

TEMPLE TOPICS



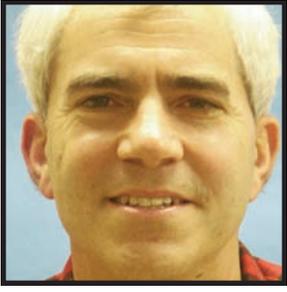
CHESHVAN/KISLEV/TEVET 5773

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012

Friday, November 2	5:45 PM	Tot Shabbat
	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
		Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Grippo and Wright families
Saturday, November 3	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Michael Grippo and Lauren Wright
Friday, November 9	7:00 PM	Family Service
		<i>Please note the early start time. Birthdays in November will be celebrated.</i>
		Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Moskowitz family
Saturday, November 10	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Moskowitz
	7:00 PM	Kristallnacht Program
Friday, November 16	8:00 PM	Book Discussion "The Zookeeper's Wife"
		Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Pall family
Saturday, November 17	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Pall
Friday, November 23	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Bordowitz and Slakter families
Saturday, November 24	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of William Bordowitz and Noah Slakter
Friday, November 30	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Cole and Levin families
Saturday, December 1	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Garrett Cole and Zachary Levin
Friday, December 7	8:00 PM	
Saturday, December 8	10:00 AM	
Tuesday, December 11	6:00 PM	Community Menorah Lighting
Friday, December 14	7:00PM	Chanukah Service
		<i>Please note the early start time. Birthdays in December will be celebrated</i>
		Chanukah dinner beginning at 5:30 PM - by RSVP
		Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Kahway family
Saturday, December 15	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Kevin Kahway
Friday, December 21	8:00 PM	
Saturday, December 22	10:00 AM	
Friday, December 28	6:15 PM	<i>Note the early start time.</i>
		Come and enjoy "pre-neg" refreshments at 5:45 PM
Saturday, December 29	10:00 AM	



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President's Message

My dad's rule on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings was simple: Don't wake him up. For sure, we went to services as a family, and we were always there on time. To clarify, I am referring to the pleasure my father took in sleeping through sermons. Whether the sanctuary was hot or cool, whether we were in the third row or the fifteenth row, and whether the rabbi's topic was of interest or not, it didn't matter. Within three or four minutes, my dad's eyes would begin to close, and then off he went, into a relaxed state of contemplation. This was his spiritual moment. The longer the sermon, the happier he was. Yes, sleeping through sermons was a tradition, and remains one of my strongest memories of attending High Holy Day services as a child.

As I reflect on this year's High Holy Days at BHSS, my sense is that our members and guests found the experience to be inspirational and enjoyable. For that, we can thank our wonderful rabbi and cantor. And from my vantage point on the *bimah*, I didn't see anyone sleeping! (But, of course, you all know that I cannot see very well without my glasses). Perhaps the most satisfying aspect of these holy days is the number of people who volunteer to participate in making these services special: from the Ritual Committee to the Choir, from the ushers to those running the children's program and learning sessions, and all those who accepted the honor of Torah and Haftarah reading, reciting blessings, opening the ark, lifting and carrying the Torah, blowing a shofar, and addressing the congregation. (No doubt I have missed someone or some activity, so apologies in advance). In short, as a community, we came together and made these holidays warm, inviting, and truly holy. And that, frankly, is a tradition that gives me even more pleasure than my dad enjoying a prayerful snooze.

Looking ahead, the synagogue year is still young, so please consider taking advantage of all that we have to offer. In the long list of activities and events that Rabbi

announced during services, or that appears in *Temple Topics*, on our website or weekly email, I'd encourage you to pick one or two new things to try individually or as a family. As our Past President Ritch Yanowitz used to say, you're paying for it, so you might as well use it! In all seriousness, we strive to be a congregation where our members do more than come by once a year for the High Holy Days, or drop their kids at the door for religious school. Please join the many member families that have found that Beth Haverim Shir Shalom can offer them even more.

One particular area to consider getting involved with is our Youth Engagement initiative. In that regard, I'd like to provide a quick update on the Religious Action Center (RAC) trip and the support being provided by the Endowment. Relative to the 5 to 8 BHSS students who typically attend the RAC trip each year, I am thrilled to announce that we have 22 of our youth signed up for this year's trip. This is wonderful, and you should expect to hear about other programs that the Endowment will support later this year.

Finally, as of my submission date of this column in early October, there are new signs of economic stability and recovery in Europe and the U.S.; the Yankees are positioning themselves for the playoffs; and the Presidential election is beginning to look like it's going in the direction of the incumbent. (Well, as Meat Loaf sings: "two out of three ain't bad"). It promises to be an interesting November and December, and I hope to see you all at BHSS and around town. As always, if you have any thoughts as to how we can make BHSS an even better place and stronger community, please don't hesitate to give me a buzz. And if by chance you see me nodding off at services (or as I like to say, "meditating"), please feel free to give me a little nudge.

—Harvey Weinberg, President

From the Rabbi's Study



“If not now, when?”

Can you imagine what it would be like to live on \$31.50 per week for food and beverages? Millions of Americans, many of them working full-time, struggle with food insecurity. Our neighbors, including members of our congregation, are allocated this sum of money per person on SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps.

The 2012 Jewish Community Food Stamp Challenge marks the third year that clergy and other Jews around the country have agreed to spend the amount allocated for individuals on SNAP. This year, my family and I will attempt the Food Stamp Challenge from Friday, November 16 until Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday night, November 22.

Hunger and food insecurity are “rarely talked about and frequently misunderstood,” Rabbi Leonard Gordon, co-chair of the challenge, noted in a statement to Jewish Telegraphic Agency. This challenge “is a way for [Jews] to make the invisible daily struggles of congregants and neighbors real while demonstrating the Jewish community’s deep commitment to help those in need.”

