

TEMPLE TOPICS



SHEVAT/ADAR I 5774

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014

Friday, January 3	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Cohen family
Saturday, January 4	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Cohen

Friday, January 10	7:00 PM	Family Service - Shabbat Shirah!
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Please note the early start time. Birthdays in January will be celebrated.

Saturday, January 11	9:30 AM	Tot Shabbat
	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 17	8:00 PM	
Saturday, January 18	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 24	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Bibi family
Saturday, January 25	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Bibi

Friday, January 31	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Eisberg family
Saturday, February 1	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Sam and Serena Eisberg

Friday, February 7	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Crystal family
Saturday, February 8	9:30 AM	Tot Shabbat
	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Nicole Crystal

Friday, February 14	7:00 PM	Family Service
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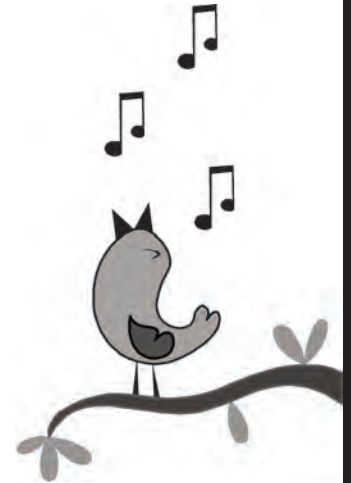
Please note the early starting time. Birthdays in February will be celebrated.

Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Wiener family

Saturday, February 15	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Brielle Wiener
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Friday, February 21	8:00 PM	
Saturday, February 22	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, February 28	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Kestenbaum family
Saturday, March 1	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Kestenbaum



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President's Message

from Jen Cole

I sit down to write while soaking in the last moments of San Diego sunshine before returning home to wintry NJ. Though reluctant to leave this warmth, I journey back

with a renewed excitement about Reform Judaism and its potential to make powerful changes in the lives of individuals, congregations, and our world. For those unfamiliar with Biennial, let me provide some background. According to their FAQ page, it is “a gathering where Reform Jews (including lay leaders, clergy, professionals, congregants, musicians, youth, exhibitors) learn, pray, share ideas and make decisions. It is the largest Jewish gathering with 5,000 attendees from over 500 congregations.” Not sure how to come across as something less than exceedingly hyperbolic, but that description does not come close to doing it justice. Suffice to say we could devote an entire issue of Temple Topics to the Biennial. In lieu of that, I will share a few highlights.

Upon arrival I attended a reunion, designed for presidents who attended the Scheidt seminar, an intensive training program I participated in last spring. We were addressed by leaders within the Reform movement, including URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs. They spoke about practicing “audacious hospitality” in order to achieve the “warm and welcoming” part included in so many of our mission statements. We got to hear from Ron Wolfson, author of *Relational Judaism*, who spoke about furthering creation of *kehilah kedoshah*. As I sat and listened, I grew more inspired to continue my goal of moving our congregation closer to this ideal vision of sacred community, grateful that at BHSS we approach this goal from a place of great strength. When the URJ faculty joked that they was addressing a group who had taken on an often “thankless” job, my gratitude was heightened, as I have not once felt as if my time and efforts at BHSS are unappreciated.

There was much commentary regarding the recent PEW study which, according to much of the immediate commentary, predicted the ultimate demise of not only the synagogue as we know it but ultimately the Jewish people. The perspectives offered at Biennial were refreshingly optimistic. While the demographics may have been worthy of reflection, we must refrain from adopting a defeatist “sky is falling” attitude. As Anat Hoffman, major leader for social action and equality in Israel, said, it is impossible to roll up our sleeves if we continue to wring our hands.

I attended a wonderful presentation on how to keep our communities relevant in today's age of online social forums and an abundance of non-religious social and civic organizations, challenging the traditional “program” model. It reinforced the idea that while we need quality programs,

programs alone are far from sufficient to ensure survival, and our sole purpose in 5774 cannot be to make already busy people, even busier. Rabbi Sharon Brous relayed a story of a summer camp prank in which her husband mailed his parents a succession of empty envelopes (in order to receive the chocolate reward provided for writing home), and compared this to the laissez faire attitude adopted by some congregations who fail to fill their packages with true spiritual goods. Again, I was thankful for our outstanding clergy who never “mail it in” and continuously find ways to reinvent and enhance their spiritual and musical offerings.

I chose a forum on interfaith families and their place within the synagogue. Rabbi Olitzky advocated that to achieve meaningful inclusion, our rabbis need to be rabbis to not only the Jewish spouse but the non-Jewish partner. Some audience members seemed confused about what that might look like. I was not. And again, I was grateful. It was wonderful to hear a perspective on interfaith families untainted with judgment or fear that such unions are inherently detrimental to the survival of Judaism. That premise was driven home when Cantor (and newly appointed senior rabbi of Central Synagogue in NY) Angela Buchdahl, after leading Shabbat morning services with the voice of an angel (again, no exaggeration intended), thanked her mother, a Korean Buddhist, for raising her to be Jewish.

I attended a session addressing gun violence prevention, co-facilitated by our own student Rabbi Adena Blum (that's right, Blum!) and a skyped-in Rabbi Mosbacher (who attended Biennial from thousands of miles away). We heard personal stories of how people's lives were forever changed by gun violence and learned how other congregations are responding to this epidemic. Ironically, in the middle of our discussions, news poured in about the Denver shootings, powerfully underscoring the need for this sacred work. I was proud that BHSS is in the forefront of these efforts.

I bought a beautiful tallit (my first) and upon its first wearing was called for two aliyot. The worship experiences were beyond compare, with 13 makeshift bimahs to reflect the 13 (including Dinah) tribes of Israel. As the 13 Torah readers chanted, their voices comprised a cacophony and symphony at once, with asynchronous voices echoing far and near, so that it no longer felt as if we were sitting in a convention hall at all. If you've never tried praying amongst 5,000 Jews, I highly recommend it.

Last but not least, I was able to connect with my fellow congregants, Stacey Coyne and Al Levene and our educator, Rebecca McVeigh, in wonderful, at times unexpected, ways which are simply not possible during the course of our everyday meetings. I hope that next time more of you join us!

From the Rabbi's Study

"If not now, when?"

Four clergy. One organizer. Four countries. Five days.



It was an audacious plan; as often happens in the risks we take in community organizing, it was a plan we didn't know would work.

But work, it most certainly did. Just think of what 10 clergy and 10 mayors and police chiefs could do.

