

## TEMPLE



## TOPICS

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**Cantor's Corner***Lots to Be Thankful For*

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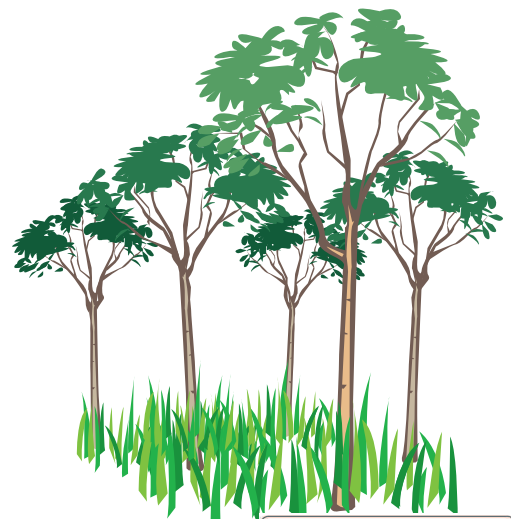
**THINGS TO DO:**

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Torah Study  
Thank Goodness It's Shabbat  
Congregational Retreat  
Tot Shabbat  
Shabbat Shirah  
Tu B'Shevat  
Movie Night  
BHSS Got Talent

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## President's Message

Jen Cole

*Using our Time Wisely...  
and Jewishly*

A quick Google search reveals that some controversy exists surrounding whether it is appropriate for Jews to celebrate January 1st. Some apparently feel slightly guilty doing so, and still others view it as a clear betrayal of our own traditions and customs, labeling it as “secular” and as such, “non-Jewish.”

A recent article posted on [MyJewishLearning.com](http://MyJewishLearning.com) by Rabbi Brad Hirschfield, Vice President of the National Jewish Center for Learning & Leadership, may assuage our reluctance to mark the occasion. He points out that deeply embedded in Jewish tradition is the notion that we can, and should, see that there are multiple opportunities to begin again. Each and every day in our morning prayers, traditional Jews recite thanks to God for renewing the world. Each week at Shabbat we recall the first moment of creation, and in doing so give ourselves a chance to start over. At Rosh Hashanah we celebrate the birthday of the world, but the Mishnah, our oral tradition, teaches that there are actually multiple “new years” within the year. Rabbi Hirschfield writes “*to commemorate an additional one is not foreign to Jewish practice*” and suggests that in lieu of ignoring the occasion and refraining from celebration, our focus might instead shift to how we might mark the beginning of January, Jewishly.

Personally, as a long-time student and now part-time professor, I’ve always tended to think of my life as divided by semesters, which align more closely with the Jewish New Year (whether Rosh Hashanah falls “early” or “late,” it’s always contained within the fall semester). That said, I’ve certainly been known to partake in a New Year’s Eve countdown and enjoyed a cocktail or two to commemorate the calendar change...and as you may recall from my High Holiday speech, I am no stranger to confetti.

In fact, I can still vividly recall the first time December 31st rolled around and I didn’t make it until midnight. It was 1999, and despite the Y2K hysteria, I drifted soundly asleep, already in my pajamas, quite content without the hoopla, holding then baby Garrett in my arms, a few weeks old, aside a crackling fire. In some ways it seems as if it were only yesterday, yet as I write this article our family is awaiting Garrett’s call from college so that we can FaceTime serenade him to celebrate his 19th birthday, the last of his teenage

years. It may sound horribly cliché, but where does the time go?

In graduate school my mentor, Donald Bernstein, may his memory be for blessing, once attempted to explain how quickly time flies as we grow older. He noted that for those of us with kids, it can seem that we are constantly running on a treadmill of constant business (or perhaps more accurately, “*busy*”-ness). As a fan of Joni Mitchell’s music I am frequently reminded of her moving lyrics, perhaps none more powerful than these lines from Circle Game: “*And the seasons, they go round and round...and the painted ponies go up and down... We’re captive on the carousel of time.*”

My mentor and Ms. Mitchell are so right. While I don’t have many regrets, I sometimes look back on some of the running around that our family did and wonder if I could have made some better, more meaningful choices about how we spent our time. Of course, to some extent we must accept that we are captive to time, but what I am referring to is when the carousel spins too fast, feeling out of control, leaving us dizzy and unable to enjoy the ride. How and when can we learn to slow it down a bit?

When my boys were little there used to be a line item on their report card that read, “Uses time wisely.” Needless to say, it was not their best subject! But I was never overly concerned, as I didn’t think kindergarten boys were developmentally or cognitively ready to manage their time effectively (not to mention that they weren’t alive long enough to have accumulated genuine wisdom). I do think as adults, we could, and should, attempt to make more meaningful decisions regarding our time, given how precious we know it is. I’m always striving to get a better grade.

The first step is to identify what really matters to us. As Stephen Covey writes, “How different our lives are when we really know what is deeply important to us, and keeping that picture in mind, we manage ourselves watch day to day and to do what really matters most.” The second step is to then schedule our priorities, instead of prioritizing what’s on our schedule.

I recognize it’s far easier said than accomplished. I have a print on my desk from Storypeople artist/author Brian Andreas to

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## MLK and Tu B'Shvat

This year, the day on which we will commemorate the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. and Tu B'Shvat correspond on the 15th of Shvat, 5779 or January 21, 2019.

Our country established Martin Luther King Day in 1983 and began celebrating it in 1986, though his assassination was in 1968. His death predates me, and I don't remember the controversy that I'm sure surrounded honoring MLK with this special day. I do, however, remember the first time that I was adjured to make this a "day on" instead of a "day off." Martin Luther King, Jr. continues to be a symbol of nonviolent action for what is right. He spoke eloquently and strongly in favor of equality, unity, and dignity. He wanted us to be our best selves and to make our country one of common values encouraging shared respect. His was a religious, personal, communal, and political message.

