, and each of us must re-experience the Exodus, telling the story of our own freedom.

When we truly do this- USING OUR OWN VOICES, valuing our own insights, and building on the rich texts of our evolving tradition- we create inspirational seders and participate in the transformation of Judaism.

March was an amazing Sisterhood month. March 15 was our awesome annual Miriam Seder, this year led by our own Gail Spencer. Our hospitality chairs, Shana Brown, Cindy Buchalter, Carrie Ritchin and programming chair Lisa Estrin put together an amaz-

ing evening, and we had a record-setting turnout of eighty-five women! What a moving experience to share stories of our strength, what and how much we do as women, for our families, communities and congregations. While celebrating what brings us together, we also paid tribute to the ones who came before and inspired us, and those who weren't able to be with us that night. If you weren't there this year, you missed a unique experience—make sure to mark your calendars early for next year!



At the seder, we also launched our **Hamilton Raffle!** Are you the only one on your block who hasn't seen the show? You don't have to be! Sisterhood is raffling off two orchestra tickets and

a \$100 gift card to the **Sunday October 7** matinee performance at **3:00 p.m.** for \$50 per chance, to be drawn at our installation dinner on Monday, June 4. There are only a limited number of raffle tickets available, and they're going fast. Don't miss out! Contact Jane Simon at peppersault@gmail.com and watch your weekly e-mails for further information about the dinner.

On March 24, Sisterhood and Brotherhood joined forces to host a fantastic March Madness party at Sheryl Thailer's home. It was an evening of great spirit and fun, as we rooted for our favorite basketball teams and took the sometimes-uproarious opportunity to "re-gift" some of our holiday white elephants.



Sisterhood Shabbat is Friday, May 11. Join Sisterhood to share Shabbat as we lead the service, tell our stories, and join in a celebration of women and Judaism.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for **Saturday December 1** for our wonderful Sisterhood Goods & Services Auction. It only comes around every other year, but it's definitely worth the wait for fun, food, wine and most importantly, great services and items to enjoy, and to support the important work we do.

It's been an incredible year for Sisterhood, but new people, new enthusiasm and new ideas are always welcome. Please join us at a meeting, an activity, and/or a dinner. Help us plan for next year, and for years of strong BHSS sisterly bonds to come!

Leslie and Sheryl

Ritual Committee

Audacious Hospitality

“Audacious Hospitality is a transformative spiritual practice rooted in the belief that we will be a stronger, more vibrant Jewish community when we fully welcome and incorporate the diversity that is the reality of modern Jewish life.” (URJ.org)

BHSS has long defined itself as a warm and welcoming community. As the Ritual Committee was reflecting on how we embody these values, we saw an opportunity to celebrate and honor diversity within BHSS and extend our warmth and welcoming spirit to the broader LGBTQ community by creating our first **Pride Shabbat on June 22** at 7:30 p.m.

We believe that our community, BHSS, is strengthened by inclusive policy, programming, culture and leadership. With that in mind, we have reached out to invite members of the broader community into our house of friends, and look forward to welcoming all who wish to participate in this very special service. We hope that you will join us too, and if you or a family member would like to have a role either in the planning stages or in the service itself, please let us know!

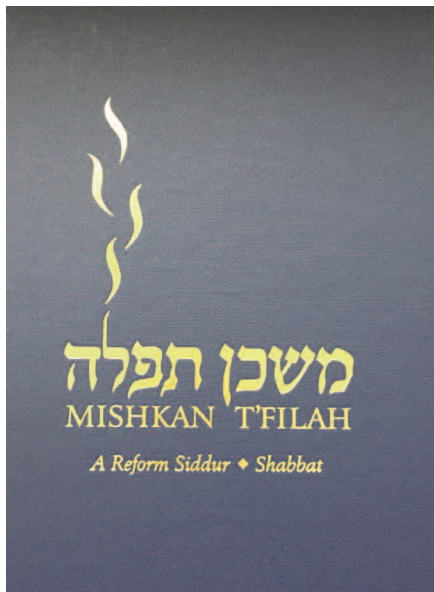
On another note, there are only two more chances for the kids to enjoy one of Rabbi Diamond’s famous Friday night stories! Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for our upcoming Shabbat Shabang family services on May 4 and June 1 at 6:30 p.m. As always, birthdays will be celebrated!

