

TEMPLE TOPICS



ADAR II/NISAN 5774

MARCH/APRIL 2014

Saturday, March 1	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Kestenbaum
Friday, March 7	8:00 PM	Sisterhood Shabbat
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Baum and Sutermeister/Amsterdam families		
Saturday, March 8	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Eric Baum and Julia Sutermeister
	9:30 AM	Tot Shabbat
Friday, March 14	7:00 PM	Family Service
<i>Please note the early start time. March birthdays will be celebrated.</i>		
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Kresch family		
Saturday, March 15	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Haley Kresch
	5:30 PM	Pizza and Havdallah
	6:30 PM	Megillah Reading and Purim Shpiel
Friday, March 21	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Trugman family
Saturday, March 22	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Kayla Trugman
Friday, March 28	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Bechtel and Bloom families
Saturday, March 29	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Taylor Bechtel and Tyler Bloom
Friday, April 4	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Goldstein and Nimerofsky families
Saturday, April 5	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Allison Goldstein and Andrew Nimerofsky
Friday, April 11	7:00 PM	Family Service
<i>Please note the early start time. April birthdays will be celebrated.</i>		
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Strauss and York families		
Saturday, April 12	10:00 AM	B'not Mitzvah of Bailey Strauss and Emily York
	9:30 AM	Tot Shabbat
Tuesday, April 15	10:00 AM	Festival Morning Service
	6:00 PM	Congregational Second Night Seder (by RSVP)
Friday, April 18	8:00 PM	
Saturday, April 19	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
Monday, April 21	10:00 AM	Yizkor Service
Friday, April 25	8:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Hoy and Konikow families
Saturday, April 26	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Dylan Hoy and Jillian Konikow
Monday, April 28	7:30 PM	Yom HaShoah Commemoration



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President's Message

from Jen Cole

As I sit down to write, the trees are (again) covered in snow. The power has been restored and the roads cleared but it appears our relief may be temporary, as we are

being warned of yet another storm arriving in just a few days. I know I am not alone in my sentiment – Oy! Enough already! But I find reassurance in the fact that this piece will be included in the March/April edition of Temple Topics. This means that spring must be on its way (even if, according to Puxatawny Phil it will take its time arriving). Spring not only brings with it tulips, easier drives and sunnier days, but my all-time favorite holiday, Passover.

I can still recall in vivid detail our yearly seders at my Great-Uncle Gene and Great-Aunt Beatty's (aka "Bubbie Bea") row house in northeast Philly: The smell of delicious matzah ball soup wafting over me as soon as we got out of the car; singing an off-key "Dayenu" at the top of our lungs; feeling comforted by the collage of vintage photographs that surrounded us in the dining room, keeping the memories of those family members who were no longer with us very much alive; my jokester father sneaking tastes of food before the completion of the service and my cousins and I sneaking our first sips of Manischewitz wine; and searching for the afikomen (which sadly, I was fortunate to discover only once, the year it was hidden in the deep crevices of their plastic-covered green velvet couches). I loved being with family. I loved the story-telling, both the Haggadah as well as the ever-growing compilation of our own personal family lore. I loved those pictures and always pledged that I would one day create the same kind of collection surrounding my dining space. And I have.

Matt and I have created our own Passover traditions throughout the years. We have worked to perfect the recipes and make them a little healthier, we have put together our own personal Haggadah, and while our couches are certainly not covered in plastic, there have been many rather competitive searches for that middle piece of matzah. We also have our memorable moments which get recalled each year, like the time Brady asked at the completion of our seder, "Who is this guy Herb, and why is he so bitter?"

It has also become a tradition for us to celebrate with our extended Beth Haverim Shir Shalom family. Part of that for me includes attending Sisterhood's annual Miriam Seder (this year on April 10). Each year it is different, but every year it reminds me of how special our community is. Last year when I got home from the event, I was inspired to write my daughter a letter, which I will take this opportunity to share with you. As my beloved Aunt Beatty says, a Zissen Pesach to you all!

My sweet Emily,

As I watched you tonight dancing joyfully around the room, timbrel in hand, I realized why (despite the fact that it would have been far easier to follow the service without simultaneously tending to your needs), I schlepped you along to our Miriam Seder...and why I will be sure to bring you again and again, as long as this special community of women continues to allow your interruptions and interjections, not to mention sticky fingers grabbing (repeatedly) at the plate of chocolate-covered matzah.

Though I named you in memory of two beloved and strong men in my life, I also want you to be inspired by the strength of the women around you and the women who came before you. At this time of year in particular, when the earth is awakening and we find ourselves surrounded by stories and symbolism, I want you to be moved, as I have always been moved, by this wonderful holiday of Passover.

My Passover prayer for you -

May you see beyond cultural and ethnic boundaries and instead of categories see human beings, all deserving of love and freedom.

May you go through life with an outstretched arm, reaching even toward that which might seem unreachable.

May you be a conscientious objector, and fight for social justice and freedom, even when it is not "your own people" at stake.

May you provide sustenance and nurturance to those in need.

May you question authority and act defiantly when necessary, bound to your own moral compass instead of that of the political regime.

We say "*Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel & Leah*" but at this time of year let us add to this list...

May you also be rebellious, courageous and clever like Shifrah and Puah; compassionate and brave like Batya; fearless, confident and strong like Miriam. May you be willing to plunge into the waters and be able to persevere through life's dry spells.

And may you not be too dismayed should you fall just short of your Promised Land, but instead be ready to celebrate at a moment's notice whatever goals you achieve on your journey, song on tongue, timbrel in hand.

...And may I, like Yocheved, when the time comes, be able to let you go, or even push you gently away, as much as I am sure I will want to hold on forever, so that you may forge ahead and create your own life's story.

—Jennifer Cole, President

From the Rabbi's Study

"If not now, when?"



This phrase from 1st century Rabbi Hillel, "If not now, when?" has been the title of my Temple Topics articles for 13 years now. These words are my rabbinic mission statement in a way, and never have they animated me more than in this moment.