From our religious tradition, Tu B'Shvat seems to have very little to do with respect, equality, or unity among people. Instead, it's about appreciating nature. It is *Chag HaIllanot*, the Festival of the Trees and one of the four New Year celebrations on the Jewish calendar.\* It's an odd holiday for us to celebrate during the winter when nothing is in bloom and the trees are bare. And yet, isn't that precisely when we need to be reminded of the beauty and value of nature? When

## Rabbi's Reflections

Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman



the ground is covered in snow, the sky is grey, and everything seems dreary; we need to know that in Israel the orange trees are indeed blossoming and that our trees and flowers will once again bud and bloom. For many this holiday has become one of ecological awareness, a "green" holiday of sorts. It reminds of our responsibility to the Earth and to all that sustains life. It is about our responsibility toward sustainability and watching over God's creation. This year, it can also remind us of possibility.

The convergence of MLK Day and Tu B'Shvat, even as our country struggles, means that civic and Jewish messages align. When the trees are bare, we honor the trees: when equality is lacking, we must pursue equality. When seeds are buried, we dream of blooms: when dignity is bypassed, we must recover dignity. When land is barren, we focus on harvest: when we are feeling despair, we find our power.

\* The others are Rosh Hashanah, Passover (which is technically the first day of the first month of the Jewish year), and the first of Elul which is the New Year for birthing cattle. If the many New Years seem odd, think about the modern distinctions of the school year, the fiscal year, the tax year, and the calendar year.

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### President's Message - continued

remind me. It reads, *"Everything changed the day she figured out there was exactly enough time for the important things in her life"*.

At BHSS we often hear about how difficult it is to come to services, attend events, and keep appointments. Believe me, I can relate. I am far from judgmental and am fully aware that in today's world, it is not easy to fit everything into our schedule. Not to mention, there are consequences to our choices. When the kids miss a practice they may be temporarily benched; when they miss a rehearsal, they may not get front and center come recital time; when they miss the tutor the "A" may fall out of reach; and when you miss the orthodontist adjustment those wires can get sticky. The list goes on and on. Again, I don't judge but only ask you consider the cost/benefit ratio before surrendering to the norm. I've learned that *sometimes* it's okay if the beds don't get made, or the dinner is take-out or if the cookies don't get properly iced (although the last one, as anyone who knows me

well understands, is to be avoided). Sometimes taking the time to serve our community, include and prioritize Jewish learning, or just to find space to be connected to community or one's own spirituality in prayer, far outweighs the perceived sacrifice.

While January 1st may not be the Jewish New Year, I can't imagine that it is "un-Jewish" to reflect on the goals we set in September. During the High Holidays I encouraged us all to consider making it a priority to become more engaged, or get re-engaged, with our synagogue community. At this time of year I'll simply remind you that if you haven't given us a try yet, there's still time.

I assure you that when you do, it will be worth yours.

Jen Cole  
BHSS President





## From the Educator's Office

Rebecca McVeigh

*Finding Comfort in the Everyday*

When one of my sons (not naming names) was in religious school, for a little while it was really hard to get him into the car to go, then hard to get him out of the car at the synagogue. However, on the way home he was what I can only describe as “buoyant” – singing, chattering on about what he did in school – in short, in a much finer mood than when he started. All I can discern from this behavior is that what happened IN religious school was positive and made him feel good. If you asked him, he didn’t look forward to going, but he sure did love being there. And today, he is secure in his identity as a Reform Jew. What more could I ask?

Well, that’s how I feel many Sunday mornings. I don’t WANT to get up at 7 a.m. and, especially in these dark winter months, I sure don’t want to climb into a cold car while everyone else in my household is still cozy. But, once I walk through those doors, I “wake up” the building – turning on lights, plugging in the coffee for Family School, and generally getting ready for the session. My able assistant Laura arrives, and then the teachers and *morei derech*. Our friendly guard Nick comes on duty and we’re ready to go. It is a comforting routine, and yet, every school day will be different. (When you get about a hundred different persons/personalities involved, it can’t be anything else.) It is A routine, yet it is not routine. There’s comfort in it. The same happens on Mondays and Tuesdays, just at a more reasonable hour!

That is how I feel about BHSS as a whole, too. For example, on Wednesday afternoons one can walk down the hall and hear Cantor Perper working with a student in the library while Rabbi Ilana rehearses b’nai mitzvah in the sanctuary.

Iris and Lisa are making sure everything runs smoothly, Roberto is getting the building ready for yet another event, and it’s just, again, comforting. This feeling did not take the sixteen years of my time in this position to happen; I felt it within the first year of my family’s membership. It is NOT just about us, a close-knit staff who respect and can count on each other. It is about YOU, parents, students, and friends who may be one of those two, or neither.

I am writing on the day after Shabbat Chanukah. The sanctuary was full. About thirty personal family Chanukah menorahs were glowing on tables at the front, which is where I always sit. The glow was not just light and warmth; it is a metaphor for how I feel about this place. My wish for all of you, in 2019, is that you find that comfort at BHSS, too.

- Rebecca McVeigh, Director of Education

## School PJ Days and Crazy Sock Days!

### WEAR YOUR PJS TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:

Family School and 6th grade - February 10

Kadimah - February 11

### WEAR CRAZY SOCKS TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:

K-3 - February 11

4-5th grade - February 12





## Cantor's Corner

David Perper



*Lots to be Thankful For*

### **BHSS's got Talent**

Cantor Perper invites all to the BHSS

**TALENT SEARCH / Auditions !!**  
That's right, it's back,  
for another engagement  
in Mahwah.....

**Singers Dancers Musicians**  
**Solo or ensemble acts**  
**Jugglers Magicians**  
**or OTHER:)**

**AUDITIONS IN SANCTUARY:**  
Sunday, January 6 & 13  
12:30-2 pm  
First come first served

**PERFORMANCE DATE:**  
Sunday, February 10, 2 pm  
in the sanctuary



**Movie Night w/ Havdalah -**

**Saturday January 12, 7:00 p.m., in the ULAM.**

This year we're showing "An American Tail" - An enchanting ANIMATED story of a mouse and his family, leaving a land of danger and hardship to come to America. Wonderful family movie with touching musical moments. All ages welcome. Popcorn included:)

**BHSS Got Talent -**

**Sunday February 10, 2:00 p.m.**

SINGERS, DANCERS, JUGGLERS, COMICS,  
MUSICIANS AND OTHER!

