

## TEMPLE



## TOPICS

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## Rabbi Ilana's Message

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## Director of Education

### *Learning From Our Students*

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## B'NAI MITZVAH

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## THINGS TO DO:

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- Congregational Retreat
- Sisterhood Shabbat
- Spring into Summer Boutique
- Tot Shabbat
- Broadway Rocks BHSS
- MARVELous Purim Shpiel
- Purim Carnival
- Israel's Strategic Position in the Middle East lecture series
- Julia's Journey screening at the JCC International Film Festival
- Sisterhood Miriam Seder
- Commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda
- Passover Festival service
- Community Second Night Passover Seder
- Passover Yizkor service

*Purim and  
Passover  
edition*





## President's Message

Linda Ellman Schwartz

*Better, Together*

I always marvel at the buzz around at BHSS. It doesn't matter what day it is, what time it is, or if anyone but Rabbi Ilana, Iris, Michelle, Rebecca and Laura are in the building – there is a busy, warm buzz. The energy is palpable and plans are always being made. It is not just our incredible staff that is working busily – it is so many of our own congregants. I am truly amazed every day by the excited energy from our volunteers - whether they are board members or congregants; it is so inspiring.

This energy carries us through good times and becomes even stronger in difficult times. Watching our staff come together during challenging times is one of the incredible perspectives that I get to see close up as president. It is not just the efficiency of the team work between Rabbi Ilana, Iris, Rebecca and Michelle that crystalizes, but the incredible warmth and sensitivity that each of them brings to the moment. I am grateful that we are fortunate to have each of them as part of our foundation.

It does not end there. Our congregation includes a gracious group of people who volunteer their time to lead minyan

services for families in mourning. These are members who have decided to dedicate time to learning the ins and outs of leading a shiva service and of speaking to families who have just lost a loved one. Once again, I find myself feeling the spirit of kindness and devotion to *tikkun olam*.

We often talk about how our community strives to include all, and help people outside our walls. We may lose sight of the fact that there is no shortage of kindness shared amongst ourselves – sometimes even strangers only connected because we have also chosen to belong to BHSS. It is so beautiful to see our congregants supporting each other, even in simple ways, because we all know that sometimes we need a little help from people beyond our close circles. It struck me again recently when I saw a family in mourning, that BHSS finds a way to embrace our members in the way they need it most. I am once again reminded of how lucky we are to have our unique BHSS community.

The theme of this year's congregational retreat is "BHSS *B'yachad*: Together is Better!" and I think there is no better description for our congregation. We are, indeed, better together.





This year, we are celebrating a MARVELous Purim—the theme, of course, having to do with superheroes. I confess, I'm not particularly well-versed in either the DC or Marvel universes. I think I've seen most of the modern iterations of the Batman movies and was in the proximity of someone watching *Captain America*, but that might be the extent of my contemporary superhero viewing. Through a general genre apathy, I managed to miss every single Spiderman, Antman, Deadpool, Wonder Woman, Hulk, Black Panther, Flash, Avenger, Iron Man, or Aquaman movie. At this point, I've missed so much, I'm not sure how I would begin to catch up...even if that were my inclination. But I think I understand what makes a superhero different from a hero.

My theory is that a superhero is someone who has a supernatural power that aids them with a compulsion for standing up to evil.\* By contrast, a hero is a mere mortal who takes on evil when confronted by it. There are, then, two main differences: human vs. super-human abilities and whether they intentionally seek to combat injustice. Using that definition, I can say with some certainty that I have yet to meet someone who is super-human (though there are certainly some leaders at BHSS who seem that way a lot of the time).

There are, however, many people in the world who seek out injustice and evil with a view towards taking it on. Usually, these ills are not embodied by a singular villain or even a cabal. Instead, much of what seems immoral or unjust in the world has to do with the distribution of funds, resources, respect, and dignity. Unlike some cinematic fight scene, no amount of speed, muscle, or invisible lasso will correct what ails society. Our heroes, then, are those people who either pursue justice or else confront evil because they could not in good conscience, avoid it.

At this time of year, when we celebrate Purim and Pesach, we have in the Jewish literary universe multiple examples of heroes. Vashti, Mordechai, Esther, Shifra, Puah, Moses, Batya, and Miriam all take major risks when injustice threatens them or their communities. They remind us of the bravery of saying, "no," of advocating to those in positions of power, of overcoming our insecurities for the sake of others, and of taking care of those who cannot take care of themselves.

I'm all set with my Purim costume—and, yes, she's straight out of the Marvel Universe. This, year, I want us to consider what it means to be heroic when we aren't in costume. There are evils in the world that will confront us, even if we don't go looking for

them. The Torah teaches us that we don't need to be superheroes, just heroes; we don't need to be anything other than human. Though, we may be hidden like Esther or tentative like Moses, we can embrace the power each of us has.

This Purim, a mask and a cape help remind us that when it counts, we don't need either of them.

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\* Batman is an exception. He too has a compulsion to fight evil, but his powers are all purely human, if enhanced through all of the advantages money can buy.

Door is open...Come on in!

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8:45-10:30 am

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## Birthdays



### March

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Ella Cahill  
Sophia Corsaro  
Hailey Dworkin  
Kira Gamsey  
Jak Henry Goldberg Kaplan  
Allie Goldstein  
Lucas Kramer  
Hunter Lewis  
Mackenzie Nielsen  
Jake Rogers  
Jonah Rose  
Levi Rose  
Heath Stein  
Hannah Wood

### April

Juliet Bedrin  
Asher Bell  
Sam Berry  
Caleb Burshteyn  
Jonah Cohen  
Parker Edrich  
Sutton Edrich  
Jacob Franklin  
Ilana Reese Gilbert  
Hanna Hirschorn  
Lila Hirschorn  
Olyvia Kaufman  
Mila Koppel  
Andrew Kotz  
Andrew McKenna  
Harrison Rosa  
Kylie Rubin  
Dylan Slater





As I may have mentioned in a previous article, I love to write, and I love to help other people write – prayers, college essays, recommendation letters – you name it. And so, it is one of my honors/guilty pleasures to be an editor of *Temple Topics*.

You may know that we highlight those b’nai mitzvah students who are celebrating during the two months of the current issue, which includes something about them and how they feel about reaching this milestone. In addition, they write a bit about their community service. We (the BHSS b’nai mitzvah prep “team”) are very proud that we not only require this of our students, but also that they choose many different projects and ways to help the community at large and, in some cases, the BHSS community directly.

In this *Temple Topics*, one of our students, Ilana Gilbert, has included the following: “I am volunteering in the (BHSS) Kindergarten and First Grade religious school class as a *morah derech* (classroom aide). The kids are eager to learn about their culture and traditions. I enjoy watching them recognize new aspects of their Jewish identity.”