As you know by now, I will be embarking this month on a new chapter in the journey of my rabbinate, and I am thrilled that I'll continue to serve as your rabbi while I do so.

The issue of gun violence prevention has been personal to me for the 15 years since my father's brutal murder, and it is an issue that has touched a surprising and sad number of members of our congregation as well. And, with 30,000 deaths by gun each year in America, it is a scourge we simply cannot abide. There is constructive work to be done by Congress; there is work to be done in the field of access to mental health; there is a culture of gun worship in this country that makes the prospects for change a challenge. No one strategy will end gun deaths in America, but, as they say, we must not "make the perfect the enemy of the good." If we can act to curtail gun violence, we should; we must.

But I am more optimistic than I have ever been since my father's death that we have a strategy that is meaningful, potentially, impactful, and winnable.

Many of you have been involved in our community organizing efforts over the last 14 months, attending meetings and assemblies in Mahwah, East Orange, and Montclair. Many of you have met with your mayors and police chiefs to ask them to join faith leaders from all over the country in our unique strategy to leverage their purchasing power to press gun manufacturers to play their part in making us safer. In New York and New Jersey, together we have signed on 15 mayors and police chiefs, and by the end of March, we believe that New York City Mayor Bill DeBlasio will make a game-changing commitment to join our campaign. Faith leaders in 7 states so far have broadened our strategy, bringing on mayors in North Carolina, Maryland, Ohio, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Wisconsin, as well as the Governor Pat

Quinn of Illinois. This campaign has really grown to be national in scope.

And now, I've been called to take a position of national leadership on this issue. I am flattered that national leaders of faith believe in me enough to ask me to take on this position -- so much so that they have committed resources to ensure that our congregation continues to be fully served by rabbinic leadership in this time. I am honored and moved that the staff and lay leadership of this congregation have wholeheartedly supported this incredible and truly unique opportunity.

During this time, I will still be a rabbi to our congregation; I will be at every bar and bat mitzvah and holiday celebration; I will still partner with our incredible staff and lay leadership in the kind of dynamic relationship- and program-building we have grown accustomed to creating together.

And during this time, I will be reaching out to faith leaders from coast to coast, training them and assisting them as they bring their mayors and police chiefs on board. And everyone I speak to knows and will know that I am honored to be the rabbi of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom -- a congregation with the vision to share its rabbi in this extraordinary moment of opportunity.

I am committed to ensuring the continuity of the deep relationships and sacred work we have built together over these 13 years. I am committed to serving as your rabbi together with the assistant rabbi we will bring on for this period of time. And, in this exciting moment, I am more optimistic than ever that, together, we can act powerfully across lines of race and faith to reduce gun violence in America.

"If not now, when?"

—Rabbi Joel Mosbacher

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Samantha Stein

Julia Sutermeister

Matthew Wolfeiler

Emily York

Candlelighting times:

March 7 – 5:35 pm *Vayikra*

March 14 – 6:45 pm *Tzav*

March 21 – 6:50 pm *Sh'mini*

March 28 – 6:58 pm *Tazria*

April 4 – 7:05 pm *M'tzora*

April 11 – 7:12 pm *Acharei Mot*

April 18 – 7:20 pm *Pesach*

April 25 – 7:27 pm *K'doshim*



April Birthdays

Madeline Abramson
Jack Adler
Dylan Auerbach
Jake Auerbach
Sophie Baum
Eli Behar
Zachary Bibi
Reagan Elizabeth Bloom
Tyler Bloom
Alison Caren
Elizabeth Chernick
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Yom HaShoah Commemoration Program



Monday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

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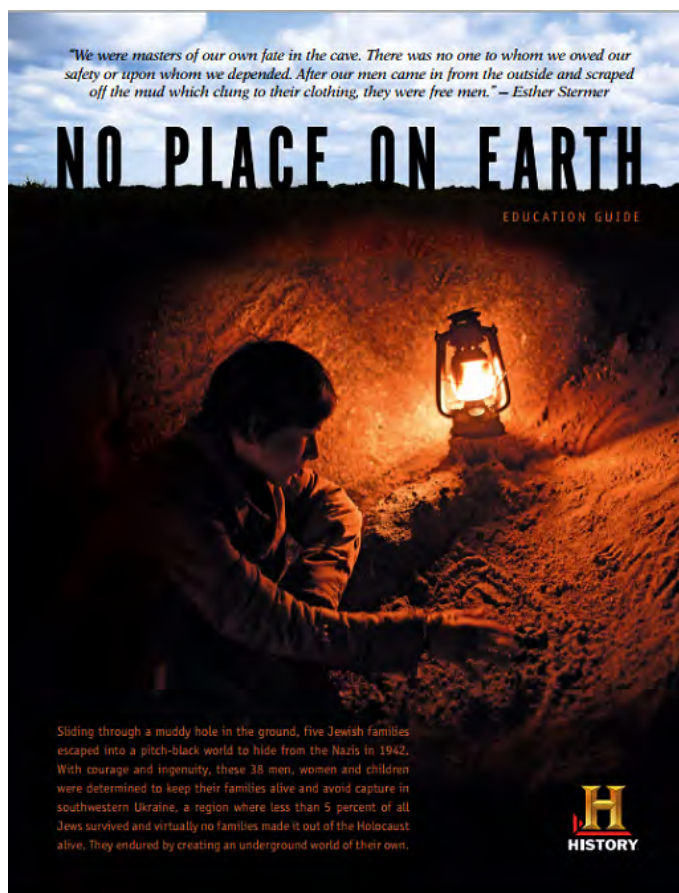
BHSS and Ramapo Chorale Choirs

and a Featured Speaker



Beth Haverim Shir Shalom

presents



Saturday, March 8 at 6:30pm

280 Ramapo Valley Rd, Mahwah, NJ 07430

Speakers: Producer Janet Tobias & Caver Chris Nicola

The movie tells the story of 38 Jews including Sol Wexler, father of temple member Linda Vogel, and members of his family.

