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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2013

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Wednesday, September 4	7:30 PM	Erev Rosh HaShanah
Thursday September 5	8:15 AM	Rosh HaShanah early morning service
	11:45 AM	Rosh HaShanah mid-morning service
	2:45 PM	Rosh HaShanah family service
	4:15 PM	Tashlich
Friday, September 6	9:15 AM	Second Day Rosh HaShanah service
	8:00 PM	
Saturday, September 7	10:00 AM	
Friday, September 13	7:30 PM	Kol Nidre
Saturday, September 14	8:15 AM	Yom Kippur early morning service
	11:45 AM	Yom Kippur mid-morning service
	2:00 - 3:30 PM	Study sessions
	2:30 PM	Family service / Healing service
	3:45 PM	Mincha (afternoon) service
	5:30 PM	Yizkor
	6:15 PM	Neilah (closing) service
Wednesday, September 18	7:00 PM	Erev Sukkot service
Thursday, September 19	10:00 AM	Sukkot Festival service
Friday, September 20	7:00 PM	Family service - Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Selman family
	start time. Birthdays ir	n August and September will be celebrated.
Sukkah decorating fo		
Saturday, September 21	9:30 AM	Tot Shabbat
 ✓ 	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Brody and Ryan Selman
Wednesday, September 25	7:00 PM	Simchat Torah/Consecration
Please note the early		
Thursday, September 26	10:00 AM	Festival Yizkor service
Friday, September 27	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Bethon and Darrow families
Saturday, September 28	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Sam Bethon and Samuel Darrow
Friday, October 4	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Lever and Spira families
Saturday, October 5	9:30 AM	Tot Shabbat
	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Jason Lever and Samuel Spira
Friday, October 11	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Kay and Zingler families
Saturday, October 12	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Jesse Kay and Russell Zingler
Friday, October 18	7:00 PM	Family service/Youth Group creative service
		pirthdays will be celebrated. Service followed by a milk and cookie oneg -
wear your pajamas!	Youth Group Spaghett	i Dinner for charity before services beginning at 5:30 by RSVP

Book Fair Browsing following services.

Saturday, October 19	10:00 AM
Friday, October 25	8:00 PM
Saturday, October 26	10:00 AM

Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Burman and Schechtman families B'nai Mitzvah of Alexander Burman and Jonah Schechtman

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<u>President's Message</u>

It is a privilege to have been recently installed as president of this extraordinary congregation, and I look forward with excitement to a productive two years. When we decided to join

what was then Beth Haverim in 2004, we did so with the exclusive motivation of providing a religious education for our three sons, Aidan, Garrett and Brady. Matt and I came from different faiths but both felt ill-equipped to respond to our children's inquiries about God and religion. At Beth Haverim, we felt welcomed, and after speaking with the clergy and staff were confident that the education our kids would be provided would be meaningful and include plenty of room for our boys' own perspectives, as opposed to the dogmatic approach we wished to avoid.

We never expected that in many ways the learning would be as much ours as theirs: We never predicted that we would discover a community, who would be a support to our family in our everyday life as well as during our greatest joys and deepest sorrows; and I never anticipated that I would become president. But things change... as they always do. Our synagogue has grown in number and spirit as we merged and became Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, and likewise our family has expanded to include our daughter, Emily. Nine years later and we could not be more pleased and are fully entrenched at BHSS.

I recently attended the Scheidt Seminar, a URJ program where over 100 presidents from Reform congregations around the United States and beyond convened to learn, share and explore their ideas, hopes and goals about their upcoming presidencies. There were incredible lectures, prayer and song, networking and schmoozing, not to mention an abundance of food! I learned about budgets and fundraising and the history of Reform Judaism and much, much more. I also learned how fortunate I am to be in a somewhat unique position here at BHSS, a place where A LOT is already going right.

In large part due to the foresight and dedication of the leaders who preceded me, and our gifted clergy and committed staff, we are not in a position where we need to focus the bulk of our energies worrying about whether or not we will be able to turn on our heat in winter, or if we'll have a minyan on Friday night, or if there will be enough food at the oneg. Suffice to say, some of my fellow presidents are facing far greater challenges than I.

This is not to suggest it is time to be complacent. I am cognizant of how quickly our situation might change if matters such as our financial stability were not attended to. As such, I remain committed to continue our

traditions of balancing budgets, attracting new members and remaining attractive to existing ones, keeping our building well-maintained, and so on. It is also not my intention to simply maintain the status quo, as I believe continued growth is essential to longevity.

In preparation for my presidency I recently read Ron Wolfson's book Relational Judaism, which explores how to transform institutions into inspiring communities that connect people to each other and to Judaism in a fulfilling and lasting way. Furthering the creation of Kehilah Kedosha, a sacred community, is the vision I have for my presidency. As Wolfson describes, a kehilah kedosha is a community where "relationships are paramount, worship is engaging, where everyone is learning, where repairing of the world is a moral imperative, where healing is offered, and where personal & institutional transformation are embraced." Working together with all of you, I hope to foster ideas and programs which will strengthen our connections and move us closer to this ideal... I hope you'll agree that we are already well on our way!

As I write this, we are only a few weeks away from the High Holidays (and that is only partly due to my procrastination!). I assure you that preparation for the High Holidays is fully underway. I am amazed at the dedication of those who have been working diligently to ensure that our holiday services will provide a meaningful experience for all who attend. I look forward to seeing all of you all in September and am eager to meet those who are new to our congregation.

On a more personal note, this year is special for me for a few reasons. It is the first time I will be experiencing the High Holidays as president, which is of course a great honor in itself. It is also the first time I will be chanting Torah, and I look forward to this opportunity with great joy (and a touch of anxiety). Finally, as our son Aidan is (or at least is supposed to be) busy downloading the "Common App," writing essays, and visiting potential colleges, I am cognizant that this may be the last time (at least for a while) that my whole family will be together for the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our lives and our families are always changing, and I know better than to resist that movement... but I also know when to treasure the present moment, and I will be sure to do just that.

I will end by wishing you all a happy and healthy new year. May this be the year that you discover (or rediscover) our vibrant community and, in doing so, gain further clarity in your search for meaningful Jewish experience. *Shana tova*!

—Jennifer Cole, President

From the Rabbi's Study

I hope that you and your family had a wonderful summer; I hope that you are able to be refreshed and renewed, and that you are able to enjoy time with loved ones and friends.

I was privileged to enjoy a wonderful summer of travel and time with family as well. And, as I do every summer, I made my way through a stack of books (well, a "stack" of books on my e-reader!), some of which you'll have to come to services to hear about.

In the true spirit of summer reading, though, I wanted to share briefly about one of them – a book called Jews and Words, by Israeli novelist Amos Oz and his daughter, historian Fania Oz-Salzberger. I highly recommend this beautiful and thought-provoking book to you for your consideration. The thesis of the book is, as the authors state, that, throughout Jewish history, "in order to remain a Jewish family, a Jewish family, perforce relied on words. Not any words, but words that came from books."

While scholars argue about the exact dates in which each of the books of the Hebrew Bible was written, most scholars agree that by the 3rd century B.C.E., the TaNaKH as we know it was more or less complete in the fashion we read it in today. What followed on almost immediately were words of interpretation, which began as oral traditions that were eventually written down -- words that sought to elucidate the meanings of our most ancient texts. Collections of teachings, which would eventually be called the Mishnah and the Gemara, take us through the 5th century CE. And on and on, Jewish teaching and Jewish writing continued in an essentially unbroken chain -- an ever-expanding library.

