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President's Message

Jen Cole

*The Art & Importance of Listening:
Shhh...Mmmm...Ahhh...*

As an adjunct professor whose Introductory Psychology class is comprised largely of freshmen, I often get approached by students for guidance on how to select a major. For students with a defined career goal in mind, this is a relatively simple task, but others struggle, as their visions of the future are far less clear. And then there are those, like my 18-year-old self, who feel certain what they want...but ultimately come to find it wasn't quite what they expected. When I applied to Muhlenberg, I intended to travel the pre-med path, but quickly found myself seeking something different. I can still recall telling my parents that it was no longer my ambition to become a doctor (at least not a *real doctor*, as my kids like to tease) and that I was switching to psychology/religion. When Dad asked what I planned to do with this newfound combo degree, I admittedly didn't have great answers. I wish I could share with him now how well my education has served me, both professionally as a clinical psychologist and avocationally as a synagogue president.

One of the tasks involved in the later stages of the rabbinic

search was to call references for candidates under consideration. It turned out to be an interesting process, as it connected me to lay leaders at communities all over the country and several outside the United States. Some of these calls were perfunctory and involved a simple Q & A exchange, but other times we wound up talking to each other about our respective congregations and sharing a bit of our backgrounds, passions, ideas and challenges. One particular chat stands out in my mind. A past president inquired if I had any special training that informed my presidency, and I jokingly told him that I may have actually majored in it! He responded that he too, had a unique talent that often came in handy, namely that he was "deaf in one ear."

All kidding aside, I am fortunate to work with a wonderful team of staff and lay leaders at BHSS and the congregation has been incredibly supportive of my efforts. Even when complaints or issues have come up, our congregants have been respectful and willing to engage in constructive conversation. As such, I have rarely experienced the urge to turn a deaf ear - at least not at BHSS, that is.

SUSTAINING MEMBERS 2018

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT BETH HAVERIM SHIR SHALOM BY PARTICIPATING IN ONE OF THE BELOW LEVELS OF SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP:

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Hillel and Shammai

In the first century, during the composition of the Mishnah, there were two sages, Hillel and Shammai, who represented two divergent points of view. Generally, Shammai was a strict interpreter of *halacha*, Jewish Law, and Hillel tended to be more lenient. And generally speaking, legal interpretations tended to favor Hillel. Take, for example, their dispute over how to light Chanukah candles. Shammai posited that we begin with all the candles lit and then put one out every night. Alternately, Hillel thought we should begin with one lit and add a candle each night.

We already know how this decision will turn out, but the *why* is also important. As the Talmud tends to do, it does not give the two sages' reasoning from their own perspective. Instead, later rabbis explain why they took the stance they did.

Ulla said: Two Amoraim in the West (the Land of Israel) disagreed [on how to explain this disagreement between Bet Hillel and Bet Shammai, namely] R. Yossi bar Abin and R. Yossi bar Zevida. One said: The reason for Bet Shammai was according to the number of days left and the reason for Bet Hillel was according to the number of days that have passed. And one said: The reason for Bet Shammai was according to the number of bulls offered up on Sukkot, and the reason for Bet Hillel was that we increase in holiness and we don't decrease.

(Talmud Bavli, Shabbat 21b)

In this passage, there is one man Ulla presenting the interpretations of R. Yossi bar Abin and R. Yossi bar Zevida—they, in turn, are explaining the rulings of Hillel and Shammai. All of the explanations seem reasonable enough. On the Shammai side, we would reduce the candles either because we are counting down the days of Hanukah or to reflect Sukkot sacrifices (incidentally, there is a convincing argument that Chanukah is largely based on Sukkot). On the Hillel side, we would light more candles either because we are counting up the days or because we want to increase holiness. The practice that prevails is by and large attributed to this wish to increase holiness.

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Rabbi's Reflections

Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman



expand holiness.

We might logically assume that as the days of the holiday decrease and as the oil in our Chanukah story decreased, we should also decrease our candles. Instead our sages teach us the opposite—bring more light, bring more holiness. Even when it is counter-intuitive, it's always worthwhile to have more light and more holiness in the world.

This is not just about Chanukah. Recently I was getting a haircut, and when my stylist learned that I am a rabbi, she asked specifically about my position on gay marriage. She comes from a faith tradition that frowns on this union, but my response to her is one informed by the idea of increasing holiness. We should be doing all we can to bring more light, more love, and more holiness into our lives and the lives of others.

May this season be one of light and holiness for us all.

*Celebrate 20 years of Eternal Lights
While welcoming Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman
to Beth Haverim Shir Shalom*

*More than a Synagogue
More than a school
A sacred community
From Generation to Generation*

*Please join our Rabbi, Cantor and fellow congregants
and keep our Eternal Lights burning*

Thursday, November 15, 2018

7:00p.m.- Cocktails

8:00p.m.- Dinner

The River Palm Terrace

Mahwah, NJ

*Through your generosity Eternal Lights
continues to ensure the growth of our Synagogue
benefiting all of our congregants*

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Please reply by November 1, 2018



From the Educator's Office

Rebecca McVeigh

PENNY WARS!

The school's first-ever focused *tzedakah* drive, Penny Wars, will end with the calendar year. NOW is the time to encourage your children (or yourselves) to take part in some way. Ordinarily we don't think of doing a "good deed" as being a competition, but oftentimes *tzedakah* in the traditional sense, giving money, diminishes in importance as we seek to heal the world in other ways. However, charities need funding, too!

The idea of Penny Wars is to put your *tzedakah* into the other team's jar, which causes your jar to "win" by having less than theirs. I know it sounds complicated; I had never even heard of such a thing until 10 years ago and it's taken about that long to understand!

