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Rabbi Ilana's Message

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President's Message

Start with WHY

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Director of Education

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THINGS TO DO:

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- Torah Study with Rabbi Ilana
- A Little Night Music with Cantor Josh
- Sisterhood Shabbat
- "Cocktails" and Havdalah
- Shavuot Yizkor and Festival Service
- Confirmation
- BHSS 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Teacher Appreciation Shabbat
- Pride Shabbat
- Outdoor Concert (with JCCNNJ)
- Brotherhood Shabbat



President's Message



Judy Teich

It all started with a phone call, lunch at Art Cafe in Nyack, and many phone calls with my friend and BHSS pastpresident Nancy Levene. That was

three and half years ago. And so, the journey began. Now it is hard to believe that my two-year term as president of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom is coming to an end.

Ensuring Beth Haverim Shir Shalom's success for future generations has always been my goal and at times was the source of quite a few sleepless nights and...

It has also been exciting and rewarding!! I am grateful that I was able to help us make progress with leadership development, committees working together, and I introduced the concept of our lay leaders as ambassadors to and for the congregation.

The way in which our synagogue's lay and professional leadership responded to our congregational family during this past year was nothing short of amazing. The collective energy and generous donations have allowed our synagogue as an organization to thrive and our members to remain connected.

Recently, I completed the book "Start With Why" by Simon Sineck. "Start With Why" shows that the leaders who've had the greatest influence in the world all think, act, and communicate the same way -- the opposite of everyone else! Sinek calls this powerful idea The Golden Circle, and it provides a framework upon which organizations can be built, movements can be led, and people can be inspired. And it all starts with WHY. We usually concentrate on WHAT we do and HOW we do it. WHY is the purpose that drives individuals and organizations.

This led me to think about BHSS and our WHY. Over the last two years Rabbi Ilana and I have had many conversations about defining our congregation's WHY, which is a more complex concept. The WHY is emotional and purpose-driven. It is easier to define an organization's WHAT and HOW. If WHY (the purpose) can be defined, then HOW we do it and WHAT we do will follow.

One year ago, we were forced into a position that required our focus to be intensely narrowed - in order to STAY CONNECTED! Could that be our WHY? Yes! I marvel at how well we have succeeded. The tremendous effort of our BHSS team - clergy, staff, teachers and lay leaders, has been overwhelming. It's because of their creativity, energy, and the countless hours they worked that we have not only managed to stay connected for our "usual" programming, but inspired new experiences that we can learn from and use once we are able to be together again, able to see each other's smiling faces!

It has been a privilege and honor to serve this community as its president. I am grateful for the team effort and for the individuals that helped to guide me along the way. Thank you to our whole congregation for putting this sacred trust in me.

I look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming events as I transition into my new role as past president!

B'shalom, Iudy

Join Rabbi Ilana for Torah Study

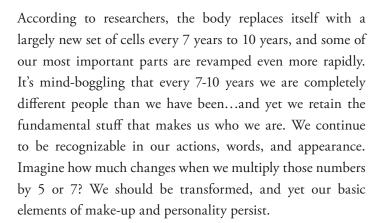
Bring your questions!

- 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

Change IS Growth

Rabbi's Reflections

Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman



In the Torah, the 50th year is known as *Yovel* or the Jubilee year. It is a special year because it is the cumulation of seven sets of seven years—and on this year we are to release enslaved people, return land to its original tribal holders, forgive debts, and enact a full agricultural and economic remission. Everything resets! Like our cellular make-up, we as a society are supposed to return to our basic elements.

As I hope you are aware, this year Beth Haverim Shir Shalom marks our own special cycle of seven sevens, celebrating our 50th year. This is a moment to celebrate, to consider all that has been, all that is, and all that will be. It is a time for us to consider our fundamental make-up—what makes us BHSS, the community we are and the community we want to be. We began with *hamish* foundations: homelike, cozy, unpretentious. We have remained true to those fundamentals even as we have grown, reimagined, changed leadership, changed locations, merged, and evolved.

Perhaps with each new iteration, new member, new experience, we have increased our commitment to what it means to be this particular Jewish community. We pray that we will continue to rededicate ourselves to that sacred work, remembering all those who came before us and setting the stage for all those who will follow.

As we celebrate together this Spring—still aware of all necessary precautions—we remember all the reasons this congregation exists, all we do for each other, all the holiness

we invite into the larger world—and we devote ourselves to the next 50 years.



Those who came before us planted the seeds for our success; may we, in turn, nurture and plant for the next 50 years.

Thank you for all you do, for all you have done, for all you will do.

Join us for in-person **Tot Shabbat!** Friday, June 25 at 5 p.m.

For children ages birth - kindergarten and their families

Outside on the lawn*, all Covid-19 guidelines in place for distancing and masks

You bring your blanket and your family. We'll provide individualized craft kits, a story, a song, everything you love about Tot Shabbat

*If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll spread ourselves out in the social hall!

Rabbi Ilana, Cantor Josh, and Director of Education Rebecca McVeigh look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you and your Tots!





From The Educator

Building on Lessons Learned

Rebecca Bernstein McVeigh

Elsewhere in this issue of *Temple Topics*, you will find Education Committee chair Lauren Einhorn's article that outlines the changes to religious school for the 2021-2022 school year. We have taken some of the new "best practices" we have learned and put them to work for the

coming year.

First of all, on the logistics front:

- Our students and teachers are going to see each other in person, albeit masked and appropriately distanced.
- Our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade families will have **an added option** to attend remote school on a different day if needed because of scheduling, safety, or transportation concerns.
- School sessions will be shorter in recognition of our students' still-stressful schedules and the likelihood that some pandemic restrictions continue to affect them and their families.

We've also learned that by carefully examining our goals, we can teach more creatively using beautiful slide presentations for both remote and in-person classes, as our teachers continue to stretch themselves to dicover new ways to help our students learn. Perhaps most significantly, we have learned that private Hebrew instruction is **so much more effective** than group instruction, that we will make it our primary method for Hebrew education in the coming year.

The move to private learning for Hebrew offers us a rare opportunity to attain the goals of the school's stated mission:

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

You may notice the intentional absence of Hebrew in the mission statement—or preparation for bar and bat mitzvah. Of course, we prepare students for bar and bat mitzvah, but it is only a piece of what we do as a religious school. When we work to achieve our mission, Judaic competence, whatever that looks like for each child, is a natural consequence. We hope that our students' comfort in their Judaism will include participation in a synagogue service, and not just on the Saturday morning of their bar or bat mitzvah.

By taking what we've learned and using more in-class time in the coming year to facilitate students' growing knowledge of Judaism and its traditions and practices, to help them see connections between what they learn in our classrooms and what happens in their own lives, and to foster a sense of community, we are committing ourselves anew to our mission.