Rules of the Food Stamp Challenge include keeping receipts and calculating food costs on everything consumed, even if the items already were in the house. Participants also are asked to shun free food, including food at receptions or office coffee. Those taking the challenge are encouraged to donate the money they normally would have spent on food that week to a local food bank or anti-hunger advocacy organization.

“On a budget of only \$1.50 per meal, many SNAP recipients must settle for unsatisfying meals that lack the necessary nutrition and energy to meet the demands of work and

family,” according to Abby Leibman, president and CEO of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

Jewish organizations involved in the project include the Jewish Council for Public Affairs; MAZON; the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly; the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism; the Union for Reform Judaism; the Reform movement's Central Conference of American Rabbis; the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association; Uri L'Tzedek; the American Conference of Cantors; and the Cantors Assembly.

We live in a great country, with so much abundance; as Jews, I believe that it is obligation to share our abundance with those in need. Whatever your political persuasion, I think we can all agree that \$31.50 per person per week is hardly excessive support for the hungry people in our own community and across the country. The Food Stamp Challenge is a way to experience, if but only for a brief period of time, what food insecurity is like, and to recognize in a very personal way our obligation as individuals and as a nation to ensure that all of our citizens receive the essential nourishment they need.

Will you join us in the Food Stamp Challenge this year? Please let me know if you'd be willing to join us; experiencing this challenge together as a community can help make us more aware, and more thankful as well.

—Rabbi Joel Mosbacher

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Candlelighting times:

November 2 – 5:33 pm *Vayeira*
November 9 – 4:25 pm *Chayei Sarah*
November 16 – 4:19 pm *Tol'dot*
November 23 – 4:14 pm *Vayeitzei*
November 30 – 4:12 pm *Vayishlach*

December 7 – 4:11 pm *Vayeishev*
December 14 – 4:11 pm *Miketz*
December 21 – 4:14 pm *Vayigash*
December 28 – 4:18 pm *Vay'hi*



December Birthdays

Max Baker

Noah Baker

Ethan Berkowitz

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Garrett Cole

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Max Goldberg Kaplan

Marlee Goldstein

Ellie Greenblatt

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CHANUKAH MENORAH LIGHTING HINTS:

The first day of Chanukah is on December 9, 2012; therefore the first candle is lit the evening before (December 8.) Candles are placed in the *chanukiah* (Chanukah menorah) from right to left (the first night, place one candle all the way to the right, then add on from there each succeeding night.) Light candles from left to right (light the newest candle first, after you have lit the *shamash*, or service candle.)

First Blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu bimitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

Second Blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, she'asa nissim la'avoteinu bayamim haheim ba-z'man hazeh.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors, in those days at this time of year.

Third Blessing (recited first night only)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu v'kiyemanu v'higiyanu la-z'man hazeh.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season of joy.



Ritual Committee

The problem with thanking people after an event for their help and participation is that you will probably (almost definitely) inadvertently leave someone off the list. Then there is the likelihood that the person will feel slighted, that their contribution wasn't noticed or didn't matter as much as everyone else's. So the tendency is to just say "thank you all for ..." and not mention individual names. But I personally like seeing my name in print and like getting that "shout out" that I did something special. So I am going to take the risk and thank people individually for the Herculean effort that was necessary to make the High Holidays go so smoothly.

I'm not talking about the High Holiday services themselves. We are blessed with remarkable clergy, a beautiful choir that sounds better and better every year, a fabulously gifted accompanist, extremely organized office staff, an incredibly dedicated educator, and a caretaker who is a true mensch. We are also blessed with talented and dedicated lay Torah readers, a wonderful shofar blowing crew led by Harris Reinstein and Judi Teich, and Board members who are able to speak passionately and eloquently from the *bimah*.

But without the behind-the-scenes efforts of a truly enormous amount of people, things can get off-kilter very quickly. So in the hopes that I have spelled all of your names correctly and haven't forgotten anyone outright, I would like to thank a few (well, really more than a few) people.

First of all, the silver polishing crew: The Torah scrolls didn't just get that shiny on their own, so I'd like to thank Ceil Baldwin, Nancy Levene, and Sarah Adelson, who under the direction and guidance of the silver polishing guru of BHSS, Evelyn McGilloway, made the Torah adornments sparkle. Who knew polishing the *rimonim* and the *yadayim* could be so rewarding and so much fun?

The book stuffing crew: Hundreds of machzorim were stuffed with High Holiday appeal envelopes and additions. Thanks to Hank & Michael Bordowitz, Michelle Sherry, Lisa, Samantha, and Jessica Lamster, Ethan Coyne, Ari and Lev Mosbacher, Ken Goldstein and Al Levene. Many hands make light work, and we stuffed and stacked those books in record time.

The ushering crew: Ushering is one of those things nobody notices unless something goes wrong, and so huge thanks need to go out to: Mitch Miller, Ruth Turner, Leslie Sapienza, Beth Wiesner, Howard and Debbie Falkow, Lisa and Samantha Lamster, Andy Schechter, Mike Kassover, Sue Spira, Marty Hymowitz and Rhonda Goodman, Ranan Wichler, Marc Weiss, Sheila Groskin, Rob Shulman, Gary Sheppard, Elizabeth Wandelmeier, Scott and Susan Nachinson, Tim Crouch, Michelle Cassel-Siegel, Marla Muni, Ellen and Sarah Fasanaro, Elyssa and Ari Mosbacher, Rebecca McVeigh, Jen (and Emily) Cole, Linda Vogel, Mona Lefkowitz, Ken Goldstein, Ilyse Smith, Nancy Levene, Ian and Ethan Coyne, Sheryl Thailer, Lori and Ritch Yanowitz, Sandy and Bill Arlington, the Anesetti Family, Beverly York, Harris Reinstein, Marilyn Taylor, Jodi Lyons, Lisa Glick, Barry Romoff, Joe Berkofsky, Susan Steinberg, Hank & Michael Bordowitz, Helene Collins, and Harold Berger, Quite a list isn't it?