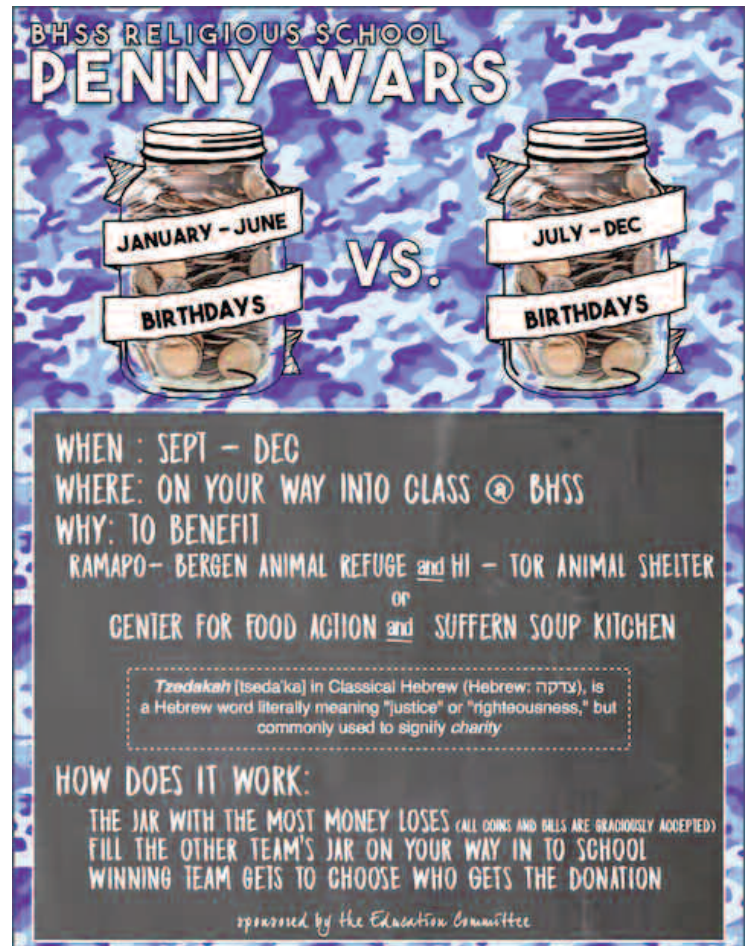
The jar for the January through June birthdays has more pennies/other currency. So, it is losing at the moment. NOW is the time to either further team January-June's downward trend or for team January – June to FIGHT BACK! So, if you or your children's birthdays are in January, February, March, April, May, or June, do your best to drop some pennies (or other currency) into the jar labeled "July – December." We will be publishing the official count so far during November, but remember to bring some coins whenever you come to synagogue during the school day, and be on the winning team when Penny Wars ends on December 31.

The winning (**less total money in the jar**) team will vote to decide where the money goes (one charity in New York and one in New Jersey, no matter what!)

And...if you'd like to participate in Penny Wars and you are NOT in the building during religious school, simply leave your contribution in either the main office, labeled for which jar we should put it in, or put it in an envelope (labeled) in my mailbox in the copier room.

Although as I write my beloved Red Sox have just made it into the World Series, it is a cold, windy day and hard to think about the "boys of summer". I hope you all enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish you a Happy Chanukah!

- Rebecca McVeigh, Director of Education



Other Events/Programming for Students

November – December 17: DARE Toy Drive

December 2 – Menschmakers (3-5) DIY Edible Menorah

December 2 - Junior Youth Group (6-8) Chanukah Cookie Baking

December 3 – Annual Chanukah Concert/Parties for Monday afternoon students

December 4 – Community Menorah Lighting

December 7 – Shabbat Chanukah 6:30 p.m. Family Service

December 16 & December 18 – T'filah with Parents

December 19 - K/1/2 Music with Cantor Perper & Cupcake Decorating

Yashar Koach

Last night I attended our Ritual Committee meeting, at which we reviewed our High Holiday season - finding areas of improvement and noting all that was good and meaningful and remembering those feelings and traditions, and keeping them for next year, 5780. Thank you to our amazing choir who sounded glorious. We are a very lucky community to have such a great sounding all-volunteer choir. A huge thanks also goes out to all those who took on the responsibility to chant Torah or Haftarah. It takes a lot of time to prepare even a few verses. You were all wonderfully prepared. *Yashar Koach*, you should go from strength to strength.

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Musically, we are planning and looking forward to:

SAVE THESE DATES

MOVIE NIGHT with Havdalah - Saturday, January 12, 7:00 p.m. in the ULAM.

Popcorn and refreshments included. The movie choice is still in committee. STAY TUNED! :)

SHABBAT SHIRAH

Friday, January 18, 7:30 p.m. - The Shabbat of Song. We'll celebrate Shabbat, we'll celebrate our choir, and of course, there will be lots of joyous and meaningful music to share and to sing :)

BHSS GOT TALENT

Sunday, February 10, 2 p.m. - Come one, come all! What's your talent? COMEDY, INSTRUMENTAL, VOCAL, JUGGLING, OR OTHER. Look for audition info :)

COFFEEHOUSE CANTORS with Havdalah -

April 13, 7 p.m. - BHSS's most successful musical program is back. Join us as we rock the night away.

Cantor's Corner

David Perper



REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE ISRAEL!

Yom Hazikaron / Haatzmaut, Israel's Memorial Day and Independence Day Observance - May 5, 4:00 p.m. Joint temple choirs and clergy will gather to remember those lost, and then celebrate Israel with meaningful words and melodies.

Join us for Shabbat Chanukah

*the December family service (TGIS -
Thank Goodness It's Shabbat)*

*Friday, December 7
at 6:30 p.m. with choir*

*Bring Your Chanukiyah
~Chanukah menorah~
and let's celebrate the Festival of Light*

*Then enjoy a delicious special Oneg
featuring jelly doughnuts!*

*Please be sure to bring a bottle of cooking oil to
donate to the Center for Food Action as part of
our Chanukah celebration.*



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Candlelighting times:

November 2 – 5:32 pm – Chayei Sarah
 November 9 – 4:24 pm – Tol'dot
 November 16 – 4:28 pm – Vayeitzei
 November 23 – 4:14 pm – Vayishlach
 November 30 – 4:11 pm – Vayeshev

December 7 – 4:10 pm – Miketz
 December 14 – 4:11 pm – Vayigash
 December 21 – 4:14 pm – Vayechei
 December 28 – 4:18 pm – Sh'mot



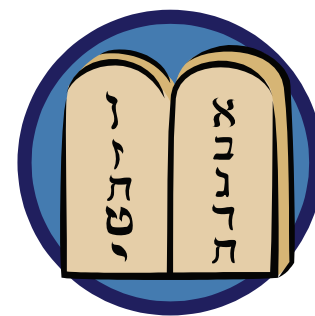
November Calendar

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Please join Cantor Perper on Sunday Nov 18th at 4 pm for The 2018 Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service held at the St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, Ramsey, NJ. A joint choir will sing, and refreshments will follow the service.					6:30 pm TGIS Thank Goodness It's Shabbat!	Chayei Sarah 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Carlie & Jessica Shmaruk
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...will be called to the Torah...



**Carlie Shmaruk –
November 3, 2018**

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Michelle, Father, Gerald, Sisters, Lily, 17 and Jessica, 13 is an 8th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include volleyball and track. "I hope to be a surgeon. I know that 'the harder you try the more you'll succeed!' I feel very excited to become b'nai mitzvah with my sister. For my community service I volunteered at a senior living facility."



Hannah Altman – November 17, 2018

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Jennifer, Father, Brian, Brother, Matthew, 10 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include singing, acting, drawing, and gymnastics. "I want to be an early childhood teacher. I'm looking forward to celebrating my special day with my friends and family. For my community service project, I am volunteering at the Promenade, an assisted living home. I enjoy getting to know the residents and calling bingo!"



**Jessica Shmaruk –
November 3, 2018**

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Michelle, Father, Gerald, Sisters, Lily, 17 and Carlie, 13 is an 8th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School..... Her interests include volleyball and swimming. "I hope to be a lawyer or fashion designer. I feel happy and confident about my bat mitzvah. My community service project has me going to a senior living facility to make the elderly feel happy that there is someone there to talk to them."