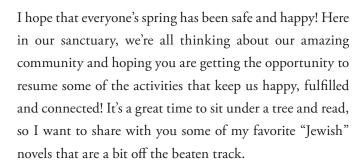


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What I'm Reading

Shir Chadash (a New Song)

with Cantor Josh



Of course, I love the big classics of the Jewish novel, like "The Chosen" and "As A Driven Leaf," but I assume you've heard of them or can learn about them quite easily with a 'Google'- but those are the masterpieces. I have a fondness for novels a bit less well-rounded, a bit rough around the edges, but that are wildly creative, groundbreaking, and occasionally just off-the-wall. Here's a few of them!

You may be familiar with Marge Piercy as a poet and a writer of original Jewish prayers and reflections. She's also an accomplished science fiction novelist. Among my favorites by Piercy is "He, She and It," a retelling of the classic Jewish supernatural tale of the 'golem of Prague,' in two timelines-- including a polluted future where corporate enclaves war like ancient city-states, and the dwellers of a Jewish kibbutz create a robotic protector. William Gibson actually credits this book as being the very first "Cyberpunk" novel, as it contains scenes in which the protagonists engage in espionage and combat through the projection of their consciousnesses into a networked, "cyber" landscape-- the first time this was ever done in fiction. Piercy was inspired by tales of heavenly spiritual ascension from Jewish Kabbalah. This one's not for kids, though!

As I mentioned, I'm a big Chaim Potok fan, and am always happy to recommend some of his less well-known work. I'm particularly fond of his "Book of Lights," which

chronicles the lives of two close friends, from very different Jewish backgrounds, who attend a seminary clearly based



on New York's Conservative Jewish Theological Seminary of the 1940s, when ancient and modern Jewish ideas clashed in the wake of World War II. Gershon comes from an orthodox background and is clearly based on the real-life scholar of Kabbalistic literature Gershon Scholem. His friend Arthur comes from a privileged secular background, his parents having worked on the Manhattan project. Both have their fundamental assumptions deeply challenged as chaplains during the Korean war, and visiting Japan together where they grapple with the legacy of World War II and the world-destroying power unlocked from the atom. It's an incredible exploration of some of the most important ideas in modern Jewish life and the way they challenge and inform one another, and some of the most fundamental theological questions, achieving great beauty.

If you think you'd enjoy a dark family comedy exploring the issues facing progressive Jewish families today, I highly recommend "The Believers," by Zoe Heller. When a celebrated civil rights attorney enters a coma, each member of his family has to find their own way forward under the weight of their father's tattered legacy of *tikkun olam*, and their own dysfunction. "The Believers" is a dark and witty foray into the issues we all face as modern Jews trying to live an authentic and ethical life; like the characters, we are each shouldering our conflicting, vague and ancient and modern codes through our own challenges and tsuris. When possible, we do it with grace, but when we can't, at least we have humor.

Take care, and happy reading!

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Candlelighting times:

May 7, B'har/B'chukotai 7:42 pm May 14, B'midbar 7:49 pm May 21, Naso 7:56 pm May 28, B'ha-alor'cha 8:02 pm June 4, Sh'lach L'cha 8:07 pm June 11, Korach 8:11 pm June 18, Chukat 8:14 pm June 25, Balak 8:15 pm July 2, Pinchas 8:14 pm July 9, Mattot/Mas'ei 8:12 pm July 16, D'varim 8:09 pm July 23, Va'etchanan 8:03 pm July 30, Eikev 7:56 pm





Benjamin Dworkin
Zachary Flanz
Spencer Greene
Alexis Harris
Benjamin Hirsch
Nolan Irizarry
Adam Knott
Allison LaCorte
Linda Lenchner
Dylan Moskowitz
Charlie Reissman
Jordana Slackman
Dylan Strauss

August Birthdays

Arden Barron Ellie Berin Lyla Berry Hannah Cohen Aidan Defrino Mason Defrino Sydney Flanz Sydney Kaplan Jason Lieberman **Emily Nanus** Brooke Reissman Cayla Slackman **Hudson Smith** Emma Somberg Sloane Tell Drew Tetefsky Zoe Viezel

Celebrate Shavuot

with a special program from Beth Haverim Shir Shalom in Mahwah, NJ and Barnert Temple in Franklin Lakes, NJ

Sunday, May 16 - via Zoom
6:45pm - Yizkor Service
7:15pm - Join Rabbi David Segal as he presents,
"The Abraham Bind:
The Akeidah and Religious Liberty"



Rabbi David Segal was born and raised in Houston, TX where he lives with his wife and their 2 children. Presently he is teaching, writing and doing interfaith social justice work. As of August 2017, he is the Texas Organizer of Reform Judaism, building a statewide organization of Reform synagogues in Texas (RAC-TX) and working with congregations across the state to make their justice work more strategic and rooted in their peoples' stories.

Based on his chapter in the forthcoming (2021) CCAR Press volume, The Social Justice Torah Commentary, Rabbi Segal's session will focus on contemporary contemplations of free expressions of faith when applied to the Akeidah, the biblical account of the binding of Isaac.

Beth Haverim Shir Shalom is celebrating 50 years



Touching lives, making an impact.

Join us Sunday, May 23 (rain date June 6) 12 pm - 4 pm

Outdoors on our beautiful grounds.....

Festivities begin 12:00 pm

Welcome and opening prayer 12:45 pm

President's welcome 2:00 pm

Foundation for our Future

committee announcement 2:30 pm

Enjoy a day of good food, entertainment and games for both adults and kids.

Friends old and new... celebrate with us all BHSS has been, all we are and all we will be.

\$18.00/Per Adult

Children under 18 years are free of charge.

Tables will be socially distanced. Each table can hold no more than 8 people.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Happy Spring from the Education Committee! I would like to thank all our parents, students, and teachers for being so flexible and amazing this year. The 2020-21 school year certainly didn't look like we thought or hoped it would, but we are so grateful to everyone involved for helping our children continue their religious education.

As we look forward to the summer and fall, and hopefully some sort of normalcy, we would like to let everyone know about our plans for the religious school. I'd like to thank the BHSS Education Committee for their continuing commitment to our school, its students, staff, and families. The details below were approved by the committee at its last meeting.

The plan for the upcoming 2021-22 Religious School is as follows:

- In-person weekly religious school for grades K 12:
- K, 1, 2, traditional 3rd Mondays 4:15-5:45pm
- Traditional 4th and 5th Tuesdays 4:15-5:45 pm
- Traditional 6th and Family School (3rd-6th) – Sundays 9:00-10:30 am
- Kadimah (7th-12th) Mondays 6:45-8:15 pm
- *NEW for this year* **Remote school offering** for grades 4, 5, 6 (traditional only) to be opt-in or opt-out on a trimester basis. A family can choose to be remote for one, two, or all three of the trimesters: September through November, December through February, and March through May. Remote learning will take place on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 pm. Please note that there is a 4-student minimum requirement per grade, per trimester, for this program to take place.
- Private Hebrew will continue and will be expanded to 15-minute sessions (from the current 10-minute sessions) with your child's Hebrew teacher. This applies to both in-person and remote learners. The religious school attendance policy already in place will apply to both in-person and remote classes.