Wait ... there's more. Very special thanks to Leslie Kirzner and Brian Muni, who led a beautiful, musical, and spiritual Healing Service. Thank you for lending your time, your voices, and your talents to you fellow congregants in need. And more special thanks to Rebecca McVeigh and Juliet Barr, for sharing their love for and knowledge of Hebrew as part of our Yom Kippur afternoon learning session.

The holidays didn't end with Yom Kippur, so I also need to thank our wonderful Brotherhood for building the beautiful *sukkah* in our courtyard and Lisa Lamster for making all those yummy candy bags for *Simchat Torah*.

Finally, I would like to thank my Ritual Co-Chair, Nancy Levene, whose ever-present Ritual binder, calm manner, organized mind, kind heart, and easy smile kept us all on track. Thanks for having my back and picking up the ball every time I dropped it.

Now that the High Holidays are over, you might think the work of the Ritual Committee is done for a while. Mmm, not so much. Our next Ritual meeting is Tuesday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. We would love to have you join us.

—Stacey Coyne, Ritual Committee Co-Chair



November Calendar



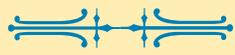
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December Calendar



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25 9 am - 6th & FS 1 pm - TYG Mini Golf @ Monster	26 4 pm - School K - 3 5 pm - Prayer Class 6:45pm - Kadimah	27 4 pm - School 4 & 5 6:30pm - Prayer Class	28 8 pm - Adult Choir	29 7 pm - Dartmouth Aires	30 8 pm - Tefilot	1 Vayishlach 8:45am - Torah study 10 am - Garret Cole 10 am - Zachary Levin 7 pm - TYG Havdalah/Movie
2 9 am - 6th & FS 1 pm - TYG Mini Golf @ Monster	3 4 pm - School K - 3 5 pm - Prayer Class 6:45pm - Kadimah	4 4 pm - School 4 & 5 6:30pm - Prayer Class	5 8 pm - Adult Choir	6 7 pm - Dartmouth Aires	7 8 pm - Tefilot	8 Vayeshhev 8:45am - Torah study
9 9 am - 6th & FS	10 4 pm - School K - 3 6:45pm - Kadimah	11 4 pm - School 4 & 5 6 pm - Comm Menorah Lighting 6:30pm - Prayer Class 7:30pm - Exec. Comm. Mtg.	12 8 pm - Adult Choir	13 8 pm - Adult Choir	14 5:30pm - Chanukah Dinner 7 pm - Chanukah Svc	15 Miketz 8:45am - Torah study 10 am - Kevin Kahwaty
16 9 am - 6th & FS 2 pm - Young Peoples Concert 3 pm - Mah Jongg	17 4 pm - School K - 3 5 pm - Prayer Class 6:45pm - Kadimah	18 4 pm - School 4 & 5 7:30pm - Board Meeting	19 8 pm - Adult Choir	20 8 pm - Tefilot	21 8 pm - Tefilot	22 Vayigash 8:45am - Torah study
23 9 am - NO SCHOOL	24 4 pm - NO SCHOOL 6:45pm - NO SCHOOL	25 4 pm - NO SCHOOL	26 8 pm - Adult Choir	27 8 pm - Adult Choir	28 5:45pm - "Pre-neg" 6:15pm - Tefilot	29 Vay'hi 8:45am - Torah study
30 9 am - NO SCHOOL 11 am - Mah Jongg Brunch 'n Play	31 4 pm - NO SCHOOL 6:45pm - NO SCHOOL	1 4 pm - NO SCHOOL	2 8 pm - Adult Choir	3 8 pm - Adult Choir	4 8 pm - Tefilot	5 8 pm - Tefilot



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Some of our new religious school students gathered before Simchat Torah/Consecration for a photo with Rabbi Mosbacher, Cantor Perper, Rabbinc Intern Josh Stanton, and educator Rebecca McVeigh

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CHANUKAH DINNER AT BHSS

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 14, 2012
5:30 P.M.

Catered dinner by RSVP only...
more information to follow...



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



Michael Grippo - November 3, 2012



Lives in Airmont, New York. Mother, Michelle, Father, Paul, Sisters, Nicole, 20, and Julie, 10.....is an 8th grader at Suffern Middle SchoolHis interests include everything! "I would like to become a pastry chef. This is the proudest moment of my life."

Rebecca Pall - November 17, 2012



Lives in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey. Mother, Ellen, Father, Brian, Sister, Leah, 19, Brother, Ben, 17.....is a 7th grader at Franklin Avenue Middle SchoolHer interests include singing, dancing, and playing basketball. "I would like to thank my whole family, Rabbi Mosbacher, Mrs. McVeigh, and Cantor Perper for helping me through the Bat Mitzvah process, and believing in me the whole time."

Lauren Wright - November 3, 2012



Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Julie, Father, Doug, Brother, Brandon, 16.....is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School.....Her interests include soccer, basketball, lacrosse, and Girl Scouts. "I would like to become a professional athlete or a fashion designer. I am excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and celebrate this special day with my family and friends."

William Bordowitz - November 24, 2012



Lives in Macomb, Illinois. Mother, Caren, Father, Hank, Brothers, Michael, 25, and Larry, 20.....is a 9th grader at Macomb High School.....His interests include some video games, the sciences, and Doctor Who. "I would like a job in the molecular sciences. I feel that this gives me a feeling of being a part of the congregation."

Matthew Moskowitz - November 10, 2012



Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Janet, Father, Mark, Brother, Jonathan, 8is an 8th grader at Community School.....His interests include building, music, history, and technology. "I would like to be an engineer. I am very excited about this special time in my life and becoming a Bar Mitzvah. I am also a little nervous. I can't wait to celebrate this special day with my family and friends."

