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**SUMMER WORSHIP
CALENDAR**

Friday July 5 & August 2, 6:30 p.m.
All other Fridays in July and August,
7:30 p.m.

No Saturday morning services except
on July 6 & August 17, 10:00 a.m.



President's Message

Jen Cole

What is Jewish enough...

A pregnant woman walks into a bar...

It may sound like the beginning to a bad joke, but if you read on, you'll discover it's a prologue of a different kind.

The story continues as said woman laments to her friend, the bartender, about how the adoption organization through which she was planning to place her unborn child re-jected her application at the last minute, leaving her understandably distraught. The bartender responds, *"No problem, I know some folks...who know some other folks...good parents, who have been wanting another child for nearly a decade...I'm happy to reach out, but before I do let me ask, are you okay if the baby is raised Jewish?"*

The woman responds affirmatively, as her one and only concern is that her daughter will be placed in a loving home.

Not long after, the soon-to-be adoptive parents are called and they are overjoyed. The child is described as *"half-Jewish,"* a so-called *"white lie"* included simply to minimize possibility of further rejection. (*For the record, it would not have mattered an iota).

Just two days later, on June 15, 1969, the child makes her way from the arms of her *first mother* to her new family. As the story goes, she is seen as a gift for both parents, her arrival falling on her mother's 34th birthday as well as on the Sunday designated as Father's day.

As you may have surmised, this is the beginning of *my story*, and as it were, my Jewish journey.

My family was Jewish, but only in a traditional sense. We were not members of a temple and didn't keep kosher or adhere to any regular ritual practice. That said, being Jewish has always been an important part of my identity, in large part because it was a thread that connected me with my family. As I've shared before, I even briefly insisted that people refer to me as "Jennifer Alyse Goldberg, Jewish," to ward off the seemingly countless comments I encountered about how I didn't *look* Jewish (as I internalized a message that I didn't belong).

I share this story now because I've been a bit nostalgic these days, as I anticipate turn-ing the big *"Five-O"* and simultaneously winding down my term as president.

As I get older and what I like to think of as wiser, I have become more selective with regards to how I spend my time and energy, wanting to invest it more intentionally on endeavors I genuinely find meaningful and rewarding. That is certainly the case at BHSS. I have no regrets. While being president has not been without its challenges, it has always been an honor and a source of joy to serve our community.

Though my words will inevitably fail to express my gratitude, I need to at least attempt thanking our outstanding team. Rebecca McVeigh, your devotion to not just the Religious School but our entire congregation is unmatched. Iris Greenberg and Lisa Bar-rack, I have said many times that you are indeed the heart and soul of BHSS and I can-not imagine how we would get through a single day without your efforts.

I am also grateful to all of the lay leaders who served alongside me on the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, the chairs of our wonderful committees and all those who tirelessly work behind the scenes. Special gratitude goes to the presidents who served before me, as I stood tall on your shoulders. Indeed it takes a village, and what a village we have.

I also want to thank *each and every one of you*, for your membership and the opportunity to journey from inauspicious beginnings to a woman who feels Jewish enough to drop the suffix and just be Jen Cole. Thank you for indulging me by reading and listening to my stories. I can recall the stress I experienced when faced with the task of writing the first few Temple Topics articles, not to mention High Holy Day speeches. I questioned if what I had to offer was Jewish enough. But I can say now as I close my second term as president and write my last piece (at least for this column), I can now reflect confidently that what is Jewish enough, is *me*.

I have been fortunate to serve alongside three rabbis during my two terms as president. Rabbi Joel Mosbacher, aka my *"first rabbi,"* was an amazing spiritual leader who gave so much and planted many seeds in our sacred community. He remains someone to whom I feel deeply connected and indebted, as it was he who prompted me to delve deeper into my own Judaism and to create space for it to grow. I then worked with Rabbi Barry Diamond who served BHSS as interim rabbi for a two-year period so that we were able to take time and space to reflect on who we really are as a community and clarify our vision of who we want to be.

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Shavuot

Rabbi's Reflections

Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman



As I was nearing completion of my rabbinic thesis, I asked, “Dr. Goldman, when I finish, will you play jazz piano for me?” He responded to my audacity, “You know, Ilana, for most people having a completed thesis is enough.” I like to think that it was an act of *hiddur mitzvah*, the beautification of a mitzvah. Dr. Goldman did indeed play jazz piano, and it sweetened the completion of my formal studies. I was so honored to be one of the few rabbinical students to hear him tickle the ivories. And now, I have invited him to speak at my installation here at BHSS.

Dr. Goldman was my professor for *Parashat HaShvuah* (Weekly Torah Study) and Midrash. He was my thesis advisor and employer at the *Hebrew Union College Annual* for a summer. He and his wife, Dr. Naamani (I could never really call them by their first names) also invited a few students to their home every year for Shavuot—and I was fortunate to be one of them.

Shavuot is a holiday too often neglected in the Reform world because it usually falls in June, too late to be part of the religious school calendar. This holiday is one of three pilgrimage holidays—significant celebrations when Jews used to bring offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. It is the holiday when we rejoice in the giving of the Torah and first fruits, and we read the book of Ruth. It has also become the holiday of Confirmation and a celebration of Jews-by-Choice as those who have made a concerted effort to receive the Torah.

At the Goldman-Naamani household on Shavuot, we sat around the table sharing fruit and various dairy dishes,

blintzes and cheesecake among them. We talked about our lives and about the Torah. And I began to see Dr. Goldman as more than a beloved professor but also as an individual who also celebrated the holidays in his own home.

It was really this experience that taught me why Shavuot is a holiday about the giving of the Torah and not about the receiving of the Torah. According to the Babylonian Talmud (Shavuot 39a), when Moses was given the Torah at Mt. Sinai, all Jews were present, including even those who had not yet been born or who were not yet Jews. In the Midrashic collection known as Midrash Tanhuma, Rabbi Samuel bar Nahmani adds “Their souls were there, even though their bodies had not yet been created.” God gave the Torah to all of us that day, but—from my perspective—we are all still receiving it.

Every time we study Torah, we are receiving it. Every time we engage in *mitzvot* (commandments) or *gimilut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness), we are receiving it. When we honor our teachers and our students, we are receiving it. Shavuot is a reminder that we are constantly receiving Torah and it is a celebration of how much we can receive.

I look forward to celebrating my installation with you and introducing you to Drs. Goldman and Naamani. I also look forward to celebrating Shavuot with you. Together, you and I will make a concerted effort to receive much Torah...I can't wait.

President's Message - continued

During all of these changes, we are truly blessed to have had the constant spiritual voice of our incredibly talented and beloved Cantor David Perper...and what a voice it is.

And now, we continue our blessings with Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman. It has truly been a privilege to have the opportunity to partner with her. For those of you who have yet to really get to know her, she is an extraordinary teacher, a vibrant leader and a compassionate, wise soul with a fantastic sense of humor to boot! I am certain that under her leadership, with Cantor Perper by her side, and our capable

and enthusiastic incoming president, Judy Teich, our *kehillah kedoshah*, our holy community, will continue to grow and thrive.

I hope to see you all on Friday evening, May 17 as we join as a community for the installation of Rabbi Ilana as BHSS's settled rabbi. Please respond to the front office so that we can plan accordingly as we mark this very special moment in our congregation's history.