Since at least the 3rd century B.C.E., then, our collective memory as a people "ceased to be geological; it no longer proceeded in leaps and bounds, shrouded in mist and guesswork. A library began. It grew. We have it today on our shelves and in our laptops."

The authors make the case that what has held us together as a people throughout our traveling, our wanderings, and our exiles, are the written Jewish texts we have carried with us, and incessantly read. For the last 2,000 years, we haven't had prophets or kings as a people; for most of that time, our scholarship was not allowed to flourish in the palaces and academies of the empires that defeated us. Jewish culture did not breed heroes or soldiers to defend us, princes to patronize

"If not now, when?"

us or benefactors to buy us books and scientific instruments. From late antiquity until early modernity, most of the Jews whose names we



know are on record because they studied. Words, as the authors of this beautiful essay wrote, have been our cathedrals.

Every time we as Jews read a text, the authors say, we offer it in our own image. The Torah becomes the prophetic books; the prophetic books become the teachings and interpretations that replaced the Temple in Jerusalem; and the teachings of 1,500 years ago become the vast numbers of Jewish books that are being written every year -- they become our books.

So as we will soon gather as a congregation on the High Holidays, and as learners of all ages will come back to our synagogue to learn deeply about our Jewish heritage, we are reminded that, even if we repeat ancient words verbatim, they are no longer the ancient words -- they are new, now, and they are ours, in our image, in our contexts, until the next authors come along.

But only if we read them. Only if we study them. Only if we pray them. Only if we model for our children and our children's children what it means to be People of the Book. So join us for regular Shabbat service sometime this fall; enroll in Family School with your children; join our band of intrepid explorers in Torah study each Shabbat morning; enroll in one of our many adult education offerings. And/or, commit to reading a Jewish book in the next couple of months, and let everyone in your family know that you're doing it. Pick a novel by Amos Oz, a history book by his daughter, a poetry book by Yehuda Amichai, or any Jewish book that strikes your fancy (ask me, or our wonderful Library Committee, if you need suggestions!). Enjoy all the pleasures that social media has to offer, and commit yourself to reading something that is longer than 140 characters. You might just find yourself drawn ever more deeply into what it means to be Jewish. But don't take my word for it; don't take Amos or Fania Oz's word for it – try it yourself, and let me know how it goes!

Elyssa, Ari and Lev join me in wishing you and yours a *Shana* tova u'metuka - a year filled with health, happiness, and the sweetness of all our Jewish heritage has to offer.

—Rabbi Joel Mosbacher

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September 6 – 7:03 pm *Ha'Azinu* September 13 – 6:52 pm *Yom Kippur* September 20 – 6:40 pm *Sukkot* September 27 – 6:28 pm *B'reisheet* October 4 – 6:16 pm *Noach* October 11 – 6:05 pm *Lech L'cha* October 18 – 5:54 pm *Vayera* October 25 – 5:44 pm *Chayei Sarah*



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<u>Cantor's Corner</u>



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a.k.a. "Elul began in San Diego"

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the opportunity to be away for those 4 weeks this summer. First to my wife, Faith, for stepping in and so completely and lovingly help

those families in need, as well as all my students as they continue to prepare for b'nai mitzvah in the coming months, and all of our High Holiday Torah and Haftarah readers. She also rehearsed the choir in my absence to keep them on track in getting ready for the holidays fast approaching. Sweetheart, I love you, and thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thanks also to the entire office staff, Rabbi Mosbacher and Rebecca McVeigh, and of course our lay leaders who gave me permission to once again go and sing my heart out in an operatic way in San Diego.

My host family at Opera Neo this year were Terri and Dana McDaniel, who were absolutely wonderful. They were warm and generous and I will miss them in the coming months. Two other singers stayed with the McDaniels as well, and we all got along great. The highlights of my Opera Neo experience this year were a cabaret performance at the Encinidas public library, where I sang in a number of fun ensemble pieces, as well as performed the Watch Duet from Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" and sang Besame Mucho, both of which were very well received by an enthusiastic audience. The other fantastic aspect of my time out west was learning and developing my role of Arnalta in Monteverdi's opera "The Coronation of Poppea." I played Poppea's older female nurse, which was the comic relief in a very serious production. I can't wait for you all to see all my performances. There were many voice lessons and coachings, mock auditions, master classes and much more, all led by a fantastic staff. It was a ball and a half! I will miss all my new-found colleagues, and hopefully we will find time to keep in touch.

Elul entered my consciousness in San Diego. I began to gently shift my focus of my spirit and my heart towards forgiveness of my brothers and sisters back home in Mahwah, as well as beginning to fill my mind with thoughts of programming ideas for my students, for those music lovers in our congregation, and ways to engage us in prayer and worship. I love my job at BHSS, and although I say it a lot, I know how lucky I am to work with such fantastic, helpful, understanding and inspiring Jewish professionals, as well as an incredible president and board. We are an exceptional community in the tri-state area. This year the Music Committee, headed by Nora Berger, will have some great musical events for all of us to look forward to, including the return of "Coffeehouse Cantors, Chanukah Style," "Movie Night 2," and a klezmer concert. Please see the Music Committees article in this issue for more information, and stay close to the temple calendar. I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

B'Shalom, Cantor David Perper



From the Educator's Office

What I Did on My Summer Vacation

For ten weeks this summer on Tuesday mornings, I was fortunate

to be a part of a JeTS online learning experience. JeTS (Jerusalem edTech Solutions) is based in Israel, so each of us (with our laptops, headphones, and microphones) was "in class" together with our teacher Smadar Goldstein, who is in Jerusalem. This professional development opportunity was completely subsidized by Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey and offered to just ten educators in our area. My classmates came from other congregations, both Reform and Conservative. We all live and work within an hour of each other, and, I came to discover, we were all a little bit wary of "not knowing" as much as the next person about new teaching technologies and online learning.

For the first time in many years, I had homework, class work, and even a practicum lesson as a "final." Our teacher was patient, funny, and sensitive to the wide-ranging experience (or lack thereof) that her students arrived in class with. I grew to look forward to our Tuesday morning sessions as a way to balance whatever else was going on in my week. And with a wedding, a funeral, and two graduations in my immediate past and a last-born headed to college (plus, of course, the religious school clean-up/set-up) in my immediate future, I really needed that balance!

Check your High Holiday tickets to be sure you have the correct one(s)!

bright gold ticket is for the service beginning at 8:15 a.m. on both Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur mornings

bright green ticket is for the service starting at 11:45 a.m. on both Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur mornings

You will hear and see, and hopefully interact with, some of the new ways to learn that I discovered this summer. There are so many amazing "asynchronous" (feel free to Google that) tools out there and we will spend some time teaching them to our staff and using them not only in the school but also in the broader congregation. If we send you an email with something new to try, a poll to take, a video to watch and then comment on - a new way of bringing Jewish learning "home" - it's okay to be wary at first. But then you're going to love it!

Rod, Andrew and Jackie, Alex, and Ari join me in wishing you all a wonderful and sweet New Year. I look forward to seeing you at High Holiday services. (If you are new to our BHSS family, please introduce yourself, especially at the family service, when I'll be waiting in the lobby to greet you!)

