Beth Haverim Shir Shalom

SHIR SHALOM

בית חברים שיר שלום BETH HAVERIM

ELUL 5772/TISHRI/CHESHVAN 5773

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2012

Friday, August 31 Saturday, September 1	8:00 PM 10:00 AM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Simon family Bar Mitzvah of Jared Simon	
Friday, September 7	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Romoff and Scheer families	
Saturday, September 8	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Robert Romoff and Lily Scheer	
7- 1	8:00 PM	S'lichot Program and Service	
Friday, September 14	7:00 PM	Family Service, Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Kestenbaum and Krane families Youth Activities Fair following services	
Please note the early	start time. August and	September birthdays will be celebrated.	
Saturday, September 15	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Max Kestenbaum and Matt Krane	
		Sunday, September 16 7:30 PM Erev Rosh HaShanah	
Monday, September 17	8:15 AM	Rosh HaShanah early morning service	
	11:45 AM	Rosh HaShanah mid-morning service	
	2:45 PM	Rosh HaShanah family service	
	4:15 PM	Tashlich	
Tuesday, September 18	9:15 AM	Second Day Rosh HaShanah service	
Friday, September 21	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Hoffert and Thea families	
Saturday, September 22	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Emily Hoffert and Robert Thea	
Tuesday, September 25	7:30 PM	Kol Nidre	
Wednesday, September 26	8:15 AM	Yom Kippur early morning service	
	11:45 AM	Yom Kippur mid-morning service	
	2:00 - 3:00 PM	Yom Kippur Study sessions	
	2:30 PM	Yom Kippur Family service	
	2:30 PM	Yom Kippur Healing service	
	3:45 PM	Mincha (afternoon) service	
	5:30 PM	Yizkor Service	
	6:15 PM	Neilah (closing) service	
Friday, September 28	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Mindich and Potter families	
Saturday, September 29	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Jason Mindich and Alexandra Potter	
Sunday, September 30	7:00 PM	Erev Sukkot Service	
Monday, October 1	10:00 AM	Sukkot Festival Service	
Friday, October 5	7:00 PM	Sukkot Family Service, Sukkot Potluck Dinner at 5:30 PM by RSVP Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Gordon family	
Saturday, October 6	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Henry Gordon	
Sunday, October 7	7:00 PM	Simchat Torah/Consecration. Please note the early start time.	
Monday, October 8	10:00 AM	Festival Yizkor Service	
Friday, October 12	8:00 PM	Scholar in Residence Dr. Yossi Leshem	
Saturday, October 13	10:00 AM	Lifelong Learning Shabbat Service	
Friday, October 19 7:00 PM Youth Group Creative Service/PJ Service *Please note the early start time.* October birthdays will be celebrated.* Service followed by a milk and cookie of your pajamas! Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Waxenbaum family. Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner before services, by R *Saturday, October 20 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Waxenbaum			
Friday, October 26 Saturday, October 27	8:00 PM 10:00 AM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Mitnick and Sheppard families B'not Mitzvah of Gavriela Mitnick and Emily Sheppard	





President's Message

Whatever one's personal view may be on global warming, it sure has been a hot summer. How hot, as Jay Leno (and Johnny Carson before him)

might ask? It's been so hot that Rabbi and Cantor considered switching from warm red wine to cool sangria for the Kiddush. So hot that the sweaty faces of our young shofar blowers belting out notes during rehearsals conjured up images of the great Louis Armstrong. And it was so hot that even the unflappable Iris almost lost her cool when one of our air conditioning units died earlier this summer (fortunately the cost of which our Building Fund was ready and able to cover).

More broadly, it's been a pretty "hot" environment across the globe since my last column in May. Economically, many countries are struggling to shake recessions; a Greek default nearly fractured the Eurozone; and even traditionally strong U.S. trading partners like Spain and Italy are barely staying afloat. On the political front, Arab states continue to face huge obstacles in their efforts to transform to democratic societies. But within all this turmoil, it's rather amazing that Israel, despite its own political and social challenges, retains a solid economy and remains a true democracy. We all should be proud, should continue our support of the Jewish state in all ways we can, and should expect no less of our own government and political leaders.

Enough of this "heavy stuff." Summer time is about fun, cool drinks, swimming pools and vacations. And I hope that despite the heat, all of you have had a wonderful summer, full of good times with friends and family. I'd like to be one of the first to welcome you back to BHSS as we kick off another year of congregational life. I particularly want to welcome our many new members, and I look forward to meeting each of you.

Our team at BHSS has been busy preparing for the start of our year. You may have noticed that in August we completed a refurbishment of the sanctuary with new carpet, new upholstery on our pews and seats, and a fresh coat of paint on the walls. What began with a leak in our ceiling last winter turned into an opportunity to spruce up our sanctuary at a reasonable cost. The combination of a fair claim reimbursement from our insurer, our own cash reserves, and an extraordinary effort by Iris and several BHSS volunteers enabled us to bring the sanctuary back to new. But now I now need to ask something of all of you.

In short, we all need to be highly respectful of our policy not to bring any food, drinks, gum or anything else similar into the sanctuary (and yes, that includes water bottles). When we first dedicated our sanctuary in 2002, we rigidly followed this policy, but over time we have become lax. The numerous stains and smudges on our carpet, pews and chairs evidence the extensive use of our sanctuary, which is wonderful, but also indicate that we have not been as careful as we need to be in protecting its integrity and beauty. Having grown up in a household where my mom was a "clean freak" (we called her "the warden"), I am happy to be the "cleanliness enforcer" at our synagogue. In all seriousness, as BHSS is our collective home, and we have all just made an investment in its appearance, let's please do our best to keep the sanctuary clean and fresh.

In closing, as the High Holy Days will be upon us soon, I would like to wish you all a Happy, Healthy, Cool and Clean New Year.

-Harvey Weinberg, President

From the Rabbi's Study

"If not now, when?"

I pray that you had a refreshing and meaningful summer! I enjoyed my time serving on faculty for two weeks at Eisner Camp, where nearly 20 young people from our congregation spent time; I hope that next summer we will have 30 or more young people from Beth Haverim Shir Shalom at our Reform movement's camps in the Berkshires...

As our thoughts turn to the High Holidays, I was inspired by one of the books I read this summer: "The Way of Man: According to Hasidic Teaching," by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. In this little volume, Rabbi Heschel reminds us of God's call to Adam at the very beginning of Genesis, after Adam and Eve ate from the fruit of the forbidden tree. Adam tries to hide from God, and God asks, "Ayekah? Where are you?" This question is hardly a geographic inquiry, as Rabbi Heschel teaches. Surely, the Holy One of Blessing knows where Adam is, physically.