Ari Hirshfield – November 24, 2018

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Karen, Father, Ted, Brother, Noah, 15 is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School His interests include basketball, football, tennis, and hanging out with friends. "I'm not sure what I want to do when I grow up, but probably something math-oriented. Last Thanksgiving (and I will also do this Thanksgiving), I collected food as part of Project NEST to serve to families in Newark for Thanksgiving dinner. Then I helped distribute the food to the families a few days before Thanksgiving. I also volunteered at the NJ Food Bank."



**Hayley Hollander –
November 10, 2018**

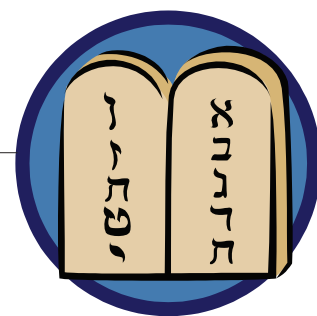
Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Alison, Father, Craig, Brother, Luke, 10 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include soccer, basketball, and playing with my dog Aspen. "I want to become a veterinarian because I love dogs! I feel happy and excited to become a woman in the Jewish tradition. I am volunteering my time with special needs children by running track and playing soccer with them."



Sarah Hyman – November 24, 2018

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Maggie Sammarone-Hyman, Father, Daniel, Brothers, James, 11 and Dylan, 6 is an 8th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include singing, performing, competitive swimming, and enjoying time with friends. "I would like to be an actress in musical theater. I am excited about my upcoming bat mitzvah; learning at BHSS is a fun experience. As a Make-a-Wish child myself, I formed a 'Walk-for-Wishes' team to raise money toward a wish for another child with a life-threatening medical condition. I was a top five individual fundraiser and won the bronze medal for under-19 females running in the event."

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



Adriane Heit – December 1, 2018

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Jennifer, Father, Jonathan, Brother, Griffin, 5 is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School Her interests include soccer, reading, TV, and basketball. "I don't know yet what I'd like to be; we'll see. I'm excited but nervous to take the next step into my life as a woman in the Jewish tradition. I am volunteering at a nursing home and helping the people there enjoy their times."



Breanna Bofford – December 8, 2018

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Lauren, Father, Brad, Step-mother Jamie, Sister, Jenna, 11, Stepbrother, Ben, 10 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include soccer, baking, traveling, and spending time with friends. "I would like a future in interior design. I'm very excited and grateful to become a bat mitzvah. My dad and I volunteered at the Bergen County Horse Rescue, a neighbor of BHSS, working with horses that got rescued from abuse, and even slaughter. The horses are tamed and become therapeutic. www.bergencountyhorserescue.org."



Justin Diamond – December 8, 2018

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Rachel, Father, Jason, Sister, Jessica, 14 is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School His interests include baseball, lacrosse, technology, video games, spending time with friends, and travel. "I'd like to be an engineer. I am excited to reach this important milestone in the Jewish religion and see the results of all my hard work. My community service project has focused on helping the disadvantaged. That has come through working with Project N.E.S.T. (No Empty Stomachs Today) to provide Thanksgiving dinners to 600 families in Newark, packaging goods for food pantries with the Community Food Bank of NJ, and raising money to send underprivileged children to summer camp."



Justin Fox – December 15, 2018

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Erica, Father, Josh, Sister, Maya, 9 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include gaming, gardening, computers, and reading. "I feel excited that my bar mitzvah is almost here, after many years of hard work and dedication. For my community service I planted a garden and donated the food I grew to the Center for Food Action in Mahwah."

Michael Weishar – December 15, 2018

Chanukah for Tots

Beth Haverim Shir Shalom's Religious School Invites your **4 and/or 5 year-old** not yet in Kindergarten to a special CHANUKAH complimentary session of our monthly PreK class, taught by Miss Terry. There will be a craft, some cooking, a song, a story, and more!
(This class is without parents.)

Monday, December 3, 2018 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to the school by calling 201-512-1983 or writing to schoolatbethhav@optonline.net NO LATER than November 28 so that we will have enough supplies for everyone. This class is open to BHSS members and non-members alike, so please tell your friends!

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 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.

CHANUKAH MENORAH LIGHTING HINTS:

The first day of Chanukah is on **December 3** ; therefore the first candle is lit the evening before (**December 2.**) Candles are placed in the *chanukiah* (Chanukah menorah) from right to left (the first night, place one candle all the way to the right, then add on from there each succeeding night.) Light candles from left to right (light the newest candle first, after you have lit the *shamash*, or service candle.)

First Blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu bimitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

Second Blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, she'asa nissim la'avoteinu bayamim haheim ba-z'man hazeh.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors, in those days at this time of year.

Third Blessing (recited first night only)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁחַיָּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu v'kiyemanu v'higiyanu la-z'man hazeh.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season of joy.



BHSS Social Action & Michelle Mitzvah Group

Invites your entire family
to join us for

MITZVAH DAY

November 18th
12-2pm

Before then we are collecting in the
school entrance toiletries such as:

Toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, combs,
soap, shampoo*, deodorant*, and socks
for people who are newly homeless.

That day we will sort the donations and create
individual kits, which will be distributed by
Midnight Run



Please join Cantor Perper on
Sunday November 18 at 4 pm for the 2018
**Community Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service**

held at St. Paul Roman Catholic Church,
Ramsey, NJ.

A joint choir will sing, and refreshments
will follow the service.



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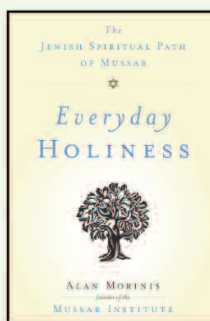
*The World of Mussar is open
before you, and you are invited to enter.*

SEEKING
EVERYDAY
HOLINESS

A
COMMUNITY
MUSSAR
PROGRAM

The Union for Reform Judaism and The Mussar Institute are offering
Seeking Everyday Holiness, a course of transformative teachings based on the book
Everyday Holiness by Alan Morinis. Mussar practice provides an authentic
Jewish pathway to connect with the light of holiness that lives within the soul.

Mussar is open to everyone, regardless of Jewish knowledge with no Hebrew required.
You will receive a copy of the book, and participate in a discussion group where you
can experience the practices and teachings of Mussar. Some of the traits to be explored
are humility, patience, and gratitude. Discover how the wisdom of Mussar
can bring more balance and wholeness into your life.