-Rebecca Bernstein McVeigh



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September Calendar

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Sat Noah 8:15am - Torah study 9:30am - Tot Shabbat 10am - Jason Lever 10am - Sam Spira 5pm - YG Havdallah/Hayride	Lech L'cha 8:15am - Torah study 10am - Jesse Kay 10am - Russell Zingler	Vayeira Vayeira 8: 15am - Torah study 10am - Tefilot	20 Chayei Sarah 8:15am - Torah study 10am - Alexander Burman 10am - Jonah Schechtman 12pm - YG Fall Kallah @ Kutz	0
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Sun	8 9am - Gr. 6 & Family School 12:30pm - Book & a Bagel	13 9am - Gr. 6.8. Family School 1 pm - Mah Jongg 7 pm - Netanyahu film LLL	20 8:30am - Book Fair 9am - Gr. 6 & Family School	27 9am - Gr. 6 & Family School 12pm - YG Fall Kallah @ Kutz 1pm - S'hood Meet & Greet 1:30pm - S'hood Chuppah

Youth Programming



Shalom!

My name is Stacey Butler. I am very excited to be your new Director of Informal Youth Programming. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself, and my background, to you.

I was born and raised in Bergen County, New Jersey. As a child, I attended an Orthodox nursery school in Teaneck, New Jersey. I was a very active youth at Temple Emeth in Teaneck, New Jersey (a Reform congregation). I attended Hebrew school there from Kindergarten through 7th grade. I then joined BARJ (Bergen Academy of Reform Judaism – the equivalent of our Kadimah). I was also a member of the Junior Choir, Adult Choir, Junior Youth Group, Senior League (as we called it then), and NFTY (JFTY and later NFTY-GER.)

I attended Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During my undergraduate years, I received my BA with a dual major in Jewish studies and Hebrew, and a minor in Biology. After college I returned to Bergen County and worked at the Bergen County YJCC as the assistant youth director. I then returned to Philadelphia for graduate school at Gratz College in Melrose Park and at the University of Pennsylvania. During that time, I received a Master's degree in Social Work and a Master's degree in Jewish Communal Service. I also enjoyed teaching 5th grade Hebrew School at Congregation Rodeph Shalom. Post graduate school, I have been working as a social worker, while also continuing my work in the Jewish sector. I have worked in inpatient physical rehabilitation, and in the mental health field. I am currently employed at Rockland Psychiatric Center as an inpatient mental health social worker.

In 2009, I decided to return to graduate school again, and received my Master's degree in Jewish Studies and a Master's degree in Jewish Education from Gratz College. Finally, in 2011, I began at the Academy for Jewish Religion – Rabbinical track. I also returned again to Gratz College and am currently working on my Doctorate in Jewish Education – with a focus on Adminstration/Supervision and a subspecialization in special needs populations.

Since 2005, it has been my privilege to be a teacher at Beth Haverim – and later Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. I teach in Kadimah and in the Family School program. Over the last five years, I have also been blessed to work with the 9th-12th graders as the youth group advisor for BHSSTY.

I would also like to share 13 fun facts about me:

- 1. I have a 5-year-old son named Brandon.
- 2. I love animals, and am the proud pet-parent of 3 cats (Lokie, Tilly, and Trinity) and a guinea pig (Max).
- 3. I have a younger brother, Blake, who is 6'3" tall (I'm the short one in my family at 5'5").
- 4. My parents' names are Karen and Kerry. They met and married in 7 months, and have been married for 43 years.
- 5. My favorite color is purple.
- 6. I like heavy metal music.
- 7. I like sparkly things. Although I'm not a bling fanatic.
- 8. I enjoy studying various religious/spiritual beliefs and philosophies, and learning about other cultures and ways of thinking/life.
- 9. My favorite Jewish holidays are Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot.
- 10. My favorite parshah is Kedoshim (ironic considering it was also my bat mitzvah parshah).
- My favorite line is: There's always something left to love, and if ya ain't lernt dat, den ya ain't lernt nuttin. (Kadimah students will recognize this one, and also another one "You are holy!")
- 12. I can play the piano and violin. I have also tinkered with guitar and trumpet.
- 13. I have traveled to Australia (1988, 1996), Israel (1993, 2000), England (1996), Austria (1995), and Germany (1995). My father was born in Australia, the day Israel was born (5/18/1948).

I look forward to getting to know all of you, and engaging our youth in the richness of this congregation and the Jewish world. If you would like to be in touch with me, I can be reached by email: Stacey_a_Butler@ yahoo.com, or by calling the main office of BHSS.

L'Shana Tova Tikatevu,

Stacey Butler Director of Informal Youth Programming

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



September 21, 2013 - Brody Selman Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother,

Julie, Father, Jon, Brothers, Justin, 19, Ryan, 13 and Cole,10, and Sister, Sydney, 8 is a 7th grader at The Windward School His interests include hockey, boating, and the NY Rangers. "I would like to be successful in everything I do. I am excited about starting a new chapter in my life."



September 28, 2013 - Sam Darrow

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Gail, Father, Bill, Brother, Jack, 14, and Sister, Molly, 9 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include music, sports (especially lacrosse,) acting, and hanging out with friends. "I'd like to be a professional drummer. I feel very

grateful and honored to be able to share this special occasion with all of my family and friends."



doctor later on in life. I am very grateful to be able to become a Bar Mitzvah, and having my family and friends to help celebrate with me makes it even better."



October 5, 2013 - Jason Lever

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Jill, Father, David, Sister, Samantha, 9is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include water sports, saxophone, and basketball. "I would like to sail around the world. I am excited to share this day with my family and friends."



September 28, 2013 - Samuel Bethon Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Lori, Father, Fred, Brothers, Sister, Emma, 8is an 8th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include lacrosse, karate, wrestling, piano, and community service. "I would like to get into a good college and study science and engineering. I am excited to share my Bar Mitzvah with family and friends."



October 5, 2013 - Samuel Spira

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Su, Brother, Zachary, 17, and Sister, Erica, 16 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include wrestling, football, and fishing. "I would like to be a good student and excel in everything I do. I am very excited for my Bar Mitzvah and celebrating this special day with my family and friends."

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





October 12, 2013 - Jesse Dean Kay

spending time with family and friends. "I would like to pursue something related to sports. I feel this is a massive milestone in my life, turning from a boy to a young man in Judaism."



October 26, 2013- Jonah Schechtman

Lives in Park Ridge, New Jersey. Mother, Diane, Father, Neal, Brothers, Ethan, 17, Zachary, 16 and Sister, Ruthie, 11 is a 7th grader at Park Ridge Middle School His interests include

wrestling, baseball, football, math, and history. "I would like to attend Cornell or Bucknell and become a sports analyst or college wrestling coach. I feel honored to fulfill my Jewish rite as a Bar Mitzvah."



October 12, 2013 - Russell Zingler Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Debbie, Father, Joel, Sister, Gillian, 16 is a 7th grader at Smith School His interests include HipHop - Funk, Tap, and sleepaway camp. "I would like to be a successful creative

writer/storyteller. I worked very hard to prepare for this day and follow in the footsteps of the rest of my family. I'm so happy to share this special occasion with my family and friends and with my B'nai Mitzvah partner Jesse Kay."



October 26, 2013 -Alexander Robert Burman

Does your family have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah coming up?