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



Noah Slakter - November 24, 2012

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Robin, Father, Mark, Sisters, Allison, 18, and Emily, 15is an 8th grader at Cavallini Middle School.....His interests include all sports, collecting sneakers, and memorizing license plates. "I'm a numbers guy. I would like to buy and see real estate when I get older. I am very nervous but excited to share this special day with my family and friends."



Zachary Levin - December 1, 2012

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Randi, Father, Chaim, Sister, Amanda, 18.....is an 8th grader at Cavallini Middle School.....His interests include soccer, tennis, and traveling. "I would like to become a lawyer. I am very excited to gain a greater role in our Jewish community and to take part in this Jewish tradition."



Garrett Cole - December 1, 2012

Lives in Wyckoff, New Jersey. Mother, Jen, Father, Matt, Brothers, Aidan, 16, and Brady, 10, Sister, Emily, 1 1/2is a 7th grader at Eisenhower Middle SchoolHis interests include basketball, movies, and piano. "I am looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah and celebrating with family and friends."



Kevin Kahwaty - December 15

Lives in Pine Brook, New Jersey. Mother, Robin, Father, Larry, Brother, Ryan, 10is a 7th grader at Lazar Middle School.....His interests include skateboarding, biking, playing guitar, quading, dirt biking, running, and reading. "I am excited and I am looking forward to my Bar Mitzvah."

Brotherhood News

L'Shanah tovah! Happy New Year. The High Holidays have come and gone, and here we are in the fall – enjoying days and days of rain followed by mud and cold weather. I am, however, full of joy nonetheless! Sukkot was super fun, Simchat Torah was awesome as usual, and each day I am reminded of what an amazing family BHSS is. With open doors, open arms and a warm heart we welcome families, new and old members, extended family, and friends from the community at large to come, enjoy our hospitality, and break bread with us.



Though it has been a couple of millennia since there was a Jewish carpenter, the Brotherhood of BHSS certainly holds their own. Our annual Sukkah building was, once again, a success! It would not be complete without Howard ribbing me about having a drill that is hardly ever used. It is my once-a-year Sukkah building drill...nothing wrong with that! We did leave one corner of the Sukkah open because as we all know, we cannot complete it before Yom Kippur. After Yom Kippur, Rabbi Mosbacher did the honors of tying down the remaining flap, and completing the structure.

Pizza in the Hut, Brotherhood's annual event, was once again (for the second year in a row) enjoyed in the social hall due to the rain. We did have an incredible amount of pizza left over. Tim took the rest of the pizzas to the Suffern Soup Kitchen. The following Friday, weather was a bit better so the BHSS pot luck dinner was able to be enjoyed in the Sukkah at last!

Brotherhood of BHSS is a great place to meet and do fun things for the BHSS family and the community at large, while hanging out and being guys. We meet every month for a fun and informative dinner, for Brotherhood Raps at Panera Bread, and we host several events including our annual Chanukah party at Waterwheel restaurant, our annual Passover Wine sale, our Men's Seder, and much, much more!

The holiday season did finally end with our Sukkah takedown followed by Brotherhood Raps at Panera Bread. We look forward to seeing faces – new and old - at some of our upcoming Brotherhood happenings, including (but not limited to):

- November Executive Board Meeting: TBD
- Brotherhood Raps: 11/4
- November General Meeting: 11/15 at Mahwah Bar & Grill
- Chanukah Party tentatively 12/6 (check www.bhssbrotherhood.org or our Facebook group "Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Brotherhood" for further details)
- December Executive Board Meeting 12/18

- Jonathan Theodore

The Rockland County Department of Social Services is overseeing a holiday program called "The Giving Tree."

Volunteers would sit at pre-assigned shift times between Thanksgiving and Christmas Day at Palisades Center Mall by the Holiday Tree and collect toys for needy children. This is considered an interfaith social action initiative. Any synagogue member/family can volunteer time, and it would also be a good way for young people to accumulate community service hours for school or b'nai mitzvah.

Jill Pearlman is the contact person for this project. If you have any interest or questions, please email her at DSSgivingtree@gmail.com.

Life Long Learning

This year's Lifelong Learning programs are off to a terrific start!

We had a great turnout for our Slichot "God in the Box" program co-sponsored with Beth Rishon. Many members took advantage of the opportunity to "go into the box" and share what God means to each of them. Many congregants also joined the rabbi for the annual spiritual walk to prepare for the High Holidays.

We are certainly a House of Learners: starting with Rabbi's Kol Nidre sermon that reminds us why Hebrew is so important to the Jewish people; to the standing room only crowd at the Yom Kippur learning sessions for this year's theme, "Hebrew: The Language of Our People" planned by our Ritual Committee partners; to a weekend with our Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Yossi Leshem, who helped many of us better understand this ancient yet now modern language...

And mah jongg is continuing from last year! If you are interesting in joining the twice-monthly game, please see our website for details.

There is more to come, plus always bit of fun!

Life Long Learning Event Calendar:

November

One Book One Community – "Our Own Rescue Stories." Friday, November 16, join us on to discuss this year's selection, *The Zookeeper's Wife*, 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 temple offices. A special oneg will follow with an opportunity to hear about "Our Own Rescue Stories" from Holocaust survivors in our community.

January

Lifelong Learning Film Festival – Sunday Night Movies at BHSS. January 20, 7 pm. Come hang out for a movie, some laughs, and of course, snacks, at our inaugural film. The first film is "A Serious Man", a black comedy by the Coen brothers, which was nominated for two Oscars.

Lifelong Learning Arts Festival – January 27, 1-3 pm. All ages join us as we creatively explore this year's Lifelong Learning theme.