The Ritual Committee would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Rabbi Diamond for his two years of leadership and partnership. Rabbi Diamond has taught us, challenged us to think in new ways, celebrated with us and supported us in difficult times. Please be sure to mark your calendar and join us for a special Shabbat service on **Friday, June 15** as we celebrate Brotherhood Shabbat AND we honor and thank Rabbi Diamond for all that he has brought to our community!

The Ritual Committee meets on the first Tuesday evening of each month. If you’re looking for a way to give back to BHSS, consider joining us to see what we’re all about. New faces are always welcome!

Debbie Royal
Ritual Co-chair

Dedicate a Mishkan T’filah Shabbat Prayer Book!



Dedications can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Please send with a \$36 donation (via check or credit card) to
Beth Haverin Shir Shalom

Dedication made by:

Dedication to read (Circle one):

In Honor or In Memory of:

A label will be placed in a siddur acknowledging your generous donation.

Contributions

Rabbi's Discretionary fund

thank you for conducting a beautiful baby naming
- *the Krantz family*

with thanks and appreciation for everything and in honor of
our b'nei mitzvah - *the Hoffman family*

with thanks and appreciation for everything and in honor of
Zach's bar mitzvah - *the Selfon family*

with thanks - *the Pearlman's*

with thanks - *James Morgan*

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

with thanks and in honor of Sam's Bar Mitzvah
- *the Cooper family*

to Mark and Jan Young, in memory of Daniel Reed Young
- *Gail & Al Schlosser*

to Gary Silver & Bonnie Caul, in honor of your 25th
wedding anniversary - *Kathryn & Howard Zukof*

to Ian Coyne, in memory of his aunt, Marion Plott
- *Sheri & Allan Schott*

with thanks and appreciation for everything and in
honor of our b'nei mitzvah - *the Hoffman family*

with thanks and appreciation for everything and in
honor of Zach's bar mitzvah - *the Selfon family*

to Debbie Royal, in memory of Sidney Royal
- *Lois Schwartz & Judy Teich*
- *Gail & Al Schlosser*
- *llyse & Floyd Smith*
- *Laurie & Marc Daniel*
- *Sheri & Allan Schott*

with thanks and appreciation and in honor of our 25th
anniversary and renewal of our vows ceremony.
- *Bonnie Caul & Gary Silver*

Educator's Discretionary Fund

with thanks, and in honor Sam's bar mitzvah
- *the Cooper family*

to Mark and Jane Young, in memory of your brother,
Daniel Reed Young - *Irma & Joel Becker*

with thanks and appreciation for everything and in
honor of our b'nei mitzvah - *the Hoffman family*

with thanks and appreciation for everything and in
honor of Zach's bar mitzvah - *the Selfon family*

to Ruth and Stu Turner, in memory of your grand-niece
Alyssa Alhadeff - *Irma & Joel Becker*

to Harold Kopit and family, in memory of Phyllis Kopit
- *Irma & Joel Becker*

to Carolyn Connolly, in gratitude for Carolyn's
successful surgery - *Irma & Joel Becker*

thanks for all you do! - *Sheryl Thailer*

Brick Fund

to Ruth and Stu Turner, in memory of your grand-niece
Alyssa Alhadeff - *Sheryl Thailer*

Life Fund

in memory of Elyse Weisser, sister of Carole Goodman
- *Carole Goodman*

in honor of our new granddaughter, Harper Kate Lefkowitz
- *Laurie & Marc Daniel*

to Mark and Jane Young, in memory of your brother
Daniel Reed Young - *Sheri and Allan Schott*

in memory of Sally Paris, George Paris, Lawrence Weinberg
and Ida Cliff - *Joyce & Steven Weinberg*

to Dara and Brandon Gottlieb, in memory of Ava Gillian
Gottlieb - *Ellen & Stanley Weiner*
- *Ruth & Stu Turner*

Contributions

to Ruth and Stu Turner, in memory of your grand-niece
Alyssa Alhadeff

- Ellen & Stanley Weiner
- Sheila & Larry Groskin
- Helen Milstein
- Lori & Ritch Yanowitz
- Laurie & Marc Daniel
- Sheri & Allan Schott
- Jane Simon

to the Pressman family, congratulations on
Jake's Masters recital - the Wichler family

in honor of the birth of Skyler Anne Hulbruck - Jill Blum

to Debbie Royal, in memory of your father, Sydney Royal
- Alison & Norman Axelrod
- Ruth & Stu Turner
- Barbara & Charles Burghardt

to Rabbi Diamond, Cantor Perper, and Iris Greenberg
for their many kindnesses
- Ruth & Stu Turner