No, Adam attempts to hide to avoid having to account for himself -- to evade taking responsibility for his life. And so it is with us during this High Holiday season. We are each hiding after a fashion. It is difficult for us to take responsibility for the lives we've lived. But, as Heschel teaches, when we make an attempt to avoid scrutiny, we are only hiding from ourselves.

Heschel writes, "Surely, a certain something that is in all of us seeks our own true inner self, but we make it more and more difficult for that 'something' to find our true core." At this season of the year, I believe that God is calling each of us, "Ayekah? Where are you?" This question, posed to us by all of the liturgy of this season, is, I think, God's effort to penetrate this game of hide and seek. This question is intended to stir us up, to destroy our hiding places, to show us where we went astray, to awaken in us a strong will to free ourselves of the burden of guilt.

When we hear the sound of the shofar during the month of Elul in the lead up to Rosh Hashanah, perhaps our hearts will tremble. When we stand together on the evening of September 8 for S'lichot, and hear for the first time this year

the strains of Avinu Malkeinu, perhaps cracks will form in the walls we've built around our hearts.



When the cantor and choir chant those age-old words, "Kol nidre, v'esarei..." perhaps, just perhaps, we will hear the still, small voice of God calling to us to return to our best selves.

This is hard work -- the work of true repentance. It's much easier to hide our hearts and souls than it is to bare them to ourselves, to others, and to God. That still, small voice can easily be drowned out by all of the things that can distract us.

In the end, Adam submits to God's voice; he acknowledges his mistakes; he confesses, "I hid myself." At that moment, he could truly begin again. Adam could start over, anew.

"Ayekah? Where are you?" Everything depends on whether we will truly hearken to this question.

Shanah tovah.

-Rabbi Joel Mosbacher

Welcome to Student Rabbi Joshua Stanton!

Our congregation welcomes Joshua Stanton, who will serve as our Rabbinic Intern for the coming year. Student Rabbi Stanton comes to us from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where he will be a fifthyear student. He will work primarily with our community organizing efforts, as well as teach in Kadimah and Family School. He brings a wealth of experience in interfaith work, and we're excited to have him join our staff. He and his wife, Mirah, live in Manhattan, and we look forward to having the opportunity to formally welcome them to our community!

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Candlelighting times:

September 7 – 7 pm *Ki Tavo* September 14 – 6:48 pm *N'tzavim* September 21 – 6:37 pm *Vayeilech* September 28 – 6:25 pm *Ha-azinu* October 5 – 6:13 pm *Sukkot* October 12 – 6:02 pm *B'reisheet* October 19 – 5:51 pm *Noach* October 26 – 5:42 pm *Lech L'cha*



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Cantor's Corner

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My summer began with the second Mission to Europe with the Cantors Assembly. If you recall, in '09 Faith and I traveled to Poland with this very same organization of Conservative cantors. This was phase II: to Germany we went. We sang and prayed in Hannover, Berlin and Munich, all the while keeping in mind our, and your, ancestors who had perished, our people who had suffered. This trip, like that in Poland, was moving; it was



spiritually and professionally fulfilling. We were showing the Jews of Germany that there are those who stand with them in their striving to build a strong and lasting Jewish community.

Just days after returning home from Germany, I departed for sunny California -- San Diego, to be exact. My role this time was to survive an opera training program called Opera NEO. It was its premier season. Twenty students and professionals from across the country took part in this 3 week intensive. Yoga in the morning, stage movement classes, vocal coachings, rehearsals and 3 performances. One of the best aspects of the program is that my teacher, Braeden Harris, was on the faculty. In fact, a half dozen of his students took part with me. We were a close knit group and supported each other beautifully.

While in San Diego I lived in the home of my host, Winnie. She is 91 years old, living on her own in this beautiful city. Her sight and her hearing are fading, but her spirit is strong. Her sense of gratitude is a wonder to behold. We should all be so lucky to live a long life such as hers. Yes, she has had her challenges: the loss of a husband, several strokes, and heart surgery. I have heard many stories over the last weeks. Stories of giving, tales of housing all kinds of folks from all walks of life. She takes them in like it was nothing. Winnie's thankfulness to the Almighty is something to behold. She is a good church-going, charity-giving, warm and generous soul. Thanks, Winnie, so much!

Braeden said in one of my voice lessons that if you don't keep improving, striving, you will slide backwards. This is the nature of being a singer, and an artist. That's just the way it is. This striving is something I try to instill in our choirs, in all of our b'nei mitzvah students, and of course in myself, in my cantorate, in my life. It is never easy. Although I can understand that it may look as such from the outside. My partner, our Rabbi Mosbacher, and I strive each and every week of our year to make BHSS a better place, a place of understanding, acceptance, peace and warmth. We may not always hit the mark, but the striving keeps us on course.

Once I was home, it was the downhill run to High Holy Day choir rehearsals, intense and focused on our holy responsibility; catching up with all my b'nei mitzvah students and seeing all their wonderful progress; and getting ready for the busy year to come. It is wonderful to be home again, to be in my own bed. Oy! Baruch HaShem!

It is my prayer that we all strive in our homes, our places of work, and inside each of us to better ourselves, our relationships with each other and with God. This is the way. It's difficult. But, after the hard work is done, after the exhale, the growth can be appreciated. These summer weeks of renewal have left me even more thankful for the community that calls me cantor, that calls me *hazzan*. My home is here in Mahwah. Faith and I are happy and healthy, due in large part to the security provided us by BHSS.

Thank you and *Shanah Tovah*, a happy and healthy new year. A year of striving spiritually, emotionally, musically and communally.

Cantor Perper



From the Educator's Office

A BHSS School Lexicon

Attendance/Absences – Please let us know if your child will not be here. We can email you or call you with homework, if applicable. The details of our attendance policy are on the registration form and in the handbook.

Birthdays – We celebrate with song. Please do not send food, as some students have food allergies.

Cell Phones – We love technology, but if a student's cell phone is in use during school, it will be confiscated and returned to a parent at dismissal. (Please, call the school if you need him/her!)

Drop Off & Pick Up – Drop off is at the back door (school entrance.) For pick up, you MUST PARK and come in (all grades.) NO EXCEPTIONS

Early Dismissal – If we are going to close school early we will let you know by email and written notices. If a student leaves before the official dismissal time, he/she must be signed out by a parent.