L'Shalom

Jen Cole, President



From the Educator's Office

Rebecca McVeigh

Modah Ani Lachem

At a bar or bat mitzvah service during the section that contains the prayer for thanksgiving, often Rabbi Ilana will ask the members of the congregation to say what they are grateful for, and we all reply “*Modim anachnu Lach*” (roughly, we are grateful to You) after each one. The uppercase “You” is meant to be God, because of course it is a prayer and we thank God for many things, particularly in the morning service.

Today I say “*modah Ani lachem*” or, roughly “I am grateful to you (plural).” Because it’s you – parents, students, staff, and clergy – who make me grateful; every day, compliments or complaints, rain or shine, agree or disagree (as Jews, we have an obligation to the latter, no?)

I am particularly thankful to our Education Committee and its leader, Lauren Einhorn, who have my back AND are not afraid to point out improvements when needed. I am so very grateful to Cantor Perper, who continues to be the glue holding things together when I feel like they’re falling apart. To the rest of BHSS’s amazing “hivemind” – Iris, Lisa, and Laura – ideas bounced around with you become more clearly good or not-so-much. Our school could not run without you. Our teaching staff (please come and recognize them on May 31) continues to amaze me each year, each bringing their own particular talents to our students. I am thankful to my adult students, who bring me joy every time we meet. *Modah Ani lachem.*

After not even a year, I can say that Rabbi Ilana has become a partner in the truest sense. She is not only a fellow “book fiend” but also loves Torah, Hebrew language and grammar and we have happily, to paraphrase the Car Talk guys, “wasted another perfectly good hour” (NOT) taking out book after book to find an answer to some esoteric question. Or sometimes we don’t find the answer. But the fun is in the search, and I have had so much fun! She helps me come to good decisions and gently prods me when I need it to get things done that might not be my favorite things to do. I have truly found another mentor, and I cannot thank her enough. *Modah Ani lachem.*

At this season, my gratitude turns to a very special group of students – our Confirmands. These teens have committed

themselves to furthering Jewish learning, either by attending Kadimah or by working in our classrooms every single week. They teach and they learn. Confirmation families stress the importance of Jewish education in their homes; they practice what they preach by supporting their children’s continued commitment. Our Confirmation service this year, Erev Shavuot, is on Saturday night, June 8 at 7 p.m. followed by Tikkun Leil Shavuot, a traditional night of study. Please come to help me show my appreciation to Confirmands Robin Falkow, Max Cohen, Max Pavon, Heather Romoff, Luke Savoy, Brady Cole, and Jason Ritchin and their families. *Modah Ani lachem.*

I am also incredibly thankful, not just for this year and the past sixteen, but every day, always, to my family – Rod, Andrew, Jackie, and Rose, Alex, and Ari – for their love, support, and seemingly unending patience. *Modah Ani lachem.*

I wish you all a summer that fulfills you and brings your family back rested and refreshed in September!

- Rebecca McVeigh, Director of Education

Penny Wars Update

from the Education Committee

Congratulations to team July-December! Team January-June had a total of \$186.75 to your \$128.33. While it may not be good news for one team, it is GREAT news for our charities. A total of \$315.08 will be donated to a food pantry or an animal shelter in both Bergen and Rockland counties. We’ll be polling you in school (if your birthday is in July through December) as to which kind of charity you’d prefer.

Thank you to everyone who participated, and look for another school-wide *tzedakah* event next year!

Cantors Annual Grotto of Gratitude !!

Cantor's Corner

David Perper



Friends, it's that time of year when it is appropriate and necessary to offer my thanks and gratitude to those who help run this blessed community, and those who serve to ensure we continue down the path of growth, enrichment, caring, support, and inspiration.

While we happily anticipate our soon-to-be incoming BHSS president Judy Teich, we take this moment to thank our outgoing president Jennifer Cole. Jen has been a wonderful leader. Her wisdom, and steady presence has brought us through some interesting times, and we are lucky to know that she will be around to lend her insights to Judy as well.

Thanks go out to all our lay leaders, our Board of Trustees and the Executive committee for their dedication to this community, its fiscal health, and all their support to me and Rabbi Schwartzman, and all our members. In addition, we are so lucky to have Iris and Lisa in our temple office. Their smiles, their professionalism and daily assistance go well beyond their job descriptions. They are both so wonderful. Stop by or call, and thank them yourselves.

Our religious school has completed another year of learning, teaching and prayer. Rebecca McVeigh, Director of Education, works tirelessly, caring for each teacher, and each and every student that walks through our doors. Her level of devotion to BHSS shows each and every day, in her efforts to improve herself, her teachers and our young people, serving as Morei Derech, classroom teacher assistants. Being a teacher can be very challenging, and they all do such a fantastic job.

Thanks to Roberto for making sure our building and grounds are always clean, and for the classrooms always being ready for our students. Our security guard, Nick, has become very comfortable here, greeting folks with a smile as they enter, and ensuring through his presence, that we are safe.

And now, for my dear choir. I cannot express how lucky I am to be able to work with all of you on a weekly basis. We have such fun, laughter, and inspiration. The work we do, the striving to improve is appreciated by all those who are lucky enough to hear the results of our labor. Thank you for another wonderful year.

Rabbi Schwartzman's first year has been wonderful. Her style of prayer leadership, teaching and pastoral care of our members is a perfect fit. Her partnership, along with her desire to work as a team has made for a very easy transition. Here's to looking forward.

I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to all of this year's B'nei Mitzvah families. Each service was meaningful and special. Mazal Tov!

In closing, I want to express on behalf of me and Faith, how fortunate we are to be associated with this special community. Serving BHSS is a blessing in my life.

B'Shalom,
Cantor David Perper



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Candlelighting times:



May 3 – 7:37 pm – Acharei Mot
 May 10 – 7:44 pm – K'doshim
 May 17 – 7:51 pm – Emor
 May 24 – 7:58 pm – B'har
 May 31 – 8:04 pm – B'chukotai
 June 7 – 8:08 pm – B'midbar
 June 14 – 8:12 pm – Naso
 June 21 – 8:14 pm – B'ha'a lot'cha
 June 28 – 8:15 pm – Sh'lach L'cha

July 5 – 8:13 pm – Korach
 July 12 – 8:11 pm – Chukat
 July 19 – 8:06 pm – Balak
 July 26 – 8:00 pm – Pinchas
 August 2 – 7:53 pm – Matot-Masei
 August 9 – 7:45 pm – D'varim
 August 16 – 7:35 pm – Va'etchanan
 August 23 – 7:25 pm – Eikev
 August 30 – 7:14 pm – Re'eh



May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
			7 pm Yom HaShoah Service		6:30 pm TGIS Thank Goodness It's Shabbat! Family Service	Acharei Mot 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Max & Riley Nierenberg
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 am FS & 6th 1 pm K/1/2 Youth Event	4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Ritual Comm. 7:30 pm Choir Reh offsite	7pm Yom HaZikaron/Yom HaAtzmaut at Temple Beth Rishon		5:15 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Tefilot Sisterhood Shabbat	K'doshim 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Zachary Bibi
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 am FS & 6th	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		6 pm Light Festive Fare 7:30 pm Rabbi Ilana Installation Service	Emor 9 am Torah Study
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9 am FS & 6th 11 am Installation Learning & Brunch 1 pm JYG & Menschmakers 5 pm BHSSTY Elections	4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm School 4/5 7:30 pm Annual BHSS Mtg 8 pm Board Mtg	7:30 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot	B'har 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Noah Arum
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Office Closed	6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Music Comm.	7:30 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot Teacher Appreciaton Youth Group Leads	

June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
						B'chukotai 9 am Torah Study 9 am BHSSTY Board trip to Long Branch
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	7 pm Project Donate A Dress	7:30 pm Ritual Committee	7:30 pm Adult Choir		6:30 pm TGIS Thank Goodness It's Shabbat! Family Service	B'midbar 9 am Torah Study 7 pm Confirmation & Tikkun Leil Shavuot
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10 am Shavuot Yizkor Service		7:30 pm Exec Comm. 7:30 pm MMG	7:30 pm Adult Choir		5:15 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Tefilot Brotherhood Shabbat	Nasso 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Samantha Grossman 7 pm Boulders Game
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		7:30 pm Board Mtg	7:30 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot Board Installation	B'ha-a lot'cha 9 am Torah Study
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
7 pm Healing Service		7:30 pm Music Committee	7:30 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot Pride Shabbat	Sh'lach L'cha 9 am Torah Study
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...will be called to the Torah...