“Watching them recognize new aspects of their Jewish identity” is now going to become part of our school’s mission statement. It says so eloquently what we are about; not helping students to know that they ARE Jewish; parents are doing that already by sending their children to our school.

We are sharing information with them that we hope will resonate with how they want to live their lives. Each year we add new ideas and more nuanced versions of things they have already learned, a progression that will lead to b’nai mitzvah and beyond through our Holocaust education programming and higher-level topics included after 6th grade.

Every time a student says “oh, so THAT’S why...” it reinforces why we got into this business in the first place. And thanks to *morah* Ilana, we are reminded to stop, to watch, and to relish in, our students discovery of every aspect of their Jewish identities.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR March-April-May 2024					
	Sunday Family School & traditional 6th 9:00-10:30 a.m.	Monday K, 1, 2 & traditional 3rd 4:15-5:45 p.m.	Monday Kadimah grades 7-12 6:45-8:15 p.m.	Tuesday traditional 4th & 5th 4:15-5:45 p.m.	Wednesday 6th Remote 4 - 5 p.m.
March	<b>3 no school</b>	4	4	5	6
2024	10	11	11	12	13
	17	18	18	19	20
	24	25	25	26	27
	<b>31 no school</b>				
		<b>1 no school</b>	<b>1 no school</b>	<b>2 no school</b>	<b>3 no school</b>
April	7	8	8	9	10
2024	14	15	15	16	17
	<b>21 no school</b>	<b>22 no school</b>	<b>22 no school</b>	<b>23 no school</b>	<b>24 no school</b>
	28	<b>29 no school</b>	29	30	
May					1
2024	5	6	6	7	8
				14	



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



### **Abigail Fein – March 16, 2024**

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Susie, Father, Jonathan, Brother, Jack, 15 ..... is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School ..... Her interests include soccer, circus, summer camp, crocheting, music, and history. "I want to learn how to focus my energy on important life goals. It has been a lot of hard work, but I know it will be worth it to accomplish this mitzvah. I am making 'ICAN' bracelets to bring awareness and raise money for ICAN Living and Learning, an organization that helps individuals with disabilities to secure suitable employment."



### **Morgan Koppelman – April 6, 2024**

Lives in Montvale, New Jersey. Mother, Eve, Father, Adam, Brother, Sam, 16 ..... is a 7th grader at Fieldstone Middle School ..... Her interests include tennis, basketball, track, camp, family and friends, her dogs, and shopping. "I'm 13 years old and have a lot of time to figure out what I want to do with my life. However, a lot of people say I make a good argument so maybe I will become a lawyer. I am very excited for my Bat Mitzvah. I cannot wait to party and celebrate this milestone! I am collecting recyclable bottles and cans and cashing them in for their deposits. This money will be donated to the IDF."



### **Ilana Reese Gilbert – April 13, 2024**

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Michelle, Father, Adam, Sisters, Rachel, and Melanie, 18 ..... is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School ..... Her interests include violin and spending time with friends and family. "My interests for my future include photography and cosmetology. It has been a long but rewarding journey since starting my Hebrew schooling in kindergarten. I am very proud of all of my accomplishments that have brought me to becoming a bat mitzvah and a Jewish adult. For my community service project, I am volunteering in the Kindergarten and First Grade religious school class as a *morah derech*. The kids are eager to learn about their culture and traditions. I enjoy watching them recognize new aspects of their Jewish identity."



### **Juliet Bedrin – April 20, 2024**

Lives in Montvale, New Jersey. Mother, Jessica, Father, Garret, Sister, Harper, 9 ..... is a 7th grader at Fieldstone Middle School ..... Her interests include dance, friends, running, dogs, and reading. "I aspire to be an interior designer when I'm older. I am so excited to have the honor of being a Jewish adult. I am volunteering at the Jewish Home, a place of care for older people. I bring my dogs, color, and talk with them!"



## Candlelighting Times:

January 5, 2024 Sh'mot 4:24 pm  
January 12, 2024 Va'era 4:31 pm  
January 19, 2024 Bo 4:39 pm  
January 26, 2024 B'Shallach - Shabbat Shirah 4:47 pm

February 2, 2024 Yitro 4:56 pm  
February 9, 2024 Mishpatim 5:05 pm  
February 16, 2024 Terumah 5:13 pm  
February 23, 2024 Tetzaveh 5:21 pm



SPRING INTO SUMMER

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SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Noon-4pm

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SCOUT-N-REBEL | SERVE IN STYLE | WONNAFUL  
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# March Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					BHSS Retreat 6:30 pm Tefilot @ BHSS	Ki Tisa BHSS Retreat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BHSS Retreat No School	4:15 pm grades K 1 2 3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4:15 pm grades 4 & 5	4 pm Remote 6th		7 pm Tefilot	Vayacheil 10 am Adult B'not Mitzvah
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9 am 6th trad & FS noon Spring into Summer Boutique	4:15 pm grades K 1 2 3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4:15 pm grades 4 & 5 7:30 pm Exec Comm Mtg 7:30 pm MMG Mtg	4 pm Remote 6th		5:15 pm Tot Shabbat 7 pm Tefilot	P'kudei 10 am Abby Fein 7 pm Broadway Rocks BHSS
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9 am 6th trad & FS	4:15 pm grades K 1 2 3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4:15 pm grades 4 & 5 7:30 pm Board Mtg	4 pm Remote 6th		7 pm Tefilot	Vayikra - Zachor 7 pm Purim Spiel
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9 am 6th trad & FS 10:30 am to 1 pm Purim Carnival	4:15 pm grades K 1 2 3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4:15 pm grades 4 & 5	4 pm Remote 6th 7:30 pm Rabbi Joel Schwartzman on Israel		7 pm Tefilot	Tzav - Parah
31						
No School	 <p>Rabbi Ilana will hold a session for constructive feedback from you, the BHSS congregation. We hope you'll join us and let your voice be heard.</p> <p>Tuesday, March 26 – 7:30pm via Zoom</p>					



