

TEMPLE TOPICS

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

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- Israel's Strategic Position in the Middle East – a 4 part series
- Discussion of the bestseller, *Caste* – a 3 part series
- Purim Carnival
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- Yom Hashoah Commemoration



President's Message

Judy Teich

*Yesterday, Today
and Tomorrow*

As we move forward into the future and face the realities of the need for change it's important to know our past; our past will help inform how we move forward.

We have seen changes in how we live our day to day lives, carefully balancing our work life and family. For many, priorities have changed. Who can relate since our world has been turned upside down this past year? I can, and I am sure many of you can as well. I read that line in my Rosh Hashanah speech two years ago. The title of the speech was "Change." I had no idea what challenges would be around the corner and that we would all be thrust into a situation requiring change very quickly without any time to adjust.

The premise of that holiday speech two years ago was that while we experience change in our personal lives there is also change within synagogue life and we need to be able to adapt.

"... In the past 150 years synagogue life has changed tremendously. From a past emphasis on building cathedral-like structures to a present emphasis on programming, religious schools, social action, sisterhood and brotherhood functions, we are now faced with the need to shift to a future where it's not about the building and it's not about the programs. It is all about the congregant's experience."

How do "we" as a community transform and shift to meet the needs of the next generation while being respectful to the needs of today's generation? We listen.

Jews know about change and adapting; we know that well! The basic elements of the Passover story don't change. The Israelites are slaves ... Moses pleads with Pharaoh, "Let my people go!" ... the ten plagues ... Moses and the Israelites leave Egypt in haste ... the sea parts, no time to waste, the Egyptians are in hot pursuit! ... the 10 commandments are given at Sinai ... the Israelites wander for 40 years ... Let's eat!

However, over the years the way we **celebrate** Passover has changed. **Yesterday**, the Passover sacrifice was one of the most important elements of the Passover observance. After the destruction of the Second Temple and the diaspora, the home replaced the temple as a center of Jewish Life. **Today** Jewish families throughout the world gather around the seder table or in some cases we gather in front of the computer for a Zoom Passover seder. We have incorporated local foods and music and developed our own unique traditions. And **tomorrow**? Who knows how rituals and customs will evolve to adapt to the times and seasons?

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow - This is the theme for the Beth Haverim Shir Shalom 50th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for Sunday, May 23. As we consider ourselves a congregational family, this celebration will truly be a family affair held outside on our beautiful synagogue grounds. Together, we will honor our past, celebrate our present and dream of a bright future for generations to come.

From my family to yours - wishing you a sweet Passover,
Judy

**Yom Ha'atzmaut/
Yom Hazikaron**
Israel Independence Day & Day of Remembrance
Commemoration & Concert

Wednesday, April 13
Via Zoom

Details to come

B'shanah HaBaah (Next Near...)

Rabbi's Reflections

Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman



How is it already time for Passover? How has a whole year gone by since we first started figuring out how to be a community during a pandemic? Last year, Passover became our first major celebration from our homes. Last year at this time, we were like the Israelites, completely uncertain of what the future might look like and wary of being too hopeful. This year, we are much more like those same Israelites standing at the shores of the sea, knowing redemption was near, but perhaps skeptical of its imminence.

What amazes me is how much we have still been able to accomplish. Yes, there was sickness and fret and mourning. But there was also an incredible amount of support, hard work, perseverance, celebration, and planning. We have had a year unlike any other and—with the help of Zoom, creative thinking, and a fair amount of driving—we have seen what it is to hold fast to one another.

This year, when we read in the Haggadah,

In each generation every individual is obliged to feel as though he or she personally came out of Egypt.... Therefore, we are obliged to thank, praise, laud, glorify, and exalt, to honor, bless, extol, and adore God who performed all these wonders for our ancestors and for us: God brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of sorrow into joy, out of mourning into a holiday, out of darkness into daylight, and out of bondage into redemption. Let us then sing before God a new song: Halleluyah!

We will have a new perspective on Egypt and on redemption. I do not wish these trials or hardships on anyone, but I am in awe at our tenacity.

One year later, let us take a moment to celebrate all that we have accomplished and learned, all that we have managed and preserved, all the ways we have endured and grown. On Passover we taste the sweetness of freedom, all the more precious because of the bitterness of enslavement. I don't think anyone who has lived through 5780 and 5781 will ever forget how sweet breathing air unmasked can be, how much we love school after having been kept from it, how much a touch means after isolation.

Thanks to everyone who has helped us walk through this sea...all who were willing to tread, even when they weren't certain the ground would be solid under them.

Next year, back at BHSS...in person!





From The Educator

Rebecca Bernstein McVeigh

Pride

In one of my *Temple Topics* articles last year, I commented on how much I loved walking the halls of BHSS on any given weekday, listening to the rhythms of synagogue life. With the majority of meetings and lessons taking place remotely, there is not quite the busy hum of student practice, but the rhythm is there just the same as we go about the business of caring for our congregational family.

A lot of that has to do with the process of preparing for bar and bat mitzvah. It begins officially on the day when Iris notifies parents about dates, moves smoothly due to Michelle's juggling of multiple appointments, is enhanced with materials and programs we jointly create, is built and polished in the process of meetings with Rabbi Ilana and Cantor Josh, and culminates in a bar or bat mitzvah service with much *kvelling* and many *mazal tovs!* Whether I am lucky enough to be in attendance or not, I am proud.

I am especially proud of the Jewish young men and women – and their families - who have celebrated a bar and bat mitzvah at BHSS during COVID-19. On top of all the usual pressures of preparation, students and their families live with new uncertainties: How many people can be in the sanctuary? Out of the allowed numbers, how many family members are WILLING to be in the sanctuary? What happens if cases break out in our school/workplace that will cause our carefully-laid plans to change overnight?

I'll tell you what happens. The entire BHSS team acts swiftly to calm anxious families and make everything possible. This ability to

pivot is one of the things that I love about being who we are; the added challenge of a pandemic has only made us more creative. We are expanding even more to think outside of the box while maintaining our congregational culture.

Since March, we have celebrated Zoom b'nei mitzvah and in-sanctuary b'nei mitzvah. Some of them were held as they had been planned and some of them were not, but all of them were warm wonderful services, full of the same pride and joy as they were prior to the middle of March of 2020. Our students still lead with a self-assurance that even they are sometimes surprised at! They have risen to meet the challenge, and gone beyond, and I am expecting no less from future b'nei mitzvah this season.

Whether your family is celebrating a bar or bat mitzvah this year, or next, or in the years after that, always know that Rabbi Ilana, Cantor Josh, Iris, Michelle, and I are here – to teach, to solve, to guide, to help, to calm, to prepare, and to listen.

With best wishes for a wonderful Pesach,

Rebecca



Shir Chadash (a New Song) with Cantor Josh



This Passover season I wanted to share a great story with you: the legend of Serach bat Asher, Jacob's granddaughter. She is immortal, and witness to the entire history of the Jewish people.