 As always, our religious school families' health and well-being are of utmost importance to us. In keeping with that, we will be asking parents to fill out a weekly COVID health form as well as requiring a signed contract between families and the

religious school ensuring that any exposures to COVID will be disclosed.

Please note -

- Decisions, logistics, and conditions for the in-person learning outlined above will be dictated by BHSS safety policies as determined by our leadership and BHSS Safety and Security Committee
- More details about enrolling in remote trimesters, etc. will be coming in a separate email to families and posted on our Facebook page and website.
- We will be holding an information session via Zoom on Wednesday, May 19 at 7 pm.

Lauren, Einhorn Chair, Education Committee

Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

Friday, June 4 6:30 p.m. - Outdoors

Join Us to Thank and Celebrate our Religious School Staff!

Rebeca Berger
Tiffany Cohen
Stacey Coyne
Cantor Josh Finkel
Jane Koch
Sammi Lamster
Laura Miller
Brittany Punim
Barbara Schwartz*
Betsy Schwartz
Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman
Samantha Spencer
Stacey Swirnow

*Please help us give a very special thank you to **Mrs. Barbara Schwartz**, who is retiring after 37 years of dedication to Beth Haverim Shir Shalom's students and their families

May Calendar

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June Calendar

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		7:30 pm Ritual Comm. Mtg	8 pm Adult Choir		6:30 pm Tefilot Teacher Appreciation Service Outdoors	Sh'lach L'cha 10 am Hailey Abel 1 pm Eric Levinsohn 7 pm Havdalah via Zoom
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9 am Torah Study Rain Date - 50th Anniversary Celebration		7:30 pm Exec Comm. Mtg 7:30 pm MMG Mtg	8 pm Adult Choir	7:30 pm Library Program Architecture of Synagogues	7:30 pm Tefilot Pride Shabbat via Zoom	Korach 10 am Sam Koppelman
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9 am Torah Study 8 pm Cantor Josh Facebook Live		7:30 pm Board Mtg.	8 pm Adult Choir		6:30 pm Tefilot Brotherhood Shabbat Outdoors	Chukkat 10 am Lilah Wainland 7 pm Havdalah via Zoom
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		7:30 pm Music Comm. Mtg	8 pm Adult Choir		5 pm Tot Shabbat Outdoors 7:30 pm Tefilot Board Installation via Zoom	Balak 10 am Michael Weinstein
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10 am Jenna Finkelshteyn 8 pm Cantor Josh Facebook Live		7:30 pm Music Comm. Mtg	8 pm Adult Choir			

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



Remi Slivka – May 1, 2021

I am proud of what I am about to accomplish. I helped raise money for Tomorrow Children's Fund. TCF provides emotional and financial support to families and children who are battling cancer and rare blood disorders. With this money, I was able to purchase food, gift cards, sheets, and towels for TCF. They work directly with Hackensack Medical Center to help take away any additional stress these families are facing each day."

Jonathan Cassell - May 8, 2021

after. He would have been proud of me. I am raising money for St. Jude's hospital through live streaming."

Matthew Altman – May 15, 2021

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

Mother, Jennifer, Father, Brian, Sister,
Hannah, 15................................ is a 7th grader
at Cavallini Middle School
His interests include saxophone, baseball,
video games, and writing. "I would someday
like to be a children's book author. I'm
very excited about my Bar Mitzvah. Being a

Jewish adult is something I've thought about since I was 6. I remember being so young and seeing my 3 cousins becoming Bar Mitzvah. And recently, I've seen my other cousins have their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, as well as my sister. For my mitzvah project, I am collecting items to make care packages for seniors at the Promenade at Chestnut Ridge. Since it's been such a hard year, I wanted to bring some happiness to those who may have felt lonely and sad."

Dylan Kaplan – May 22, 2021

"I would like to be able to be a part of the MLB as a player or an executive.

I love how baseball brings all types of people together and I want to continue doing something I love every day. I am excited to be able to become a Bar Mitzvah in front of my family and friends. This past year has been difficult, and being able to celebrate in person makes it so much more special."

Jordyn Hurwitz – May 22, 2021

hope to do well in school, go to a good college, and be successful. I am nervous to speak in front of everybody but excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and celebrate. I'm collecting donations for Tomorrow's Children Fund. TCF provides emotional and financial support to children and their families who are battling cancer and rare blood disorders. I have collected food, new sheets/ towels and gift cards to give to the children at Hackensack Medical Center to help ease any additional stress they may have."

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



Jacob Berin – May 29, 2021

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

Mother, Inna, Father, Igor, Brother, Elan,
12, Sister, Ellie, 8 is a 7th grader
at Cavallini Middle School His
interests include engineering, web design,
Marvel, and dogs. "I would like to have a long
and successful career as the CTO of my company.

I am excited and scared at the same time, but I can't wait to have my Bar Mitzvah and become a Jewish young man. My community service project is a website that my friend and I are creating, called PoliSpeech. PoliSpeech is a social media platform for politics, and for people to openly discuss their ideas and feeling about current political news. Our goal is to bring the country together by letting people openly talk and have debates about the topics. We hope that this will help our divided country."

Hailey Abel - June 5, 2021

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Elizabeth, Father, Marc, Sister, Chelsey,15 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include musical theater. "I want to be a lawyer. I'm looking forward to celebrating with my family that I haven't seen in a very long time

due to quarantine. Due to the pandemic, there are so many people in need of food to feed their families. In order to help this cause, I am collecting donations for the Center for Food Action in Mahwah."

Eric Levinsohn – June 5, 2021

I feel proud and honored to follow in the footsteps of my brother and parents in becoming a Bar Mitzvah. My community service involves giving back to my local community. This past year has been difficult for so many so I have been helping the local food banks, and contributing my time to help with food deliveries."

Sam Koppelman – June 12, 2021
Lives in Montvale, New Jersey.
Mother, Eve, Father, Adam,
Sister, Morgan, 10
is a 7th grader at Fieldstone
Middle School His
interests include tennis, video
games, camp, swimming, and

sports. "I would like to be an engineer or a video game designer. I have mixed emotions – I am excited and nervous all at the same time. I'm collecting used sports equipment and donating to a charity for those that cannot afford new equipment."

helping the world. "I would like to be an actress and start a Save the Planet website. I am proud that I've made so much progress not just studying Hebrew but with everything in my life. I thank Cantor Josh and all the people in my life who have helped me. I would like to pick up trash around my community as a mitzvah project. I have already spent many hours cleaning up my neighborhood lake and a local marina near my summer home."

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



Michael Weinstein – June 26, 2021
Lives in Park Ridge, New Jersey. Mother,
Stacy. Father. Stuart is a 6th

Stacy, Father, Stuart is a 6th grader at East Brook Elementary School His interests include basketball, football, Lacrosse, and gaming. "I hope to be in the NBA. I feel this is a big stepping stone and one that I am proud of. I am going to raise funds

for our American Legion by going to local restaurants and asking them to donate proceeds of the day's sales, and in turn donate that to the American Legion which is in dire need of funds."