*"The study and practice of Mussar is for me
an integral part of my understanding of Jewish
leadership. I am anchored in my day through
this practice; it is a Jewish framework for
reflection and personal growth. To take
advantage of this kind of practice, to embody
it so that it becomes ours to live and to teach,
is of inestimable value to share and develop
the spiritual growth possible within a
congregation."*

*— Susan Carls, past president of the
American Conference of Cantors*

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For more information please contact:
Lisa Barrack - 201-612-1983
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**Seeking
Everyday Holiness**

**Dates are Mondays
at 7:30 pm:**

Nov 5, 2018
Nov 19, 2018
Dec 10, 2018
Jan 7, 2019
Jan 28, 2019
Feb 11, 2019
Feb 25, 2019
Mar 11, 2019
Mar 25, 2019
Apr 8, 2019

**Inner Ladder –
for those who want to continue
their Mussar education**

**Dates are Wednesdays
at 7:30 pm:**

Nov 7, 2018
Nov 28, 2018
Dec 12, 2018
Jan 9, 2019
Jan 23, 2019
Feb 6, 2019

December Birthdays

Alex Begleiter

Benjamin Grossman

Benjamin Marder

Benjamin Chais

Jacob Berwitz

Jillian Bruckner

Julia Mandler

Justin Fox

Morgan Koppelman

GIFT CARDS

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

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

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



Sisterhood News

Did you hear that “sonic boom”? That was the sound of Sisterhood’s year kicking off (which is more than we can say for the Jets and Giants, at least so far)! But we opened our season as winners, as 40 women (and a random gentleman, lol) enjoyed sangria, snacks and spirited discussion in our wonderful sukkah on September 30. We were thrilled to welcome new members, and welcome back our veterans, and to get the year going in such a great way. (Did you know we also collected 160 pounds of juice boxes to support local food pantries?)

But we’re just getting started! You may have heard of Hot Yoga, but have you tried Ulam Zumba? Sisterhood sponsors Zumba each Monday night—and you don’t have to worry if you’re not ready for DWTS – this Zumba is for everyone! Come out, get fit, have fun and support Sisterhood all at the same time.

Now that you’re getting physically fit, don’t forget your financial fitness! On **November 13**, Sisterhood will sponsor a **workshop on financial fitness for women**. Join us and learn about planning for the future. Get your questions answered, and have some fun. In the spirit of our ongoing social action initiative, we will be collecting women’s hygiene products. (Did you know that these essential products are not available to food stamp/SNAP recipients?)

If you haven’t already done so, make sure your calendars are marked for Sisterhood’s great **Goods and Services Auction on December 1!** This is our biennial major fundraiser, that

enables us to provide some of our most significant support to our BHSS community, in the form of camp scholarships, gifts to the b’nei mitzvah students, and welcome gifts to our new members. Wouldn’t it be great to attend a dinner party with your BHSS friends? Do you want an autographed guitar, or original piece of jewelry? Discounts to your favorite restaurants? Do you just want an evening of good fun, good friends and good work? Come out, sip some wine and find some treasures with us. Bring your friends – a great time is guaranteed!

New this year: our new-and-improved **Chanukah party**, co-sponsored with Brotherhood, is moving to BHSS on the evening of **December 15**. Come out for pot-luck madness, with live music presented by our own Jane Koch and her band! Support BHSS and the needy by contributing gift cards for distribution to the food pantries. It’s always a great night!

We can’t close without congratulating our BHSS Sisterhood Women of Valor, who received their WRJ Atlantic awards on October 21: Leslie Sapienza and Lisa Lamster need no introduction—but when you see them, give them a “mazal tov!”

Spring will bring many more events, so keep an eye on your weekly emails, the BHSS electronic bulletin board and Temple Topics. Our Sisterhood is a great “grop”: it’s only missing “U”!

Leslie and Sheryl

Yizkor Appeal- in loving memory of

Frank Nathanson, Todd Nathanson, Edward Spencer
- *the Spencer & Nathanson families*

Barbara Moss, Esther Moss, George Moss, Irving Pesin,
Ethel Pesin, Sarah Blacher, Victor Levy - *Phil Moss*

Mickey Pinchera - *Nancy & Jack Teichman*

Phyllis & Victor Cohen - *Dorothy & Michael Cohen*

Jack & Edna Homnick, Helen Greenblatt
- *Barbara Heitmann*

Jeremy Zall - *Lynn & Michael Zall*

Ethel Saltzman, Dave Saltzman, Samuel Bornstein, Marion
Stansfield - *Sandra & William Arlington*

Allen Nudelman - *Roni & Andrew Silver*

David Haberman - *Marilyn & Irwin Haberman*

Loretta and Irma Becker, Phoebe and Mende Jaffe
- *Irma & Joel Becker*

Donna Barrack and Robert Towell - *the Barrack family*

Sondra and Stanley Wells - *the Cassell family*

Claire and Norman Novak, Kurt Daniel
- *Laurie & Marc Daniel*

Sheila Levitt Estrin, Paul Levitt - *Lisa Estrin*

Brad Perlstein, Marilyn and Seymour Krichmar
- *Lori Perlstein*

Nathan Rucker, Eric Fields, Leah Rucker - *Lynne Feldman*

Roy Israel - *Marilyn Israel*

Edith & Morris Roth, Gertrude & Paul Jeanette
The Jeanette Family

Sarah Iskowitz, Mother of Joel Ives - *Sheryl & Joel Ives*

Ruth and Morris Abner, Blanche Lambert
- *Maxine & Howard Abner*

Eugene and Leah Reinstein, Jack and Estelle Weinberg,
Howard Weinberg - *Harris & Susan Reinstein*

Daniel and Rose Zahm, Harry and Celia Meyers
- *Pearl & Bob Meyers*

Irv Goodman - *Carole Goodman*

Shirley and Murray Marks, Ben and Helen Kassover, Robert
Kassover - *Candy & Michael Kassover*

Jerrold & Sandra Arons, Jerome Weinberg
- *Marci & Harvey Weinberg*

Janice and William Kaplan, Adele Axelrod
- *Alison & Norman Axelrod*


Jacob Rabinovitz, Anne Rabinovitz, Celia Turner, Jack
Turner, Florence Turner, Marilyn Friedman, Alyssa
Alhadeff - *Ruth & Stu Turner*

Betty and Bernard Brown - *Janet Burton*

Vernon Taylor, Leon and Dorothy Auerbach
- *Marilyn & Charlie Taylor -Romano*

Otto Pearl Blau - *Robert Blau*

Mary Hirschman - *Lynn & Gerry Weston*



**COMMUNITY
MENORAH
LIGHTING!**

**Tuesday,
December 4,
6 pm**

Join your congregational family as we officially
light the beautiful chanukiyah (Chanukah menorah)
that graces our front circle. We will gather with
Rabbi Ilana, Cantor Perper, our choir, and our
fourth and fifth grade students to celebrate with
song and some hot cocoa and jelly donuts.

Ritual Committee

Rabbi's words were inspiring* so much joy between rabbi and cantor * non-fasting room was a great idea * great way to begin the holidays with a clergy blessing * great alternative *Tashlich* * Torah and Haftarah readers were well prepared * Cantor's voice gets sweeter and sweeter each year * fantastic learning sessions * the board speakers were wonderful* great idea to give the *rimonim* to the young kids to carry during *hakafot*!