in memory of Joy Pollack - Shelley & Gary Bettman

in memory of Helen Kassover and Shirley Marks
- Candy & Mike Kassover

to The Selfon family, in honor of Zach's bar mitzvah
- Roslyn Kremin & Rene Kajfif

in memory of Joseph Schwartz - David Schwartz

in memory of Allan's grandmother, Betty Schott
- Sheri & Allan Schott

to Debbie Royal in honor of your new grandson Jordan
- Deborah & Jeff Klein

to Aaron and Lia Waitz, in honor of Ariel and Cari's
marriage - Phyllis & Frank Greenberg

in honor of BHSS - Barbara Lacher

Tree of Life

With Love on Marilyn and Stanley Moser's
65th Wedding Anniversary
March 29, 2018, Love your kids & Grandkids

In honor of Gail Spencer,
Sisterhood's Miriam Seder 2018

Prayer Book Dedication

in honor of Emma Kaufman's Bat Mitzvah
- Joel & Roberta Levine

Center for Food Action

Donated by their families in honor of the following *simchas*

b'nei mitzvah of Benjamin and Ryan Hoffman
bar mitzvah of Ryan Grossman
bat mitzvah of Alexa Denburg

Ramapo-Bergen Animal Shelter

Donated by their families in honor of the following *simchas*

bar mitzvah of Jacob Eichner
bat mitzvah of Emma Bethon

Jewish Family Services of Rockland

Donated by their families in honor of the following *simchas*

bar mitzvah of Liam Irizarry
bar mitzvah of Sam Cooper
bat mitzvah of Jessica Epstein

Lifelong Learning

Spring Lifelong Learning Series - "How Did We Get Here? From Torah to Today"

The final session in our Spring Lifelong Learning Series is here! Join us to learn with master educator Sharon Halper, as we explore how Jewish practice has evolved over the years. No prior knowledge is needed, and classes are free but need an RSVP to the synagogue office to bethhaverim@optonline.net or by calling 201-512-1983.

The Sunday morning class will include bagels, and the Monday evening class will include pizza. If you're dropping off a child at religious school on Sunday morning, or picking one up from Kadimah on Monday night, why not stay and learn with us?

May 6, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and May 7, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. – Shabbat

What are you watching?

Here are a few shows and movies that LLL has enjoyed.

The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel- Amazon

1950's Jewish homemaker in Manhattan discovers she has a talent for stand up comedy. Created by Amy Sherman-Palladino (Gilmore Girls)

Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee- Netflix

Created and starring Jerry Seinfeld. Jerry and friends ride in vintage cars, go to coffee shops and diners and tell stories.

Dough (2015) - Netflix

Jewish baker brings in a Muslim apprentice to help his failing bakery.

The Women's Balcony (2016) - Netflix

An accident during a bar mitzvah celebration leads to a gendered rift in a devout Orthodox community in Jerusalem.



Hudson Ehrman

Jenna Finkelshteyn

Justine Freitag

Melanie Gilbert

Rachel Gilbert

Spencer Greene

Samantha Grossman

Elyssa Hyman

Nolan Irizarry

Allison LaCorte

Chase Moskowitz

Dylan Moskowitz

Simon Newhouse

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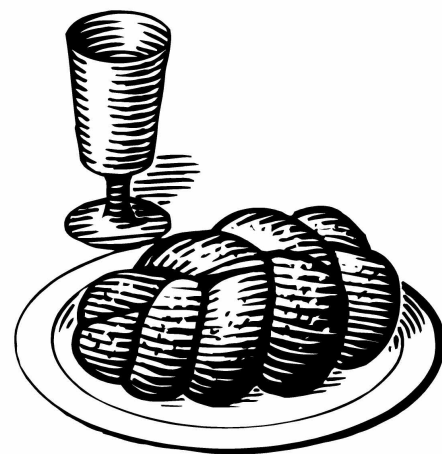
Addyson Wachtel

Michael Weinstein

**From the Torah to Today:
Shabbat - More than just a day
It's how we see the world!
With Sharon Halper**

**More than a mitzvah (sacred obligation),
Shabbat incorporates our entire world view!**

**ONE TOPIC: TWO SESSIONS -
Choose one that works for you
Sunday, May, 6 9-10 am or Monday, May 7, 7-8:30 pm**





David Abramson

Noah Brown

Sarah Cassell

Kate Dweck

Chase Fishman

Matthew Gershengorn

Emerson Grace Kossar

Hana Hayes

Jacob Hayes

Isabella Laddy

Alexander Lapinson

Andrew Levinsohn

Benjamin Mandler

Jordana Reissman

Skylar Rosenkrantz

Drew Tetefsky

Stephen Weiner

Michael Weishar

From the *Sifriyah*

*"The only thing that you absolutely have to know
is the location of the library."*