Family School – Our alternative program on Sunday mornings offers unique benefits. Try it, you'll like it!

Gum – should not be brought into the synagogue. If we see it, we'll take it.

Holidays – We will learn about and celebrate everything. Please volunteer to help on those days. **Injury or Illness** – We CANNOT give medicine. We have Band-Aids and ice packs. And your phone number.

Jewish Identity – what we all want for our children. Home + School = a great team.

Kadimah – our school program on Monday evenings. 7th through 12 graders, awesome teachers, & pizza!

Lay Leadership – Education Committee, chaired by Lauren Einhorn, does great things. Join them & see.

Morei Derech – our newest program, brings 8th – 12th graders into the classes as teacher aides.
 New Students – if your child is new to the school, ask that he/she be placed with a friend for the first year.

Other Opportunities – In addition to school, your child might like to be in the Junior Choir and/or a youth group!

Preschool (Monthly) – Miss Terry offers crafting, cooking, song, and story one Monday a month for 4s and young 5s.

Questions – Write or call the school to quickly get in touch with a teacher. They're eager to work with you.

Rabbi & Cantor – An answer for every question, ready with a song. We are SO blessed to have them.

School-Home Link – Call 201-512-1983, write *schoolatbethhav@optonline.net*, or come on in! **Teachers** – They love BHSS and your children, and act like it. We treasure our amazing staff.

Uniforms/Cleats – Sports uniforms are fine, but cleats are not.

Please send alternate footwear for school.

Vacations – The school calendar is online and posted around the building. If you need another, ask.

Weather – Check your email or weatherclosings.com/cancellations.com or call 201-512-1983, menu option 6 for a recorded message

eXams – We don't do a lot of that. Please sign the homework sheets and listen to Hebrew practice! **YOU** (parents) – Your help, your interest, your participation: they take us from good to great.

Zayde & Bubbe and the rest of the extended family – come to holiday parties, come to services, come to Family School!

Welcome/Welcome Back and a Happy, Healthy New Year!



Miles Brickman Ryan Brodsky Adam Buchalter Chloe Caren Brady Cole Brooke Dylan Einhorn Mandy Fleischmann Arden Flynn Olivia Flynn Jordan Gamburg Amanda Goldstein Benjamin Goldstein Emily Hoffert Justine Kulick Allison Lulov Matthew Meehan Skyler Murphy Matthew Myers Jordan Polansky Haley Popowitz Alexandra Potter Sklie Prizel Jonah Schechtman Betsy Schwartz Cole Selman **Emily Sheppard** Jay Scott Sherman Lili Shmaruk Emma Starr Carson Tidwell Nicole Wainland Lauren Wright

September Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						Ki Teitzei
						8:45am - Torah study
						10am - Jared Simon
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		7:30pm - Exec. Comm.	8 pm - Adult Choir	7pm - B'hood Offsite	8 p m - Tefilot	Ki Tavo
				7pm - HHD Torah Pract.		8:45am - Torah study
						10am - Lily Scheer
						10am - Robert Romoff
						7:30pm - Slichot
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7am - Spiritual Walk	4pm - Monthly PreK	4 pm - School 4 & 5	8 pm - Adult Choir	7pm - HHD Torah Pract.	7pm - Family Svce	N'tzavim
9 a m - 6 th & FS	4pm - School K - 3				8pm - Youth Fair	8:45am - Torah study
12pm - NFTY-GER LTI	6:45pm - Kadimah					10am - M Kestenbaum
						10am - M Krane
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	7pm - Board Meeting	7pm - HHD Torah Pract.	8 p m - Tefilot	Vayelech
7:30pm - Erev RH	Office Closed	Office Closed	8 pm - Adult Choir			8:45am - Torah study
	Rosh HaShanah	Rosh HaShanah				10am - Emily Hoffert
						10am - Robert Thea
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9 a m - 6 th & FS	4pm - School K - 3	NO SCHOOL	Office Closed		8pm - Tefilot	Ha-azinu
9am - Sukkah Build	6:45pm - Kadimah	Office Closes 3 PM	YOM KIPPUR			8:45am - Torah study
		7:30pm - Kol Nidrei				10am - Allie Potter
						10am - Jason Mindich
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		2	3	4	5	
9 a m - 6 th & FS						
7 pm - Sukkot Svce						

October Calendar ←

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	NO SCHOOL Office Closed	4pm - School 4 & 5 6:30pm - Prayer Class	6pm - Pizza in the Hut 8pm - Adult Choir		5:30pm - Sukkot Dinner 7pm - Tefilot-SUKKOT	Sukkot 8:45am - Torah study
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	10am - Sukkot Svce.					
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9am - 6th & FS 7pm - Consecration	Office Closed 10am - Yizkor service	6:30pm - Prayer Class 7:30pm - Exec. Comm.				8:45am - Torah study 10am - LLL Shabbat
7pm - Simchat Torah		7.00pm 2x00.00mm				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9am - 6th & FS	4pm - Monthly PreK	4pm - School 4 & 5	8pm - Adult Choir	7pm - B'hood Offsite	5:30pm - Pasta Supper	Noach
9am - Sukkah Down 7pm - Soc Action Mtg	4 pm - School K - 3 5 pm - Prayer Class	6:30pm - Prayer Class 7:30pm - Board Meeting			7 pm - Family Service 7 pm - YG Creative/PJ	8:45am - Torah study 10am - J. Waxenbaum
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9am - 6th & FS	4 pm - School K - 3 5 pm - Prayer Class	6:30pm - Prayer Class				8:45am - Torah study 10am - Emily Sheppard
	6:45pm - Kadimah	7pm - B'hood Offsite				10am - Gavriela Mitnick
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	5 pm - Prayer Class 6:45 pm - Kadimah	6:30pm - Prayer Class				
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SAVE THE DATE BHSSTY'S ANNUAL



More information to follow

Where: Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Social Hall

When: Friday, October 19, 2012; 5pm – 7pm

Suggested Donation: \$5 per person

RSVP: By October 12

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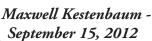
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...will be called to the Torah...



Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Julie, Father, Jordan, Brother, Josh, 10 is an 8th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include music, computers, technology, karate, and Boy Scouts. "I would like to be a top executive for Apple. I feel very happy and excited that I am finally becoming a Bar Mitzvah. I look forward to sharing my special day with my family and friends."



Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Maribel, Father, David is an 8th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include hockey, lacrosse, and reading. "I am happy to reach this important milestone in my Jewish upbringing and celebrating with my family and friends."