I'm excited to become a Bat Mitzvah in front of family and friends, some of whom I have not seen in a year. I am hosting virtual art classes for young children who are homebound due to Covid-19 restrictions. We prepare collages, discuss famous artists, and have a lot of fun."



Barbara Schwartz: M'dor L'dor

For the past 37 years, Mrs. Barbara Schwartz has been a teacher in our religious school. Over the years, she has taught Hebrew, Judaics, and music to students from our youngest through seventh grade, concentrating most recently in third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade. She has taught your children, and a few of you as well! On May 25, with the last session of school for this year, Barbara leaves us as a classroom teacher to concentrate more on the needs of her family.

She has generously shared her time, her stories, and her passion with us for so long, and touched so many lives. Her devotion to Beth Haverim, and then Beth Haverim Shir Shalom shines as an example for all of us.

M'dor l'dor, from generation to generation. May we all strive to honor her service by emulating her lifelong demonstration of loyalty, patience, and attending to the needs of our students and their families.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Celebrations in May and June

Shavuot begins at sunset on Sunday, May 16 and ends at sundown on Tuesday, May 18.

Shavuot, the feast of weeks, is celebrated seven weeks after the second Passover seder. Although Shavuot began as an ancient grain harvest festival, the holiday has been identified since biblical times with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

How can you observe the holiday?

- To commemorate the giving of the Torah at Sinai there is a tradition of staying up all night studying Jewish texts in what is called a *tikkun*. We will be have a study program, but not stay up all night. Watch temple emails for specific program information.
- On *Shavuot* the Book of Ruth, Ruth 1:16 is read, and often used as inspiration for Jews by choice:

"whither you go, I will go, wherever you lodge, I will lodge, your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."

- Traditionally dairy foods are eaten on *Shavuot*.

Have you mastered sour dough bread and banana bread in the past year? Now you can expand your Jewish culinary skills with cheesecake, cheese bourekas, cheese blintzes and classic kugel.

Pride Shabbat - June 11

June is LGBTQ Pride Month! BHSS is hosting a Pride Shabbat service to honor the movement for LGBTQ equality and inclusion, to celebrate recent victories against discrimination, and to commit to the work ahead. We will have special liturgy, readings, and guest speakers. Please invite friends and family to join us for this special service.

Ritual committee Nancy Levene, co-chair Amy Littman, co-chair

BROTHERHOOD

Greetings brothers, sisters and friends in the 'hood! Spring has sprung at BHSS!

After this time, greater than a year of global pandemic, economic upheaval, social and political unrest, and other difficulties that brought personal and professional challenges, it is important for us to reflect. Throughout this time, BHSS has been there for our community, offering virtual services, virtual events and meetings and study and learning to keep our community engaged and active.

BHSS Brotherhood thanks our clergy, our staff, and our Board members and fellow committees for working together to create events, programming, services, learning opportunities, study opportunities, virtual religious school for our children, and for keeping us all safe, engaged, and connected.

For the remainder of the year, BHSS Brotherhood will continue to offer Zoom in movies on the third Thursday of each month; however there are additional initiatives that we would like to invite one and all to join us!

Events for the spring and the end of this year include the following:

- Working in the BHSS Community Garden
- Sunday Bike Ride most likely meeting at Rockland Lake State Park
- Brotherhood Shabbat Friday Night, June 18

Thank you all for your support of the BHSS Brotherhood! May each day bring us joy, peace, health and community!

B'Shalom,

The Legion of Past Presidents

SISTERHOOD

At last, at last, the days are growing longer again! The flowers are blooming, the air smells of Spring, and Sisterhood is coming closer to the end of its year. We've made it through our second COVID winter, and the light at the end of this pandemic tunnel is growing brighter every day.

Many things and many people were "on pause" this year. But Sisterhood managed to pivot and managed to be present all year, in many ways. Our year began with a BHSS "take" on the pandemic baking craze, as we learned to braid and bake Challah, over Zoom, of course. Many of us have used those lessons week after week, and the generosity of members gifting Shabbat challah to other members has been awesome. We joined our BHSSTY friends for a virtual scavenger hunt. Who knew you could even do such a thing? We hosted a zoom discussion on racial justice, and our own local stories of injustice and change. We learned to "LinkedIn", because we knew even then that someday we will be back at work!

Maybe (two of) our finest hours came in our two Sisterhood Kindness Chains. We had the chance to be creative on someone else's behalf, and to interact and we delivered and received tokens of friendship and goodness.



The winter brought us a "crafty" evening building our wine-bottle fairy lamps—the second-best thing to do with a wine bottle, ever! And we spent an evening focusing on our own wellness, as our Doctors Jen led us through identifying and working with the stressors we've all been facing. As winter turned to spring, we managed to bring

back our beloved Miriam Seder, thanks to our Zoom experts, our expert bakers, and our Rabbi Ilana. And were you there for Word Mavens? If you see a Sisterhood member laughing to herself, you know she was there! Throughout, we continued to support our social welfare initiatives, such as OASIS and the soup kitchens. We collected pjs and other items to deliver to our neighbors in need.

We came together, in ways large and small, for each other and for our BHSS and wider community. And we're not done yet. This month brings Sisterhood Shabbat. Join our virtual service to hear stories of the women who inspire us, and how we can direct that inspiration into action. And in June, we will say "thank you" to our outgoing Board members, and "welcome aboard" to our new Board, including incoming co-Presidents Lisa Estrin and Beth Wiesner. Join us then, and join us again this fall to be part of what we do.

Your membership packets will include your Sisterhood membership application. Please fill it out right away, and bring your energy, your enthusiasm and yourself to BHSS Sisterhood!

"You are not alone, and I am not alone. We are in a sisterhood, and together, we can make it!"

Mona Sussman and Linda Vogel

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 fellow haverim!

BHSS Social Action has been in full swing and is looking forward to offering more online and in-person programs. During the month of March, we held two successful educational Zoom programs centered around the subject of caste and its inextricable link to racism. There were over 40 enthusiastic participants online for each event! The first program centered on the content of the best-selling book *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents* and the second, broadcast live and directly from India, was masterfully organized and moderated by Ritch Yanowitz. We hope to continue such worthwhile programs in the future.

Speaking of spring and rebirth, our BHSS gardening subcommittee recently held its first Zoom planning meeting. We would love other synagogue committees and the rest of the congregation to become involved with tending our beautiful garden this year so it becomes an "all hands on deck" initiative. Every Sunday through the end of October (weather permitting) we will need BHSS volunteers of all ages to help clean up and mulch the garden, weed its interior and exterior perimeters, and plant/water/maintain a specific bed (this would become an "adopt a bed" initiative). We will offer weekday volunteer time slots, too. Our committee will establish and streamline an efficient weekly sign-up system with set duties to encourage the members of other BHSS committees, plus other individual synagogue members and families, to help maintain the garden. Future BHSS b'nai mitzvah candidates can even amass community service hours outdoors!

