

## TEMPLE



## TOPICS

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**Rabbi's Reflections***Shanah Tovah*

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**THINGS TO DO:**

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Build the Sukkah w/Brotherhood  
Pizza in the Hut  
Sangria in the Sukkah  
Celebrate new students at Simchat Torah  
Consecration service  
Sisterhood Yoga  
Book and a Bagel  
Kristallnacht



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## President's Message

Jen Cole

A new year is upon us at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, and with it a new and exciting chapter. After a two-year intensive rabbinic search, we are overjoyed to have welcomed Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman as our new spiritual leader, and along with her husband Art Kieres and their daughter Sabine, to our congregational family. Her partnership has already been abundant with blessings, and I am confident that with her leadership, alongside Cantor Perper and in collaboration with our incredible staff and dedicated lay leadership, our community will continue to thrive.

As the lazy days of summer come to a close and the High Holidays approach, I look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones at BHSS. My hope is that this year you'll hear the call of the shofar as both a personal one as well as communal one - a call for deeper engagement, connection and a commitment to our community. We live in a world where belonging to a brick and mortar synagogue involves a conscious choice and sacrifice. I am well aware that there are other options available which involve less money, less time and less commitment, but I will argue any day of the week (and especially on Shabbat!) that synagogue membership is a worthwhile investment. And should you be fortunate enough to belong to BHSS, as we are, membership is priceless.

Maybe the "payoff" is the *ruach* that is palpable at Shabbat services, or it's being moved by Rabbi Ilana's sermon or Cantor Perper's song; maybe it's the comfort-ing eulogy offered when a loved one dies, or the support of fellow congregants at the shiva home; maybe it's the pride we feel when our children are called to the Torah for the very first time, or it's the powerful engagement of joining with others so that we can be stronger together in pursuing social justice and *tikkun olam*; perhaps it is the satisfaction of supporting our Eternal Lights dinner or contributing to our High Holiday Appeal, of knowing that you are supporting a Jewish

## Membership: A Worthwhile Investment

institution and allowing us to support members who otherwise might not be able to be a part of our community; or maybe it's simply having companionship to share and discuss a good book or attend one of the many programs organized by our committees and affiliate groups. The rewards come not in dollars but in the tears in our eyes, the lump in our throats, the pride in our hearts, and the joy of being a part of a sacred community.

There are undoubtedly many "perks" (too many to mention), but I discourage you from viewing your membership as a simple "pay for services" arrangement. Please realize that it is much more than that. It is a promise to the Jewish people for continuity and permanence.

You may be familiar with the Talmudic story of Honi and the carob trees: One day, Honi was walking on the road and saw a man planting a carob tree. Honi asked, "*How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?*" The man replied, "*Seventy years.*" Honi then inquired, "*Do you really think you will live another seventy years to eat the fruit of this tree?*" The man answered, "*Perhaps not. However, when I was born into this world, I found many carob trees planted by my parents and grandparents. Just as they planted trees for me, I am planting trees for my children and grandchildren so they will be able to eat the fruit of these trees.*"

As we begin this new synagogue year, I want to thank you for your past, present and future membership. Let us continue to plant and tend to these trees together as we write the next chapter of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom.

My family joins me in wishing you *Shanah Tovah!* May we all be inscribed for a year of goodness, and may our community be sealed for many years to come.



A man I know is a business owner. There is nothing inherently Jewish about his business, but he is a Jewish man. Over the last few years, during the High Holiday season, he has begun calling employees into his office to offer them sincere apologies and ask them how he can do better. He says that it used to take the workers by surprise, but he felt that if he was going to go through the rituals of Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah, it made sense for him to really enact them in his life, professional and personal.

This behavior impresses me. I think that it's easier to go to temple, see our friends, and sit through services than to open ourselves up to criticism in our personal and professional lives. There is a lot of advice about good ways to compartmentalize our work lives from our home lives. Many of us also compartmentalize our religious lives. We leave religion at the synagogue, instead of recognizing that Judaism lives within us—the synagogue is an expression of our religious self, not the embodiment of it.

To that end, at this High Holiday season, we have an opportunity to have our beliefs integrate into each aspect of our lives - our home, our work, and our play. When we approach the *Yamim Noraim*, the Days of Awe, we make a choice about whether we are really willing to change or whether we will say the words, but fundamentally stay the same. I believe that we each have a flaw of choice. This is the flaw that we not only tolerate in ourselves, but think of as definitional. I am the person who... runs late, has one glass too many, makes the inappropriate joke, tells it like it is no matter the consequences, shares more than I listen. Each of us has something.

Sometimes, when we are thinking about *teshuvah* or repentance, we focus on individual actions we did wrong, the specific apology, but not the underlying behavior. Or sometimes we realize that there is a theme that runs through our apologies, but figure that we cannot change who we are. Or perhaps, we are willing to change at home, but not at work or vice versa.

We are all working to integrate our Jewish values into our day-to-day lives; I will honor the trust invested in me. That is how we let go of our flaws.

Every year I pray, "God, this year, let me apologize for something new, something different." Because every year I hope that I have worked on that thing that has defined who I was the year before. I hope you will join me in trying to tackle the big themes, the issues that permeate our identities, by allowing our Jewish values to become actionable throughout our lives.

גמר חתימה טובה

*Gmar chatimah tovah*

May you be sealed for  
Good in the book of life.

Rabbi Ilana

### CHECK YOUR HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS

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

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



## From the Educator's Office

Rebecca McVeigh

*Who is wise? He who learns from every person.*

- Pirkei Avot 4:1

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We try to make the experience in our religious school just as rich. It is the primary place for children from ages 4 through 18 to formally learn at BHSS. There are always conversations going on in classes as students and teachers discuss just about every topic related to their Jewish lives. They even discuss what the prayers they are learning might mean to them, beyond the translation on the page. Our students already learn from our excellent teaching staff, and our teachers already learn from their students.

**I'd like to add another layer to this teacher-learner relationship.** I want to learn more from you, the parents. I want to hear from you about how your children learn best. I want to know what you hope your children will get out of a Jewish education. I would like to have the opportunity to learn from you and to talk to you about why we do what we do. I would love to have a chance to have real conversations about what is important to YOU and your family. Please call, write, or come in.

The school's mission statement says that we strive to:

... graduate young adults who have the tools they need to form their own Jewish identity. Our aim is to enable families to pass their own traditions "from generation to generation" and help them build strong bonds within their community and with the world, both Jewish and secular. We hope our students will feel comfortable in their Judaism wherever they go in their lives – and above all, to be "mensches," good people.

Jewish education is at the heart of much of who we are at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom – some formal, in our school, and much of it informal in the wide variety of programming we

offer. I encourage you to try something new this year, and I look forward to seeing you at the High Holidays and beyond!

With wishes for a sweet and healthy New Year from me and my family - Rod, Andrew & Jackie, Alex, Ari, and (princess) Rose.

- Rebecca McVeigh, Director of Education

### *Did you know?*

Our kindergarten, first, and second grade classes will be **FREE** of charge to all Beth Haverim Shir Shalom member families for this year. 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, gaining familiarity with Hebrew, learning about Israel, holidays, "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 very young children have an off day or another obligation from time to time! In addition, if you want to carpool with a family who has a third grader attending from 4 to 6 p.m. (or even if you just want to have more than an hour and a half to run errands or grab coffee), there is a half hour of enrichment available at a very reasonable fee that allows for dismissal at 6 p.m.

And for your friends who are not yet members: **they can enroll** their children in these three grades as well at a reasonable cost. Our early years' programming are some of the most fun years; this is a great opportunity to get started AND have your children learning and doing Jewishly with their friends.

Why wait for your child to begin their Jewish learning experience? Come and see what we're all about!