Robert Romoff - September 8, 2012 Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Marissa, Father, Barry, Sister, Heather, 9 is an 8th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include hockey, Star Wars, animals, and hanging out with friends. "I would like to work and care for animals in a zoo environment. I am excited and can't wait to celebrate this important event with my family and friends."

Matt Krane - September 15, 2012

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Ashreth, Father, Barry, Brothers, Josh, 23, and Stephen, 17, Sisters, Julia, 24, Colby, 19, and Siana, 19 is an 8th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include playing and writing music, skiing, tennis, and baseball. "I would like to become a famous musician and share my passion for music with

others. I am very excited to become a Bar Mitzvah for many reasons. To me becoming a Bar Mitzvah means I have to take on more responsibilities. I am thrilled that I get to continue the tradition of being a Bar Mitzvah and some day pass it on to my children."

Lily Scheer - September 8, 2012 Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Wendy, Father, Neil, Brother, Nathan, 15 is an 8th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include soccer, lacrosse, and having fun with friends. "I would love to be an architect! I am very excited about becoming a Bat Mitzvah. I have worked very hard and I'm looking forward to sharing the day with my family and friends."

Emily Hoffert - September 22, 2012 Lives in Allendale, New Jersey. Mother, Lana, Father, Ken is a 7th grader at Brookside Middle School Her interests include theater, soccer, reading, writing, and running. "I would like to become an author and actress. I am really excited and looking forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah."

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

hanging out with friends. "I would like to become an engineer or an architect. I have worked very hard to prepare for this special day and I am really looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah and celebrating this day with my family and friends."

a responsible Jewish adult."

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Happy New Year! Welcome to another fabulous year at Beth Haverim, Shir Shalom – the most wonderful community! Welcome to all of our new members and families that have joined us, and welcome back to all of our returning members and families. The reason for such a boisterous introduction is because I just love our temple, and all the people who make our organization such a great place.



- Sunday, September 23 at 9 a.m., we will assemble to erect the BHSS sukkah. Light breakfast will be available.
- Wednesday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m., we will host Pizza in the Hut for the congregation, where we gather in the sukkah and celebrate with food and friends.
- **Sunday, October 14**, we will take down the sukkah at 9 a.m. Immediately following, we will head to Panera in Ramsey for **Brotherhood Raps**, a more informal gathering where we touch base and get to know each other a little better.
- Tuesday, October 23, we will have our monthly meeting at Rhodes North Tavern in Sloatsburg, NY.

For further details or last-minute changes, send your email address to info@bhssbrotherhood.org, join our Facebook group (search for Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Brotherhood), and/or check our website at www.bhssbrotherhood.org.

Happy New Year, and may we all enjoy peace, prosperity and good health.

- Jonathan Theodore

We are not perfect, though. Frankly, no one can be perfect — who would want that kind of pressure and responsibility? We have many programs, activities, membership groups and sub groups, our wonderful Religious School, community activism, and so much more. What we tend not to have enough of, however is time. We work to make ends meet, trying to stay ahead of our bills, ahead of our competition, and trying to do the best we can for our families and ourselves. It is very difficult to participate in some of our activities and events, much less serving on the board! What I propose is for all of us, as a community, to commit to participate in at least one community activity this year as a family, and one activity for yourself... just to see how much more fun it can be to feel part of our community!

As Brotherhood Membership Chair, my plan is to spend some time with our membership list and reach out to each and every member – via phone, email, or carrier pigeon – to personally invite them to a Brotherhood event. I also am calling out to my fellow Membership chairpeople from each and every other department, committee, club, and group to do the same. This is the year that each and every member of BHSS is touched, and reminded of their importance in our family, and to feel welcomed and involved in the happenings in our synagogue, our community, and our lives.

Here are some upcoming Brotherhood activities and events:

• Thursday, September 6, at 7 p.m. we will have our introductory general meeting, at Overseas in Suffern.

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to High Holiday services. We will have a Center for Food Action van parked outside. Let's all remember our neighbors in need this holiday season. (Food can also be brought to the synagogue all year as well, and left in the CFA bin in the lobby.)

Life Long Learning

Hebrew: The Language of Our People

Join (ארטצהל) the congregation in this year's Lifelong Learning theme as we *explore, discuss, debate, create, converse,* and maybe even attempt to master this ancient language that has held the Jewish people together for thousands of years.

The Lifelong Learning committee has an exciting year planned for Jewish learning, spiritual reflection, and hopefully a little bit of fun!

SEPTEMBER

S'lichot Program – This year prepare for the High Holidays by exploring and sharing the diverse and curious ways we see God. Help us host our friends from Beth Rishon as we screen the documentary "God in the Box" on Saturday, September 8, starting at 7:30 pm followed by a coffee hour and an opportunity to step into the BHSS "box" to share your thoughts. S'lichot services to follow.

High Holiday Spiritual Walk – Join Rabbi Mosbacher and prepare for the holidays with a spiritual walk on Sunday, September 9, at 7:30 a.m. at Ramapo Reservation. Coffee will be served to get everyone going, so please RSVP to the synagogue office.

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School Adult Learning for the Wondering Jew

Evening and day classes are scheduled throughout our community and run from October through June. For information about Melton's world-class curriculum developed at Hebrew University and taught by master teachers, please visit www.jfnnj.org/meltonschool.

Register today for early-bird discounts.

October

Scholar in Residence - October 12-14

Dr. Yossi Leshem, professor of Bible at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, will join BHSS as the Scholar-in-Residence for this year's Lifelong Learning Hebrew theme.

- Friday October 12, Shabbat Services "Why does Hebrew matter?"
- Saturday October 13, 8 p.m. Mastering Hebrew
 Grammar refreshments will be served
- Sunday October 14, 10 a.m. join us for bagels and coffee, followed by a presentation geared for the whole family

November

One Book One Community – "Our Own Rescue Stories" We are partnering with the Library Committee to once again participate in the ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY program. Synagogues, agencies, and other Jewish communal organizations will join together in shared conversations and events centered around one selected book and its themes. Each Community Partner will host an open community event based on the theme of the book.

This year's selection is <u>The Zookeeper's Wife</u>, by award-winning naturalist, writer, and poet Diane Ackerman. A true story -- as powerful as "Schindler's List" -- in which the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo saved hundreds of people from Nazi hands. Discounted copies are available at the synagogue office for \$8,00.

Please read this community selection and join the discussion at Shabbat services on Friday, November 16, followed by a special oneg where we will have an opportunity to hear about "Our Own Rescue Stories" from Holocaust survivors in our community.