For further information call Linda Vogel at 845-357-5640.

Join the



for

Sammy Spider Purim Fun



Wednesday, March 12, 2014

4:30 – 6 pm

Beth Haverim Shir Shalom

280 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, NJ

Celebrate Sammy Spider's 20th Birthday

Create Purim Crafts

Enjoy pizza and birthday cupcakes

For more information or to RSVP contact pjlibrary@yjcc.org or 201-221-5782



March Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
						P'Kudei 8:15am - Torah study 10am - B. Kestenbaum
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9am - Gr. 6 & Family School 1pm - LLL - Superheroes 6:30pm - Purim Rehearsal	4pm - School K - 3 5pm - Group Prayer Class 6:45pm - Kadimah	4pm - School 4 & 5 6:30pm - Group Prayer Class	7pm - Ritual Committee		8pm - Sisterhood Shabbat	Vayikra 8:15am - Torah study 10am - Eric Baum 10am - Julia Sutermeister 6:30pm - "No Place On Earth"
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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 7:30pm - Exec. Comm. Mtg.	4:30pm - PJ's & Pizza! @ 8pm - Adult Choir	7pm - Purim Rehearsal	7pm - Family Service	Tzav 8:15am - Torah study 10am - Haley Kresch 5:30pm - Pizza/Havdallah 6:30pm - Purim Shpiel
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9am - Gr. 6 & Family School 11:30am - Mini Shpiel 11:45am - Purim Carnival	4pm - School K - 3 5pm - Group Prayer Class 6:45pm - Kadimah	4pm - School 4 & 5 6:30pm - Group Prayer Class 7:30pm - Board Meeting	8pm - Adult Choir		8pm - Tefilot	Sh'mini 8:15am - Torah study 10am - Kayla Trugman
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9am - Gr. 6 & Family School 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.	7pm - Shiva Training 8pm - Adult Choir		8pm - Tefilot	Tazria 8:15am - Torah study 10am - Taylor Bechtel 10am - Tyler Bloom
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
7:30am - YG Pancake Bkfst 9am - Gr. 6 & Family School 1pm - Art of Jewish Prayer	4pm - School K - 3 5pm - Group Prayer Class 6:45pm - Kadimah					

April Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		4pm - School 4 & 5 6:30pm - Group Prayer Class 7pm - Mah Jongg	8pm - Adult Choir		8pm - Tefilot	M'tzora 8:15am - Torah study 10am - Allison Goldstein 10am - Andrew Nimerofsky
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9am - Gr. 6 & Family School	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL 7:30pm - Exec. Comm. Mtg.	7:30pm - Ritual Committee 8pm - Adult Choir	6pm - Miriam Seder	7pm - Family Service	Acharei Mot 8:15am - Torah study 10am - Bailey Strauss 10am - Emily York
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
NO SCHOOL 1pm - Mah Jongg	Erev Passover NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL 10am - Festival Morning S'vce 6:30pm - 2nd Night Seder	8pm - Adult Choir		8pm - Tefilot	Pesach 8:15am - Torah study
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9am - Gr. 6 & Family School 1pm - Sisterhood/LLL Mezzuzah	4pm - School K - 3 5pm - Group Prayer Class 6:45pm - Kadimah 7:30pm - Yom Hashoah Prog.	4pm - School 4 & 5 6:30pm - Group Prayer Class	7:30pm - Ritual Committee 8pm - Adult Choir			

Youth Programming



Shalom! I hope that this finds you all warming up, and safe from our very snowy January and February.

Our youth groups have been very actively planning and having lots of fun! Ice Skating was awesome. We had a wonderful turn out of 7th-12th graders...mixers, lunch, and skating with Brotherhood too! Our Women of the Wall Chinese Food Fundraiser dinner and creative service was simply phenomenal. We also had the privilege of hosting representatives from the WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) as a part of our Rosh Chodesh celebration. Our January planning session brought some very exciting ideas to the table for the coming months.

For all 7th-12th graders, please join us on Sunday, March 9, 2014 from noon-2pm. We will be baking hamentaschen for sale during the Purim Carnival.

Then on **Sunday, March 16, 2014 all 7th-12th graders are invited to help run and participate in BHSSTY's Annual Purim Carnival.** 7th-12th graders are invited to join in the set-up from 9:30am-11:30am. Then from 11:30am--11:45am, all 7th-12th grade youth groupers will join together in a mini-Purim-spiel for our Hebrew School students. The carnival runs from 11:45am-1:45pm. There is no charge to our 7th-12th grade students who are helping to run this annual event. The cost to everyone else is: \$1.00 for 3 tickets, \$5.00 for 20 tickets, 50 tickets per full shopping bag of food for donation to CFA (Center for Food Action). For each full shopping bag of food for donation to the CFA, you will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 gift card for Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts.

Wrapping up the month of March is our annual **Pancake Breakfast.**

On Sunday, March 30, 2014 from

7:30am - 9am our 7th-12th grade youth groups (BHSSTY and DaBears) will be making and

serving pancakes as a fundraiser for Team Ethan (<http://jointeamethan.org/>). Ethan Kadish is a teen who was attending a Jewish summer camp, when he was struck by lightning. He and his family will have life long medical needs. Many of our teens attend Jewish summer camps, and many of our teens have friends who know Ethan personally. This is a charity near and dear to our youth groupers. If you are in grades 7-12, and are interested in helping out with this event, please be at the temple at 7am for set-up and cooking.

