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Friday, March 2 Saturday, March 3	8:00 PM 10:00 AM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Sapienza family B'not Mitzvah of Katie and Rachel Sapienza		
Wednesday, March 7	7:00 PM	Purim Shpiel!		
Friday, March 9	7:00 PM	Family Service		
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Saturday, March 10	10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Marisa Urcinole Tot Shabbat		
Friday, March 16	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Crouch family		
Saturday, March 17	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Austin Crouch		
Friday, March 23	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Roselli family		
Saturday, March 24	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Roselli		
Friday, March 30	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Baker and Davis families		
Saturday, March 31	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Samantha Baker and Jacob Davis		
Friday, April 6	NO SERVICES	Enjoy Passover seder with your loved ones!		
Saturday, April 7	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Passover Festival Service Congregational Second Seder (by RSVP)		
Friday, April 13	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Yizkor Family Service		
Please note the early start time. Birthdays in April will be celebrated.				

Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Lamster family

Saturday, April 14	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Lamster
Wednesday, April 18	7:30 PM	Yom HaShoah Observance Program
Friday, April 20	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Levine family
Saturday, April 21	10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Reece Levine Tot Shabbat
Friday, April 27	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Mildwurf family
Saturday, April 28	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Noah Mildwurf

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President's Message

I made an unexpected friend during the congregational trip to Israel last summer. No, it wasn't one of the many lovely BHSS members whom I had not previously known. Nor was it

our terrific guide or bus driver. Nor was it any of the welcoming Israelis that we met throughout the country. It was GOLDSTAR, one of the leading Israeli beers. And each successive one seemed to taste better, from the first one I had at the hotel bar in Tel Aviv the day we arrived (priced at about US\$8 for a 12oz. bottle), to the much larger half liter I had each night at our kibbutz near the Lebanese border (priced at about US\$5), and finally to the six pack I bought at a Jerusalem market (for about US\$1.50 per bottle). So the question is: was I acquiring a further taste for GOLDSTAR as the days moved along, or was it simply the cost efficiency of my purchasing that was making the beer taste better? (Those who know me well also know that this is a very simple question!)

In addition to sharing other of my idiosyncrasies (such as my preference for Jewish doctors) when I spoke during Rosh Hashanah, I made several commitments to the congregation. One was to lead a campaign to double the size of our newly created endowment from its initial funding of \$250,000 to over \$500,000. I gave myself a few months to develop a plan to raise at least \$250,000, and I am very pleased to inform you that the Endowment Campaign has been officially launched and is building momentum. As you may recall, an amendment to the BHSS constitution was voted upon and accepted by our congregation in May 2011 to establish the endowment. The article states: The purpose of the Endowment is to enable BHSS to enhance its service to its members and the broader community, and thereby advance the mission of BHSS. Yes, this purpose is intentionally quite broad, allowing latitude for the Endowment Committee to decide, in concert with Rabbi, Cantor and others, where the endowment income might be directed. But this intentional breadth made it hard for me to crystallize my own thoughts as to how to ask our members to contribute to the endowment.

I am pleased to say that a direction for our endowment emerged these past two months when I learned about some of the conversations and initiatives emanating from the December 2011 URJ Biennial convention. Statistics were flying around indicating that little more than 10% of Reform synagogue youth maintain any form of linkage to Jewish organizations or activities four years after their b'nai mitzvah, essentially the end of high school. Our experience at BHSS is no better. And the link between youth disengagement and family disengagement is likely strong, suggesting a core challenge for the Reform movement and BHSS is maintaining the engagement of our youth. As such, you will be hearing a great deal more about a new BHSS initiative entitled "Youth Engagement," jointly led by our professional staff and Jen Cole.

In terms of the endowment, the words we have been using are that it is meant to help "ensure our future," and what better way to ensure our future than to keep our youth, and their families, engaged. The precise recommendations to emerge from the Youth Engagement team are still a few months ahead of us, but our instinct is that some new initiatives may need financial backing. And neither I nor the Board has much desire to raise dues to fund such initiatives; we need to keep BHSS affordable for all. And that's where the endowment steps in, to fund such programs to "advance the mission of BHSS" and ensure our future. So the direction for the endowment, at least for the next several years, is taking shape.

Now, armed with a clearer story to tell prospective donors about the purpose of the endowment and indeed the purpose of the Endowment Campaign, Rabbi and I have "road-tested" the youth engagement theme with several prospective BHSS donors. And the response has been fantastic. Rabbi and I, as co-leaders of the Endowment Campaign, are pleased to let you know that we have already received pledges for more than one third of our \$250,000 fund-raising goal. And now it's time for Rabbi and me to reach out to the full congregation to provide more information on the Endowment Campaign, which we hope will be compelling to both our older members who want to leave a bit of a legacy at BHSS, as well as our younger parents who are watching their children develop their Jewish personalities. One of our ideas is to have a gathering where we sit back and talk about our goals here, and how we can make this a successful campaign. If you are willing to attend, I will bring the GOLDSTAR.

—Harvey Weinberg, President

From the Rabbi's Study

There are just moments when you know that justice is not being done; times when you can just tell that justice is not "rolling down like waters," as the prophets prophesy.

The question in those moments, at least for me, is, what will I do? I could turn away. I could ignore it. I could say, "Well, that doesn't affect me." I can do a good job convincing myself that there's nothing I can do.

It's at moments like these when I hope, in fact, that I'm not alone.

We've come to such a moment in New Jersey. I'm talking about marriage equality for all.

I've cared about this issue for many years; I've spoken about it publicly, even on the High Holidays. But the issue was brought in to ever-clearer focus in January when I joined over 100 clergy members from different faith traditions in Trenton to testify in support of a bill making its way through the New Jersey legislature that would guarantee equal rights in marriage to gays and lesbians in our state.

The Episcopal bishop of Newark, Mark Beckwith, pointed out to our diverse gathering of clergy that the status quo, state-enforced definition of marriage represents one specific religious perspective on this issue. I have frankly never thought of the issue this way. I happen to believe that gays and lesbians should be allowed to marry and again access to the over 1000 state, local, and federal privileges given to heterosexual couples.

I happen to know that gay and lesbian couples are equally capable with heterosexual couples of creating loving, committed, long-term relationships. I know that they are equally capable of raising children in nurturing families. I also know that allowing gays and lesbians to take on the commitments of marriage would present no problems or infringements for heterosexual couples, or for people who choose not to get married at all. On these facts alone, I am convinced that we are long overdue to give gays and lesbians the right to marry.

But even if I had doubts (which I do not) whether I wanted to solemnize such marriages, Bishop Beckwith helped me see that this issue is also a church-state separation issue.