Michelle Mitzvah & Social Action



No Summer Vacation for the Michelle Mitzvah Group!

MMG has been active on many fronts this summer in preparation for the coming year. Feeding the needy is yearround, and our program in conjunction with the Christ Episcopal Church in Suffern continued throughout the summer as did our active involvement with the Center for **Food Action**. We are pleased that food has continued to come in during summer Shabbat services, and we were busily getting ready for our drive to reach the goal of 1,000 bags of food for the Center during the coming year. You will be hearing about the progress of this drive throughout the coming year, and we urge you to put it on your personal "must do" list.

This summer also saw us devote a good deal of time on an initiative that we hope will have a very positive impact on our synagogue's Social Action outreach. MMG is not the only BHSS group that is involved in such efforts. In fact, thanks to the leadership of Rabbi Mosbacher, social action is an important part of the very fabric of our congregation. So we thought it would be a good idea to reach out to all BHSS committees and hold a Social Action Summit to see how we can coordinate our efforts and perhaps in that way expand our efforts. Response has been phenomenal, and the Summit will take place at the synagogue on Sunday, October 14. We will be reporting on this in the next Temple Topics.

In the previous issue of Temple Topics, we spoke of beginning a working relationship with Children's Aid and Family Services of Paramus (CAFS). Over the summer we worked closely with them to find ways we can help this amazing organization. They have been helping children find both foster and adoptive parents for over 100 years and provide the most amazing educational and family support on many levels. We are currently working out the details of coordinating our efforts with our own Michelle-LeBron Scholarship Fund. We intend to award one of their foster children with a scholarship that will help them to graduate college. We will

work with CAFS, which has follow-up services and support that we may not have.

Many of you over the years have kindly contributed to the Michelle Mitzvah Group in honor of a special family event and may wonder what becomes of this money. Well, in addition to feeding the hungry wherever and however we can, we have provided scholarships to five students from Eastside High School in Paterson, New Jersey. We are now looking to assist special and meaningful community organizations such as CAFS. So it is with great pride in our temple community that we were able to pledge \$1,000 toward support of their educational programs. We have also pledged \$250 to the Center for Food Action as part of our 1,000 food bag program. Anyone who wishes to participate in this effort can purchase ShopRite gift cards through the BHSS office and designate it for delivery to the CFA.

Finally, we have confirmed our next visit to Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, New Jersey, on October 28. We, along with Cantor Perper and members of the choir, bring much joy to the children and staff during our visit. Also, don't forget to join us for our annual visit to Wanaque Convalescent Center on Christmas morning. Please put both of these dates on your calendar as the more people that join us, the better it is for these extremely ill children who need all the love we can offer them. Look for more specific information in the weekly email.

As we approach the High Holy Days and contemplate the coming year, please think about being a part of social action at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. For more information, please contact any of our officers below.

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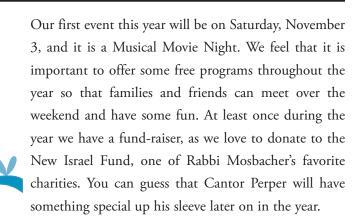
the place to be on **November 15th**

Gourmet Cooking Demonstration/Dinner With Executive Chef Denis Whitton Casual fun with old friends and new

Music Committee

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed your summer. We want to extend a warm welcome to the new members who have recently joined our community. We know you are going to love Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, and we hope to see you often at music events. Talking of new members, the Music Committee is thrilled to welcome two new members, Ellen Pall and Al Schlosser. They came to our July meeting, and we regaled them with stories of what we

have done, what we do, how we do it and how much fun we have, especially the joy of working closely with Cantor Perper. The variety of "voices," musical and not, gives rise to diverse opinions and different ideas at our monthly meetings, so planning musical events for you is something we all enjoy.



Are you interested in joining our friendly group on the 4th Tuesday of every month? We would love it, so do get in touch with us.

Happy New Year to you and yours, See you soon!

—Evelyn McGilloway and Nora Berger

Contributions

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

With thanks for your support and in memory of Milton
Gralla
- the Gralla family

To the Gralla family, in memory of Milton Gralla
- Laurin & Adam Steiger

In honor of Brian Stark's graduation - Marilyn & Roy Israel

In memory of Florence David, with thanks and appreciation - the Bernstein family - Marilyn Bernstein & Steven David

In honor of Dan Barrack's confirmation - the Barrack family

With thanks for a GREAT year! - the Religious School families

With thanks for a wonderful job at Talia's naming!
- Susan & Harris Reinstein

In memory of Gertrude Klein - Arlene & Richard Mandel

To Iris Greenberg, in memory of her uncle, Herbert Sakow
- Marsha & Larry Gluck

To Alan Weiss, wishing him a speedy recovery
- Marsha & Larry Gluck

With thanks and appreciation for making Ethan's first Tot Shabbat special - Dana & Jeff Berkowitz

In honor of Jacob's graduation from Kadimah
- Juliet & Michael Barr

With much thanks and appreciation for your support during a difficult time, and in memory of Natalie Adlman

- Jane Young

Thank you so much for your kindness, wisdom, and support as we prepare for and celebrate Adam's Bar Mitzvah

- the Brauner family

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

With thanks for your support and in memory of Milton Gralla - the Gralla family

To Jane Young, in memory of your mother, Natalie Adlman
- Ilyse & Floyd Smith
- Mimi & Mark Rosengarten

- Nancy & Al Levene

In honor of Samantha Stark's Sweet 16 - Marilyn & Roy Israel

In honor of Dan Barrack's confirmation - the Barrack family

With thanks for a GREAT year! - the Religious School families

With much thanks and appreciation for your support during a difficult time, and in memory of Natalie Adlman

- Jane Young

Great thanks for preparing Adam so well for his Bar Mitzvah - the Brauner family

Educator's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Zachary Stark's Bar Mitzvah

- Marilyn & Roy Israel

In honor of Dan Barrack's confirmation - the Barrack family

With thanks for a GREAT year! - the Religious School families

In honor of all the Kadimah graduates

- Iuliet & Michael Barr

To Andrea Ben Aviv, in loving memory of your mother, Ruth Blumenfeld - Irma & Joel Becker

Brick Fund

To Jane Young, in memory of your mother, Natalie Adlman - Sheryl Thailer

- Ruth & Stu Turner

- Irma & Joel Becker

- Pearl & Bob Meyers

- Manny Kaplan

To the Berger family, in memory of Bertha Lipsker
- Jane & Jan Simon

To the Bernstein family, in memory of your mother,
Florence David - Marsha & Larry Gluck

To Iris Greenberg, in memory of your uncle, Herbert Sakow - Ruth & Stu Turner

Contributions

To the Siegel/Cassel family, in honor of Madisen becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Ruth & Stu Turner To the Lamster family, in honor of Samantha becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Ruth & Stu Turner Life Fund To the Gralla family, in memory of Milton Gralla - Sheryl Thailer - Marci & Harvey Weinberg To Sammi Lamster and Madisen Siegel in honor of their

In memory of Allan's grandfather, Otto Tuteur - Sheri & Allan Schott

- the Lamster family

service leadership!