NFTY-GER Hagigah is scheduled for February 28 - March 2. For more information, please see the following link: <http://www.nfty.org/ger/index.cfm?>

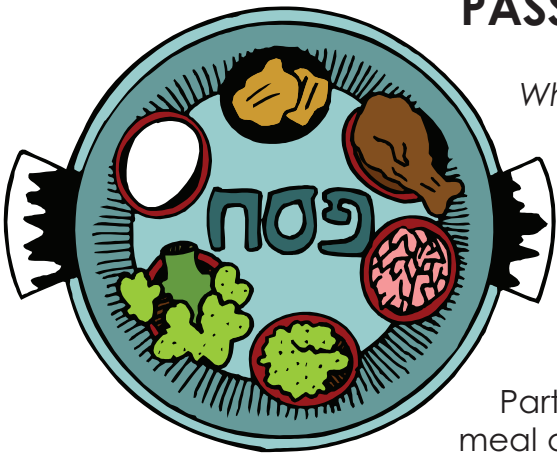
For more of what's coming, please join our Facebook group, the Kadimah page, or speak with one of BHSSTY's board members (Samantha Spencer, Samantha Lamster, Jamie Ratowsky, Kara Checke, Ethan Coyne, Rachel Teichman, Jacob Jaffe, or Zachary Scholl.)

See you at our next event!

Stacey Butler

Director of Informal Youth Programming

PASSOVER 2014



Why is tonight different than all other nights?

For the answer to this question and much more come to the

Beth Haverim Shir Shalom

Community Second Night Seder

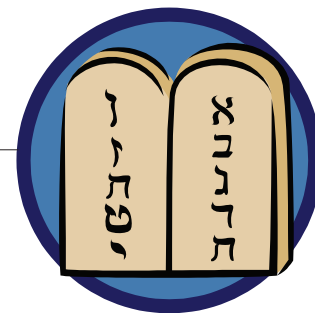
April 15, 2014, 6:00 pm

Participate in retelling the Passover story, enjoy a festive meal and sing your favorite songs. Children will search for the Afikomen and prizes will be awarded!

Adults: \$40, Children (under 13 years old): \$18.

Please RSVP by April 8, 2014, BHSS, at 201-512-1983. Your payment will reserve your place.

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



Brandon Kestenbaum - March 1, 2014

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Maribel, Father, David, Brothers Maxwell, 15, and Wesley, 9 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include baseball. "I am happy I stayed in Hebrew school and was able to reach this milestone. I am excited to celebrate this day with family and friends."



Eric Baum - March 8, 2014

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Keren, Father, Ken, Sister, Sophie, 7 1/2 is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School His interests include baseball and playing basketball and tennis. "I am excited about becoming a Bar Mitzvah and continuing the tradition of my Jewish heritage. I am looking forward to celebrating with my family and friends."



Julia Sutermeister - March 8, 2014

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Jill, Father, Chuck, Stepbrothers, Scott, 13, and Jack, 9, Sister, Genna, 16 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include volleyball, soccer, drawing, watching movies, and hanging out with friends. "I'm excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and celebrate with all of my family and friends."



Haley Kresch - March 15, 2014

Lives in Allendale, New Jersey. Mother, Cindy, Father, Ken z"l, Stepfather, John, Brother, Rob, 15 is a 7th grader at Brookside Middle School Her interests include volleyball, softball, Elvis Presley, tennis, and tenor saxophone. "I would like to work in real estate when I grow up. I'm very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and celebrate with friends and family."



Kayla Trugman - March 22, 2014

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Beth, Father, Jonathon, Brother, Justin, 15, is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include soccer, snowboarding, and hanging out with friends. "I would like to become a soccer player. I am very excited to celebrate this special day with my family and friends."



Taylor Bechtel - March 29, 2014

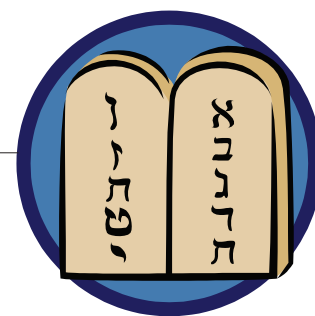
Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Felicia, Father, Eric, Brother, Todd, 11, Sister, Michelle, 11 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include softball, dance, singing, and acting. "I would like to be a varsity high school softball catcher. This special occasion is going to be one of the most memorable moments in my life."



Tyler Bloom - March 29, 2014

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Amy, Father, Peter, Brother, Jackson, 9, Sister, Reagan, 2 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include basketball, skiing, snowboarding, listening to music, hanging out with friends, and sneakers. "I would like to be a professional trainer for the NBA or a sports analyst. I am excited to become a Bar Mitzvah because I have worked very hard for this day. I am happy to share this day with my family and friends. I can't wait to celebrate!"

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



Allison Goldstein - April 5, 2014

Lives in Montebello, New York. Mother, Deena, Father, Scott, Sister, Sydney, 10, Brother, Ben, 7..... is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include soccer, basketball, and hanging out with family and friends. "I want to be a professional sports trainer or professional basketball player. I am proud to become a Bat Mitzvah and share this day with my family and friends."



Emily York - April 12, 2014

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Beverly, Father, Harlan, Brother, Owen, 10 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include skateboarding, horseback riding, karate, and video games. "I would like to become a teacher. I feel proud that my friends and family will see how hard I worked for this day that I will become a Jewish adult."



Andrew Nimerofsky - April 5, 2014

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Barbara, Father, Jeff is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include basketball, tennis, running 5Ks with my dad, and hanging out with friends. "I would like to work in a career that combines business and sports. I am excited to become a Bar Mitzvah and to share this special day with my family and friends."



Dylan Hoy - April 26, 2014

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Sherri, Father, Robert is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include baseball. "I would like to become a baseball player or sports announcer. I am excited and proud to become Bar Mitzvah and look forward to sharing my special day with family and friends."



Bailey Strauss - April 12, 2014

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Leslie, Father, Kevin, Sisters, Gabrielle, 10, and Remi, 8 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include horseback riding, animals, cooking, and charity work. "I am excited and nervous all at the same time! I am so happy to share this special day with all the people I love and that love me. I am very proud to become a Bat Mitzvah and join the adult Jewish community."