## Cantor's Corner

David Perper



*Happy New Year, Shanah Tovah!*

### Welcome to Cantors Corner!

Friends, devoted synagogue members, it's at this time of 5779, that I hope my back problems are behind me, no pun intended. For you, my readers, I offer this *t'filah*, this prayer, from my Jewish soul to yours. It begins like so many.....

*Baruch Ata Adonai*, Blessed are You Adonai, who, with Torah, grants our awareness of sacred community, our devotion to You, and each other, to our children, and our neighbors. You show us how to inspire each other's minds and hearts, the expressions of our most joyous selves. That is the way to peace.

*Baruch Ata Adonai*, who shows us the path to love, and peace.

To Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman, welcome, שלום. High Holidays ...check! :) Rabbi Ilana is a thoughtful partner and colleague and a very compassionate and caring person. She and I are always here for you. We want to be with you and to learn from you and your families. Our services are uplifting, with music and learning and inspiration, and a delicious oneg too!

Torah is the tree of life, and it's gotta be watered! Turn off the TV - for ...

TORAH TIME! Just a few minutes a week. Get the family together, find a book and read a paragraph and then discuss it. Or, go on-line together, searching, sharing; find some Torah, you'll be fine. Listen to your children, ask them questions.

Many of you may know by now that the cantors of this world lost a friend and a colleague this summer - Cantor Ilan Mamber at Beth Rishon, may his memory be for a blessing. My wife Cantor Faith Steinsnyder will serve this year as Beth Rishon's interim cantor, to help them, and to ensure their traditions go on and that our two communities stay connected. Here's wishing all of us a great school year and meaningful, sacred year as well.

From me and Faith, Shanah Tovah, happy new year.

Cantor David Perper

## Lifelong Learning

### *My Son The Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy*

Written by & Starring Brad Zimmerman

If you ever longed for something, if you ever desired it with all your heart, if you were willing to wait tables for 29 years to pursue your dream then *My Son The Waiter* will give meaning to your Life!

Brad Zimmerman's hilarious and inspiring story about the grit & passion it takes to "make it" as an artist & the sweet rewards that come from never giving up!

Rosen Performing Arts Center  
1 Pike Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470  
Box Office: 1-855-HIT-SHOW ~ Groups (12+) 1-888-264-1788  
**September 27 through October 07, Limited Engagement**

Thursdays 2:00PM and 7:30 PM | Fridays 8:00 PM | Saturdays 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM | Sundays 2:00 PM

Are you interested in seeing a fun show right in our backyard? Lifelong Learning is gathering a group to see the show! Please let us know if you would like to go; give us your preferred date and we'll try to organize a group to go together.

Please contact Nancy Levene at [nblevene@gmail.com](mailto:nblevene@gmail.com) with your top two dates by September 8. Hope to see you there.

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## Candlelighting times:

September 7 – 6:59 pm – N'tzavim  
 September 14 – 6:47 pm – Vayeilech  
 September 21 – 6:36 pm – Ha'azinu  
 September 28 – 6:24 pm – Sukkot

October 5 – 6:12 pm – B'reisheet  
 October 12 – 6:01 pm – Noach  
 October 19 – 5:51 pm – Lech L'cha  
 October 26 – 5:41 pm – Vayera



# September Calendar

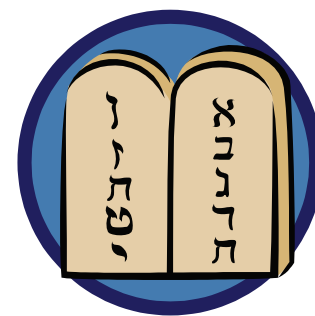
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah	No School Office Closed Rosh Hashanah (check tickets for service times)	9:15 am Rosh Hashanah Day 2 7:30 pm Exec Comm 7:30 pm MMG	8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot	Vayeilech 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Chelsey Abel & Sarah Cassell
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9 am FS & 6th 1 pm JYG & Menschmakers @ Horse Rescue	4 pm School K-3 4 pm PreK 6:45 pm Kadimah	No School Office Closes 3 pm 7:30 pm Kol Nidre	Office Closed Yom Kippur (check tickets for service times)		5:15 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Tefilot	Ha'azinu 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Cate Weinberger
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 am FS & 6th 5:30 pm Pizza in the Hut 7 pm Erev Sukkot Service	Office Closed 10 am Sukkot Festival Service No School	4 pm School 4/5 7:30 pm Board Mtg 7:30 pm Music Comm.	8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot	Sukkot 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Justine Freitag
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9 am FS & 6th 1 pm Sis'hood Event 7 pm Simchat Torah- Consecration						

# October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## ...will be called to the Torah...



**Jacob Graham-Bialer –  
September 1, 2018**

Lives in Sloatsburg, New York. Mother, Lisa, Father, Gerry, Sister, Laila, 9 ..... is an 8th grader at Suffern Middle School ..... His interests include basketball, running, and spending time with friends. "I would like to travel the world. I am a little bit nervous but I am excited for my bar mitzvah. For my community service I worked with Keep Rockland Beautiful. I helped clean up various spots in Rockland County."



**Sarah Cassell – September 15, 2018**

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Robin, Father, Barry, Brother, Jonathan, 10 ..... is an 8th grader at Cavallini Middle School ..... Her interests acting and singing. "When I grow up I want to inspire people and make people happy by singing and performing on the stage. I am excited to accept my role in Jewish adulthood and I am looking forward to taking this important step. For my community service I collected new and slightly used Jewish children's books and sent them to the Jewish Progressive Synagogue, a Reform temple in Dublin, Ireland that is trying to start a children's library. I visited the temple when I attended Friday night services there earlier this year."



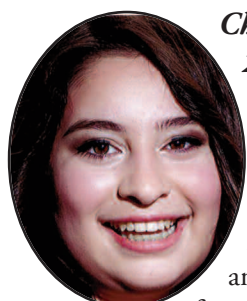
**Cooper Shirvan –  
September 8, 2018**

Lives in Allendale, New Jersey. Mother, Dawn, Father, Jesse z"l, Sisters, Harlee, 18, and Kendall, 17 ..... is an 8th grader at Brookside Middle School ..... His interests include football, basketball, video games, and animals. "I would like to do something with sports and animals. I am happy to be carrying on my family's tradition. I am collecting clothes, shoes, and arts and crafts supplies for kids with cancer."



**Cate Weinberger – September 22, 2018**

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Jessica, Father, Brian, Sister, Jordan, 15 ..... is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School ..... She loves basketball. "I want to be a famous basketball player or a teacher. I am excited to be a part of the adult Jewish community. I helped special needs children play sports as a part of my community service."



**Chelsey Abel – September 15,**

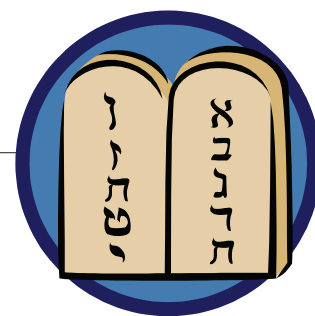
**2018** Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Elizabeth, Father, Marc, Sister, Hailey, 10 ..... is an 8th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School ..... Her interests include musical theater, singing, violin, animals, and hanging out with friends. "I would like to be a marine biologist or work in some field of animal science. I feel very honored and excited for this special day. I look forward to sharing this Jewish tradition with my family and friends. I have raised money through bake sales and collected donated items for the Tevaland Organization. This is a non-profit sanctuary farm for abused and abandoned animals."