In order to be included in the appropriate issue of Temple Topics, your child's brief "bio" and photo are due as follows:

For a November or December date, by October 1 For a January or February date, by December 1 For a March or April date, by February 1 For a May or June date, by April 1

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

Brotherhood 2.0

Brotherhood has always been a great organization. Our members are 'kosher salt of the earth'! Brotherhood was known for its monthly dinners, Pizza in the Hut, Brotherhood Shabbat and BBQ, Brotherhood Raps, Chanukah party, Men's Seder. Brotherhood was known for its willingness to support all the groups in BHSS, and ensured their presence and involvement at every event. Over the past two years (or more) Brotherhood was led by Ian Coyne and Erb Cooper.

Let us take a moment to thank Ian and Erb for two years of excellent service to Brotherhood, and to BHSS!

Last year, Brotherhood sponsored the renovation of the Youth Lounge, as well as sponsoring Walter's capture of the snakes that resided there. This, of course, was the beginning of the new direction of Brotherhood. Much like any other organization, individual, company or concept, it is important for survival to grow and reinvent. The introduction of Brotherhood 2.0 may not necessarily be accompanied by fanfare or by a large billboard on Route 17, but the impact of our re-branded organization will be seen and felt throughout BHSS.

Brotherhood 2.0 will be heading in an exciting new direction. Our mission is to align ourselves with temple youth and with social action, and to really make an impact in the lives of others. Brotherhood will be providing the cooking for the **Youth Kickoff BBQ**. Brotherhood will be supporting the initiatives of Michele Mitzvah, and will ensure presence and participation. Brotherhood will reach across to Sisterhood and plan some joint events as well.

Join us, members of Brotherhood and not-yet-members, for Social Action, Community Involvement, Youth Group support, and for an exciting future! Brotherhood 2.0 welcomes you. Brotherhood 2.0 will list events and times in our weekly BHSS emails, on Facebook, and via email to our members. Our goal this year is to invite everyone to join us, to participate, and to submit ideas for future fundraisers and events.

Some upcoming dates:

Sunday, September 15 – Sukkah Building

Friday, September 20 – Pizza in the Hut followed by Family Service

Sunday, September 22 – Youth Kickoff BBQ

Saturday, September 28 – Suffern Day – BHSS table

Saturday, September 28 – Mahwah Day – BHSS table

Sunday, September 29 – Sukkah Take Down

- **Sunday, September 29** Volunteer at the Suffern Soup Kitchen
- **Sunday, October 6** First Brotherhood Raps at Panera Bread

Caring Committee

The new chairpersons of the Caring Committee are committed to continue the success of the program. With the help of temple member volunteers, cooked meals are prepared and delivered, rides to various medical appointments are arranged, hospital visitations, or follow-up calls and home visits are offered when needed. Depending on the situation, an assessment is made as to what is needed and various services are offered.

We are always in need of volunteers to cook and freeze meals, drivers to take members to appointments, run errands, food shop, or lend a sympathetic ear. If interested, please contact Candy Kassover, candy1951@optonline.net or Laura Miller, mlctsmiller@verizon.net. A volunteer meeting will be arranged after the holidays.

Candy Kassover, Co-chair Laura Miller, Co-chair

Library Committee

From the SIFRIYAH

This summer was a busy one at the library. To make our physical space more user-friendly, volunteers gathered on Thursdays to refine and catalogue our collection. (No doubt

there was also catching up on the latest news). This process is a labor intensive activity which promises to make it easier for our readers to find that special book. The effort, under the guidance of professional librarian Sheryl Ives, will be ongoing, probably well into the winter season.

Our popular "Book and Bagel" series returns October 6. <u>The</u> <u>Invisible Wall</u> by Harry Bernstein is a memoir and a love story that broke barriers in working class neighborhoods of the early 1900s.

Harry's older sister, Lily, does the unthinkable: she falls in love with Arthur, a Christian boy from across the street. This memoir is perfect for a book discussion. There will be one copy available in the library, but the book is easily obtained in public libraries and can also be purchased in book stores or on line. And if you do not have a chance to read this story, feel free to join us. Remember the topic is appropriate now, just as it was in the 1900s. Your voice is important.

For the third year, our temple will participate in One Book One Community. Along with other Bergen County organizations and temples, we will read <u>By Fire, By Water</u> by Mitchell Kaplan. This historical fiction takes the reader to medieval times and the New Inquisition. It is a page turner which explores the late 15th century when Queen Isabel of Castile and King Fernando of Aragon sought not only to unite all of Spain's kingdoms but also to purge non-Christians from their unified Roman Catholic sovereignty. Books will be available for purchase by the end of August. Check weekly notices for book delivery dates and purchase prices. Very importantly, on December 6, at the Friday night service, we can join together for a special program on this book.

Several recommendations

For adults: <u>By Blood</u> by Ellen Ullman features a triangle so odd and improbable, it's almost a riddle. Explain how a man can become fixated on two women without seeing them or being seen by them. Check out this novel for pure excitement.

For teenagers: Take a look at our graphic collection. One of the best is The Plot: The Secret Story of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion by Will Eisner. Through graphic art, readers see an ultimate illustration of how absurdly comical and terrible The Protocols have been to mankind. This the book examines conspiracy and fabrication of the Protocols.



Lynn Zall, at work in the Sifriyah

For younger folks: <u>Days of Awe, Stories for Rosh Hashanah</u> <u>and Yom Kippur</u> illustrate the meaning of repentance, prayer, and charity. The illustrations are lovely.

Our first **business meeting will be September 19** at noon. We invite congregants to attend this meeting, to sample the work of the library committee, and perhaps to be motivated to volunteer.

Shana Tova!

The Membership Committee would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest members. We are thrilled to welcome all our new families to our Beth Haverim Shir Shalom family and look forward to getting to know you all. Now and always, feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns or just to say "Hi!"

> Gail Darrow Membership Chair alldarrows@gmail.com 201-831-0164

Social Action

Social action is at the very core of life at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. Inspired by Rabbi Mosbacher's dedicated leadership, many of our individuals and committees adhere to the principle of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). Just a year ago, a meeting took place in the rabbi's office that started a ball rolling that has gained momentum as the year progressed. It started with an invitation to committee chairs to attend a "Summit Meeting" on a Sunday afternoon in September, to discuss the possibilities open to each group to coordinate their social action initiatives. Several representatives of community agencies that were receiving BHSS support spoke eloquently of their own missions and the importance of volunteer support in general.

Following the Summit, there were many individual follow-up discussions and, little by little, a new spirit of cooperation arose and was nurtured. Through Sisterhood, Michelle Mitzvah Group was introduced to a wonderful agency in Paterson; Michelle Mitzvah shared their experiences with Children's Aid and Family Services in Paramus; Brotherhood

asked why we as a whole didn't do more social action work in Rockland County; our Senior Youth Group began to attend other committee meetings where their amazing young talents were exposed for all to see and to utilize; and on and on it went. It was an amazing year.

Now we are beginning a new year... and we will build on the momentum that has been built. Sid Aronson and Whitney Speer have been appointed co-chairs of the Board's Social Action seat. Their mission is to serve as an "umbrella" under which all social action at BHSS will be coordinated, with an eye to efficiently expand our capabilities through inter-action and to reach out to the pool of untapped talent our growing BHSS membership represents. **"Summit II" will meet on Sunday, September 22** to exchange ideas and discuss opportunities for the coming year. Also on the agenda will be the possibility of having a social event perhaps as early as next spring to celebrate just how far social action has come at BHSS... and the journey is only beginning.

Sisterhood News

It may be 85 degrees as this is written, but the shorter evenings and back-to-school sales can only mean that autumn is around the corner. Welcome to a new year at BHSS Sisterhood! Your officers and Board have spent a busy summer of planning and renewal and we can't wait to share a busy year with you.