# April Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	NO School	NO School	NO School 7:30 pm Adult Choir 7:30 pm Rabbi Joel Schwartzman on Israel		6:30 pm Tefilot Family Service grades K-3 help lead	Sh'mini - HaChodesh 10 am Morgan Koppelman
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 am 6th trad & FS	4:15 pm grades K 1 2 3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4:15 pm grades 4 & 5 7:30 pm Exec Comm Mtg 7:30 pm MMG Mtg	4 pm Remote 6th 7:30 pm Rabbi Joel Schwartzman on Israel		7 pm Tefilot	Tazria 10 am Ilana Gilbert
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 am 6th trad & FS 11 am Reading Together Book Club	4:15 pm grades K 1 2 3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4:15 pm grades 4 & 5 7:30 pm Board Mtg	4 pm Remote 6th 7:30 pm 30th Anniv. Of Genocide Against Tutsis		5:15 pm Tot Shabbat 7 pm Tefilot	M'tzora - HaGadol 10 am Juliet Bedrin
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
NO School	NO School	Office Closed NO School 10 am Passover Festival Svce via Zoom 6 pm Community 2nd Seder	NO School		7 pm Tefilot	Pesach V
28	29	30				
9 am 6th trad & FS	Office Closed NO School 10 am Passover Yizkor	4:15 pm grades 4 & 5				

Join us for a MARVELOUS

# MARVEL PURIM



**MARCH 23**  
**7 pm**

**Wear Your Superhero Costume!**

BHSSTY Presents

# PURIM CARNIVAL

**Sunday, March 24 | 10:30 am - 1 pm**

Come in costume, play games,  
win prizes, make new friends,  
fun for all ages!



**IN THE SOCIAL HALL**

\$5 for 10 tickets  
\$10 for 20 tickets  
\$20 for 40 tickets

Bring in a canned good item for 10 tickets.

Please bring cash or check only!



# Four Mitzvot of Purim

There are four basic mitzvot established by the Mishnah, the first Rabbinic law code, based on the text of the Book of Esther. Following the salvation of the Jews, Mordecai decreed the everlasting observance of the holiday, and Esther confirmed his ordinance:

## **Esther 9:29-31**

<sup>9:29</sup> Then Queen Esther daughter of Abihail wrote a second letter of Purim for the purpose of confirming with full authority the aforementioned one of Mordecai the Jew. <sup>30</sup> Dispatches were sent to all the Jews in the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the realm of Ahashuerus with an ordinance of “equity and honesty.” <sup>31</sup> These days of Purim shall be observed at their proper time, as Mordecai the Jew—and now Queen Esther—has obligated them to do, and just as they have assumed for themselves and their descendants the obligation of the fasts with their lamentations. [I.e., the Jews are to celebrate this festive holiday in addition to their commemorations of national tragedies.]

### **1. Reading the Megillah (*Mikra Megillah*)**

*And Esther’s ordinance validating these observances of Purim was recorded in a scroll (Esther 9:32).*

Each year, we retell the story of Purim, found in the Megillah (which is the same as the biblical book of Esther). As this story is one of overturned fortunes and unexpected endings, our recitation of the story is often humorous, honoring the festivity of the holiday.



### **2. Festive meal (*Se’udat Purim*)**

*They were to observe [these days of Purim] as days of feasting and merrymaking... (9:22).*

Purim is a time for feasting and making a day of gladness. Purim is a time for special foods such as *hamantashen* (cookies filled with poppy seeds or jam) and *kreplach* (dumplings).

### **3. Sending gifts to friends (*Mishloach Manot*)**



*...for sending gifts to one another... (9:22)*

On Purim, Jews across the kingdom of Persia celebrated their freedom, and they continue to share in that joy every year. Sending gifts to friends, often baskets of food and treats, is a practice intended to increase everyone’s joy, both the sender and the receiver.

### **4. Sending presents to the poor (*Matanot L’evyonim*)**

*...and [sending] presents to the poor (9:22).*

The festivities of Purim are not reserved only for those who can afford them. Giving money or other gifts to those who are in need allows the spirit of the holiday to spread to every corner of the community.

Passover begins this year with the first seder on **April 22**.

A second seder will be here at BHSS on April 23 - in person!  
Contact the office to join us!

## 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?

שֶׁבֶּכֶל הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין חֲמִיץ וּמָצָה, הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כָּלוּ מָצָה.

*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.

שֶׁבֶּכֶל הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין שְׂאֵר יִרְקוֹת הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מָרוֹר.

*Sheb'chol haleilot anu och'lin sh'ar y'rakot. Haleilah hazeh maror.*

On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables. On this night, bitter herbs.

שֶׁבֶּכֶל הַלַּיְלוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מְטַבִּילִין אֶפִּילוּ פַּעַם אַחַת. הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה שְׁתֵּי פְעָמִים:

*Sheb'chol haleilot ein anu mat'bilin 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.

שֶׁבֶּכֶל הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבִין וּבֵין מְסֻבִּין.

הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כָּלָנוּ מְסֻבִּין.

*Sheb'chol haleilot anu ochlin bein yosh'vin uvein m'subin. Halailah hazeh kulanu m'subin.*

On all other nights we eat sitting or reclining. On this night we all recline.





# Community Second Night Seder



Why is tonight different than all other nights?

For the answer to this question and much more come to the

BHSS Community Second Night Seder

April 23 at 6 pm

details to follow

## SISTERHOOD'S MIRIAM SEDER

Gather with Sisterhood for a complete, creative, and compassionate Miriam Seder led by Rabbi Ilana. Refugee issues will be highlighted. Bring your stories/pictures of loved ones who emigrated to the U.S.

Thursday, April 11 at  
6 PM in the BHSS social hall



Cost: Sisterhood members - \$50,  
Nonmembers - \$55, Children - \$25, Under 13 - free.

Payment options: via Venmo to @Lisa-Lamster, via Zelle to lisalams@optonline.net, or check made out to Sisterhood of BHSS and mailed to Lisa Lamster, 1053 Ash Drive, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Please RSVP to lisalams@optonline.net by March 16th.

We are collecting non-perishable food items for Oasis to fill weekend survival food bags (small boxes/containers of food, snacks, water, and juice boxes).

## Passover Yizkor Service

via Zoom

Monday, April 29  
10 am





**SHABBAT  
family  
SERVICES**

**April 5 at 6:30 pm**

Join Rabbi Ilana, Rosh Shirah Brian Gelfand and grades K, 1, 2 and 3

We hope you join us for this fun, music-filled service for the whole family to participate in and enjoy!

join us for Oneg Shabbat right after the service

**Everyone Welcome!**

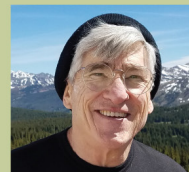


### Israel's Strategic Position in the Middle East with Rabbi Joel Schwartzman March 27, April 3 and 10 at 7:30 pm – VIA ZOOM

Join Rabbi Joel Schwartzman for a 3-part series  
that is more significant than ever!