Jillian Konikow - April 26, 2014

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Leslie, Father, David, Brother, Matthew, 15 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include soccer, skiing, animals, singing, and dancing. "I would like to be a veterinarian and to have my own family someday. Bat Mitzvah makes me feel honored to follow a family tradition and to accomplish a big milestone."

Brotherhood 2.0

Brotherhood had a successful January. To be honest, we haven't reached out to too many new members yet, except in shul, or on the retreat, but we are coming out of a very difficult period of scheduling – bad weather and snow days had certainly slowed things down...holiday season, personal challenges. Still, we are Brotherhood 2.0, and have been here for our beloved congregation! Brotherhood 2.0 co-sponsored the youth group ice skating outing, where we had a little social warm-up before hitting the ice. Brotherhood treated our youth to pizza -- young bodies get pretty hungry when zipping around the ice!

January also brought forth our second annual intergenerational retreat at Camp Harlam. Once again, awesome fun, more people than last year, and wonderful *chugim* (electives). Brotherhood ran the group games to warm us up for the weekend: a round of "If the Shoe Fits" followed by "Now Find Your Pair" -- sensing a bit of a theme, no? We started by getting into a circle and everyone throwing one shoe into the circle. The game is to grab a shoe that isn't yours, or isn't familiar, and to find the owner of the shoe, and get to know them. During this time, we put stickers on everyone's back which gave rise to the second game...show a stranger the sticker on your back, and ask questions about it to find out what name or word is on your back. Once you figure it out, go find your match! Retreat was awesome, and I highly encourage EVERYONE to go next year. I plan on running a chug...

Brotherhood 2.0 is rebranding as a community group, and a group that is here to support other groups, our membership, and our communities at large. The last two executive meetings were a bit different. We brought in members of other groups to talk with us about ideas, social action, and ways we can help the community. In December, Sid brought in a leader from Children's Aid and Family Services. Michelle Mitzvah already does great work with them, but Brotherhood will be talking about co-sponsoring some events in the future. January's meeting brought Lisa Estrin, fellow temple member, a leader with Social Action committee, and a social worker with specialties in eldercare to come and speak with us, have us share some personal experiences, and to talk about how we, as Brotherhood, could bring our collective skills and experience to the community at large to offer eldercare services, advice, guidance and support to the community. As we are emerging from this horrible winter, please keep a close eye on upcoming events. We encourage the men from our

community to reach out to us, and participate in as many things as you can...and remember, we welcome your input, ideas and suggestions.

A recent trip in my 1984 DeLorean Time Machine has shown that February had a great Executive meeting on February 10, where Marla Muni and Whitney Spear came and talked to us about the community garden, February 20 we had a wonderful coffee klatch at Aroma at the Garden State Plaza, and of course, Brotherhood Raps at Panera Bread on February 23. Please add the upcoming dates to your calendars:

March 3 – Brotherhood Executive Meeting (BHSS)

March 13 – Brotherhood night out – Growler & Gill

March 16 – Wine Tasting and Passover Wine Sale

April 6 – Men's Seder (location TBD)

April 20 – Brotherhood and Family Passover Bike Ride around Rockland Lake

--Jonathan A. Theodore, President, Brotherhood 2.0

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Sunday, March 16 11:45 am – 1:45 pm

\$1 for 3 tickets, \$5 for 20 tickets

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For any 9th-12th graders who want to help please contact:

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Stacey Butler at: 845-629-8069,

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Sisterhood News

With all the snow and cold of this winter, Sisterhood's thoughts—and perhaps most of ours—are turning to spring, and hoping it comes soon, despite the groundhog! We've had a busy and productive winter, and we're looking forward to continuing the momentum as the weather starts to improve. January brought us a very special evening, in collaboration with our very special BHSSTY Youth Group: the Women of the Wall Service. Before the service, we had the chance to observe Chinese New Year with a delicious buffet dinner at temple. Then we spent a very meaningful Shabbat celebrating the groundbreaking efforts of the Women of the Wall, and the wonderful achievement of knowing that the Kotel now has a place where no one is excluded! We hope you enjoyed that evening with us, but even if you missed it, be sure to explore www.womenofthewall.org.il for more information.

Sisterhood Shabbat is March 7, and it is always a moving and entertaining opportunity for all temple members and friends to learn more about what Sisterhood does, and how you can be a part of all of it. Please be sure to mark the date, and if you'd like to be a part of the service, let us know.

Our social outreach work continues in March. On March 21, we will sponsor Lunch with Love at the Oasis Shelter in Paterson. Oasis is a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding and clothing needy women and children. Would you like to help? Contact us, or contact them at www.oasisnj.org. Miriam Seder, an annual Sisterhood event is coming soon, on Thursday, April 10 at 7 pm. This year, we'll be led by Rabbinic Intern Adena Blum. Miriam Seder is a musical and meaningful salute to women, freedom and being together; and an excellent way to usher in the spring holidays. You won't want to miss it! This event is open to Sisterhood members, other Temple members and friends. Cost is \$18, \$10 for under bat mitzvah age, and under 5 are free. Bring your mother, your daughter, your best friend—but do join us. RSVP to Lisa Lamster.

And April stays busy! Create beautiful Jewish art first hand with our own Bonnie Caul as Lifelong Learning teams up with Sisterhood to create glass mezuzahs on Sunday, April 27, 1-3 pm. \$36 includes all instruction, materials and firing. RSVP to the temple office.

Does all this sound like something you'd like to be a part of? Do you have other great ideas for the women of BHSS? Sisterhood wants you! It's not too early to become a part of next year's Sisterhood Board. Be a part of BHSS's leaders. Watch your weekly emails, and Temple Topics for more information.

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.

Save the date (and your appetite) for BHSSTY's

Annual Pancake Breakfast!



Sunday, March 30 7:30-9:15 am

Community Garden

At this moment, it seems funny to be so excited about BHSS' Community Garden; the groundhog (not one that lives at BHSS) saw his shadow, schools are closed for the second day this week, and there is a Nor'easter looming in our future. But the difficult winter has not stopped the planning for the 2014 growing season.