As we reflect with sadness on the events of Newtown one year ago, and on the gun violence that makes America a country in conflict every day, we know that we can do more than bury the dead, comfort the bereaved, and lament the inaction of American politicians. We know we can do more than hope this Congress will play its part in keeping us safer when it seems determined not to.

Our incredible community organizing team at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom has already joined with teams across the country in holding more than 100 conversations in New York, New Jersey, and 5 other states with mayors, police chiefs, and military officials. In these five days, we were on a research mission as we met with people all across the spectrum of European society, where most American police and military weapons are produced. We met leaders of faith, victims of gun violence, leaders of the cutting-edge industry of safer gun technology, politicians, ambassadors, civil servants, unions, community organizers, ordinary folks, and members of the press.

We thought we were bringing an American problem to Europe in hopes that Europeans might help us address it. We were wrong. Everywhere we went, telling the story that way, the reaction was the same. This is not a uniquely American problem, they would say; it's an international one. We need to work together, they affirmed, and we can.

We brought with us a set of questions that boiled down to two: could gun manufacturers make us safer, and could we find allies who would press them to do so?

We found the answer in Germany, Italy, Austria, and Italy to be affirmative to both questions, and we come back to the States even more heartened and determined to play our part to curb the scourge of gun violence.

What is our part? The work our organizing team has already

begun, work that has already begun to bear fruit, is to bring our two

questions to mayors and police chiefs across the country. If they answer in the affirmative to both, we will ask them to use their purchasing power to pressure gun manufacturers to do three essential, common-sense things: to distribute their products only through licensed dealers; to invest in research and development to improve already existing safer gun technology and bring it to market; and to cooperate with law enforcement.

We set out on our 5-day journey to meet with gun manufacturers. They dodged and avoided us; but we know they knew we were there and that we represented real power. When our team showed up at Beretta's headquarters, we overheard the person who let us in the door tell a member of the management who was too busy to see us, "The people we've been hearing about are here."

Beretta, Sig Sauer, and Glock are on notice. We, leaders and member institutions of MetroIAF across the United States, are here. We've embraced our part -- the action we can take to change the narrative of gun violence in America. Our new allies in Europe are here: religious and political leaders, organizers and press have committed to play their part in bringing attention and focus and amplified power to this strategy.

And we're coming back soon, this time, with a broader team of faith leaders, and with an influential group of their customers -- mayors, police, and military leaders who have committed to play their part. And we'll be bring European leaders in all walks of life with us as well. We'll be looking to meet only with the companies who want to be leaders -- not only leaders in technical gun production quality, but in moral and social responsibility. This time, we'll only want to meet with companies who care about their bottom line enough to play their part in making Americans and people all across the globe safer.

Perhaps they'll make time in their busy schedules. If not, their business will go to companies who will.

—Rabbi Joel Mosbacher

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Candlelighting times:

January 3 – 4:23 pm *Bo*
 January 10 – 4:29 pm *B'shallach*
 January 17 – 4:37 pm *Yitro*
 January 24 – 4:45 pm *Mishpatim*
 January 31 – 4:54 pm *T'rumah*

February 7 – 5:02 pm *Tetzaveh*
 February 14 – 5:11 pm *Ki Tissa*
 February 21 – 5:19 pm *Vayacheil*
 February 28 – 5:27 pm *P'kudei*



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February Birthdays

Lucien Adler
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Cora Einhorn
Ava Epstein
Emily Fox
Ryan Grossman
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Ryan Hoffman
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Olivia Rowbottom
Zachary Selfon
Drew Silverman
Joshua Simon
Noah Wachtel
Brielle Wiener
Natalie Wolfeiler

Save The Date!

coming to BHSS
on Saturday, March 8

“No Place on Earth”

a remarkable true story of a Ukrainian cave and the families it sheltered during World War II

Havdalah, movie screening and Q & A with producer/director Janet Tobias, caver Chris Nicola, and family of survivors from the cave - BHSS' own Linda Vogel. More details to follow soon!

190 Pounds From the Garden

The 2013 season in the Community Garden was quite successful. It began in April, planting seeds with people from Family School. A few weeks later was a “Work Day” that brought out some new volunteers in the rain, new raised beds were placed and filled, and the fence got some needed repairs. In May, we planted seedlings from congregants and had some guests from Children and Family Services to help. Then we waited.



By July we were harvesting quite a bit of produce but also fending off several groundhogs, who can find the “weak link” in our fencing every time! We discovered that Sunday mornings are a nice time for people to work in the garden, so it became a standing appointment of 9 am. By October, we had harvested 190 pounds of produce, all of which went to either the Center for Food Action or the Soup Kitchen in Suffern!

Currently, we have an Eagle Scout proposing to expand our garden by 50% -- if all gets approved, his project should be ready for the spring of 2014. Of course, we will be looking for volunteers for planting, harvesting and enjoying the garden!

Whitney Speer
Marla Muni



From the Educator's Office

Storahtelling - "Meant to Be"

We often see or hear the Yiddish word *bashert* in the context of romance. For example, I grew up on Cape Cod and my husband was raised in Tokyo, Japan – and yet, he and I met, fell in love, and will celebrate our 30th anniversary in July. How did that happen? *Bashert*. It was just “meant to be.”

It is clear to me that a Storahtelling “event” at BHSS was also *bashert*. When Rabbi Mosbacher and I attended a workshop in Manhattan about a year ago, we were introduced to (and instantly intrigued by) this highly entertaining and interactive way to tell the stories of our Torah. The following spring, as Lifelong Learning was planning the 2013-2014 program year, it was decided that Storahtelling would be our Artist-in-Residence as a part of the theme “The Art of Being Jewish.”

Where does *bashert* come in? When we were in Manhattan, the Storahteller engaged us in the story of the Torah portion of the week – *Yitro*. *Yitro* is the Hebrew name for Moses’ father-in-law, Jethro, who is bringing Moses’ wife and children to him at Mount Sinai. This portion is rich in “firsts,” as it introduces a system of judges to take some of the decision-making responsibility off of Moses and the first appearance of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments.) When the Retreat Committee picked the weekend for our intergenerational retreat, and planned the Saturday service, the Torah portion turned out to be *Yitro*, and when Lifelong Learning (quite incidentally) picked the date for Storahtelling (on Sunday, January 12,) what was the Torah portion? *Yitro*.