**Justine Freitag – September 29, 2018**

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Janet, Father, Bernard, Brother, Kyle, 16 ..... is an 8th grader at Eric S. Smith School ..... Her interests include soccer, skiing, and spending time with friends. "I would like to become a videographer or work in the culinary arts. I'm very excited for my bat mitzvah and am looking forward to celebrating with my friends and family. For my community service project I participated in Ramsey's Relay for Life event and raised money through bake sales, can shaking, and personal donations. The money was given to the American Cancer Society to help support cancer patients. I also collected blankets for the homeless in New York City."

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



## **Chase Fishman – October 6, 2018**

Lives in Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Jennifer, Father, Steven, Brother, Jake, 15, Sister, Cassidy, 15 .....is an 8th grader at Cavallini Middle School ..... His interests include sports, schooling, friends, vacation, and family. "I would like to help people, be a doctor, and take care of my family. I am excited and proud to become a bar mitzvah. For my community service project I am helping out in the community by volunteering with children with disabilities, helping them learn, as well as helping them do everyday activities."



## **Alexander Lapinson – October 20, 2018**

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Julie, Father, Todd, Sister, Jessica, 15, Brother, Zachary, 10 ..... is an 8th grader at Cavallini Middle School.



## **Mandy Fleischmann – October 6, 2018**

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Carrie, Father, Jeff, Brothers, Scott, 16 and Ethan, 8 ..... is an 8th grader at Suffern Middle School ..... Her interests include tennis, lacrosse, skiing, piano, cello, and singing. "I want to use everything I've learned and my experiences to become an educator and teach the next generation. I feel excited and nervous to share this special day with family and friends. For my community service project, I am working with an organization called Kids Serving Kids. I collected new and used tennis rackets to give to children in need so that I can share my joy of playing tennis with others. I was able to collect over 100 tennis rackets, regrip them, and donate them to a local community center."



## **Ryan Polansky – October 20, 2018**

Lives in Ringwood, New Jersey. Mother, Theresa, Father, Glenn, Sisters, Tyler, 20, and Jordan, 16..... is an 8th grader at Martin J. Ryerson Middle School ..... His interests include baseball, basketball, and traveling. "I would like to be an MLB player. I feel like I am going to learn a lot from this; it will help me in the future. For my community service I am giving baseball equipment to people who are in need."



## **Noah Brown – October 13, 2018**

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Shana, Father, Steve, Brother, Josh, 16 ..... is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School ..... His interests include making music on trumpet, piano, and guitar, soccer, tennis, drawing cartoons, video games, and Boy Scouts. "I would like to continue getting a good education so that I can become successful. I am excited for the culmination of all my hard work and studying for my bar mitzvah. Since I feel playing music is important to personal growth, I am happy to be working with the charity Hungry for Music. They work at providing musical instruments to underserved children with a hunger to play."

## **Is your child having a bar or bat mitzvah?**

Form and photograph should be received by the synagogue by the 1st of the month as follows:

For a November or December date, by October 1

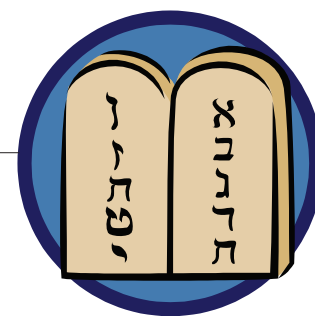
For a January or February date, by December 1

For a March or April date, by February 1

For a May or June date, by April 1

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

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



### ***Dylan Stark – October 27, 2018***

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Randee, Father, Michael, Brother, Jake, 12 ..... is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge School ..... His interests include watching and playing sports, helping others, and giving back to my community. "I would like to be an athlete or an orthopedic doctor. I am very excited about my bar mitzvah. I think it will be an awesome day and I look forward to sharing it with my friends and family. For my community service project I have been volunteering with the Mahwah All Stars, soccer and baseball teams. Mahwah All Stars is a sports program for kids with special needs. I am also a member of my school's Community Service Club. We run events such as bake sales to raise money for important causes."



### ***Jake Stark – October 27, 2018***

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Randee, Father, Michael, Brother, Dylan, 12 ..... is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge School ..... His interests include playing sports and spending time with friends. "I would like to become a lawyer or a judge. I am excited about celebrating this special occasion with my family and friends, and I'm a little nervous too. I am a member of my school's Community Service Club and have participated in fundraisers for charities such as Red Cross and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. I also volunteer with the Mahwah All Stars, which is a sports program for kids with special needs."

## Music Committee

Hello everyone!

The Music Committee and I would like to our entire Congregation *L'Shanah Tovah U Metukah!* A Sweet and Happy New Year! Our Choir is working towards a High Holiday Season filled with song that is sure to be meaningful and joyful. Sukkot and Simchat Torah are always musical delights. This year, with Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman and Cantor David Perper on the bima, the holidays really should not be missed!

Our first program of the year will be a concert by International pianist Itay Goren. Itay has spent this summer playing in France and Spain and comes home to teach at William Paterson University and accompany Cantor Perper and our Choir on the High Holidays. **It will be our honor to host Itay Goren, who will perform with the Madison String Quartet and Baritone Steven Scheschareg on October 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.** The concert will include a piece



written commemorate the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht as well as works by Barber, Schoenberg, Shostakovich and more. Please look for more details in the Temple Email and mark your calendar for this important event for BHSS.

On a last note, I would like to invite you to our meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. where we laugh, have a good time and plan the events for you to enjoy. Attendance to all

the meetings is not a requirement, neither is musical talent, just camaraderie! Email me any time at [niberger@aol.com](mailto:niberger@aol.com) and let's meet. I'd love to hear from you!

Musically yours,  
Nora Berger



## Education Committee

Happy New Year and welcome back to religious school for the 2018-19 school year! We are so excited to have the students back in the building for another terrific year.

We have some great new programs in place for this year including some new *Tikkun Olam* opportunities for our students. We believe that it's so important to teach our students that healing the world can begin with them. The first of these activities will be a **penny war** benefitting both animal- and hunger-related charities in New York and New Jersey. The religious school students will be competing based on birth month and your team can "win" by adding to the OTHER team's tzedakah barrel. More information will come home right at the beginning of the Religious School year, but start collecting that change!!!

If you are interested in becoming more involved in your child's religious school life, please consider joining the Education Committee. We meet 3 times a year (or as needed), and are happy to welcome new faces! Additionally, if you have a child in any of the youth groups, the Youth Group Advisory Committee is looking for new members. Please feel free to contact me at [laureneinhorn16@gmail.com](mailto:laureneinhorn16@gmail.com) for more information on either committee.

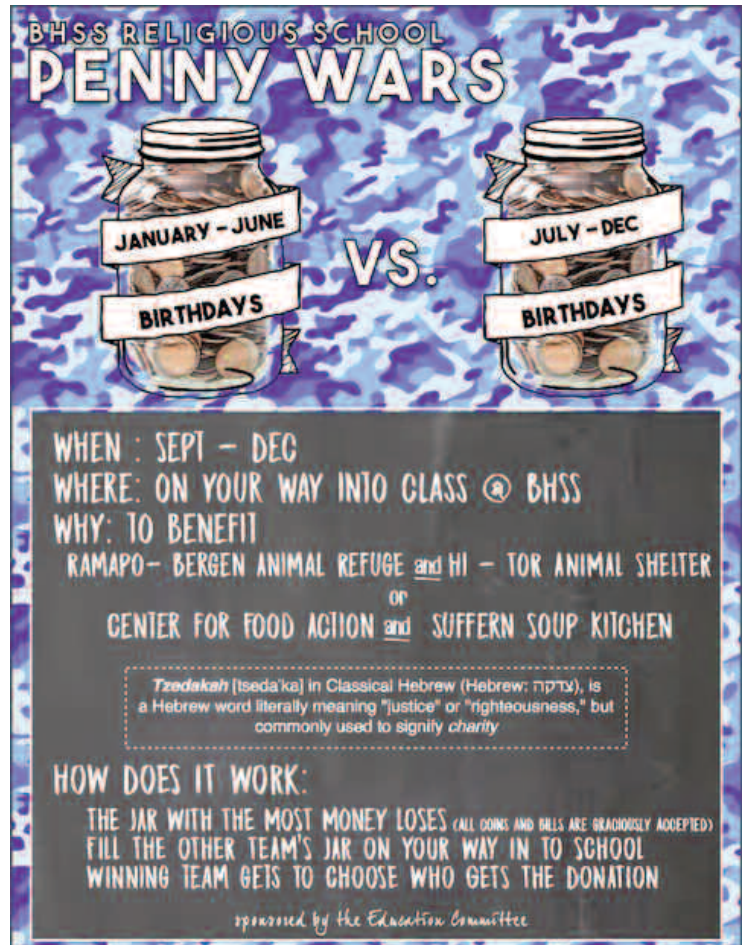
Thank you all for your commitment to your children's religious education! As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at [laureneinhorn16@gmail.com](mailto:laureneinhorn16@gmail.com).