The first excitement is the garden expansion, coming this spring. As part of an Eagle Scout project our fencing will be expanded (towards the north, or back of the building) and we will get four new raised beds. This will give us 50% more growing capacity.

Next, we think we might have figured out a system for those who want to help in the Garden, but aren't quite sure how, what, or when. We will be coming to all the Committees looking for volunteers for the season. You will be able to choose Sunday mornings where you and friends can join the Garden Committee. Normally, we work from about 9am – 10am every Sunday, mid-June through mid-October. Everyone is always welcome!

If you don't belong to a committee, but want to join us in the Garden, please email whitneyspeer@msn.com or marlasm6@optonline.net -- we'd love to put you on the calendar.

There will be some upcoming events that will require lots of participation from the congregation, adopting of seedlings for a few weeks and the annual planting day! Look for those dates in the weekly email and announcements.

The final reason to be excited is what we hope our little Garden can produce. If in 2013 we produced 180 pounds for the Center for Food Action and the Suffern soup kitchen, then in 2014 we are predicting over 300 pounds (50% larger garden and NO groundhogs casting their shadow on our plants). Yes, 300 pounds of beets, beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, greens, and more! We think this is a great reason to see past the snow and look forward to being in the BHSS Community Garden!

Whitney Speer & Marla Muni

Question: What's 300 square feet?

- a. A typical efficiency apartment in a Manhattan high-rise
- b. An Eagle Scout project
- c. One response to hunger and despair in our community
- d. A mitzvah

Answer: ALL OF THE ABOVE

The BHSS Community Garden Committee will join Troop 133/Upper Saddle River, the BHSS Temple Youth Group, the Mahwah Environmental Volunteer Organization and many motivated congregants in a planned Spring 2014 expansion of the garden. The additional 300 square feet should increase output by 50%. All produce is donated to the Center for Food Action or the Suffern soup kitchen.

We are looking for volunteers in March and April 2014 (three or four Sundays, starting at 9 am) to make it happen. Dates to be announced. Coffee and donuts will be waiting for you. We also need fill, gravel, topsoil, fencing, etc. E-mail Mike Lipson at mlipson123@aol.com if you can help in any way.

Michelle Mitzvah Group

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

-- Helen Keller

Those inspiring words speak to our efforts towards social action here at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. Great thinkers from Martin Luther King Jr. to the Dalai Lama all have had something to say about the importance of helping others. The civil rights leader stated, "Life's most persistent and nagging question is 'What are you doing for others?'" The soft-spoken spiritual leader called doing good deeds "our prime purpose." And a 12-year-old put it this way: "Helping feels good because it's nice for the other person and for you." Other great thinkers have echoed the same idea. Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." Here's a quote from Buddha: "Set your heart on doing good. Do it over and over again, and you will be filled with joy." Finally, Ralph Waldo Emerson believed that "it is one of the great compensations in life that no one can help another without helping themselves." Of course, as Jews we know the obligation to perform *tikkun olam*, literally "repairing the world."

These are all smart words. And as it turns out, kids are actually hardwired to be considerate and kind. "The desire to help is innate," says David Schonfeld, MD, director of developmental and behavioral pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. And their sense of doing good develops as they grow. "At first, children like to help others because it helps them get what they want. Next, they do so because they get praise. Finally, they begin to anticipate the needs of others, and it becomes intrinsically rewarding to do nice things for people in their lives."

The bottom line is kids want to help, and as parents, it's our job to nurture and guide a child's desire to help others so it becomes a lifelong habit. It is important to be a good role model, because children learn from watching those closest to them.

We have made this process easy at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom. The Michelle Mitzvah Group has been helping others since 1986, when the group was first launched. There have been many children who have helped along the way, and we want to keep that practice alive and strong. We have found that when families participate together in social action, it is extremely rewarding and a bonding experience. The children learn from the parents, and the

parents do the same from their children. Perfect karma! Join us to help others in the larger community. We are involved with the Center For Food Action, the soup kitchen in Suffern, Children's Aid and Family Services, Tomorrows Children Fund, Oasis in Paterson, visiting children's hospitals and more. We work closely with the Youth Group, Brotherhood, Sisterhood and NJ Together in all sorts of social action initiatives. For more information about what we do and how you can help, please contact any of the Michelle Mitzvah Group officers. Their names and email addresses are below. Come to one of our monthly meetings (the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm). ***Get involved. It feels good!***

Michelle Mitzvah Group officers:

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to Leslie Kirzner and family, in memory of her stepmother,
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commemoration of the yahrzeit of Marilyn Solomon
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to Jodi Lyons, wishing you a speedy recovery
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to Ms. Ruby Vogelfander, in loving memory of
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the Klein family - *Deborah, Jeff, Sydney, & Harrison Klein*

with thanks for a wonderful trip! - *Lori & Ritch Yanowitz*

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to the Konikow family, in memory of David's father,
Gershen Konikow - *Sheryl Thailer*

to the Goldstein family, in memory of Scott's father,
William Goldstein - *Barbara, Jeff, & Andrew Nimerofsky*

thank you for all you have done for us!
- *Marilyn Taylor & Charlie Romano*

for being there for us during a difficult time;
we are very grateful - *Deena & Scott Goldstein*

in honor of Deborah's Bat Mitzvah, with thanks from the
Klein family - *Deborah, Jeff, Sydney, & Harrison*

with grateful appreciation to our superb clergy of our
congregation - *Jane & Jan Simon*

with thanks for all you do! - *Ann & Mark Weber*

thank you for a wonderful trip! - *Lori & Ritch Yanowitz*

in honor of the baby naming of Reagan Bloom
- *the Bloom family*

you two are simply great! - *the Israel/Stark families*

well wishes to Steven Gerbson - *Nita & Eddie Klaskow*

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in honor of Oliver Gray Goldberg - *Sheryl Thailer*

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with thanks for being there for us during a difficult time
- *Deena & Scott Goldstein*

with grateful appreciation to our superb clergy
- *Jane & Jan Simon*

thank you! - *Marilyn Taylor & Charlie Romano*

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with thanks for all you do - *Ann & Mark Weber*

you two are simply great! - *the Israel/Stark families*

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Tree of Life

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Cohen
on January 4, 2014

in honor of Marilyn Israel's 75th birthday - from the Israels,
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Prayer Book Dedication

to Dr. O Langer, in memory of Manya Langer
- *Lois & Marty Klapper*

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marriage
- *Gail & Ranan Wichler*

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Bat Mitzvah of Allie Goldstein

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Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Bibi

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- *the York family*

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:

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!