Ulpan BHSS – Check us out every Friday night at the oneg!

joyous occasion/ happiness (<i>simchah</i>)	שִׂמְחָה
chaotic and messy (<i>tohu va'vohu</i>)	תְּהוֹ וָבוּהוּ
rainbow (<i>keshet</i>)	קֶשֶׁת
flood (<i>mabool</i>)	מַבּוּל

Jasmine's Story

On October 14, BHSS held a meeting that brought together all the committees and individuals that in one way or another engages in social action, with our goal being to foster a closer working relationship in order to better deal with the ever-expanding needs of our community-at-large. The next issue of Temple Topics will contain a detailed article on this meeting. One of the guest speakers was a young lady who grew up as a foster child, and her story was so moving that we wanted to share it with all of our congregants. It effectively illustrates why those of us who devote time to social action, do so.

Jasmine's Story:

"As I look back at my life, I realize that I am a product of my past, but I don't have to be a victim of it. I am the fifth of 12 children. My parents were addicted to drugs and were just not capable of caring for us. When I was 7 years old, I began to notice that my parents had a drug problem that made life for my siblings and me very hard. I have vivid memories of my mother being nurturing and I loved her. But the effects of the drugs turned her into a person I didn't recognize. She was once someone I looked up to, and seeing her made me happy; but then her moods became as unpredictable as the weather. There were times my siblings and I would go to bed hungry and sometimes we didn't go to school because we didn't have clean clothes. At school I was picked on by other kids and fell behind in my work. Despite all this, school was my safe haven and I always strived to get good grades.



"When I was 9 years old, I was removed from my parents' home and placed in foster care. I clearly remember the day that my parents had to give me up. I knew by the expression on their faces that they loved me and wanted to keep me, but they realized they had a serious problem. I was happy and sad at the same time: Happy because I was leaving behind all the pain I endured, but sad because I was leaving my family.

"I went on to live in several foster homes, as well as one group home, and sometimes struggled to adapt to new surroundings. My sisters and I even lived for a time in rural Pennsylvania. We were used to the urban areas of New Jersey, waking to the

sounds of cars and buses, and being able to walk to the corner store. Here we were on four acres of land with a farm across the street, and the town was miles away. Although we welcomed the change at first, after a while we longed to be back in New Jersey.

"When I was 13, I did move back to New Jersey and entered the care of Children's Aid and Family Services. My two sisters and I went to live in a treatment foster home. I lived with this family for four years, and learned a lot from them about morals and taking care of myself. They introduced me to their church and consequently, I learned to truly value the spiritual world. I began to develop character and the determination to overcome obstacles that would prevent me from reaching my goals. These experiences have helped give my life meaning. Although I was once very shy, I now love telling my story in front of a congregation and have become a youth leader so I can inspire others.

"I'm now a junior at college, learning to live a more structured and disciplined life. I'm grateful for all the people who helped me along this journey...my therapists, my caseworkers, my teachers and my foster parents. They were patient and understanding with me, and helped make me the person I am today. Although my life has been full of challenges and calamities, I don't regret anything that happened in my past. These experiences have helped shape my character. Now I'm excited about my future."

Christmas Morning at Wanaque Convalescent Center.

This is a long-term care facility for young children, teenagers and adults. Every Christmas morning we bring toys and songs to put smiles on the faces of the residents as well as the staff. While some of these residents are non-responsive, they do respond to the sound of music and to the touch of your hand. We're at the facility for about two hours in the morning. Being there on **Christmas morning** is truly a mitzvah. Put this on your calendar and join us!



**Beth Haverim Shir Shalom's
Chanukah D.A.R.E. Toy Drive
"ADOPT A CHILD FOR CHANUKAH"**

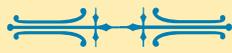


It's November, and as we as a country decide what direction to go in for the next four years, we as a congregation and a community know what direction to go in to help repair the world. Every year the Suffern Police Department's D.A.R.E. Program, along with local social workers, municipalities and organizations, identify local families who are in need or who are dealing with a tragic event. The Suffern D.A.R.E. Program runs a toy drive, and has again asked Beth Haverim Shir Shalom to lend a hand. The Chanukah D.A.R.E. Toy Drive has been very successful in assisting Suffern D.A.R.E. provide help for these families. Temple wide, our members have donated toys and other items for the children of these needy families in our community. Yes, these are our neighbors and we, as a community, are obligated to help them.

Teaching our children the meaning of tzedakah is one of the most important pieces of knowledge we can provide them and the Chanukah Toy Drive supports that teaching. We encourage each temple family to "Adopt a Child for Chanukah." That means if 400 families adopt one child each, 400 children will be helped. All we ask is that you, each family, embrace the obligation to provide a child with a gift. In doing so, each of us helps to teach the meaning of tzedakah to the children of our congregation.

Please take a look at the temple's bulletin board in the religious school entrance hall beginning Friday evening, November 9, 2012. There you will find information identifying a child of family that needs help. Please understand and respect that the identity of the needy family is very confidential and cannot be provided to you. The child will be labeled by its family number, gender and age. Please adopt one child (or more if you like!) and bring an unwrapped gift for that child to one of the many fun-filled events planned at the temple during November and December. If you would like to just donate a gift, we will match up a child for you. If you can't make it to an event, you can just drop off a gift at the temple, as there will be bins to put the gifts in by religious school entrance. If you can't get the gift to the temple, email us and we will be glad to pick it up from you. Please note the last drop-off date at the temple will be Sunday, December 16.