Think of it this way: Gardening has proven mental and physical health benefits. Most importantly, you will all be helping to grow and harvest healthy produce which will then be donated to feed the hungry at Christ Episcopal Church in Suffern's daily soup kitchen, as well as a soup kitchen in Tuxedo, N.Y. Check your BHSS weekly emails, online newsletters, and committee/bima announcements for future details! You can also RSVP. to bhsssocialaction@gmail.com so we can put together our gardening staff. You will need to bring your own gloves and, if possible, any of your gardening tools so you can even more effectively commune with the earth.

The BHSS Social Action Committee holds its monthly Zoom meetings the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. Contact us at bhsssocialaction@gmail.com to join us and be added to our email list. We are always looking for new volunteers and welcome any feedback and suggestions you have.

May everyone continue to enjoy good health and renewal as we forge ahead with our social justice advocacy and *tikkun olam* initiatives. Thank you, Rabbi Ilana, Cantor Josh, the BHSS Board of Trustees, the other BHSS committees, and our fellow synagogue members/friends/ family members for their continued support and encouragement. Have a wonderful spring and summer 2021!

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

NOTES FROM MUSIC

Hello everyone!

The Music Committee has been a big part of our congregation's past and is looking forward to its exciting future. Our **50th Anniversary Celebration** on **May 23** will be a wonderful day for all of us to gather and enjoy all we have achieved together!

We will be having our **New Member Cocktail and Dessert Party** in August. The event is in the planning stages and details will be made available in the BHSS weekly newsletter. We will keep you posted!

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. We will meet in May and June and be off July and August. All are welcome!

Musically yours, Nora Berger

BHSS YOUTH GROUPS

Shalom everyone — We can't believe this is our last article of the school year!

First, we'd like to give a huge shoutout to the **Senior Youth Group** for their amazing job leading the PURIM CARNIVAL and CREATIVE SERVICE back in March! The Purim Carnival was full of fun and laughs and their beautifully-led service on Perspective was powerful, moving and meaningful. And all this was on Zoom! They've truly made the impossible possible thanks to their hard work.

Next, we want to spotlight our **Menschmakers and Junior Youth Group** - specifically their incredible creations at our Hamantashen Baking and Decorating event!





Look at how delicious those look!



In addition, all of our Youth Groups have enjoyed virtual game parties and other baking events over the past few months. In February and March alone, we averaged over 20 partipants per event! If you haven't yet, come see what all the hype is about!

Coming up in May: 50 Years of BHSS!

We encourage all **Youth Groups** - grades 3-12 (and their families!) - to come join us at BHSS' 50-year anniversary celebration on **Sunday, May 23 at BHSS.** There will be outdoor games, food trucks, and a ton of fun! All COVID-19 guidelines will be strictly followed.

Coming up in June: End-of-Year Events*

Menschmakers grades 3-6: Summer Send-off Tie-Dye Party! Sunday, June 6 from 4-5 p.m. at BHSS

Junior & Senior Youth Group grades 7-12: Hiking, Elections & Havdalah Under the Stars! Saturday, June 12th 5-6:30 p.m. at Ramapo Reservation We'll be announcing our new board in the fall!

*Note: Events are outdoors and all COVID-19 guidelines will be strictly followed.

As always, you can reach us at bhssyouth@gmail.com for any questions, event collaboration ideas, or just to chat with us.

We wish you a safe, healthy, and fun-filled summer and hope we get the chance to see you soon!

Samantha and Rebeca

FROM THE SIFRIYAH

Challenges of the pandemic have been experienced by all of us at BHSS. While we tend to view this past year as a disaster, there have been some positive outcomes. Many of us have strengthened interpersonal relations, getting to know family members, friends, and colleagues in a more profound way. Library volunteers mused on relations to our temple, to our library, and to how we spent our time during this period. Certainly, reading of books, appropriately, topped the list.

The library, oh I could write an ode on what the library means to me, if I could only write an ode! The temple library is a place that brings such enjoyment from reading books, knowledge gained from books, and the socialization from discussing books, even if I didn't like the book! The people on the library committee are such wonderful women that I look forward to our meetings, more in person than on Zoom, but I can no longer be picky in this pandemic environment. I know that we will soon be together in person, with the vaccines being so widely distributed.

Here's what the ladies have to say about the past year... and what's ahead:

I am anticipating the congregation getting together now that the warm weather will be here soon. This has been a difficult year but we have much to look forward to: a year of good health and togetherness, with our own families and with our temple family.

- Sheryl Ives

Caste by Isabel Wilkerson was chosen by the social action committee to inspire two programs. It merged library committee members into the discussion. Planning felt natural. We do books!

- Sheila Groskin

Looking back on past reading brought me back in the realm of The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict, the story of Einstein's wife who was his inspiration, his sounding board and equally his genius who failed to be acknowledged. Perfect reading for these months and for anytime.

- Sue-Ellen Johnson

During the pandemic, I discovered old favorite books I had read long ago and have rediscovered. Herman Wouk's historical novel, The Hope, is now on my personal best seller list. My husband is also quite a fan. Wouk explains major battles, disasters, and victories from the birth of Israel in 1948 to the Six-Day War in 1967. He regaled me with personal stories from this period. often using humor. Luckily, Wouk's books can be found in our library.

- Ruth Turner

The library has special meaning for us, as we were able to hear our grandchildren practice for their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs in there at Sunday Family School...what blessings!

-Susan Reinstein

The pandemic brought on many challenges for me. The first one, doing school virtually with Josh, was a lot harder than I thought. I am so thankful my sister and my girls were able to continue school with Josh when I wasn't able to after my surgery. Like many others, I missed being in person with friends, and of course, my mah jongg games. Virtual mah jongg has been a huge part of my life. I am also grateful that I stay connected with my BHSS community, including the library! Now with warmer weather, I hope to sit outside with a good book, hopefully from our library.

- Lisa Lamster

There is so much waiting for you in our BHSS library. Please visit us (with your masks on, of course). You'll find all kinds of books that you can borrow. I certainly do. Stay tuned for our next library program!!

- Lynn Zall

Meeting on Zoom is OK. It is a time to connect, chat, recommend books, and discuss important issues like who has gotten their vaccines. Seriously though, we all long for meeting in person and hope that day will soon be here.

- Library Ladies

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

to our temple family - with appreciation for your support during Passover and throughout the year

- Sandi & Bob Jeanette

to Elyse Stedman, in memory of Roz Pincus
- Sherry Levitt
- Cindy & Phil Greenberg

in memory of Phyllis Okon - Sheila & Larry Groskin

to Brian Muni, in memory of his dear mother
- Sheila & Larry Groskin

with thanks and in honor of Gerald Kosloff

- Nadine Wagner

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

in honor of his installation - Laurie & Marc Daniel

Educator's Discretionary Fund:

to our wonderful anonymous donor, with thanks for the lovely Passover goodies!