Did you know that first-time Sisterhood members pay only half the membership dues? If you've never joined Sisterhood, now is your opportunity to be a part of an organization dedicated to the enrichment of the BHSS experience for all temple members. Sisterhood's events and fundraising serve the entire BHSS community, from the most practical (helping to maintain the temple's equipment and supplies) to the most uplifting (evenings of art, music and entertainment, with a Jewish flair!). Even if you've always been a member, this is the year to really become a part of Sisterhood's mission. Bring your friends and family members, too—all are welcome to be part of Sisterhood.

Our **kickoff event** for this year will take place on **Sunday**, **October 27**, from 1-4:30 pm. It's a first for us: come at 1 pm and spend a half hour renewing old friendships and making new ones as we "meet and greet" each other. Then, at 1:30

pm, renowned Judaic artist Nancy Katz will lead us in our very first **chuppah-making** experience. Be a part of this great afternoon—there's no charge, and it's open to *all* members and prospective members of BHSS Sisterhood. Watch your weekly email blasts for more information, as the date draws closer.

And mark your calendar for some other special events: On **November 21**, we're planning a memorable evening, in support of the arts and one of our own members. Watch your emails for details.

December 7 brings our famous **"Dine-Around."** What can be better than an evening of fine dining with your BHSS friends? Enjoy appetizers as a large group, then groups split up and progress to dinner at the homes of various BHSS hosts; finally reuniting for dessert all together at the end of a great evening. Ask anyone who's ever been to a "progressive dinner" and they'll tell you that no one does it better than BHSS Sisterhood.

Does all this sound intriguing? Do you have an idea for a great event? Watch your emails and Temple Topics and come out to any Sisterhood Board meeting or event... We want to hear from you!

Michelle Mitzvah Group

At our July 23 meeting, eighteen committee members (plus a few guests) came bearing bags of food destined for the Center for Food Action. It was a special night indeed, as these contributions pushed us over our goal of raising 1,000 bags of food for this amazing organization during the year beginning with last Rosh Hashanah.

A hearty thank you to everyone at BHSS for shlepping those bags to temple throughout the year and never losing sight of the finish line. We would also be remiss if we didn't single out for special thanks our Senior Youth Group, who, with their imaginative Purim drive including accepting a bag of food as admission to their annual Purim Festival, collected over 100 bags of food. And kudos also to Rhonda Goodman, whose yoga classes at the Suffern Library added 50 well-stocked bags.

It was an impressive year all-around as Michelle Mitzvah Group membership virtually doubled and the spirit of collaboration between the many committees at BHSS grew. We were able to spread our activities to several exciting new community agencies thanks to our Youth Group and Sisterhood and have begun a relationship with Brotherhood that will expand our efforts north of the border into Rockland County.

Our fall calendar is filling up with exciting social action initiatives and we welcome as many participants as possible!

-- Save the date of **Sunday, October 6**! In honor of our ongoing work with **Gift of Life Bone Marrow Donor Foundation**, we would like to amass as large a group as possible to represent BHSS at their Second Annual NJ Walk for Life to be held this year at Van Saun Park in Paramus, New Jersey. Our fellow congregant Michael Wiesner has gotten a "new lease on life" from the work of this worthwhile organization. Please check the weekly website and synagogue weekly services handouts for more updates and details.

-- Sunday, November 3, is Mitzvah Day! This county-wide event is sponsored by our partners at Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey. We will be a collection and packing site that day for a clothing drive to benefit OASIS, the women and children's day shelter in Paterson. We hope to start this initiative ASAP and amass that day a huge collection of new or gently used children's clothing for infants through age 5. Look for the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey Mitzvah Day bulletin for more specific information. --- On **Thursday, November 14, OASIS** is holding a breakfast to promote the work of their shelter at The Brownstone Inn in Paterson. Ilyse Smith and Sandy Arlington are hoping to attract synagogue members who can attend so BHSS can be represented by one or two tables. Each table can seat 10-12 people. More details to follow...

In closing, we would love for you to join us as we embark on our new adventures this coming year. Our next meeting will take place at 7 p.m on Tuesday, September 17 at the synagogue. Come meet a great group of people and start experiencing the rewards of community service.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact any of our new slate of officers for 2013-2014:

Chairman: Ken Goldstein, kfgold@optonline.net Vice President: Beverly York, beverlyyork@aol.com Vice President: Ilyse Smith, silvercards@aol.com Treasurer: Kim Hausner, marilynandkim@optonline.net Communications: Lisa Glick, eslspan@aol.com

Education Committee

It's hard to believe the summer is almost over! Between vacations, camp, and lounging at the pool (at least one of which we hope you all got to partake in...at least for a little while during the last three months), it feels like the time has flown by. But here we are! Ready to begin a new school year!

The Education Committee looks forward to continuing our work to make the religious school the best it can possibly be for the students, parents, and educators. This includes a reemergence of Tot Shabbat (see box) as well as a continued dedication to the Pre-K through Kadimah programs.

If any of you are interested in being a member of the Committee, please, contact us! We are always looking for members who are excited about and ready to help with our children's Jewish education.

Have a great beginning of the school year and a wonderful (and EARLY!) Chanukah.

Contributions

Life Fund

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Life Fund	to Jodi Lyons- May you be fully well very soon. <i>- Evelyn & Jim McGilloway</i>		
to Eric Aronson and family in memory of your mother, Miriam <i>- Marci & Harvey Weinberg</i>	to Nora, Harold & Rebeca Berger- With thanks always for your friendship <i>- Evelyn McGilloway</i>		
in memory of Jack Lazar - Sandy & Newt Parks	to Rebecca McVeigh, my very special friend. Thank you for everything! - <i>Evelyn McGilloway</i>		
to Barry Levine, in memory of Jessie Levine - the Landis family	Thank you for everything!- Evelyn McGillowayto Iris Greenberg, laughter and tears; and so many decisions.		
to Rebecca & Rod McVeigh in honor of Andrew and Jackie's wedding <i>- Karen & Bruce Silverman</i>	Thank you for your help with everything. - Evelyn McGilloway		
to Evelyn McGilloway, in her honor <i>- Barbara ☆ Phil Moss</i>	to Cantor Perper, in memory of Jane Steinsnyder <i>- Barbara & Phil Moss</i>		
in memory of Leza Pincus - Sandy & Newt Parks	in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Mother Blackman - Judith & Michael Blackman		
in memory of Betty and Charles Sankel -Sheryl & Joel Ives	in memory of Julius Weisser - Carole Goodman		
in memory of Werner Schott and Otto Tuteur - Sheri & Allan Schott	in honor of Molly Rafaely - Congratulations! <i>- Ashley Ames & Bruce Friedman</i>		
to Lisa Estrin, in memory of your mother, Sheila <i>- Elaine Mirsky</i>	in honor of Justin Friedman for his graduation from Fairfield University - Ashley Ames & Bruce Friedman		
in memory of Jerome Johnson - Sue-Ellen & Ron Johnson	in memory of Seth Fink and Natalie Orth <i>- Ashley Ames & Bruce Friedman</i>		
in memory of Brian Bandremer - Paula Heller-Tenenbaum	to Lynn and Michael Zall in memory of your son, Jeremy Zall - Sanda & David Hayes		
to Jodi Lyons- our thoughts and prayers are with you <i>- Nita & Eddie Klaskow</i>	in memory of Edith Roth - Sandi & Robert Jeanette		
in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Esther Senzel	Brick Fund		
in memory of Gertrude Klein - Sue-Ellen & Ron Johnson - Arlene & Richard Mandel	to Eric Aronson and family in memory of your mother, Miriam - Sheryl Thailer		
to Rabbi Mosbacher, with grateful thanks for everything and with love always <i>- Evelyn & Jim McGilloway</i>	to the Burghardts in honor of their new grandson, Grayson Horowitz - Barbara & Joe Friedman		
to Cantor Perper-, with thanks for your beautiful music, we will always remember Evelyn & Jim	to Barbara Burghardt, well wishes for a speedy recovery <i>- Barbara & Joe Friedman</i>		
to all our friends at BHSS, wishing you health & happiness. L'Shana Tova - Evelyn & Jim McGilloway	to Susan & Jonathan Zahavi, in memory of Eli (husband) and son of Susan & Jonathan, with sympathy <i>- Barbara & Charles Burghardt</i>		