These are just a few of the comments that we have heard in recent weeks. We hope you had a wonderful High Holiday season. Based on the feedback that we have gotten, the vast majority of our members and guests had a positive experience despite the drenching rain on Rosh Hashanah. For the handful of people who shared that their experience was not as fulfilling for any reason, the Ritual Committee hears you. We are listening!

Every year, the Ritual Committee meets to recap the holiday season. We want to know what went well and what might need to be changed or improved. The committee and clergy take this process very seriously. Each committee member prepares a list of notes and feedback, which includes personal observations and observations from other congregants. The list is compiled and reviewed as a committee. Over the years, our services, communication and logistics have all been tweaked. Some changes have already been planned for next year.

Other suggestions need more discussion time before changes are made.

If you have feedback that you would like to share, please do!! The Ritual Committee wants to hear from you. All feedback is useful feedback, and helps our committee to serve the community even better. Better yet, consider joining this group of dedicated

For volunteers...we meet on the first Tuesday of the month, and all are welcome!

We would be remiss if we did not say thank you to the following individuals for their tremendous effort in creating a beautiful holiday experience. The planning process begins in May and continues throughout the summer right into the holidays. It does take a village!

Our thanks to our amazing staff... Rabbi Ilana, Cantor Perper, Rebecca, Iris, Lisa and Roberto. And to our tireless committee... Amy Littman, Bob Meyers, Gary Silver, Harris Reinstein, Jane Simon, Jane Young, Jen Cole, Linda Vogel, Lisa Lamster, Michelle Sherry, Marilyn Taylor, Melissa Cooper, Nancy Levene, Sheryl Thailer, Stacey Coyne. We hope we did not miss anyone but if we did you know who you are and we say *Todah Rabah*.

Thank you to each of you for your time spent. Thank you for your knowledge. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for all that you do to support the BHSS community.

May 5779 be a good year for you and your family.

Debbie Royal and Judy Teich

Caring Committee

The Caring Committee would like to extend our thanks to all those who cook, bake, drive, call, and just plain care for our congregants. The recipients of these efforts and generosity are always overwhelmed and so appreciative. Caring Committee knows it is what this congregation does best!

To all those receiving this kindness, if you are able to "pay it forward" we are always happy to welcome you to our Caring Committee family. You can then know this wonderful feeling of "helping, giving, and caring"!

The winter and inclement weather will soon be here. We are needed year 'round and encourage you to help drive

members to doctors' appointments, and/or synagogue services. We also need volunteers to cook meals or shop for our members who are not able to go outside.

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

Contributions

Rabbi's Discretionary fund

in memory of Lois Jaffe - *Michelle & Randy Sherry*

to Lisa Lamster, in memory of her mother Linda Goldfarb
- *Sheila & Larry Groskin*

to Sheryl and Joel Ives, in memory of Susan Ives
- *Gail & Al Schlosser*

with gratitude and in memory of our Uncle Charles Stern
- *Sue & Jeff Dunitz*

with appreciation, in honor of Sarah's Bat Mitzvah
- *Robin & Barry Cassell*

with thanks for everything you do! - *Allan Schott*

you are wonderful! - *Ethel Rosen & Stuart Kirshner*

to the Shmaruk family, in memory of Julius Shmaruk
- *Dahna & Harris Friedos*

with thanks - *Brad Bofford*

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

to Lisa Lamster, in memory of her mother, Linda Goldfarb
- *Lynn & Michael Zall*

with thanks & appreciation - *Lynne Feldman*

with gratitude and in memory of our Uncle Charles Stern
- *Sue & Jeff Dunitz*

to Rabbi Ilana, with thanks & love
- *Brittany Silverman & Aaron Punim*

with appreciation and thanks, in memory of Fred Wichler
- *Gail & Ranan Wichler*

Prayer Book Dedication

in memory of Vernon Taylor, Leon and Dorothy Auerbach
- *Susanne Buckler*
- *Marilyn & Charles Taylor-Romano*

Educator's Discretionary Fund

to Rod McVeigh and family, in memory of his mother
Maggie McVeigh and his father Tom McVeigh
- *Ruth & Stu Turner*
- *Gail & Al Schlosser*
- *Carole Goodman*
- *the Mass family*
- *Marci & Harvey Weinberg*
- *Jane Simon*
- *Linda Gross*
- *the Orlick family*
- *Elyse Victor Berman & Joe Berman*
- *Karen & Bruce Silverman*
- *Brittany Silverman & Aaron Punim*

thanks to the Search Committee for bringing
Rabbi Ilana to us! - *Irma & Joel Becker*

to Lisa Lamster and family, in memory of Linda Goldfarb
- *Irma & Joel Becker*

Life Fund

to Lisa Lamster and Carrie Ritchin and family,
in memory of their mother, Linda Goldfarb
- *Mona & Jeff Lefkowitz*
- *Brittany Silverman & Aaron Punim*
- *Doris & Roy Feinland*
- *Lorraine & Gil Rogove*
- *Candy & Mike Kassoover*
- *Sheryl Thailer*
- *Karen & Bruce Silverman*
- *Valerie and Jeffrey Kaye*
- *Alanna & Jeff Meshberg*
- *Judy & Phil Meshberg*
- *Jane Simon*

to Lisa Lamster and family,
in memory of Linda Goldfarb
- *Linda Wexler*
- *Ilyse & Floyd Smith*
- *Ruth & Stu Turner*
- *Gail & Al Schlosser*
- *Joyce & Stephen Weinberg*
- *Judith Schneider*
- *Alison & Norman Axelrod*

Contributions

to Lisa Lamster and family,
in memory of Linda Goldfarb

- Pearl & Bob Meyers
- Janice Smith
- Ellen & Stanley Wiener
- Joanne Oventhal
- Sheila & Larry Groskin
- Marci & Harvey Weinberg
- Candy & Mike Kassover
- Sheryl Thailer
- Marilyn & Irwin Haberman

in memory of David Manzon, Leon Meerovci, Roy Kessler
and Elsie Kessler - Sanda & Alan Kessler

to Jonathan Theodore and family in memory of his father
Robert Theodore - Ilyse & Floyd Smith

to Gail & Ranan Wichler in honor of their 35th wedding
anniversary - Ilyse & Floyd Smith

to Sheryl and Joel Ives in memory of Susan Ives
- Ruth & Stu Turner
- The Library Ladies

to Candy Kassover, Laura Miller and The Caring
Committee - with thanks for all your support this year
- Leslie Sapienza

in memory of William Kaplan and Donald Leopold
- Alison & Norman Axelrod

in memory of father, Paul Mandel
- Arlene & Rich Mandel

in memory of Adele Axelrod - Alison & Norman Axelrod

to Susan and Jeff Goldstein, in honor of your son's marriage
- Laurie & Marc Daniel

to Michelle Sherry, in memory of Lois Jaffe
- Judy & Marc Aronson

to Lisa Pavon and family, in memory of your brother
Brian Fitterman - the Anton family