- Irma Becker

to Nancy Levene, for your kindness

- Irma Becker

to Mr. Mark Rosenbaum, in memory of your beloved daughter, Rachael

- Irma Becker

in memory of Nathan Rocker

- Lynn Feldman

in memory of Mitchell Goldman

- Robin Ackerman

Life Fund

in loving memory of our Jase

- the Barrack family

in honor of Sam Hoffert becoming a Bar Mitzvah

- Stacey Coyne

in honor of Ruth Turner's 80th birthday! Mazel Tov
- Mark Turner & family

in memory of grandparents Frieda and Harry Yagoda
- Helene Yagoda

to Susan Novie, in memory of Richard Novie

- Barbara Heitmann & Mercedes Coto

to Melanie Powell, in memory of Mollie Goetz
- Barbara Heitmann & Mercedes Coto

in memory of Stephanie Cohn, founding member of Beth Haverim

- Susan & Harris Reinstein

to Candy and Mike Kassover, in memory of Fred (Chip) Bargetzi - the Smith family - Leslie & Howie Kirzner

in memory of Fred (Chip) Bargetzi

- Candy & Mike Kassover

to Ranan and Gail Wichler, on the birth of their first grandchild

- Ruth & Stu Turner

to Brian Muni and family, with deepest

sympathy, in memory of his mother - Ruth & Stu Turner

to our anonymous donor, with thanks for all the holiday gifts and placing a smile on our faces

- Ruth & Stu Turner - Gail & Daryl Spencer - Sue-Ellen Johnson

- Marilyn & Irwin Haberman

in honor of the engagement of my daughter

Hilary Scher to Aaron Volain - Laurie Scher-Israel

in commemoration of the yahrzeits of

Thelma and Seymour Oventhal - Joanne Oventhal

in commemoration of annual yahrzeits

- Kathy & Zvi Bareket

in memory of Ceil Schuyler, Cantor Finkel's grandmother
- Debra & Mike Finkel

in memory of Shoshana Davis - the Theodore family

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- Kathy & Howard Zukof

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- Marilyn & Irwin Haberman

in memory of Israel Charne and Walter Hartwich
- Karen & George Charne

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- Ethel Rosen - Robby & Eddie Saiff

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in honor of the arrival of Sloane Arabella Axelrod
- Alison & Norman Axelrod

in honor of of the birth of Sloane

Arabella Axelrod, Mazel Tov

- Marci & Harvey Weinberg

- Lori & Ritch Yanowitz

in memory of Helen Kassover and Shirley Marks
- Candy & Mike Kassover

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- Candy & Mike Kassover

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- The JCO of Northern Bergen County

in memory of Betty Schott - Sheri & Allan Schott

in memory of beloved grandmother Flora Cassuto
- Helene Yagoda

in memory of Shelby Alter, Bertha Alter, Sarah Wunsch, and Gilbert Wunsch

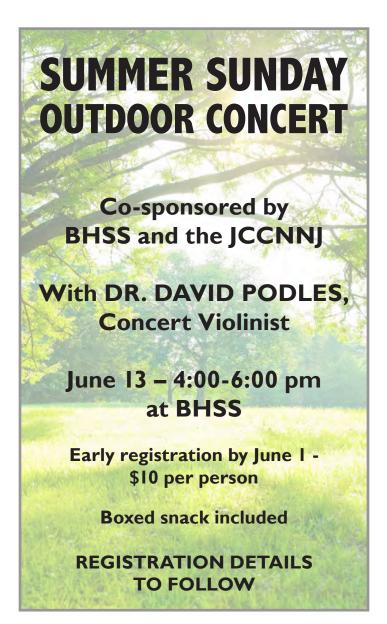
- Miles Alter

High Holiday Appeal

Lisa Lamster Joel Goldfarb

Michelle Mitzvah Group

to the Stern/Speer family, in honor of Nolan's graduation from nursing school - the Smith family



MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR BLESSING ברונם לברכה אברונם לברכה

May Yahrzeits

CINDY ALLMAN JOSE AMARAL Susan Arkawy JERROLD ARONS STANLEY AXELROD RUTH BAUM Mollie Blackman PHILLIP BRENNER RUTH BUCKLER ESTHER CITRIN HARRY COHEN **JUDITH BERNSTEIN** COHEN ALICE COLE FLORENCE DAVID ISABELLA LEAH DEBETHENCOURT GREGORY DUCHARME LARRY ELKINS ARTHUR FASSLER CHARLES FEIN

HAROLD FELDMAN DONALD FEUCHTBAUM GEORGE FINKEL DOROTHY FINN Sadie Gettleman RHEA GOLDFARB DAVID GOLDMAN HARRIET GORDON NATALIE GORDON Frances Grossman **JESSE HERSHMAN** Edna Homnick MAURICE SONNY ISRAEL SCOTT JOSEPH LORE KAHN SIMON KASPER MURRAY KAUFMAN WALTER KAUFMAN ROBERT KOPELMAN SIMA KRIEGEL

PAUL LEVITT JEANETTE LICHTER BERTHA LIPSKER MELVIN LISK JOAN LITTMAN ALLEN MAY STEVEN MERMELSTEIN SADIE MILLER Frank Nathanson KATE NEUMANN HELEN OSHEROWITZ Norman Palant MITCHELL PARISER PHOEBE PEISTER STEPHEN RIPPS FRANCES ROSE EDWARD ROTH **IOHN ROTHMAN** MAZAL RUDACH HERBERT SAKOW FANNY SAPSOVIC LYLE SCHLUSSEL

JANICE SCHWARTZ SIMON SEIDNER FRAYDA FAY LEVY SEIF DOROTHY SELIGMAN THEODORE SIEGEL JOAN SPEER STANLEY SPELLMAN SOPHIE SQUIRES MARION STANSFIELD David Steinman KATHERINE TOWELL HAROLD WEINBERG RABBI MILTON WEINBERG IRVING WEISS HERBERT WEISSMAN GITTY WIDMAN GILBERT WUNSCH HARRY YAGODA SEYMOUR YANOWITZ Rose Zahm

June Yahrzeits

RUTH ABNER
BRIAN BANDREMER
BARBARA BERDON
PEARL BERGER
DAVID BERMAN
JILL BERNSTEIN
LOUIS BERNSTEIN
FERN BRUCKNER
RITA COHEN
VICTOR COHEN
ESTHER COLE
BLANCHE CRAMER
ANDREW FISHER

SEYMOUR FRIEDMAN
BARBARA GREENBLATT
SAMUEL GREENE
THOMAS GROSSMAN
SOL HEILBRAUN
HOWARD ISRAEL
MENDE JAFFE
JANICE KAMM
ROMOLA KAPLAN
HAROLD LANDAU
NATHAN LANDAU
RONALD LANDAU
SAUL LESSEN
REBA LEVY

IDA MEYERS
HELEN MILES
MAX MILLER
ALLEN NUDELMAN
GEORGE ORLICK
DAVID ROBBINS
ANNE ROBINOVITZ
EDITH ROTH
MORRIS ROTH
JEANETTE SAIFF
PAULA SCHECTER
JOHN SCHIAVO
ALEKSANDER SHLAHET
JULIUS SHMARUK