Shanah Tovah,  
Lauren Einhorn, Chair, BHSS Education Committee

## Sukkot

Sunday, September 23:  
Join Brotherhood 2.0 for  
**Pizza in the Hut** ~ 6 pm -  
*please RSVP to the temple office*  
and **Erev Sukkot Service** ~ 7 pm

Monday, September 24:  
**Sukkot Festival Service** ~ 10 am



# October Birthdays

Charlotte Barbach

Leah Behar

Adam Buchalter

Jake Bugni

Jaden Bugni

Brooke Dylan Einhorn

Cora Einhorn

Jack Fein

Mandy Fleischmann

Benjamin Goldstein

Laila Graham-Bialer

Griffin Heit

Adriane Heit

Wade Henry Mendel

Riley Nierenberg

Skylie Prizel

Justin Silver

Miles Swerdloff

Owen Weiner

Sydney Weiner

Leo Wunder

Eli Wunder

Jacob Zaky

Andrew Zaky

## Garden Committee

BHSS' Community Garden is busting out of its fence this year. There are 12 enthusiastic gardeners who have filled the 13 beds with a wide variety of vegetables, tomatoes, squash, celery, carrots, peas, cucumbers, peppers, and even some horseradish for Passover. The harvest is either being donated to Center for Food Action, the Suffern Soup Kitchen, or the gardeners are taking the food home and making a financial donation to support food justice. There is one unhappy groundhog who found its way into the garden for about a week, but we were able to reinforce the weak point in the fence to keep it out. Now the groundhog can only sit on the outside of the fence and dream! It is quite a mitzvah that BHSS gardeners can contribute organic fresh produce to those who need it in our community.



## Yom Kippur Learning Sessions

2 – 3:30 p.m

(between the mid-morning service and the afternoon service)

**Join us to learn from and with your fellow BHSS members:**

*Bob Meyers will discuss "Applying the story of Jonah to the Modern World"*

and

*Amy Littman will discuss "#MeJew: A Jewish Response to Sexual Harrassment"*





# Sisterhood News

Welcome, September! It's back-to-school time, High Holiday time (hope you got your honey!) and there's a crisp in the air that carries the promise of colorful leaves and longer evenings.

And welcome, too, to another year at BHSS's Sisterhood - a vibrant, welcoming and BUSY group of friends! Last year ended on a high note with our wildly successful *Hamilton* raffle, where the lucky winner was chosen at our Installation Dinner in June. (We hear the excitement was momentous!)

It's not too late for Honey for the Holidays, which make awesome greetings for Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot: Contact Lisa Lamster for your jars, at \$12 each, or click <https://orthoney.com/BHSS>

Our year gets off to a rocking start with Sangria in the Sukkah: A New Year, a New You! on Sunday, September 30 at 1:00 p.m. This is a free kick-off event for all paid Sisterhood members. Invite a prospective member! You can both join that day.

On Tuesday evening, November 13, we will be hosting Financial Fitness for Women, with an opportunity to gain ideas about investing and retirement planning, especially geared for women.

December 1 will be a night you don't want to miss: Sisterhood's Biennial Goods & Services Auction, emceed this year by Stacey Coyne, Drew Levinson and Jen Cole! This is Sisterhood's major fundraiser, and enables us to support the youth of our synagogue, and all our members. Come ready to buy anything and everything from chachkes to vacations, handbags to dinner parties. Most of all, come ready to have a sip, a nosh and a rollicking good time! (Sisterhood is still looking for donations of goods and services. Are you a great cook/singer/painter/manicurist/etc? Think about donating your time and talent to support the work Sisterhood does. Contact Linda Vogel or Sheryl Thailer to share or discuss how you can contribute.)

December 15 brings our annual Chanukah party (ok, back from its one-year hiatus). This year's theme is Latkes & Vodkas. Watch your email and the temple newsletters for details!

Feel the need to stretch? This year, Sisterhood is pleased to offer Yoga with Ally—an ongoing 60 minute group yoga class held each Monday in the Ulam from 7-8 p.m., taught by Allison Mandel. The class is appropriate for all fitness levels,

including chair yoga. Single classes are \$10, with multi-class discounts available. A portion of all class proceeds will be donated to BHSS.

Sisterhood regularly contributes time and donations to local soup kitchens and shelter programs. We are always looking for donations to provide for those who need our help.

There's more in store - why not check us out?

Do you sense a theme here? (No, it's not alcohol—although it's not a bad idea!) It's service, fun and friendship. Sisterhood membership gives you the chance to meet new people, mingle with those you already know, and spend time supporting our congregation and our community.

Please become a part of our Sisterhood, and join in the many programs and events we have in store. Your BHSS membership packet contains a form to join Sisterhood, and please know that your dues support the work we do in support of our BHSS community, and the community at large. Questions? Please reach out to our Membership co-chairs, Lauren Theodore and Carrie Fleischman.

Leslie Sapienza and Sheryl Thailer, Co-presidents

## Paid Up Membership Social

(can join that day)

Get to know your fellow members

## Sangria in the Sukkah

Sunday Sept 30 from 1-3 pm



Guest Speaker Amy Littman

to discuss women's issues in today's world.

RSVP by Sept 23 to Debbie,  
[debalkow@hotmail.com](mailto:debalkow@hotmail.com) or text/call: 201-681-6379

## Ritual Committee

*The Season of Our Joy* written by Arthur Waskow is perhaps one of my favorite “go to” Jewish holiday reference guides. Every time I refer back to the book I learn something new! Holiday reference guides usually include the history and traditional practices of the holiday and may include, as this book does, recipes and new approaches to celebrate. What I really enjoy about the book is learning about how the sun and the moon and the calendar are connected. I loved sharing the Jewish calendar and the rhythm of the moon with my students when I was a Hebrew school teacher back in the day.

The sun cycle festivals, according to Waskow, represent the four seasons; Pesach/spring, Shavuot /summer, Sukkot/fall, Sh'mini Atzeret/winter. The festivals included in the rhythmic moon cycle are Rosh Hashanah/new moon, Yom Kippur/swelling of the moon, Sukkot/full moon, Sh'mini Atzeret/diminishing moon. These are the festivals that are found in the Torah. Over the years the calendar has been enriched with additional festivals that fit into the cycle of the

year to commemorate historical events - such as Purim - and the wonders of nature - like Tu B'shevat. Each holiday brings a different emotion, a seriousness, a silliness, and there is a flow, a connection, a cycle, from one holiday to another.