From the Sifriyah

One of the most important commitments library volunteers can make is to pursue the selection of quality and varied reading materials. In January, we did just that by adding to our library collection the Israeli book My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel by Ari Shavit, columnist for the center-left Israeli daily *Haaretz*. Shavit tackles an honest and sometimes brutal analysis of the current problems Israel faces in a difficult part of the world. His analysis becomes even stronger when he interviews Israelis. Thomas Friedman of the New York Times says, "The uniqueness of Shavit's book is that when you're done with it, you can understand, respect, or love Israel -- but not in a dogmatic or unthinking way; and not a fake or contrived Israel... His book is a real contribution to changing the conversation about Israel and building a healthier relationship with it."

Recently, Marc Daniel gifted the rabbi a jewel, Childhood Lost, a collection of 42 stories of child survivors/hidden children of the Holocaust. In this book are featured the stories of Marc's parents, Helene Hertz Daniel and Kurt Daniel. Rabbi Mosbacher then gifted the book to the library. And in doing so, he truly gifted the entire congregation a wonderful testimony to survival, courage, and love.

For Marc, love is the most important description of his parent's life. While they endured hardship and terror at young ages in Germany, they emerged from chaos and turmoil to start productive lives in the United States. Helene was able to leave Germany first. After the war, by chance, Kurt learned of Helene's new life and in August 1947 followed her to the United States. The two had been friends in Germany. Here this friendship flowered into love and by November 1947, they married. Marc proudly notes that this marriage has been a loving one for 66 years, and oddly enough was prophesied, when in 1936 at his bar mitzvah, his father blushed as he heard then-friend Leni Hertz announce she would marry him some day.

The 42 writers of Childhood Lost are members of a support group who not only decided to discuss their early lives, but to publish their stories. Their books are donated to schools in Palm Beach County, Florida, in an effort to educate students about the Holocaust and human resolve. In addition, members speak to students, providing the human connection to history. Proceeds from book sales provide resources for further Holocaust education.

Feel free to check out Childhood Lost. And do share your thoughts with Marc.

On March 14, "A Taste of Passover" returns. This is a special time to sample culinary treats perfect for the holiday, and to collect recipes for your holiday table. The "Taste" begins immediately after Shabbat services. Please mark your calendars.

36 Rabbis Shave For The Brave

Really it is 51, including our Rabbi Mosbacher. Although this is a serious cause, BHSS is going to hold a very FUN event to raise funds for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. For those who don't know about it, St. Baldrick's is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long, healthy lives. One way they raise funds is to sponsor events where people volunteer to have their head shaved. **SO... after BHSS' Purim Spiel (Saturday, March 15 at 6:30 pm), there will be a raffle (you can buy tickets that night: 1 for \$10, 3 for \$20) and the winner gets to SHAVE the rabbi's head!** All proceeds from the raffle will go to St. Baldrick's, in memory of "Superman Sam" (Samuel Sommer z"l, the son of friends of the Mosbacher family). Please join us in raising funds and giving the rabbi a great haircut! Also, the CFA truck will be at BHSS the entire weekend, so please bring food donations.

A 'BEATLES' PURIM AT BETH HAVERIM SHIR SHALOM

Saturday, March 15

Please join us for

Pizza and Havdallah Service ~ 5:30 pm

(please RSVP to temple office)

A "Beatles Purim" & Megillah Reading ~ 6:30 pm

AANNND...

who will shave the rabbi's long locks?? >>>>

Notes from Music

Hello everyone!

Shabbat Shira is my favorite service of the year. It is a joyous celebration of the time our people cross the Sea of Reeds and got to see one of God's great miracles. Some beautiful music has been written in commemoration of this event. That is why we decided that this is a good time to celebrate the dedication and passion of our choirs. Thank you for being there on January 10 and celebrating with us. We really appreciate the congregational support!

Movie Night on January 25 was an enjoyable evening for all. We watched "The Frisco Kid," had popcorn and snacks, and collected 13 bags of food for the Center for Food Action. We were warm, friends young and old got together, we had some laughs, and a good cause was served. Not bad for a snowy day!

Now, something really wonderful to look forward to! On March 23, 2014 at 4 pm at Congregation Beth Rishon in Wyckoff, Joshua Nelson is coming to perform. This concert is being presented in conjunction with BHSS. For those of you who have not heard of him, his music is a mix of traditional Jewish and Gospel. He has attended the Hebrew Union College and Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He is a

full time Hebrew school teacher at a Reform congregation and a music director at a Baptist church in New Jersey when not on the road. He has performed for the Prime Ministers of Israel and of Sweden, and now he is coming to us! You can check out his clips on You Tube. This is my personal favorite: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzOxEqd5HQw>.

On May 5 we will be celebrating Israeli Independence Day with a special program involving our choirs, Kadimah students and choirs from surrounding congregations. More details will be available in the coming months.