RUTH SILVERMAN
PHILIP SIMON
MILDRED SITOMER
LOIS STARTZ
MILTON STARTZ
RALPH SUESKIND
DAVID TEICHMAN
ROBERT THEODORE
ROBERT TOWELL
MORRIS TREPPER
BARNEY VICTOR
FRED WICHLER
CHARLES WISEMAN

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July Yahrzeits

JERALD AFIR-HEFFLER MEYER ALBERT SHIRLEY ANESETTI DAVID ATLAS Ben Bendalin ABRAHAM BERKOWITZ SIDNEY BLUMENFELD JACKLYN BOFFORD **ANDREW COHEN** BARRY COHEN CHARLES COLE VICTOR COOPER LEATRICE ERLMAN **ERIC FIELDS** SOL FISHKIN **IRVING FRANK** ETHEL FREEMAN Harry Freeman

Ryna Gerber MICHAEL SCOTT GORDON PHILIP GORDON MILTON GRALLA Inga Grant Verstandig Julian Hauser BENJAMIN ISRAEL JEFF JAFFE NATALIE JAFFE JEROME JOHNSON Dana Kantor Alan Karasik Benjamin Kassover Julia Klein ADA KOHLREITER MORRIS KOHLREITER Sandra Kopelman

MARILYN KRICHMAR PHILIP LACHER ALAN LEFKOWITZ MARIE LIPSON MILLIE MARKS TOM MCVEIGH MARK MENDELSOHN HARRY MEYERS JAMES MINTY FRED MOSER **GEORGE MOSS** HANS NEUMANN MILTON NOVOCK ROBERT OELBAUM BRAD PERLSTEIN BEN RICE Sondra Ritchin CHARLES ROMANO DOROTHY ROW

CHARLES SANKEL STANLEY SCHICK SUSAN SCHLUSSEL WERNER SCHOTT BEN SCHUYLER SYLVIA SCHWARTZMAN BLANCHE SEIDNER ESTHER SENZEL IRA SIEGEL Martha Silverman FRANCES SPIELBERG ARTHUR STERNBERG SHARON SUSS VERNON TAYLOR THOMAS TOWELL PAUL WEISKOP SOL WEXLER RAMZA WORM

August Yahrzeits

CAROLINE ALPERT SYDNEY ALTMAN **RUTH ANSIN IRVING ARFIN** Saundra Arons EDWARD BARBACH GLORIA BERENS STEPHEN BERENS Aron Bergryn EDITH BLUMENTHAL EDWARD BRICKMAN HARRY BYALICK DAVID COHEN MARION COHEN SIDNEY DEMSKY Burt Erlman **ELLEN ESTRIN** FREDERICK FLISSER

EVAN GARBUS MAC GELFENBEIN LLOYD GOLDFARB IRV GOODMAN MUTTEL GORDON MORTON GREENE MYRON GREENZWEIG Roslyn Hess IDA HIEGER PHYLLIS HYMOWITZ SUSAN IVES GERTRUDE JEANETTE LEE JOHNSON William Kaplan ROBERT KASSOVER Liz Kolman KEN KRESCH Fannie Kursman NATHAN KUSHER

NATHAN LAMBERT **JULIUS LEVINE** MICHAEL LIPSKER RALPH LITTMAN **ESTHER LONOW** MAGGIE MCVEIGH DEBBIE MOSES BARBARA MOSKOWITZ SEYMOUR MUNEY INGE OELBAUM **IONAS PALANT** ETHEL PESIN **EUGENE REINSTEIN** ETHEL SALTZMAN BETTY SANKEL GEORGE SAULT LENORE BETTY SCHLISSEL

RUTH SCHOENFELD

IRWIN SELMAN MARION SILVER ESTHER BAYLA SMALL Pauline Smith REBECCA STONE LOREN TEDROW FRANK THEODORE OTTO TUTEUR ESTELLE WEINBERG BENJAMIN WEINER HAROLD WEINSTEIN MORRIS WEISBERGER BERTHA WEISSER STANLEY WELLS Sadie Widman MARCIA WITT ZEVIK YOLES CHARLES YOUNG



BHSS thanks our anonymous donor who made so much possible this year. Your commitment to *mitzvot* is remarkable.

Good & Welfare

from and for the congregation

Condolences to:

Nancy Teichman on the death of her cousin, Sharon Dantzig

Brian Muni on the death of his mother, Rhoda Stoller

Brenda Wainland on the death of her mother, Beverly Ann Wolff

Leslie Kirzner on the death of her cousin, Ron Brabec

Mazal Tov:

To **Ranan and Gail Wichler** on the birth of their grandson, and **Julie and Adam Kaufman** on the birth of their nephew, Samuel Mason Moser Spooner

Thank You:

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

to all of our **board members and committee chairs** for the well wishes, check-ins, deliveries of sweet treats, good cheer and commitment to bringing our community closer together during a challenging year!

Mazal Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2020-2021/5780-5781

Mazal Tov to the Confirmation Class of 5781

Jacob Graham-Bialer
Brian Ritchin
Eliya Rostolder
Elizabeth Taub
Tai Weiss
Leah Wolf

Mazal Tov to our Kadimah Graduates

Jason Ritchin Tyler Grobman Brady Cole

to all of our

BHSS High School and College Graduates!

Addyson Wachtel **Abbie Torrente Emily Levin** Abby Weintraub **Justin Silver** Wade Mendel **Avery Roberts Ethan Schwartz** James Hyman Eliana Panoff Ben Grossman Jenna Bofford Shyia Prizel Felix Schindler **Chase Moskowitz** Dylan Moskowitz

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We have now completed our grant funded programming for this year. As you know we received a grant from Scientists in Synagogues. It is a program that provides funding to Jewish groups to explore interesting topics in science and their relationship to Judaism. Sinai & Synapses is the organization that started this initiative.

We are so proud of the programming we were able to provide with this grant, especially during this difficult time in all of our lives. A time when all of us were fearful and isolated.

Understanding the biology of the nervous system, Polyvagal therapies, Jewish practices, music and emotions, stillness, and

observing nature created many opportunities for discussion and debate. We want to thank all of you who participated, help you feel safer and more connected.

Thank you to our hard-working committee Jen Cole, Jeff and Mona Lefkowitz, Director of Education Rebecca McVeigh, Eddie Saiff, Randy Sherry, Pam Straining and Dana Weeks.

Special thanks to Rabbi Ilana for helping us to connect the Judaism to the science, and Cantor Josh, Iris and Michelle for their support.

Lori Yanowitz

The Michelle Mitzvah Group of BHSS is proud to sponsor

Camp Meadowlands!