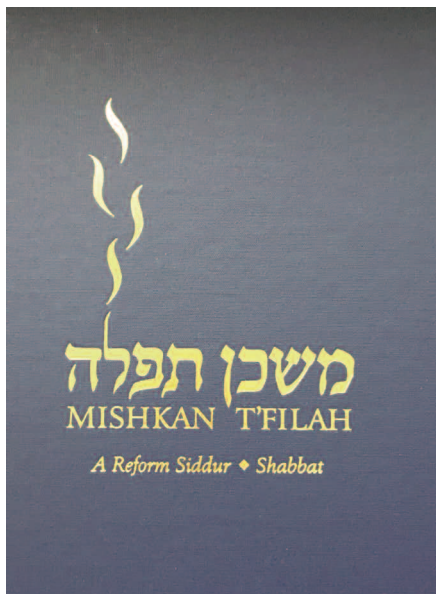
In the book Waskow says, “we should look at the full circle and not each festival or holiday as separate bubbles and that the cycles help us as individuals to feel more deeply more intensely.” Waskow believes “through walking the path of the year, we can renew in ourselves a sense of deep calm, internal harmony, the peaceful sense of shalom” ... interesting concepts. I invite you to explore the cycles of the holidays and walk the path of the year as we begin the New Year. Join us as we celebrate the New Year and these festivals together.

From my family to yours,

L'shanah tovah!

Judy Teich, Co-Chair, Ritual Committee

### *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:

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Dedication to read (Circle one):

In Honor or In Memory of:

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

# Contributions

## Rabbi's Discretionary fund

here's to many wonderful years at BHSS! - *Lisa Lamster*

with thanks and in honor of the baby naming of Harper  
Kate - *Laurie & Marc Daniel*

thinking of you as you begin life with your new  
congregation - *Jaclyn & Paul Daniels*

to Rabbi Diamond, in appreciation and in honor of Drew's  
Bar Mitzvah - *the Weiss family*

to Rabbi Diamond, thanks for everything!  
- *Sheri & Allan Schott*

to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, in honor of Rachel &  
Melanie becoming B'nai Mitzvah - with thanks!  
- *the Gilbert family*

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

in memory of Cantor Ilan Mamber - *Lisa Lamster*

with gratitude, in honor of Galya's baby naming  
- *Jen & Mike Rosengarten*

to Melissa Breiman, in memory of Julius Shmaruk  
- *Carol & Rob Shulman*

with thanks and appreciation - *Joanne Oventhal*

with appreciation, in honor of Drew's Bar Mitzvah  
- *the Weiss family*

with extreme gratefulness for leading us in prayer and in  
memory of Barbara Moss - *the Moss family*

thank you for all the support, in memory of Marilyn  
Nimerofsky - *Barbara & Jeff Nimerofsky*

to Julie and Marc Irizarry in honor of Liam's Bar Mitzvah  
- *Arleen & Ken Bernstein*

to Lori Perlstein, in memory of Seymour Krichmar  
- *Bennet Pine*

in memory of our grandniece Alyssa Alhadeff  
- *Ruth & Stu Turner*

thank you for all you do for us! - *Sheri & Allan Schott*

in honor of Rachel and Melanie becoming B'nai Mitzvah -  
with gratitude and appreciation  
- *the Gilbert family*

## Educator's Discretionary Fund

to Rod McVeigh and family, in memory of Tom McVeigh  
- *Irma & Joel Becker*  
- *Brittany Silverman & Aaron Punim*  
- *Marci & Harvey Weinberg*  
- *Sheri & Allan Schott*  
- *Elyse & Joe Berman*  
- *Gail & Al Schlosser*  
- *Gail & Ranan Wichler*  
- *Lorraine & Marc Orlick*  
- *Carole Goodman & Allen Resnick*

to Billy Jerlinski, in memory of Jean - *Irma & Joel Becker*

in honor of the birth of grandson Carter Max  
- *Terry Sitomer*

to Terry Sitomer, in honor of the birth of your grandson  
Carter Max - *Alison & Norman Axelrod*

to Michelle Sherry and family, in memory of Lois Jaffe  
- *Paula & Mel Tennenbaum*

with appreciation, in honor of Drew's Bar Mitzvah  
- *the Weiss family*

in honor of Rachel and Melanie becoming B'nai Mitzvah -  
with gratitude and appreciation - *the Gilbert family*

## Michelle Mitzvah Fund

in appreciation of all the good that  
Michelle Mitzvah Group does! - *Phil Moss*

# Contributions

## Life Fund

to the Ritchin family, in memory of Sondra Ritchin  
- Lisa Lamster & family

in memory of Sheryl's mother and father, Charles and Betty Sankel  
- Sheryl & Joel Ives

to Ranan Wichler and family, in memory of Fred Wichler  
- Laurie & Marc Daniel  
- Pearl & Bob Meyers  
- Lynn & Michael Zall  
- Ruth & Stu Turner

to Jonathan Theodore and family, in memory of Robert Theodore  
- Ruth & Stu Turner  
- Pearl & Bob Meyers  
- Sheri & Allan Schott

in memory of Morris Arshansky and William Golub  
- Sharon & Martin Arshansky

to Rabbi Barry Diamond, in memory of Marilyn Diamond  
- Laurie & Marc Daniel  
- Sue-Ellen Johnson  
- Sheila & Larry Groskin

in memory of Harry Meyers  
- Pearl & Bob Meyers

in memory of Hans Neumann  
- Judy & John Neumann

in memory of Werner Schott and Harriett Gordon  
- Sheri & Allan Schott

to Lynn and Michael Zall, in honor of their grandson, Corey Bannerman's Bar Mitzvah  
- the Library Ladies  
- Phyllis & Frank Greenberg

to Jeff Nimerofsky and family, in memory of your mom, Marilyn Nimerofsky  
- the Library Ladies  
- Ruth & Stu Turner  
- Lynn & Michael Zall  
- Ellen & Stanley Weiner

in memory of Sadie Miller, Max Miller & Julius Weisser  
- Carole Goodman

in memory of Helene Weinberg, William Weinberg and Joseph Cliff  
- Joyce & Stephen Weinberg

in memory of Rose Zahn, Harry Meyers  
- Pearl & Bob Meyers

in memory of Esther Senzel  
- Sue-Ellen Johnson

in memory of Edith and Morris Roth  
- Sandi Jeanette

in memory of Ruth Silverman  
- Judy & John Neumann

to Ranan and Gail Wichler, Mazel Tov on Julie's engagement  
- Phil Moss

in memory of Allen Nudelman  
- Roni Silver & family

to Ranan and Gail Wichler, Mazel Tov on The Engagement of Leah to Jonathan Spooner and Julie to Adam Kaufman  
- Ilyse & Floyd Smith

to the Ritchin family, in honor of Brian becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
- Brittany Silverman & Aaron Punim

in memory of Gerald Klein, Gertrude Klein and Sylvia Mandel  
- Arlene & Rich Mandel

in memory of Janice Schwartz  
- David Schwartz

to Shukie and Robin Grossman, in memory of Rabbi Rafael Grossman  
- Barbara & Charles Burghardt

to the Weiss Family, in honor of Drew's Bar Mitzvah  
- Tammi, Gabriel, Zeke & Micah Fox

in memory of Newt Parks  
- Sandy Parks

to Aaron and Lia Waitz, in honor of Ariel and Cary Waitz  
- Susan Garyn

in memory of Irv Goodman  
- Carole Goodman

## Tree of Life

in honor of Ryan Polansky's Bar Mitzvah  
- the Polansky family



# Contributions

## Prayer Book Dedication

in honor of Susan Reinstein - *the Ritual Committee*

in memory of Newt Parks - *the Parks family*

in memory of Vernon Taylor, Leon and Dorothy Auerbach  
- *Marilyn, Gregory & Tanya Taylor*

in honor of Rabbi Barry Diamond - *Sheryl Thailer*

in memory of Irving and Mary Lapidos - *Sheryl Thailer*



## Transition Committee

Since her arrival, Rabbi Ilana has been busy getting to know our congregants at services, meetings and Onegs, but also in smaller, more intimate gatherings arranged by our Transition Committee. We have found that these meetings have been helpful in providing an opportunity for Rabbi Ilana to get to know us and us her, and just as importantly, a chance for us to get to know each other. If you haven't yet received an invitation, please be patient as these events will continue throughout the year. If you weren't able to attend due to a conflict or perhaps you'd like to host a small group in your home, please contact our Transition Committee, led by co-chairs Marin Greene and Linda Schwartz, at [bhsstransition@gmail.com](mailto:bhsstransition@gmail.com).