Finally, we, the Michelle Mitzvah Group, as well as the Suffern D.A.R.E program, can also use help sorting gifts. If you can help or have any questions, please feel free to email Barry Romoff at bromoff@gmail.com. Please help repair the world. Thank you.
— Michelle Mitzvah Group



Contributions



Life Fund

in Memory of Elaine Klein, Grandmother of Ilan Albadeff
- Ruth & Stu Turner

to Marty and Rhoda Lonow, In honor of Robert Romoff
becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Ruth & Stu Turner

to Harvey & Marci Weinberg, In honor of Alex's wedding
- Phil & Barbara Moss

to Ritch and Lori Yanowitz, In honor of the birth of their
new granddaughter - Norman & Alison Axelrod

in memory of Sol Pincus, Newt's dad
- Sandy & Newt Parks

in memory of Robert Rosin, stepfather of Katie Rosman,
grandfather of Ari and Ella Ehrlich - Evie Klein & Bob Owens

in memory of Max Granat - Mimi & Steve Waxenbaum

in memory of Betty Charles Sankel - Sheryl & Joel Ives

to Phyllis Bushell, In memory of Adele Feiner
- Irma & Joel Becker

in memory of Nancy Pivar - David Schwartz

in memory of Beatrice Burghardt and Florence Ashkenazy
- the Burghardt family

in memory of Allan Eisenstein - Paula Tenenbaum

in memory of the father of Caroline Steiner - Harold Berger

in memory of William Kaplan - Alison and Norman Axelrod

in memory of Leon Merovici - Sanda & Alan Kessler

in memory of David Manson - Sanda & Alan Kessler

in memory of Morris Goodman, father-in-law to Carole
Goodman - Carole Goodman

in memory of Claire and Norman Novak
- Laurie & Marc Daniel

Brick Fund

in memory of Elsie Kessler and Roy Kessler
- Sanda & Alan Kessler

Educator's Discretionary Fund

to Rebecca McVeigh- in honor of her 10 years as principal
- Phil & Barbara Moss

to Cindy Kresch, in honor of Haley Sobel's Bat Mitzvah
- Missy & Rob Kossar

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

to Claire Orshalick in honor of her 80th birthday
- Lynn & Gerry Westin

in honor of Robert Thea's Bar Mitzvah - Tina & Billy Thea

in honor of Zachary Levin's Bar Mitzvah - the Levin Family

with appreciation - Joel & Judy Dorfman

with appreciation and in memory of Renee Telpasi
- Cantor Amnon Telpasi

with appreciation and thanks - Michael Wiesner & family

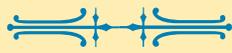
in memory of Renee Telpasi - Barbara & Joe Friedman

with thanks for your help during Charlie's hospitalizations
- Marilyn Taylor & Charlie Romano

with thanks and appreciation for being my friend and
spiritual leader - Jane Young

thank you for a wonderful children's service
- Jen & Matt Kraft

with thanks... - Rabbi Seth Limmer



Contributions



with thanks for a wonderful High Holy Days
- *the Steiger family*

with thanks for a beautiful High Holy Days.
- *Laurie & Marc Daniel*

Cantor's Discretionary Fund:

in honor of Robert Thea's Bar Mitzvah - *Tina & Billy Thea*

in honor of Cantor Perper and his beautiful voice, with
appreciation! - *Jane Young*

to Cindy Kresch, In honor of Robbie Kresch 's Bar Mitzvah
- *Missy & Rob Kossar*

in honor of Zachary Levin's Bar Mitzvah - *the Levin family*

with thanks and appreciation - *Joan Cohen*

with appreciation and thanks - *Michael Wiesner and family*

with thanks for a beautiful High Holy Days
- *Laurie & Marc Daniel*

Barbara Weiss Scholarship Fund:

to Barbara Burghardt, well wishes for a speedy recovery
- *Barbara & Joe Friedman*

Center for Food Action

donated by their families in honor of the following simchas

- Bat Mitzvah of Emily Sheppard
- Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Waxenbaum
- Bar Mitzvah of Michael Grippo
- Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Moskowitz
- Bar Mitzvah of Henry Gordon
- Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Kestenbaum
- Bar Mitzvah of Robert Thea

Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge donated by their families in honor of the following simchas

- Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Waxenbaum
- Bat Mitzvah of Gavriela Mitnick
- Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Moskowitz
- Bar Mitzvah of Henry Gordon
- Bat Mitzvah of Allie Potter
- Bar Mitzvah of Matt Krane
- Bat Mitzvah of Emily Hoffert

Tree of Life

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Waxenbaum
- *Mimi & Steve Waxenbaum*

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Robert Thea
- *Tina & Billy Thea*

in honor of our daughter Leah Pall - *Ellen & Brian Pall*

in honor of our daughter Rebecca Pall - *Ellen & Brian Pall*

in honor of our son Benjamin Pall - *Ellen & Brian Pall*

in honor of the birth of Paige Addison Epstein
- *Marsha & Larry Gluck*

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Lowell Levin
- *Randi & Chaim and Amanda Levin*

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Dylan Kossar
- *Missy, Rob & Emme Kossar*

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jason Mindich
- *Suzanne & Eric Mindich*

Teen Scene

Congratulations to Sammi Lamster, Sarah Coffel, Leah Dubiel, Mitchell Falkow, Rebeca Berger, Samantha Spencer, Matt Krane, Caitie Pavon, Amanda Scholl, Alex Anesetti, Dan Stoianov and Rachel Teichman!

These twelve BHSS Kadimah students were selected to begin a new program called *Morei Derech* (Teachers of the Way). Each has demonstrated that he or she would be a role model for Jewish living and leadership. All *Morei Derech* will assist their assigned classroom teacher by helping with Hebrew and Judaics learning, as well as accompanying students outside the classroom. They will also perform general clerical tasks to support the BHSS Religious School. Becoming one of the *Morei Derech* wasn't easy – there was a rigorous application process, as well as a training session, and each *Morei Derech* had to agree to abide by the *Morei Derech* program code of

conduct. When asked why they had applied for the position, the overall response was that each wanted to be a good role model for other students, and that they like working with kids. Sammi Lamster noted that it would be great for the college resume. Mitchell Falkow and Samantha Spencer said that they both wanted to give back to the synagogue community. Rebeca Berger said she applied because she wanted both to be a role model and also to make sure that kids stay involved after their b'nai mitzvah. Matt Krane wanted to be involved with the *Morei Derech* program because he thinks that learning should be fun, and he can help make it fun. Sarah Coffel applied because she likes kids and loves coming to synagogue. Finally, Alex Anesetti applied because he believes that he is a good role model and thought it will be fun to be a *Moreh Derech*.

