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Friday, May 10 8:00 PM		Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Gamburg & Meehan families			
Saturday, May 11	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Jacob Gamburg and Hannah Meehan			
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Tuesday, May 14 7:00 PM Wednesday, May 15 10:00 AM		Confirmation/Erev Shavuot Service			
		Shavuot/Yizkor Service			
Friday, May 17	7:00 PM	Family Service - Teacher Appreciation Shabbat -			
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		Aufruf - Andrew McVeigh and Jaclyn D'Arminio			
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Saturday, May 18	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Jacob Kaplan and Sophia Pavon			
Friday, May 24	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Berkofsky & Murphy families			
Saturday, May 25	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Sophia Berkofsky and Trent Murphy			
Friday, May 31	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Johnson family			
Saturday, June 1	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Johnson			
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		Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Gurian and Brickman families			
Saturday, June 8	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Scott Gurian and Lily Brickman			
Friday, June 14	7:00 PM	Brotherhood Shabbat - Family Service Outdoors (weather permitting)			
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		BBQ prior to services, beginning at 6:00 PM			
		Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Aiello & Starr families			
Saturday, June 15	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Jake Aiello and Ryan Starr			
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Friday, June 28	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Bierfass family			
Saturday, June 29	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Aidan and Madeline Bierfass			
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President's Message



After three terms as president of our synagogue, and roughly 55 columns in Temple Topics, I am confident that this will be my last one. And I hope to go out

on a high note. In that spirit, I will spare you the inane self-deprecating humor that has populated this column over the years, although I personally am chuckling a bit as I re-read some of my favorites from 2000-2003, such as how the Sopranos would have run our synagogue and collected dues; why Jews are bad at snow sports; and how our dog Wrigley made his mark at home plate during our annual picnic. More important than my public reminiscing of these old columns, I'd like to thank the many of you with whom I have shared the pleasure of leading our congregation.

To name a few, Eddie Saiff was my mentor when I took over from him as president in 2000, and he taught me the ropes. Eddie told me to "make your decision and never apologize for it." So to those whom I forget to thank in this writing, don't expect an apology, and while you now have even more reason to give me any deserved grief, go talk to Eddie!

Evelyn McGilloway has been my confidant and colleague from our first days leading the highly successful \$1,500,000 Kehilah building campaign in the late 1990s right up to today. We have worked on too many projects together to enumerate. The beauty and spirit of our synagogue is in large part a result of Evelyn's labors.

While you may know Rebecca McVeigh as our religious school leader, she has been much more than that to BHSS, and to me, for fifteen years. Among her many accomplishments was co-leading with Danny Kahn the rabbinical search in 2000, wherein we found and attracted Rabbi Mosbacher.

My buddy Art Weber, who always sees things clearly as black or white, has been my partner on many fronts, most notably the successful merger and integration of Beth Haverim and Reform Temple of Suffern in 2007. Add my thanks to Ritch Yanowitz, who as president spearheaded our 40/10 celebration and the launching of our Endowment. And to Cantor Perper, who has brought his energy and enthusiasm to all that we do at BHSS.

I have probably called the synagogue over one thousand times and asked, "Can I speak with Iris, please?" Iris has been an incredible ally in all that we have done at the synagogue over the past decade, and I simply cannot imagine what it would have been like without her. Thank you, Iris. And thanks also to Kim Pressman, our former treasurer, who brought Iris to us. And finally, my dear friend Ranan Wichler has been with me every stride along this journey, at some point filling every officer role on the Board. And even today during our weekend runs he listens to me kvetch about BHSS issues, and provides insight and counsel.

I had no plans to be president three times, but stepped back in during the merger integration in 2007 as there was a need for an experienced leader. While the integration was a great success, in the immediately following years we failed to ensure a lineup of officers to take the helm next. And when our top candidates bowed out for personal reasons in early 2011, I agreed to this final two-year term. This time, my focus has been on succession, and I am enormously optimistic that we have a strong team of officers ready to take BHSS to even greater heights. At our congregational meeting on Tuesday, May 21, Jen Cole will be confirmed as our next president. Jen has made great contributions to BHSS to date, and I am thrilled that she will be taking the leadership role, supported by a terrific group of experienced officers including Mitch Miller, Michelle Cassel Siegel and Gary Sheppard, plus a strong Board comprised of both long-time dedicated members and newer volunteers who are bringing additional perspectives and energy to the group.

Most important, since the moment he accepted our offer to be our rabbi in January 2001 (minutes before my beloved Giants got trashed in the Super Bowl), Rabbi Mosbacher and I developed a bond that has strengthened each year. After he signed a 10-year contract beginning in 2006, I made a commitment to Rabbi that I would stay actively engaged at BHSS throughout his contract, and do all I could to ensure that he and BHSS thrive. With my role as past president running from 2013-2015, I am getting close to completing that commitment. And it has been a sincere pleasure, every step of the way.

For those of you who are considering getting more involved at BHSS, whether it be in small or large ways, I will offer this final bit of encouragement to take the plunge and give it a try. We all get easily caught up in our weekly schedule of work, family life, and personal interests. Please consider adding one more leg to that three-legged stool: involvement in our synagogue. This fourth leg can provide even more balance and stability to your life, even if it requires some effort. It has provided all that and more to me, and looking back I wouldn't trade the experiences I have had for anything. And I thank my family for enabling me to pursue this passion.

And finally, thanks to all of you for having allowed me this opportunity. I hope to see you all over the coming weeks.

—Harvey Weinberg, President

From the Rabbi's Study

It is a season of change. As I write, I am sitting outside the synagogue enjoying the warm weather that spring has brought. My thoughts are turning to the summertime to come, and already to the new Jewish year ahead of us. I am looking forward to spending time at Eisner Camp, one of our Reform movement's camps, in the Berkshires. I hope you'll make plans to bring your kids to take a tour of camp with me on Sunday, July 14, and that you'll take advantage of the Endowment committee's decision to pay for any young person who wants to attend camp's prospective camper weekend in October. Call the synagogue office for more details on these two opportunities for a transformative Jewish experience for your kids.

For our country, it is a time of change as well. The scourge of gun violence and the need for immigration reform, while not new issues for our beloved country, have come to the fore as issues we need to address. As citizens, and as a part of a community of faith that takes being "our brothers' keeper" seriously, we have been and must continue to be politically active on these critical areas. I am proud that our synagogue can be a vehicle of change along with other communities of faith in our area. We need you to join us, to share your passions and stories, to make that vehicle move.

For our congregation, too, change is in the air. We are saying hello and goodbye to lay leaders in our congregation. In June, we will give thanks to the incredible group of people who have led us so ably for the past two years, and formally install the next generation of leaders. As I express gratitude to all of them, I want to single out two dedicated partners who have invested and will (with God's help) continue to invest countless hours to the sacred work of our congregation.