AUDITIONS - Sundays January 6 & 13, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

If these dates don't work, contact Cantor Perper at -  
cantorperper@earthlink.net

**Coffeehouse Cantors - Saturday April 13, 7:00 p.m.**

Join Cantors Perper & Steinsnyder and their friends for havdalah, followed by an incredibly fun evening of pop, rock, oldies & much more. This event will be in memory of their colleague and friend Cantor Ilan Mamber z"l.

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In addition to the events listed above, which you should *cut like a coupon and put on your fridge*, then into your phone calendars, and then come to our Purim spiel to be held this year is Wednesday March 20, 7:00 p.m. The spiel will include Rock and Roll & Broadway. We're gonna rock the great white way, North and South Bound!

On a more serious point, this has been a challenging year since the passing of our dear friend, Cantor Ilan Mamber - both for me and Faith, from a personal perspective, but even more so for Faith, who has been serving Beth Rishon since his passing. He was an enormous talent, and is being missed by all of us who came into contact with him and his musical powers. Rest in peace my friend, we love you.

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## Candlelighting times:

January 4 – 4:24 pm – Va-eira  
 January 11 – 4:31 pm – Bo  
 January 18 – 4:39 pm – B'shallach  
 January 25 – 4:47 pm – Yitro

February 1 – 4:56 pm – Mishpatim  
 February 8 – 5:04 pm – Terumah  
 February 15 – 5:13 pm – Tetzaveh  
 February 22 – 5:21 pm – Ki Tisa



# January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		No School Office Closed	7 pm Ritual Mtg. 8 pm Adult Choir		6:30 pm TGIS Thank Goodness It's Shabbat! Family Service	Va'eira 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am John Dowd
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 am FS & 6th 11:30 Group Class 12:30 pm BHSS Talent Auditions 1 pm BHSSTY Skating	4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Exec Comm 7:30 pm MMG	7:30 pm Adult Choir 7:30 pm Back to Basics		5:15 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Tefilot	Bo 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Alex Begleiter & Hazel Schindler 7 pm Movie Night
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
No School	Office Closed No School	No School 7 pm Social Action 7:30 pm Music Comm	7:30 pm Adult Choir 7:30 pm Back to Basics		7:30 pm Tefilot	Yitro 8:15 am Torah Study
27	28	29	30	31		
No School	4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class	7:30 pm Adult Choir			



# February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					6:30 pm TGIS Thank Goodness It's Shabbat! Family Service	Mishpatim 8:15 am Torah Study
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# ...will be called to the Torah...



**John Dowd –**

**January 5, 2019**

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Kelly ..... is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School ..... His interests include baseball, soccer, traveling and spending time with his friends. "I would like to pursue a career in science and math. I am very excited to reach this important milestone in the Jewish religion and see the results of all my hard work. My community service project focused on children with special needs. I volunteered to be a buddy for the Mahwah Allstars during the baseball, soccer and most recently the basketball season. I learned a lot during this experience and look forward to working as a buddy next season."



**Hazel Schindler –**

**January 12, 2019**

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Jenifer, Father, Scott, Brothers, Warren, 14, and Felix, 10 ..... is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School ..... Her interests include field hockey, running, and travel. "I want to live life to the fullest and make others happy. I'm excited to share my bat mitzvah with family and friends. For my community service project I spent time with homebound senior citizens in my community, and played music for them."



**Alex Begleiter –**

**January 12, 2019**

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Karen, Father, Steven, Brother, Corey, 10, Sister, Remi, 4 ..... is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School ..... Her interests include soccer and basketball. "I'd like to be a therapist so I can help people. I am very excited for this day. I have studied and worked so hard for it. When visiting my father's office (a clothing manufacturer) I saw extra clothing and decided to donate the clothes to those in need. I brought the clothes to WIN (women in need,) a shelter in New York City."



**Benjamin Mandler –**

**January 19, 2019**

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Jennifer, Father, Ronald, Sister, Julia, 12 ..... is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School ..... His interests include football, basketball, track, fishing, and video games. "I want to become a professional athlete. I am excited to finally become a Jewish adult! I volunteered at The Promenade assisted living facility and I learned a lot from the older people about enjoying life."

## ***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 March or April date, by February 1

For a May or June date, by April 1

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

# Sisterhood News

Happy New Year (2019-kind) from BHSS Sisterhood! With the bustle of the season behind us, and as long as we're sitting home keeping warm, it's time to reflect on the old year behind and the new one to come. Sisterhood has had an amazing start to its year. Since we wrote last we held an amazing workshop on Financial Literacy for Women. Our smart BHSS women learned from other smart women about how to make our financial hopes into reality, including college educations for our kids, retirement for us and senior planning for us and our parents, among other topics; and many of us are putting those tips to work already!

December started off with a bang (of the gavel) at our phenomenally successful Goods and Services auction. Were you the lucky winner of a TV or a great vacation, or even a tin full of brownies? Are you going to party with BHSS's finest? Did you win a tricky tray full of goodies? You *had* to have laughed with and at our auctioneers, Stacey, Jen and Drew. And even if none of those things happened, Sisterhood thanks every one of you who came out to support our work and help us continue to make meaningful contribution to BHSS life over the next couple of years. We couldn't do it without you!

It wouldn't be Hanukkah without the Great Brotherhood/Sisterhood Hanukkah Bash, and this year's was the most special yet. We moved our venue right back to BHSS, and had an evening of drinks, friends and amazing music, courtesy of our own Jane Koch and her merry band! Hope you were able to be there because it was a rockin' night!