The series will cover:

- Issues of water, arms, natural resources, religion and regional alliances
- The timeline of Israel's military conflicts
- An entire session devoted to the War in Gaza: Operation Iron Swords
- Israel's relations with its neighbors, along with threats to, and opportunities for, peaceful coexistence



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.

# Tot Shabbat!

**Fridays, March 15 and  
April 19 at 5:15 p.m.**

*For children ages birth-kindergarten and their families.*

*Do a craft, hear a story, sing songs... everything you love about Tot Shabbat, and PIZZA, too!*

*Rabbi Ilana and Director of Education Rebecca McVeigh look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you and your tots!*





# Meet the Member

## Congregational stories

Each month a congregant writes about how they became involved at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. We hope you enjoy learning about your fellow or past members' individual stories.



## Gloria Leder

My Jewish history began at birth. My parents were the only survivors in their family from Poland. My mother was 16 years old and my father 25 years old at the end of the war. They were refugees in America. I traveled back to Poland with my mother, and saw the home my parents grew up in, and the town they lived in. I also saw the concentration camps and ghettos. But the more important thing to me is knowing that they had a full life before the destruction.

I grew up in Queens, New York in a community that seemed more of a melting pot. I moved to New York City after college, and attended graduate school before raising my family in Ridgewood, New Jersey.

I became interested in my own history, because it seemed like families around me were practicing their religions, and also had extended families. I did not. I had no religious education, and only knew I was Jewish because my parents were "survivors." In New York, it did not seem to be out of the ordinary to be Jewish or any other nationality. In Ridgewood, New Jersey I began to have a different experience.

I struggled to fit into the community and eventually joined a Conservative synagogue with a rabbi who I knew was a child of survivors. He was accepting, understanding and encouraged me to ask questions. My non-Jewish friends encouraged me to learn about my history, and Judaism from its beginnings. I began to study and learn, and to light Shabbat candles. I learned to do a "little bit" of Judaism and increased over time, slowly. I started to kiss the mezuzah when I left and entered my home. I thought about the prayers I read and tried to find when they were written in the history of our people. I read historical novels about our rabbis and families. I listened to the music of our people, classical and contemporary. Now, it is all part of my soul.

I have been involved in Beth Haverim Shir Shalom over many years. I joined as a member, then left, but came to High Holiday Services every year, then finally became a member again... and this time a participant. What changed?

I met Rabbi Ilana four years ago. We talked. Her interest in my history and her ability to relate to my Jewish history and

current interests sealed the deal!!

Iris, as well, has always been a smiling and welcoming person, even when I was "just" getting tickets for High Holiday Services. Since then, Michelle and now Rebecca have helped to create a warm, welcoming community where I can be involved and pursue my interest in Judaism.

And now, I am finally completing my Bat Mitzvah this March, along with three other women.

I love my Judaism, but didn't know how to share it with the world. I believe that BHSS is unique because it is accepting of people, it allows you to get involved and change as needed until you find your comfort zone. There are so many ways to find belonging. I began to attend services regularly and joined Sisterhood and the Membership Committee.

Many years ago, I pursued an adult study of Judaism. After four years, my dream was that children would be more involved in the richness of our religion and ongoing learning. Rabbi Ilana has and will continue to create that dream at BHSS.

Also, a miracle happened to me about 8 years ago. One of my father's first cousins found me. He lives in Israel with his family. I have visited them many times since, we speak regularly and try to meet in Israel or Europe. The war has been very difficult for all of us, but mostly for them. We share the yearning for relatives. Their children and grandchildren and mine are unique in that neither of us had cousins or grandparents growing up. The miracle of survival and thriving in life is not lost on us.

The more I learn and become involved, the more I love the richness of our people. Today I am making friends at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. It is my community. For our B'not Mitzvah, one of my new friends and I are starting a film group on Jewish themes. I hope that it will be accepted and that the community will become interested and involved with us.

I am willing to help out where I can. And I hope to continue my love and enthusiasm for as long as I possibly can.

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I love to read - books of all kinds, especially historical fiction, crime stories both true and imagined, and I recently discovered there's a whole genre of British detective novels that have become a serious weakness. Although I don't have a 2nd-6th grader (anymore), I attended the talk given by author Lisa Greenwald about her writing and more specifically her latest book, *Ellie's Deli – Wishing on Matzoh Ball Soup*, at BHSS on February 4. I enjoyed it so much I actually purchased a copy for myself!

There were so many things I really liked about being there. Of course, because it was about a book, but more that it was an opportunity for adults and children to do something together. This is different from driving a child to an activity and sitting while they run, swim, create, or play, but actually doing something in tandem as a unit. It's kind of like cooking together, but I'm getting ahead of myself, and the book.

As Education Committee chair, I know – and probably you do too – that there are so many different opportunities to learn at BHSS. Religious School is obvious, weekly services, naturally, but there's also Lifelong Learning, Library Committee, Torah Study; I could go on, but I think you get where I'm going. Education and learning don't always have to be about facts and figures, it's also the non-tangible lessons we pick up from just living our lives.

Sitting in the social hall, watching everyone young and old not only listening to Lisa Greenwald talk about the hows and whys of her writing process, but listening to the group ask questions about the whos, whats and wheres, really made me think. Maybe this is an opportunity for all of us to

do a little more learning together? What about a Big Person/Little Person Book Club? Parent, grandparent, guardian, aunt, uncle; it doesn't really matter, but you probably want a smaller person to share the experience with you and give it a different perspective.

*Ellie's Deli – Wishing on Matzoh Ball Soup* seems like a great book to begin with. It's got a little something for all ages to think on, discuss, and maybe learn something new. Who doesn't love that a-ha moment when you weren't even looking? Join us on Sunday, April 14 at 11 a.m.!

-Ronni Seif



**BHSS  
Reading  
Together  
BOOK  
CLUB**

**SUNDAY  
APRIL 14  
11:00am-  
12:30pm**  
in the social hall

## Who can come?

BHSS Members -  
1 Big Person  
(parent, guardian,  
grandparent, aunt,  
uncle, or a good  
friend of the family)  
+ 1 Little Person  
(grades 2 - 6)

## What do WE need to do?

1. Get the book
2. Read the book  
before April 14th
3. Come ready to  
discuss your  
thoughts,  
questions and  
ideas about  
the book





# BROADWAY ROCKS BASS

**16 MARCH**  
**7PM**

**Live Concert Featuring Broadway  
performers from:**

**RENT, HAMILTON, JERSEY BOYS,  
JAGGED LITTLE PILL, TINA TURNER,  
ON YOUR FEET, IN THE HEIGHTS,  
AND MORE...**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

**50% of proceeds to support Magen David Adom**



# NEW MEMBER MEET & GREET

On Sunday, January 21, BHSS held our new member meet and greet, and it was a rousing success! Over 20 of our newest families got a chance to meet board members, staff, committee members and other families old and new over a delicious brunch. Welcome to all!