Rabbi Ilana has referred to what we call *Aggadic* Midrash as "Rabbinic fan fiction" about the characters from the Torah, a designation I love. Midrash includes stories about biblical characters, as codified through Rabbinic literature like the Talmud -- but much of it comes from the written and oral folklore traditions of the Jewish people. These stories are populated with the giants, angels, demons, ghosts, monsters, and immortals that Talmudic Judaism often wants to scrub from the Jewish understanding of the world.

Serach is the adopted daughter of Jacob's son Asher, and is mentioned in the Torah among the list of Jacob's household that moved to Egypt -- the only *granddaughter* of Jacob to receive this distinction. Many understand her to be, with Joseph, one of Jacob's two spiritual heirs, gifted like her uncle with "wisdom and understanding." We are told in the Midrash *HaGadol* that the brothers feared to tell their father that Joseph was still alive in Egypt as they were afraid Jacob's soul might leave his body (or he might suffer a stroke) on hearing the news -- so they sent his favored granddaughter, *Serach*, to tell him. As Jacob was standing in prayer, she said:

"Joseph is in Egypt/ There have been born on his knees/ Menasseh and Ephraim" [three rhyming lines]. His heart failed, while he was standing in prayer. When he finished his prayer, he saw the wagons: immediately the spirit of Jacob came back to life.

*-Midrash HaGadol on Genesis 45:26,
translated by Aviva Gottlieb Zornberg*

Jacob then blesses Serach with immortality for delivering the news:

*My daughter, may death never prevail
against thee forever, for thou hast revived
my spirit, only repeat thou this song once
more before me, for thou hast caused me gladness with thy words.*
-Sefer HaYashar, Book of Genesis, Vayigash (10)

And so, *Serach* lives on as a witness of and participant in the entirety of the history of the Children of Israel that follows. She shows up in stories about the Exodus from Egypt, our entrance into the Holy Land, and beyond. In some stories she saves the day with timely tactical wisdom in the era of the Kings. She corrects great rabbis who misrepresent the way the sea looked when it was split in two thousands of years after the fact. She even becomes a celebrated huntress of werewolves from the Benjaminite clan (No, I'm not making this up!)

Because stories about *Serach* place her as a witness throughout the entire story of the Exodus, she provides a fascinating vantage for the whole story. Using our powers of storytelling, each year we make ourselves witnesses to events from thousands of years ago, spanning multiple lifetimes-- like *Serach* we are blessed with these powers as Children of Israel. This, and every year, may we be blessed by our faithful observances with a lengthening of our days. God bless, and *Chag Pesach Sameach!*

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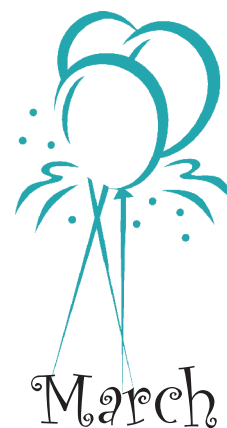
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Tabatha Jachts
Andrew Kotz
Victoria Laddy
Bryce Ruggiero
Dylan Slater
Tyler Strauss
Paige Slackman
Parker Slivka
Remi Slivka
Jason Weintraub

Candlelighting times:

March 5 Ki Tisa 5:35 pm	April 2 Passover 7:05 pm
March 12 Vayacheil/P'kudei 5:43 pm	April 9 Sh'mini 7:13 pm
March 19 Vayikra 6:50 pm	April 16 Tazria/M'tzora 7:20 pm
March 26 Tzav 6:58 pm	April 23 Acharei Mot/K'doshim 7:28 pm
	April 30 Emor 7:35 pm



BHSS is proud to partner with

SCIENTISTS IN SYNAGOGUES

a grass-roots program to offer Jews opportunities to explore
the most interesting and pressing questions
surrounding Judaism and Science.



“The Science of *Tsuris!*” - Save the Dates:

Sunday 3/7 at 2pm: **Jewish Practices & Their Relationship to Polyvagal Theory**

Sunday 3/21 at 2pm: **Music & Emotions**

Sunday 4/11 at 2pm: **Exploring Stillness**

Sunday 4/18 at 2pm: **Observing Nature through Spiritual Walk**

*All of the programs, with the exception of the Spiritual Walk, will be held virtually through Zoom

*Attendance at each event of the five part series is encouraged but not required

*No cost for participation, registration is **required**

*Events are open to Members and Non-Members



*Please join us as we celebrate
The 50th Anniversary of BHSS!*

When:

Sunday, May 23 (rain date June 6)

Where:

BHSS-outside

Time:

12 pm - 4 pm

Who should attend:

EVERYONE!

What should you expect:

A casual family-friendly day filled with music, food trucks, games for both kids and adults to enjoy, keeping to social distancing guidelines

More info on how to reserve your space to come over the next few weeks....watch for details in your weekly emails



In 1970, a handful of families in Suffern, NY and Mahwah, NJ shared a common dream without being aware of it. Both were engaged in the difficult yet exhilarating process of creating synagogues in their communities. Both groups succeeded, resulting in the Reform Temple of Suffern/Shir Shalom and Beth Haverim in Mahwah. We have now reached our 50th Anniversary and are thrilled to be celebrating together!

On May 23, Beth Haverim Shir Shalom will celebrate this GOLDEN anniversary with an outdoor celebration at BHSS for everyone to enjoy!

Over the next few months, we will be creating a video outlining our extensive history. We invite you to join us as one of our "producers" of this venture by making a donation in our synagogue's honor. Your name will then be listed in our credits.

All donations will go to **Beth Haverim Shir Shalom – Foundation for our Future**, our second Endowment Campaign. The Endowment will ensure the continued vitality of our synagogue and its role in the communities we serve.

I/We would love to be a Producer of the *Video- Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow* at the following level:
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March Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	2nd - 4 pm K/1 - 4:30 pm 3rd 5 pm Kadimah 7 pm	4th - 4 pm 5th - 5:15 pm 7:30 pm Ritual Comm. Mtg.	7 pm Israel Series w/Rabbi Joel Schwartzman 8 pm Adult Choir	7:30 pm Social Action Series: "Caste"	6:30 pm Tefilot	Ki Tissa
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 am Torah Study 9 am 6th trad 10:15 am FS noon Virtual Purim Carnival 2 pm Sci in Syn 8 pm FB Live	2nd - 4 pm K/1 - 4:30 pm 3rd 5 pm Kadimah 7 pm	4th - 4 pm 5th - 5:15 pm 7:30 pm Exec Comm Mtg 7:30 pm MMG Mtg.	7 pm Israel Series w/Rabbi Joel Schwartzman 8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot Youth Group Creative Svce.	Vayacheil/P'kudei 10 am Chase & Dylan Moskowitz 7 pm Havdalah via Zoom
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31			
10 am Passover Festival Service No School Second Seder by RSVP (Zoom)	No School	No School 7:30 pm Board Mtg.	8 pm Adult Choir			

April Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					10 a.m. Sam Hoffert Bar Mitzvah 6:30 pm Tefilot	Pesach 7 10 am Zachary Lapinson Yizkor Service
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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...will be called to the Torah...