At the URJ Biennial that a few of us were privileged to attend

from December 11 through 15 (photos this page and elsewhere,) during the Saturday morning Torah service, 5,000 people were treated to a Torah interpretation by Amichai Lau-Lavie, the founding director of Storahtelling. I was surprised and delighted, because I knew that this treat was coming to Mahwah.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, January 12, 2014 – and, just like *Yitro* brought Moses’ family to him, bring your family to BHSS for Storahtelling. We will begin at 10 a.m. with bagels, coffee, and juice for everyone, and then enjoy a full program with Storahteller David Loewy and a cast of our own BHSS Torah service participants. Our Family School and Traditional School 6th grade will already be there – please join us!

—Rebecca McVeigh



During Saturday morning Shabbat services, there were 13 spots in the hall where Torah was being read. The first aliyah was for anyone who had been in NFTY, and the second was for Sisterhood members. Between those 2 and the last 2, everyone in our contingent had at least one aliyah. Stacey Coyne and I were able to be “up close” with a Torah scroll for two of them. It was one of the most memorable experiences of my Biennial.

January Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
					8pm - Tefilot	Bo 8:15am - Torah study 10am - Sophie Cohen
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am - Gr. 6 & Family School	4pm - School K - 3 5pm - Group Prayer Class 6:45pm - Kadimah	4pm - School 4 & 5 6:30pm - Group Prayer Class 7pm - Mah Jongg	7:30pm - Ritual Committee 8pm - Adult Choir		7pm - Family Svce. 7pm - Shabbat Shirah	B'Shalich 8:15am - Torah study 10am - Tefilot
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9am - Gr. 6 & Family School 10am - LLL Storahelling	4pm - School K - 3 5pm - Group Prayer Class 6:45pm - Kadimah	4pm - School 4 & 5 6:30pm - Group Prayer Class 7:30pm - Exec. Comm. Mtg.			5pm - Intergenerational Retreat 8pm - Tefilot	Yitro 8:15am - Torah study 10am - Tefilot
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
NO SCHOOL Intergenerational Retreat	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL 7:30pm - Board Meeting			8pm - Tefilot	Mishpatim 8:15am - Torah study 10am - Matthew Bibi 7pm - Movie Night : Frisco Kid
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9am - Gr. 6 & Family School 12pm - LLL Jewish Museum 1pm - Mah Jongg	4pm - School K - 3 5pm - Group Prayer Class 6:45pm - Kadimah	4pm - School 4 & 5 6:30pm - Group Prayer Class 7:30pm - Music Comm. Mtg.	8pm - Adult Choir		8pm - YG/Shood Women of Wall	

February Calendar

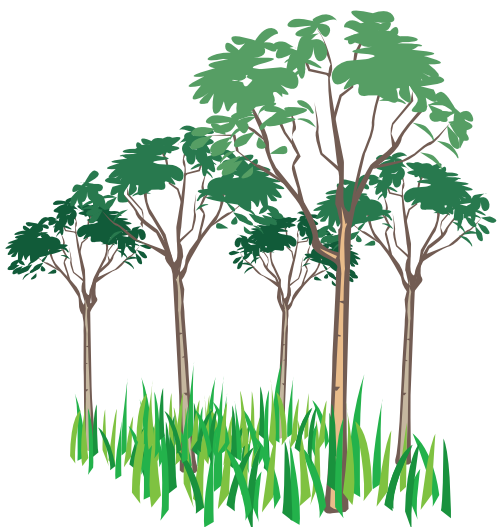
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<div>9am - Gr. 6 & Family School</div> <div>1pm - Sh'hood Israeli Dance</div> <div>7pm - Purim Rehearsal</div>	<div>4pm - School K - 3</div> <div>5pm - Group Prayer Class</div> <div>6:45pm - Kadimah</div>	<div>4pm - School 4 & 5</div> <div>6:30pm - Group Prayer Class</div> <div>7:30pm - Exec. Comm. Mtg.</div>	<div>8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>7pm - Family Service</div>	<div>K'l Tisa</div> <div>8:15am - Torah study</div> <div>10am - Brielle Wiener</div>	<div>15</div>
<div>NO SCHOOL</div>	<div>NO SCHOOL</div>	<div>NO SCHOOL</div> <div>7:30pm - Board Meeting</div>	<div>8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>8pm - Tefillot</div>	<div>Vayachel</div> <div>8:15am - Torah study</div>	<div>22</div>
<div>9am - Gr. 6 & Family School</div> <div>1pm - LLL Program</div> <div>1pm - Mah Jongg</div>	<div>4pm - School K - 3</div> <div>5pm - Group Prayer Class</div> <div>6:45pm - Kadimah</div>	<div>4pm - School 4 & 5</div> <div>6:30pm - Group Prayer Class</div> <div>7:30pm - Music Comm. Mtg.</div>	<div>8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>7pm - Purim Rehearsal</div>	<div>8pm - Tefillot</div>	<div>1</div>



Enjoying a song session at the Biennial:
Stacey Coyne, Rebecca McVeigh,
Jen Cole and Al Levene

Tu B'Shevat: The New Year for Trees

Tu B'Shevat, the 15th of Shevat on the Jewish calendar, is the day that marks the beginning of the "New Year for Trees." This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the land of Israel merge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle.

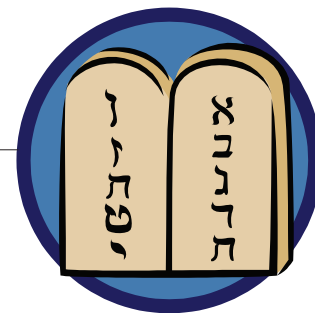


Legally, the "New Year for Trees" relates to the various tithes that must be separated from produce grown in Israel. These tithes differ from year to year in the seven-year Shemittah cycle; the point at which a budding fruit is considered to belong to the next year of the cycle is the 15th of Shevat.

We mark Tu B'Shevat by eating fruit, particularly from the kinds that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. Bokser-carob- is also a popular holiday treat. This day is also known as "Arbor Day" and is celebrated by school-children in Israel who plant trees.

This year Tu BiSh'vat is celebrated January 15-16.

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



Sophie Cohen - January 4, 2014

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Liz, Father, Rick is a 7th grader at Smith Middle School Her interests include music, clothes, playing the flute, ice skating, and hanging out with friends. "I would like to work in the fashion industry when I get older. I'm excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and celebrate with all my friends and family."



Serena Eisberg - February 1, 2014

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Denise, Father, Joe, Brothers, Daniel, 15, and Sam, 13, Sister, Olivia, 8 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include cheerleading, softball, spending time at the beach and hanging out with friends. "I would like to become an elementary school teacher. I am proud to become a Bat Mitzvah and share this day with my family, friends, and twin brother Sam."



Matthew Bibi - January 25, 2014

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Stacey, Father, Leon, Sister, Rebecca, 11, Brother, Zachary, 7 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include basketball and video games. "I would like to become a lawyer. I am excited about becoming a man and taking on new responsibilities."