to Myra Lokomowytz, in memory of your husband and son - Ethel Rosen & Stuart Kirshner in memory of Uncle Donald Leopold - Alison & Norman Axelrod In memory of Dad, William Kaplan - Alison & Norman Axelrod in memory of grandfather Mac Gelfenbein - Gail & Ranan Wichler to Joyce Yabkov, in honor of your grandson Zachary's Bar Mitzvah - the Daniel family in honor of Kyle Walter Daniel - the Daniel family to Rebecca McVeigh, in memory of your sister-in-law, Jill Bernstein - Marci & Harvey Weinberg in memory of Rose Zahm and Harry Meyers - Pearl & Bob Meyers to Ruth & Harvey Gelfenbein, in honor of your 75th birthday - Marilyn & Sandy Moser to Jodi Lyons, wishing you good health! - Jane & Jan Simon to Leonard Bushell, in memory of your mother Bea Bushell - Irma & Joel Becker to Joyce Yabkov, in honor of your grandson Zachary's Bar Mitzvah - Ethel Rosen & Stuart Kirshner Educator's Discretionary Fund in honor of your 10 years as educator - Mazel Tov! - Phil & Barbara Moss - Nita & Eddie Klaskow - Irma & Joel Becker to Shirley and Arthur Diamond, congratulations on your 60th anniversary - Irma & Joel Becker in memory of your sister-in-law, Jill Bernstein - Laurin & Adam Steiger

in honor of Gabriella Yanowitz - Lori & Ritch Yanowitz

in honor of your 10 years as educator of our schoolwith thanks for all you have done! - *the Barrack family*

to Rebecca and Rod McVeigh in honor of Andrew and Jackie's wedding - Mazel Tov! - the Barrack family - Karen & Bruce Silverman - Irma & Joel Becker

to Cantor Perper, in memory of Jane Steinsnyder - Marci & Harvey Weinberg

with thanks to the congregation of BHSS and in honor of our mother Laurie Weinberg - Hillel Weinberg and family

to Ellen Fasanaro, in honor of Sarah's Bat Mitzvah - Michelle, Ben & Madisen Siegel

to the Weinberg family, in memory of Laurie Weinberg - Marsha & Larry Gluck

to the Weintraub family, in memory of Jennifer Weintraub - Marsha & Larry Gluck

in memory of Betty & Henry Gluck - Marsha & Larry Gluck

to Julie Wichler, for finishing the Paris Marathon in such great fashion! - Marci & Harvey Weinberg

to the Vogels, in memory of your mother and stepfather *- Sheryl Thailer*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

with thanks and appreciation and in honor of Andrew & Jackie's wedding - the McVeigh family in honor of Kyle Walter Daniel - the Daniel family with thanks and in honor of Jacob Gamburg - the Gamburg family to Rabbi Mosbacher and Pam Straining for a terrific parenting class! - Linda & David Schwartz

with thanks and in honor of Gabriella Yanowitz's baby naming - Caitlin, Brandon & Ben Yanowitz **Contributions**

- Steve Landis

in honor of Gabriella Yanowitz - Lori & Ritch Yanowitz

in honor of Emily's Bat Mitzvah and with thanks for all you do - *Nina & Tom Scudieri*

thank you for making Sarah's Bat Mitzvah so special *- Ellen Fasanaro*

with thanks

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

to the Pall Family in honor of Rebecca's Bat Mitzvah - Lynn & Michael Zall

in memory of Jane Steinsnyder

the Landis family

the Groskins

Rhonda & Marty Hymowitz

Barbara & Phil Moss
Sheryl Thailer

the BHSS Music Committee

Miriam Perper
Candy Kassover

Nita & Eddie Klaskow

Irma & Joel Becker
Sandy & Newt Parks

with thanks for your beautiful singing at Andrew and Jackie's wedding - the McVeigh family

with thanks and in honor of Jacob Gamburg - the Gamburg family

with thanks and in honor of Gabriella Yanowitz's baby naming - Caitlin, Brandon, & Ben Yanowitz

in honor of Gabriella Yanowitz - Lori & Ritch Yanowitz

to Barbara Klein in honor of your 80th birthday - Miriam Perper

in honor of Emily's Bat Mitzvah and with thanks for everything! - Nina & Tom Scudieri to Cantors Perper and Steinsnyder in memory of Jane Steinsnyder - Sisterbo

- Sisterhood of BHSS - Ilyse & Floyd Smith - Barbara & Sanford Klein - the Einhorn gamily - the Nimerofsky family - the Schott family - Randi & Chaim Levin

with gratitude and in honor of our mother Laurie Weinberg *- Hillel Weinberg & family*

with thanks and in honor of my father, Benett Cohen - Stephen Cohen

with thanks

- Steve Landis

with thanks for officiating at Minnie Klaskow's unveiling - Nita & Eddie Klaskow

to Evelyn and Jim McGilloway in your honor - Robby & Eddie Saiff - the BHSS Music & Ritual Committees & Adult Choir - Hermine & Sid Aronson - Sheryl Thailer

to Evelyn and Jim McGilloway, wishing you all he best in the next stage of your life. - Sheri & Allan Schott

with thanks for being there for our family and being you! - the Birnbaums

Michelle Mitzvah Fund

to Jodi Lyons, Hermine Aronson and Sid Aronson for organizing the Michelle Mitzvah service - Diana & Ken Goldstein

in memory of the first anniversary yahrzeit of Mona Turka - Murray Turka

to Michelle Mitzvah Group

- Ken & Diana Goldstein

Tree of Life

in honor of Harvey Weinberg and Ranan Wichler - Sisterhood of BHSS

Contributions

Youth Scholarship Fund

in memory of Samuel M. Rubin and Irving Dorfman - Judy & Joel Dorfman

to Barbara Burghardt, well wishes for a speedy recovery - Marsha & Larry Gluck

Prayer Book Donation

to Rebecca and Rod McVeigh, in honor of the marriage of your son Andrew to Jackie, Mazel Tov! - Gail & Ranan Wichler

MONTHLY TOT SHABBAT

Now at a New Time!

Tot Shabbat is back, and better than ever! Families with children from **birth to 2nd grade** are invited to join Miss Ilene and Rabbi Mosbacher for a story, singing, a craft and a snack, from **9:30-10:15 am** on the following Shabbat mornings:

> September 21 October 5 November 23 January 11 February 8 March 8 April 12 May 3 June 7

Please RSVP to the synagogue office at 201-512-1983 if you plan to come, so we will have enough supplies for everyone!