Chase Moskowitz – March 13, 2021

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Parents, Mother, Marcy, Father, Andrew, Brother, Dylan is an 8th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include baseball, basketball, and video games. "I hope to continue to learn every day more about baseball statistics and its history and to learn more about the current events surrounding the sport. I want to share my knowledge and learn facts about the sport with others. I strive to continue to grow as a person, to fulfill my own personal goals and make those around me proud to watch me. I am thankful to become a bar mitzvah because finally, as the pandemic has postponed it several times. It is an achievement that has been worth waiting for, and now I will get to do this with my brother, Dylan. I learned about my heritage and feel that I will take this knowledge with me forever. I am proud to be Jewish in the world we live in today and to represent my grandparents and great-grandparents. For my community service project, I collected new and used sports equipment for the organization called "Levelling the Playing Field." This organization provides sports equipment to children in communities who would not be able to afford this equipment, therefore, not be able to play sports. I hope by doing this, differences were made in other kids' lives."



Dylan Moskowitz – March 13, 2021

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Parents, Mother, Marcy, Father, Andrew, Brother, Chase is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include baseball, building computers, and video games. "I want to show kindness to all those around me. I want to continue to learn about computers, their parts and keep building them. It is rewarding to me to see something I build work and function. I also want to continue to play baseball and learn more each year about the sports and my areas of strength. I feel lucky to be having this special occasion as a B'nai Mitzvah with my brother, Chase. I know how proud we will make our family together. When I think of my Jewish heritage, I think of my grandparents, who are with me all the time. For my community service project, I raised funds for the Alzheimer's Association, for the team "Poppy's Crew" (for Poppy Phil). This is such an important cause to me and my family, and I have learned a lot about the disease and how hard it is on families. I hope that my efforts can help further research for a cure."



Sam Hoffert – April 2, 2021

Lives in Allendale, New Jersey. Mother, Lana, Father, Ken, Sisters, Emily, 21, and Abby, 19 is a 7th grader at Brookside School His interests include tennis, karate, video games, and lounging. "I'd like to be a math teacher. I'm very proud to show off to my friends! I'm excited for them to get a taste of what Judaism is and I'm excited to become a Jewish man because it seems like fun. I'm proud to be a part of this tradition. I planned, shopped, cooked, and delivered some dinner to St. Paul's homeless shelter in Paterson for 20 men. I had never really cooked a meal before, it is a lot of work! All together I made over 400 meatballs. Also I donated money from my Chanukah gift to Oasis. The last thing I have been doing is volunteering at my local karate studio where I have been taking classes."



Zachary Preston Lapinson – April 3, 2021

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Julie, Father, Todd, Sister, Jessica, 17, and Brother, Alexander, 15 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School. His interests include video games and basketball. "I would like to be a success at whatever I attempt. I am looking forward to getting this event finished and behind me. For my community service I helped provide school supplies and other items for kids in need."

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



Jack Alpert – April 10, 2021

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Meredith, Father, Steven, Sister, Emily, 14 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include video gaming, music, hockey, and being with friends. “I hope to be playing hockey on my high school team, when I get there, and to have a successful career. I’m excited that I have reached this milestone in my life. We hold a food drive and donate to the Sloatsburg (New York) food pantry. They are currently feeding almost 400 families in the Suffern Central School District, which is a lot more than before because of the pandemic.”



Victoria Laddy – April 24, 2021

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Jennifer, Father, Stephen, Brother, Matthew, 22, Sister, Isabella, 14 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge School Her interests include traveling. “I haven’t quite decided yet what I want to do in the future. “I’m very excited about my Bat Mitzvah, and can’t wait! For my community service I helped with a Thanksgiving food drive in Bergen County. I also participated and shopped for a family who needed assistance during the holidays.”



Zach Slater – April 25, 2021

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Stacy, Father, Farrell, Brother, Dylan, 9 is an 8th grader at Woodcliff Middle School His interests include sports, video games, computer design, movies, camp, vacations, and going places. “I would like to go to a good college and get a good job. I am very nervous and excited. For my community service I raised over \$1,000 and made personalized tutoring bags, including picking out specific books and a lot of other stuff for each person, to give to kids at an organization called NAC, New Alternatives for Children.”



RITUAL COMMITTEE

The BHSS Ritual Committee works in partnership with clergy, staff, and fellow congregants to develop new programs and policies that address the evolving needs of our congregation and provides logistical support for all ritual activities.

WHY IS TONIGHT DIFFERENT THAN ALL OTHER NIGHTS?

Passover is March 27 - April 3 and it will be our second following Covid Guidelines. Instead of focusing on what we can't do, let's focus on what we can do.

Second Night Seder- March 28

Join this BHSS tradition via Zoom. We will celebrate the Seder together and then enjoy a festive meal with your immediate family/pod. Make the occasion special. Set your table with all your Passover ritual items and make a Seder plate. Have fun, include lots of fake frogs! You might even choose to set up on the floor - with lots of pillow so you can recline (refer to Haggadah!)

Think of ways to make the week of Passover different - not just that you're not eating bread or pizza!

- Donate leavened food to a soup kitchen or food bank (not your leftovers...buy new stuff)
- Try a new Passover recipe - how about a flourless chocolate cake?
- Make a care package for a friend who may not be able to be with their family this year - be sure to include chicken soup, matzah, and macaroons.

At the end of the seder this year, declare
NEXT YEAR TOGETHER!



PASSOVER FILM FESTIVAL

You've been watching more TV shows, movies, and YouTube videos than ever before. So, change it up a bit with your own Passover Film Festival. Here's a few suggestions for everyone in the family and you can even share remotely. You can find wherever you watch movies now.

The Ten Commandments 1956

The classic with Charlton Heston directed by Cecil B. DeMille. Could be considered a blockbuster before the term was even coined.

The Prince of Egypt 1998

Animated retelling of the Exodus story.

A Rugrats Passover 1995

Animated telling of the story with multiple generations. A favorite of millennials.

The Animated Haggadah 1985

Claymation version of the Passover story with an explanation of the Seder.

Shalom Sesame: It's Passover, Grover 2011

Israeli cast of Sesame Street tells the Passover story. Just right for the preschool set.

PRIDE SHABBAT

Save the date - we will celebrate Pride Shabbat on June 11. Are you interested in participating? Please contact Amy Littman ablittman@gmail.com or Melissa Cooper mel@cooperdooper.org to add your voice.



MICHELLE MITZVAH GROUP

It's below freezing and there are about 2 feet of snow on the ground as I type this. Hopefully, the snow will have melted and it will be much warmer when you read this. By then, it will be one full year since the pandemic started. As much as things have changed, the Michelle Mitzvah Group continues to do the work needed to help our larger community in need.

The Suffern Soup Kitchen at Christ Episcopal Church continues to serve meals, every day, regardless of the weather. Last year, when the pandemic hit, the need increased and we at Michelle Mitzvah Group answered the call.

At Oasis, the need has never been greater. Pre-Covid, they would provide 150-200 meals a day. Since Covid, they have been serving an average of 600 meals a day, with the peak being over 1,900 meals a day. This is before you take into account the educational and vocational services being provided, which for now, are virtual.