- Albert Einstein

By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, a year of library news and activities will be winding down. This year we have proudly sponsored two Book and Bagel events, both successful, a Taste of Passover, and an innovative program - Jews from Faraway Places. This year we studied the Jews of Yemen and invited two Yemeni women to help us in our study. Who could forget our participation in **One Book One Community** in which we shared the 2018 selection with congregants? *Zahav*, by authors Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook, is a unique book, both a memoir and a compilation of Israeli recipes. Solomonov is now the proud owner of several restaurants, including a well-known Philadelphia hot spot, Zahav. Of course, we would be remiss not to mention the continued enhancement of our book collection. This is an ongoing process. We just wish more congregants wandered into our *Sifriyah*! Once you enter, we are confident you would return time and time again. We promise!

Have you heard of Daniel Silva? He has been called the "finest writer of international intrigue and one of the greatest American spy novelists ever." Silva has created memorable characters including Gabriel Allon, a sometimes art restorer and an Israeli secret agent. The good news is, we have just purchased two of his novels: *The Confessor* and *The Black Widow*.

In *The Confessor*, when a Jewish scholar is murdered, Gabriel Allon is called to action. He follows a trail of secrets and unthinkable deeds that lead him to many sites, including the Vatican. This novel is told with skill, intrigue, and mystery.

In *The Black Widow*, the main character, Gabriel Allon, is about to become the chief of Israel's secret intelligence service. However, just as he is about to assume this position, ISIS detonates a massive bomb in the Marais district of Paris. A terrified French government wants Allon to destroy the terrorist responsible for this attack.

Daniel Silva is a prolific writer, having written over twelve novels, each one more compelling than the previous one. Do sign out a Silva book. You will be immediately rewarded and hooked.

BHSS Wish List

*All items must first be presented to the Executive Committee**

Sanctuary/Ritual

Two headed Microphone for rabbi's lectern	\$2,500
Updated sound system in compliance w/tech	\$20,000
Automatic projection screen	\$8,000
Updated Projector for Sanctuary	\$8,000
New Laptop/Software for Sanctuary	\$ 900
200 Mishkan T'filah prayerbooks	\$5,600

Religious School

4 Laptops plus software	\$900 each
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Other

External Lighting (outside arched sanctuary windows)	\$5,000
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All pricing is approximate

*Contact Iris Greenberg to discuss details –
and THANK YOU!*

Good & Welfare

from & for the congregation

Condolences

to **Jeff Nimerofsky**, on the death of his mother, Marilyn Nimerofsky
 to **Ian Coyne**, on the death of his aunt, Marion Plott
 to **Julie Selman**, on the death of her uncle, Ira Schulman
 to **Mark Young**, on the death of his brother, Daniel Reed Young
 to **Dara & Brandon Gottlieb**, on the death of their daughter, Ava Gillian
 to **Lori Perlstein** on the death of her father, Seymour Krichmar

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

Ceil Baldwin
Larry Israel
Leslie Sapienza
Beth Wiesner

Mazal Tov

to **Lia & Aaron Waitz** on the marriage of their son Ariel to Cari Lehman
 to **Gail & Ranan Wichler** on the engagement of their daughter Leah to Jonathan Spooner
 AND their daughter Julie to Adam Kaufman
 to **Marc & Laurie Daniel** on the birth of their granddaughter, Harper Kate
 to **Jill Blum** on the birth of her granddaughter, Skyler Anne
 to **Leslie & Howie Kirzner** on the birth of their grandson, Samuel
 to our 5778 Confirmants **Logan Buchalter, Scott Fleischmann, Kyle Freitag, Melissa Orlick** and **Ruth Schechtman**
 to all of our Kadimah Graduates **Sarah Fasanaro, Lauren Landis** and **Sophia Pavon**
 to the **High School & College Graduates** of our **BHSS families!**

A special *Thank you* to **Susan Reinstein** for her amazing love and care as she repairs our prayer books!