Max Nierenberg – May 4, 2019

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Darrae, Father, Gregg, Sister, Riley, 14 is a 7th grader at Eric Smith Middle School His interests basketball and soccer and I like hanging out with my friends. "When I grow up I hope to be a professional basketball player. I am very excited for my Bar Mitzvah but also nervous, but overall I just want to have a fun time with my friends and family. For my community service project I am volunteering for a program called R.I.F.E., Ramsey Is For Everyone, which helps kids with special needs. I also volunteered for the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, where I made birthday bags for kids with cancer."



Zachary Bibi – May 11, 2019

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Stacey, Father, Leon, Brother, Matthew, 18, and Sister, Rebecca, 16 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include basketball, baseball, and lacrosse. "I would like to be a professional basketball player or work in the sports industry. I am very excited to celebrate this special day with my family and friend. I volunteered at the Upper Saddle River Special Sports Instruction Program doing basketball and track with special needs kids."



Riley Nierenberg – May 4, 2019

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Darrae, Father, Gregg, Brother, Max, 13 is an 8th grader at Eric Smith Middle School Her interests include playing soccer, running, skiing, and spending time with my friends and family. "I'm not sure what I would like to be in the future, but right now I am focused on getting good grades and spending time with my friends and family. I am excited to spend this special day with the people I love the most. For my community service my brother and I made birthday bags for the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. These bags will be given to families when a birthday is near so parents don't have to worry about it. Also, for the past two years my friends and I created a Relay for Life team to help find a cure for cancer."



Noah Arum – May 25, 2019

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Marla, Father, Gregg, Sister, Ella, 10 is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School His interests include sports, hanging out with friends, video games, and going to camp. "When I grow up, I would love to be involved in sports management, like a general manager or a team owner. I am very excited to celebrate what I have done to prepare for this and I can't wait to share this day with my family and friends. Throughout my preparation I have realized how fortunate I am to do things easily. For my mitzvah project I have helped feed the needy through Project N.E.S.T., helped special needs children play sports through Friendship Circle, and provided needed toiletries for the homeless."



Samantha Grossman – June 15, 2019

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Melanie is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include dance and French Woods Sports and Arts (summer camp). "I'd like to be a professional dancer/choreographer. I feel excited. It has been a great learning experience, not only for me but for my family as well. I am so happy to celebrate with them! My community service project is still a work in progress."

Come join the unofficial

BHSS Bicycle and Hiking Club

We ride on Sundays at 9 a.m. and sometimes at 8 a.m. when the weather warms.
We like the rail to trail best, but sometimes ride on the road.

We mostly ride the Monroe - Goshen rail to trail and sometimes find other trails to ride as well.
We always end with food, coffee and conversation.

When we can't cycle we hike.

Good company - good conversation - cycling, hiking and fun.

Give a shout out to Michael Feldman at jurisfeld@gmail.com.

See you soon!



Religious School

School Calendar - Be on the lookout for the **school calendar** for next year, which is already posted on our website and in printed form in the literature rack at the school entrance. Please take it into account as you are scheduling extra-curricular activities for next year.

Remember that the new **attendance policy** allows for ten (10) unexcused absences and that "half-absences" can be used to assist you with coordinating your child's activities.

Lower Primary - Start your **younger child** in school (as a BHSS member) at NO CHARGE for grades K, 1, or 2 and help your non-member friends become acquainted with our community as we continue to welcome non-member students into grades K, 1, or 2 for a reasonable fee. Our families can tell you that it is easier for children to progress into the high grades in religious school having already started attending at a younger age. The hours are shorter, there's no homework, and there's a lot of fun!

Family School - Also continuing, now into its 16th year, is the **Family School** alternative to traditional school. Taking place on Sunday mornings, it is an opportunity for parents (or other adult family members) and children to learn **together**.

PreK - watch for information on our monthly PreK with Miss Terry, which is open to members and non-members alike!

Registration forms will be emailed to you by mid-June and will also be available on our website.

Have a terrific summer!

Brotherhood 2.0

As we are approaching the end of another year, let's look back at Brotherhood – a year in review.

Brotherhood partnered with Sisterhood for a hugely successful party in the Ulam. We were successful in averaging 12 for each and every dinner...our Chanukah party this year topped off at 24. Also, this year's Chanukah party was at the Mason Jar instead of our usual Waterwheel...why? Because the Waterwheel is now out of business.

Another big success was our Asian restaurant theme. It started off as mostly Chinese, but morphed into Japanese, Afghani, and Thai....and let's not forget Indian...we had our annual Men's Seder at an Indian restaurant in Mahwah...first time ever...and we got a great response!

At our monthly Raps, we saw new faces coming out, as well as new faces at our monthly events.

But that's not all.

We are still operating under the Legion of Past Presidents. While our leadership hasn't changed much, what has been changing is that there have been many of our new and existing members who step up and run an event, or participate in planning, or helping out at the Purim carnival or building a sukkah or wherever we need help.

We are asking for more, though. We are adding many more events and opportunities to partner with our fellow synagogue groups, or support the synagogue and the community in various ways. We are asking for you to come out...check us out, help run an event or just come out and support us and meet some new people.

We are BHSS Brotherhood. Changing the world, one Mitzvah at a time.

--Jonathan A. Theodore, Current Past President

May 16 - Brotherhood Dinner –

Sonny and Tony's in Mahwah – 7:30 PM

May 19 - Brotherhood Raps –

Panera Bread, Ramsey, NJ – 10:00 AM

June 2 - Brotherhood Bike Ride –

Heritage Trail, Monroe, NY – 10:00 AM

June 14 - Brotherhood Shabbat – 7:30 PM

June 15 - Annual suite at the Rockland Boulders –
Reservations required

Keep an eye on your emails and newsletters for summer activities with the Brotherhood!

Music Committee

Hello everyone!

We hope you enjoyed this year's version of Coffeehouse Cantors. Every year proceeds of our yearly fundraising program go to support various programs in Israel. This year, it was our pleasure to support *Friends of Yad Sarah*.

I encourage you to look at their website www.friendsofyadsarah.org for more information. Their work is unique to the entire state of Israel!

On **Wednesday, May 1**, we will commemorate **Yom HaShoah** with a service at BHSS at 7:00 p.m.

Yom Hazikaron and **Yom Ha'atzmaut** will be celebrated with a joint service at Beth Rishon on **May 8, at 7:00 p.m.**

On a last note, I would like to invite you join us at the synagogue library. Our meetings are on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and we skip July and August. E-mail me any time at niberger@aol.com. I'd love to hear from you!