Nicole Crystal - February 8, 2014

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Phyllis, Father, Keith, Brother, Spencer, 14, Sister, Ashley, 9 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include basketball, volleyball, shopping, acting, and singing. "I would like to become an actress. I am very excited and can't wait to celebrate with all my friends and family."



Sam Eisberg - February 1, 2014

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Denise, Father, Joe, Brother, Daniel, 15, Sister, Serena, 13, Sister, Olivia, 8 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include running cross country, watching football (Giants) and hanging out with friends. "I am proud to become a Bar Mitzvah and share this day with my family, friends, and sister Serena."



Brielle Wiener - February 15, 2014

Lives in Allendale, New Jersey. Mother, Pamela, Father, Richard, Brother, Alexander, 15, Sister, Jeneca, 10 is a 7th grader at Brookside Middle School Her interests include softball, basketball, baritone saxophone, babysitting, and One Direction. "I would like to help eliminate discrimination in our world. I am very excited about being a Bat Mitzvah. My Jewish heritage is very important to me. My Bat Mitzvah will mark a climax and a new beginning of my spiritual journey as I continue to prepare for the challenges that are ahead of me. I look forward to continuing my studies next year with Kadimah."

Youth Programming



BHSSTY

Shalom!

It's hard to believe that our year is half over...so sad. But on the happier side, there's still half a year to go, with many exciting programs ahead. November and December were filled with lots of wonderful happenings: Mitzvah Day, Chocolate Shul-In, and Cookies for Soldiers. We did an extensive amount of social action, leaving us all feeling helpful and proud. Also, let's not forget the amazing time we shared at Winter Kallah....too many memories to share in one short note!

7th-12th graders, please join us on January 5 as we go Ice Skating at the Palisades Mall with Brotherhood 2.0. We will wrap up January with the 9th-12th graders (BHSSTY) joining in a fundraising Chinese Food dinner and creative service with Sisterhood, honoring Rosh Chodesh and Women of the Wall. <http://womenofthewall.org.il/>

Your BHSSTY board members will be meeting in January to plan the second half of our year. So, if you have something you would like to see happen, please see one of them:

Samantha Spencer, Peter Falkow, Samantha Lamster, Jamie Ratowski, Kara Checke, Ethan Coyne, Zachary Scholl, Jacob Jaffe and Rachel Teichman.

Can't wait to see you all at our upcoming events. The best way to get in on all of the action is to make sure you are on the Kadimah and youth group Facebook pages, complete a membership form <http://www.bethhaverim.org/youth-groups/>, or contact me directly (845-629-8069) (stacey_a_butler@yahoo.com)

See you soon!

Stacey Butler

Director of Informal Youth Programming



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Kippah



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 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.

Newlywed BHSS Rabbinic Intern
Adena Kemper Blum Enjoys Biennial!

Brotherhood 2.0

What a magnificent time of year! Thanksgivukkah really proved to be the once in a lifetime event that was promised. It seems that five complete days of Menorah lighting, present opening, family visiting, turkey gobbling, latke cooking, and jelly donut devouring has really wreaked havoc. So much running, and doing...but it all was worth it in the end. Thank you Rabbi Mosbacher and Cantor Perper for hosting what appeared to be the largest turnout ever for the pre-neg and Shabbat Chanukah, where Walter had to bring out a third table for the menorahs!

November also had Coffeehouse Cantors, really a lot of fun. Brotherhood 2.0 assembled the outdoor menorah that day, and stayed afterwards to help Jane, Walter, and Cantor Perper set up and decorate the social hall for the evening that ensued. Many people came out to hear the wonderful music performed by the cantors and Rabbi Mosbacher, and all the funds were donated.

Brotherhood 2.0 is very quietly and very swiftly aligning ourselves with social action and with our fellow groups, Sisterhood and Michele Mitzvah, as well as our wonderful Temple Youth. We will hope to be a support and a resource to all in the upcoming months, and years ahead.

November also had a great Brotherhood social event. We all met at Greenhouse Golf in Waldwick to enjoy an evening playing virtual golf, followed by a nice dinner at Allendale Bar and Grill. Brotherhood 2.0 is quickly becoming not just a

place for people to come out in support of our temple and social action, we are also a place to get together and enjoy each other's company. Our Brotherhood Raps on the last Sunday in November at Panera Bread also had the biggest showing of faces. Though we are aware that many of our newer Brotherhood members attend Family School on Sunday, Brotherhood Raps still remains a staple meeting event for many of us. Perhaps in upcoming months, we will offer a later edition of Brotherhood Raps so more can enjoy.

Please keep an eye out for events that will be emailed, posted, and sent through weekly temple newsletters:

- Brotherhood monthly executive board meetings
- Intergenerational Family Retreat
- Brotherhood support of youth ice skating event
- Co-sponsorship of the
Inter-Organizational Dinner Dance (March)
- February tubing event (location TBD)
...and much more!

Please note that we are planning our annual Men's Seder for early April. I am seeking volunteers to help write our own Brotherhood Men's Haggadah; kindly reply via email if you are interested in helping write:
president@bhssbrotherhood.org

--Jonathan A. Theodore, President, Brotherhood 2.0

Caring Committee

The Caring Committee has been busy providing assistance to our congregants where and when ever needed. Food, rides, visits, phone calls, and personal assistance are some of the offerings of this committee. We are always in need of additional volunteers, especially drivers to help our friends get to doctor's appointments and their various other commitments. We also need your "eyes" and "ears" to inform us when our services are needed.

The rabbi offered a Pastoral Care Training in December for those interested in knowing the proper and most productive way of making hospital visits. This informative presentation helped visitors understand the things to do and not do when

visiting a person who is in the hospital, rehab facility, or recovering at home. If you wish to attend a future training, please notify Laura Miller at mlctsmiller@verizon.net or Candy Kassover at Candy1951@optonline.net.

Thank you to those people who have given of themselves by cooking, delivering, driving, and visiting.

Candy Kassover, Co-Chairperson
Laura Miller, Co-Chairperson

Social Action

A Time to Celebrate?

In recent days I have been giving lots of thought to how lucky we are to belong to Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. We come together for many occasions. Some, as during our many holidays, are happy...others not. For both we come together as a family...a family led by religious leaders who are very special thanks to their wisdom, talent and love for each other. Younger families send their children off to similarly blessed educational leaders, who instill in them a sense of our history and traditions.