"If not now, when?"

The Bill of Rights of our country guarantees that the government "shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." This, the



first phrase in the First Amendment of our Constitution, is meant to ensure that no one religious perspective will be ensconced in the law of our land to the exclusion of others. And the fact is, the status quo on marriage in our state and in many other states does just that.

At a basic level, clergy such as myself, who would wish to celebrate the marriage of a gay or lesbian couple, are not free to do so under state law, and this is an infringement of our First Amendment rights.

Today, here in New Jersey, justice is not being done; in fact, a great injustice is being done -- first and foremost to the gay and lesbian members of our congregation and communities who want nothing more than equal rights. Giving them these rights will hurt no one, and denying them these rights hurts many. It's time for New Jerseyans to insist, to demand equal rights in marriage.

So, too, on a level that pales in comparison to the pain being caused gays and lesbians by the denial of equal rights, our freedom of religion is also being denied. It's time for New Jerseyans, people of faith, to demand that our freedoms be respected.

The bill being considered in the New Jersey state legislature does not require clergy members to perform any marriages in particular; should this bill become law, clergy who do not wish to conduct same-sex marriages would be free not to, and clergy who do wish to conduct such marriages would be finally free to do so.

If you live in New Jersey, I urge you to reach out to your state legislators and ask that your religious freedom, and the civil rights of gays and lesbians, be finally ensconced in New Jersey law. If you live in New York or elsewhere, I urge you to ask your friends to take action now.

Together, we can help "justice roll down like waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream."

—Rabbi Joel Mosbacher

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Candlelighting times:

March 2 - 5:31 pm *Tetzaveh* March 9 - 5:39 pm *Ki Tisa* March 16 - 6:47 pm *Vayachel/P'kudei* March 23 - 6:54 pm *Vayikra* March 30 - 7:02 pm *Tzav* April 6 - 7:09 pm *Pesach* April 13 - 7:17 pm *Pesach* April 20 - 7:24 pm *Shimini* April 27 - 7:32 pm *Tazria/M'tzora*



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Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Temple Topics

<u>Cantor's "Kol HaKavod" Corner</u>

Shabbat Shirah 5772 – Friday, February 3, 2012. Wow, what a beautiful evening. It took months for the recipe to become clarified as to what shall be done, what shall we sing. How Rabbi and I wanted this special musical service to be served. You think, and you wonder. Then plans begin to gel.

And then... Rabbi and I are in our weekly meeting when Iris knocks on the door, "Cantor Osborne is here," she said.

We had a nice chat....yada yada, one thing led to another, and we were set to have a Dueling Cantors Shabbat Shirah.

Charles' contribution to the service was outstanding -everyone there would definitely agree with that statement. He conducted, he spoke and explained, and he certainly enjoyed singing with our choirs and, of course, hearing BHSS singing his music. This particular service works because of the work Thank you to the following groups and of so many. individuals for all of their support: Music Committee, Ritual Committee, all my talented singers in both of our oh-soawesome choirs! You all rock! In a Jewish musical way. Also thank you to Rabbi Mosbacher, for letting the music speak to all of us, and his music and his spirit. Thanks to Jane Koch for helping me prepare the adults for this and all their services, and a big thank you to our musicians -- Itay Goren on piano, Rick Morand on tof and high-hat, and Bonnie Berens on flute. A special shout out to Jane Koch, our religious school music teacher, who was our choral guest.

What's next for the music department of BHSS...

"Opera Meets Broadway," Saturday March 31, 7:30 p.m.

The cast of singer / performers this year is something special: Cantors Perper and Steinsnyder, our accompanist Itay Goren, and again this year we will be joined by some of our younger members. Jen Vogel and Brenda Belohoubek will be returning after last year's successes at "Opera Night." And this year they will bring something from the Broadway scene also. We will be adding new young people this year..... Faith Sacher, who sang at "BHSS Got Talent," Melanie Oventhal from the adult choir, and Michael Rosengarten, who since graduating college has been busy working on and off Broadway. And, I have also invited a couple of opera colleagues to join us too.

DON'T MISS IT!

Coffeehouse Cantors, Sunday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

The regular cast of awesome musicians including yours truly, Cantor Steinsnyder, Rabbi M., Cantor Ilan Mamber and Cantor Jordan Franzel, plus.....?!:)

As the Leading Player in Pippin says "Join Us!"

Cantor David Lessner Perper

Coffeehouse Cantors

Featuring: Rabbi Joel Mosbacher, Cantor David Perper, Cantor Faith Steinsnyder, and Friends



Date: Sunday, April 22, 2012 Time: 7:30 P.M. Cost: \$18.00 RSVP: Synagogue Office (201) 512-1983 By April 12

Yes, it's back, a night of lively music in a relaxed atmosphere with your friends at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom! Refreshments will be served. Children ages 12 and up are welcome.





From the Educator's Office

Washington, D.C. is an amazing city. I used to live nearby, in Reston, Virginia, and visited often. But, I had forgotten how beautiful it is until Rabbi Mosbacher and I

accompanied a group of 8 students to the Religious Action Center's L'Taken Seminar in mid-February. We arrived while

D.C. was beginning to experience a cold snap, but the daytime hours were sunny and clear.

Our days and nights were packed from wakeup call to lights out. On Friday we enjoyed Shabbat dinner and services with over 300 other participants and more than 100 chaperones. We heard inspirational stories from members of the National Coalition for the Homeless. Then the kids got right to work – choosing the topics they wanted to learn more about, and



quite midnight!)

The BHSS women pose with Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female Supreme Court justice!

Monday dawned far too early. By 7:40 a.m. we had all the bags on the bus and everyone ate breakfast in their "good" clothes. Off to the Senate to speak to representatives of Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, and then enough free time to visit the Supreme Court and hear a terrific docent tell us all about how the Court operates, while we sat "in chambers." Afterwards we made our way to the House buildings to beam with pride as our

perhaps lobby on at Capitol Hill the following Monday. At the chaperones' meeting we volunteered for various roles in facilitating the different learning sessions.

Saturday brought morning services and the *Kesef, Koach*, and *Politika* (money, power, and politics) program – students used

their "funding" to buy and create ads, write letters, and lobby in other ways to persuade three ersatz "senators" to vote for or against a fictitious weapons bill. After lunch we visited the National Holocaust Museum; a moving experience for everyone. Then onto the bus and off to a whirlwind tour of the Lincoln Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. We had dinner in Georgetown, managed a quick trip to the Jefferson Memorial (usually the site for an outdoor Havdallah service but too cold and windy this time) and bused back to the hotel for "shuks," or study sessions.