We continue to make food deliveries, to Oasis, the Suffern Soup Kitchen, and the Center for Food Action, making sure perishable items do not go to waste. We continue to help and

assist to make the community better.

And we continue to fund and support the Michelle Mitzvah Group Scholarship Endowment in Memory of Jase Barrack at Ramapo College. The scholarship is awarded to students interested in human rights so they can make the world a better place. Our second installment was just disbursed. The endowment continues to grow through our commitment and the generous donations of numerous benefactors.

With about 2 feet of snow outside, I need to go shovel. The snow will eventually melt, the temperature will get warmer and things will improve. Regardless of the conditions, Michelle Mitzvah Group will continue to support our neighbors in need and answer the call.

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month, at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Steven Simon at 201-788-6755 or at steveoum@verizon.net

B'Shalom

Steven Simon, Chair, Michelle Mitzvah Group

A NOTE OF THANKS

Every year, BHSS Brotherhood has an annual clothing drive to collect seasonal clothing. This annual collection usually is donated to NJ Cares, NY Cares, People to People of Rockland, and the Episcopal Church of Suffern (where the Soup Kitchen is located). This year, because of COVID-19, many recipient organizations have been closed, or limiting the collection and distribution of clothing.

This year, we did something different. For 2020, Brotherhood, Youth Group and Social Action decided to work together to collect clothing for donation to The Midnight Run. The Midnight Run is an organization that collects clothing, food, toiletries, sundries, shoes, blankets, and a variety of other necessary items and distributes them directly to people who are homeless in New York City. The group meets a few times per year and caravans to NYC late at night for distribution directly to the end recipients between midnight and 2:00 AM. BHSS Youth has been aligned with this group for several years. Although we are not caravanning right now due to COVID-19 restrictions and safety, The Midnight Run still needs our help.

From the bottom of our hearts, we wish to thank our beloved BHSS for their incredible donations of clothing to our drive this year. In late December, select members of Brotherhood, Social Action and Youth sorted **24 super-sized bags** of clothing and delivered them to representatives of The Midnight Run! This was, by far, the largest clothing donation we have ever collected from BHSS.

Thank you, friends and family for your incredible generosity!

L'Shalom,

BHSS Brotherhood, BHSS Youth Group, BHSS Social Action

SISTERHOOD

Who else used to think Zoom was a kids' show from the 1980s? Who else figured Microsoft Teams played Minesweeper all day? Who else has changed all their passwords to "You're muted!" Oh, the changes one year has brought! But who's got the COVID blues? Not your BHSS Sisterhood!

Sisterhood is busier than anyone would have believed possible, here in this virtual world. We had a great turnout for our January 24th craft event—we'll bet a lot of you have seen the wonderful painted wine bottle fairy light lamps. Who knew there was something worth doing with an empty wine bottle?

February was Women's Health month, and Sisterhood sponsored a special program with our own Doctors Jen Cole and Jen Altman, on Finding Peace, Perspective and Positivity. It was an amazing session of learning, communing and gaining new self-care skills. Hope you didn't miss it.

This month brings a new version of our ever-popular **Miriam Seder** on March 18 at 7:00 pm, led by our own Rabbi Ilana. We can't celebrate in person, but we've brought together the best in a hybrid program. Enjoy a participation bag with a special Haggadah and holiday desserts, and come sing with your sisters while we celebrate our matriarch's contributions to our history! Bring your mother, your sister,

your daughter and your friends. \$10 per person includes your goodie bag. RSVP by March 8 to Lisa Lamster at Lisalams@optonline.net.

And now for something completely different---Monday, April 5 be sure to join Sisterhood for **Word Mavens**, an engaging and entertaining evening of funny stories about Jewish traditions, holidays, foods and more. We'll host Joyce Eisenberg and Ellen Scolnic. Google them—you'll see how great they are. \$18 per person. RSVP by March 31 to Lisa Lamster at Lisalams@optonline.net.

Please know that while Sisterhood plans all these programs for our members, we haven't forgotten our community. We continue to support OASIS and other community programs that benefit women and families. Help us continue to help others as we go our ways.

Is there no "u" in Sisterhood? You can change that! Join us for any or all of our programs. Suggest a new idea, or a new service project.

When sisters stand shoulder to shoulder, who has a chance against us?

Mona Sussman and Linda Vogel

NOTES FROM MUSIC

Have you seen Cantor Josh's email where he sings "*Ya Ana Emtzacha*"? This is the first in a series of YouTube videos that Cantor Josh will use to teach us new songs and melodies. We are experimenting with technology until we can learn in person again. The emails will be sent from BHSS in the Friday Shabbat emails, so watch for them and sing along!

If you miss an email, the Music Committee has you covered. We created a library of all the clips on our page of the temple's website. Just scroll down under the heading:

Cantor Josh Introduces New Service Melodies

We want to wish everyone a Happy Passover from our families to yours!

As always, I would like to invite you to our meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. We are meeting via Zoom so if you would like to see what we are all about, email me at niberger@aol.com and I will send you the invitation link. All are welcome!

*Musically yours,
Nora Berger*

CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee has been hard at work tending to our congregants' needs. We wish to thank all those who contribute to this committee whether you donate your time or your culinary talents. The recipients of your efforts and generosity are always so very grateful.

As this health crisis continues to affect our community, the Caring Committee is making sure our members are taken care of. Especially now, we are ALL needed, and encourage you to volunteer - whether it be cooking a meal, donating restaurant gift cards, or calling to follow up on our more vulnerable members. You would be surprised at how much you get back from devoting a little time to a simple phone call to check in on someone who is not feeling well or who is simply lonely.

If you need the services of the Caring Committee or if you wish to join or volunteer, please contact

Audrey Flynn (ablandau@aol.com) or
Laura Miller (mlctsmiller@verizon.net).

SOCIAL ACTION

Shalom Haverim!

As hope springs eternal and warmer weather approaches, BHSS Social Action has been actively planning its exciting March programs. In conjunction with BHSS's Library Committee, we have planned two programs on Zoom based on the Pulitzer prize-winning, Oprah Book Club, and New York Times Best-Seller *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson.

We highly recommend that you try to read the book (available on Amazon), but you aren't required to do so in order to join *any* or *all* of these programs:

Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.

A discussion of the three main caste systems described in the book:

India's, the caste system in the U.S. since slavery, and Nazi Germany's. Handouts will be provided in advance to all attendees, and separate breakout discussion sessions after the presentation will be organized around these three caste systems.

Sunday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m.

A LIVE ZOOM BROADCAST FROM INDIA!