in memory of Anneliese Schott
- Sheri & Allan Schott

in memory of George Moss and, Esther Moss - Phil Moss

in memory of Richard Silverman - Judy Neumann

in memory of Estelle Friedman - Sharon & Martin Arshansky

in memory of Nancy Pivar - David Schwartz

Tree of Life

in honor of Joshua Brown's Bar Mitzvah - 9/5/15

in honor of Noah Brown's Bar Mitzvah - 10/13/18

in honor of Sarah Cassell's Bat Mitzvah - 9/15/18

in honor of Robert Cherry - the Thailer/Zavist families

Center for Food Action Donation

in honor of Billye and George Weiner's birthday
- Dede & Rick Levine

in honor of Adriane Heit becoming a Bat Mitzvah
in honor of Jake & Dylan Stark becoming B'nei Mitzvah
in honor of Hannah Altman becoming a Bat Mitzvah
in honor of Justine Freitag becoming a Bat Mitzvah
in honor of Cate Weinberger becoming a Bat Mitzvah
in honor of John Dowd becoming a Bar Mitzvah
in honor of Sarah Cassell becoming a Bat Mitzvah
in honor of Cooper Shirvan becoming a Bar Mitzvah
in honor of Jacob Graham-Bialer becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Jewish Family Services of Rockland

in honor of Jake & Dylan Stark becoming B'nei Mitzvah
in honor of Mandy Fleischmann becoming a Bat Mitzvah
in honor of the Chelsey Abel becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Bergen Ramapo Animal Refuge

in honor Noah Brown becoming a Bar Mitzvah
in honor of Chase Fishman becoming a Bar Mitzvah
in honor of Ryan Polansky becoming a Bar Mitzvah
in honor of Justine Freitag becoming a Bat Mitzvah

D.A.R.E. Toy Drive

The Michelle Mitzvah Group programs allow BHSS members to give back to the community and one such way is providing help to the Suffern Police Department's D.A.R.E. Program with its annual toy drive. BHSS' participation over the years has allowed Suffern D.A.R.E to offer aid to families in Orange County, NY, Newark, NJ and New York City in addition to its primary mission of helping local families in Rockland County, NY and Bergen County, NJ. Suffern D.A.R.E, along with local social workers, municipalities and organizations identify local families in need or who are dealing with a tragic event.

Suffern D.A.R.E provides these families with the ability to have gifts for their children during these difficult times in their lives. Yes, these families are our neighbors and we, as a community, are obligated to help them. With the High Holidays fresh in our minds, please use this worthy cause to help people in need and teach our children the meaning of *tzedakah*.

The BHSS Chanukah D.A.R.E. Toy Drive has been very successful over the years with our congregation donating over 400 gifts for families in need each year. However, as successful as we are, we still don't have 100% participation from our temple families. Let's change that this year. We request that every family pledge to participate in the BHSS Chanukah D.A.R.E. Toy Drive this year. All a family needs to do is donate one unwrapped new gift for a child in need. We have almost 400 member families and if each family donates we will easily reach our annual number of 400 gifts and most likely exceed it. If every family donates, we can help over 100 families in our neighborhoods and continue to provide Suffern D.A.R.E. with the ability to expand its reach to our surrounding communities and help heal the world.

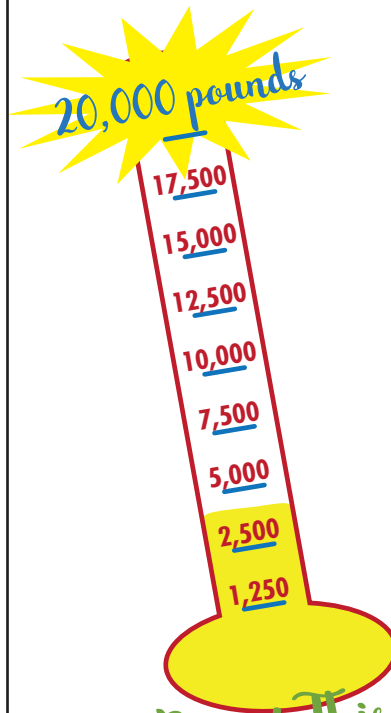
We are requesting that you and your family embrace the obligation to provide at least one unwrapped new gift and in doing so, each of us will continue to teach the meaning of *tzedakah* to the next generation. Please stop by the temple's bulletin board by the entrance to the religious school. You will find information identifying a child of a family in need of help. Please understand and respect that the identity of the needy family is very confidential and cannot be provided to you. The child will be labeled by

family number, gender and age.

Please take a label and attach it to an **unwrapped new gift** and drop it off at the synagogue during November and December. There will be bins to put the gifts in by religious school entrance. We want to help you repair the world. If you don't want to pick a child but would like to donate, please do so and just drop off an unwrapped new gift. If you can't get the gift to the synagogue, no problem, email us and we will be glad to pick it up from you. Please note that the **last drop-off date** at the synagogue will be Monday, **December 17 at 6 p.m.** Finally, the Michelle Mitzvah Group, as well as Suffern D.A.R.E, can also use help. If you wish to provide assistance or have any questions, please feel free to email Barry Romoff at bromoff@gmail.com. Thank you.

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.**

**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.

Let's Burst This Bubble!



From the *Sifriyah*

"Sifriyah volunteers honor learning by encouraging reading"

-Rabbi Barry Diamond (Paraphrased)

We are delighted to welcome Art Kieres as the newest member of our Library group. No longer can we call ourselves Library Ladies. In the age of diversity this is a good thing.

Art is already involved, spearheading important changes in the way the library delivers services to you, our congregants. The entire committee is excited and involved in this project: modernizing our library procedures. The exciting news is that everyone benefits from this project. Soon you will be able to self-checkout books. Email reminders that books or other materials should be returned will be forwarded to you. Want to learn about the plot of a book? An electronic catalog including synopsis will be available. And even from your home, you can search a title, topic, etc. This is a great start to

putting a more modern face on our already vibrant library. The Library Modernization Project will be donated by Concierge Book Sales. More progress will be shared soon.

I hope you enjoyed our recent October Book and Bagel discussion on the book *The Notorious RBG*. Plan to attend our next event, on November 18. On that day we will focus on the movie *Denial*, based on the book: *History on Trial: My*

Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier. When university professor Deborah Lipstadt includes WWII historian David Irving in a book about Holocaust deniers, Irving accuses her of libel and sparks a legal battle for historical truth. Riveting, the search for the truth and the belief that truth matters is the essence of this film. Mark your calendars; this is an important presentation. And stay tuned for more information as we continue to detail this event.



Social Action Committee

November 18 is Mitzvah Day at BHSS and Thursday, November 22 is Thanksgiving. Why not make it a week of **Gratitude**, and join us in our Mitzvah Day endeavor? On Sunday, November 18 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Social Action and Michelle Mitzvah Group will be creating toiletry kits for persons who are newly homeless and need things most of us take for granted: toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, combs, soap, and socks. We will then donate these kits to the Midnight Run to distribute when they come across people who need them. To begin, we will be collecting these supplies and there will be bins in the school entrance for donations. This is an activity for an entire family and a great place to discuss those things for which we have **Gratitude**; a great way to start the Thanksgiving holiday week! If you have questions please reach out to Steve Simon at steveoum@verizon.net.