Sisterhood is back in full swing for the spring, too! Coming up is our famous Dine-A-Round, on March 30. Watch for details in your weekly emails and on the bulletin board at the synagogue. It's a great night to gather as a group for cocktails, dine with new and old friends at your host's home, and meet back up for a grand dessert. This night sells out every year, so be sure to sign up early and often! (Lol)

April will bring our annual Miriam Seder, a meaningful and wonderful time for everyone. This year, we'll be led by our own Rabbi Ilana, and if Sabine doesn't find the afikomen first, you'll get your chance, too! Be sure to join us on an evening celebrating Sisterhood in history and today.

Sisterhood is a vibrant and energetic part of the BHSS family. Are you a part of it? Do you have a great idea for us? Please let us know how we can grow—and how you'd like to help.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Leslie and Sheryl





# Brotherhood 2.0

One great thing about being Jewish is that you can celebrate New Year's on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and try out your resolutions for a few months, and then on January 1 make some edits and revisions!

Brotherhood wishes one and all a healthy and prosperous 2019.

## *What is Brotherhood?*

BHSS Brotherhood is a committee within BHSS that offers men an opportunity to meet and make friends, enjoy a meal together, and talk about topics and ideas that matter to each other. I joined Brotherhood after joining BHSS so I can get involved in the community, make some friends, and take advantage of whatever this temple has to offer. What I found was a group of people who have become my lifelong friends, and people with whom I can spend time, and upon whom I can rely as well as whom I would support any way I can.

Brotherhood isn't just about having dinner or breakfast once a month, or about building and taking down the sukkah each year...it's also about supporting the synagogue community – by co-sponsoring events with the Sisterhood, by providing cooking and food sales for the youth group on Purim, by helping members of the community if they need transportation or just a little boost from time to time, and by collecting seasonal clothing for donation, serving food in the local soup kitchen, having a BBQ for new members, and sometimes, just being there for the sake of just being there.

Come out for a meeting, a dinner, a breakfast once in a

while...maybe join us for a springtime bike ride, or an evening at a comedy club, or grab a drill and help us build or take down the sukkah. Here are a few upcoming opportunities for you to try:

### **January 17, 2019 – 7:30 PM –**

Growler & Gill – whether you are an imbiber or a teetotaler, this is a very fun place.

### **January 20, 2019 – 10:00 AM –**

Brotherhood Raps @ Panera in Ramsey – this is a BHSS Favorite. Come out and meet for Breakfast and BS, or just to hang out and chat with friends.

### **January 25 to 27, 2019 –**

BHSS Retreat – Brotherhood will hold an informal Raps at the retreat, time and location TBD.

January 27, 2019 - 10:00 AM – Brotherhood Raps @ Panera in Ramsey – this is a BHSS Favorite. For those who are not at the retreat, you can still come out and meet for Breakfast and BS, or just to hang out and chat with friends.

### **February 21, 2019 – 7:30 PM –**

Sarina's Afghan Grill – yes, this is part of our 2018-2019 year of Asian cuisine...and, last I checked, Afghanistan is in Asia.

### **February 24, 2019 – 10:00 AM –**

Brotherhood Raps @Panera in Ramsey

L'Shalom!

Jonathan A. Theodore  
BHSS Brotherhood Past President



*Contribution Opportunities at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Brick Fund* (Minimum donation \$ 5.00 for each).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

*Life Fund* (Minimum donation \$18.00 for each) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

*Tree of Life* (Minimum donation \$100.00 per leaf).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

*Sustaining Membership* (Minimum donation \$250.00) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Building Fund* (voluntary) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Robbie Kriser Fund*.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Rabbi Discretionary Fund*.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Cantor Discretionary Fund*.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Educator Discretionary Fund*.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Barbara Weiss Scholarship Fund*.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Michelle Mitzvah Group*.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*Other/Special* - Please contact us to discuss further opportunities

\_\_\_ Kehilah Campaign \_\_\_ Yahrzeit Tablet \_\_\_ Eternal Lights

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ "Wish List" of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment

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***Payment Information:***

Check No: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card: \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ American Express

Credit Card Info: \_\_\_\_\_ exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send this form along with check or payment info to:

Beth Haverim Shir Shalom – 280 Ramapo Valley Road · Mahwah, NJ 07430

## 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 any holiday!**

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



## 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



Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey  
welcomes

Teachers and Educators  
to an  
Anti-Bias and Diversity Training

## Open Heart and Mind: Softening Bias and Racism in Ourselves and Our Teaching

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 | 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Jewish Federation  
50 Eisenhower Drive, Paramus



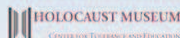
The program demonstrates the benefits of reducing unconscious bias, personally and professionally and provides resources to help K-12 educators.

Open Heart and Mind is a dynamic and interactive program with hands-on, critical thinking games and discussion.

RSVP Today!

[jfnnj.org/training](http://jfnnj.org/training)

AriellaN@jfnnj.org | 201.820.3946



Jewish Federation  
OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

## YOUTH GROUP CREATIVE SERVICE

JOIN US AT OUR  
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP'S CREATIVE SERVICE  
ON FRIDAY EVENING,  
FEBRUARY 8, 2019

COME OUT TO PRAY, SING,  
AND SUPPORT OUR TEENS!

# ~ HAPPY ~ *New Year* ★ 2019 ★

Union for Reform Judaism Camps of the Northeast

**EISNER • CRANE LAKE**

**6 POINTS SCI-TECH**

camper-selected activities • [eisnercamp.org](http://eisnercamp.org)

cabin-centered activities • [cranelakecamp.org](http://cranelakecamp.org)

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**Visit our websites to learn more,  
sign up for a tour, and register!**

**201.722.0400**

Three Great Camps  
A Summer that Lasts a Lifetime



*Lucien Adler*

*Ella Arum*

*Emily Fox*

*Matthew Glim*

*Jonathan Grossman*

*Tyler Grossman*

*Sloane Irizarry*

*Dara Kotz*

*Sean Levinson*

*Jesse Luftman*

*Jaye Evelyn Mendel*

*Noah Rostolder*

*Felix Schindler*

*Noah Wachteln*



## Ritual Committee

During these challenging times, it is more important than ever for us to model audacious hospitality at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. Our goal is to foster an environment where people feel both welcome and safe in our community. We are all Abraham and Sarah welcoming the stranger.....