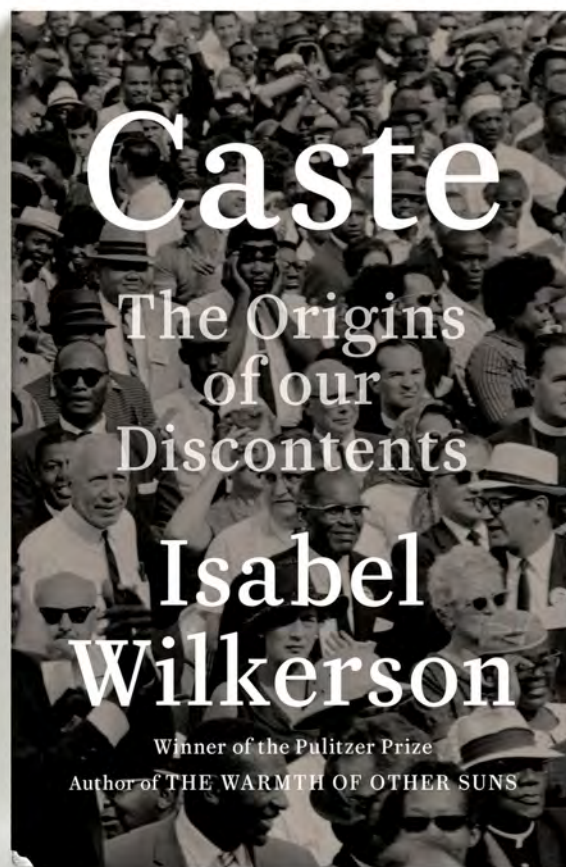
Thanks to Ritch Yanowitz, we will present a discussion about India's caste system. Attending is a panel of guests **live from India**. The panel includes::

Dr. (Mrs.) Saumitra Chakravarty, a professor who has lectured and written about the topic of caste. She will discuss gender and caste definitions, and the impact of upper and lower caste covering both men and women through the ages.

Pradeep and Patralekha Mukarjee, lifelong residents of India who offer firsthand insight into the caste system.

Moloy K. Bannerjee, an expert in the field who will speak on the origins of the caste system in India

Danesh Khosla, trustee of Hindu Samaj Temple will speak on the obstacles Indians face immigrating to the United States..



Come one, come all, to hear these inspirational speakers! Questions can be submitted in advance by attendees.

Don't forget BHSS Social Action holds its monthly Zoom meetings the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:15 p.m. Email us at BHSSSocialaction@gmail.com to get onto our email list and of course with any questions.

Please check the weekly emails, synagogue flyers, and bulletin board for the Zoom links and R.S.V.P. deadlines and details for all of the above events. We look forward to seeing and welcoming all of you to our CASTE programs!

Jonathan Theodore, Lisa Estrin, and Lisa Glick
BHSS Social Action Committee Chairs

BHSS YOUTH GROUPS

Purim



Thank you to all who participated in our Hamantaschen baking and decorating event, and to Stacey Coyne and the Sisterhood for providing the dough recipe. Also, a huge *Yasher Koach* to our clergy and staff for an awesome Very Brady Purim!

But the Purim fun isn't over yet! Come support the Senior Youth Group as they host the first ever **Virtual Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 7 from 12-3pm** on Zoom. RSVP to bhssyouth@gmail.com March 1 for a special treat!

Additional Upcoming Events:

Menschmakers grades 3-6:
Virtual Game Party Sunday, April 11 from 1-2 pm



Junior & Senior Youth Group grades 7-12:
Best Bakers of BHSSTY! Sunday, April 11 3-4 pm



Do a Mitzvah!

Please consider donating to our Children's Pajama Drive by dropping off unused boys' and girls' PJs (sizes 2T-14) to the synagogue. This event, sponsored by the Youth Group and Sisterhood, is running through the end of March and will benefit the Oasis Shelter in Paterson.

As always, our ears are wide open if you have a great idea for a future event! You can reach us at bhssyouth@gmail.com, and continue to look out for our communication via email, social media and in the temple announcements.

Hope we get the chance to see you soon!

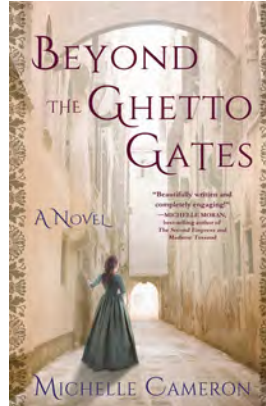


FROM THE SIFRIYAH

We found her and were thrilled. Thank you, Michelle Cameron, our presenter at our virtual book talk on February 21. You provided us with the essence of being a writer.

For those unable to attend this Zoom version of our Book and a Bagel, *Sifriyah* would like to recap important parts of our time with Michelle, the author of four books, the most recent *Beyond the Ghetto Gates*.

Michelle often reflects on her career and life story. Incredibly, as early as 12 years old, Michelle knew she wanted to become a writer. However, her journey took many twists and turns including living in Israel for 15 years, of which three weeks were spent in a bomb shelter during the Yom Kippur War. Michelle and her husband also lived in Boston where life centered on writing and family life. However, after a time, she had to put aside a writing career for the demands of family life. Her return to writing unknowingly stemmed from her son, Alex, whose stories, poems, and artwork reawakened in her a desire to write. Currently, Michelle and family live in New Jersey where she is part of an interactive media company and continues to write.



Beyond the Ghetto Gates, a historic novel published in 2020, takes the reader back to the time Napoleon's troops occupied the Italian port city of Acoma, freeing the Jews of the city from the constraints of their ghetto. But the occupation also brings about a backlash as the Jewish and Catholic cultures conflict, and both cultures must deal with ancient traditions, prejudices, and a changing world.

We hope congregants will be enticed to read *Beyond the Ghetto Gates*. As a reader wrote: "What a wonderful novel! First, I learned about an aspect of history (1796-97) I knew nothing about. Also, the book illustrated for me the lives of many people of different faiths, specifically Mirelle, a young Jewish maiden and Francesca, a devout Catholic."

There is copy of this book in our library. Of course, your public libraries will also have a copy.

BROTHERHOOD

Happy Almost Spring, Brothers in the 'hood!

We know we have been living through challenging times lately, but what has Brotherhood been doing to help deal with it all?

Brotherhood is an organization of BHSS Members (and some non-members) who get together once or twice per month to talk about timely topics, support each other, and help each other deal with challenges of the day.

While we cannot meet in person as we once had, we hold monthly Zoom meetings on the third Thursday of each month. In January, for instance, we had a "Zoom in Movie" where we showed Mel Brooks' *High Anxiety*. This movie was shown on January 21, 2021 and was a delightful departure from the news of the day.

In past meetings we had shown Abbott and Costello's *Hold That Ghost*.

In case you haven't been to a Zoom-In Movie before, it's a lot of fun. It's projected by the host of the Zoom to the group. Everyone turns off their cameras and we all watch together. Since we can still hear each other in the background, we can comment, share, laugh and enjoy ALMOST as though we are sitting there together!

We are taking requests for future movies and discussion topics. Feel free to email us at President@BHSSBrotherhood.org.

If you have not been receiving emails from us, please reach out to us with your current email and contact information.

BHSS Brotherhood is here to support our congregation and community at large. We provide an outlet to connect and help each other during all times – good and bad.

BHSS Brotherhood – Repairing the world, one Mitzvah at a time!

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming meetings on the weekly temple newsletter and our emails. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us! We are always ready to help.

L'Shalom!