The next morning we enjoyed another simulation program – this time the Israeli Knesset – and then we were lucky enough to have Rabbi Mosbacher lead the breakout group's morning worship. Then another shuk, an introduction to lobbying, and we were off to the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum followed by students lobbied in the offices of Representatives Garrett and Rothman. With fatigue completely overtaken by adrenalin, we met our bus and returned to Mahwah Monday evening. I can't wait to go back.

dinner at Pentagon Row, a neighborhood about 5 minutes from the hotel. Back in our conference rooms, the students

began writing their speeches. They were assisted by the RAC's

Legislative Assistants, who are in their first year after college

graduation, and their chaperones (us.) It was a phenomenal

process from start (sometime around 7:30 p.m.) to finish (not

-Rebecca McVeigh, Educator



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Wed Thu Sun Mon Tue Fri Sat 2 2 Tetzaveh 8:45 am - Torah Study 10 am -8 pm T'filot Katherine Sapienza & Rachel Sapienza 5 8 9 106 Ki Tisa 8:45 am - Torah Study 4 pm Grades 4 & 5 4 pm K - 3, 6:30 Prayer Class 10 am -9 am Grade 6 & Monthly Preschool 7 pm Marisa Urcinole 7 pm Purim Shpiel Family School 5 pm Prayer Class Family Service 7 B'hood Mtg 6:45 pm Kadimah 11:30 am -Tot Shabbat 12 13 14 15 11 16 17 Vayachel/P'kudei 4 pm Grades 4 & 5 7:30 pm Michelle 8:45 am - Torah Study 4 pm K - 3 6:30 Prayer Class 9 am Grade 6 & Mitzvah 10 am -5 pm Prayer Class 7:30 Family 8 pm T'filot Austin Crouch Family School 6:45 pm Kadimah Portraits - LLL 5 pm - Youth Group 8 pm Adult Choir 7:30 Exec Shul-In Begins Comm Mtg ${}_{\rm Shul-in\,Ends}\!18$ 19 21 22 23 24 20 9 am Grade 6 & Vayikra 4 pm Grades 4 & 5 4 pm K - 3 8:45 am - Torah Study Family School 6:30 Prayer Class 6:30 B'hood Seder 5 pm Prayer Class 8 pm Adult Choir 8 pm T'filot 12:30 pm Offsite 10 am -6:45 pm Kadimah 7:30 Board Mtg Daniel Roselli Youth Group Rock Climbing trip 26 Tzav 31 8:45 am - Torah Study 25 27 28 29 7 pm One Book, 30 9 am Grade 6 & 4 pm Grades 4 & 5 10 am -4 pm K - 3, One Community at Family School 6:30 Prayer Class 7 pm Ritual Mtg. Samantha Baker & Monthly Preschool Temple Emeth 8 pm T'filot Jacob Davis 5 pm Prayer Class 7:30 Family 8 pm Adult Choir 1 pm 7:30 pm Opera 6:45 pm Kadimah 7 pm Tricky Trays Portraits - LLL Night Meets Miriam Seder Broadway

₩ April Calendar ₩ +

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 am Grade 6 & Family School 1 pm Mahjong Event Lifelong Learning	4 pm K - 3 5 pm Prayer Class 6:45 pm Kadimah	3 4 pm Grades 4 & 5 6:30 Prayer Class 7 pm - B'hood Mtg 7:30 Family Portraits - LLL	4 8 pm Adult Choir	7 pm Sis'hood Mtg Offsite	6 <u>NO SERVICES</u> ENJOY Your Seder!	7 Pesach 8:45 am - Torah Study 10 am - Tfilot 6 pm Congregational 2d Seder (by RSVP)
8 NO SCHOOL	9 NO SCHOOL	10 NO SCHOOL 7:30 Exec Comm Mtg	11 8 pm Adult Choir	12 7:30 pm Michelle Mitzvah Mtg Offsite	13 OFFICE CLOSED 10 am Yizkor 7 pm Family Service	Pesach 8:45 am - Torah Study 10 am - Samantha Lamster
15 9 am Grade 6 & Family School	16 4 pm K - 3, Monthly Preschool 5 pm Prayer Class 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm Grades 4 & 5	18 7:30 pm Yom HaShoah Program	7 pm B'hood Gen'l Mtg - Offsite	20 8 pm T'filot	Sh'mini 21 8:45 am - Torah Study 10 am - Reece Levine 11:30 am - Tot Shabbat 7 pm - Youth Group NYC movie trip
22 9 am Grade 6 & Family School 7:30 pm Coffeehouse Cantors	23 4 pm K - 3 5 pm Prayer Class 6:45 pm Kadimah	24 4 pm Grades 4 & 5 6:30 Prayer Class 7:30 Family Portraits - LLL	25 7 pm Ritual Mtg 8 pm Adult Choir	26	27 8 pm Tfilot	28 <i>TazriaMtzora</i> 8:45 am - Torah Study 10 am - Noah Mildwurf
29 9 am Grade 6 & Family School 12 pm Youth Group Walk for Babies	4 pm K - 3 5 pm Praver Class					

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



Katie Sapienza - March 3, 2012

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Leslie, Father, Anthony, Sister, Rachel, 12 is a 7th grader at Eric S. Smith Middle School Her interests include reading, writing, and swimming. "I would like to be an architect or a teacher. I am so excited to become a Bat Mitzvah."





Austin Scott Crouch -March 17, 2012

Lives in Pomona, New York. Mother, Elise, Father, Timothy, Sisters, Rachel, 18, and Chelsea, 16 is a 7th grader at Haverstraw Middle School His interests include video games, playing soccer, and Boy Scouts. "I want to be a successful person

and possibly become a video game developer too. I feel excited and ecstatic for my Bar Mitzvah! I can't wait to see you there."



Rachel Sapienza - March 3, 2012

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Leslie, Father, Anthony, Sister, Katie, 12 is a 7th grader at Eric S. Smith Middle School Her interests include reading and acting. "My ambition is to become an English teacher. I'm very excited and can't wait until the day of my Bat Mitzvah finally es."



Daniel Roselli - March 24, 2012



Marisa Urcinole - March 10, 2012

Lives in Jefferson Township, New Jersey. Mother, Lynn, Father, Paul is an 8th grader at Jefferson Township Middle School Her interests include gymnastics, dance, video games, and algebra. "I would like to be a lawyer or an algebra teacher. I'm very excited to share this special day with my family and friends."

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



Samantha Baker - March 31, 2012

Lives in Wyckoff, New Jersey. Mother, Doreen, Father, Mitch, Brothers, Max, 11, and Noah, 11 is a 7th grader at Eisenhower Middle School Her interests include keyboard, track, shopping, going to the beach, and hanging out with friends and family. "I would like to become a

child therapist or a businesswoman, and continue doing community service in order to help people."