This past December we had a generous donation from our member **Willard Allman** of 100 new *Mishkan Tefilah* prayer books for our sanctuary. We so appreciate this gracious and much needed item that has been on our wish list. You may also see on page 15 of this *Temple Topics* a form called "prayer book dedications." This donation allows us once to again offer our members and non-members an opportunity to dedicate a prayer book. Once again a thank you to Willard Allman! Please visit our updated listing of our Wish list on page 19 anytime.

Congratulations to our B'nei Mitzvah class of 5777-5778

Ian Greenberg	Matthew Grobman	Ashley Crystal	Alexa Denburg	Emma Popowitz
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Alexandra Dain	Madeline Leibman	Zachary Selson	Ian Roth	Eli Toomey
Gus Kraft	Jonah Wunder	Emma Bethon	Jason Cohen	Jaden Slivka
Olivia Flynn	Natalie Morgan	Samuel Cooper	Daniel Cohen	Elyssa Hyman
Arden Flynn	Jesse Sobel	Ryan Grossman	Sydney Selman	Turner Katz
Zachary Barkan	Isabella Levine	Ryan Hoffman	Kobi Moskovitz	Victoria Savoy
Daniel Sheppard	Michael Savino	Benjamin Hoffman	Jack Adler	Leah Reinstein
Alexander Frisch	William Silver	Liam Irizarry	Leah Kovar	Leah Wolf
Miles Brickman	Zoe Lynn	Ilana Schulman	Jakob Mitnick	Rachel Gilbert
Tyler Grobman	Olivia Eisberg	Jacob Eichner	Tanner Dweck	Melanie Gilbert
Ally Grobman	Ryan Wolfe	Natalie Wolfeiler	Emma Kaufman	

Brotherhood 2.0

I can't believe it. Spring is finally here. I mean it, I can't believe it. It was still snowing into the second week of April. During March... coincidentally on our wedding anniversary... we went to Washington, D.C. to rally with the URJ and the students of Parkland, Florida...and about 850,000 of our closest friends. This was a wonderful experience to support a noble and important cause, as well as a teachable experience for my child.

It turns out that it was also a teachable experience for me as well. While out on the street in D.C., rallying for a common cause, I looked around and found we were surrounded by people... not Democrats or Republicans, Liberals or Conservatives ... just people. There is clearly a divide in this country, politically speaking.

Back in the day, if people disagreed with their political leaders and representatives, they voiced their opinions. If their opinions went unanswered, they stood their ground and voted. Over time, the chasm dividing the left and the right became vaster, creating more of a divide and less of a collaborative effort. There was a time when opposition could debate, stand their ground, defend their stances and meet in the middle for compromise because when it really came down to it, it was more important to find common ground and solutions for the purpose of uniting our parties, and serving the public. At some point, public service became politics, and

“politician” became a job description.

One thing about BHSS is that whatever our political stances are, for the most part we do come together in discussion and unity for a common cause. Brotherhood is, was, and always will be a place where people can get together regularly, discuss topics at hand and come up with some ideas for *Tikkun Olam*. Brotherhood is doing their part to change the world, one mitzvah at a time. Come out and check us out...maybe you'll make a new friend, learn something new, and teach something new to someone else. Looking forward to seeing you at one or more of our events!

Upcoming dates:

May 17 – 7:00 PM

Dinner at Sarina's Afghan Cuisine, Suffern NY

May 27 – 10:00 AM

Memorial Day Bike Ride at Heritage Trail in Monroe

June 15 – 7:30 PM

Brotherhood Shabbat & State of the 'Hood address

June 16 – 6:30 PM

Brotherhood Annual Suite at the Rockland Boulders
(it's a Big Hit! Always a Home-Run!)

Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

Friday, June 8 at 7:30 pm

Join Us to Thank and Celebrate our Religious School Staff!

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And a very special thank you and *l'hitra-ot* to **Shelley Jaffe** and **Steve Schulner** as they retire after many wonderful years of service to our school community and our congregation!

Michelle Mitzvah Group

I can't seem to say why, but I usually do a lot of reading when I fly and travel. It seems to relax me and I do feel accomplished. While packing for my next trip, I realized I have a book I have owned for quite some time now, but have never read. I think it is appropriate in so many ways (keep reading & the title will be revealed) and will be bringing it with me on this trip.

In less than twelve hours, I will be boarding a plane to Puerto Rico to help out with Hurricane Maria relief efforts. Seven months after what is regarded as the worst natural disaster on record to hit the island, residents are still without power. I am helping *Nechama*- the Jewish response to disaster, "muck & gut homes" and assist in debris removal in areas where chainsaw work is still needed. Yes - I am aware, the mere thought of yours truly operating a chain saw is pretty frightening!