# SISTERHOOD

*"Spring is Nature's Way of Saying, 'Let's Party!'"*

-Robin Williams

As this column is written, it feels positively spring-like out there. But snow is forecast for next week. We don't know what the weather will do, but we sure know what Sisterhood's been doing, and what's cooking for the spring. We hope you came out for our mid-winter "Beat the Blues" wellness day. After all, how often do busy women like us get to spend an afternoon on mental, physical and emotional self-care? (Not to mention just a bit of socializing on the side!) It was a great event, and we think it's a keeper.

Our next program is "Sisterhood Shabbat" on Friday night, March 8. Join Gail Spencer and Jane Koch as they lead us in spirituality and song, while we share stories of our heritage and the women who shaped us.

Along the same lines, Thursday, March 11 will be the annual Miriam's Seder, led by our own Rabbi Ilana. Have you seen the "kos Miriam" on the Seder table and wondered why? Come learn about this, as well as the story of Pesach from the perspective of the silent majority (=women). RSVP to Lisa Lamster by April 1, because this event is always popular. Bring your mothers and your daughters—it's an inter-generational gathering! Cost is \$50/member and \$55/non-member. (\$25 ages 13-18) A portion of your proceeds goes to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

On Monday, May 6, we join with the Library Ladies to present BHSS member and photographer extraordinaire Joel Ives, to give us tips from a pro. Check the Library Committee article below for details. This event is FREE!

Unpack your poodle skirts and put up your ponytails on Saturday night, May 18, when we host a Doo Wop night with Barbara Heitmann and friends. Couples and singles are welcome. We'll serve light refreshments and beverages while you sing along (and maybe even get up to dance?) to their rockin' sounds. Please bring a new pair or two of socks to donate to our veterans.

Dine-A-Round is coming! It's now scheduled for Saturday, June 8. If you haven't been to one before, you're in for a treat. Appetizers in one home, dinner in another and dessert—all with friends new and old. We're still looking for volunteer hosts, so please contact us if you'd like to jump in.

Finally, our installation dinner, to thank our outgoing Board and to welcome our new Board, is scheduled for Monday, June 3 at Delpino's Restaurant in Montvale.

Watch your weekly e-mails for more information and RSVP details for every event...and come and get to know us better.

Let's party!

Stacey Coyne and Linda Vogel  
Co-Presidents

# LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library Committee, along with Sisterhood and Brotherhood, is preparing for our May event with our own Joel Ives, which is scheduled for Monday, May 6 at 6:45 pm in the Ulam. Joel will be discussing how to improve your photography. He wants people to submit a photo or photos via text (201-919-6543) or email ivesarch@optonline.net and he and the group will discuss how to enhance the photo. Joel will discuss some of the tools he uses...like Photoshop. We hope you'll join us!

We also want to thank the generous donors who gave us the following books: *Babylon: A Novel of Jewish Captivity* by Michelle Cameron and *Ellie's Deli: Wishing on Matzo Ball Soup* by Lisa Greenwald.

Taste of Passover will be back on Friday, April 12. Please come over to our table in the Social Hall after services to taste the Passover foods and to pick up a recipe book.

# Julia's Journey:

## A story of love, courage & hope



**Sunday April 7**

7 pm at **Regal Cinema**, located at  
Shops at Nanuet, 5101 Fashion Drive, Nanuet, NY

Directed by: Harvey Weinberg  
Produced by: Iris Greenberg, Linda Schwartz & Harvey Weinberg  
Video Production: Kyle Dubiel; NYU Tisch School of the Arts; SNL Photographer

- Our congregation met Julia and her young son Sasha when they came to Suffern in April 2022. One year later we produced a film documenting the relationship that grew over those twelve months.
- Another twelve months have passed, and our relationship with Julia and her family remains strong, as they are very much a part of our community. Please join us on April 7 to view the film, to hear how Julia describes her life in the US, and to support the JCC, which has generously enabled Sasha to continue to enjoy its summer camp.

*I hope that people will see that this is far more than a retelling of the good deeds our synagogue has done. It's a demonstration of the power and beauty of a community reaching out to strangers with kindness and open arms. And, it's the story of Julia's courage, determination, spirit and humor.* —Harvey Weinberg

Beth Haverim Shir Shalom



*When we say, "Never again,"  
we mean it for all people of the world.*

**Wednesday, April 17 – 7:30pm**

For the 30th anniversary of the genocide perpetrated against Tutsis in Rwanda, we welcome survivors Providence and Eric Nkurunziza. They will share their stories and those of friends and family killed during the genocide 30 years ago.



**Providence Nkurunziza** is a Commissioner with the Texas Holocaust Genocide and Anti-Semitism Advisory Commission. She was 11 when five of her siblings, her two parents and the rest of her extended family were wiped out during the genocide against Tutsis.



Her husband, **Eric Nkurunziza** was born in Rwanda, but due to the instability within the nation, his parents sent him to the Democratic Republic of the Congo for his safety. Eric lived with his uncle's family, leaving behind his parents, three sisters, and a brother.

Don't miss this incredible event!



Participating in adult choir is a great way to connect with fellow congregants as well as your own spirituality. You don't need to have any musical background, just a will to learn... and sing!

We are looking for new voices to join choir. Our rehearsals are Wednesdays.

If interested, please contact Michelle (former choir member!) at the temple office.



# 👁 Contributions 👁

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## *Rabbi's Discretionary Fund*

with thanks for the comfort you have provided to our family  
and in memory of our Ed Vogel - *Linda, Jen & Mark Vogel*

to Bill Pearlman, in memory of your stepmother  
Barbara Pearlman

- *Robin & Ed Lockwood*

in memory of Samuel Gross

- *Joyce Keshner*

## *Life Fund*

in memory of Ed Vogel

- *Lynn & Michael Zall*  
- *Ilyse & Floyd Smith*  
- *Ethel Rosen & Stu Kirshner*  
- *Deborah & Jeff Klein*  
- *Jane & Eric Koch*  
- *Alexia & Elliott Feldman*  
- *Mona & Jeff Lefkowitz*  
- *Kathy & Howard Zukof*  
- *Jayne Cohen*  
- *Renee & Gary Garbus*

in memory of Jerry Chertoff, Mandel Stein - *Joel Goldfarb*

to Ronni Seif, in memory of her dear  
mother Penny Lee Joseph Smith - *Deena & Scott Goldstein*  
- *Linda & David Schwartz*  
- *Roni & Andy Silver*

in memory of Gerald Klein, Sylvia Mandel, Noah Mandel  
- *Arlene & Rich Mandel*

in memory of Joel Sankel - *Sheryl Ives*

in memory of Janice Kaplan - *Alison Axelrod*

to Ronni Seif, in honor of her becoming adult Bat Mitzvah  
- *Roni & Andy Silver*

in memory of Dr. Harold Feldman and Sheila Feldman  
- *Irene Feldman*

to BHSS, with thanks and appreciation - *Jill & Adam Behar*

in memory of Eric Wiener, Harvey's cousin  
- *Monica & Harvey Wiener*

to Bill Pressman, in memory of your  
beloved mother, Claire Pressman - *Deborah & Jeff Klein*