Thursday, July 15 - 9:30am-2:00pm

The Michelle Mitzvah Group will host 50 campers from Oasis in Paterson at the Meadowlands Environment Center where the campers will spend the day in the great outdoors, experiencing and learning about the wetlands, hiking out to the marsh, and dip netting for aquatic creatures.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS DAY A SUCCESS

Please let us know how you would like to participate:

Publicizing the event



Contact Lisa Lamster at lisalams@optonline.net to let us know how you can help. Questions or comments? Contact Ritch Yanowitz at ritchyano@gmail.com

MICHELLE MITZVAH GROUP

Back on April 16, the Michelle Mitzvah Group hosted Shabbat Services. Here is the keynote address by yours truly.

Shabbat Shalom, everyone. My name is Steve Simon and I am the Chair of the Michelle Mitzvah Group, and I am honored to be able to speak to you tonight. Some of you may be wondering 'what is the Michelle Mitzvah Group?' and 'who is Michelle?' To answer those questions, I need to take you back to my Hebrew School days, back on Masonicus Road, more than 35 years ago.

It was a Sunday morning in November of 1984 and Rabbi Weinberg joined my 4th grade Hebrew school class as the bearer of some sad news. A young girl in the temple had passed away from leukemia at the tender age of 13. Her name was Michelle Appelbaum. She played basketball, sang in the school choir, was a cheerleader for her school's football team, she cheered for the Dallas Cowboys, specifically Tony Dorsett, and was a member of the temple's youth group. I can't say I remember all that was said, but I do remember him discussing the tremendous loss of a young life that had not yet been able to truly live.

A few years later, the Michelle Mitzvah Group was created to provide a living memorial to honor her, with the primary focus benefitting children. The mission - to engage in 'handson' projects – to fulfill the commandments of *mitzvah*, and to not just simply write a check.

For Michelle Mitzvah Group, some of our accomplishments, over the years include:

- Blood Drives
- Gift of Life registries which have resulted in 4 matches
- Collections of personal care items for active troops serving in Iraq & Afghanistan
- Donating Cookies for the Troops
- Annual Christmas Party for children at the Wanaque Convalescent Center
- Playing baseball with children at Blythedale Children's Hospital (in Valhalla, NY)
- High Holiday & Year Round food drives for the Center for Food Action
- Supporting Nechama: Jewish Answer to Disasterhelping out after Hurricane Sandy in Hoboken, and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico
- Providing meals to the Christ Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen
- Supporting the tremendous work at Oasis
- Providing scholarships to help

- underprivileged students attend college
- More recently endowing a scholarship at Ramapo College- the Michelle Mitzvah Group in Memory of Jase Barrack Scholarship Fund

Shall I go on? I think you get the idea. We do and have done quite a bit. Suffice to say, the Michelle Mitzvah Group gave rise to a great number of social action activities throughout the temple and we continue to work in conjunction with all groups. We have been able to accomplish these mitzvot through the support and generosity of all of you.

And we continue to do the work. Our new initiative is to help children at Oasis to go on a field trip to the Meadowlands Environment Center. The field trip is on Thursday, July 15, and we will help the kids explore our local wetland habitat, hike out to the marsh, learn about the aquatic animals and their surroundings, all with experienced guides and educators.

So now that you know who Michelle is and what the Michelle Mitzvah Group does, I would like to ask for your assistance on two fronts - the first being to help the children at Oasis by attending this event and volunteering to chaperone or even just helping prepare the lunches. Every little bit helps. Please reach out to myself, Steven Simon (steveoum@verizon.net) or Ritch Yanowitz (ritchyano@gmail.com).

The second - I would invite you to get involved with Michelle Mitzvah Group. We accept all volunteers, of all ages. You may be wondering, 'What can I do and how can I help?' Provide meals at the soup kitchen, deliver food to the Center for Food Action, tutor and mentor children at Oasis—if you are passionate about helping children, we welcome your enthusiasm and ideas to further our mission.

Beth Haverim Shir Shalom and my parents taught me about *tikkun olam* and the value of *mitzvot*. For 30+ years, Michelle Mitzvah Group has been 'hands-on' doing noble work to improve the community and help out children - all in the name of a young girl whose memory is for a blessing.

Shabbat Shalom!

Steven Simon – Michelle Mitzvah Group Chair

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Beth Haverim Shir Shalom

Pride Shabbat

Friday, June 11 at 7:30 pm via Zoom



Please join us for Pride Shabbat as we celebrate the LGBTQ community.

Our speakers are Janine Getler, Esq. and Brooke Malloy, Executive Director of the Rockland County Pride Center

Our time together will be inclusive, warm and welcoming. For more information, call the temple office at 201-512-1983.



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Friday, May 7	6:30 pm	Shabbat Family Services – Sisterhood Shabbat - OUTDOORS
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Saturday, May 8	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Cassell
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Friday, May 14	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Services – VIA ZOOM
Saturday, May 15	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Altman
Sunday, May 16	6:45 pm	Shavuot Yizkor followed by Festival service and learning session – VIA ZOOM
Friday, May 21	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Services – VIA ZOOM
Saturday, May 22	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Kaplan
	1:00 pm	Bat Mitzvah of Jordyn Hurwitz
Friday, May 28	6:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Services – OUTDOORS
Saturday, May 29	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Berin
Friday, June 4	6:30 pm	Shabbat Family Services – Teacher Appreciation - OUTDOORS Birthdays in June will be celebrated
Saturday, June 5	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Hailey Abel
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Summer Worship Schedule

July 2 – Outdoors at 6:30 pm	August 6 – Outdoors at 6:30 pm
July 9 – Outdoors at 6:30 pm	August 13 – Outdoors at 6:30 pm
July 16 – Via Zoom at 7:30 pm	August 20 – Outdoors at 6:30 pm
July 23 – Outdoors at 6:30 pm	August 27 – Via Zoom at 7:30 pm
July 30 – Via Zoom at 7:30 pm	

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Sessions of School:

Office Closed:

Sundays: May 2, 9, 16, 23 Mondays: May 3, 10, 24 Tuesdays: May 4, 11, 18, 25 May 17, May 31



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

- Expand your knowledge at Torah Study with Rabbi Ilana via Zoom
 - Sunday, May 2, 9 and June 6, 13 at 9:00am
- Enjoy A Little Night Music with Cantor Josh via Facebook Live May 2, 16, 30 & June 13, 27 at 8:00pm
- "Cocktails" and Havdalah via Zoom May 8, 22 & June 5, 19 at 7:00pm
- Join your BHSS family OUTDOORS for Sisterhood Shabbat Friday, May 7 at 6:30pm
- Celebrate the festival of Shavuot with Yizkor and Festival Service via Zoom Sunday, May 16 at 6:45pm
- Confirmation is on Monday, May 17 at 7:00pm
- Don't miss the BHSS 50th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, May 23 at 12:00-4:00pm outside at BHSS!
- Honor our teachers at OUTDOOR Teacher Appreciation Shabbat Friday, June 4 at 6:30pm
- Share in the joy of Pride Shabbat via Zoom Friday, June 11 at 7:30pm
- Take in the good weather with an Outdoor Concert (with JCCNNJ) Friday, June 13 4:00 at BHSS
- Gather OUTDOORS for Brotherhood Shabbat Friday, June 18 at 6:30pm