BHSS Brotherhood
Legion of Past Presidents
Jonathan, Erb, Ian, Allan & Rod

Contributions

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

with thanks & appreciation - *the Bofford family*

in memory of Fred Wichler, Marilyn and Stanley Moser
- *Ariela Wichler*

in honor of our grandson Benjamin
Grossman becoming a Bar Mitzvah - *Ina & Elliot Schwebel*

in honor of Eliana becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- *the Panoff family*

with thanks and in honor of Justin becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- *the Silver family*

with thanks and appreciation - *the Wichler family*

with thanks and appreciation, in honor of
Ethan becoming a Bar Mitzvah - *the Schwartz family*

with thanks to all at BHSS for your kindness
and innovation during the pandemic! - *Irma Becker*

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

in honor of our grandson Benjamin
Grossman becoming a Bar Mitzvah - *Ina & Elliot Schwebel*

Life Fund

with thanks for the lovely concert today! - *Sandy Rebitzer*

to BHSS, thank you for all the kindness shown to
everyone during the holidays and beyond!
- *Robby & Eddie Saiff*
- *Ruth & Stu Turner*
- *Ethel Rosen & Stu Kirshner*
- *Bilha Berkowitz*
- *Sheryl & Joel Ives*
- *Sue-Ellen Johnson*

to the Anesetti family- a tribute to the beautiful life
of Rita Kern - *Lori Graifman*

in commemoration of Sheri's Mother
Harriet Gordon's Yahrzeit - *Sheri & Allan Schott*

to the Anesetti family, in memory of Rita Kern
- *Lisa Lamster*
- *the Wichler family*
- *the Spencer family*
- *the Kirzner family*
- *Sheryl Benjamin*
- *Barbara Lacher*

to the Kern family, in memory of Rita Kern
- *the Wichler family*

to Mike and Candy Kassover, in memory of Fred Bargetzi
- *the Spencer family*
- *Barbara Heitmann*
- *Alison & Norman Axelrod*

to the Lipkin family, in memory of Naomi Friedman
- *the Bruckner family*

to the Coffel family, in memory of Terri Coffel
- *the Lamster family*

in memory of Randall Stein - *Joel Goldfarb*

in memory of Irene Bernstein - *Ira & Marilyn Bernstein*

to Ranan & Gail Wichler, Mazel Tov
on becoming grandparents! - *Dede & Rick Levine*
- *Ilyse & Floyd Smith*

to Julie and Adam Kaufman - Mazel Tov on
becoming parents to Maya Freddie - *Ilyse & Floyd Smith*

to the Prizel and Zalensky family, in honor
of Shyia becoming a Bat Mitzvah - *Lisa Lamster*
- *the Spencer family*
- *Nana & Grandpa (Sheryl & Ira Rappaport)*
- *Uncle Shawn & Aunt Kristen*

in memory of Ava Gottlieb and Beatrice Mendolowitz
- *Dara & Brandon Gottlieb*

Contributions

to Marc and Jann Reissman, and Jon and Lisa
Reissman, in memory of Maurice Reissman

- Marci & Harvey Weinberg

in memory of Beverly Schwartz

- David Schwartz

in memory of Nita Klaskow

- Sue & Harris Reinstein
- Jane Simon

in memory of Celia Meyers and Marilyn Solomon

- Pearl & Bob Meyers

in memory of Joel Sankel

- Sheryl & Joel Ives

in memory of the Sault family, Jan Simon and
Jan's parents, Philip and Julia Simon

- Jane Simon

in memory of the yahrzeits of Sylvia Mandel,
Noah Mandel and Gerald Klein

- Arlene & Rich Mandel

in honor of the arrival of Sloane Arabella Axelrod, on
February 3, 2021

- Alison & Norman Axelrod

High Holy Day Appeal

- Melissa & Erb Cooper
- Helen Milstein
- Barbara Lacher
- Ronald Moskowitz in memory of Barbara Moskowitz
- the Schlissel family

Michelle Mitzvah Group

to Clare Lipson and the Lipson family - for
the immeasurable amount of warmth and
comfort she has given to our family

- Lisa Barrack

to the Stern family, in honor of Nolan
Stern's college graduation

- Lisa Barrack

in memory of Nita Klaskow

- Jane Simon
- Ann Malin & Stephen Mandell

in honor of all the good works MMG does

- Ruth & Stu Turner

Jewish Family Services of Rockland

Donated by their families in honor of the following simchas:

Bat Mitzvah of Felix Schindler

Yom HaShoah COMMEMORATION PROGRAM

LET US COME TOGETHER
TO NEVER FORGET

JOIN US TO HEAR
THE COMPELLING STORY OF
SURVIVOR HELEN DANIEL

April 7 at 7 pm
VIA ZOOM



MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR BLESSING זכרונם לברכה ☆

March Yahrzeits

MORRIS ABNER	DINA HEIBLUM	SHIRLEY MARKS	FRANCES SIEGEL
DOROTHY ADLMAN	PHILIP HEIBLUM	DAVID MARX	LOUIS SIEGEL
LEIZER ALPERSTEIN	THELMA HERSHMAN	ISIDORE MOSER	IAN L. SILVER, MD
BERTHA ALTER	ALFRED HERTZ	MARILYN MOSER	ALEX SILVERMAN
IBN ART	MIRIAM HOLTZMAN	STANLEY MOSER	CELIA SIMON
LORETTA BECKER	ZIPORA HOLTZMAN	BARBARA MOSS	RICHARD SITOMER
ANNA BERKOWITZ	ISADORE ISRAEL	BEATRICE LERNER MOSS	SANDRA SLAVIN
BARNET BERNSTEIN	ROY W. KAMM	VIDA AMANDA	JOSEPH SLUCKER
SHERWOOD BOFFORD	ROBERT KARASIK	MARIE MYLSON	SYDNEY STOLLER
SIMON BORNSTEIN	ABRAHAM KIRSHNER	JOSEPH OPPENHEIM	MARIA TITCOMB
MARTIN BROWN	HELEN KLAPPER	THELMA OVENTHAL	FANNY TREPPER
FLORA CASSUTO	DORA KOHN	MARION PLOTT	MARTIN TREPPER
ISRAEL CHARNE	HELEN KUNEGO	JOY POLLACK	SALLY VICTOR
SHOSHANA DAVIS	PEARL LACHER	PHYLLIS POLLACK	FLORA
JETTY DENTZ	NOEL LAMSTER	HARRIET POWOWITZ	VOGEL-LIRTZMAN
GREG DUCHARME	ELAINE LANDAU	MARTIN POWOWITZ	NORMA WACHTEL
SHEILA LEVITT ESTRIN	ARLENE LAVINSKY	SHLOMO POUSTY	MIRIAM WEINBERG
PAUL FISHER	BESS LEVENE	ANNA PREMSLAAR	PAUL WEINBERG
MARTIN FRIEDMAN	FRANCES LEVENE	NATHAN ROCKER	ELYSE WEISSER
RONA FRIEDMAN	FRANK LEVENE	BERNARD ROSENBERG	HELLA WEXLER
IRVING GLICK	SHIRLEY LEVINE	LIBBY SCHLOSSER	ANDREW FRANK
AVA GILLIAN GOTTLIEB	BEATRICE LEVITT	SOL SCHLOSSER	WINNING
ESSIE GREENZWEIG	VIVIEN LICHTER	DIANE SCHORR	ROBERT WOLFF
JACOB GROSKIN	SOL LIRTZMAN	BETTY SCHOTT	SARAH WUNSCH
HYMAN GRUBMAN	JUAN HANS	IRA SCHULMAN	FRIEDA YAGODA
WALTER HARTWICH	LOWENSTEIN	CEIL SCHUYLER	DAVID YORK
JOHN J. HAYES	EVELYN MARCUS	JOSEPH SCHWARTZ	DANIEL REED YOUNG
		HAROLD SENZEL	

Join Rabbi Ilana for Torah Study

9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sundays via Zoom

- **Beginners welcome**
- **No Hebrew reading necessary**
- **Learn about the Torah portion of the week**
- **Relaxed atmosphere**

Bring your questions!