Musically yours,
Nora Berger

Ritual Committee

As we approach the completion of Rabbi Ilana's first full year with Beth Haverim Shir Shalom and prepare for a wonderful service and celebration in honor of her official installation on Friday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m., the Ritual Committee is poised to go through a transition of its own.

After five years of co-chairing the ritual committee, first alongside Stacey Coyne, and then alongside Debbie Royal, Judy Teich will be transitioning out of this role to step into a new leadership role at BHSS. Together with the rest of the committee, Debbie is excited to welcome Michelle Sherry as the new co-chair of Ritual!

We have taken some time to reflect on how we have grown, both individually and as a committee, throughout this journey. We believe that being of service as lay leaders represents a sacred partnership between clergy, staff, other lay leaders, and the congregation. It entails moments of feeling accomplished and satisfied as well as moments of trepidation and challenge. Thankfully, with the support of every member of this dedicated committee, our rabbis, our cantor, and the synagogue's staff, there was no room for failure in this role! We have both learned so much, and for this we are grateful. So how do we ensure that the upcoming transition in ritual committee leadership is as smooth as the last one? We start with the intention of creating seamless support for our clergy, staff and congregation in all things ritual moving forward, and learning from what has worked well and where there might be opportunities to do even better.

We have learned that the committee co-chair model reduces the sense of being overwhelmed that is possible when one really busy person holds this position alone. It also provides a structure of support and a forum for sharing responsibilities and ideas, which makes it way more fun!

We have learned that the transition in committee leadership is eased by staggering the terms of the co-chairs, so the new co-chair is learning from the more experienced co-chair as the year progresses. The process also lends itself to leadership development, which is essential not only to ensure that BHSS continues to grow and thrive, but for the future of the Reform Movement overall.

When we began our journey as co-chairs together, perhaps in order to avoid our own sense of being overwhelmed, we needed to wrap our heads around the Ritual Committee's mission, our specific responsibilities as a committee, and the roles and responsibilities of each of our members. We created an official list of responsibilities and an annual ritual calendar

that reminds us to be proactive and look ahead to what's coming up in the next few months that requires our support. These are live documents to which we refer often, and which we hope will make it that much easier for Michelle and future co-chairs to step into their new leadership roles with a sense of clarity and ease. We suspect that Michelle will find ways to improve even further on these systems and can't wait to see what she brings to our committee!

We have learned that planning for the High Holidays is an enormous undertaking, and that Google Sheets are great tools for coordinating the details such as giving out and confirming honors - and that even with great tools, clear and judgement-free listening and communication are paramount!

We are proud to have hosted our first annual Pride Shabbat last June. We learned that it takes time to plan and advertise an event like this, and this year we started the process earlier. We are looking forward to an even more successful Pride Shabbat on June 28 at 7:30 p.m.!

Of course, not everything we do is related to the calendar timeline. For example, coordinating Shiva lay leaders and training, offering healing services throughout the year, and arranging ushers, greeters and presenters for Shabbat and festival services are tasks that must be managed by volunteers all year long. We have learned some lessons in these areas as well, and are grateful for the committee members who have taken the lead in key ways. We hope that those who have served in these roles will continue to step up and help in these important areas, and that NEW VOLUNTEERS will step up to help as we move forward. We ALWAYS have room for new leaders on the ritual committee, and we know that the next co-chair is somewhere in the wings. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m - come join us!

Judy Teich and Debbie Royal, Ritual Committee Co-Chairs

Other Important Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, May 1,

Yom HaShoah Commemoration at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8,

Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'atzmaut Commemoration and Concert at Temple Beth Rishon at 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 8, Erev Shavuot and Confirmation at 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 9, Shavuot Yizkor Service at 10 a.m.

Sisterhood News

Hard to believe we're coming to the end of another great Sisterhood year. We hope you've joined us at a meeting, at zumba, at our Goods and Services auction, or that you were inspired and filled with small-s sisterhood by Rabbi Ilana and our team at our amazing Miriam Seder. None of this happens without the work of a dedicated group of women, and we stand in awe at all that they do.

But we're not done yet! It's not too late, because Sisterhood's year goes on! This month, worship with us at **Sisterhood Shabbat on Friday, May 10**. Learn stories of the women who have shaped our heritage, from the women who help shape our congregation. Contact any of our officers to let them know you'd like to take part in our annual celebration of women and their contributions.

On **May 30, "Come in a Rush to Board & Brush"**! It's time to bring out your hidden Renoir (or maybe your hidden Picasso!), and there's nothing like a bottle of wine to enhance your talents. Cost is \$35 per person. Light refreshments will be served. 110 E. Main Street in Ramsey. RSVP to Debbie Falkow at debalkow@hotmail.com.

On **June 13**, we'll officially close the year at our annual **Sisterhood Installation Dinner**, at Marcello's Restaurant on Lafayette Avenue in Suffern. Watch your email for further details, but don't miss a fabulous dining experience, combined with an exciting review of our year, and your chance to express your appreciation to our hard-working board. We'll be welcoming new co-presidents Linda Vogel and Mona Sussman, and even beginning the planning process for our upcoming year. RSVP to Lisa Lamster at lisalams@optonline.net.

Sisterhood expresses its appreciation to Leslie and Sheryl for a terrific year. As always, our Sisterhood is great because of the wonderful women who make up this "family". Do you have a great idea for a service project, fundraiser for BHSS or just a fun evening out? Innovators are ALWAYS welcome, as are participants, painters, drinkers, zumba artists, mah jongg players and all around great women. Come on, be one of us!



Spencer Greene

Samantha Grossman

Alexis Harris

Nolan Irizarry

Allison LaCorte

Linda Lenchner

Chase Moskowitz

Dylan Moskowitz

Simon Newhouse

Charlie Reissman

Dylan Strauss

Abbie Torrente

Addyson Wachtel

Michael Weinstein



David Abramson

Aidan Defrino

Kate Dweck

Matthew Gershengorn

Hana Hayes

Jacob Hayes

Leo Kaufman

Samantha Klein

Emerson Grace Kossar

Isabella Laddy

Andrew Levinsohn

Jason Lieberman

Brooke Reissman

Jordana Reissman

Emma Somberg

Drew Tetefsky

Zoe Viezel

Stephen Weiner

Social Action

The Social Action Committee is busy planning for an exciting event in the fall. We are looking to join with several other institutions to share our rich customs around baking and art. It is called a B.R.E.A.D. Festival, which is an acronym for Baking, Reconnecting, Education, Art, and Diversity.

The Social Action Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm.

Community Garden

The Community Garden is open! We love volunteers. Let us know when and with what you would like to help us! For questions, please email Jill Blum at riley0404@gmail.com

Thank you.

Michelle Mitzvah Committee

The arrival of spring brings about new beginnings and endeavors. The Michelle Mitzvah Group is proud to embark on such an endeavor with our new relationship with the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation provides New Jersey “families facing the crisis of pediatric cancer a place to turn for comfort and support through professional in-home counseling and a uniquely tailored package of assistance- all free-of-charge.”

Already, we assisted ECF at their “Bash at the Brickhouse” fundraiser by helping collect canned goods and groceries as people entered - think of High Holidays at the synagogue. We collected over 30 bags of food and close to \$1,000 worth of gift cards to area supermarkets. Not bad for the first attempt.