Along with my co-chair of the Social Action Committee, Whitney Speer, we take great pride in how very important a role social and community action plays in our BHSS lives. You enter our school entrance and are immediately surrounded by examples of the many student projects that reflect *tzedakah*. If you are involved in one of our many adult committees, that same joy of giving is reflected, along with a sense of camaraderie developed through working together on our many projects and initiatives.

So, the answer to the question posed above is, "Yes...it is time to celebrate!" That is why we are planning a dinner/dance where our entire BHSS family can come together for an evening of fun and good cheer. And, not to forget social action, a silent auction to benefit our rabbi's summer camp scholarship fund. While all details are not worked out, here is where we currently stand:

Date: Saturday evening, May 3, 2014

Place: The beautiful Paramount Country Club in New City
(formerly Dellwood Country Club)

Ticket Price: Our goal is \$108 each
(6 times chai...but that's another story)

This event will be hosted by Sisterhood. It is our hope (some call it a dream) that this will become an annual event with the hosting honor rotating between Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Michelle Mitzvah Group, and Youth Group. More details will follow.

Sid Aronson
Whitney Speer

Sisterhood News

It's December, but with Thanksgiving and Chanukah behind us, you might think we're all taking a well-deserved rest—but not at Sisterhood!

Thanks to our members and friends, we had an awesome turnout at Dine-A-Round this year! More than 50 people enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and appetizers at the home of BHSS President Jen Cole, and dessert at Laura Miller's home. In between, we split into several groups to enjoy gourmet meals with friends at members' homes. We also collected food donations for People to People, whose shelves need replenishment particularly at this time of year. If you were there, you know how much fun it was; and if you didn't make it to Dine-A-Round, you missed a terrific evening. Be sure to join us next year!

In the coming weeks and months, Sisterhood and Youth

Group are partnering to plan for the Women of the Wall Service on January 31, 2014. It's an evening you won't want to miss.

Mark your calendars, too, for April 10, when our Rabbinic Intern, Adina Kemper, will lead our annual Miriam Seder. If you haven't been to a Miriam Seder, you won't want to miss a whole new take on Passover: an evening of song, reflection and laughter. Those who've been there make it an annual tradition—bring your mothers and daughters, too! Watch your weekly emails and this space for more information.

As always, Sisterhood welcomes your suggestions for events and projects that enhance our BHSS experiences. Be sure to contact us with your great idea!

And Happy 2014 from Sisterhood!



Eternal Lights Dinner

On November 14, 2013, over forty people gathered together at The River Palm in Mahwah to celebrate the fifteenth annual Eternal Lights Dinner. This major fundraiser was initiated in 1999 when over 20 couples donated \$1,000 each and enjoyed cocktails and dinner together, creating the foundation for this wonderful evening.

More than a decade later we are pleased that many of these same families still gather for this event, and are even more pleased that several new members have joined this dedicated group. This year we are grateful to our hosts, Seth & Dorie Cohen and Harvey & Marci Weinberg. Everyone had a lovely time, and again the dinner was a financial success.

Eternal Lights is a celebration of a community, our leaders, and those who work hard every day to make Beth Haverim Shir Shalom such a terrific place for everyone. We list below, and gratefully thank, all those who supported our fundraiser this year. If you are able, please join us next year for the sixteenth annual Eternal Lights Dinner.

Maxine & Howard Abner
 Dina & Eric Aronson
 Alison & Norman Axelrod
 Joe Berman
 Gary & Michelle Bettman
 Barbara & Charles Burghardt
 Jennifer & Matthew Cole
 Dorie & Seth Cohen
 Renee & Gary Garbus
 Nadiege & Steven Hittman
 Candy & Michael Kassover
 Deborah & Jeff Klein
 Arlene & Rich Mandel

Barbara & Phil Moss
 Sandy & Newt Parks
 Kim & Bill Pressman
 Leslie Sapienza
 Robby & Eddie Saiff
 Carol & Rob Shulman
 Ilyse & Floyd Smith
 Sheryl Thailer
 Marci & Harvey Weinberg
 Gail & Ranan Wichler
 Beverly & Harlan York
 Lori & Ritch Yanowitz
 Jane Young

Michelle Mitzvah Group

As winter sets in, the light of our Michelle Mitzvah community outreach activities continues to warm our hearts and souls. We hope all members and fellow congregants enjoyed a Happy Chanukah and healthy holiday season and will continue to join us in our future meetings and activities.

November was an incredibly busy month at BHSS and our thanks to everyone for responding to the many social action activities that took place. Perhaps our shining moment was an emergency outreach effort on behalf of the Center for Food Action. At a routine drop-off of food bags about two weeks before Thanksgiving, we couldn't believe our eyes as we saw row upon row of relatively empty shelves. Increased community needs and an unanticipated drop off in collections had Jim James and his staff reaching out to all their assets as there were thousands of families depending on them for their Thanksgiving dinners. Our thanks to Lisa Barack for printing a food appeal every week in the temple newsletter and to Rabbi Mosbacher for his moving appeals at services. We were able to collect over 100 well-stuffed bags of food during the last two weeks of the month. Many other community businesses and organizations similarly answered CFA's call and all their families received their allotment of food and a turkey in time for Thanksgiving, and the shelves are once again filled.

November 3 was the annual Jewish Federation Mitzvah Day initiative, and BHSS joined in by collecting 40 bags of clothing destined for the children of women enrolled in the OASIS program...one of the social service programs that Michelle Mitzvah Group works very closely with. A special thanks to Ilyse Smith and Sandy Arlington who devote so many volunteer hours at this inspiring and life-changing organization, and a huge THANK YOU to Stacey Butler and her BHSS Youth Group members who once again were the real heroes of this effort -- another example of how closely the committees of BHSS work together throughout the year. And since "every day is Mitzvah Day at BHSS," when Ilyse announced that OASIS was especially looking for children's coats as winter approached, we took the liberty of extending the drive through the end of the month. Our thanks to all who answered the call both with coats and Kohl's gift cards (and to Ilyse and Hermine who did the shopping honors). There will be dozens of kids who will enjoy a much warmer winter.

Special thanks also to:

-- Barry Romoff, who once again spearheaded the annual Suffern DARE toy drive...it was great to see all the name tags gone from the board by the school entrance and the toys piling up.

-- Jessica Lamster for coming up with the idea of collecting PlayDoh for the children being treated at Tomorrow's Children in Hackensack...and for doing this in honor of our beloved Jodi Lyons.

-- Rhonda Goodman, who once again came through with a special appeal to her yoga students at the Mahwah Library who contributed 40 bags of food to the Center for Food Action.