Speaking of gratitude! Have you seen the new gate on the BHSS Community Garden? Thank you to Ira Rappaport for his generous donation of time and talent. We are so lucky to have such generous and creative members to help our garden. We look forward to passing through this gate in April to start the season of growing and donating again!

Whitney Speer, Social Action Chair

Good & Welfare from & for the congregation

Condolences

to **Lynn Zall**, on the death of her mother, Edith Frank
to **Barbara Sternberg**, on the death of her partner, Herb Siegel
to **Laurie Daniel** on the death of her aunt, Audrey Golden
to **Faith Kaufman & Marin Greene** on the death of their uncle, Lawrence Atlas
to **Daniel Lenchner** on the death of his father, Harvey Lenchner
to **Lisa Lamster and Carrie Ritchin**, on the death of their mother, Linda Goldfarb
to **Bernice Medici** on the death of her cousin, Morton Greene
to **Rod McVeigh** on the death of his mother, Maggie McVeigh

Mazal Tov

to **Leslie Sapienza and Lisa Lamster**, for their Women of Valor Award
from the WRJ Atlantic region.
to **Gail & Ranan Wichler** on the marriage of their daughter Leah
to Jonathan Spooner
to **Susan & Jeff Goldstein** on the marriage of their son Zachary to Gayle Leibowitz

Special Thanks

to **Ira Rappaport** for the beautiful new gate for the BHSS Community Garden

Welcome New Members!

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On behalf of our entire family, we are extremely thankful for all the love and support we have received from our BHSS community. All the cards, texts, emails and donations meant a lot to us. Thank you so much for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

- the Goldfarb, Lamster
and Ritchin Families



Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Temple Topics

Brotherhood 2.0

Welcome to Brotherhood – 2018/2019. So far, we're off to a good start. The sukkah went up with a good amount of help – we had about a dozen hands on deck...and thank you for those who came out to help. The *schach* (roofing material) has been an issue over the years...each year ours gets a little bit more beat up...but since Brotherhood doesn't really have a big budget, we tend to make do with what we have. This year, a special thanks to the Wolf family who coincidentally has bamboo growing in their backyard, and who cut down enough to use as *schach* for the Sukkah... and since it's bamboo, it's going to survive another year!

So this year, we are doing something a little different. Every other month, we are trying a new Asian restaurant, and voting on the quality of service, presentation, taste, and choices. Overall, we are looking for the best places to go for Brotherhood dinners. We are also soliciting suggestions from the Brotherhood for which days of the week may be better than others to meet. We know that it's virtually impossible to have events where everyone can go, but maybe we can change it up enough to give enough options and choices...

Brotherhood is off to a great start this year. This is an open invitation to come and check us out. Come to a dinner, a breakfast, one event, a Sukkah building, a bike ride...see what we're all about. Looking forward to seeing you around!

We are continuing our year-round clothing drive for People to People. Beginning November 1, we are collecting coats and winter clothing.

Upcoming events:

November 8 – Brotherhood monthly dinner @ Jumbo Asian Fusion, Route 59 Suffern (another Vote) 7:30 PM

December 13 – Brotherhood Annual Chanukah party @ location TBD (our old location is closed!)

December 15 - Sisterhood/Brotherhood Pot Luck Chanukah party @ BHSS

December 30– Brotherhood RAPS – the year in review @ Panera, Ramsey, 10:00 AM

Join us for stories, singing, and snacks with our clergy and educator and a taste of Shabbat with your little ones!

Who: Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles with children ages birth to 5 (siblings welcome too.)

When: Fridays from 5:15 to 6 p.m. (see dates below)

Open to members and non-members alike – bring your friends.

Tot Shabbat



We'll share a little challah and grape juice before we go, wishing each other a sweet Shabbat of rest and peace

DATES:

Nov 16, Dec 14

Jan 11, Feb 8

Mar 15, Apr 12

May 10, Jun 14

Michelle Mitzvah Committee

Shalom

With the High Holidays in the rearview mirror, usually, one wants to look forward at the road ahead, anticipating the excitement of reaching the destination. Before I do that, I want to safely pull off to the side of the road, and take a moment to reflect on the journey.

As you know, during the High Holidays, we run a food drive to help benefit the Center for Food Action. This year, your generosity provided 2,830 pounds of nourishment to our neighbors less fortunate. In addition, contributions continue to come in to purchase gift cards to benefit the synagogue and the Center for Food Action. Remember, you buy the gift cards and we'll do the shopping for you. For questions, please reach out to Ritch Yanowitz at ritchano@gmail.com.

As we get back on the road and look forward, there are two "landmarks" soon approaching. The first is the **Friends of Oasis Breakfast, Thursday, November 15**, at the **Brownstone, Paterson, NJ**. Over the years, BHSS has provided scholarships, donated computers, clothing, food - you name it, we have donated it - to improve the lives of women and children in the greater Paterson area. For information, please contact Ilyse Smith at 201 755-7273.

The big "landmark" or destination on the road ahead is Beth Haverim Shir Shalom's **Mitzvah Day 2018**, on **Sunday, November 18, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** That Sunday, we will be organizing kits to hand out to the homeless for Midnight Run. We are collecting **toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, combs, brushes, deodorant, and SOCKS (preferably white socks)**. Please drop off all donations at the collection box by the synagogue entrances. For any questions, please contact Steven Simon at 201 788-6755 or steveoum@verizon.net

Well, my car is just about done so I will sign off for now. Remember to keep your eyes on the road and your hands upon the wheel. It is the responsibility of us all to share the road. Remember: "It is not your responsibility to finish the work, but you are not free to desist from it either." (Rabbi Tarfon, from *Pirkei Avot*)

For any questions regarding Michelle Mitzvah, please reach out to Steven Simon - 201 788-6755 or steveoum@verizon.net.

B'Shalom.

Steven Simon, Michelle Mitzvah Group Chair

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Youth Programming



Brittany Silverman,
Director of Informal
Youth Programming

K-2 Youth Group

NEW this year! Events for our youngest students! Mark your calendars for December 9 - Music with Cantor and Chanukah Cupcake Decorating

Menschmakers - Grades 3 - 5

It has been a wonderful start of the year and our Menschmakers had great weather for their first community service event at Bergen County Horse Rescue. The kids toured the facility, learned about horse safety and grooming, gardened in the front entrance, and ended the afternoon decorating a horseshoe to take home. If you haven't checked out our Youth Group bulletin board located in the entranceway of the religious school, our Menschmakers worked collectively to make a horseshoe for the BHSS community and our picture shows how much fun the kids had! Looking forward to our next events and hope you're able to attend!