In addition, Caitlin Yanowitz, a social worker with ECF, addressed the congregation during Shabbat Services and shared the moving stories of how children afflicted with cancer and their families persevere through enormous hardships, as if fighting the disease was hard enough. Listening to Caitlin, the work ECF does is truly remarkable - be it securing food, shelter, and health care, or even Princess Elsa for a little girl’s birthday party in the hospital.

To quote Humphrey Bogart, “I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.” For more information about Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, go to emanuelcancer.org or contact Ritch Yanowitz at 917-213-7300 or ritchiano@gmail.com.

As our new relationship with ECF blossoms like a spring

flower, we continue to strengthen our roots with existing friendships. Last month, Michelle Mitzvah Group donated \$500 to Oasis: A Haven for Women and Children to help benefit camp scholarships. Our donation is going directly to a family who just lost their father. While having dinner, the father suffered a heart attack at the dinner table. The son, a fifth grader, tried to revive him, sadly, to no avail. In addition to our donation, subsequent contributions have poured in to help the family. To the anonymous donor(s) - may I personally express my gratitude.

Speaking of anonymous donor(s), a gracious donation went to CFA (Center for Food Action) to help secure a new work van to replace their broken down van. I do not know if the anonymous donor(s) are the same person/people, but their generosity is overwhelming.

The most frequently asked question I get is to help out at the Soup Kitchen. Well, here’s your chance. The Suffern Soup Kitchen schedule for July through December will be released in late May/early June. If you would like to help out our neighbors in need and provide meals, please email me at steveoum@verizon.net or call/text me at 201 788-6755 and I will schedule you.

Here’s to April showers bringing about May flowers as Michelle Mitzvah Group continues to grow. Stay tuned for more exciting details.

B’Shalom
Steven Simon
Michelle Mitzvah Group Chair

From the *Sifriyah*

The Library Folks have been concerned for quite some time. The congregation is also concerned. And our communities of Rockland and Bergen Counties are understandably concerned as well.

As of 2018, the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) concluded incidents of anti-Semitism increased 32% in New Jersey. In New York, the number of anti-Semitic incidents rose from 199 in 2016 to 380 last year. This news is troubling.

As you are aware, the library has offered a two-part program dealing with anti-Semitism. The first program, “Caught in a Web of Hate”, Part 1, on March 24, featured Bella Friedler Miller, an 86-year-old Holocaust survivor. She movingly described the horrors of losing control of one’s life, being faced with constant danger, and finally, the possible, almost inevitable loss of one’s own life. She was described by a participant as an inspiration. Another attendee described her presentation as simply riveting.



Guest Speaker Bella Miller

We believe education about the world around us is important; we believe fighting hate is important. And so on April 28, Rabbi Ilana presented Part 2 of “Caught in a Web of Hate”, providing assessment of the current rise of anti-Semitism. Hopefully, we will be inspired to use tools available to us to fight this sickness.

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)

Tot Shabbat



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

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

May 10, June 14

Contributions

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

with thanks for all you have done for us!

- Marilyn & Charlie Taylor- Romano

with thanks for your care and the beautiful service for
our Aunt Roslyn Granowetter

- the Nimerofsky family

with thanks & appreciation for the beautiful service you
provided for our family

- the Maidenberg/Schlissel families

Life Fund

in memory of Helen Kassover

- Candy & Mike Kassover

in memory of Juan Hans Lowenstein and Betty Schott

- Sheri & Allan Schott

with thanks and appreciation

- Carol & David Diamant

in memory of mother Essie Greenzweig

- Marilyn & Irwin Haberman

in memory of Gerald Klein, Sylvia Mandel and
Noah Mandel

- Arlene & Rich Mandel

in memory of cousin, Joel Sankel

- Sheryl & Joel Ives

in memory of my father Seymour Oventhal

- Joanne Oventhal

to Wendy Solomon, in memory of Sidney Solomon,
grandfather of Laurie Selfon

- the Selfon family

to Joel Ives- thank you for conducting the Genealogy
program

- the Library Committee

to David Black, in honor of your granddaughters
Reeza Eve and Julia Mae

- Sheryl Thailer

to Eric and Melissa Javer, in honor of the joyful birth of
our granddaughter, Ella Blake

- Janet & Ron Javer

in memory of Joy Pollack

- Shelley & Gary Bettman

in memory of Jack Lazer

- Sandy Parks, z"l

in memory of Joseph Schwartz

- David Schwartz

Prayer Book Dedication Fund

to Wendy Solomon, in memory of Sidney Solomon

- with love, the Selfon Family

in honor of the marriage of Jacqueline Blun to
Vincent Corbo

- Jill Blum

Ramapo-Bergen Animal Refuge

(donated by their families in honor of the following simchas)

Bar Mitzvah of Max Nierenberg

Bar Mitzvah of Raiden Furst

Bat Mitzvah of Emily Fox

Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Marder

Center for food Action of Mahwah

(donated by their families in honor of the following simchas)

Bat Mitzvah of Riley Nierenberg

Bat Mitzvah of Rachel La Corte

Bar Mitzvah of Noah Rostolder

~ Save the Date ~

BHSS Retreat 2020

Friday, February 28 -

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Join the Retreat Planning Committee

Come share your ideas,
talents, creativity!!! ... email:

BHSSRetreat@gmail.com



A SPECIAL
*Sisterhood
 Shabbat*
 May 10, 7:30 PM

Sisterhood of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom

MAY 30, 6:30-9:30 PM

*Beard Brush
 & Booze**

*Wine only



Contact Debbie Falkow - 201-681-6379 - for details

Cost is \$35 per person

We will collect toothbrushes, toothpaste and hairbrushes for The Center for Hope and Safety at the event.

Light refreshments and beverages provided.



Please join us for
**Brotherhood Reboot
 Shabbat services**
 Friday, June 14 at 7:30 pm

Brotherhood Reboot hosts BHSS at the Rockland Boulders again this year! Always a great time! Save the date Saturday, June 15 more information to follow!!



Good & Welfare from & for the congregation

Condolences

to **Jeff Parks** and **David Parks**, on the death of their mother, Sandy Parks
to **Ian Coyne** on the death of his uncle, Bernie Plott and his cousin, Linda Plott
to the **Holtzman family** on the death of Miriam Holtzman, mother of Jordan
to **Justin Furst** on the death of his great aunt and
Marcia Furst on the death of her aunt, Shirley Elliot

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

Ceil Baldwin
Harold Berger
Barbara Burghardt
Leslie Sapienza
Beth Wiesner

Mazal Tov

to **Janet & Ron Javer** on the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Blake
to **Nancy & Al Levene** on the engagement of their son David to Devyn Wells
to **Linda & Ivan Schulman** on the marriage of their son Adam to Cassie Jimenez

Special Mazal Tavs and Thank Yous

Special Mazal Tov to our 10-12 grade students who participated in the Religious Action Center, L'Taken weekend in Washington DC. With special thanks to the Endowment Committee of BHSS for continued support of this program.

Josh Brown, Logan Buchalter, Max Cohen, Robin Falkow, Scott Fleischmann, Jessica Lamster, Ben Lowenfels, Melissa Orlick, Max Pavon, Danielle Ratowsky, Jason Ritchin, Heather Romoff, Bob Seif, and Brielle Wiener

Mazal Tov to our Kadimah Graduates:

Sophie Cohen, Jessica Lamster, Ben Lowenfels, Danielle Ratowsky, Bob Seif, Julia Simon, Brielle Wiener

Mazal Tov to all our **BHSS High School & College Graduates!**

Thank you to **BHSSTY** for a successful Purim Carnival and to the Brotherhood for their support of selling refreshments that afternoon!