Sustaining our Friday night greeter program is a key component necessary to maintaining our warm and welcoming atmosphere. After much consideration, the Ritual Committee has determined that our community will be best served by returning to the committee greeter model. We are excited to announce that Melissa Cooper has offered to step up and lead the effort!

### **What does the new committee greeter program look like and how will it work?**

The program will be like a book of the month club. Each month a different committee will be responsible for filling the greeter schedule. Since some committees have fewer members than others, they will share the month with another committee.

### **How do we sign up? Committee members can sign up using this link:**

**<http://signup.com/go/34HKK4>.**

When will the program begin? January 1, 2019

What is the schedule? A schedule has been created for January 2019 thru December 2019. Melissa will contact the committee chair prior to each committee's assigned month. The Ritual Committee will take the month of January.

### **What does the greeter's responsibility look like after Pittsburgh?**

Greeters will be doing the same thing we have always done! We will serve as ambassadors for our congregations by offering a smile and a warm "Welcome and Shabbat Shalom" to members and guests upon arrival to the synagogue.

Greeters should arrive 15 minutes before services, and if you have not already done so, introduce yourself to Nick, our security officer. Nick will have a presence in the lobby along with the greeter on Friday evenings, and has already become part of the BHSS family!

### **Here are some helpful tips from the URJ:**

- Treat everyone as though they "Jewishly belong." When greeting others, the validity of their Jewish identities should never be questioned. Keep in mind that honored guests and loved ones of other faith backgrounds may be present.
- A simple "Welcome and Shabbat shalom!" can help everyone understand part of the greeting and appreciate that you are including them in a Jewish custom.
- Be friendly and welcoming to everyone. Even if it's through body language alone, convey that their presence is valued and appreciated.

**What if I have questions?** Feel free to reach out to Melissa Cooper at 914-584-0401 or at [melcoop10901@gmail.com](mailto:melcoop10901@gmail.com), or to one of us at any time. It takes a community and we are grateful we can depend on each other for support.

Very truly yours,  
Judy Teich and Debbie Royal  
Ritual Committee Co-chairs

# Contributions

## Rabbi's Discretionary fund

in honor of our grandson Justin's Bar Mitzvah  
- Sheila and Larry Groskin

with thanks and appreciation for your warmth and comfort,  
in memory of my mother, Edith Frank  
- Lynn Zall & family

with gratitude for all your help and caring  
- the McVeigh family

with thanks for being there during a difficult time  
- Dan Lenchner

with thanks an in honor of Noah becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
- the Brown family

to Susan Reinstein, with thanks and much appreciation  
- Elyse Victor Berman

in memory of Lois Jaffe  
- Michelle Sherry

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

in honor of Cantor David Perper  
- Susan and Jeff Goldstein

with appreciation  
- the Rosengarten family

with thanks and appreciation and in memory of  
my mother, Edith Frank  
- Lynn Zall & family

to Barbara Heitmann, in memory of your dear aunt,  
Selma Elterman  
- Sheryl & Joel Ives

with many thanks for officiating at Brittany and Aaron's  
wedding!  
- Karen & Bruce Silverman

with thanks and in honor of Noah becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
- the Brown family

## Educator's Discretionary Fund

in memory of Fred Grossman  
- the Grossman family

to the Diamond Family, in loving memory of  
Arthur Diamond  
- Irma & Joel Becker

## Life Fund

to Lynn Zall, in memory of your dear mother,  
Edith Frank  
- Marilyn & Ira Bernstein  
- Ellen & Stanley Weiner  
- Candy & Mike Kassover  
- Susan & Al Sadonovick  
- Sue-Ellen Johnson  
- Ronni & Rick Levine  
- Ellen & Stuart Salles  
- Myrna & Herbert Linden  
- Ellen Levine  
- Sydney & Steve Ratnow  
- Marcia Jerome Levin  
- the Library Committee  
- Jane Simon

to Marilyn Haberman, in memory of your dear sister,  
Renee Kupchin  
- Ellen & Stanley Weiner

in memory of Claire Novak and Kurt Daniel  
- Laurie & Marc Daniel

in memory of Murray Marks  
- Candy & Mike Kassover

to Sheila Groskin and the Library Ladies for your good work  
with social action  
- Lois & Peter Weiss

to Gary Bettman, in honor of being inducted to the  
Hockey Hall of Fame. Mazel Tov!  
- Sheila & Bob Chestnov

in memory of Ron Johnson  
- Sue-Ellen Johnson

to Ellen and Stanley Weiner, in honor of their 50th  
wedding anniversary  
- Phyllis & Frank Greenberg



# Contributions

in memory of Norman Novak - *Laurie & Marc Daniel*

to Sheryl Ives, well wishes for a speedy recovery  
- *Joyce & Steven Weinberg*

to Leslie Sapienza, well wishes for a speedy recovery  
- *Joyce & Steven Weinberg*

to Joanne Oventhal, well wishes for a speedy recovery  
- *Joyce & Steven Weinberg*

to Steve and Eileen Stein, in memory of your sister,  
Linda Goldfarb - *Gerry & Jim McCullough*

to Lisa Lamster and Carrie Ritchin and their family, in  
memory of your mother, Linda Goldfarb  
- *Mona & Jeff Lefkowitz*

to Ranan and Gail Wichler, mazel tov on the marriage  
of Leah to Jonathan Spooner - *Dede & Rick Levine*

in memory of Jerome Weinberg  
- *Marci & Harvey Weinberg*

## Prayer Book Dedication

to Lynn Zall and family, in memory of Edith Frank,  
mother of Lynn Zall - *Lois & Peter Weiss*