To Michael Zavist, in honor of his graduation - Bette & David Birnbaum

To the Cole family, in memory of Charles Cole - Marci & Harvey Weinberg

In commemoration of Esther Senzel's and Jerome Johnson's yahrzeits - Sue-Ellen & Ron Johnson

In commemoration of the yahrzeits of grandparents Morris and Ada Kohlreiter - Marci & Harvey Weinberg

To the Crystal family, in honor of Spencer becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Ilvse & Floyd Smith

In memory of George Moss - Barbara & Phil Moss

In commemoration of Werner Schott's yahrzeit - Sheri & Allan Schott

In honor of the wedding of our son Jason to Donna Lynch - Arlene & Richard Mandel

To Marilyn Bernstein and family, in memory of your mother, Florence David - Lynn & Michael Zall

In memory of Aaron and Jake Leit - Marilyn & Roy Israel

In memory of Ethel Pesin - Barbara & Phil Moss

To Susan and Dennis Gralla, with our condolences on the passing of Dennis's father, Milton Gralla

- Evelyn & Jim McGilloway

To Jen and Matt Cole, with our condolences on the passing of Matt's father, Charles Cole - Evelyn & Jim McGilloway

In memory of Adolf and Frieda Rix, beloved grandparents of Evelyn - Evelyn & Jim McGilloway

In memory of Otto Rix, beloved father of Evelyn - Evelyn & Jim McGilloway

In memory of Seymour Small

- Barbara & Charles Burghardt

To Jane Young, in memory of your mother, Natalie Adlman

- Barbara & Charles Burghardt - Beverly Coplin

- Lisa & Ken Glick

- Sheri & Allan Schott

- Sandy & Newt Parks

- Barbara & Phil Moss

- Judy & Joel Dorfman - Lynn & Michael Zall

- Peter Kaufman

- Marci & Harvey Weinberg

- Gail & Ranan Wichler

To the Berger family, in memory of Bertha Lipsker

- Andrea & Ken Albers

- Sheri & Allan Schott

To Marty Hymowitz, in honor of his birthday

- Richard Gold

In commemoration of the yahrzeit of Louis Bernstein

- Marilyn & Ira Bernstein

In memory of Brian Bandriemer

- Paula Tenenbaum

To Joan Cohen, in honor of your retirement

- Dede & Rick Levine

- Sheri & Allan Schott

To Jill Amsterdam, in memory of Stanley Levy

- Daniel Family Chiropractic

To Iris Greenberg, in memory of your uncle, Herbert Sakow

- Barbara & Phil Moss

- Sheri & Allan Schott

- Dana & Jeff Berkowitz

Contributions



In memory of Edith Roth and Morris Roth
- Sandra & Robert Jeanette

In honor of Madeleine Barr's graduation from Brandeis
University

- Iuliet & Michael Barr

To Barry Krane, in memory of Ann Krane

- Sheri & Allan Schott

To Nancy Levene, in memory of your mother, Maureen Boyle - Dede & Rick Levine

In commemoration of the yahrzeit of Julius Weisser
- Carole Goodman

To Benjamin and Miriam Ortman, in memory of Morris and Rose David - Florence & Jerry David

In memory of Leza Pincus - Sandy & Newt Parks

In memory of Joseph Schwartz - David Schwartz

To the Lamster family, in honor of Samantha becoming a
Bat Mitzvah
- Gail & Ranan Wichler

To the Coffel family, in honor of Sarah becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Gail & Ranan Wichler

Michelle Mitzvah Fund

To Marc Appelbaum, in honor of his leadership of the Michelle Mitzvah Group - Barbara & Phil Moss

To Marty Hymowitz, in honor of his birthday
- Roberta Goldfarb

To Jane Young, in memory of your mother, Natalie Adlman
- Hermine & Sid Aronson

In celebration of Scarlett's naming and Ryan's bris - Hermine & Sid Aronson

In memory of Joseph Schwartz - David Schwartz

Tree of Life

In honor of Daniel Barrack's confirmation

- the Barrack family

Prayer Book Dedication

In memory of Leatrice Erlman

- Michelle & Nathan Rosenberg

Barbara Weiss Fund

In commemoration of the yahrzeits of our dear fathers, Irving Dorfman and Samuel Rubin - Judy & Joel Dorfman

To Jane Young, in memory of your mother, Natalie Adlman - Dede & Rick Levine

THE HIGH HOLIDAYS ARE ALMOST HERE! ARE YOU READY? JOIN US AS WE PREPARE...

On Saturday, September 8, join us at BHSS for an extraordinary S'lichot program based on Nathan Lang's award-winning documentary, "God in the Box" —one of the most interactive documentaries you'll ever see. Stay for S'lichot—the beautiful and reflective opening services of the High Holiday season. Film at 7:30 p.m., coffee and a chance to record our own answers to the question at 9:30 p.m., and S'lichot services at 10:30 p.m. This program is jointly sponsored by Beth Haverim Shir Shalom and Temple Beth Rishon.

Then, on Sunday, September 9, at 7:30 a.m., join Rabbi Mosbacher for a **Spiritual Walk** at the Ramapo Reservation. Coffee will be served to get everyone going, so please RSVP to the synagogue office.

Membership Committee

It is hard to believe, but a new year is quickly approaching and the membership committee will soon be in full swing meeting and greeting. I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of our new congregants. We are so pleased that you have joined our community and we look forward to getting to know you better in the upcoming months. Our goal is to ensure that your membership is everything you hope it will be, so please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Speaking of the new year, the family services that will be offered on both Rosh HaShanah (Monday, September 17 at 2:45 p.m.) and Yom Kippur (Wednesday, September 26 at 2:30 p.m.) are wonderful opportunities for guests to visit and get a taste of BHSS. If you know of any families who are looking for a place to enjoy the holidays with their younger children, please encourage them to join us.