Harvey Weinberg has been an incredible inspiration, partner, advisor, confidant, and friend to me, and to so many members of our community, in the many roles he has played in the leadership of our congregation. He has led our congregation through times of building physical spaces, times of building membership and programming, times of consolidation and *"If not now, when?"* celebration. His calm and wise mind, his dedicated heart, and his committed Jewish neshama (soul) have been a constant in the life of



the congregation for a decade and a half. As he steps down from the presidency, we wish him blessings and joy, and renewed strength that he might continue to serve our congregation and the Jewish people in other capacities.

I am thrilled that Jennifer Cole will be leading us into the future as the next president of BHSS. She has a proven track record in building our membership and in guiding the Campaign for Youth Engagement. She brings a depth of character that she has displayed so powerfully in the words she has shared in recent years on the High Holidays. And, together with her husband, Matt, and their four amazing kids, Jen brings an understanding of what families in our congregation need in this moment. I am excited to work with her, to be led and taught by her.

It is a season of change. As this issue of Temple Topics goes to print, our program year is far from over. As the seasons change, why not turn over a new spiritual leaf? Attend a service like Shavuot that you've never attended; join us for a program; meet someone new from your spiritual home. Be open to the possibility of being transformed, renewed, reinvigorated, even as God's creation is renewed each day, each season, each year.

Now is the time.

-Rabbi Joel Mosbacher

Please join us on Wednesday May 29, for an Organizational Caring Committee Meeting at BHSS @ 7:30 pm.

The Caring Committee is looking for volunteers to help out in anyway they can. Any amount of help is appreciated. We look forward to seeing you. Bring a friend and bring your ideas.

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May 3 – 7:35 pm B'har/B'chukotai May 10 - 7:43 pm B'midbar May 17 - 7:49 pm Naso May 24 – 7:56 pm B'ha-a lot'cha May 31 - 8:02 pm Sh'lach L'cha

June 7 - 8:07 pm Korach June 14 – 8:10 pm Chukat June 21 – 8:13 pm *Balak* June 28 - 8:13 pm Pinchas Kendall Shirvan Abigail Siegel

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Education Committee

It's hard to believe this year is coming to an end! Thank you to all the Education Committee's new (and not-so-new) members. We've had a terrific year! Highlights have included partnering with the Youth Committee in planning BHSS's first annual Family Retreat, providing wooden benches outside the classrooms for parents to relax on and mingle during religious school (thank you so much to the amazing Corey Mitnick, who donated the benches!), and brainstorming ideas to revitalize Tot Shabbat.

We're always looking for new members who are interested in making a huge difference in our wonderful religious school. Please feel free to contact us if you're interested in being a member of our committee.

In news, BHSS will be hosting our Teacher Appreciation Shabbat service on May 17 at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to attend to say thank you to all our wonderful educators!

So, from all of us on the Education Committee, we wish you a wonderful and peaceful summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall!

- Lauren Einhorn, Education Chair

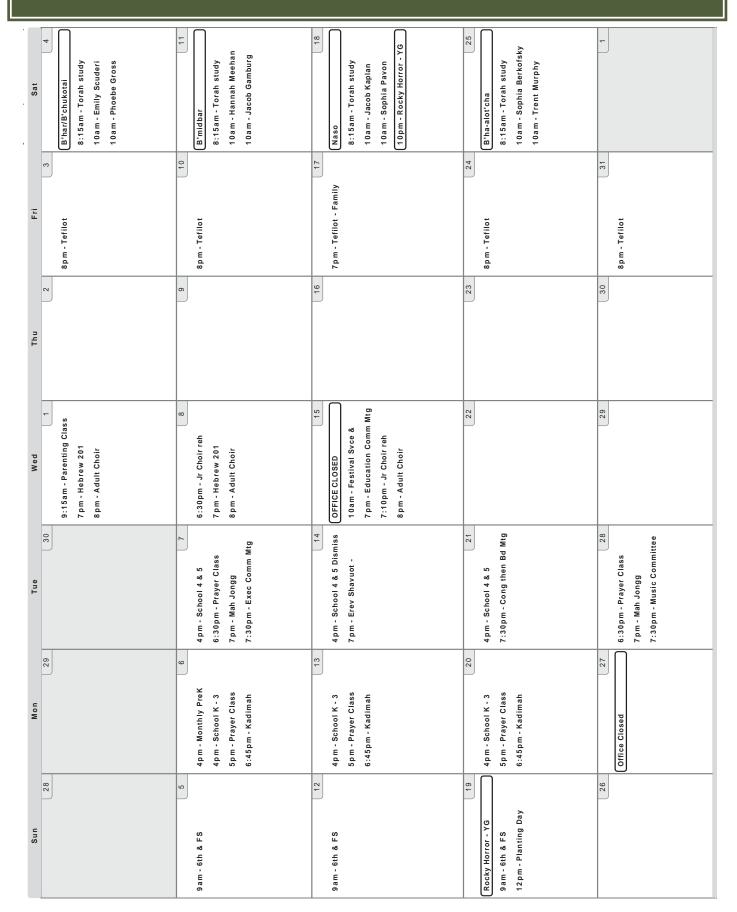
July and August Services

All July and August Shabbat Evening Services will begin at 8:00 PM

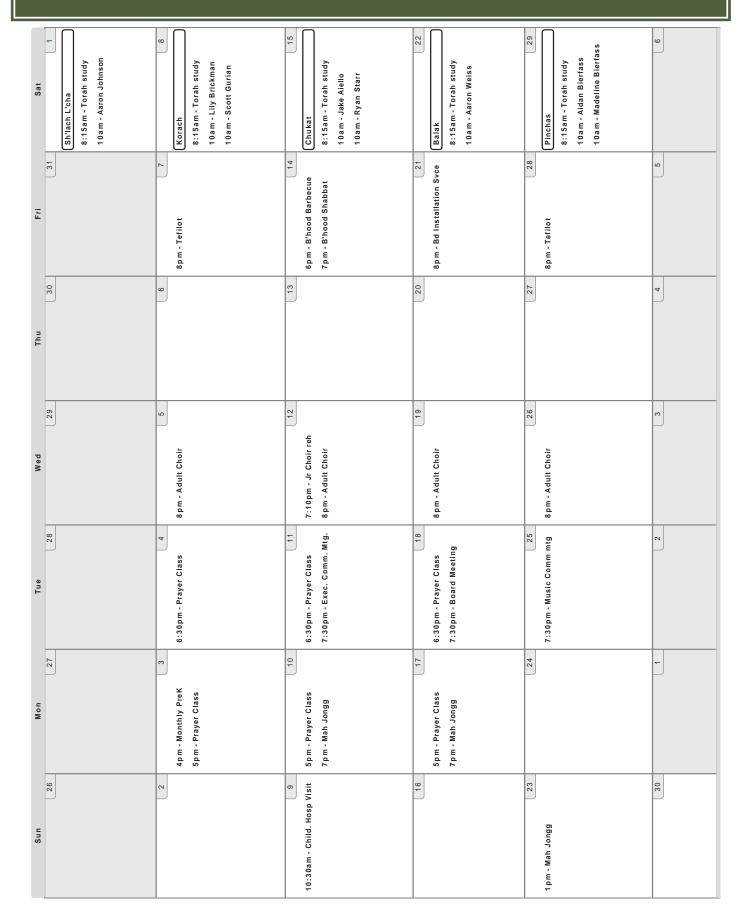
Friday, July 5 - 6:15 PM Note the early start time Come and enjoy "pre-neg" refreshments at 5:45 PM