## *Center for Food Action*

*Donated by their family in honor of the following simcha*

Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Rosenstock

## *Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge*

*Donated by their family in honor of the following simcha*

Bat Mitzvah of Abby Fein

## *Jewish Family Services of Rockland*

*Donated by their family in honor of the following simcha*

Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Rosenstock

## *Adult B'nai Mitzvah*

Did you not have the opportunity to  
publicly celebrate your coming of age  
as a young Jewish adult?

Or perhaps you were the teen for  
whom Bar or Bat Mitzvah did not  
have the meaning or impact you wish  
it had.

If this sounds like you, join our next  
Adult B'nai Mitzvah cohort. Together,  
you will learn to read Hebrew, study  
Torah, and learn to lead the  
congregation in prayer.

To sign up or for more information,  
call the BHSS front office.

# SOCIAL ACTION

As we segue from the chill of winter to the warmth of spring, the BHSS Social Action Committee is grateful to all our fellow advocates and is busily planting seeds for future initiatives. Here is a recap of what SA has accomplished so far and what we hope to achieve in the coming weeks:

## 1) BHSS's Refugee Shabbat: February 2

Our annual Refugee Shabbat sponsored by H.I.A.S. was inspirational and successful. The service further elaborated on our continuing call to welcome the strangers among us. A heartfelt thank you to Rabbi Ilana, Sheila Groskin, and Sheryl Ives, our key organizers, as well as the rest of our readers and participants. We are especially proud of Julia Hryhor, the Ukrainian refugee who has become part of the BHSS community, and was our eloquent keynote speaker. She gave an inspirational and educational speech about how the overseas Ukrainian community celebrates its Christmas season with its strong sense of tradition plus unity among family members, fellow neighbors, and friends. Her talk was deeply touching and uplifting.

In addition, the filmed documentary about Julia's life entitled "**Julia's Journey**" is being shown at the Shops of Nanuet's Regal Cinema as part of the JCC of Rockland's International Film Festival! This is exciting news, so don't forget to mark down the date of Sunday evening, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. Reserve your tickets so you can watch this film again or for the first time. Spread the word!

## 2) Midnight Run: Saturday night, February 10

The annual February Midnight Run was enthusiastically attended by over a dozen members of the BHSS Youth Group, led by Sam Spencer and Annabel Theodore, as well as Jonathan Theodore and Steve Simon, our human glue that holds this initiative together so skillfully. BHSS works under the umbrella of the Presbyterian Church of Larchmont, New York and its lay leaders plus youth group. All of the Midnight Run's participants, especially our youth group members in attendance, displayed camaraderie and compassion as they enthusiastically pitched in to serve prepared food from a truck and distribute specific items of clothing to the adult homeless community in lower Manhattan.

Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in joining the Social Action Committee at our new members meet and greet on January 21. We have added your names to our contact list and will keep you posted about any upcoming programs and scheduled committee meetings. We are continuing to plan 22

inter-synagogue and interfaith initiatives that address the burning issue of anti-Semitism both here and abroad, as well as other social justice issues affecting our community.

BHSS's Social Action Committee meets in person or virtually on the final Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions and/or ideas. Our committee's email address is below as well as our personal contact information. We welcome you with outstretched arms!

Stay safe and healthy everyone. B'shalom.

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[midnightrun.org](http://midnightrun.org)

# Clothing Drive

The Midnight Run donates needed goods directly to people on the streets in New York City. After the Youth Group's successful Midnight Run in January, we will increase our donations to monthly!



**Adult sizes ONLY**

Gently used or new please

The following items are always in need:

- Shoes/sneakers of all sizes
- Jackets, Coats, Wraps
- Jeans/trousers of all sizes
- Sweatpants of all sizes
- Hoodies, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Fleece Pullovers
- Tee Shirts
- Socks & Underwear - only new, in packages
- Hats, Scarves, Gloves
- Toiletries



We can always use help with this work. If you're interested in sorting, driving or delivering for our next Midnight Run, please reach out to us.

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# MICHELLE MITZVAH GROUP

"I have to say, when I was your age, on a Saturday night, the last thing I would be doing is what you are about to embark on tonight." Those were the comments from a gentleman in his 80's, admiring the commitment of the members of the BHSS youth group right before we left to go on Midnight Run. Midnight Run involves distributing food, clothing, blankets, and personal care items, face-to-face, to the homeless population on the streets of New York City.

The comments made me think of a scene in the movie *Crocodile Dundee II* when Mick Hogan goes to a club to ask the leader for help. When he asks the leader what they did last night, one member says empathically, "Man, we didn't do nothing. We were here all night." Mick responds, "That's what you call cool, is it? Well, tomorrow, if someone asks you the same question, you can say, 'We didn't do anything.' Or you can say we...IYKYK...we did something last night! We did (fill in the blank)!"

The underlying message that I always took out of the scene is "what is so cool about doing nothing?" Yes, it is fun to relax and everyone is deserving of a little R & R, but that is after you do the work. The work can be whatever you would like. Here is an easy way to help out. Due to the plastic bag ban in NJ, we all probably have too many reusable grocery bags at home. Take one of those bags & fill it up with some of the following items in your home and then drop it off at the synagogue. The food donated will go to the CFA (Center for Food Action). The most needed items are:

- Supermarket Gift Cards
- Canned Meat & Fish
- Canned Pastas, Stews, Chilis and Hearty Soups
- Canned Tomatoes and Vegetables
- Pasta, White and Brown Rice, Dried Beans
- Cold Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Shelf Stable Milk Baby Formula,
- Diapers (Size 4, 5, 6)
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels
- Low Sodium and Low Sugar Foods
- Cleaning products & Laundry Detergent
- Toothpaste, Shampoo & Body Wash
- Coffee

There are multiple ways to help out. Not sure how or what to do? Reach out to, me, Steve Simon at 201-788-6755 or [steveoum@verizon.net](mailto:steveoum@verizon.net) and I will help you find something, instead of just "nothing." And then, you can look back and say with pride, "Yeah, we did that!"