Thank you to **Inserra Shoprite of Ramsey**, once again, for their donation of Hamentachen for our BHSS Purim celebration!

Thanks

to Meri Senchak for
creating beautiful
bimah baskets for us
throughout the year!



Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

Friday, May 31 at 7:30 PM

**Join Us to Thank and Celebrate
our Religious School Staff!**

Mazal Tov

**to our
B'nai Mitzvah class
of 2018-19 5778-9**

Jacob Graham-Bialer
Cooper Shirvan
Chelsey Abel
Sarah Cassell
Cate Weinberger
Justine Freitag
Mandy Fleischmann
Chase Fishman
Noah Brown
Ryan Polansky
Alexander Lapinson
Dylan Stark
Jake Stark
Jessica Shmaruk
Carlie Shmaruk
Hayley Hollander
Hannah Altman
Ari Hirshfield
Sarah Hyman
Adriane Heit
Breanna Bofford
Justin Diamond
Justin Fox
Michael Weishar
John Dowd
Alex Begleiter
Hazel Schindler
Benjamin Mandler
Taylor Marder
Noah Rostolder
Emily Fox
Noah Wachtel
Raiden Furst
Rachel LaCorte
Jesse Dann
Max Nierenberg
Riley Nierenberg
Zachary Bibi
Noah Arum
Samantha Grossman

Teachers

Rebeca Berger
Stacey Coyne
Rabbi Ilana
Jane Koch
Cantor Perper
Brittany Punim
Leah Sanders
Barbara Schwartz
Karen Silverman
Terry Sitomer
Stacey Swirnow
Nancy Teichman

Teen Aides

Josh Brown
Logan Buchalter
Sophie Dweck
Jessica Lamster*
Maddy Liebman
Brian Ritchin
Jason Ritchin
Heather Romoff
Eliya Rostolder
Betsy Schwartz
Carlie Shmaruk
**Graduating Senior*

Administrative

Laura Miller

B2B II ~ Back to Judaism Basics II

Comparative Religions

Join Rabbi Ilana each week for a look into other religions, their beliefs and practices. Guest speakers as well as in depth discussions on the diversity of faiths within our local communities.

4 week course

July 24 & 31, Aug 7 & 14 7:30-8:30pm.

Please RSVP to the synagogue office, 201-512-1983.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah - Spring 2021

For more information on becoming an Adult B'nai Mitzvah, please join Rabbi Ilana for an informational meeting being held on Wednesday, May 29 7:30 pm. Please RSVP to the synagogue office, 201-512-1983.

May Yahrzeits

GEORGE ADLMAN	MADeline GUNTHER	HELEN OSHEROWITZ	DOROTHY SELIGMAN
CINDY ALLMAN	NATHAN GURIAN	NORMA PALANT	DAVID JOSEPH SIEGEL
RUTH BAUM	ERWIN HITTMAN	RICHARD PAVLOVEC	HYMAN SMITH
MOLLIE BLACKMAN	JACOB HOLTZMAN	PHOEBE PEISTER	STANLEY SPELLMAN
PHILIP BRENNER	LENA ISRAEL	IRVING PESIN	ABRAHAM SPITZER
DENISE BROWN	LOIS JAFFE	LEZA PINCUS	SOPHIE SQUIRES
IDA CLIFF	LORE KAHN	HELEN RIFKIN	MARION STANSFIELD
JOSEPH CLIFF	BLANCHE LAMBERT	FRANCES ROSE	SYLVIA STEIN
ALICE COLE	BETTY LANDIS	LEE ROSEN	DAVID STEINMAN
FLORENCE DAVID	MARILYN LASS	JOSEPH ROTHENBUCHER	JANE STEINSNYDER
ISABELLA LEAH	PAUL LEVITT	JOHN ROTHMAN	RABBI MILTON WEINBERG
DEBETHENCOURT	PAUL LEVITT	MAZAL RUDACH	RUTH WEISS
GREGORY DUCHARME	HENRY LICHTER	HARRY RUDNICK	JULIUS WEISSER
CAROLE FARFEL	JEANETTE LICHTER	HERBERT SAKOW	AARON WHITMAN
ARTHUR FASSLER	MITCHELL LICHTMAN	FANNY SAPSOVIC	MICHAEL WIESNER
BENJAMIN FINN	BERTHA LIPSKER	MIRYAM SAPSOVIC	SEYMOUR YANOWITZ
ELSIE FREEMAN	JOAN LITTMAN	SAMUEL SAYLES	ROSE ZAHM
DAVID GOLDMAN	JUDY MAY	JACQUELINE SCHECHTMAN	LEO ZUCKER
DIANA GORDON	FRANK NATHANSON	JANICE SCHWARTZ	MAX ZUKOF
NATALIE GORDON	SCOTT NEWHOUSE	SIMON SEIDNER	

June Yahrzeits

RUTH ABNER	JOANNE FEINBAUM	SIMA KRIEGEL	THEODORE SIEGEL
JOSE AMARAL	HAROLD FELDMAN	SEYMOUR KULICK	ELIAS SILVERSTEIN
SUSAN ARKAWY	DONALD FEUCHTBAUM	RONALD LANDAU	JOAN SPEER
JERROLD ARONS	DOROTHY FINN	SAUL LESSEN	BARBARA THAILER
BARBARA BERDON	ANDREW FISHER	MELVIN LISK	ROBERT THEODORE
PEARL BERGER	SADIE GETTLEMAN	ALLEN MAY	KATHERINE TOWELL
MORRIS BIBI	HARRIET GORDON	HELEN MILES	MORRIS TREPPER
ESTHER CITRIN	FRANCES GROSSMAN	SADIE MILLER	BARNEY VICTOR
HARRY COHEN	RAY GROSSMAN	KATE NEUMANN	HAROLD WEINBERG
JUDITH BERNSTEIN	MONROE GUNTHER	ALLEN NUDELMAN	HELENE WEINBERG
COHEN	SOL HEILBRAUN	SAUL OKON	WILLIAM WEINBERG
VICTOR COHEN	EDNA HOMNICK	NORMA RESNIK	IRVING WEISS
ESTHER COLE	HOWARD ISRAEL	STEPHEN RIPPS	HERBERT WEISSMAN
BLANCHE CRAMER	MAURICE SONNY ISRAEL	EDITH ROTH	GITTY WIDMAN
LARRY ELKINS	SIMON KASPER	EDWARD ROTH	CHARLES WISEMAN
CHARLES FEIN	SIMON KASPER	FRAYDA FAY LEVY SEIF	GILBERT WUNSCH
	ROBERT KOPELMAN	ALEKSANDER SHLAHET	