Sammi Lamster - April 14, 2012

accomplishments. I look forward to the next step in my Jewish education."



Jacob Davis - March 31, 2012

Noah Mildwurf - April 28, 2012

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Pam, Father, Scott z"l, Sister, Emily Tocci, 7 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include baseball, basketball, and video games. "I'm ready for my special day."



Reece Levine - April 21, 2012

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey, with her parents, Sister, Sydney, 14 is a 7th grader at Eric S. Smith Middle School Her interests include playing guitar, softball, soccer, and doing nails. "I would like to continue getting a good education so that I can become successful. I feel honored and thankful to

become a Bat Mitzvah."

Does your family have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah coming up? In order to be included in the appropriate issue of Temple Topics, your child's brief "bio" and photo are due as follows:

For a May or June date, by April 1

If you need a form, or have any questions, please call or email to the synagogue.

A Message from Membership: From Guest to Host

This past summer, BHSS invited a few dozen families to a prospective/new member dinner, followed by a lovely service. In my brief address to the evening's attendees, I expressed my sincere hope that by the time we next convened, the prospective members had dropped the "prospective" prefix and that our newest members would by that time no longer feel as if they were merely "guests," but would have made the shift towards what is referred to as "cultural ownership" and as such would feel like a true "host." I'm pleased to report that in many cases, my wish was realized.

When Lisa and I sat down to discuss what our Temple Topics message would be for this issue, we initially conceived it as one of further encouragement for new members to make the jump from "guest" to "host." What we came to recognize, however, is that to address our new members exclusively would be foolish. After all, there is no reason to assume that time as a member, by itself, guarantees a deeper sense of belongingness and connection.

We've all heard it said that "membership has its rewards," but sometimes in our busy, often over-scheduled lives we wind up failing to take full advantage of the perks provided to us. For example, while I am sure I am not alone, I am embarrassed to admit that I have a gym membership to a facility I have not stepped foot in for more months than I care to count. As co-chairs of the Membership Committee, it is part of our mission to ensure that the needs our members are being met. While your monetary contribution is important and serves to sustain us financially, ensuring that you feel as if you get your money's worth is perhaps even more crucial in sustaining our vitality as a community.

There are so many ways for our members to get involved and feel like an integral part of BHSS. If you are musically inclined, consider joining the choir or taking a role in our annual Purim Shpiel. If you enjoy analyzing texts and sharing stories, drop in on the weekly Torah study or join a learning group. Want to meet new people or connect more deeply with those you've already met (or satisfy your sweet tooth)? Stay a little longer and schmooze at the oneg following services, or come to our weekly Sense of Shabbat.

Time and space do not permit an exhaustive list, but we assure you that the opportunities for greater involvement are plentiful. And if you have an idea about a program or initiative we are not currently offering, please let us know. We are always open to learning about ways in which we can enrich your experience.

In that spirit, please continue to be our guest (we'll even dress up as Beauty & The Beast characters and sing the catchy tune if it helps)... but by all means please also consider becoming a true "host" and thereby truly reap the rewards of membership.

> Jen Cole & Lisa Barrack Membership Committee Co-Chairs

THE COMMUNITY BEIT MIDRASH @ SCHECHTER with Rabbi Ethan Tucker

Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County is proud to continue its acclaimed Community Beit Midrash series with dynamic scholar Rabbi Ethan Tucker, co-founder of New York City's famed Mechon Hadar. Rabbi Tucker will lead a special Beit Midrash-style learning session for adults entitled **"Wait Until Dark: Shedding New Light on When to Start Your Seder"** on **Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m**. Explore Jewish texts in an exciting, interactive fashion. The school is centrally located at 275 McKinley Avenue, New Milford, NJ 07646. This event in free and open to the public. RSVP to events@ssdsbergen.org or call 201-262-9898 x213. Brotherhood News

In the coming two months, with the holiday season, we have several activities that as of this writing are still in the final planning stages. Brotherhood will again be holding our **Passover Wine Sale**, details of which will be sent out soon. Also coming on **March 22** (shortly before Passover) will be the **Men's Seder**. Details will be sent to all Brotherhood members. This event has



been enjoyed by all attending the previous times it was held, and we hope this year will be no exception.

On **April 19, at 7 p.m.**, we will hold our monthly general meeting at Ole Ole in Suffern. Come hang out for some interesting conversation (and perhaps a few jokes) with your fellow congregants. And on **Sunday, April 29** at 9:30 a.m.

we will have our next Brotherhood Raps at Panera in Ramsey.

Finally, our Executive Board meetings will be on **March 6** and **April 3**, 7 **p.m.** at the temple. All members are welcome to attend.

For updates to these and other events, please check occasionally at the Brotherhood website, www.bhssbrotherhood.org, and the "Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Brothehood" Facebook group.

Enjoy the spring!

- The BHSS Brotherhood Board



Shalom!

We can't believe the first half of the year has already come and gone. BHSSTY hosted great events and had so much fun! The BHSSTY board recently came together to plan the second half of the year's events to ensure our youth group keeps the awesome year going. We have got an amazing year planned and as always, feel free to reach out to either of the senior youth group presidents, Ashley (are20006@ hotmail.com) or Eiley (eileystern@gmail.com), with questions, comments, etc.

Looking forward to a great second half of the year!

Ashley and Eiley

My name is Carolyn Miller and I am this year's Membership VP for BHSSTY. I wanted to remind you how to become a member of the youth group, and what the benefits are of membership. BHSSTY is the 9th-12th grade youth group. We do all sorts of fun activities both in and out of the temple. For example, we go to NYC, apple picking, hiking, movie nights, karaoke nights, hibachi and Japan relief, Rocky Horror Picture Show, mall scavenger hunt, ice skating, and more. By being a member of the youth group, you get discounted rates for events. The cost of membership for the youth group is: \$45 for temple members and \$55 for non-temple members. You can see me for membership forms, or pick one up at the temple.

Membership in BHSSTY also allows you to be a member of NFTY – GER, or the North American Federation of Temple Youth - Garden Empire Region. This is a regional youth group for all of New Jersey and Central New York. They have *kallot*, or retreats, throughout the region at various times throughout the year. GER is grrrrrreat (sorry, I couldn't help myself)! It is a chance to spend time with friends, stay up late, learn something fun and interesting about Judaism in a new way, sing songs, and really so much more. The GER events are either over a weekend or for a few days at one of the regional camps (URJ - KUTZ Camp or URJ - Camp Harlam.) For more information about NFTY - GER, please contact our advisor Stacey Butler (845-629-8069 or stacey_a_butler @yahoo.com.)