Saturday, July 13 and August 3 -10:00 AM - Shabbat Morning Service followed by Sense of Shabbat Potluck Kiddush Luncheon

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June Calendar 👾 🗮



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Before I share what's coming up in the next couple of months, I want to look back for a moment at two fantastic celebrations in February and March. Purim was an absolutely fabulous time, and the BHSS "Megillah According to Broadway" was a huge success. Special thanks to the rabbi and the cantor, as well as our Megillah chanters, Aidan Cole and Ari Lachenauer, and our Purim spiel writers and Purim players (too many to mention individually). The other celebration I want to look back on was our community Second Seder. Almost seventy people attended a fun and food-filled evening, complete with songs, prizes and interactive surveys. This event could not have happened without the coordination of my cochair, Nancy Levene, whose passion and organizational skills are a wonder to me and a blessing to our community, and Iris Greenberg, without whose guidance and management, we would all be lost. Thanks also to the rabbi and cantor, who led a beautiful, meaningful, and enjoyable evening, and to all of you who attended this special event.

And now to look ahead ... As part of our S'lichot service this past year, the congregation viewed a fascinating documentary called "God in the Box," which explores the mystery and controversy behind what God looks like and means to us as Americans in the 21st century. The filmmakers embark on a cross-country journey with their small, mobile studio, The Box. They invite people to step inside and answer two seemingly basic questions, "What does God mean to you?" and "What does God look like to you?" It was a wonderful evening and after the movie was over, the rabbi invited those present to go into one of three classrooms to share their own answers to these questions. After a certain amount of soul searching and internal debate about whether I wanted to be filmed (I wasn't exactly looking my best that evening), or even what I wanted to say, I decided to go into the BHSS "Box." Our cameramen, Hank Bordowitz, Ian Coyne, and Rod McVeigh, filmed my answers and many others and have now edited the film down to share with us. The premiere of the "BHSS God in the Box" movie will be on Tuesday, May 14 as part of our Shavuot celebration.

Services that evening will begin at 7 pm and include the confirmation of twelve high school sophomores: Nicole Byrne, Ethan Coyne, Kyle Dubiel, Daniel Gordon, Melanie Oventhal, Caitlin Pavon, Zachary Schechtman, Zachary Scholl, Rebecca Silver, Samantha Spencer, Rachel Straining and Rachel Teichman. After services, we will enjoy a CHEESECAKE/DAIRY ONEG! We would love you to bring your favorite cheesecake (homemade or store bought) or other

dairy dessert to share as part of the evening (and don't forget to ask the rabbi why we eat dairy on Shavuot). Please call Iris at the temple office and let her know what you'll be bringing, and if you'd like to share the recipe, we'd love to have that too. After the oneg, we'll continue our celebration with the viewing of our version of *"God in the Box"* including a discussion. Whether you join us for all or part of the evening, it promises to be a fabulous time. Our Shavuot celebration will continue with holiday services and Yizkor on Wednesday morning at 10 am, followed by a dairy potluck lunch.

While you are putting Shavuot into your calendar, you might want to put in the dates for these special Shabbatot as well:

May 17, 7 pm: Teacher Appreciation Shabbat and

Grandparents Shabbat. Come help us thank the BHSS religious school educators, including the 10th anniversary for our wonderful educator, Rebecca McVeigh, and bring Grandma, Grandpa, Bubbe, Zayde, Nana, Poppy, and Oma and Opa with you. May birthdays will also be celebrated.

May 31, 8 pm: Michelle Mitzvah Shabbat

June 14, 6 pm: Brotherhood BBQ and Outdoor Services (services start at 7 pm). Please bring lawn chairs (June and July birthdays will be celebrated)

June 21, 8 pm: BHSS Board Installation. Help us say thank you to the outgoing Board members and welcome our new 2013/2014 temple Board.

July 5, 5:45 pm: Pre-neg, with Kabbalat Shabbat services from 6:15-7 PM. This is a short, mostly musical service that does NOT include a Torah service.

Finally, with summer approaching, it's time to give our clergy a few Shabbatot off. We need lay service leaders to lead Friday night Shabbat services on the following dates: July 19, July 26, August 9 and August 16. If you would like to lead (or help lead) services, or possibly just chant Torah, or do a d'var Torah (a short teaching about the weekly Torah portion) on any of these dates, please let me know.

Our next Ritual meeting is Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30 pm. As always, any and all are welcome to join us.

B'Shalom, Stacey Coyne

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



Phoebe Gross - May 4, 2013





Hannah Meehan - May 11, 2013

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Sandi, Father, John, Brother, Matt, 10 is a 7th grader at Eric S. Smith Middle School Her interests include horseback riding, baking, and painting. "I want to help make a difference! I am excited and nervous but I know of fine."



Emily Scuderi - May 4, 2013

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Nina, Father, Tom, Sister, Samantha, 15 is a 7th grader at Eric S. Smith Middle School Her interests include soccer, softball, tennis, skiing, and being with her friends. "I'm looking forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah and sharing this day with my friends and family."



Jacob Kaplan - May 18, 2013

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Marianne, Father, Keith, Brother, Zachary, 16 is a 7th grader at Eric S. Smith Middle School His interests include building, soccer, math, and science. "I would like to be an engineer. I've always looked forward to having my Bar Mitzvah and I can't wait to spend it with my family and friends."



Jacob Gamburg - May 11, 2013

in school and help in my community. I'm extremely excited to share this day with my friends and family and for them to see what I have accomplished - and to celebrate!"



Sophia Cali Pavon - May 18, 2013

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Lisa, Father, Armando, Sister, Caitlin, 15, Brother, Max, 10 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include dance, sports, and art. "I would like to become a teacher. This day is one of the most important

days of my life. It takes a lot of work that pays off and I feel it will be a very special accomplishment."

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Sophia Berkofsky - May 25, 2013

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Meg, Father, Joe, Brother, Jacob, 14 is a 7th grader at Eric S. Smith Middle School Her interests include ice skating, art, soccer, piano, guitar, and oboe. "I hope to study at an Ivy League school and become a professional artist. I am very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah. I look forward to sharing this special

day with my family and friends."