Truth be told, I was originally planning to head to Houston and help out there. Plans changed and so I am now heading to Puerto Rico. What a shame, too! I was looking forward to staying with Rabbi Josh Fixler and family, even if he wasn't aware of it.

Regardless of where you are or where you are going, there are always opportunities to help out. And you don't have to go far. The synagogue always has the collection boxes for the Center for Food Action at both entrances. Volunteers are always needed at Oasis: A Haven for Women and Children in Paterson, New Jersey. People to People in Rockland County can always use some helping hands. Drivers are always welcome to assist in food deliveries to the Center for Food Action and to the Christ Episcopal Church.

Don't forget to join us on **May 18** for Friday Night Shabbat Services when we will have the Social Action Service. We will have a guest speaker - Lynne Algrant from Bergen Volunteer Center- discussing the importance and benefits to volunteering and giving of your time and energy. In addition to Mrs. Algrant, BHSS members will share some of their stories about helping out.

Speaking of the Social Action Service on May 18, do you know someone who volunteers their time to help improve our community and the world? Help us to recognize them and their work. Nominate them to be one of our *Heschel's*

Heroes. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel was an elegant and powerful proponent of social action and famously marched with Dr Martin Luther King.

To nominate a Heschel's Hero, or for any questions, please contact Steven Simon via email at steveoum@verizon.net or call 201 788-6755. The Michelle Mitzvah Group meets the second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m., at the synagogue.

Oh, the book I am bringing with me? None other than Bill Clinton's *Giving*. I told you it was appropriate. Now it feels like I have a book report to do. So, stay tuned for my report in the next *Temple Topics*.

B'Shalom
Steven Simon
Michelle Mitzvah Group Chair

Please join us on
July 6, 2018
as we welcome with much excitement & joy...

Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman & family

6pm- open house-BBQ
7:30pm- Shabbat evening services

We hope to see everyone at
Rabbi Ilana's first Shabbat service
as the next chapter in BHSS' history begins!!



Youth Programming

Menschmakers and Junior Youth Group

The Menschmakers and Junior Youth Group had another event in March, making matzah covers to be used at their Passover Seders, a new addition to our event from the previous year. Since the kids loved making chocolate covered matzah, we brought back one of our event “favorites” from last year. Sweet and decorative, both groups enjoyed eating their creations, making some to bring home, and even wrote in Hebrew on their matzah creations!

Although our year has almost come to an end, we hope to see you at our last event of the year, on **May 5 at Humdingers**. It's going to be so much fun!



Senior Youth Group

These past few months the Senior Youth Group has been fortunate to work with different committees for their events, and the teens are looking forward to upcoming events with your support. In February, Michelle Mitzvah hosted an event with the Senior Youth Group to bake cookies and send letters to the troops. A huge thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Punim and Mr. and Mrs. Silverman for donating all the ingredients for this event in order to bake 280 cookies! The letter the troops sent to the teens showed appreciation for their effort and time that went into each care package that was sent and thanks to **Steve Simon**, the troops received our care packages quickly!



Brittany Silverman,
Director of Informal
Youth Programming

In March, the Senior Youth Group hosted their annual Purim Carnival. With the support of the Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Michelle Mitzvah, Gail Spencer and her team, youth group parents, volunteers from our students in the religious school, and the parents and children that attended! Without all of you, this event would not have been such a success. The Senior Youth Group spent countless hours organizing this event and creating new booths, but the most rewarding part was being able to see all of you attend. We hope next year's carnival is even better and we are looking forward to continuing to work with all of the committees for Purim Carnival 2019!

Please join us for this year's final events:

- **May 6 - Pancake Breakfast –**
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- **June 2 - End of Year Event**



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PHILIP BRENNER	HARRIET GORDON	SADIE MILLER	THEODORE SIEGEL
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DONALD FEUCHTBAUM	JEANETTE LICHTER	HERBERT SAKOW	ROSE ZAHM
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June Yahrzeits

RUTH ABNER	LARRY ELKINS	NATHAN LANDAU	JOHN SCHIAVO
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BLANCHE CRAMER	HAROLD LANDAU	RALPH SCHECHTMAN	PAUL WEISKOP
			CHARLES WISEMAN