The goal of our committee is not limited to recruiting and welcoming new members. It also involves trying to create an atmosphere wherein all of our members can establish and maintain meaningful connections. We know from

conversations with our congregants that Beth Haverim Shir Shalom is a truly unique and diverse group. Our members decide to join our temple for many different reasons, and choose to stay here for a whole host of others. If you have had the opportunity to browse our updated website, you may have noticed a new section called "Why We Belong." On this page, we would like to feature our members' stories, highlighting the reasons they became and remain members. Please help us with this endeavor by sharing your story with us. You can call (201) 887-1234 or email thecole6@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing your story and discovering what membership means to you.

In closing, I would also like to extend my gratitude to Lisa Barrack. Lisa and I have co-chaired Membership together for the past few years and it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know her and working with her. Members will continue to see Lisa's smiling face in her new position in the BHSS front office. While I will certainly miss having her as a co-chair, I wish Lisa all the best in this new and exciting role!

Jen Cole, Membership Chair thecole6@yahoo.com

当中 Sisterhood News

Welcome to Fall! Sisterhood hopes you had a relaxing and fun summer—it sure was a hot one!

It's time for all of us to renew our busy lives—but don't forget to make time for Sisterhood.

Your Sisterhood Board has been busy in the heat, planning activities and events for all the women of BHSS. We hope you'll be involved this year. Did you know that Sisterhood does great work, and supports almost every aspect of synagogue life? It's our goal to make sure that our community's needs are met, in every way we possibly can. We need your help to continue that important work.

We're excited to announce that our first event for the new season will be a welcome back cocktail party during October. Watch your weekly emails for more information, and make a point of joining us. Get to know a new friend, get involved, get your ideas heard.

Our famous **Chanukah brunch** will be here before you know it. You won't want to miss it.

We'll be taking a break from Tricky Trays this year, and we're eagerly looking for ideas for another event to focus on in the spring. Do you have something great in mind that we should be doing? Contact us!

Look for us here in *Temple Topics*, weekly in our emails, and on our Facebook page. Hope to see you soon!

- Linda & Mona

BHSSTY

Shalom!

As the summer draws to a close, and the school year gears up, the youth of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom have been very busy getting ready for a really dynamic year!

There's lots more to come, so please come by in September to the education wing and check out our latest happenings on our revamped bulletin board... where you'll find out all about youth group happenings for both the JYG (Junior Youth Group, grades 4-8) and the senior youth group (BHSSTY, grades 9-12.) There will be information about not only stuff we have planned from our congregation, but regional (i.e.

NFTY and NFTY-GER) and other ongoing Jewish activities for our youth.

One upcoming event we are all very excited for is our annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday October 19, 2012 from 5-7 p.m. Following the dinner, BHSSTY will also be leading a Creative Service during the Family Friday night Shabbat service. So, please save the date - there will be lots more information to follow.

Wishing you all a wonderful year ahead, Stacey Butler BHSSTY Youth Group Advisor

Youth Committee +

The Youth Committee is anticipating a great year. We have been busy all summer planning for key events, including our Youth Activity Fair that will held during the Oneg Shabbat for the Family Friday Night Service on September 14. We will have lots of information for various kids programs and events that are scheduled throughout the year. There are BHSS programs, NFTY events, and URJ opportunities for kids ages 2 – 22. We'll even have a special ice cream social for the kids (and kids at heart!).

Come learn more about our Junior Youth Group for kids in grades 4-8. Our NFTY- (North American Federation of Temple Youth) affiliated BHSSTY is open to all kids in 9th - 12th grades. Through NFTY, kids connect with others from our synagogue and throughout the country. There are opportunities for Kallah (retreat) weekends at URJ camps throughout the year, as well as other social and spiritual experiences. With NFTY, the fun never stops because there is always another event where you can see your friends.

In addition, there will be information about the RAC (Religious Action Center), a political action organization within the URJ where high school kids can learn about the political process and meet with politicians to discuss key issues in Washington, D.C.. This year, we are incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity for a large number of BHSS member kids to go thanks to the generosity of the Endowment Fund. All students in 10th-12th grade are eligible to enjoy this experience for less than half the cost that it would normally be, or about \$250 per student. Please check your mail/email for the application or talk with Rebecca McVeigh for more information.

We hope to see you at the Activity Fair on September 14. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at: debfalkow@hotmail.com.

Debbie Falkow

Library Committee

For the second year, BHSS will participate in ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY, a community-wide program designed to enhance Jewish learning and encourage participation throughout northern New Jersey. Synagogues and other Jewish communal organizations join together in shared conversation and events centered on one selected book and its themes. This year the chosen book is The Zookeeper's Wife, by writer, naturalist, and poet Diane Ackerman. Rather than provide a summary of the book, a review published by the Washington Post will surely be an enticement to tackle this book: "A lovely story about the Holocaust might seem like a grotesque oxymoron. But The Zookeeper's Wife proves otherwise. Here is a true story -- of human empathy and its opposite -- that is simultaneously graceful and exuberant, wise and playful. The author has a wonderful tale to tell, and she tells it wonderfully."

More details will be discussed in upcoming BHSS announcements. Copies of the book will be available in the synagogue office as early as August 15, for \$8.00 each. Hopefully, congregants will choose to read the book and attend various events surrounding this ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY program. The first event, co-sponsored by Lifelong Learning and the Library committees, will take place on November 16 during services, so mark your calendars!

Students: When September rolls around, there will surely be papers to research and to write. Among many topics, the Sifriyah has resources on Holocaust themes, cultural themes, and biographical material, all popular research topics for middle and high school students. Especially noteworthy is Art Spiegelman's 2-volume Maus, a survivor's tale in cartoons. These works are the story of Vladek Spiegelman, a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe and his son, a cartoonist who tries to come to terms with his father, his father's terrifying story, and history itself. Both works are amazing and captivating. Please keep the Sifriyah in mind during the school year.

Remember, the Sifriyah can be a students' trove of gold.

Remember the popular course Best Biblical Texts and How to Unlock Them? During this recent participatory course, teacher Bette Birnbaum recommended <u>How to Read the Bible: A Guide To Scripture, Then and Now</u> by James Kugel. The good news is that the library now has a copy of Kugel's book. As Bette extolled, this book will help build literary and personal "tool kits" for reading, analyzing, and understanding our sacred TaNaKH.