Lily Brickman - June 8, 2013

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Kathy, Father, David, Brothers, Samuel, 15, and Miles, 8 is a 7th grader at Eric S. Smith Middle School Her interests include track, volleyball, cheerleading, and ice skating. "I

hope to be a lawyer. I am very excited and hope that I don't mess up."



Trent Murphy - May 25, 2013

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Randi, Father, Christopher, Brother, John, 25, Sister, Skyler, 11 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include lacrosse and football. "I want to enjoy my Bar Mitzvah! I feel it is an important part of my Jewish tradition to become a Bar Mitzvah."



Scott Noah Gurian - June 8, 2013

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Merri, Father, Marty is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include baseball, basketball, and being with friends. "I am interested in health sciences. I can't wait to celebrate with my family and friends on this very important day."



Aaron Johnson - June 1, 2013

Lives in Montebello, New York. Mother, Trish, Father, Dan, Sister, Abby, 10 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include hiking, lacrosse, wrestling, snowboarding, and spending time with

friends and family. "I hope to go to UNC and travel the world. I am very excited about becoming a Bar Mitzvah and celebrating the day with my family and friends."



Jake Aiello - June 15, 2013

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Debbra, Father, Jaime, Sister, Brielle, 21, Brother, Zac, 14 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include baseball, basketball, rap music, and hanging out with friends. "I would like to be an "A" student for all

of middle school and high school. I am excited to enter manhood, and to share my special day with my family and friends."

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Ryan Starr - June 15, 2013



Aidan Bierfass - June 29, 2013

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Eileen, Father, Alan, Brother, Andrew, 17, Sisters, Bridget, 14, and Madeline, 13 is a 6th grader at Eric S. Smith Middle School His interests include baseball, football, wrestling, basketball, skeet, and reading. "I would like to find a job

that I love, so that work is never work. I feel I want to cherish this moment, as it only occurs once in a lifetime."



Aaron Weiss - June 22, 2013

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Mary, Father, Richard, Brothers, Scott, 39, Adam, 36, and Keith, 34is a 7th grader at Eric S. Smith Middle School His interests include computers, friends, basketball, and video games. "I would like to stay involved with the

temple, do well in school, go to a good college, and get a great job. Being a Bar Mitzvah has been one of my life goals since I was about 4 years old. I am truly going to be blessed when I get to walk up on the **bimah** and praise God while wearing my grandfather's *tallit*."



Madeline Bierfass - June 29, 2013

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Eileen, Father, Alan, Brothers, Andrew, 17, and Aidan, 13, Sister, Bridget, 14 is a 6th grader at Eric S. Smith Middle School Her interests include softball, animals, soccer, fashion, and reading. "I would like to be a vet in order to spend time

with and help animals. I am excited to show off my Hebrew language skills."

Opera Night at BHSS



Brotherhood News 🗧

What an amazing March we had!

BHSS Brotherhood had our first ever Beer Tasting night at Growler and Gill in Nanuet. Ok – it is entirely possible this happened in February, but I can't really remember. That's ok. Brotherhood is so much fun that I really tend to just remember the stuff, and not the exact dates they happened! Growler and Gill offered really nice beer choices, and some decent snacks to eat. The most important thing about that particular event was the company! It's really nice to get out once in a while, talk about our stories, and share some bonding time with friends.

This brings us to Passover. As we all know, Passover kind of snuck up on us so fast...everything seems to be happening earlier this year. We did have our annual Men's Seder, at Ian and Stacey Coyne's house. One thing you need to know about Ian and Stacey Coyne is that they are the most amazing chefs! Our Men's Seder consisted of a wide variety of seafood, steak and vegetarian choices that would make a Sephardic Jew's mouth water! Charoset balls (yes...balls!) that were so delicious you could have had them for dessert, grilled and roasted salmon, roasted kale, grilled Brussels sprouts, a giant steak, rice pasta, chocolate truffles and fruits for dessert...and so much more! About 15 men were enjoying the evening, and reading from the Men's Haggadah and modifying the service (by yours truly) by having men anonymously write their own questions on cards and having the leader share with the group, different stories and variations on the traditional story, followed by a great new idea. Since we all agreed that the Men's Haggadah seems to be written by a whiny little man complaining about how hard it is to be a man in today's world, the BHSS Brotherhood decided that for next year, we

will write our own Men's Haggadah with the input of all of our Brotherhood members who are interested in contributing. Assignments will be offered soon, so stand by for that!

Springtime will bring some more excellent new Brotherhood events – keep an eye on Facebook, your email, and Temple Topics for upcoming dates. In May and June (and the summer months) we are planning some excellent events:

May Meeting

Haven't scheduled this yet, but watch your email, the Facebook group (search for Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Brotherhood), and perhaps, if we're really ambitious, the website! www.bhssbrotherhood.org.

Brotherhood Raps

Sunday, May 19, 9 am at Panera in Ramsey. Last one of the year! Come and have a casual sit-down with your fellow members, and maybe some breakfast.

Brotherhood Rock n' Roll Shabbat

This annual event is awesome, and this year will be more so. BHSS Brotherhood does the cooking and serves dinner before our outdoor services – the Friday before Father's Day. This year...well, you'll find out soon enough.

Rockland Boulders

We are planning on a summertime night out at the Rockland Boulders. It's really family fun and really inexpensive for a night out at a ball game.

Brotherhood Members Pool Party

Location to be determined. Brotherhood members will come for a pool party and barbecue and will be strongly encouraged to come with one non-member of the Brotherhood with the hopes that we can sell our wonderful group to encourage new membership.

> —Jonathan A. Theodore BHSS Brotherhood Membership Chairman





We are wrapping up another busy year at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, filled with so many opportunities to get involved, pray, sing, and learn together. It is rewarding to be part of community that walks the talk of *tikkun olam, repairing the world in which we live --* whether it is coming together to take action against gun violence and other issues of importance in our community, or supporting our youth through our endowment.

On April 28, Lifelong Learning hosted a "**Taste of RAC**" so our future community leaders could pass on their hard won knowledge. During this session, the 10th graders who attended the Religious Action Center's Washington DC Trip in February and participated in the L'Taken program on how to research and lobby on issues hosted a series of roundtables. Then with true BHSS creativity and style, they won us over with their "do's and don'ts of lobbying" skit!

We were proud to present this year's theme, "Hebrew: The Language of our People." It created lively discussion on how Hebrew has kept Jews connected for thousands of years and the importance of continuing to teach Hebrew to b'nai mitzvah. There were opportunities to delve into modern Hebrew and learn how new words are created out of this ancient language. And some brave souls took Rabbi and Rebecca up on the opportunity to take a class and tackle this language for the first time or second time!