July Yahrzeits

JERALD AFIR-HEFFLER	IRVING FRANK	ADA KOHLREITER	BRAD PERLSTEIN
MEYER ALPERT	ETHEL FREEMAN	MORRIS KOHLREITER	BARRY RAFTEN
SHIRLEY ANESETTI	HARRY FREEMAN	SANDRA KOPELMAN	HARVEY RESNIK
DAVID ATLAS	RYNA GERBER	MARILYN KRICHMAR	BEN RICE
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RITA BERKOWITZ	MURRAY GREEN	MARIE LIPSON	AARON SCHEININ
SIDNEY BLUMENFELD	JULIAN HAUSER	MILDRED McDONALD	STANLEY SCHICK
JACKLYN BOFFORD	JEROME HYMAN	FRED MOSER	WERNER SCHOTT
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CHARLES COLE	JEFF JAFFE	HANS NEUMANN	IRA SIEGEL
VICTOR COOPER	JEROME JOHNSON	MILTON NOVOCK	SHARON SUSS
LEATRICE ERLMAN	DANA KANTOR	ROBERT OELBAUM	VERNON TAYLOR
CHRISTOPHER FIELDS	ALAN KARASIK	BONNEE ORLICK	THOMAS TOWELL
RACHEL FIELDS	BENJAMIN KASSOVER	NEWT PARKS	SOL WEXLER
SOL FISHKIN			DANIEL ZAGER

August Yahrzeits

HELEN ALLMAN	AUGUSTA FRANK	NATHAN LAMBERT	RUTH SCHOENFELD
CAROLINE ALPERT	EVAN GARBUS	DOROTHY LAST	FRANCES SCHULMAN
SYDNEY ALTMAN	HARVEY GELFENBEIN	MARTIN LAST	LILLIAN K. SEILER
RUTH ANSIN	MAC GELFENBEIN	SADIE LAZAR	IRWIN SELMAN
IRVING ARFIN	WILLIAM GOLUB	DONALD LEOPOLD	GIDEON SHACKNAI
SAUNDRA ARONS	IRV GOODMAN	JOSEPH LETCHER	MARION SILVER
MORRIS ARSHANSKY	MUTTLE GORDON	JULIUS LEVINE	PAULINE SMITH
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Tot Shabbat



On **Friday, May 18**, come for 5:15 Tot Shabbat and STAY with us directly after Tot Shabbat for a picnic. We'll supply drinks and chips – you supply a sandwich, salad, or whatever your family enjoys! Bring blankets and chairs for an outdoor gathering – if the weather won't cooperate, we'll just use the floor indoors!

June 15 is our **LAST** Tot Shabbat for the season. Join us for singing, dancing, a story, some blessings, and challah and juice (and maybe a surprise) as we wish each other a wonderful summer!

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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To all those on the receiving end of kindness, if you are able to "pay it forward" we are always happy to welcome you to the Caring Committee family. You can then know the feeling of giving to our Beth Haverim Shir Shalom congregants.

The summer and the nice weather is coming; however the Caring Committee doesn't take a vacation - certainly not a long vacation. We are needed year-'round and encourage you to volunteer to cook meals, drive members to doctors' appointments and/or synagogue, call, or attend *shiva* services.

Please contact Candy Kassover (candy1951@optonline.net) or Laura Miller (mlctsmiller@verizon.net).

Thank you.
Candy Kassover, Co-chair, Caring Committee
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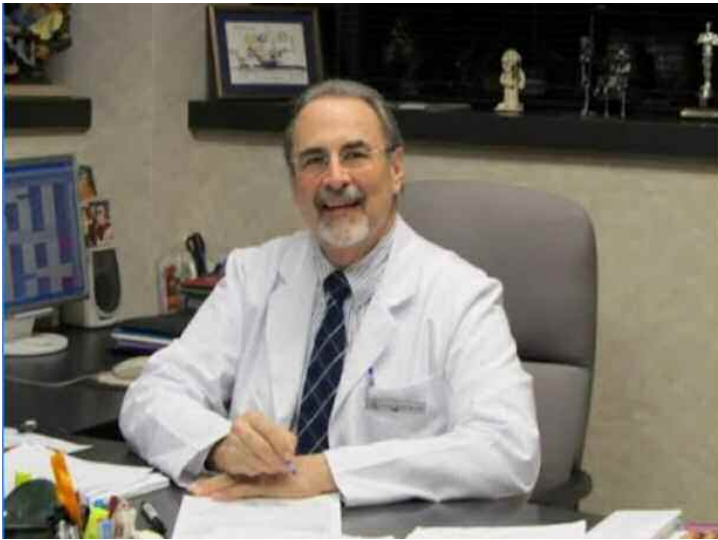
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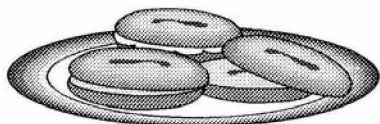


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Come and learn with us for as much time as you can!