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

## Center for Food Action Donation

in honor of the b'not mitzvah of Carlie & Jessica Shmaruk  
in honor of the bar mitzvah of Ari Hirshfield

## Jewish Family Services of Rockland

in honor of the bat mitzvah of Sarah Hyman

## High Holy Day Appeal

Nancy and Al Levene  
Helen Milstein  
Lois Schwartz  
Linda and David Schwartz  
Susan and Jeff Goldstein  
Linda and Ed Vogel  
Judy and John Neumann  
Marc and Laurie Selfon  
Marla and Brian Muni  
The Freeman Family  
Barry Seidner  
Lori and Ritch Yanowitz  
Erb and Melissa Cooper  
Marilyn and Stanley Moser  
Gail and Ranan Wichler  
Daniel and Isabel Glim  
Aldine and Jeff Rostolder  
Mona Sussman and Larry Palant  
Paul and Clare Lipson  
The Schlissel Family

## Yizkor Appeal- In loving memory of:

Ruth Ansin, Manny Ansin,  
Margo Ansin Simmons - *Helen Milstein*  
  
Ann Seidner - *Barry Seidner*  
  
Manuel Jaimes Rivera - *Daniel and Isabel Glim*  
  
Newt Parks - *Sandy Parks & family*  
  
Norman Schlissel - *the Schlissel family*





# Shabbat Shirah

## Sabbath in Song

Friday, January 18, 7:30 pm

Join Cantor Perper and our awesome all volunteer adult choir  
for a service of beautiful singing and spirit!

### *Tu B'Shvat: The New Year for Trees*



Join us on Friday, January 18  
for Shabbat Service as  
we prepare for Tu B'Shvat

Tu B'Shvat, the 15th of Shvat, is the day that marks the beginning of the "New Year for Trees." This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the land of Israel merge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle.

On Tu B'Shvat we eat fruit, particularly from the kinds that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. Bokser- carob- is also a popular holiday treat. This day is also known as "Arbor Day" and is celebrated by school-children in Israel who plant trees.

This year Tu B'Shvat will begin in the evening of Sunday, January 20 and ends in the evening of January 21

## 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.

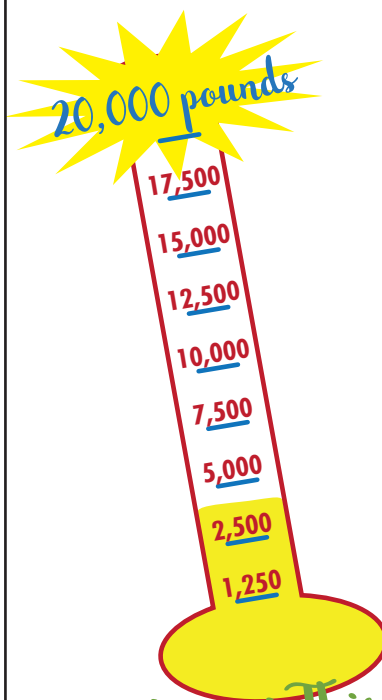
**OR... let us do the shopping for you!**  
Write a check to "BHSS Scrip"  
and we will purchase gift cards  
for ShopRite or Stop & Shop.

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: [ritchiano@gmail.com](mailto:ritchiano@gmail.com).



*Let's Burst This Bubble!*



## From the *Sifriyah*

The library is buzzing with excitement as we prepare to welcome back Joel Ives as an expert on genealogy. His presentation, *How Researching Your Past Changes Your Future* stems from a recent event in his life. While preparing an essay on why he “does genealogy,” he experienced a eureka moment. It became apparent to him that family research changes lives. For Joel, his passion has led to a new and constantly evolving family focus. He would like very much to share his thoughts with you.

Plan to attend this very special event. We guarantee you will learn, be entertained, and perhaps motivated to search your family history. At this point, the library is moving to secure a date. So, check out the weekly announcements as well as the Friday night announcements for a date and then mark your calendars. Of course, refreshments will be served. Finally, send your positive response to Barbara Nimerofsky, [bgnimerofsky@optonline.net](mailto:bgnimerofsky@optonline.net).

Ronald Balson has done it again. He has written a sterling

novel, *The Girl from Berlin*. And even better news is that it is now in our library and available for take out. In his novel, Balson creates two important characters, Liam and Catherine who come to the aid of an old friend. Quickly, they soon find themselves drawn into a property dispute in Tuscany that unearths long-buried secrets. These secrets return the reader to an earlier period where Ada Baumgarten, a Jewish child violin prodigy, survived an unravelling society. Her story was vested in layers of lies, corruption, deceit, and human evil. It is today still an unfinished story. Currently, this book is the #1 recommendation of our library volunteers. After you read this novel, please share your thoughts and perhaps critique with a library friend.

We wish Library Lady Marilyn Bernstein a complete recovery. We all miss her and are looking forward to her return.

Lastly, a special welcome to Sue-Ellen Johnson who has grown our library to a loyal dozen. Sue-Ellen brings creativity, intelligence, and experience to our group.

## Social Action Committee



Every day at BHSS is “Mitzvah Day,” but some days have more *Mitzvot* (plural of *Mitzvah*) than others. The period leading up to and including November 18, the day Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey designated as Mitzvah Day, was an amazing show of support for our greater community. We collected items that newly-homeless people need: oral care, hygiene and socks. We were able to put together 200 individual packets of care for those newly homeless. That is amazing. Thank you to all of you who donated to the efforts and to those of you who helped put those packets together. They will be delivered to Midnight Run to be distributed.

So what’s our next Mitzvah project? Got any ideas? We welcome your thoughts, really! As a committee we are focusing on developing another activity with the Syria Supper Club in the spring, but we are always looking for more and better ways to be reaching out to our neighbors. Have you thought, “we should be doing .....” We would LOVE to hear about .....