- November 18 - Friendsgiving Potluck – 11:30 am-12:30 pm
- December 2 - DIY Edible Menorah – 11:30 am -12:30 pm
- February 3 - Color Me Mine 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Junior Youth Group - Grades 6 - 8

Upcoming events (at BHSS unless otherwise noted) include:

- November 18 - Friendsgiving Potluck – 12:30 -1:30 pm
- December 2 - Chanukah Cookie Baking – 1:00-3:00 pm
- February 3 - Community Service Event- Time & Location TBA

Senior Youth Group

Our Senior Youth Group had their kickoff event at Painting with a Twist in Nanuet. They painted beautiful Hamsas, providing their own interpretation of the design and each was different. Our teen artists utilized vibrant colors and spent two hours following their painting instructor each step of the way. As they each took a risk with a change in color palette and overall painting style, they truly look professional like a Pablo Picasso. It was nice to see the teens interact with one another and discuss excitement for upcoming events. We have many programs scheduled throughout the year and hope to see you at the next one!

- November 16 - BHSSTY serves dinner for Tot Shabbat! – 5:00 - 6:45 pm
- December 1 - BHSSTY Volunteers at Sisterhood's Goods & Services Auction – 7:00 -10:00 pm
- January 6 - Escape the Room (time & location TBA)
- February 8 - Creative Service – 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Remember, paying dues as a member of one of our three youth groups entitles your child to free admission to the year's programs. Membership supports our youth!



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November Yahrzeits

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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	\$2,800
<i>Mishkan Tefilah</i> (100 needed)	

Technology

Streaming Camera/service upgrade	\$6500
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Religious School

4 Microtower/monitor combos with cart	\$900 each
School lobby monitor	\$1,400

Other

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

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December Yahrzeits

HERMAN ACKERMAN	WALTER FONDILLER	PAUL PLOTT
LEAH ADLMAN	MIRIAM GEBROWITZ	BENJAMIN RABIN
LEAH ADLMAN	STEPHEN GERSHENGORN	BENJAMIN RABIN
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Music Committee

Hello everyone!

The Music Committee held its first meeting of the year to plan our schedule of events. We hope to hit the mark with something that will appeal to all of you sometime during the year. Suggestions are always welcome! We hope you enjoyed Itay Goren's concert commemorating the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

Chanukah will be celebrated with a multi-congregational event this year. We'll keep you posted with details.



Our next event will be the ever-popular *Movie Night and Havdalah at the Ulam*. Please save the date for **January 12 at 7:00 p.m.** As always, this is a free event and refreshments will be served. Keep an eye out for more details!

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. Attendance to all the meetings is not a requirement; neither is musical talent, just wanting to have a good time! Email me at niberger@aol.com and let's meet. I'd love to hear from you!

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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
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I could and would have fun you know
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I will pray along with the others

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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
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I do so like to Pray and Learn
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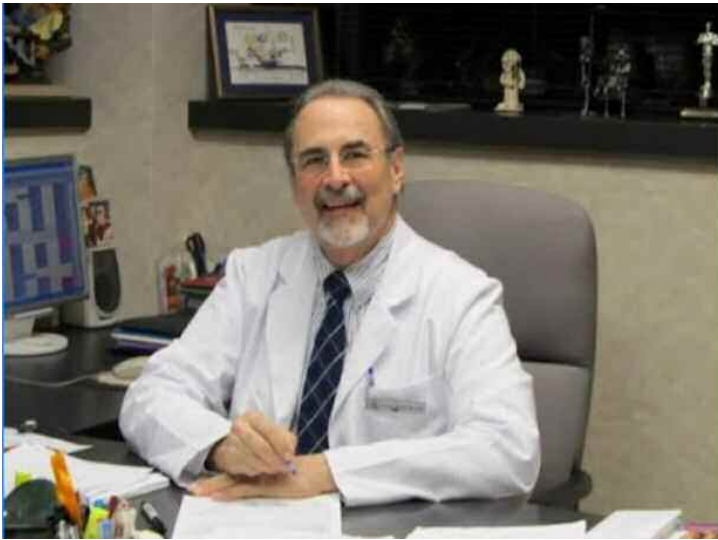
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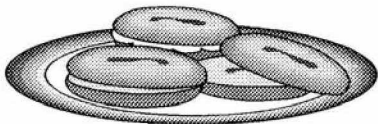
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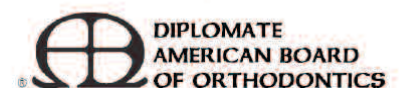
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Worship Schedule

Friday, November 2	6:30 pm	Thank Goodness It's Shabbat, Shabbat Family service <i>Birthdays in November will be celebrated</i> Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Shmaruk family
Saturday, November 3	10:00 am	B'not Mitzvah of Carlie and Jessica Shmaruk
Friday, November 9	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Hollander family
Saturday, November 10	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Hayley Hollander
Friday, November 16	5:15 pm 7:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Altman family
Saturday, November 17	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Altman
Friday, November 23	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Hirshfield and Hyman families
Saturday, November 24	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Ari Hirshfield and Sarah Hyman
Friday, November 30	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Heit family
Saturday, December 1	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Adriane Heit
Friday, December 7	6:30 pm	Thank Goodness It's Shabbat, Shabbat Chanukah Family service <i>Birthdays in December will be celebrated</i> Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Bofford and Diamond families
Saturday, December 8	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Breanna Bofford and Justin Diamond
Friday, December 14	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Host: the Fox and Weishar families
Saturday, December 15	10:00 am	B'nei Mitzvah of Justin Fox and Michael Weishar
Friday, December 21	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service
Saturday, December 22	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning service
Friday, December 28	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service
Saturday, December 29	NO Shabbat Morning service	

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Sessions of School: September & October

Sundays: November 4, 18 & December 2, 9, 16
Mondays: November 5, 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 17
Tuesdays: November 13, 27 & December 4, 11, 18

Office Closed:

Thursday, November 22
Friday, November 23
Tuesday, December 25
Monday, December 31 office closes at 3 pm

To do in November and December



- Torah Study Shabbat mornings, 8:15 am
- TGIS, Thank Goodness it's Shabbat family Services Friday, November 2 & December 7, 6:30 pm
- Tot Shabbat, Friday, November 16 & December 15, 5:15 pm
- Women and Money, Sunday, November 18 in the Ulam
- Library Committee movie, Denial, Sunday, November 18
- Mitzvah Day, Sunday, November 18
- Seeking Everyday Holiness A Community Mussar Program
OR continue your Mussar education with Middot: The Inner Ladder
- Sisterhood Goods & Services Auction, Saturday, December 1
- Community Menorah Lighting December 4, 6:00 pm
- Shabbat Chanukah Service Friday, December 7, 6:30 pm *Bring your family Menorah!
- Sisterhood & Brotherhood Chanukah Party, Saturday, December 15
- Adopt a child (or family!) Dare Toy Drive, drop off at BHSS thru December 17
- Wanaque Children's Hospital Visit, Tuesday, December 25, 9:00 am

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each time you come
to BHSS!*

*Help us "fill the CFA
truck" all year long!*