Jewish tradition calls for us to
study all night long,
but let's see if we can make it until 10:15 pm!

Our Shavuot Yizkor Service is on
Sunday, May 20 at 10 a.m.



The Tenth Commandment: Making Envy Work for You: a Tikkun Leil Shavuot “late-night” learning opportunity.

It is tradition that on Erev Shavuot, studying goes on late into the night
- some say until the morning!

In that spirit, please join Rabbi Diamond, Cantor Perper, and Educator
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We'll start at approximately 9 p.m. after the delicious dairy oneg for our
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with us, and we promise to end no later than 10:15 p.m.!

Please R.S.V.P. to the synagogue office bethhaverim@optonline.net or
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Worship Schedule

Friday, May 4	6:30 pm	Shabbat Shabang! <i>Birthdays in May will be celebrated</i> Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Selman, Moskovitz & Adler families
Saturday, May 5	9:30 am 12:15 pm	B'nei Mitzvah of Sydney Selman & Kobi Moskovitz Bar Mitzvah of Jack Adler
Friday, May 11	7:30 pm	Sisterhood Shabbat service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Kovar, Rabin and Mitnick, & Dweck families, BHSS Sisterhood
Saturday, May 12	9:30 am 12:15 pm	B'nei Mitzvah of Leah Kovar & Jakob Mitnick Bar Mitzvah of Tanner Dweck
Friday, May 18	5:15 pm 7:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Social Action & Michelle Mitzvah Group Shabbat service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Kaufman, Popowitz & Rowbottom families, Social Action and Michelle Mitzvah Group
Saturday, May 19	9:30 am 12:15 pm 7 pm	B'not Mitzvah of Emma Kaufman & Emma Popowitz Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Rowbottom Confirmation/Erev Shavuot Service
Sunday, May 20	10 am	Shavuot/Yizkor Service
Friday, May 25	7:30 pm	Shabbat service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Ritchin & Toomey families
Saturday, May 26	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Brian Ritchin & Eli Toomey
Friday, June 1	6:30 pm	Shabbat Shabang! <i>Birthdays in June & July will be celebrated</i> Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Slivka family
Saturday, June 2	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Jaden Slivka
Friday, June 8	7:30 pm	Teacher Appreciation Shabbat service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Hyman family
Saturday, June 9	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Elyssa Hyman
Friday, June 15	5:15 pm 7:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Brotherhood Shabbat service <i>With a special farewell to Rabbi Diamond</i> Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Savoy & Katz families, BHSS Brotherhood
Saturday, June 16	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Victoria Savoy & Turner Katz
Friday, June 22	7:30 pm	Pride Shabbat service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Reinstein & Wolf families
Saturday, June 23	10:00 am	B'not Mitzvah of Leah Reinstein & Leah Wolf
Friday, June 29	7:30 pm	Shabbat service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Gilbert family
Saturday, June 30	10:00 am	B'not Mitzvah of Melanie & Rachel Gilbert

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Sessions of School:

Sundays: May 6 & 13
Mondays: May 7 & 14
Tuesdays: May 1, 8 & 15

Office Closed:

Monday, May 28
Wednesday, July 4

To do in May and June:



- *Torah Study Shabbat mornings, 8:15 am*
- *Shabbat Shabang! Friday, May 4 & June 1 at 6:30 pm*
- *Adult Learning Session with Sharon Halper, Sunday, May 6 or Monday, May 7*
- *Stars of David Concert, Sunday, May 6 at 7 pm*
- *Sisterhood Shabbat, Friday, May 11, 7:30*
- *Tot Shabbat Fridays, May 18 & June 15 at 5:15 pm*
- *Social Action Shabbat, Friday, May 18, 7:30 pm*
- *Shavuot/Confirmation Service, Saturday May 19, 7:00 pm*
- *Shavuot Learning Sessions, Saturday, May 19, 8:30 pm*
- *Teacher Appreciation Shabbat, Friday June 8, 7:30 pm*
- *Brotherhood Shabbat & Rabbi Diamond's Farewell Service, Friday June 15, 7:30 pm*
- *Brotherhood Rockland Boulders, Saturday, June 16, by RSVP*
- *Pride Shabbat, Friday June 22, 7:30 pm*