## Center for Food Action FOOD DRIVE

We take pride in our support of the Center for Food Action, starting the year with High Holidays and continuing throughout the year.

### TWO ways to contribute:

Bring bags of food when you come to services. The CFA truck will be outside during the High Holidays.

OR... *let us do the shopping for you!*  
Write a check to "BHSS Scrip" and we will purchase gift cards for ShopRite or Stop & Shop.

Your donations translates to approximately:

\$10 = 5 lbs. of food

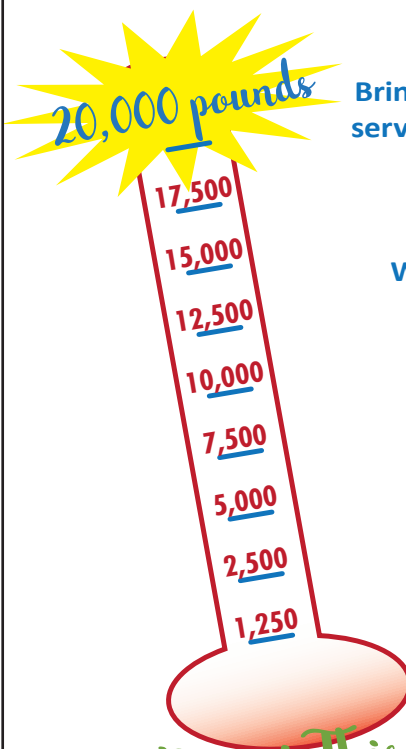
\$18 = 10 lbs. of food

\$25 = 15 lbs. of food

You will see a visual celebration of the pounds of food you have donated in the temple lobby throughout the year.

**We look forward to hitting  
20,000 pounds of food this year!**

For questions, email: [ritchyano@gmail.com](mailto:ritchyano@gmail.com).



*Let's Burst This Bubble!*





## From the *Sifriyah*

Summer is the time for feet in the sand, flip flops, freedom, picnic days, swimming, and much more. For us at Sifriyah, it is all of that and much more. You see, our Sifriyah is never far from our thoughts. And so, in August, we gathered in the library, working to ensure that our library will be totally pristine and our collection in a good proper order. While there, we also reconnected with each other, exchanged news, and, of course, snacked.

It is our fondest wish that congregants will spend some time becoming comfortable and familiar with our collection. We hope to see you there, and if you have some suggestions or requests, please contact us via the office.

Do you know this famous person?

- On May 4, intimate portrait released;
- Considered a rock star
- Exceptional intellect
- 85-year-old jurist
- Lifelong fight against gender discrimination



If you guessed Ruth Bader Ginsberg, you are correct. On October 14, at 1 pm, the library will sponsor the showing of RBG, a multidimensional portrait of Supreme Court Justice Ginsberg.



Through interviews with family, friends, colleagues and critics, along with family scenes and home movies, Ginsberg comes alive. In addition, through news footage, and even an interview with Ginsberg herself, an intimate portrait is revealed. This portrait is fortified by glimpses into her upbringing, passions, and love of her husband, Marty.

Join us for our first Book and Bagel of the new season, the showing of RBG, October 14 at 1 p.m. The presence and strength of RGB is enormous and even controversial. The event promises to be insightful, entertaining, and an educational journey. As always, we will share a light lunch.

Mark your calendars. We hope to see you on October 14. Stay tuned for further information.

## BHSS Wish List

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

### Sanctuary/Ritual

Automatic projection screen	\$8,000
Updated projector for sanctuary	\$8,000
New laptop/software for sanctuary	\$900
New prayer books for sanctuary	\$28 each- actual
<i>Mishkan Tefilah</i> (100 needed)	

### Religious School

4 Microtower/monitor combos with cart	\$900 each
school lobby monitor	\$1000

### 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 **Sheryl and Joel Ives**, on the death of their sister-in-law, Susan Ives  
to **George Wolfe**, on the death of his father, Herbert Wolfe  
to **Mark Ritchin**, on the death of his mother, Sondra Ritchin  
to **Rod McVeigh**, on the death of his father, Tom McVeigh  
to **Dawn Shirvan** on the death of her father, and to **Terry Sitomer** on the death of her brother-in-law, James Minty  
to **Rabbi Diamond**, on the death of his step mother, Marlyne Diamond  
to **Ranan Wichler**, on the death of his father, Fred Wichler  
to **Gerald Shmaruk**, on the death of his father, Julius Shmaruk  
to **Leon Bibi**, on the death of his father, Morris Bibi  
to **Justin Furst**, on the death of his grandmother, Joanne Feinbaum  
to **Jonathan Theodore**, on the death of his father, Robert Theodore  
to **Michelle Sherry**, on the death of her mother, Lois Jaffe  
to **Susan McFeeters**, on the death of her mother, Betty Schacher

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

**Rod McVeigh**

**Larry Israel**

**Leslie Sapienza**

**Beth Wiesner**

### *Mazal Tov*

to **Myra Dulberger** on the birth of her grandson, Benjamin  
to **Brittany Silverman**, BHSS Director of Informal Youth Programming,  
on her engagement to Aaron Punim  
to **Mona & Jeff Lefkowitz** on the engagement of their son Matthew to Marissa Schain  
to **Terry Sitomer** on the birth of her grandson, Carter Max

### *Welcome New Members!*

**Caryn & David Kotz and family**, Upper Saddle River, NJ  
**Kelly & Alex Zaky and family**, Mahwah, NJ  
**Robyn & Marc Harris and family**, Saddle River, NJ  
**Sharon Berman**, Mahwah, NJ  
**Kerri & Robert Eisenberg and family**, Waldwick, NJ  
**Melissa Vellone**, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY

*Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman & Art Kieres, and Sabine!*



## Save the Date



## 20th Annual Eternal Lights

Thursday, November 15, 2018  
River Palm Terrace, Mahwah

# Brotherhood 2.0

L'Shana Tova, and Happy New Year from the Brotherhood! We welcome Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman, Art Kieres and Sabine, and her whole family into our community and our families! May this year be a blessing for us all.

Brotherhood is going to kick off this year with something just a little bit different. As you know, on the third Tuesday of each month, Brotherhood usually has a dinner out somewhere. We have always kicked off the year at Overseas Chinese Restaurant in Suffern. This year will be no different...but what we are going to do is this:

Brotherhood will visit six different Chinese restaurants this year, and we are going to have a little fun. At each dinner, we will hand out cards with a survey on it so we can rate the restaurant on food quality, service, choices, presentation, flavor, etc. It'll be like The Food Network! We are also going to put out a survey on our Facebook page inviting people to submit their recommendations for upcoming Chinese restaurants. If you are not on our Facebook page, come find us at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Brotherhood, and Like us, follow us, and join our page...

If you haven't joined Brotherhood yet, please check us out. Come to one of our get togethers, events, or just come to a board meeting and see what we're all about...maybe you'll help us plan an event, or join us to help build the Sukkah, or come to our Chanukah dinner (which, incidentally, is also different this year because The Waterwheel closed), or to help out in the soup kitchen, or sort clothing for our drives, or to just answer the call to help out a fellow community member in need.