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR BLESSING זכרונם לברכה

July Yahrzeits

BRIAN BANDREMER	BARBARA GREENBLATT	MAX MILLER	BLANCHE SEIDNER
DAVID BERMAN	SAMUEL GREENE	FRED MOSER	ESTHER SENZEL
JILL BERNSTEIN	THOMAS GROSSMAN	MILTON NOVOCK	JULIUS SHMARUK
LOUIS BERNSTEIN	JEFF JAFFE	GEORGE ORLICK	MARTHA SILVERMAN
FRIEDA BIBI	MENDE JAFFE	NEWT PARKS	RUTH SILVERMAN
SIDNEY BLUMENFELD	NATALIE JAFFE	HARVEY RESNIK	PHILIP SIMON
ELOYSE BOLSON	DANA KANTOR	BEN RICE	MILDRED SITOMER
FERN BRUCKNER	ROMOLA KAPLAN	DAVID ROBBINS	LOIS STARTZ
ANDREW COHEN	ALAN KARASIK	ANNE ROBINOVITZ	MILTON STARTZ
BARRY COHEN	PHILIP LACHER	MORRIS ROTH	ARTHUR STERNBERG
RITA COHEN	HAROLD LANDAU	JEANETTE SAIFF	VERNON TAYLOR
SEYMOUR FRIEDMAN	NATHAN LANDAU	CHARLES SANKEL	DAVID TEICHMAN
IRIS GLUCOFT	NATHAN LEBRON	RALPH SCHECHTMAN	ROBERT TOWELL
PHILIP GORDON	MILLIE MARKS	JOHN SCHIAVO	PAUL WEISKOP
MILTON GRALLA	HARRY MEYERS	STANLEY SCHICK	FRED WICHLER
	IDA MEYERS	JOYCE SCHULMAN	

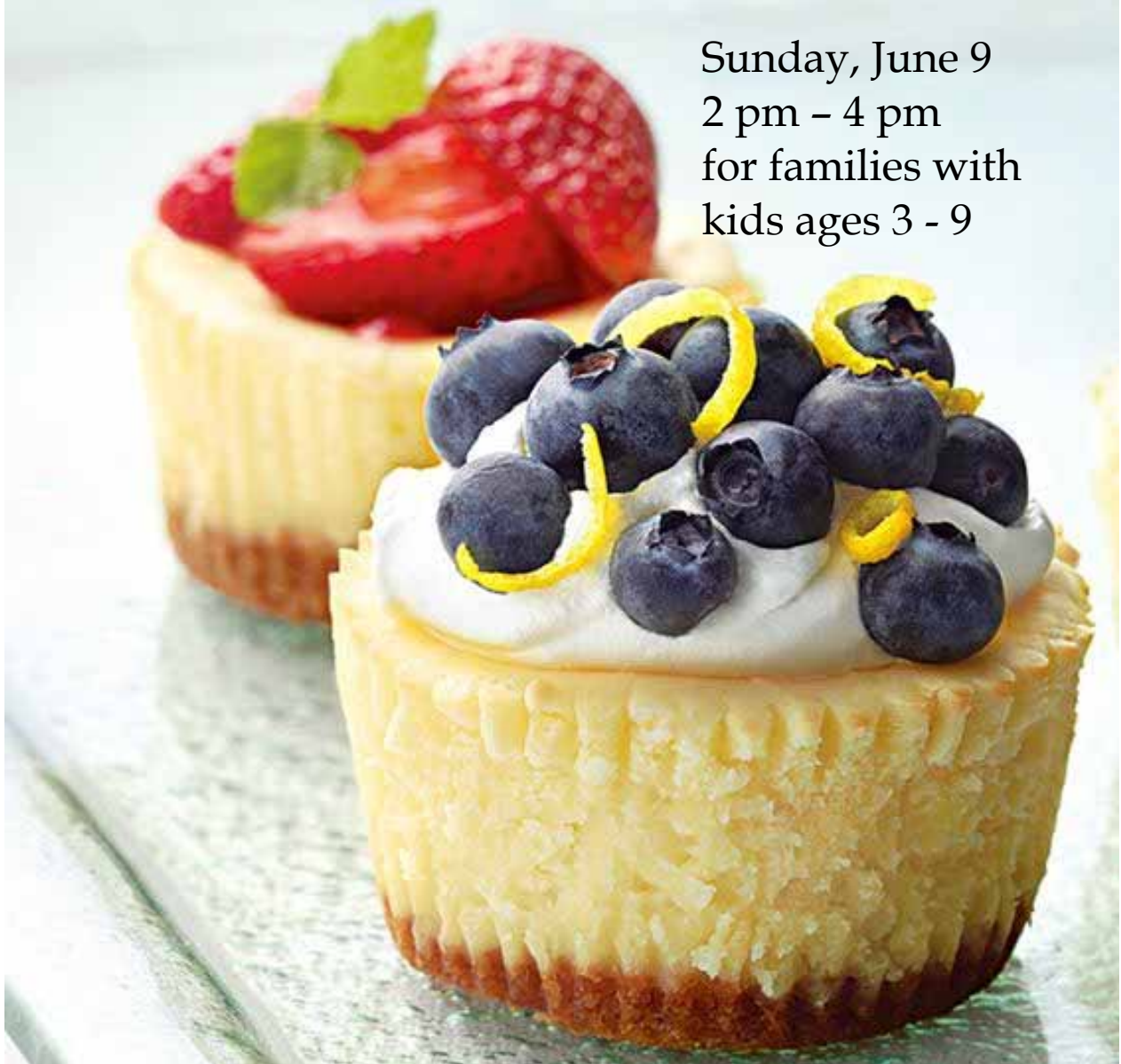
August Yahrzeits

JERALD AFIR-HEFFLER	RACHEL FIELDS	LEE JOHNSON	BRAD PERLSTEIN
MEYER ALPERT	SOL FISHKIN	WILLIAM KAPLAN	ETHEL PESIN
SYDNEY ALTMAN	FREDERICK FLISSER	BENJAMIN KASSOVER	BARRY RAFTEN
SHIRLEY ANESETTI	IRVING FRANK	ADA KOHLREITER	SONDRA RITCHIN
SAUNDRA ARONS	ETHEL FREEMAN	MORRIS KOHLREITER	DOROTHY ROW
DAVID ATLAS	HARRY FREEMAN	SANDRA KOPELMAN	BETTY SANKEL
EDWARD BARBACH	EVAN GARBUS	KEN KRESCH	GEORGE SAULT
BEN BENDALIN	MAC GELFENBEIN	MARILYN KRICHMAR	WERNER SCHOTT
GLORIA BERENS	MAC GELFENBEIN	NATHAN LAMBERT	SYLVIA SCHWARTZMAN
ABRAHAM BERKOWITZ	RYNA GERBER	ALAN LEFKOWITZ	SHARON SUSS
JACKLYN BOFFORD	WILLIAM GOLUB	MICHAEL LIPSKER	THOMAS TOWELL
HARRY BYALICK	IRV GOODMAN	MARIE LIPSON	OTTO TUTEUR
DAVID COHEN	MICHAEL SCOTT GORDON	TOM MCVEIGH	HAROLD WEINSTEIN
CHARLES COLE	JULIAN HAUSER	JAMES MINTY	MORRIS WEISBERGER
VICTOR COOPER	ROSLYN HESS	JAMES MINTY	STANLEY WELLS
LEATRICE ERLMAN	IDA HIEGER	GEORGE MOSS	SOL WEXLER
ELLEN ESTRIN	PHYLLIS HYMOWITZ	HANS NEUMANN	SADIE WIDMAN
CHRISTOPHER FIELDS	BENJAMIN ISRAEL	INGE OELBAUM	HERBERT WOLFE
ERIC FIELDS	SUSAN IVES	ROBERT OELBAUM	DANIEL ZAGER
	JEROME JOHNSON	BONNEE ORLICK	

*Bring a friend...
share Shavuot!*

Make Cheesecake and Learn Torah
Prospective Member Event

Sunday, June 9
2 pm – 4 pm
for families with
kids ages 3 - 9



Please RSVP to the office with your name and the name of your guest family by June 4.