-- Jane Young, Cantor Perper and his choir members, and everyone else who made our annual Christmas Day visit to Wanaque Children's Center, bringing with them gifts, music and lots of love..

We will be planning some visits to Children's Specialized Hospital in the coming year. As soon as dates are finalized we will get the word out through the weekly temple email. If you have joined us in the past you know how rewarding it is to see the smiles on the faces of these severely handicapped children when they hear the music of our cantor and choir. If you want to experience a true "mitzvah," please check out the weekly emails and plan on joining us for one of our visits. If you would like more information, please email Bill Lachenauer at willny1000@hotmail.com.

Check out synagogue weekly emails, our website, and our new Facebook page for future events. The Michelle Mitzvah group will be continuing to expand its social action projects and really needs all the help we can get...so all of you who indicated interest during our recruitment drive please, please, please come to our meetings and experience the joys of giving.

We wish everyone the start of a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2014. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or to volunteer.

Ken Goldstein, Chair, kfgold@optonline.net
Lisa Glick, Communications, eslspan@aol.com

Contributions

Life Fund

to Iris Greenberg, in memory of her mother,
Alberta Greenberg - *Marci & Harvey Weinberg*
 - *Sandy & Newt Parks*
 - *Helen Milstein*
 - *David Schwartz*
 - *the Israel & Stark families*
 - *Rhonda Goodman & Marty Hymowitz*

to Gail and Ranan Wichler and the Caring Committee -
you guys rock! - *Rhonda Goodman & Marty Hymowitz*

to Gerry Shmaruk and family, in memory of his brother,
Howard Shmaruk - *Shoshana & David Golkin*
 - *Ruth & Seymour Kaplan*

in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Laurie's mother,
Claire Novak - *Laurie & Marc Daniel*

to the Schulman family in honor of Eliana Schulman
 - *Laurie & Marc Daniel*

to Doug Wright in honor of your Adult Bar Mitzvah
 - *the Gordon family*
 - *the Waxenbaum family*

in honor of Lisa Glick - *Anita Glick*

to Julie Seidman in honor of her Adult Bat Mitzvah
 - *Ceil Baldwin*

in memory of parents Sophie and William Eisenstein
 - *Paula & Mel Tenenbaum*

in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Oscar Maier
 - *Judith & Michael Blackman*

to Ron and Sue-Ellen Johnson, in memory of Lee Johnson
 - *Helen Milstein*

to Jodi Lyons - Get Well wishes - *Helen Milstein*

in memory of Harry Frank - *Betty Schachter*

in memory of Milton Weiner and Eleanor Weiner
 - *Michelle & Gary Bettman*

in memory of Harry and Florence Gordon
 - *Ann & Barry Seidner*

to Jodi Lyons, wishing her a speedy recovery-
 The Israel-Stark Families

Brick Fund

to Iris Greenberg in memory of her mother,
Alberta Greenberg - *Barbara & Charles Burghardt*
 - *Jane & Jan Simon*

to Adam Kelman and family, in memory of his father,
Clifford Kelman - *Barbara & Charles Burghardt*

to Howard Kirzner and family, in memory of his father,
Seymour Kirzner - *Barbara & Charles Burghardt*

to the Adult B'nei Mitzvah - Mazal Tov to Doug,
Julie, Abbe, and Deborah! - *Gail & Ranan Wichler*

to Renee Garbus, in memory of your father, with sympathy
 - *Laurie & Marc Daniel*

to Gerald Shmaruk and family in memory of
Howard Shmaruk - *Roberta & Kenneth Kressel*

Educator's Discretionary Fund

to Iris Greenberg in memory of her mother,
Alberta Greenberg - *Irma & Joel Becker*

to Rebecca McVeigh-You do an amazing job! Thank You!
 - *The Israel-Stark Families*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

to Iris Greenberg in memory of her mother,
Alberta Greenberg - *Sue & Harris Reinstein*
 - *Carol & Rob Shulman*
 - *Lisa & David Barrack*
 - *Mary & Stuart Barr*
 - *Gail & Bill Darrow*
 - *Sheila & Larry Groskin*
 - *Mimi & Steven Waxenbaum*
 - *Marsha & Larry Gluck*
 - *Nita & Eddie Klaskow*
 - *the Sisterhood of BHSS*
 - *the Library Committee of BHSS*

Contributions

with thanks for all you do!
for your kindness

- Bette Birnbaum
- Karen Silverman

with thanks for your kindness

- Vera Selman

with profound thanks for all that you did and do!

- Jackie Lowenfels

Michelle Mitzvah Fund

in honor of Michelle Mitzvah Group Officers

- Diana & Ken Goldstein

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

with thanks and in memory of Elsie Gurian

- Meri & Marty Gurian

with appreciation for all your kindness!

- Jackie Lowenfels

The two of you are simply great!

- The Israel – Stark Families

Tree of Life

in honor of Jason Adam Lever, October 5, 2013

- Paulyne & Louis Lever

in honor of Marilyn Israel's 75th birthday

The Israel /Stark and Leit Families

Prayer Book Dedication

to Julie Seidman, in honor of your Adult Bat Mitzvah

- Jane & Jan Simon

to Doug Wright, in honor of your Adult Bar Mitzvah

- the Gordon family
- the Waxenbaum family

to Gerry Shmaruk in memory of Howard Shmaruk

- Jen & Matt Cole

Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge

donated by their families in honor of the following simchas

Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Garcia

Bar Mitzvah of Noah Baker

Center for Food Action

donated by their families in honor of the following simchas

Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Cooper

Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Burr

Bar Mitzvah of Max Baker

Jewish Family Services of Rockland

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Cohen

Yizkor

IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

Bernard Moskowitz

- Robert Cohen

Ira Matthew Klein, and Max and Lillian Rosenberg

- Claire Klein

Donna Barrack and Robert Towell

- Lisa & David Barrack

Harry Hoffman and Helene Goldberg

- Sharon & Steven Hoffman

Edna Homnick and Jack Homnick

- Candy & Michael Kasser

Arthur Sherry

- Michelle & Randy Sherry

William Cassel, and Shae and Bernard Goldberg

- Michelle Cassel Siegel & Ben Siegel

High Holiday Appeal

David & Lisa Barrack

Rich & Bonnie Berens

Marc Berezin &

Michelle Goldberg-Berezin

Ira & Marilyn Bernstein

Marc & Laurie Daniel

Michael & Stacy Davis

Eric & Lauren Einhorn

David & Alina Gamburg

Carole Goodman

Barbara Heitman

Steven & Sharon Hoffman

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Alan & Sanda Kessler

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Charles Pesin

Jeff & Fran Rowbottom

Randy & Michelle Sherry

Ben Siegel & Michelle Cassel Siegel

Andrew & Roni Silver

Steven Simon

Nathan Stern & Whitney Speer

Judith Teich

Sheryl Thailer

Jonathan & Lauren Theodore

Doug & Julie Wright

Ritch & Lori Yanowitz

in honor of all our grandchildren

- Phyllis & Bruce Meller

Good & Welfare from & for the congregation

Mazal Tov

to BHSS Rabbinic Intern Adena Kemper on her marriage to Sean Blum

Condolences

To **Bernice Medice** on the loss of her Cousin, Barry Greene

To **Jodi Lyons** on the loss of her Great Uncle, Al Golden and her Aunt, Gloria Moss