Looking forward to next year, the committee is excited to work on our next theme, "The Art of Being Jewish: From Klezmer to Comics." We're excited to explore a broad range of topics including music, art, mysticism, study, calligraphy, Jewish superheroes... Stay tuned!

Lifelong Learning Committee

Leslie Sapienza Elyssa Mosbacher Sheryl Ives Ritch Yanowitz Ruth Turner Lori Yanowitz Rebecca McVeigh Beth Dubiel Stacey Coyne Rabbi Joel Mosbacher



From the SIFRIYAH

It is hard to believe that this will be our last Temple Topics article before summer activities rear their heads. And so it is an appropriate time to also reflect on the state of Sifriyah. Without a doubt, this has been an exceptionally good year. Library volunteers now number eight, and each volunteer has committed herself to creating a viable space. Most importantly, frequent purchases of a variety of genre of books have allowed us to offer many new selections to readers. We believe, as former First Lady Laura Bush has said, that libraries are community (synagogue) treasure chests, loaded with a wealth of information. Our programs have been well received. Notably, "A Taste of Passover" has now become an annual event, as has "Book and a Bagel." The second Book and a Bagel event will be presented April 28, at which time congregants will discuss Have a Little Faith: A True Story by Mitch Albom. As participants in One Book One

Community, the library presented two programs highlighting <u>The Zookeeper's Wife</u>, by Diane Ackerman, at recent Friday evening services. The library committee strives to keep congregants informed through reporting in weekly announcements and Temple Topics.

As we move forward and plan for next year, we need your help. Please let us know what you value most about the library and, more importantly, how to improve our mission and how to reach more people. So, as you visit the temple, please give Lisa your suggestions, or call Sheila at (845) 351-4375. We promise to take all suggestions and ideas seriously. And remember, the library is:

> Where people One frequently finds Lower their voices And raise their minds. --Richard Arman

An Exciting Year of Good Deeds and Cooperation

In this last Temple Topics of our year, it is time for reflection. What an amazing and wonderful year it has been, and it all stemmed from a casual thought expressed by Rabbi Mosbacher. "You know," he said, "there are a lot of committees and groups at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom that are doing great things in the area of Social Action. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all worked more closely with one another, and maybe even once a year we can all get together for a Social perhaps our best ever, with people lined up to get into the Social Hall holding bags of food as their price of admission. Brotherhood manned a food table that was quickly running out of hotdogs. Kids were having so much fun we ran past the announced "closing." Rabbi was running out of superlatives as he wielded his microphone. And we certainly did not have to worry about an "empty" truck, as on Monday morning the CFA picked up over 100 well packed bags of food and a significant number of Shoprite gift cards. Our thanks and appreciation to all who made this weekend so special.

Action picnic or something?" Well, enough people thought that this was a pretty good

idea and this past year truly was a year of "coming together." Our Michelle Mitzvah meetings have been an example of that. In addition to our hard-core "old timers," there were always representatives of Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Senior Youth Group, Caring and probably others that we're overlooking sitting in and participating in what became stimulating and productive discussions.

Nothing epitomizes this more than the Purim weekend. The Center for Food Action has for years been an important part of Michelle Mitzvah's social action initiatives, and we had thought perhaps it would be a good idea to

Dear Michelle Mitzvah Group,

Thank you so much for your lovely package. The cookies were delicious, my soldiers and I have enjoyed them very much. Not only were the treats delicious, but it is always nice to know that folks back home are thinking about us and keeping us in their prayers. I'd also like to express my appreciation for the social work and commitment that your group shows towards the community. An active and engaged citizenry is just as important to the health and security of our nation and world as military service. I'm happy to find that groups like yours are continuing to strive towards a more just and safe world while we do our part over here.

I hope you and your families had a pleasant Passover season and I wish you all the best in the future.

Todah,

Neil S. Brown 1LT, Infantry, U.S. Army B Co, 2-22 Infantry, 10th Mountain Div.

have a CFA truck parked at BHSS for this weekend. On the one hand, considering all the activities being planned, this would be a good way get help for CFA. On the other hand, what if it failed and the truck returned almost empty on Monday morning? Well, the Senior Youth Group would have none of that talk. They enthusiastically said, "Let's do it," and they did! Next thing we knew, there were posters up all over the temple promoting the weekend's events; they came up with an ambitious and innovative program to solicit food contributions; and their enthusiasm became infectious. What a wonderful weekend it was. The Sunday Purim carnival was members of virtually all BHSS committee's attended our January MMG meeting, and we can now report that three people at the meeting have completed the process of becoming Children's Aid and Family Services volunteers and are looking forward to working with this wonderful organization and their foster children. Also as a result of this meeting, Ian and Stacey Coyne (cochairs of Brotherhood and the Ritual Committee, respectively) brought about a "Dress for Success" workshop for the CAFS kids and we thank Stacey's employer, Men's Wearhouse, for making this happen.

There are other examples of the power

of collaborative efforts. In last month's

Temple Topics we talked about how

Once again, Rhonda Goodman spearheaded a drive to send cookies to our soldiers in Afghanistan. As the cookies piled up in Rhonda's

home, the drive culminated in a cookie "bake-in" at BHSS led by Rhonda, Deniz Appelbaum (a super-amazing cook), and kids from the Youth Group (who also wrote letters to send along with the cookies). As a result, 210 dozen homebaked cookies and 136 dozen store-bought cookies were sent off to the troops along with our love and best wishes for a speedy return home. Our thanks to all those who contributed to this amazing effort.

Planning next year's social action at BHSS is already under way, and if this year is any example, the initiatives will be broad-based and exciting as we reach out to new community organizations in need of assistance. If we've learned anything,

👾 Michelle Mitzvah & Social Action 🚟

continued

it's been that there are many such dedicated organizations, and the rewards one gains from working with them are great. We are ever in need of volunteers, and we know that the collective backgrounds and knowledge of our temple community can provide a fertile source of people-power. Please join us.

On May 31, Michelle Mitzvah will be conducting the Friday night Shabbat service. As is traditional, we will be handing out our awards for Social Service and Jim James, manager of the Center for Food Action site in Mahwah, will be on hand to personally thank BHSS for the work we do on their behalf. As you all know, we are in the midst of a drive to collect 1,000 bags of food by September 1. As of mid-April we have topped the 800 mark and really have to push hard to grow that number by the beginning of summer, always a time of great need at CFA. We invite all who can attend this service to bring a bag of food and help us reach our goal.

—Ken Goldstein

Sisterhood News

Hard to believe, but summer is approaching. It's time to recap our year, and to look forward with anticipation to next fall!

It's been a busy spring for us. Sisterhood members have been volunteering at the soup kitchen, where we served 40 lunches in March. Sisterhood has also become a supporter of the Oasis Program, run through Market Basket, which feeds about 200 people. We donated meals and made a contribution for children's Easter baskets. Are you a knitter? Oasis is looking for leftover yarn, for volunteers who create baby blankets. Other social action events saw us "adopt a family" through Astor Family Services, providing clothing and other necessities for local families.