B'Shalom  
Steven Simon  
Michelle Mitzvah Group Chair

## BROTHERHOOD

Dear brothers in the 'hood:

It's been a busy couple of Brotherhood months thus far in 2024!

We have been planning lots of great things for the spring, while we continue to collect clothing and coats to donate to those in need. Brotherhood has donated over 1,000 pounds of clothing to Goodwill, and another 1,000 pounds with the Youth group to the Midnight Run. All 19 members who participated in Midnight Run found it to be an amazing and humbling experience. And thank YOU to our BHSS families for your donations and continued support for what's good and decent in the world.

Brotherhood will be hosting several events at the upcoming BHSS retreat, and keep an eye out for upcoming monthly dinners, breakfasts, a comedy night, our annual suite at the New York Boulders, and much more!

Please come to a meeting, share your ideas and most of all, make some new friends!

L'shalom.

—BHSS Brotherhood

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MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR BLESSING זכרונם לברכה ☆

## *March Yahrzeits*

BERTHA ALTER	ROSE FRIEDMAN	MILDRED LEOFF	BERNARD ROSENBERG
SHELBY ALTER	CLAIRE GEISENHEIMER	RUTH LEDERMAN	SOL SCHLOSSER
NORMA ATLAS	MITCH GOLDMAN	JULIETTE LESSEN	DIANE SCHORR
MAUREEN BOYLE	JOSEF GOLDSCHMIDT	FRANK LEVENE	ANN SEIDNER
MARK BRAUNSTEIN	AVA GILLIAN GOTTLIEB	RUTH LEVINE	LOUIS SIEGEL
ALICE BRICKMAN	HENRY GREENBERG	BEATRICE LEVITT	SUSAN STERN
MYRON BUCHALTER	FRANCIS GRIFFIN	SOL LIRTZMAN	DANNY STETTIN
FLORA CASSUTO	STEWART GROSSMAN	MARTHA MAIER	RHODA STOLLER
BETTY COYNE	BERTHA GROVE	SHIRLEY MARKS	EDWARD TAPP
SHARON DANTZIG	LYNDA HARRIS	RITA NURNBERG	MARIA TITCOMB
JETTY DENTZ	ROY ISRAEL	IRWIN ORSHALICK	MORRIS UNGER
SHEILA LEVITT ESTRIN	ROY KAMM	CHARLES PESIN	DENISE WEICHER
NED FELLMAN	HELEN KASSOVER	HARRIET POPOWITZ	LAURIE WEINBERG
PAUL FISHER	ABRAHAM KIRSHNER	MARTIN POPOWITZ	SALLY WEINER
JOHN PATRICK FLYNN	SEYMOUR KRICHMAR	ANNA PREMSELAAR	IRIS WILNER
HARRY FRIEDMAN	SHAYE LANDAU	LEAH REINSTEIN	SARAH WUNSCH

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

### *Condolences to:*

**Megan Lewis** and family on the death  
of her husband, **Nicholas Lewis**

*R'fuah Sh'leimah*  
(For a full and speedy recovery)

**Joel Goldfarb**

**Joyce Keshner**

### *Welcome New Members:*

**Andrew & Veni Aibinder and family**, Mahwah, NJ

**Mitchell & Leah Edelman**, Wanaque NJ

**Ira & Irit Bloomgarden**, Suffern, NY

**Jess & Lauren Edelman and family**, Hillsdale, NJ

**Scott & Jan Rossen and family**, Wyckoff, NJ

**Jason & Lori Rogers and family**, Mahwah, NJ



# MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR BLESSING זכרונם לברכה

## *April Yahrzeits*

MORRIS ABNER	HYMAN GRUBMAN	SHIRLEY LEVINE	SONYA SHAPIRO
NATALIE ADLMAN	WALTER HARTWICH	BENJAMIN LEVITT	FRANCES SIEGEL
MILES ALTER	JOHN J. HAYES	VIVIEN LICHTER	IAN L. SILVER MD
KEVIN ANESETTI	DINA HEIBLUM	JUAN HANS LOWENSTEIN	ALEX SILVERMAN
LEON AUERBACH	PHILIP HEIBLUM	EVELYN MARCUS	CELIA SIMON
LORETTA BECKER	THELMA HERSHMAN	DAVID MARX	RICHARD SITOMER
ANNA BERKOWITZ	ALFRED HERTZ	ISIDORE MOSER	SANDRA SLAVIN
BARNET BERNSTEIN	MICHAEL HOZER	MARILYN MOSER	JOSEPH SLUCKER
SHERWOOD BOFFORD	BENJAMIN ISKOWITZ	STANLEY MOSER	JERRY STEINMAN
SIMON BORNSTEIN	ISADORE ISRAEL	BARBARA MOSS	ELAINE STERN
ISRAEL CHARNE	ROSALIND KAMLET	BEATRICE LERNER MOSS	SYDNEY STOLLER
BERNICE COHEN	ROBERT KARASIK	VIDA MYLSON	PETER STRASSER
JANET COHEN	GERTRUDE KLEIN	JOSEPH OPPENHEIM	SEYMOUR STRASSER
SHOSHANA DAVIS	DORA KOHN	THELMA OVENTHAL	SHIRLEY STRASSER
GREG DUCHARME	GERILYNN KRIEG	MARION PLOTT	IRVING TOONKEL
WILLIAM FRANKLIN	JOSH KRUTER	JOY POLLACK	SALLY VICTOR
MARTIN FRIEDMAN	HELEN KUNEGO	PHYLLIS POLLACK	FLORA VOGEL-LIRTZMAN
IRVING GLICK	PEARL LACHER	SHLOMO POUSTY	ELYSE WEISSER
JOEL AARON GORDON	ELAINE LANDAU	NATHAN ROCKER	ANDREW FRANK
ESSIE GREENZWEIG	ARLENE LAVINSKY	LIBBY SCHLOSSER	WINNING
JACOB GROSKIN	DAVID LEITNER	BETTY SCHOTT	FRIEDA YAGODA
ANNIE GROVE	FRANCES LEVENE	IRA SCHULMAN	DANIEL REED YOUNG
	MORRIS LEVIN	HAROLD SENZEL	

## 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.

If you are interested in getting involved, there are many ways to volunteer, whether it be cooking a meal, donating restaurant gift cards, or making a phone call to a congregant in need. You would be surprised at how much you get back from devoting a little time to call and 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).



# BHSS YOUTH GROUP

## *Shalom Everyone!*

We had such an *amazing* Midnight Run! Thank you everyone who donated food, clothes, money, and time. Check out these kind words from one of the organizers!