Good & Welfare

from and for the congregation

Condolences to:

Patti Anesetti on the death of her mother, Rita Kern

Marc and Jon Reissman on the death of their father, Maurice Reissman

Mike and Candy Kassover on the death of their son-in-law, Fred Bargetzi

Cindy Buchalter on the death of her uncle Jerry Greenberg, and dear friend Jeffrey Matles

Sherry Levitt on the death of her cousin, Harvey Stedman and her dear friend, Joseph Gindin

Renee Garbus on the death of her cousin, William Bernheim

Mel Tenenbaum on the death of his wife, Paula Tenenbaum

Bonnie Caul on the death of her stepfather, Gerald Kosloff

Steven Begleiter on the death of his father, Michael Begleiter

Mazal Tov to:

Julie and Adam Kaufman and grandparents **Ranan and Gail Wichler** on the birth of Maya Freddie

Lori Perlstein on the birth of her first grandchild Benjamin Asher Perlstein, born to her son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Dana

Norman and Alison Axelrod on the birth of their granddaughter Sloane Arabella to AJ and April

Thank You to:

Inserra Shoprite of Ramsey for donating all of the delicious hamantaschen that were delivered to our BHSS families!

Welcome New Members:

Howard & Danielle Schecter and family – Mahwah, NJ

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR BLESSING זכרונם לברכה

April Yahrzeits

GEORGE ADLMAN
NATALIE ADLMAN
LEON AUERBACH
JASE BARRACK
IRVING BECKER
JOEL BERKOWITZ
STANLEY BERKOWITZ
RICHARD BOYLE
DENISE BROWN
RAFAEL CHMIELEWSKI
RUCHIA LENA
CHMIELEWSKI

PHYLLIS COHEN
JESSE ELLMAN
BENJAMIN FINN
ELSIE FREEMAN
MORTON FUCHS
DIANA GORDON
ERWIN HITTMAN
NORMA HITTMAN
JACOB HOLTZMAN
YONA HOLTZMAN
JACK HOMNICK

MICHAEL HOZER
BENJAMIN ISKOWITZ
LENA ISRAEL
LOIS JAFFE
SARAH "SUE" KIRZNER
LEONID KISSIN
GERTRUDE KLEIN
STEVEN KOMINSKY
BLANCHE LAMBERT
MARILYN LASS
DAVID LEITNER

BENJAMIN LEVITT
HENRY LICHTER
MITCHELL LICHTMAN
ERIC LIEBMANN
JUDY MAY
DONALD MITNICK
MARY NEWHOUSE
SCOTT NEWHOUSE
RICHARD PAVLOVEC
IRVING PESIN
LEE ROSEN

Passover begins this year with the first seder on **March 27**.

Join your friends at BHSS for a virtual congregational second seder on March 28!

The Four Questions

(or, 1 question and 4 answers!)

מָה נִשְׁתַּנָּה הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מִכָּל הַלַּיְלוֹת?

Mah nish'tana halailah hazeh mikol haleilot?
Why is this night different from all other nights?

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין חֶמֶץ וּמֶצֶה. הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כָּלוּ מֶצֶה:

Sheb'chol haleilot anu och'lin chameitz umatzah. Halailah hazeh kulo matzah.
On all other nights we eat leavened products or matzah. On this night all of it, matzah.

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין שְׂאֵר יֵרָקוֹת. הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מָרוֹר:

Sheb'chol haleilot anu och'lin sh'ar y'rakot halailah hazeh maror.
On all other nights we eat all vegetables. On this night bitter herbs.

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלַּיְלוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מִטְבִּילִין אֶפְּסִילוֹ פַּעַם אַחַת. הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה שְׁתֵּי פַּעָמִים:

Sheb'chol haleilot anu mat'beeleen afilu pa-am echat. Halailah hazeh sh'tei f'amim.
On all other nights, we don't dip our food even once. On this night we dip twice.

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבִין וּבֵין מְסֻבִּין.

הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כָּלָנוּ מְסֻבִּין:

Sheb'chol haleilot anu och'lin bein yosh'vin uvein m'subin. Halailah hazeh culanu m'subin.
On all other nights we eat sitting or reclining. On this night we all recline.



BHSS SISTERHOOD
WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT?



Sisterhood's Miriam Seder
Led by Rabbi Ilana via Zoom

Thursday, March 18th 7:00pm Seder

\$10.00 per person includes a *Seder Snack* which includes a participation bag of ritual items including a special haggadah and home made desserts. (Seder Meal not included)