Sisterhood Shabbat is always well-received, and this year was no exception. More than a dozen of our members led services and contributed to a lively evening. March also saw our annual Miriam Seder—truly an evening of "sisterhood." Thanks once more to Leslie Kirzner and Jane Young for their leadership and friendship!

As we write this, we're looking forward to our Goods & Services Auction in April. We hope that by the time you read this, it will have been the fantastic evening we expect. We are grateful to all our members and friends who volunteered to canvass the community for donations. Special thanks to Ranan and Harvey for their excellent auctioneering. Hope everyone had fun, and got what they wanted! Sisterhood's year isn't over yet. Our Installation Dinner will be in June. It's always a fun evening, and an exciting way to get to know new friends. (As we write this, Sisterhood is still looking to fill the position of Ways & Means chair!) Next year's slate of officers is as follows:

President: Jodi Lyons Treasurer: Lisa Lamster Secretary: Candy Kassover Membership: Gail Spencer and Bonnie Caul Hospitality: Sheryl Thailer and Jane Young Social Action: Lisa Glick WRJ Liaison: Leslie Sapienza Social Media/PR: Amy Littman Programs: Stacey Coyne and Michelle Sherry Past Presidents: Mona Lefkowitz and Linda Vogel Ways and Means: --- STILL OPEN! ---

We depend on the help of our members to support BHSS in all the ways we can. Become part of our mission. New members and new ideas are always welcome.

Before we close, we want to thank all the members of our outgoing board for their dedication and hard work, and to welcome the new board, who will be working hard, as they do every year, to make the upcoming year the best one ever.

Life Fund to the Vogel family, in memory of your stepfather and mother, with sympathy - Gail & Ranan Wichler in observance of the yahrzeit of Simon Seidner - Sheila & Larry Groskin - Ann & Barry Seidner - the Smith family in memory of Betty Landis and Lee Landis to the Gurian family, in memory of Elsie Gurian - the Landis family - the Waxenbaum family - the Smith family to Iris Greenberg, in memory of her aunt, Evelyn Marcus - Sheryl Thailer in memory of Robert Kessler and Daniel Kessler - Sandy & Newt Parks - Sanda & Alan Kessler - Nita & Eddie Klaskow - Sheri & Allan Schott in memory of grandmother Betty Schott and uncle Hans - Karen & Bruce Silverman Lowenstein - Sheri & Allan Schott - the Library Committee - Marci & Harvey Weinberg to Marty Gurian in honor of receiving a lifetime achievement award - Gail & Ranan Wichler in memory of Joseph Schwartz - David Schwartz to Shari Slavin and family, in memory of Julius Slavin in memory of Irving Pesin - Barbara & Phil Moss - Gail & Ranan Wichler to the Zall family, with deepest sympathy in memory of in memory of Beatrice Lerner - Barbara & Phil Moss Jeremy Zall - Ronnie & Rick Levine - Sheryl & Joel Ives a donation to all for wellness - Phyllis Okon - Alan Sodonovick - Ruth & Stu Turner to Julie Wichler, for finishing the Paris marathon in such great "fashion" - Marci & Harvey Weinberg to Linda Vogel, in honor of your parents - Ruth & Stu Turner Brick Fund in memory of Laurie Weinberg - Esther & Walt Sheiltz to Susan Reinstein, in memory of your brother - Barbara & Phil Moss - Lisa & Ken Glick - Gail & Ranan Wichler - Nita & Eddie Klaskow Educator's Discretionary Fund - Preeva & Leonard Tramiel - Sylvia & Michael Vernon in honor of Jessica Tarriff and with thanks - the Tarriff family in memory of Elyse Merle Weisser - Carole Goodman in honor of the naming of our granddaughter Gabriella in memory of Benjamin Iskowitz - Sheryl & Joel Ives - Lori & Ritch Yanowitz in memory of Morton Fuchs and David York thank you for all the work you do for the congregation! - Beverly & Harlan York - Leslie Sapienza Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Contributions

to the Cohen family, in memory of Bennet Cohen - the Schutzman family

to the Vogel family, in memory of Sol Lirtzman - the Blackman family with thanks to you and all of our friends at BHSS for keeping the door open! - Bette & David Birnbaum



in memory of Elsie Gurian and with thanks and appreciation - Merri & Marty Gurian

in memory of my sister Susan, with gratitude for your support - the Stern family

in memory of Sol Lirtzman and Flora Vogel Lirtzman - Helen Milstein

to Elyse and Kris Myszka, in honor of the birth of Nathan Manny Myszka - Renee & Gary Garbus

in honor of Jessicca Tarriff and with thanks
- the Tarriff family

with deep appreciation for a beautiful service in memory of Jeremy Zall - Lynn & Michael Zall

thank you for all the work you do for the congregation! - Leslie Sapienza

to Evelyn and Jim McGilloway - you will both be missed! - Hermine & Sid Aronson

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

in memory of Laurie Weinberg - Louise Berenson & Raymond Fins

in memory of Elsie Gurian and with thanks and appreciation - Merri & Marty Gurian

in memory of my sister Susan, with gratitude for your support - the Stern family

in honor of Jessica Tarriff and with thanks

- the Tarriff family

with thanks and appreciation for your beautiful music in memory of Jeremy Zall - *Lynn & Michael Zall*

to the Zall and Bannerman families, in memory of Jeremy Zall - the Levine, Weinstein, and Levine families

thank you for all the work you do for the congregation! - Leslie Sapienza in honor of Evelyn and Jim McGilloway for all you have done for us. We'll miss you!

- BHSS Adult Choir, Ritual Committee, and Music Committee

Michelle Mitzvah Fund

in memory of Laurie Weinberg

- Steven Simon - Judy & Joel Dorfman - Carol & Hal Finkelstein - Paulette Rothenberg - Sandy & Newt Parks

in honor of Rabbi Mosbacher and his advocacy for gun control - Diana & Ken Goldstein

Barbara Weiss Scholarship Fund

in honor of our new granddaughter Elise - Marilyn Taylor & Charlie Romano

to Susan Reinstein, best wishes for a full recovery - Marilyn Taylor & Charlie Romano

Tree of Life

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Michael Zavist In honor of Jacob Gamburg's Bar Mitzvah

Prayer Book Donation

to the Birnbaum family, in memory of Edda Birnbaum - Sheryl Thailer

to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Scheck, in memory of Murray Scheck - Sheryl Thailer

Center for Food Action

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jimmy Holtzman *- Lisa & David Barrack*

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Fessler - the Fessler family

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Dain
- the Dain family

Contributions

Center for Food Action

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Landis - the Landis family

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Sam Mintz - the Mintz family

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Tarriff - the Tarriff family

Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Phoebe Gross - the Gross family

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Berkofsky - the Berkofsky family

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Harlee Shirvan - the Shirvan family

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jared Moss - the Moss family

🛁 🗮 Shalom BHSSTY! 🛁 洔

It's that time of year again... Election Time! Who do YOU want to see running our hard-working, always-smirking, super-exciting, always-inviting youth group? Come out and have your voice heard at the BHSSTY Elections on Sunday, May 5, from 12-3 pm in the new and improved Youth Lounge! We will be having Mexican food in honor of Cinco de Mayo and voting in our new board for the 2013-2014 year! All current 8th-12th graders are welcome!