"Thanks to the BHSS Youth Group and the accompanying adults who made February's Midnight Run a huge success.

This spirited group of volunteers arrived at 4PM with mountains of donated clothing and blankets they have been collecting. They jumped right in to the prep and sorting of supplies which wrapped up in record time. Following the prep they disappeared down to the church kitchen to make 25 lunches with supplies they had purchased.

The Dream Team from BHSS was truly engaged with our friends at each stop. With great care & respect, they served food and friendship into the night. We would surely welcome them back."

We hope you and your families join us next time for this fun and rewarding evening!



*We would love to have you join us at one of our upcoming youth events!*

## *Menschmakers Grades 3-6*

### **BHSS Congregational Retreat**

March 1 - 3

### **Purim Carnival**

March 24, 10:30-12:30 pm

### **BINGO @ The Promenade at Chestnut Ridge**

April 21, 11-12:15 pm

### **Family Fun Day**

May 19 at noon

### **Dave and Busters**

June TBD

## *BHSSTY Grades 7-12*

### **BHSS Congregational Retreat**

March 1 - 3

### **Purim Carnival**

SET UP March 23 at 9 pm

March 24, 10:30-12:30 pm

### **Creative Service**

April 19, 7 pm

### **BINGO @ The Promenade at Chestnut Ridge**

April 21, 11-12:15 pm

### **Family Fun Day**

May 19 at noon

### **Elections End of Year Sendoff**

June TBD

**Hope we get the chance to see you soon!**

**If you have any ideas for events or just want to chat, you can reach us at [bhssyouth@gmail.com](mailto:bhssyouth@gmail.com).**

**Follow us on Instagram @bhsstyinsta.**

**Become a member of the youth group!**

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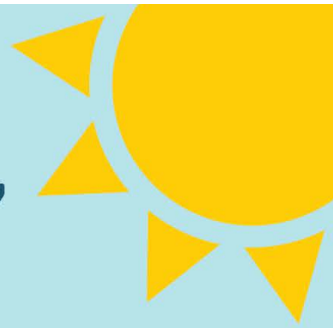


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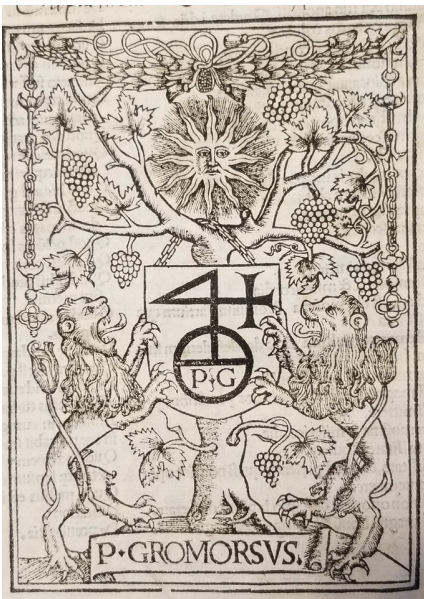
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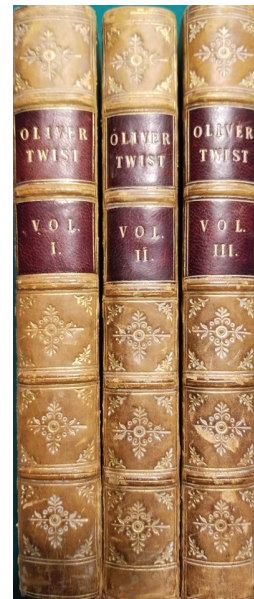
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# Worship Schedule

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Friday, March 1	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service
Friday, March 8	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service - <b>Sisterhood Shabbat</b>
Saturday, March 9	10:00 am	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Sheila Barbach, Gloria Leder, Susan Reinstein and Ronni Seif
Friday, March 15	5:15 pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service led by 6th grade Oneg Shabbat host: the Fein family
Saturday, March 16	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Abby Fein
Friday, March 22	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service
Saturday, March 23	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Purim Shpiel – A MARVELous Purim Shpiel</b>
Friday, March 29	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service
Friday, April 5	6:30 pm	Shabbat Family Service led by grades K/1/2/3 Oneg Shabbat host: the Koppelman family <i>Birthdays in March and April will be celebrated</i>
Saturday, April 6	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Morgan Koppelman
Friday, April 12	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service Oneg Shabbat host: the Gilbert family
Saturday, April 13	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Ilana Gilbert
Friday, April 19	5:15 pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service Oneg Shabbat host: the Bedrin family
Saturday, April 20	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Juliet Bedrin
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Passover Festival Service – via Zoom</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Community Second Night Seder</b>
Friday, April 26	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service
<b>Monday, April 29</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Passover Yizkor Service – via Zoom</b>



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**Sessions of School:**

Sundays: March 10, 17, 24, April 7, 14  
Mondays: March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 8, 15  
Tuesdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 9, 16  
Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 10, 17

**Office Closed:**

Tuesday, April 23  
Monday, April 29



## To do in March and April

- Celebrate the joy of friendship and Shabbat with Sisterhood Shabbat on Friday, March 8 at 7:00 pm
- Get ready to shop 'til you drop at the Spring into Summer Boutique at BHSS on Sunday, March 10 at noon
- Tot Shabbat for kids birth - Kindergarten is on Fridays, March 15 and April 19 at 5:15 pm - RSVP and plan to stay for pizza!
- Back by popular demand! Broadway at your Doorstep presents Broadway Rocks at BHSS - on Saturday, March 16 at 7:00 pm. Tickets on Sale Now!
- Attention all BHSS superheroes! Join us for a MARVELous Purim Shpiel on Saturday, March 23 at 7:00 pm
- And don't miss the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 24 starting at 10:30 am.
- Rabbi Joel Schwartzman is back with his 3-part lecture series on Israel's Strategic Position in the Middle East on Wednesdays March 27, April 3 and April 10 at 7:30 pm via Zoom
- Here's your chance for another screening of Julia's Journey at the JCC International Film Festival in Nanuet on Sunday, April 7 at 7:00 pm
- Break matzo with friends at Sisterhood's Miriam Seder on Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 pm
- It is the 30th anniversary of the genocide perpetrated against the Tutsis in Rwanda. Join Rabbi Ilana and special guests for a moving commemoration on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 pm at BHSS
- Celebrate the Passover Festival service via Zoom on Tuesday, April 23 at 10:00 am
- Break matzah with your BHSS friends at the Community Second Night Seder on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 pm
- The Passover Yizkor service will take place on Monday, April 29 at 10:00 am via Zoom