If you have any questions about membership, BHSSTY, or NFTY, you can always contact me, Carolyn Miller, at triplerrr@verizon.net or 973-356-2259.

Look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Carolyn Miller

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This year's Lifelong Learning theme of Family and Family History continues to resonate with the congregation.

On Sunday, January 29, our One Book One Community Event: Jewish Families around the World event experienced an incredible level of participation as over 55 members joined together to listen, eat, explore, and share our Jewish traditions and family stories from around the world. The Lifelong Learning Committee extends a special thank you to Yacov Pousty (Persia/Iran), Irina Stoianov (Russia), Dalia Leibowitz (Israel), and Nora Berger (Argentina) for sharing their countries and sacred stories with all of us.

Upcoming Events:

March: One Book One Community Culminating Event "A Conversation with Ariel and Yona"

Ariel and Yona Sabar, the author and subject of My Father's Paradise, will speak at Temple Emeth (166 Windsor Road) in Teaneck on **Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

The program will be followed by an open reception, where guests will be able to meet Ariel and Yona and have books signed, while enjoying dessert and coffee. Please RVSP to NancyP@jfnnj.org or call Nancy Perlman at 201.820.3904.

FAMILY PORTRAITS: IMAGES

OF FATHERS, MOTHERS,

SONS, AND DAUGHTERS IN JEWISH TEXTS AND TRADITION.

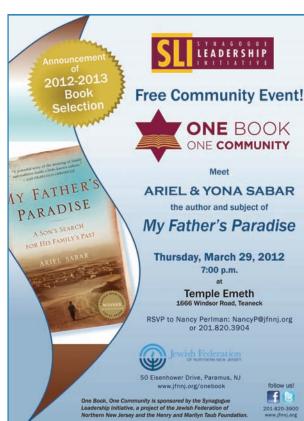
This four-session mini-course taught by educator and temple member Bette Birnbaum has been postponed to the spring – note the new dates below. Her last offering in the fall, "Keys to Bible," was filled to capacity.

Class Dates: Tuesdays 3/13, 3/27, 4/3, and 4/24 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. All materials provided. No prior Jewish study necessary. Cost is \$25 for all 4 sessions. Please RVSP to the emple office – space is limited.

April: Mah Jongg Lunch 'n Learn – Sunday, April 1, 1- 3:30 p.m.

How did mah jongg become so popular among Jewish women? Did you ever want to learn how to play? Already play and looking for new partners? Join us for an afternoon where some mah jongg mavens will give us the real deal on the game.

RSVP to the temple office by March 15.





May: Tour of Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) Library and Rare Book Collections Thursday, May 10, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Dr. David Wachtel, senior consultant for Special Collections, will share his vast knowledge of the development of the Bible, as well as rare manuscripts and printed books

from the Special Collections of JTS. Come and learn, from a renowned expert in an intimate setting, about the history and transmission of the core text of Judaism and get up close to astounding artifacts.

JTS is located at 3080 Broadway (at 123rd Street), New York, NY. Cost is \$20/person.

We will meet at BHSS to carpool at 5:50 p.m. If you are coming from elsewhere, please meet us in the lobby of JTS no later than 7:15 p.m. (Note: Please bring a photo ID.)

Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation - March 2 Shabbat Services Guest Speaker

During Shabbat Services on March 2, bringing *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) into your family will be explored. Meet a stem cell donor who saved the life of a young girl from Philadelphia. Ben donated his stem cells and understood that he would be a lifesaving hero to a young girl. What Ben and his wife, Melissa, did not anticipate was the joy and meaning it brought to them and their two children as this family learned about the Gift of Life.

Their family was touched in ways they never anticipated. Even though one must be 18 years and older to register, Ben's mitzvah extended into his son's bar mitzvah. Learn how every family's lives can be enriched as one becomes a potential donor with the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation. A powerful presentation for the entire family.

On Wednesday night, October 19, we welcomed our newest religious school students with a Consecration celebration as well as a warm (wild!) and wonderful Simchat Torah service. Over half of our 50+ eager new scholars were in attendance, and are pictured here with Rabbi Mosbacher, Cantor Perper, and Educator Rebecca McVeigh.



Cookie Drive for our Soldiers Serving in Afghanistan

Thanks to Rhonda Goodman and Marty Hymowitz, 1440 homemade cookies and 37 boxes of purchased cookies are on their way to our brave soldiers serving in Afghanistan. Along with the cookies are personal notes of thank you and appreciation. This is the 2nd year that the Michelle Mitzvah Group coordinated the cookie drive. A special thank you to Adopt-A-Soldier Platoon in Fair Lawn for arranging transportation of the cookies from NJ to Afghanistan. Thanks to all who took the time to participate.



To everyone at the Michelle Mitzvah Group,

Thank you guys so much for the Brownies that I received from you through Adopt-a-Soldier Platoon. I am an Active Duty Navy Emergency Medicine Physician currently working as a Trauma Team Leader at the NATO Role 3 Hospital in Kandahar Afghanistan. As one of the tertiary care hospitals in Afghanistan, we take care of the sick and injured coalition forces, Afghans, contractors, or whomever else comes our way. We are fortunate enough to have a nearly-new hospital facility here in which to treat and resuscitate our patients.

Thank you again for the brownies/cookies. They're probably the best sweet treat I've had since arriving here. As a Jewish Naval Officer, It's also good to get a letter from a "Mitzvah group."

The picture below is a group of doctors, nurses, and corpsmen working in the trauma bay the night that your shipment arrived. I'm on the far right in the green camouflage

Thank you again for the treats and for your support. We all enjoyed them and love to hear from home.