RSVP by 3/8/21 to Lisalams@optonline.net

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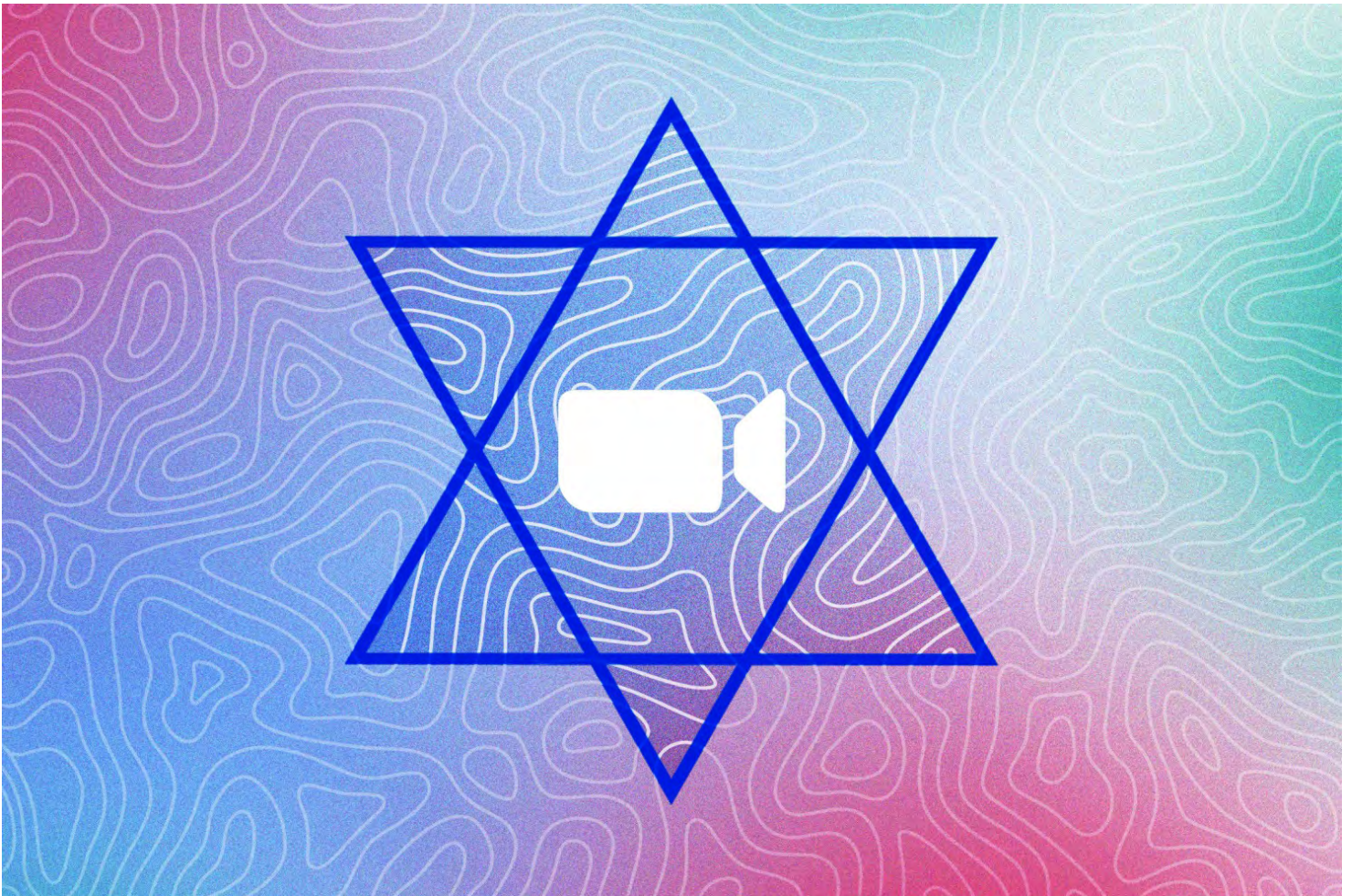
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**Join us for the second annual
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virtual Second Night Seder
led by Rabbi Ilana and Cantor Josh

Sunday, March 28 – 5:30 pm via Zoom
Further details to follow

This year...why cook?

Rosebud Caterers (one of the caterers on our panel) is offering a complete Kosher for Passover Seder meal... including the Seder plate!...all cooked, packaged, reasonably priced and delicious. You can see the menu and contact information here. We encourage you to contact them by March 19 to place your order. Should you have further questions, please contact the temple office.

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*Broiled Filet of Norwegian Salmon—Lemon & Dill
Medley of Colorful Seasonal Vegetables*

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Israel's Strategic Position in the Middle East with Rabbi Joel Schwartzman

March 3, 10, 17, 24 – 7 pm – VIA ZOOM

Join Rabbi Joel Schwartzman for a 4-part series which will briefly survey the timeline of Israel's military conflicts. The series will cover the following:

- The origins of Israel's surrounding countries
- The Suez Canal
- Issues of water, arms, natural resources, religion and regional alliances

Then Rabbi Schwartzman will examine Israel's relations with its neighbors, along with threats to and opportunities for peaceful coexistence.

The series does NOT deal with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict except as it arises tangentially.

Rabbi Schwartzman is a Reform rabbi, ordained at the Hebrew Union College, where he received his Bachelor of Hebrew Letters, Masters of Hebrew Letters, and Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa). He served for twenty-three years as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in the rank of colonel. He is a graduate of both Air Command and Staff, and Air Force War College. After leaving the Air Force, he led congregations in Denver, Colorado, and served as Dean of the Denver Institute for Jewish Studies.



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Monday April 5th

7:30pm - 8:30pm via Zoom

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Tot Shabbat



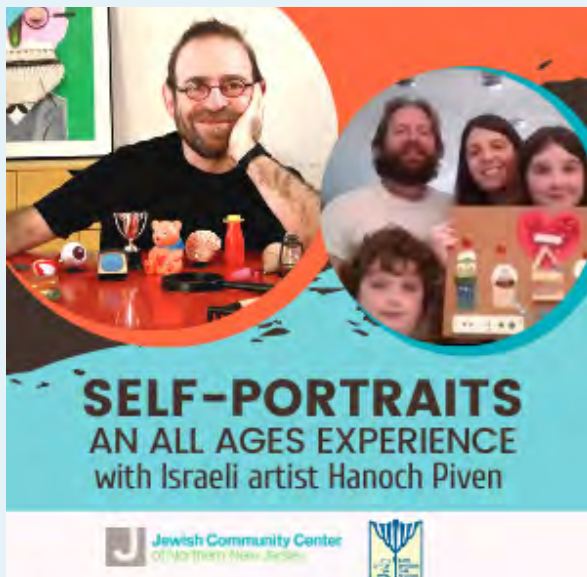
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Sunday, March 14 at 2:00pm via Zoom



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Cantor Josh Finkel
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Sessions of School:

Sundays: March 7, 14, 21 & April 11, 18, 25
Mondays: March 1, 8, 15, 22 & April 12, 29, 26
Tuesdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23 & April 13, 20, 27



To do in March and April

Please note dates, times and ways to attend are subject to change

- *Torah Study via Zoom, Sundays March 7, 14, 21 and April 11, 18, 25 at 9:00 am*
- *“Cocktails” and Havdalah via Zoom, Saturdays March 13, 27 & April 10, 24 at 7:00 pm*
- *A Little Night Music with Cantor Josh via Facebook Live, Sundays March 7, 21 & April 4, 18 at 8:00 pm*
- *Family Services via Zoom Friday, March 5 & Friday, April 2 at 6:30 pm*
- *Have some fun at the Virtual Purim Carnival on Sunday March 7 at 12:00 pm*
- *Join Rabbi Joel Schwartzman in 4-part Zoom series - Israel’s Strategic Position in the Middle East - Wednesdays March 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7:00 pm*
- *Delve into the bestseller “Caste” with a 2-part Zoom series - Thursday, March 4 at 7:30pm and Sunday, March 14 at 10:00am*
- *Expand your Mind with the “Science of Tsuris” continuing Zoom series - Sundays March 7, 21, April 11, 18 at 2:00 pm*
- *Create a self-portrait with mixed media Israeli artist Hanoach Piven via Zoom, Sunday March 14 at 2:00 pm*
- *Join Sisterhood for Virtual Miriam Seder, Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 pm*
- *Catch up with your BHSS friends at Congregational Second Night Seder via Zoom, Sunday March 28, 5:30 pm*
- *Share a laugh with Sisterhood and the Word Mavens, Monday April 5 at 7:00 pm*
- *Commemorate Yom Hashoah via Zoom, Wednesday April 7 at 7:00 pm*