Anatole France once wrote, "Never lend books, for no one ever returns them; the only books I have in my library are books that other folks have lent to me." Although this quotation brings a smile to the face, it also reminds library volunteers that there are books sitting in other people's houses. So, please take a good look around your house, and if you should find any BHSS books, just drop them off on our return shelf so others can enjoy them.



Interested in joining the Caring Committee?

We help coordinate and tend to the needs of people in our congregational community who may be ill, homebound, or in mourning. Sending cards, making phone calls, hospital visits, preparing and delivering meals, driving to doctor's appointments, and doing errands are all within our scope. We are always looking for people that like to cook, those that can prepare fresh meals, and also those that are willing to prepare meals and soups that freeze well and can be stored and used as needed.

If you are interested, please contact:

Gail Wichler (201)934-9239 gwichler@gmail.com Sheri Schott (201)236-1167 sschott@optonline.net



Condolences

to Barry Krane on the loss of his mother, Ann Krane

to Jill Amsterdam on the loss of her father, Stanley Levy

to Iris Greenberg on the loss of her uncle, Herbert Sakow

to Marilyn Bernstein on the loss of her mother, Florence David

to Nora Berger on the loss of her mother, Bertha Lipsker

to Michael Wiesner on the loss of his mother, Marion Rosalie Wiesner

to Matt Cole on the loss of his father, Charles Cole

to Cantor Amnon Telpasi on the loss of his wife, Renee Telpasi

to Richard Sobel on the loss of his mother, Rita Berkowitz

to Dennis Gralla on the loss of his father, Milton Gralla

to Jon Ditkoff on the loss of his mother, Adele Ditkoff

Speedy Recovery

Mark Moskowitz

Emily Sheppard

Eddie Klaskow

Barbara Burghardt

Noel Lamster

Charles Romano

Riva Sheppard

Ronnie Small

Michael Wiesner

Mazel Tov

to Arlene and Rich Mandel on the marriage of their son Jason to Donna Lynch

to Randi Rubin and Rick Morand on the marriage of Randi's son Erik to Remy Braun

Jarrad Levy will participate in the Wildlife Conservation Society's 5K "Run for the Wild" for his mitzvah project. His fundraising efforts will support the WCS's work in protecting walruses. Jarrad a WCS member, loves these animals and knows that these great creatures need our protection now. You can make a tax-deductible contribution at www.runforthewild.org, "Support a Runner." Follow the links, type in "Jarrad Levy," then click on "Support Me." Donations must be in by October 6, 2012, which is the date of the 5K run. Thank you for your support!

Henry Gordon is forming a team for the NYC MS Bike Ride as part of his bar mitzvah project. The event date is Sunday, October 21, and he will be participating in the 30-mile loop around Manhattan. The FDR and West Side Highway will be closed for the event. All minors must be 12 or older and be accompanied by an adult. Longer routes exist. If you would like to participate with Henry or donate to his team, please look up MS Bike Ride NYC 2012 and search for "Henry's team." If you have any difficulty, please email him at kakgordon@verizon.net and he will send you the link.

September Yahrzeits

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August Yahrzeits

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INGE OELBAUM ROBERT OELBAUM NATALIE ORTH ETHEL PESIN EUGENE REINSTEIN ADOLF RIX FRIEDA RIX ELINOR ROOT ROSE ROSENTHAL GEORGE SAULT SAUL SCHACHTER RUTH SCHOENFELD OTTO TUTEUR PEARL WALLISON HAROLD WEINSTEIN BERTHA WEISSER SADIE WIDMAN DOUGLAS WRIGHT DIANA GRANIT YALOWITZ



For the first time at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, two postb'nei mitzvahs led a service by themselves. Samantha Lamster and Madisen Siegel, who led the Friday night service on July 27th, became b'not mitzvah just this past spring. Preparation included about 30 minutes three times a week of practicing prayers, the same ones you had to learn for your bar/bat mitzvah, and learning to chant your assigned Torah portion. Both girls said that leading the service was fun. Madisen said,

"At first it was nerve-wracking, but as the service went on, I got in to the rhythm of it, and relaxed. That's when it started getting fun," when asked to describe the experience. In response to "Did you learn anything from leading the services?", Samantha said "From leading the services I learned how to keep organized, and I learned how much responsibility is asked of you when you lead a service."

But it wasn't all hard work for the two friends; they enjoyed many funny moments during the service. As Madisen said, "A few malfunctions occurred, so I quickly responded with, 'We're not professionals yet,' and 'technical difficulties' when we just could not get the Torah properly back in the ark. Thankfully, my Dad came and helped us." Leading services is not hard at all! With some preparation, all post-b'nei mitzvahs can do it. Samantha said, "To other post bar/bat mitzvahs,

> you should lead a service because it is a good life learning experience and it is a lot of fun to see what the rabbi and cantor do every Friday night." Being able to lead Friday night services together was very special for Madisen and Samantha, because they are very good friends. Leading the service brought them closer together, and it was a lot of fun too! Grab a friend and get ready for next summer's services! You could lead one too!

Michelle Cassel-Siegel



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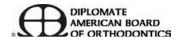
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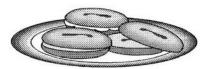
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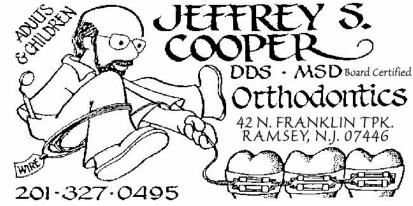
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Sunday, September 16 Monday, September 17 Tuesday, September 18 Tuesday, September 25 Monday, October 1 Sunday, October 7 Monday, October 8

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Torah Study - Saturdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 and October 6, 13, 20, and 27 beginning at 8:45 a.m.

S'lichot Program and Service at BHSS - Saturday, September 8 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy Nature on the Spiritual Walk - Sunday, September 9 beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Explore Opportunities for Youth at the Youth Activities Fair following services - Friday, September 14

Brotherhood's "Pizza in the Hut" - Wednesday, October 3 beginning at 6 p.m.

Sukkot Potluck Dinner (by RSVP) - Friday, October 5 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Simchat Torah and Consecration - Sunday, October 7 beginning at 7 p.m.

Come and Learn from Scholar in Residence Yossi Leshem -

Friday, October 12, Saturday, October 13, Sunday, October 14

Enjoy the Youth Group's Spaghetti Dinner - Friday, October 19 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Support the Book Fair: Friday, October 19 - Browsing after Services; Sunday, October 21 - 8:30 am - 1 p.m.;

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