All the best

LT Jeff Cook

Jeffrey T. Cook M.D. Lieutenant, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy NATO Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit Kandahar Afghanistan

Contributions

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

with thanks and appreciation from all of the religious school families

with thanks

- Paul Lipson

in honor of Harvey Weinberg's work within the temple - Mr. & Mrs. Matt Kraft

keep up the good work! - Pamela & Howard Cantor

with thanks and appreciation for your kind words and comfort and in memory of Burton Freeman - Barbara & Joe Friedman

with thanks and appreciation

- Sue & Harris Reinstein

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

with thanks and appreciation from all the religious school families

with thanks for being you and for everything! - Lois & Marty Klapper

Educator's Discretionary Fund

with thanks from all the religious school families

High Holy Day Appeal

Joe & Meg Berkofsky Peter & Dana Hopper Barry & Ash Krane Debra Simon Peter & Elisabeth Traphagen Antoslav Vlahovic & Barbara Lacher

Life Fund

in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Claire Novak - the Daniel family

in memory of Murray Marks - Candy & Michael Kassover

in memory of Great Aunt Miriam Werner - Claire Orshalick

in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Melvin Katz - Alan & Helaine Wohl

in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Esther Goodman Zaslow - Carole Goodman

to the Miller family, in honor of Tracy and Sarah becoming B'not Mitzvah - Ben, Michelle & Madisen Siegel

in memory of Celia Meyers - Bob & Pearl Meyers

in memory of Sophie Eisenstein - Paula Tenenbaum

in memory of Ely Gordon - Allan & Sheri Schott

to Jeff and Dana Berkowitz, in honor of the birth of your son Ethan - Allan & Sheri Schott

to Gail Wichler and the Caring Committee, with thanks for their assistance - Allan & Sheri Schott

to the Brandt family, in memory of your brother Morton Brandt - Barbara & Charles Burghardt

to Joe and Barbara Friedman in memory of Burton Freeman - Eddie & Nita Klaskow - Ilyse & Floyd Smith - Barbara & Charles Burghardt

to Marty and Lois Klapper in honor of your 50th wedding anniversary, with love - *Toby & Alan Baskind*

to Stacey Coyne and family, in memory of your brother Eric Steinman - Ilyse & Floyd Smith

Brick Fund

to Ed and Nita Klaskow in memory of Minnie Klaskow - Jane & Jan Simon

to Juliette Muscat in memory of your mother - Irma & Joel Becker

Barbara Weiss Scholarship Fund

to Joe and Barbara Friedman in memory of Burton Freeman - Candy & Michael Kassover



Michelle Mitzvah Fund

Mazel Tov on the engagement of our son David Gluck to Jade Nelson - Marsha & Larry Gluck

to Ed and Nita Klaskow in memory of your mother Minnie Klaskow - Sheri & Allan Schott

Center for Food Action

donated by their families in honor of the following simchas

B'not Mitzvah of Alexandra and Fallon Peller Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Barr Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Scholl Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Miller Bat Mitzvah of Dylan Kossar Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Konikow

Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge

donated by their families in honor of the following simchas

Bat Mitzvah of Tracy Miller Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Mittleman

Tree of Life

In honor of the birth of Ethan Benjamin Berkowitz, December 7, 2011 Love, Grandma & Grandpa Meltzer

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Lee Mittleman, January 14, 2012 *Love, Mom & Dad*

In honor of Sydney Brynn Saxon's baby naming, December 9, 2011 *Love, Grandma & Grandpa Weinstein*

Prayer Book Dedication

to Marty and Lois Klapper in honor of your 50th wedding anniversary - Phyllis & Harold Schreier

April Birthdays

Madeline Abramson Iack Adler Dylan Auerbach **Jake Auerbach** Jules Blaustein Tyler Bloom Adam Brauner Allison Caren Marissa Chuck Samuel Chuck Sarah Coffel Spencer Crystal Sophie Dweck Samuel Eichner Sarah Fasanaro Jacob Gamburg Ilana Gilbert Jordan Goldstein Drew Grossman Michael Halper



James Holtzman Dylan Hoy Haley Kresch Reece Levine Zoe Lynn Hannah Meehan Noah Mildwurf Jakob Mitnick Daniel Ovadia Samantha Ovadia Sophia Pavon Ryan Polansky Robert Romoff Jack Schwartz Jordan Shamus Madisen Siegel Carly Sipper Haley Sobel Jacob Steinberg **Bailey Strauss**

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Our Young People's Concert on January 8 was a great success. About 16 children plus parents and grandparents attended. Cantor Perper was very spontaneous, which the children really enjoyed. The grand finale included wrapping each child and their parents under a tallit and singing. It was really inspiring and a wonderful introduction to Jewish life! The concert was free

and open to the community. It was Music's second annual

event targeted to the youngest members of our congregation.

March 31 at 7:30 p.m. brings our second free program of the

year - Opera Night Meets Broadway. This year Cantor is

planning a very diverse program that will include theater

music as well as opera. Cantor Faith will join him, with

BHSS alumnae Brenda Belohoubek and Jen Vogel, as well as

current member of the choir Melanie Oventhal. Itay Goren

will be at the piano as usual. And, of course, prepare for

surprises. Refreshments will be served to round out a very entertaining evening. Again, the program is FREE and open to the community, so bring the family, bring your friends.



And, if you love your Cantor... **Coffeehouse Cantors** is back! Save the date for April 22 at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi, Cantor Faith, Cantor Perper and friends will showcase their talent in the relaxed format we've all come to love. Refreshments will be served. Tickets will cost \$18.00 per person and will be available by RSVP to the synagogue office or at

the door. It's always a sell out, so call Iris soon with your reservations!

As you can see the Music Committee is dedicated to bringing programming for all ages and preferences to our broad community. Want to help? Bring a baked treat to Coffeehouse Cantors or to Opera Night, call us and tell us how you've enjoyed yourself. We'd love to hear from you!

> Evelyn McGillowayand Nora Berger Music Committee Co-Chairs

Sisterhood News

The sisterhood board has been very busy planning the biggest event of the season -- **TRICKY TRAYS!** It will be held on Sunday, March 25 at 1 p.m. If you have never attended, it is a lot of fun, and you have chances to win many valuable prizes. In order to ensure the success of this fundraiser, we ask **EVERYONE** to solicit donations from any merchants you frequent, or make a donation yourself of a new item worth at least \$25, or make a cash donation (better yet, buy a gift card through our temple's scrip program), and we will buy a gift for you.

Immediately following that, on Thursday, March 29, we

will be holding our Miriam's Seder, to be led by Rabbinic Intern Jen Gubitz. Join us for good food and lots of fun and new ideas for your seder.

As a reminder, sisterhood meetings are usually held the first Thursday of each month at one of our homes. Everyone is welcome. If you want to come please contact Linda (845-357-5640) or Mona (201-723-3238) or anyone else on the board to find out this month's location. We hope to have you join us at any or all of our events.

Linda & Mona

From the Sifriyah...

Are you looking for a new recipe for Passover? **Join us on March 9 for the Family Service and oneg Shabbat.** The Ladies of Sifryah will be sharing samples of some of their favorite Passover dishes, along with recipes. Cookbooks from our *Sifriyah* collection will be on display, both to browse and to borrow. Feel free to join us, and do bring copies of your favorite Passover recipes to share.