You can join us at our meetings or email us at: [whitneyspeer@msn.com](mailto:whitneyspeer@msn.com).

Let’s make 2019 a year full of BHSS Mitzvot!

Whitney Speer, Social Action Chair

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

### *Condolences*

to **Ralph Jaffe** on the death of his father, Bernard Jaffe  
to **Gail Spencer** on the death of her uncle, Louis Stiglitz  
to **Linda Vogel**, on the death of her cousin, Bill Kalman  
to **Scott Schindler**, on the death of his father, Harold Schindler  
to **Leon Bibi**, on the death of his brother, Robert Bibi  
to **Barbara Heitmann**, on the death of her aunt, Selma Elterman  
to **Marilyn Haberman** on the death of her sister, Renee Kupchin

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

**Ceil Baldwin**  
**Harold Berger**  
**Barbara Burghardt**  
**Rod McVeigh**  
**Leslie Sapienza**  
**Allan Schott**  
**Beth Wiesner**

### *Mazal Tov*

to **Judy Teich**, on the marriage of her son Jonathan to Alexa Forman  
to **Brittany Silverman**, Director of Informal Youth Programming, on her marriage to Aaron Punim  
to **Gary Bettman**, on his induction to the *NHL Hockey Hall of Fame*

### *Special Thanks*

for another **D.A.R.E Toy Drive** success!

to **Ramsey ShopRite**, who donated all of the latkes our students enjoyed in their Chanukah celebrations!



## *save the dates*

**Purim Shpiel - Rock and Roll & Broadway!**  
Wednesday night, March 20

**Purim Mini Shpiel and Carnival - Sunday, March 17**

**Passover - Community Second Seder - Saturday night, April 20**



## Sisterhood of BHSS Concert Raffle



### CHER @ THE ROCK

Friday, May 3 at 8 pm  
Prudential Center, Newark NJ

1st Prize - 2 Floor Aisle Tickets

2nd Prize - Cher Bible & CD

3rd Prize - Cher CD

Drawing held at the BHSS Purim Shpiel

#### **Donation \$25**

Contact Jane 201-264-8810 or [peppersault@gmail.com](mailto:peppersault@gmail.com)  
Winner need not be present to win

# Michelle Mitzvah Committee

## Shalom

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season. We are now into January and New Year's resolutions and I always wonder if it is the same resolutions we make for Rosh Hashanah. One resolution people make is to "get involved" by helping their community. If that is your New Year's resolution, please look no further than the Michelle Mitzvah Group. To paraphrase a classic movie title, we are always looking for "A Few Good Men & Women."

You might be thinking, what can I do? Here are a just a few ideas:

- Volunteer at the Suffern Soup Kitchen to help prepare meals
- Help mentor young women at OASIS
- Pickup & deliver food donations
- Donating food to the Center Food Action

Speaking of the Center for Food Action, not only can you donate food in the regular collection boxes at each synagogue entrance, you can also buy the gift cards and let us do the shopping. Write your check to "BHSS SCRIPS" and we will purchase the gift cards for Shop Rite and Stop & Shop. So far, we have raised over \$600 & below is a picture of some of the items purchased. For questions, please reach out to Ritch Yanowitz at [ritchyano@gmail.com](mailto:ritchyano@gmail.com).



Before continuing with 2019, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for a successful Mitzvah Day. A few days before Thanksgiving, over 20 volunteers gathered to make toiletry kits that the Senior Youth Group will be distributing to the homeless when they have their Midnight Run. More than 240 kits were assembled, each including soap, shampoo, socks, tooth brush, tooth paste, mouth wash, and fresh wipes. To everyone who donated and to everyone who attended Mitzvah Day- my heartfelt "Thank You." Look for more information for Midnight Run coming Saturday night, March 2.



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

We look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Steven Simon  
Michelle Mitzvah Group Chair



# Youth Programming

In the month of November, our Menschmakers and Junior Youth Group had their own Friendsgiving Potluck and created "The Giving Plate," which I hope will become a family heirloom. Each plate was designed to be passed along to a friend, neighbor, and/or family member in order for the kids to experience the true meaning of gift giving. The best part of this project is the plate keeps on being "passed," and its giving has no end.

Menschmakers also had a DIY Candy Menorah project in the month of December and the kids were extremely creative in utilizing all edible materials. It certainly was a sweet start to their Hanukkah celebration!

Junior Youth Group made Hanukkah cookies (dreidels, menorahs, Jewish stars, and Chais) this month and DIY (not edible!) menorahs. Although most of the cookies were eaten at the event, I hope some of you were able to enjoy the few they did take home!

We have more events this year, and we hope you'll be able to join us!

## *Menschmakers - Grades 3 - 5*

- February 3- Color Me Mine 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
- March 24 - Spiritual Walk with Rabbi Ilana  
1:00 p.m.-1:45p.m.

## *Junior Youth Group - Grades 6 - 8*

- February 3- Community Service Event  
(Time and Location TBA)
- March 24- Spiritual Walk with Rabbi Ilana  
2:00 p.m.-2:45p.m.



Brittany Punim,  
Director of Informal  
Youth Programming



## *Senior Youth Group*

Our Senior Youth Group had another successful Pasta Dinner for the Tot Shabbat families in November and 12 pounds of pasta were eaten! They also solicited for the Sisterhood's Goods and Services Auction and spent 6 hours approaching retail establishments for donations. As your youth advisor, I am extremely proud of your efforts to obtain a few items for one of Sisterhood's biggest fundraisers of the year and for volunteering to help the night of. You were a huge help and can't wait for us to be a part of the next one in 2021!

We would love for you to take part in our events coming up in 2019!