To **Iris Greenberg** on the loss of her Mother, Alberta Greenberg

To **William Sipper** on the loss of his Aunt, Shirley Barbara Swedelson

To **Diana Gampel** on the loss of her Grandmother, Frida Kuts

To **Gerald Shmaruk** on the loss of his Brother, Howard Shmaruk

To **Leslie Kirzner** on the loss of her Uncle, Herman Hershman

To **Adena Kemper** on the loss of her Great Aunt, Augusta Kemper

To **Adam Kelman** on the loss of his Father Clifford Kelman

R'fuah Sh'leimah

(For a Full Recovery)

Jodi Lyons

Charles Romano

Gail Spencer

Daryl Spencer



Stacey and Jen show off their new *tallitot*!

The Music Committee Presents

The Frisco Kid

starring

Gene Wilder and Harrison Ford

When: January 25, 2014 at 7:00 pm
Where: BHSS
Cost: FREE with contribution to Center for
Food Action
Who: Everyone! Movie is rated G



Notes from Music

Hello everyone:

Coffeehouse Cantors was a HUGE success! We had a full house and raised some much needed funds for Gift of Life. This is what the Music Committee is about – providing programming to the congregation that is enjoyable and meaningful. I would like to thank Cantor and our guests for delighting us with their talents, Jane Young and Nancy Teichman for taking over while I was sick, my committee members for stepping up, Walter Vazquez and Iris Greenberg for all their help, and the various members of the Brotherhood who lent a hand. All of you made it possible to have a wonderful evening. Thank you.

Our Chanukah service was beautiful. The Adult and Junior Choirs made it so special. If you have a child who would like to join, Lisa Lamster is our contact person for those interested

in more information. Please get in touch with her at lisalams@optonline.net. Children must be in third grade or older to participate.

Our next event is a Movie Night on Saturday, January 25 at 7:00 pm. We will be showing “The Frisco Kid.” It is a FREE event for the whole family. All we ask is that you bring a donation for the Center for Food Action.

Our year is 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

Ritual Committee

As I write this article, I am about to leave for the URJ Biennial being held this year in San Diego, California. I will be joined by fellow BHSS members Rebecca McVeigh, Jen Cole, and Al Levene. One of the highlights of the Biennial is Shabbat, starting on Friday evening with a music-filled Kabbalat Shabbat service, then an intimate Shabbat dinner with 5000 other Reform Jews, and finishing with song sessions late into the evening. Saturday morning starts with Torah study, Shabbat morning services, afternoon “Lunch and Learn” experiences, a little Shabbat *menuchah* (rest) and then Havdalah. It is hard to explain the impact of worshipping with so many people, singing tunes new and old, listening to the Biennial choir, dancing in the aisles for the *hakafah* ... it is truly an unforgettable worship experience. It made me think about the many worship experiences I have been exposed to in my life and how my feelings about worship have changed as I have ... ahem ... aged.

I grew up in a classical Reform synagogue, and I mean really classical ... a sanctuary with a very high *bimah*, an organ player in a loft (I will not admit how old I was before I figured out where the music was coming from), and a service that included more listening than singing and much more English than Hebrew. My parents were both on the synagogue board, and we attended services almost every Friday night. Even as a child, I loved going to services, but not for the worship itself. I loved getting dressed up, seeing my friends, and of course, the *oneg*. My fondest memories of those times do not include the service at all.

As a teen, I joined the youth group and became active in WeFTY (the Westchester region of NFTY), and was exposed to an entirely different type of worship experience. We wore jeans, sat on the floor, and sang along to every tune. The song leaders played guitars and taught us tunes by Jeff Klepper and Debbie Friedman. I learned *Birkat HaMazon* (the blessing after the meal) and fell in love with Havdalah. I would come home from a conclave (now called a Kallah) wishing I could bring that experience home with me, and to this day, my fondest worship memories are from my WeFTY days.

In college, I went to services at Hillel, and once again modified my ideas of what worship meant. The service was almost entirely in Hebrew, and the tunes were somewhat familiar, but there was no accompaniment, and I missed the joyful singing, the camaraderie and the easy informality of

those WeFTY services. By that point, going to services had become an integral part of my life, and I made do with what was available, but it wasn't until I joined RTOS-Shir Shalom, and then the merged congregation of BHSS, that I really started to once again truly enjoy services. When my children started the b'nai mitzvah process, I became a more regular attendee at Saturday morning services and learned to love the Saturday morning liturgy as well. Now I find myself both loving the familiarity of the Friday night services I attend, but also loving the chance to enjoy new worship models, new tunes, and new ideas.

There is no way to recreate the Biennial experience here at BHSS, but I encourage all of you to take advantage of the many different worship experiences we have here and see what you like best. Try the family service held on the 2nd Friday of every month at 7 pm. Come to the next pre-neg service, have some cheese and crackers, experience Kabbalat Shabbat, and then enjoy a leisurely Shabbat meal with family or friends. Grab a friend who has a little kid, and bring them to the once a month Saturday morning Tot Shabbat. Get up a little early on Saturday morning for Torah study and stay for Shabbat morning services (or just do one or the other). We are so fortunate to have so many different types of worship experiences available. I look forward to seeing you at one of them soon.

Stacey Coyne

GIFT CARDS

Thank you to everyone who has participated in this wonderful program! In addition to Amazon, AMC Theatres, Applebee's, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, CVS, Dunkin Donuts, Houlihan's, iTunes, Panera, Staples, Starbucks, Shop Rite, and Target, we now have KOHL'S in stock as well. There are over 300 other vendors that I can place an order with for gift cards. The turn-around time is generally within one week. Gift cards make a great afikomen gift. I will need all orders by April 4 to guarantee the cards to be in by Passover. If you're not familiar with this program, please contact Lisa Lamster with any questions.