Youth Committee

The Youth Committee is busy planning for a year of great events and opportunities to get all of the kids at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom involved in synagogue life. The Youth Groups (both Junior and Senior) have calendars filled with fun activities and events. The Michelle Mitzvah Group has partnered with the Senior Youth and will be working at the Children's Aid and Family Services offices for Mitzvah Day on November 4.

We are continuing to work and plan for the first ever Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Intergenerational Retreat, which will take place at URJ Camp Harlam in Kunkletown, PA from January 4-6, 2013. Yes, they have winterized cabins, and there will be lots of activities and fun for both kids and adults. This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the congregation and experience Jewish connections in a casual and relaxed environment. It promises to be a wonderful

experience for all. The cost of the weekend is \$130/per adult and \$110/per child under 18. It includes meals and accommodations in hotel-style rooms. We hope you and your family will join us on the wonderful winter weekend!

We are also trying to coordinate a contact list for the kids who have headed off to college. If you could please let the temple know your student's email and mailing addresses, we would love to be able to remind them of their Jewish home while they are away from home at college.

The Youth Committee is working to connect all kids to Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, through informal programming and experiences. We'd love to hear from you to see how we can help engage your kids.

—Debbie Falkow

BHSSTY

Shalom!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Spaghetti Dinner on October 19. It was wonderful to see so many people come out and support not only our efforts, but also Hi Tor Animal Shelter. It made us all feel great to be able to give back to our own community.

We have so much more planned for this year, and we'd love to see you there!

November 4, we will be joining the Michelle Mitzvah group from BHSS in a Mitzvah Day project with Children's Aid and Family Services of Bergen County and Bonim Builders from 12:30-4 p.m. We will be painting rooms at their Paramus location. Please join us in making a difference with these amazing organizations! Also in November, we will be having a Make-Your-Own-Pizza and movie afternoon on Sunday, November 18 from 12-3pm. The movie will be voted on at the event.

Coming up on December 2, we will be going to Monster Mini Golf from 1-3 p.m. Also in December we will be hosting our annual Shul-In. This year is a yummy chocolate

theme! So expect to see us eating a lot of chocolate on December 15-16 from 6 p.m.-9 a.m.

There's also lots happening in NFTY-GER! On Saturday November 24, GER will host its annual Homecoming Dance. Then December 27 - 30 is Winter Kallah. For more information about NFTY and GER (Garden Empire Region) events, please see a TYG board member or check out the NFTY-GER website: <http://www.nfty.org/ger/>

To take advantage of all we have planned for the coming year, you can also become a member of the youth group. The cost of membership for BHSS TYG is \$45 for temple members and \$55 for non-temple members. You can stop by the temple main office, or see one of the TYG board members (Rebeca Berger, Samantha Spencer, Ben Kern, Peter Falkow, or Dan Stoianov) for a form.

We hope to see you all soon! If you have questions about events, or just youth group in general, please contact our advisor Stacey Butler (845-629-8069) or stacey_a_butler@yahoo.com

—BHSSTY

Music Committee

As I write this article, I can't help but look back at the holidays that we just celebrated. Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot are always celebrated in style at BHSS. Cantor Perper and the Adult Choir put so much effort and, I believe, part of their "neshamah" - their spirit - into their singing. We are all grateful for their dedication.

And now, for some FREE fun. We will be hosting a **Family Movie Night** on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Bring your favorite candy, and we'll provide the popcorn. Join us as we all enjoy **Fiddler on the Roof**. Spontaneous singing is encouraged!

The Music Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. We are always looking for new members to share ideas. You're always welcome!

—Evelyn McGilloway and Nora Berger



Save the Date

The
Dartmouth Aires
return to BHSS

Thursday,
December 6, 2012
7 p.m.

Sisterhood News

Fall is flying by, and the holidays will be here before you know it. Your Sisterhood is working on many projects—and we want your involvement.

Did you have a chance to stop by Sisterhood's Open House in October? If you did, you got to meet us, have a cup of coffee, maybe even play a little mah jongg. But even if you didn't, it's not too late.

Save the Date!

Saturday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. will be our First Annual Chanukah Cocktail Party! Join us at the Lefkowitz' home in Upper Saddle River for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. In lieu of

a gift exchange, please bring a gift card (supermarket or pharmacy) for donation to Rockland Social Services, to brighten the holidays for senior citizens. Look for details in your weekly email, and a special e-vite to all our members.

We're in the planning stages of several other events. Watch this space, your weekly email and Sisterhood's Facebook page for information about our Savvy Chic consignment program; and our goods and services auction, as well as our annual Miriam Seder; all coming up this spring.

Do you have another great idea? Contact us Mona Lefkowitz or Linda Vogel. Hope to see you soon!

Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Intergenerational Family Retreat

Friday, January 4 – Sunday, January 6, 2013
(Beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, ending at 12 p.m. Sunday)
At URJ Camp Harlam, Kunkletown, PA

Contact the office for details

Join us for a fun-filled family weekend with our BHSS family! There will be a variety of activities that will appeal to all ages.

Cost:
\$130.00/Adult
\$110.00/Child
Includes all meals and lodging for the weekend.



Library Committee



FROM SIFRIYAH (the Hebrew word for library...)

We are off to a great fall start. On November 4 at 1 p.m., we proudly invite congregants to join us for our first major program of the season: Book and a Bagel. Together, we will explore the novel *Children and Fire* by Ursula Hegi, and, of course, nosh on bagels and delicious salads. This story, set in Germany, perfectly chronicles a single day that will forever transform the lives of the townspeople. At the core of this remarkable novel is the question of how one teacher – gifted and joyful, passionate and inventive – can become seduced by propaganda during the early months of Hitler’s regime and encourage her 10-year-old students to join the Hitler-Jugend with its hikes and songs and bonfires. This moving novel begs your attention and insight. Join us on November 4. Contact Barbara Nimerofsky (201-995-0042 or bgnimerofsky@optonline.net) and let her know you will be there. And, most importantly, this book can be purchased or borrowed from a town library, or better yet, checked out at our own library (assuming it has not already been borrowed).