Share the sweetness of BHSS with your friends!

Installation of Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman
Friday, May 17

**אתם נצבים היום כלכם
לעברך בברית יהוה**

*Atem nitzavim hayom kulchem...
l'ovrecha bivrit Adonai*

*You stand this day, all of you...
to enter into a covenantal relationship*

***Please join us when we add to our history
marking Rabbi Ilana's official installation
as rabbi of
Beth Haverim Shir Shalom***

FRIDAY, MAY 17 EVENTS:

6:00 pm ~ Lite festive fare - *RSVP here by May 10*

7:30 pm ~ Installation Service with guest speaker

Dr. Edward Goldman, Professor Emeritus Israel Ida Bettan

Following services- Spectacular oneg reception

THE WEEKEND CONTINUES...

SUNDAY, MAY 19 EVENTS:

11:00 am ~ Scholar in Residence with **Dr. Gilad Cohen**


Asst. Prof. of Music & Theory at Ramapo College

11:30 am ~ Celebrate with brunch - *RSVP here by May 10*

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Dresses will be donated to those in need within the Reform movement.

If you are not able to join us but would like to donate a dress please contact
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Bring a dress on Monday, June 3 and receive a raffle ticket to win a gift certificate to ULTA

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Youth Programming

It has been such an eventful year for our Menschmakers and Junior and Senior Youth Groups. With only a few events left, we hope you'll be able to join us and spend time with your BHSS friends before the summer.

Menschmakers: May 19 - Mindy's Munchies- 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Junior Youth Group: May 19 - The Castle Fun Center

Senior Youth Group:

The Senior Youth Group had another successful **Midnight Run** this month in NYC and our teens can't wait for this event to take place again in 2020! All of the Senior Youth Group members would like to personally thank Lisa Pavon for helping to organize and coordinate this event as well as Steve Simon and Jonathan Theodore for volunteering to be drivers. It truly was a team effort!

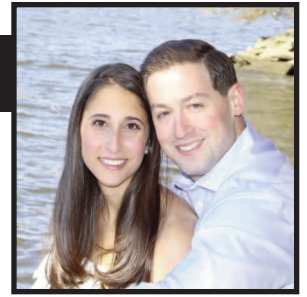
There are just two events left this year and we hope to see you there:

- **May 31- Potluck Dinner & Elections*/BHSSTY Leads Services-** 7:30-9:00 pm

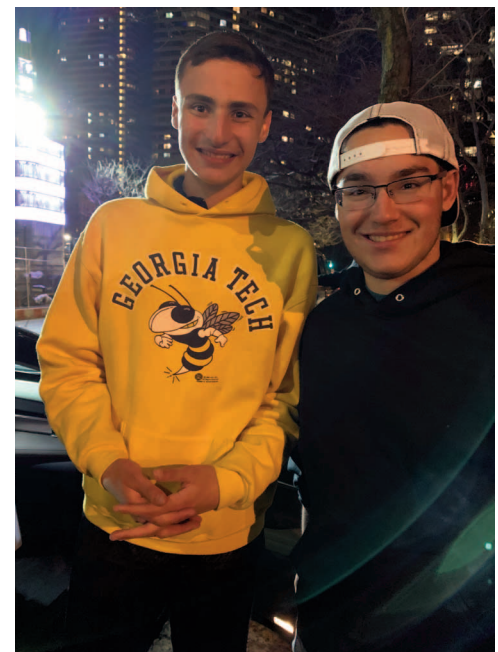
**Elections open to this year's 8th graders who are paid-up youth group members. – still not too late to join!*

- **June 1- End of Year Event for Senior Youth Group Board**

In addition, our Senior Youth Group Board would like to send a special thank you for everyone that helped support our biggest fundraiser of the year - the **Purim Carnival**. We would also like to personally thank everyone that helped plan, set-up, and make our carnival possible. Cantor, Rebecca, Roberto, Carrie, Lisa, Gail, Benji, Sisterhood, and Brotherhood, our carnival would not have been a success without you. Thank you for dedicating your time and for all of your support year-round!



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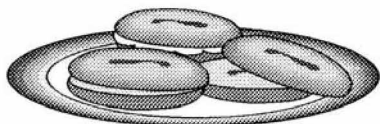
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Worship Schedule

Wednesday, May 1	7:00 pm	Yom HaShoah Commemoration Service
Friday, May 3	6:30 pm	Thank Goodness It's Shabbat! <i>Birthdays in May will be celebrated</i>
Saturday, May 4	10:00 am	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Nierenberg family B'nai Mitzvah of Max and Riley Nierenberg
Wednesday, May 8	7:00 pm	Commemoration & Concert Yom Ha'atzmaut/Yom Hazikaron Temple Beth Rishon with Cantor Perper and BHSS Adult Choir
Friday, May 10	5:15 pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:30 pm	Sisterhood Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Bibi family and the BHSS Sisterhood
Saturday, May 11	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Bibi
Friday, May 17	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service - Installation of Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman
Saturday, May 18		No Shabbat Morning Service
Friday, May 24	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Arum family
Saturday, May 25	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Noah Arum
Friday, May 31	7:30 pm	Teacher Appreciation Shabbat service and Youth Group service
Saturday, June 1		No Shabbat Morning Service
Friday, June 7	6:30 pm	Thank Goodness It's Shabbat! <i>Birthdays in June & July will be celebrated</i>
Saturday, June 8		No Shabbat Morning service
	7:00 pm	Confirmation/Shavuot service
Sunday, June 9	10:00 am	Shavuot Yizkor service
Friday, June 14	5:15 pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:30 pm	Brotherhood Reboot Shabbat service Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Grossman family and Brotherhood Reboot
Saturday, June 15	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Grossman
Friday, June 21	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service, Installation of BHSS Board of Trustees
Saturday, June 22		No Shabbat Morning service
Sunday, June 23	7:00 pm	Healing Service
Friday, June 28	7:30 pm	Pride Shabbat Evening service
Saturday, June 29		No Shabbat Morning service

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Sessions of School:

Sundays: May 5, 12 & 19
Mondays: May 6, 13 & 20
Tuesdays: May 7, 14 & 21

Office Closed:

Monday, May 27
Thursday, July 4

To do in May and June



- Torah Study Shabbat mornings, 8:15 am
- Yom HaShoah Commemoration Service, Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 pm
- Thank Goodness It's Shabbat! Fridays, May 3 & June 7, 6:30 pm
- Yom Ha'atzmaut/Yom Hazikaron Commemoration & Concert,
Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 pm held at Temple Beth Rishon, Wyckoff
- Tot Shabbat Fridays, May 10 & June 14, 5:15 pm
- Sisterhood Shabbat, Friday, May 10, 7:30 pm
- Friday, May 17, 6:00 pm reception of Lite Festive Fare, please RSVP
followed by Rabbi Ilana's Installation service 7:30 pm
- Scholar in Residence program and brunch Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 am, please RSVP
- Teacher Appreciation service, led by BHSSTY, Friday, May 31, 7:30 pm
- Brotherhood Reboot Shabbat, Friday, June 14, 7:30 pm
- BHSS Board Installation service, Friday, June 21, 7:30 pm
- Pride Shabbat, Friday, June 28, 7:30 pm

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