Lifelong Learning

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

The Lifelong Learners have been having some fun with this year's theme! A group of 20 traveled to Manhattan for a matinee showing of the dark comedy "Bad Jews" at the Roundabout theatre. We followed the show with a wonderful 3-course private banquet at Maggiano's in Hackensack, where hearty debate on the show lasted from cocktails until dessert! Additionally, the successful and truly fun "God on My iPod" class with Rabbi Mosbacher and Student Rabbi Adena Kemper is being extended as a Kadimah elective. We promise....once you have taken this class you won't listen to music or scan your iTunes library the same way again!

So what's next.....

Relive the story of Torah as it was meant to be told
Visit a museum.....
Jews and Superheroes

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

Lifelong Learning Calendar

• **Storah telling Artist-in-Residence** – The Torah service is the world's oldest continuous ritual of sacred storytelling. Storah telling is a revival of the lost craft of the Maven, the traditional storyteller who translated the Hebrew Torah into local language. Rooted in biblical text and ritual practice, Storah telling uses dramatized interpretations, traditional chanting, original music and live interaction to bring Bible off the page and onto the global stage. Bring the entire family on **Sunday morning, January 12, at 10 am** for bagels to experience this unique and ancient way to experience Torah.

• **Chagall: Love, War, and Exile @ the NY Jewish Museum** For the first time in the United States, artwork by Chagall from the 1930s and 1940s is gathered to reveal a lesser-known side of the artist. Beginning with the richly evocative paintings of his years in France, the exhibition illuminates an artist deeply responsive to the suffering inflicted by war and to his own exile and personal losses. The exhibition includes approximately 31 paintings and 22

works on paper, as well as selected letters, poems, photos, and ephemera. **Sunday, January 26, at 2 pm. 1109 5th Ave at 92nd St, New York NY 10128. Contact Sheryl Ives if interested in carpooling.**

• **Mah Jongg** – Join the mah jongg Mania (monthly on Sunday and Tuesdays)! See the Lifelong Learning web page.

• **Jews and Superheroes** – Learn from our very own Joel Silverstein about the history and influence of Jewish writers, artists, publishers, and editors on the comic book industry and the Jewish superheroes created along the way! **Sunday, March 2, 1-3pm at the temple.**

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:

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!

January Yahrzeits

MARK ABRAMSON
MAX BARRACK
LENA BENDALIN
DAVID BLEIBERG
IDA BLOOM
SAMUEL BORNSTEIN
STANLEY BRAUNER
ALLAN BROWNE
MOLLIE CHERTOFF
GARY COFFEL
MARGARITA COYNE
ALTER GEBROWITZ
BERDIE GELFENBEIN
ALVIN GOLDBERG
IDA GOLDBERG
REUBEN GRUBER
REGINA GUNTHER
ELSIE GURIAN
ANNA HEFFLER
MAX HEFFLER
IRA HEIGER
NATHAN HIEGER
HARRISON SIDNEY HOFFMAN
PAUL JEANETTE
PAULA KAPLAN
MINNIE KLASKOW
GERALD KLEIN

SARAH KNOX
JOSEPH KOSSAR
LIBBY KOVAR
MATTHEW KREMIN
DR THEODORE LEIBMAN
BILLYE LEVINE
MIRIAM LICHTENFELD
JEANE LISK
THELMA LITMAN
HANNS LOWENBACH
IRVING MALLOW
SYLVIA MANDEL
SHELDON MANNE
CELIA MEYERS
MURRAY MILLER
HAROLD MILLMAN
NANCY MORGAN
LESTER MOSBACHER
DOROTHY NACHINSON
KENNY PLUNCHIO
LEO ROSENGARTEN
JACK ROTH
DAVID SALTZMAN
JOEL SANKEL
HARRY SAULT
MORRIS SCHWARTZ

RUTH FRIEDMAN SEAGER
SAM SEGAL
GEORGE JOSEPH SEGALL
ARTHUR SHERRY
MARGO SIMMONS
KATHERINE SISKIN
MILTON SITOMER
JULIUS SLAVIN
MARILYN SOLOMON
EVA STEDMAN
JUDITH STEINMAN
LOUIS STERNBERG
SAMUEL SURKES
LOUIS WAGMAN
BERNARD WAXENBAUM
ARCHIE WEBER
LILLIAN WEBER
JEFFREY WEIN
JACOB WEINBERG
HERMAN WEISSMAN
JACOB WIDMAN
NATHAN WIDMAN
BETTY WILDMAN
KARL WILDMAN
ROBERT WITT
HARRY ZALL
JEREMY ZALL

February Yahrzeits

LEIZER ALPERSTEIN
BERTHA ALTER
HERMAN ASHKANAZY
IRENE BERNSTEIN
MARILYN BRAUNER
MARTIN BROWN
JOHN COLLINS
JETTY DENTZ
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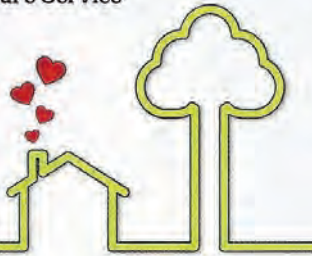
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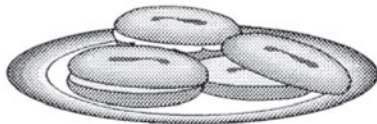
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Wednesday, January 1
Monday, January 20
Monday, February 17

No School:

Sunday, January 19, Monday, January 20, Tuesday, January 21
Sunday, February 16, Monday, February 17, Tuesday, February 18

To do in January & February:



Torah Study - Saturdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25 and February 1, 8, 15, and 22 beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Play **Mah Jongg!** at BHSS on Tuesday, January 7 beginning at 7 p.m. and Sunday, January 26 beginning at 1 p.m., and Tuesday, February 4 beginning at 7 p.m. and Sunday, February 23 beginning at 1 p.m.

Come with your 6th grader to the **6th Grade Shabbat Dinner** before services (by RSVP)

on Friday, January 10 beginning at 5:30 pm

Celebrate music and our choirs at **Shabbat Shirah** (Sabbath of Song) on Friday, January 10 beginning at 7 pm

Bring your tots to **Tot Shabbat** - Saturday, January 11 and February 8, beginning at 9:30 a.m

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Visit the **Jewish Museum** with Lifelong Learning on Sunday, January 26 - call for details

Join Sisterhood and our Youth Group as they come together for a special **Women of the Wall Shabbat**

on Friday, January 31 beginning at 8 pm

Get up and Dance! at the Sisterhood's Israeli Dance Program on Sunday, February 9 from 1 to 3 pm