- January 6- Escape the Room (TBA)
- February 8- Creative Service 7:30pm-9:00pm
- March 2- Midnight Run
- March 17- Mini Spiel and Purim Carnival



# MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR BLESSING זכרונם לברכה

## January Yahrzeits

ELLEN ABRAMS	REGINA GUNTHER	HAROLD MILLMAN	MILTON SITOMER
MARK ABRAMSON	ELSIE GURIAN	NANCY MORGAN	MARILYN SOLOMON
LENA BENDALIN	MAX HEFFLER	MILTON NACHINSON	TODD SPENCER
DAVID BLEIBERG	NATHAN HIEGER	GEORGE S. PARIS	JUDITH STEINMAN
STANLEY BRAUNER	PAULA KAPLAN	LEO ROSENGARTEN	LOUIS STERNBERG
SUSANNE BUCKLER	GERALD KLEIN	DAVID SALTZMAN	SAMUEL SURKES
FREDEL COHEN	SARAH KNOX	RONA SCHICK	JACOB WEINBERG
MARGARITA COYNE	DR. THEODORE LEIBMAN	BEVERLY SCHWARTZ	LILLIAN WEINER
THEODORE EPSTEIN	DAVID LEVY	DAVID SCHWARTZ	RUTH WHITMAN
LINDA FEUCHTBAUM	THELMA LITMAN	ROSE SCHWARTZ	NATHAN WIDMAN
BERDIE GELFENBEIN	SOPHIE LIVINGSTON	RUTH FRIEDMAN SEAGER	KARL WILDMAN
LEA GLITMAN-ALKALAI	SYLVIA MANDEL	SAM SEGAL	HARRY ZALL
IRVING GLUCOFT	CELIA MEYERS	SYDNEY L. SEILER	JEREMY ZALL
WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN	MURRAY MILLER	JAN SIMON	

## February Yahrzeits

ALYSSA ALHADEFF	ABRAHAM KIRSHNER	SEYMOUR OVENTHAL
LEIZER ALPERSTEIN	GLORIA KIRSHNER	TOBY PUTTERMAN
BERTHA ALTER	NOEL LAMSTER	SAMUEL ROTH
ROBERT ANESETTI, SR.	MILDRED LANDAU	JOEL SANKEL
HERMAN ASHKANAZY	BESS LEVENE	HARRY SAULT
IRENE BERNSTEIN	THELMA LEVITT	MARGO SIMMONS
FLORENCE BRESSLER	THELMA LEVITT	ANDREA GREEN SWAN
MARTIN BROWN	SHIRLEY MARKS	SALLY VICTOR
HOWARD COLE	GEORGE MENDELSON	WALTER WALLISON
ANNA HEFFLER	GLORIA MENDELSON	LEONARD ZINN
PAUL JEANETTE	DOROTHY NACHINSON	

## 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

2 Microtower/monitor combos with cart	\$2,500
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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**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:

**January 11,  
February 8**

**March 15, April 12  
May 10, June 14**

## Music Committee

Hello everyone!

The Music Committee is happy to present two family programs in these winter months. First up, is **Movie Night and Havdalah** at the Ulam on **January 12 at 7:00 p.m.** As always, this is a **FREE** event and refreshments will be served. We will be showing *An American Tail*. It is an animated film, released in 1986, that the whole family will love! It "tells the story of Fievel Mouskewitz and his family as they immigrate from Russia to America for freedom. However, Fievel gets lost and must be reunited with his family in the vast city of New York, meeting friends and foes along the way."

Our second program is **BHSS Got Talent** on **Sunday, February 10** at 2:00 p.m. Based on the popular television show, our version is a talent show for all that our congregants, young and old, have to offer! Do you dance? Have some magic up your sleeve? Can you belt out Broadway show tunes? The stage is yours! We have 2 audition dates:

**Sunday, January 6 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, January 13 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.**

Please contact Cantor Perper at [cantorperper@earthlink.net](mailto:cantorperper@earthlink.net) with questions and to reserve your spot. We're going to have refreshments, so please bring friends and family to cheer our artists on!

For those of you who love beautiful, musical services, please mark **Friday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m.** on your calendars. It is **Shabbat Shirah**. It is a joyful event that I know you won't want to miss!

On a last note, I would like to invite you join us take a seat at the table. Our meetings are on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Attendance to all the meetings is not a requirement, and neither is musical talent! E-mail me any time at [niberger@aol.com](mailto:niberger@aol.com) and let's meet. I'd love to hear from you!

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**PERFORMANCE DATE:**

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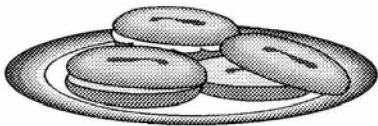
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# Worship Schedule

Friday, January 4	6:30 pm	Thank Goodness It's Shabbat family service <i>Birthdays in January will be celebrated</i> Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Benadi family
Saturday, January 5	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of John Dowd
Friday, January 11	5:15 pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Begleiter and Schindler families
Saturday, January 12	10:00 am	B'not Mitzvah of Alex Begleiter and Hazel Schindler
Friday, January 18	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service ~ Shabbat Shirah Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Mandler family
Saturday, January 19	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Mandler
Friday, January 25	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service
Saturday, January 26		No Shabbat Morning service
Friday, February 1	6:30 pm	Thank Goodness It's Shabbat family service <i>Birthdays in February will be celebrated</i>
Saturday, February 2		No Shabbat Morning service
Friday, February 8	5:15 pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:30 pm	Youth Group Creative Shabbat service
Saturday, February 9	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning service B'nai Mitzvah Learning service
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Tuesday January 1  
Monday January 21

## To do in January and February



- *Torah Study - Shabbat mornings, 8:15 am*
- *Try Zumba with Sisterhood on Mondays*
- *TGIS, Thank Goodness it's Shabbat, Family Service -  
Friday, January 4 & February 1, 6:30 pm*
- *Tot Shabbat - Friday, January 11 & February 8, 5:15 pm*
- *Music Committee movie night, An American Tail - Saturday, January 12*
- *BHSS Got Talent Auditions - Sunday January 6 & 13 12:30-2:00 pm*
- *Enjoy Shabbat Shirah - Friday, January 18*
- *BHSS Got Talent Performance - Sunday, February 10*

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