March 29 is another important date. Ariel and Yona Sabar, the author and the subject of <u>My Father's Paradise</u>, will be at Temple Emeth to discuss the book and answer questions. Many of you have read the book, a 2011 selection sponsored by the Synagogue Leadership Institution, a project of the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey and the Henry and Marilyn Book Foundation. <u>My Father's Paradise</u> is the story

of Yona, who emigrated with his family from the Kurdish region of Iraq in the late 1940s. The journey of the family is vividly told. In addition, the author, Ariel Sabar, captures the history in the waning years of Jewish life in this Kurdish region. There is still time to read this book; copies of it can be found in the library.

We are all grateful for the recent donations of gently used books and want to thank friends of the library for their thoughtfulness, appropriateness, and concern for the quality of the donations.

Wanted: Volunteers to join the *Sifiriyah*. The requirements are simple: You love books and wish to see the library succeed. Contact Ruth Turner at rgtt@optonline.net if you are interested or want more information.

14th Annual Israel Film & Cultural Festival -Engage with Israel through film and culture

March 17-April 1

Films include: *My Lovely Sister, Dolphin Boy, Mabul, Restoration*, and a popular television drama, *Srugim*. There will also be a performance in Hebrew, *When the Piano meets a French Horn*. Event Locations: Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, Bergen County Y, a JCC, The Wayne Y, Barnert Temple, Cedar Lane Cinemas, Congregation Rinat Yisrael, JCC of Paramus Visit www.jfnnj.org/filmfestival for details and schedules.

Sunday, March 11 – 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Super Sunday at Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey. Take the call; make the call. Answer the call to make your gift to the 2012 Annual Campaign. Choose your shift and volunteer with us. Session #1: 9:30 am – 1 pm, Session #2: 1 – 4 pm, Session #3: 4 – 7 pm. Contact Dana Albert, 201-820-3911 or danaa@jfnnj.org.

Sunday, March 25 – 2-5 p.m. Good Deeds Day, a community-wide food drive, at Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey, 50 Eisenhower Drive, Paramus. If your synagogue is not a collection site, please bring your non-perishable, non-expired food items to Federation to benefit local food pantries. This is a great way to clear out your pantries, prepare for Passover and help the broader community. You can also participate in other hands-on hunger-related projects. To find out if your synagogue can be a collection site, or for information, contact Alice Blass, aliceb@jfnnj.org or 201-820-3948.

Shalom Baby Playdates - Shalom Baby is a way for new moms and dads of newborns or newly adopted through age three to connect with each other and the Jewish community through a series of play dates with free play, music, story-time, snacks and crafts projects. The March 5 playdate celebrates Purim. For additional information please visit www.jfnnj.org/shalombaby or contact Nancy Bach, nancyb1@jfnnj.org.

One Book One Community – At *www.jfnnj.org/onebook* please see the list of programs being held at area synagogues and communal organizations centered around My Father's Paradise by Ariel Sabar. Each program is free and open to the community. For information, please contact Nancy Perlman, nancyp@jfnnj.org or 201-820-3904.



BONE MARROW DONOR DRIVE

COULD YOU BE EZRA'S HERO?



Ezra is 2 years old and loves the alphabet, music and his tricycle. Ezra is in need of a bone marrow transplant to survive Ezra has a rare primary immune deficiency disorder called Hyper IgM Syndrome. Ezra's best chance of finding a genetically matched donor lies with those of Eastern European ancestry, particularly Polish and Hungarian. People of all backgrounds are encourage to swab as there are thousands of patients worldwide in need of finding a match.

Swab your cheek to see if you are a match for Ezra and other patients in need.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7th ,2011 Before and After 7:00 pm PURIM SERVICE

Beth Haverim Shir Shalom

280 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah NJ For your information contact Marc Appelbaum at MAppel408@aol.com

If you cannot attend the drive you can still register by ordering a kit online at www.giftoflife.org/register

Please consider making a \$54 contribution to help cover the cost of testing by texting or visiting www.giftoflife.org/contribute

TEXT SWAB TO 20222 TO DONATE \$10 TO GIFT OF LIFE BONE MARROW FOUNDATION

To Join: Eligible donors must be between the ages of 18-60 and in general good health, meet the guidelines and willing to donate to any patient, at any time, worldwide. \$10.00 will be charged to your mobile phone bill or deducted from your prepaid balance. Messaging & data rates may apply. Service is available on most carriers. All purchases must be authorized by account holder. Terms: www.hmgf.org/t. Text STOP to 20222 to unsubscribe; text HELP to 20222 for help.

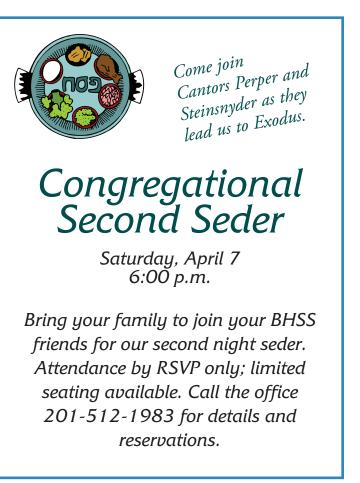
🗯 Ritual Committee 🗯

WITH PROFOUND SORROW ... My heart always skips a beat when I get home and I've received an email with this title. It means one of my fellow congregants has lost someone they loved. I always dutifully open the email to see if it pertains to someone I know, to see when the funeral is, and when and where they are sitting *shiva*.

I have had more than my share of these emails sent on my behalf. In the time Ian and I have been members of RTOS-Shir Shalom and Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, I have lost my father, my mother, my sister-in-law, and most recently, my brother; Ian has lost his step-mother and his father. Our house has been home to too many *shivas* and I have received too many condolence calls and cards. And yet I feel myself incredibly fortunate to be part of a community that has rushed to my side when I have most needed the support. In November, when my brother Eric died very unexpectedly, our home was literally filled to capacity with members of BHSS, and I have never felt more loved, or more a part of this community. Every member of BHSS deserves that. There is no lonelier feeling than sitting shiva and not having a *minyan* to say Kaddish. As part of the group of lay people in BHSS that lead *shiva* for our community, it truly breaks my heart when I need to make calls to get the ten people needed. I know it is not always easy to attend a shiva. I personally work two nights a week, and moreover, I don't know many of my fellow congregants. It can feel awkward to go into a virtual stranger's home at this very vulnerable time. I would like to urge you to go anyway. You don't have to go alone ... take a fellow member, or your spouse or your post-bar or bat mitzvah child. I promise you that there is almost nothing else you will do as a member of BHSS that will make you feel more welcomed, more needed, more appreciated, and more connected to this wonderful community.