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!



Choose from one of our excellent caterers -

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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.



Rebecca Bibi Miles Brickman Ryan Brodsky Adam Buchalter Alexander Burman Chloe Caren Joshua Chostaka Brady Cole Brad DeRosa Justin DeRosa Brooke Dylan Einhorn Jake Fishman Kassidy Fishman Mandy Fleischmann Harrison Flynn Arden Flynn Olivia Flynn Jordan Gamburg Benjamin Goldstein Amanda Goldstein Laila Graham-Bialer Justine Kulick Matthew Meehan Skyler Murphy Mathew Myers Jordan Polansky Haley Popowitz Skylie Prizel Jonah Schechtman Betsy Schwartz Cole Selman Lili Shmaruk Justin Silver Emma Starr Carson Tidwell Nicole Wainland

BHSSTY

Shalom!

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an amazing summer. Many of the youth groupers participated in a number of summer programs: Summer in Israel, Eisner Camp, Crane Lake Camp, NFTY Leadership Academy, and so much more!

The 2013-2014 year is upon us, and there are some great things happening. First, please make sure to say hello to our new Director of Informal Youth Programming, Stacey Butler. You might already know her, but if not, please give a call to the temple...or look her up on Facebook. She'd love to say hello. Next, this year, we are changing things up a bit, and have expanded programming for our 7th/8th grade. We discovered a big problem though....what should their name be? Junior Youth Group just doesn't work. So, please keep your eyes open for our "Naming" contest. Also, our 9th-12th grade, BHSSTY, returns strong, with new and fun events.

To open up September, for 7th/8th grade, there will be a **Meet-n-Greet Ice Cream and Coffee social on Monday, September 16** during the Kadimah programming. Please come out, make a sundae, and hear more about our "Naming" contest and activities planned!

We will be having our annual **Kick-Off BBQ on Sunday, September 22** from 12-3pm. The cost will be \$5.00 for TYG members and \$10.00 for non-TYG members. This is open to all 9th-12th graders. Food, friends, games, music, and prizes.

There's lots to come in October, so make certain that we have your contact information, and you are a part of our Facebook group. Not on FB? Make sure we have your cell and email address. Membership in the 7th/8th grade is \$35.00 for BHSS members and \$45.00 for non-BHSS members. Membership in the 9th12th grade is \$45.00 for BHSS members and \$55.00 for non-BHSS members. This can be paid through to the BHSS main office, and please complete our membership form - also available in our main office.

BHSSTY (9th-12th grade), join us on **Saturday, October 5 from 5pm - 9pm for a Havdallah Haunted Hayride.** More details will be coming...so do keep a look out for the spooky details!

One happening in October is our **Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, October 18 from 5-7pm** -- suggested donation of \$5.00. There will be lots more information about this fun event, and which lucky organization we will donate all of the proceeds to! Please then stay for our **Annual Fall Creative Service.** During the oneg, we will be reading books from our **Book Fair** to the youngest in our congregation. It's always lots of fun :)

For those of you who are new to our youth group, if you are in grades 9-12, you can also be a member of NFTY-GER (North American Federation of Temple Youth -Garden Empire Region). Check out the webite, talk to one of your board members, or chat with Stacey for more information. *www.nfty.org/ger/* The first event of the year is New Member Kallah (retreat). It is Friday, October 25 - Sunday, October 27. It takes place at URJ - Camp Kutz. Here's a link to check our the camp (great place!) http://kutz.urjcamps.org/. The cost for this awesome weekend is \$230.00 for Early Bird Registration and \$260.00 for regular registration. This includes all meals, programming, transportation...all you need to bring is your clothes, toothbrush, and the laughs! There is scholarship money available. Please contact Stacey Butler directly for more information. stacey_a_butler@yahoo.com

Wishing you and yours a *Shana Tova*, Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Temple Youth (BHSSTY)



Good Welfare

from & for the congregation

Mazal Tov

to **Susan and Harris Reinstein** on the birth of their granddaughter Kiva to **Bonnie and Rich Berens** on the birth of their grandson Grayson to **Barbara and Charles Burghardt** on the birth of their grandson Grayson to **Rebecca and Rod McVeigh** on the marriage of Andrew to Jaclyn D'Arminio to **Rabbi Joel Mosbacher** on being honored by the Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County for his continuing work to prevent gun violence

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Ritual Committee

When I was younger, my father used to say that my mother "collected people." She had a habit of finding someone who had nowhere to go for a holiday and inviting them to join us: my Dad's secretary, whose kids had grown and were going on vacation for Thanksgiving; a fellow Women's Guild member who had recently lost her husband and needed a place for break fast; or just some couple my parents had met on the tennis court who had never been to a seder before. My sisters sometime resented these "intruders" into our family holidays, but I loved it. I have never lost this "more the merrier" attitude, and it is probably in that spirit that I have always loved to entertain guests, especially in my home. However, unlike my mother, whose menu rarely varied from year to year (and even holiday to holiday...we always started our Thanksgiving meal with chopped liver, and ate turkey at Passover), I am not a fan of repeating myself, and am always looking for new recipes (favorite new cookbook: Plenty... check it out if you want to try some truly excellent vegetarian fare). It's tough to try new things for the New Year though ... Ethan, Josh, and Ian always want brisket, Cydney always wants roasted brussel sprouts and carrots, and everyone wants latkes and homemade applesauce. And so from year to year, we balance their desire to eat what they consider traditional holiday food and my desire to create an entire new menu, especially if it's not just the five of us at the holiday table.

It can be hard to break with tradition, especially during what we lovingly call "the holidays." But one of the joys of being Reform Jews is that while we respect and do our best to uphold the traditions of our ancestors, we also embrace reform, and are not afraid to try new things, even if what we have isn't "broken." And so we chant High Holiday trope and use High Holiday nusach and listen to Kol Nidre and fast and confess our sins, and we use the same URJ machzor (High Holiday prayerbrook) year after year. And we also look for ways to change things up and try new things. Last year we piloted part of a new machzor the URJ is working on and used that experimental service for Yom Kippur afternoon. Many of you attended and the feedback you provided will be used to enhance that service before it is finalized. This year we will be piloting another section of the new machzor, on Erev Rosh Hashanah. I know that many of us spend Erev Rosh Hashanah at home with family, but I hope, if it has not been your tradition to attend in the past, to encourage you to try something new this year. The more people who attend, the more feedback can be provided, and the more input you can

have on the final product.

Other new things you can look for this year: Our **Yom Kippur Learning session** will use the Lifelong Learning committee's theme of "The Art of Being Jewish" and bring a little song into your holiday. Evelyn McGilloway and Bonnie Berens will be teaching us about the influence Jewish musicians have had on classical music and Broadway through the years. It promises to be a lovely and informative way to spend the break on Yom Kippur afternoon. If you prefer a more restive break, you might want to consider attending the **Yom Kippur healing service**. Leslie Kirzner and Brian Muni will once again be leading this service, this year in our newly refurbished Youth Lounge.

And as the networks like to remind us when they show reruns, "If you haven't seen it, it's new to you." Maybe this is the year you attend Tashlich on Rosh Hashanah afternoon, or bring a neighbor to the family service on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur (there is no charge for the family services), or try to get up early to hear the choir at the earlier service, or go on the **spiritual hike** with the rabbi, or attend S'lichot at Beth Rishon. Perhaps you'll go the Brotherhood sponsored "Pizza in the Hut" on Erev Sukkot or watch the Torah be unrolled in its entirety on Simchat Torah. Maybe this is even the year you try your aunt's creamed spinach or mushroom and barley soup.