*BHSS Brotherhood...repairing the world,  
one Mitzvah at a time!*

Come join us for the following upcoming events:

9/16/2018 – Come build the Sukkah! All hands on deck...

9/20/2018 – First Brotherhood Dinner – Overseas restaurant in Suffern (Indian Rock Shopping Center)

9/23/2018 – Pizza in the Hut – Join us for dinner in the sukkah before Erev Sukkot services!

10/07/2018 – Come take down the Sukkah!

10/18/2018 – Second Brotherhood Dinner – Mahwah Bar & Grill

10/28/2018 – Brotherhood Raps! – join us at 10:00 at Panera Bread in Ramsey for one of our traditions! Breakfast and discussions on anything you want – politics, religion, sports, or just about anything...

L'Shalom!

The Legion of Past Presidents – Ian, Erb, Allan, Jonathan (and Rod, Treasurer for Life)

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

Help us welcome our new students  
Join with your friends and family parading  
with our torah scrolls

Sunday, September 30 beginning at 7 p.m.



# Michelle Mitzvah Group

Shalom Everyone

A few months ago, I traveled to Puerto Rico to assist with the Hurricane Maria relief efforts. I mentioned I would be reading President Bill Clinton's book, *Giving*, an appropriate book considering the purpose of my trip. I also promised a book report in the next *Temple Topics* - and so here it goes.

No matter what you have, you can always give something. Some people have limited financial resources, so they are able to provide their time and skill. Others have a great amount of financial resources and they partner with existing models to further promote the missions. Think Warren Buffet - instead of setting up his own charity, he contributed to his good friend, Bill Gates's foundation, to augment the work of the Gates Foundation (imagine checking the couch cushions after they leave).

President Clinton echoes the teachings of Pirkei Avot - "It is not incumbent upon you to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it." It is in that spirit that I invite you to help do "something." One does not have to do "everything." Anything can be done, and it is all better than "nothing."

To paraphrase the movie title by director Rob Reiner, the Michelle Mitzvah Group is always looking for "a few good

people." Whether it is providing meals at the Suffern Soup Kitchen, picking up and dropping off food at the Center for Food Action, helping out by mentoring young women at Oasis or sponsoring lunch at Oasis, there is "something" for everyone.

We do a little of everything. If you have an idea, we will look to do anything. We continue to do great work because we can all do something. We can't ever just sit around and do nothing.

The Michelle Mitzvah Group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue. I look forward to seeing you then.

B'Shalom

Steven Simon

Michelle Mitzvah Group Chair

P.S.- I have included a picture of my time when I was in Puerto Rico. You can also go to [www.nechama.org](http://www.nechama.org) and I recommend you watch the video with Eusebio Callero, which gives you an idea about the work being done. (Yours truly is in the video.)





## Youth Programming

It's hard to imagine the summer has almost come to an end and our Youth Group events will start again in just a few short weeks. I am excited to announce there will also be two events for our **students in K-2** for the first time at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. I am looking forward to having our youngest youth attend their first event this winter and can't wait to see all of you in September.

If you have not yet filled out your Youth Group Membership Form, they can be found on the synagogue website or in the box outside of the synagogue office. We have a great year ahead filled with community service and fun events that I do not want you to miss out on.

Wishing you a relaxing rest of the summer,

Ms. Brittany Silverman



Brittany Silverman,  
Director of Informal  
Youth Programming



### *K-2 Youth Group:*

December 9: **Music with Cantor and Hanukkah Cupcake Decorating**

### *Menschmakers and Junior Youth Group:*

September 16: **Bergen County Horse Rescue**- 1:00pm-3:00pm

October 20: **Havdalah and Movie Night**- 6:30pm-9:00pm

November 18: **Friendsgiving Potluck**

- 11:30-12:30pm Menschmakers
- 12:30pm-1:30pm Junior Youth Group

### *Senior Youth Group:*

September 9 - **Painting with a Twist**- 10:00am-12:00pm

October 27- **Late Night Movie and Dessert**

with Local Congregations: 8:00pm-11:00pm

November 16: **Pasta Dinner**- 5:45pm-7:00pm

## Social Action Committee

*There are several new and exciting initiatives happening in Social Action:*

- **“Let us do the shopping for You” -**

Social Action and Michelle Mitzvah will facilitate everyone donating to BHSS's Center for Food Action drive. For those of you who hate going to the grocery store, now you can write a check to BHSS for gift cards and we will purchase gift cards from local stores. All you have to do is get the check to the synagogue and we will “fill the truck” at the High Holidays and throughout the year. We hope this will make it easier for us to collect 20,000 pounds of groceries this year!

- **Refugee Shabbat on October 19.**

In support of H.I.A.S. we will be focusing on the issues of refugees in our area. We will have a speaker and food prepared by the Syria Supper Club at the Oneg.

- **Please save the date for MITZVAH DAY at BHSS,** November 18 from 12 – 2 p.m. We will have social action activities appropriate for the entire family!

Whitney Speer, Social Action Chair



## *September Yahrzeits*

KAY APPELBAUM	ESTELLE FRIEDMAN	DINA LEITNER	HARRIET SHRENSEL
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FLORENCE ASHKANAZY	RALPH GILBERT	IRVING LICHTENFELD	RICHARD SILVERMAN
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GUSSIE BLUMENFELD	JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN	MILTON MILLER	IDA SINGER
CECILE BYALICK	MORRIS GOODMAN	CEIL MOSER	JACK SPRUNG
LEWIS BYNE	BARRY GREENE	ESTHER MOSS	MORTON STEIN
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MONA FINKELSTEIN	RICHARD JANSEN	HARRY ROSENZWEIG	JULIUS WICHLER
BERNICE FISHKIN	SAMUEL KAPLAN	RUTH ROSENZWEIG	ABRAHAM WIESNER
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DOUGLAS FREEMAN	BENJAMIN LASS	PHIL SCHOENFELD	MILT ZAHM
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## *October Yahrzeits*

STEVEN ABEL	NINA GREENBERG	ROSALYN MILLMAN
MANUEL ANSIN	BERNICE SHIRLEY GRUBER	BARBARA MOSKOWITZ
MICHELLE APPELBAUM	DAVID HABERMAN	SADIE NOVOK
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BENJAMIN BLUMENFELD	ANNA KASPER	ANNELIESE SCHOTT
BEATRICE BURGHARDT	SEYMOUR KIRZNER	ISIDOR ROBERT SIEGEL
JENNIE COHEN	HENRY KOLB	SELMA KLEINER SIEGEL
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**Begin observance of the Days of Awe and join us for a multi-community observance of S'lichot at Temple Beth Tikvah in Wayne, NJ beginning at 8:30 p.m. Along with Temple Beth Tikvah, joining BHSS are the clergy and choirs of Temple Beth Rishon and Congregation Shomrei Torah.**



Continue your personal High Holiday journey as you join us for a Spiritual Walk on Sunday, September 23 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Ramapo Valley Reservation, weather permitting.