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 selected book is *The Zookeeper’s Wife*, by Diane Ackerman. This first event will take place on November 16 during services. 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 author of *The Zookeeper’s Wife*, writer, naturalist, and poet Diane Ackerman, proves otherwise. Here is a true story - of

human empathy and its opposite - that is simultaneously grace and exuberant, wise and playful. The author has a wonderful tale to tell, and she tells it wonderfully.”

More details regarding *The Zookeeper’s Wife* will be discussed in upcoming BHSS announcements. Copies of the book are available at the synagogue for \$8.00 each. Hopefully, congregants will choose to read the book and attend various events surrounding this One BOOK ONE COMMUNITY program.

Mark your calendars. Make November 16 a date etched in stone. This important program is co-sponsored by Lifelong Learning and the Library.

On another note, we’d like to announce that *Sifriyah* is expanding. This September we welcomed three new enthusiastic members to the library group: Marilyn Bernstein, Jane Simon and Lynn Zall. They join veterans Sheila Groskin, Sheryl Ives, Sharon Hoffman, Barbara Nimerofsky, and Ruth Turner. This is terrific news for us and for the entire temple family.

COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING!



Join your congregational family as we officially light the beautiful chanukiyah (Chanukah menorah) that graces our front circle.

On December 11 from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. we will gather with Rabbi Mosbacher, Cantor Perper, our choirs, and our Kadimah students to celebrate with song and some hot cocoa and jelly donuts.



Condolences

to **Gary Sherman**, on the loss of his brother, Jeffrey Sherman
 to **Jon Selman**, on the loss of his father, Irwin Selman
 to **Katherine Rosman**, on the loss of her stepfather, Bob Rosin
 to **Terry Sitomer** and **Dawn Shirvan**, on the loss of mother and grandmother Florence Arfin
 to **Jennifer Wolf**, on the loss of her grandfather, Benjamin Lass
 to **Walter Vasquez** on the loss of his stepmother, Ida Sechi

Mazel Tov

to **Joan Cohen** on the marriage of her daughter Jaime to Scott Kogus
 to **Marci and Harvey Weinberg** on the marriage of their son Alex to Deborah Weiner
 to **Susan and Harris Reinstein** on the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Collette
 to **Lori and Ritch Yanowitz** on the birth of their granddaughter, Gabriella Nicole

Speedy Recovery

Lily Scheer
Barbara Burghardt
Allan Schott

Would you like to participate in Beth Haverim Shir Shalom's Torah study group but just can't find the time?

Well, now you can by simply logging on to <https://whatsuphebrews5773.blogspot.com>

At your leisure and in the comfort of your own home, you will be able to discuss with your fellow congregants deeply meaningful subjects that are as relevant now as they were in our ancient Jewish past.

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Please join us and feel free to log on each week.
 Hope to hear from you soon - Julie Seidman

November Yahrzeits

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Join BHSS on November 4 for Mitzvah Day, when we will be working on a painting project for Children's Aid & Family Services.

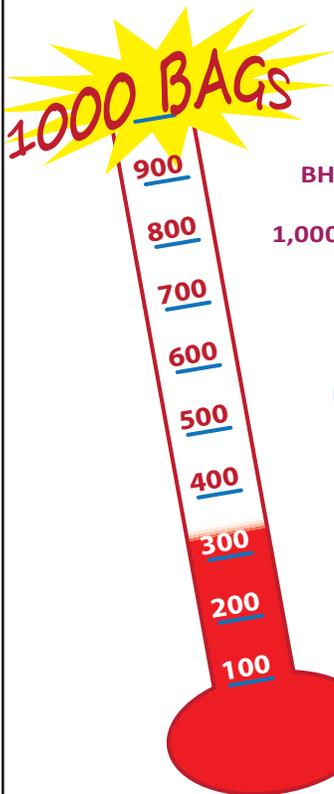
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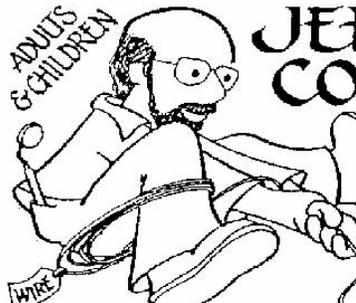
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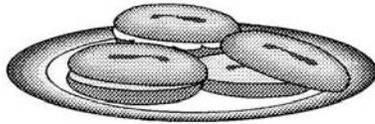
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To do in November & December:



Bring your tots to Tot Shabbat - Friday, November 2 beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Torah Study - Every Saturday, November and December beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Sing along with “Fiddler on the Roof” on Saturday, November 3 beginning at 7 p.m.

Participate in Mitzvah Day by helping paint at Children’s Aid and Family Services on November 4, 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Share “Book and a Bagel” with the Library Ladies on Sunday, November 4 beginning at 1 p.m.

Observe Kristallnacht at BHSS on Saturday, November 10 beginning at 7 p.m.

Join the discussion of The Zookeeper’s Wife at Shabbat services on Friday, November 16 beginning at 8 p.m.

The Dartmouth Aires return to BHSS for a concert on Thursday, December 6 beginning at 7 p.m.

Bring the whole family to the community menorah lighting on Tuesday, December 11 beginning at 6 p.m.

Reserve your seat at the BHSS Chanukah dinner on Friday, December 14 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Light your family’s menorah at the Chanukah service on Friday, December 14 beginning at 7 p.m.

Enjoy the Young People’s Chanukah concert on Sunday, December 16 beginning at 2 p.m.

Come to have “pre-neg” refreshments at 5:45 p.m. before a **special early Shabbat evening service**
at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, December 28