By the way, all the dates and times for every service from S'lichot through Simchat Torah can be found on your High Holiday tickets (and on the Worship calendar on the BHSS website). Whatever you decide to try this holiday season, may you written and sealed in the Book of Life for a sweet, happy, and healthy New Year.

L'Shana Tova, Stacey Coyne Ritual Committee Chairperson

One last thought ... At the **Ritual meetings on September 11 and October 9**, part of our agenda will be spent on recapping what went well (and what we can still improve upon) during the holidays. We'd love your feedback. Please consider attending one of these meetings, or, if you cannot attend, sharing your honest feedback with me or another member of the committee. We'd love to see you there.

§ Notes from Music

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you enjoyed your summer. I'm Nora Berger and the chair of the Music Committee. This will be my first year flying solo. Up until this point I've shared the position with my friend and mentor, Evelyn McGilloway. I have a great group of people joining me, so I think we will have a wonderful year of programs ahead.

The Music Committee kicked off the year with its first meeting at my house. Spouses were invited and dinner was served. It's a nice way of ending the summer and getting down to business all at the same time. Conversation was flowing, and we had a great chance to catch up with each other's lives.

The Choir has been working throughout the summer to make our High Holiday services special. If you enjoy singing, consider joining. We are always welcoming new voices; men are especially in demand. Please contact Cantor Perper. We are also planning a great year for our Junior Choir. Children must be in third grade or older to participate. Lisa Lamster is our contact person for those interested in more information. Please get in touch with her at lisalams@optonline.net.

Finally, please keep Sunday, November 24, 2013 at 7 pm open. We will be hosting our ever-popular Chanukah Coffeehouse Cantors! You won't want to miss it!

This year will be filled with interesting programming, lots of planning and lots of fun for the committee. There is always a free chair at the table for you, my reader, so come join us. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the synagogue. Contact me any time at niberger@aol.com, and let's chat!

> Musically yours, Nora Berger

Meet Our New Rabbinic Intern, Adena Kemper!

Adena Kemper is in her sixth and final year at HUC-JIR in NY, where she is studying to be a rabbi and Jewish educator. She is a graduate of Brandeis University, where she majored in Near Eastern and Judaic studies and minored in religious studies. Before starting rabbinical school, Adena worked as a full-time Jewish educator for two years at Temple Isaiah in Lexington, MA. During that time, she studied Hebrew and Jewish studies at Hebrew College. Throughout rabbinical school, Adena has worked with children, teenagers, and adults at several Reform synagogues before arriving at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, and she directed the Limud (Jewish education) program at URJ Eisner Camp. This year she will marry Sean Blum, who is a lay leader from Succasunna, NJ. Adena is also a native of New Jersey, hailing from Lawrenceville and currently living in Jersey City. When Adena is not studying or working, she likes to spin, do Pilates, and dabble in cooking. This year at BHSS, Adena will be primarily focused on community organizing and teaching in Kadimah and Family School. She will also be with us for some Shabbat services and holidays, so as you see her around the synagogue, please introduce yourself and begin to get to know her. She'll be with us for the first time on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, so come say hello!

Lifelong Learning

Lifelong Learning 2013-2014: The "Art" of Being Jewish

Is there an art to being Jewish?

How our heritage, history and community reflected in the work of Jewish artists?

How has the work of Jewish artists influenced the work of others?

Who are the most influential Jewish artists of our time?

Are there lost Jewish arts we should recapture?

Join the Lifelong Learning committee and the rest of BHSS as we explore this year's theme, "**The 'Art' of Being Jewish**." We have planned an exciting year of learning and programming along with themed events in collaboration with several other committees to learn about Jewish theatre, painters, comics, music, dancing, storytelling, prayer and more!

You can always checkout the Lifelong Learning page for more details, but "save the date" this fall for some of our upcoming exciting events!

Lifelong Learning Calendar

Slichot at Beth Rishon - This year prepare for the Days of Awe by attending this beautiful and inspiring service. Hosted this year by our friends at Beth Rishon, we will explore "Preparing our hearts and souls for the High Holidays: An Evening with Rabbi Harold Kushner (on video)." Rabbi Mosbacher, Cantor Perper and the BHSS Adult Choir will all be participating. We will begin our learning session on **Saturday, August 31 at 8:30 pm** at Temple Beth Rishon, 585 Russell Ave, Wyckoff, NJ, with services to follow at 10 pm.

High Holiday Spiritual Walk – Join Rabbi Mosbacher and center yourself during the High Holiday period with a spiritual walk on **Sunday, September 8 at 8:30 am**, at the Ramapo Reservation.

Taste of Melton – Are you ready to experience spirited dialogue and engage in meaningful study? Come for a "taste" of the Melton study experience and discuss this in-depth Judaism study program with representatives from Jewish Federation and Melton Alumni to see if it's right for you. **Monday, September 9, 7 pm** at BHSS.

God on my iPod -- Join Rabbi Mosbacher and Student Rabbi Adena Kemper for a conversation with and about God through the lens of Jewish music. This 4 session multimedia course is a combination of text study, listening to and making music, and personal reflection. Discover how music with its poetry, rhythm, melody, and more can express ideas about God in a language all its own. Weekly for 4 weeks on Wednesday evenings beginning **Wednesday, October 2, 7-8:30pm**. Cost \$36. Call the temple office to register.

A Bissel of Yiddish – Join us during Shabbat services on Friday, October 11, to learn a "little bit" of the lost art of Yiddish.

Learn to Play Mah Jongg! Ages 11 and up -- all are welcome. Bring friends or family, and you can all learn together! We'll provide the sets, cards and teachers -- just let us know who's coming. **Sunday, October 13, 1-3 pm** at the synagogue. Please RSVP by Oct. 1 to Elyssa Mosbacher at emosbacher@yahoo.com

"Follow Me: The Yoni Netanyahu Story" – BHSS and Temple Emanuel, along with Friends of the Israeli Defense Fund, present the story of Yonatan Netanyahu, commander of an elite Israeli army commando unit who was killed during Operation Entebbe, a hostage-rescue mission carried out at Entebbe Airport in Uganda. IDF soldiers will be available for Q & A after the film. **Sunday, October 13, doors open at 6:30 pm, movie starts at 7 pm.** Temple Emanuel, 87 Overlook Dr., Woodcliff Lake, NJ

Broadway Bound -- Join the Lifelong Learning committee for the Sunday matinee of "Old Jews Telling Jokes" on **Sunday, November 3.** A limited block of 21 orchestra seats are available for \$56.50 per ticket. Call the temple office to purchase your tickets and leave your contact information for information on group dinner and carpool. See Lifelong Learning page on the BHSS website for more details.



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Bring your tots to Tot Shabbat at 9:30 AM on Saturday, September 21 and Saturday, October 5
Celebrate Simchat Torah and our new school students for Consecration - Wednesday, September 25 at 7 PM
Sign up for Lifelong Learning's "God on my iPod" with Rabbi Mosbacher and Rabbinic Intern Adena Kemper
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Share "Book and a Bagel" with the Library Ladies on Sunday, October 6 beginning at 1 PM
Learn a "Bissel of Yiddish" presented by Lifelong Learning during services - Friday, October 11 at 8 PM
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