Also, back by popular demand, join us for a night of spooks, laughs, and fun at the Rocky Horror Picture Show in New York City! This is our final event of the year so don't miss out! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18 from 10pm-3am (Sunday). Again, all current 8th-12th graders are welcome!

Also, on the weekend of May 18, NFTY-GER (North American Federation of Temple Youth-Garden Empire Region) will be holding its first-ever 7th and 8th Grade Kallah! This event is the perfect way for young, future GERites to become acquainted with NFTY, meet new friends, learn NFTY traditions and lingo, and just have an awesome time! This will be taking place from Friday, May 17 at 6pm to Sunday, May 19 at 11am at the URJ Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY. Sign up at nfty.org/ger/grades78 today! On a side note, I like to take the time to express what an incredible experience it has been being your Youth Group President this year. It has been a successful year full of many ideas, events, and trial-and-error learning experiences, all of which have made me a better leader and person. This is my third and final year on board, and I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to share it with. A huge shout-out and thank you go to Samantha Spencer, Peter Falkow, Rachel Teichman, Ben Kern, Ari McVeigh, Zach Scholl, Stacey Butler, and Mrs. McVeigh who put in the long hours all year making this youth group the best it could currently be. I am sure you will all take it to new heights in the upcoming years, and I can't wait to see what you do! As I leave for college this August, packing my mezuzah I made at Kadimah and a few of my BHSSTY keepsakes to remind me of home, I will think of each and every old and new friendship I have made as a result of BHSSTY, and think how I hope I have had some kind of positive influence on you the way you all have had on me. I will truly miss you all and please remember, I'm only a phone call (201-290-2583) or email (awesomegirl330@aol.com) away!

L'shalom, Rebeca Berger Have your next celebration at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom!



Our social hall has everything you need for your special day.

convenient location full service catering kitchen banquet tables and chairs easy access to major highways plenty of parking

Whether you are celebrating a bris, baby naming, a bar or bat mitzvah or a birthday, this space is for you!



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Call the synagogue office at 201-512-1983 or write to Iris Greenberg, our administrator for more details or to book your party.

"Get for yourself a teacher, and make for yourself a friend."

I thank the dedicated teachers and aides of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom religious school for a wonderful year:

> Terry Sitomer Karen Silverman Shelley Jaffe Jane Koch Dalia Leibowitz Barbara Schwartz Steve Schulner Leah Rosenberg Stacey Swirnow Manny Kaplan Stacey Butler Elyssa Mosbacher Dede Adika Rabbi Josh Stanton Rabbi Joel Mosbacher Cantor David Perper Sharon Halper Leah Mass Ari McVeigh Rebecca Silver Ben Kern Rachel Teichman Ethan Coyne Samantha Spencer Rebeca Berger Caitie Pavon Alex Anesetti Matt Krane Leah Dubiel Mitchell Falkow Sarah Coffel Jase Barrack Amanda Scholl Samantha Lamster

I thank Iris, Lisa, and Walter for keeping us going. And I thank the Education Committee and Chair Lauren Einhorn and all of the parents who contributed to making our celebrations possible.

On Friday night, May 17, we have our Grandparents' Shabbat and Teacher Appreciation Shabbat.

I hope to see you there!

-Rebecca Bernstein McVeigh, Educator



RICK RECHT In Concert

With a Tribute to Evelyn and Jim McGilloway

What can be said of our biggest event of the year? The House of Friends rocked with *shir* (song)! Now is the time for the "thank you"s. First and foremost, our wonderful Music committee deserves recognition for the effort and enthusiasm with which they undertook this project. We have four new members who rolled up their sleeves and dedicated themselves like the pros. It was great: from narrowing down artists to stuffing envelopes. Our old-timers excelled at negotiating contracts, selling tickets, and arranging for promotion.

Next, we'd like to thank the Board of Trustees. Without their support, both physical and financial, none of this could have gotten off the ground. Harvey Weinberg, Rabbi Mosbacher, and Cantor Perper challenged us to engage our youth in different ways within synagogue life, to show them that they too are an important part of our community. What better way than to dedicate a concert to them! Rebecca McVeigh and Stacey Butler were instrumental in the engagement and preparation part. They made sure that Rick Recht's music was familiar before the concert. It played throughout the Hebrew School. It was taught during music classes. It was incorporated into services. The concert was promoted by Ari McVeigh and Zach Scholl of the Sr. Youth Group throughout NFTY and temple web sites. Thank you, guys!

Finally, the reception for our friends Evelyn and Jim McGilloway... I hope you all enjoyed our way of showing how much we appreciate all they have done on behalf of BHSS, how much we are going to miss them, and how much good fortune we wish them as they begin a new chapter in their lives in London. Your House of Friends stands here waiting to welcome you back whenever you return to visit!

On a personal note, I will miss my co-chair and mentor terribly. But that frees up a chair for you, my reader, at the next committee meeting. You've seen what we do, come share with the planning for the next events! We always welcome new members. Contact me at niberger@aol.com.

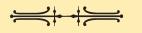
-Nora Berger



The reviews are in, and this year's BHSS Opera / Musical Theatre Night was a smashing success! Our talented cantor, David Perper, an operatic tenor with a gorgeous voice, together with his wife, Cantor Faith Steinsnyder, a great cantor and a great soprano, brought together a diverse group of performers, both professionals and members of the BHSS Adult Choir. Faith opened the well-attended event with a beautiful rendition of "Without a Song." Cantor Perper performed "*Gentil Spirto*," a moving aria from the opera "La Favorita," and simply captivated the audience with an old favorite, "My Romance." Julie Hamula, an up-and-coming soprano, returned to BHSS this year, having performed last year for a very appreciative audience. Additional return performers were young, talented singers from within the

congregation: Brenda Belohoubek, Jenn Vogel and Harrison Young. Adult choirs members who took our stage as soloists were Jodi Lyons, Bernice Medici, Jane Stein Dubin, Jane Koch (a teacher in our religious school and one of our choral accompanists) Jane Young, Lia Waitz and Richard & Bonita Berens. Itay Goren, internationally acclaimed pianist and teacher at Ramapo College, was our wonderful accompanist for the show. The evening of song concluded with the entire cast and audience participating in the "Great Broadway Sing-Along."