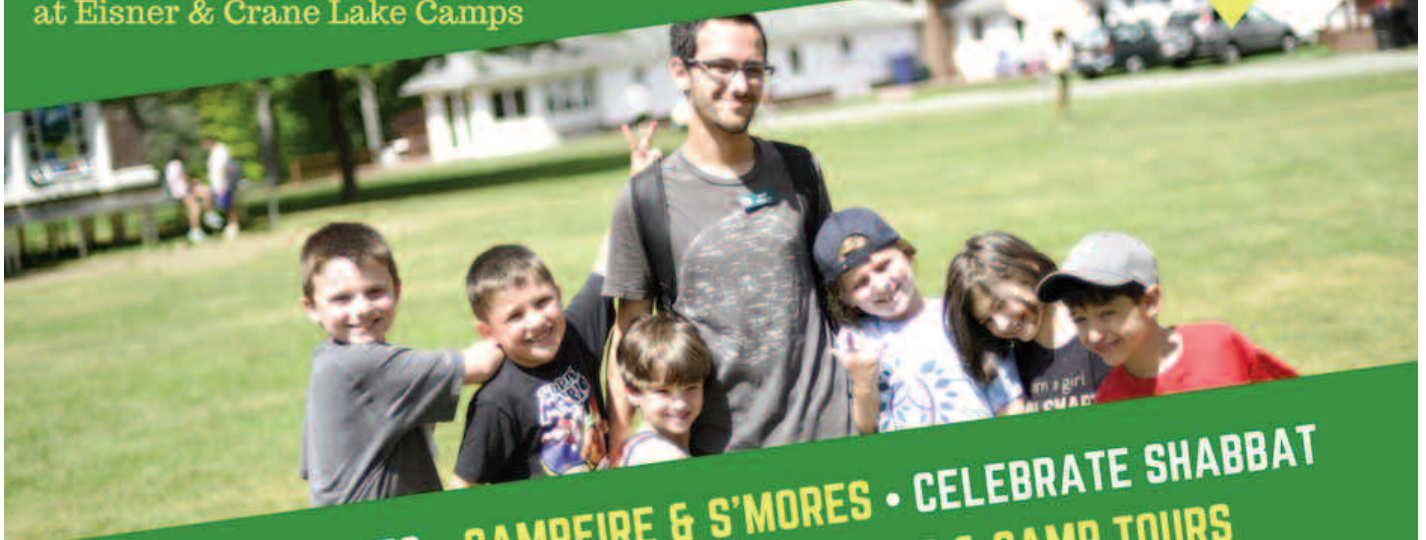
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## Do you like to Pray and Learn (with great love for Dr. Seuss)

By Jill Pearlman & Gail Spencer, BHSS Retreat Committee

I do not like to pray and learn  
I do not like to so you've heard

You do not like to so you say  
Try to, try to  
And you may  
Try to and you may I say  
If you will let me be  
I will try to  
You will see  
Say!

I DO like to pray and learn!  
I do! I like to so you've heard!  
I would try to at the retreat  
I would try to so reserve my seat  
I will join you at the retreat  
I will look forward to meet and greet  
I will meet you January 25th at Camp Harlam  
Because of the endowment it is a bargain

I could and would have fun you know  
The retreat is something you never outgrow

I will pray along with the others

Singles, families, couples and grandmothers  
And I will learn along with you  
Just how lucky we all are to be Jews

So I will pray and learn with Rabbi  
She is someone with whom I can identify  
And Cantor Perper will sing us songs  
He will sing songs here and there  
Say! He will sing songs ANYWHERE!  
He sings so good, so good you see

So please do join us at the retreat  
Join us for the weekend or the day  
We will take you anyway!  
We will take you by yourself  
And we will take you with whomever else  
Join your fellow members of BHSS  
To help make this retreat another SUCCESS  
I do so like to Pray and Learn  
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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

Laura Miller, Co-chair, Caring Committee





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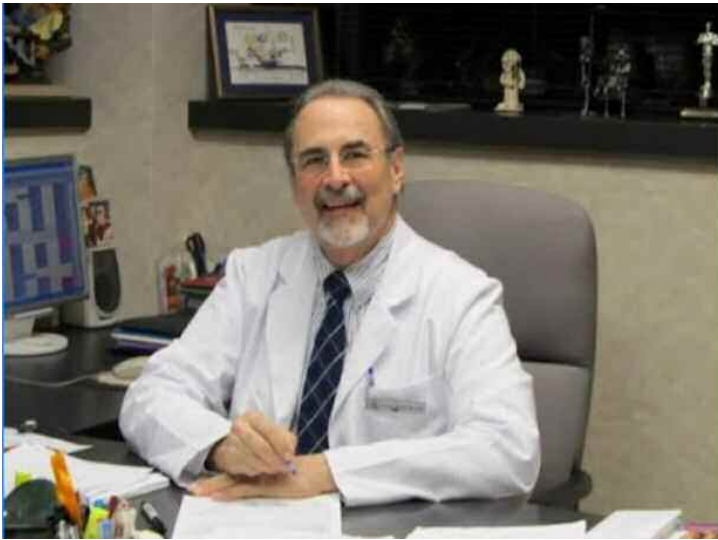
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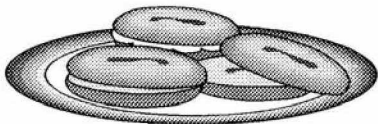
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# Worship Schedule

Friday, Aug 31	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service, Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Graham-Bialer family
Saturday, September 1	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Graham-Bialer
	8:30 pm	Pre-S'lichot Program at Temple Beth Tikvah
	10:00 pm	Havdalah & S'lichot Service of Forgiveness at Temple Beth Tikvah, Wayne, NJ
Friday, September 7	6:30 pm	Shabbat Evening family service. <i>Birthdays in August &amp; September will be celebrated.</i> Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Shirvan family
Saturday, September 8	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Cooper Shirvan
Sunday, September 9	7:30 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah service
Monday September 10		Rosh Hashanah services <i>Please refer to High Holiday Tickets for service schedule</i>
Tuesday, September 11	9:15 am	2nd Day Rosh Hashanah service
Friday, September 14	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service. Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Abel and Cassell families
Saturday, September 15	10:00 am	B'not Mitzvah of Chelsey Abel and Sarah Cassell
Tuesday, September 18	7:30 pm	Kol Nidre service
Wednesday, September 19		Yom Kippur services <i>Please refer to High Holiday Tickets for service schedule</i>
Friday, September 21	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service. Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Weinberger family
Saturday, September 22	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Cate Weinberger
Sunday, September 23	7:00 pm	Sukkot Festival service
Monday September 24	10:00 am	Sukkot Morning service
Friday, September 28	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service. Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Freitag family
Saturday, September 29	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Justine Freitag
Sunday, September 30	7:00 pm	Simchat Torah/Consecration service
Monday October 1	10:00 am	Simchat Torah Yizkor service
Friday, October 5	6:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Family service. <i>Birthdays in October will be celebrated</i> Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Fleischmann and Fishman families
Saturday, October 6	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Mandy Fleischmann and Chase Fishman
Friday, October 12	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service. Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Brown family
Saturday, October 13	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Noah Brown
Friday, October 19	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service. National Refugee Shabbat Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Polansky and Lapinson families
Saturday, October 20	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Ryan Polansky and Alexander Lapinson
Friday, October 26	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service. Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Stark family
Saturday, October 27	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Dylan and Jake Stark



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**Office Closed:**

Monday September 10  
Tuesday September 11  
Wednesday September 19  
Monday September 24  
Monday October 1

## To do in September and October



- *Torah Study Shabbat mornings, 8:15 am*
- *Shabbat Shabang! Friday, September 7 & October 5 at 6:30 pm*
- *Tot Shabbat Friday, September 21 & October 19 at 5:15 pm*
- *Help Brotherhood build the Sukkah, Sunday, September 16, 9:00 am*
- *Spiritual Walk Sunday, September 23, 7:30 am*
- *Enjoy Pizza in the Hut, Sunday, September 23, 6:00 pm*
- *Decorate the Sukkah during the Oneg following Erev Sukkot service Sunday, September 23*
- *Sisterhood's Sangria in the Sukkah Sunday, September 30, 1:00 pm*
- *Celebrate our new students, Simchat Torah/Consecration service Sunday, September 30*
- *Join the Library Committee for Book and a Bagel, Sunday, October 14, 1:00 pm*
- *Kristallnacht Commemoration Sunday, October 21, 2:00 pm*