B'Shalom, Stacey Coyne, Ritual Committee Co-Chair





Good Welfare from & for the congregation

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Condolences

to **Gail Sobel**, on the loss of her father, Hanns Loewenbach to **Ed Klaskow**, on the loss of his mother, Minnie Klaskow to **Elliott Cohen**, on the loss of his father, Morris Cohen to **Kathy Kirshman**, on the loss of her brother, John Kreiss to **Barbara Friedman**, on the loss of her brother, Burton Freeman

Speedy Recovery

Jodi Lyons Charles Romano Cydney Coyne Michael Wiesner Antoslav Vlahovic David Birnbaum

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NORMA HITTMAN JACOB HOLTZMAN SARA HOLTZMAN ZIPORA HOLTZMAN JACK HOMNICK LENA ISRAEL EVELYN KATZ HELEN KLAPPER GERTRUDE KLEIN HELEN KUNEGO **BENJAMIN LEVITT** ESTHER LEVY LESTER LEVY SYLVIA LEVY HENRY LICHTER ERIC LIEBMANN JUAN HANS LOWENSTEIN JUDY MAY SCOTT MILDWURF ISIDORE MOSER **BEATRICE LERNER MOSS JOSEPH OPPENHEIM** RICHARD PAVLOVEC

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Have a for kids with cancer & hungry neighbors Gift Card Drive

Tomorrow Children's Fund at Hackensack University Medical Center relies on our help to bring happiness to children undergoing treatment. These cards for patient aid and birthday gifts. Many of the families are have trouble meeting their financial obligations due to the burden of paying extraordinary medical bills. The Center for Food Action is also in need of these gift cards to support those with ongoing hardships. Participate by purchasing gift cards (any denomination) to the following stores: Any cash/check donations will be used to purchase additional gift cards.

Shop Rite • Pathmark • A&P • Target • Bed Bath & Beyond • Old Navy • Wal Mart • iTunes

Gift card donation boxes are located in the lobby and education wings at the synagogue. Sponsored by the Michelle Mitzvah Group in partnership with Sisterhood & Brotherhood of BHSS. Have Fun at Sisterhood's Biggest Fundraiser of the Year



Yom HaShoah Observance

Wednesday, April 18 7:30 p.m.

Please be with us. We will have our Adult Choir and singers from Ramapo College. Benjamin Levin, Holocaust survivor and partisan fighter (and father of our member Chaim Levin), will be our special guest speaker.

GOT SCRIP?

Beth Haverim Shir Shalom now has it available!

Need convenient gift Cards and want to help BHSS?

Great for all kinds of gifts, including B'nai Mitzvahs, birthdays, teachers, thank you gift, holidays, and your personal shopping. Participating retailers include:





There are <u>over 350 retailers partiCipating in this program</u>. There are no activation fees when you purchase these Cards. Beth Haverim Shir Shalom receives a percentage each time a Card is purchased. So why pay extra fees at the store when you Can just order your gift Cards from your synagogue! Please Contact Lisa Lamster at 201-760-1935 or <u>lisalams@optonline.net</u>.

Announcement of 2012-2013 Book Selection



Free Community Event!



A powerful story of the meaning of family and tradition inside a little-known culture," -SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

MY FATHER'S PARADISE

A SON'S SEARCH FOR HIS FAMILY'S PAST

ARIEL SABAR

Meet

ARIEL & YONA SABAR

the author and subject of

My Father's Paradise

Thursday, March 29, 2012 7:00 p.m.

at

Temple Emeth 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck

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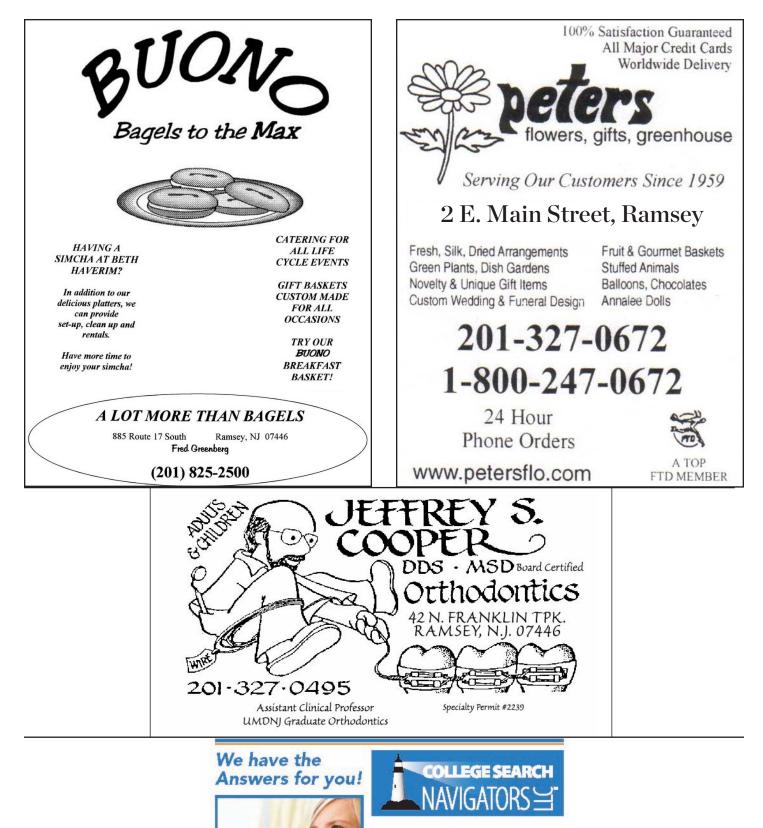
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No Religious School: Sunday, April 8, Monday, April 9, Tuesday, April 10

To do in March & April:

Torah Study beginning at 8:45 a.m. - Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 Purim Shpiel - Wednesday, March 7 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat - Saturday, March 10 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Senior Youth Group Shul-In - Saturday, March 17 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Youth Group Rock Climbing - Sunday, March 18 Brotherhood Seder - location TBA - Thursday, March 22 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tricky Trays! Sunday, March 25 beginning at 1:00 p.m. One Book, One Community author event at Temple Emeth - Thursday, March 29 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Miriam Seder - Thursday, March 29 beginning at 7:00 p.m. **Opera Night Meets Broadway** - Saturday, March 31 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Mahjong For Everyone sponsored by Lifelong Learning - Sunday, April 1 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Torah Study beginning at 8:45 a.m. - Saturdays, April 7, 14, 21, and 28 **Congregational Second Seder (by RSVP)** - Saturday, April 7 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat - Saturday, April 21 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Yom HaShoah Commemoration - Wednesday, April 18 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Youth Group trip to Rocky Horror in NYC - Saturday night, April 21 Coffeehouse Cantors - Sunday, April 22 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Youth Group March for Babies Walk - Sunday, April 29 beginning at noon