The cantor is, no doubt, already hatching new ideas on how to make next year's production even better. As well-received as it was, that is a very tall order!



from & for the congregation

Good ^{Melfare}

Condolences

to Lisa Estrin on the loss of her mother, Sheila Estrin Reich
to Stephen Cohen on the loss of his father, Bennet Cohen
to Ed Vogel on the loss of his stepfather, Sol Lirtzman, and his mother, Flora Vogel-Lirtzman
to Iris Greenberg on the loss of her aunt, Evelyn Marcus
to Lawrence Newhouse on the loss of his mother, Mary Newhouse
to Al Levene on the loss of his aunt, Frances Levene
to Sandi Meehan on the loss of her father, George Perry
to David Kestenbaum on the loss of his father, Frank Harry Kestenbaum



Barbara Burghardt Beth Wiesner Susan Reinstein Marsha Gluck Mimi Rosengarten Barbara Lacher

Mazal Tov

to Marilyn Taylor and Charles Romano on the birth of their granddaughter, Elise Marie Ferguson

to Gary and Renee Garbus on the birth of their grandson, Nathan Manny Myszka

to our 5773 confirmands and their families: Nicole Byrne, Ethan Coyne, Kyle Dubiel, Daniel Gordon, Melanie Oventhal, Caitlin Pavon, Zachary Schechtman, Zachary Scholl, Rebecca Silver, Samantha Spencer, Rachel Straining and Rachel Teichman

to our 2013 Kadimah graduates and their families: Zachary Belohoubek, Rebeca Berger, Rebecca Gralla and Ari McVeigh

to ALL our graduating high school and college students and their families

To Our Friends at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, from Ed and Linda Vogel -

We would like to express our thanks to our community for the incredible support we received from so many of you. It was a terrible shock to have a double loss in just two days. Our Caring and Ritual volunteers, our clergy, and many others responded to our situation with sensitivity and understanding.

People who are not part of a community have asked why we, as "empty nesters," are still active in the life of our synagogue. This past month is our answer. The warmth and caring of so many of you was extremely important to us. Our extended family was very touched as well.

So, on behalf of the entire Vogel and Lirtzman families, thank you.

JOSE AMARAL RUTH BAUM MOLLIE BLACKMAN HAROLD BRODY ESTHER CITRIN HERMAN COFFEL HARRY COHEN ROBERTA CONVERSANO **BLANCHE CRAMER** FLORENCE DAVID CAROLE FARFEL ARTHUR FASSLER CHARLES FEIN HARVEY FELBER DOROTHY FINN ARNOLD FOX LEONID GAMPEL SADIE GETTLEMAN DAVID GOLDMAN EDWARD GORDON HARRIET GORDON FRANCES GROSSMAN

May Yahrzeits

MADELINE GUNTHER MONROE GUNTHER NATHAN GURIAN FRANTA HERMANN ABE HOCHMAN EDNA HOMNICK MAURICE SONNY ISRAEL SIMON KASPER CAROLE KELMAN ROBERTA KOPELMAN SEYMOUR KULICK **BETTY LANDIS** JENNIFER LATEINER PAUL LEVITT JEANETTE LICHTER BERTHA LIPSKER MELVIN LISK JOAN LITTMAN ALLEN MAY FELIX MELLIN PEARL MELLIN ELSIE ASHMALL MURPHY FRANK NATHANSON

SAUL OKON SAMUEL POTTER NORMA RESNIK EDWARD ROTH JACK ROTHENBERG JOHN ROTHMAN HERBERT SAKOW **BENJAMIN SANTO** JANICE SCHWARTZ DOROTHY SELIGMAN ANITA SILVERMAN ELIAS SILVERSTEIN STANLEY SPELLMAN SOPHIE SQUIRES BRUCE STEINBERG HAROLD WEINBERG RABBI MILTON WEINBERG **IRVING WEISS** ESTHER WOLF GILBERT WUNSCH SEYMOUR YANOWITZ ROSE ZAHM

SARA ARONSON HERMINIA AYALA BRIAN BANDREMER PEARL BERGER DAVID BERMAN LOUIS BERNSTEIN FRIEDA BIBI SAMUEL CLARKE ANDREW COHEN RITA COHEN VICTOR COHEN IRVING DORFMAN ABE FEIT BRYANT FISCHLER SEYMOUR FRIEDMAN MILTON GRALLA THOMAS GROSSMAN SOL HEILBRAUN HOWARD ISRAEL

June Yahrzeits

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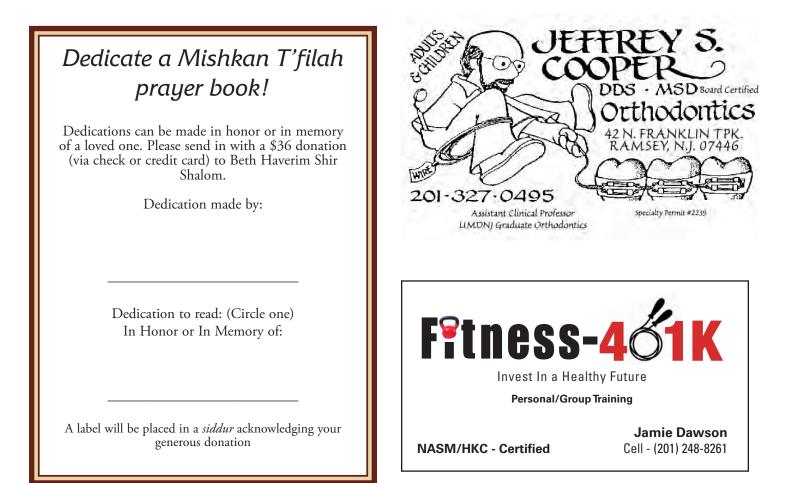
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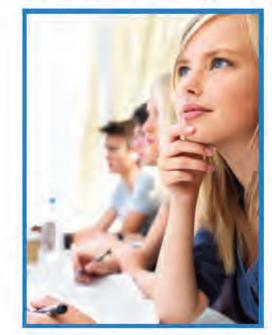


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Confirmation and Erev Shavuot Service - Tuesday, May 14 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Teacher Appreciation and Grandparents' Shabbat - Friday, May 17 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Planting Day in the Congregational Garden - Sunday, May 19 beginning at noon

Congregational Annual Meeting - Tuesday, May 21 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Michelle Mitzvah Service - Friday, May 31 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Singing at the Specialized Children's Hospital with Cantor Perper - Sunday, June 9 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Brotherhood BBQ before services - Friday, June 14 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Brotherhood Shabbat (outdoor family service) - Friday, June 14 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Installation Service - Friday, June 21 beginning at 8:00 p.m.