Our year is filled with interesting programming, lots of planning and lots of fun for the committee. If your child is interested in the Junior Choir, please contact our "choir mom," Lisa Lamster, at lisalams@optonline.net. 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

Good & Welfare *from & for the congregation*

Mazal Tov

To **Gary and Renee Garbus** on the engagement of their daughter Gayle to Michael Sahler

To **Marc and Laurie Daniel** on the engagement of their daughter Alyson to George Lefkowitz

Condolences

To **Lisa, Samantha, Joshua, and Jessica Lamster** on the loss of
husband and father **Noel Lamster**

To **Gary Sheppard**, on the loss of his Father, Ralph Sheppard

To **Leslie Kirzner**, on the loss of her Step Mother, Dody Magaziner

To **Amy Fisherman**, on the loss of her Father, Leslie Friedman

To **Lauren Einhorn**, on the loss of her Grandmother, Fredel Cohen

To **David Konikow**, on the loss of his Father, Gershen Konikow

To **Scott Goldstein**, on the loss of his Father, William Goldstein

To **Candy Kassover** on the loss of her mother, Shirley Marks

R'fuah Sh'leimah
(For a Full Recovery)

Jodi Lyons

Charles Romano

Gail Spencer

Ritual Committee

Who doesn't love Purim?? ... We get to dress up in costumes, give and receive Purim baskets, experiment with new types of hamantashen (my family's favorite is chocolate with Nutella filling -- delish), knock back a few drinks, and enjoy the Megillah reading, full of heroes and villains and excuses for general merriment. This year, BHSS will celebrate Purim in what is sure to be an epic, never-forgotten evening of Beatles music, dance, laughs, fundraising, head shaving (I'll come back to this), costume contests, prizes, and overall fun. It all starts on the 13th of Adar II (March 15), and the details are at the bottom of this article. Since this year is a leap year on the Jewish calendar, there are actually two whole months of Adar, the first of which has already begun ... two months of what is supposed to be a time of happiness.

The Talmud says, "When the month of Adar arrives, happiness increases." It's a nice sentiment, and one that I think a lot of us could benefit from, especially during this insanely cold, snowy winter that already seems interminable. (There is in fact a Nor'easter blowing outside as I write this article.) I always wonder, though, if this saying means that the world objectively becomes a happier place during this month, or if we have a greater responsibility during Adar to seek out happiness. Regardless of what position the rabbis intended, I'd like to propose that we each go after the second possibility and really try our hardest to think positively and find the good in the world, in ourselves and in our circumstances, at least for Adar, and maybe, if we can handle all those warm fuzzies, beyond.

It's easy to be stressed out ... work, children, general family issues, illness, bills, college tuition ... the reasons for our stress are numerous and real. It's natural to respond to the question, "How are you?" with "busy" or "tired" or "fine." We don't want to burden our friends with our own troubles or disappointments. But as Adar I ends and we get a second chance with Adar II, think about what makes you genuinely happy. Cultivate those parts of your life. Read a trashy novel. Go see "Frozen" again with your kids (and sing along), go sledding, have a snowball fight, make s'mores and hot cocoa. When something goes wrong (like yet another snowstorm), ask yourself what you can do to experience happiness anyway and what you can do to make the people you love happy as well. In a few weeks, we'll put on costumes, we'll drink until we can't tell the difference between Haman and Mordechai, we'll sing Beatles songs, we'll shake our macaroni and cheese groggers until our arms are sore, and we'll watch some lucky raffle winner shave the rabbi's head to raise money to fight

childhood cancer. In the meantime, let's try to increase our happiness, even a little, so that we can all help Adar live up to its reputation.

Ritual Calendar for March and April

Sisterhood Shabbat -- Friday, March 7, 8 pm

PURIM! Saturday, March 15

5:30 pm Pizza, Havdallah, Raffle tickets (1 for \$10, 3 for \$20) sold to see who gets to shave Rabbi Mosbacher's head, all proceeds go to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which raises money to fight childhood cancer

6:30 pm Megillah and Beatles-themed Purim spiel

7:30 pm Rabbi Mosbacher gets his head shaved!!!

Passover -- Congregational Second Seder

Tuesday, April 15. Please see the flyer in this Temple Topics and RSVP to the temple office

Ritual Meetings: Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 pm and Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 pm

Have a Happy Adar!!!

Stacey Coyne, Ritual

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Lifelong Learning

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

We continued to explore our theme as we kicked off 2014. Lifelong Learning hosted our 2014 Artist-in-Residence on Sunday, January 12 when David Loewy of Storahellers dazzled us by bringing the weekly Torah portion to life. Storahellers, who also performed at URJ Biennial, has revived the lost art of the Maven, who translates the Hebrew Torah into the local language. With humor and sense of wonder, David helped make "Yitro" very relevant and real to all of us!

On Sunday, January 26, Ruth Turner led a group of 15 from BHSS to the final week of the "Chagall: Love, War, and Exile" exhibit at the NY Jewish Museum. As a bonus, the group was able to see a second extraordinary exhibit celebrating the career of one of the most influential living comic artists, Art Spiegelman, who is best known for Maus, his Pulitzer prize-winning graphic novel about his parents' survival of the Holocaust. The exhibit, "CO-MIX: A Retrospective," includes the original manuscript of the second volume of *Maus* and will be at the museum until March 23 if you want to check it out!

As we head into spring there are many opportunities to participate in this year's programming. You can always checkout the Lifelong Learning page for more details, but save the date for some of our upcoming events!

Lifelong Learning Calendar

• **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! Includes a drawing workshop! **Sunday, March 2, 1-2:30 pm at the temple.** Please RSVP to temple office. No cost for class. Refreshments will be served.

• **No Place on Earth:** Join us for a showing of the documentary "No Place on Earth" **Saturday night March 8, 6:30 pm at the temple.** The evening will start with Havdalah followed by the movie. It is the remarkable true story of how a group of 38 Jews including Sol Wexler, the father of our own Linda Vogel, survived the Holocaust by living in caves in

the Ukraine for 511 days. Janet Tobias, the producer/director, and Chris Nicola, the caver, will be there to answer questions, as will Linda and one or both of her children who visited the caves in the Ukraine this summer.

• **The Art of Jewish Prayer:** She's back! Join **Bette Birnbaum on Sunday, March 30, 1-3 pm** at the temple for a special class to explore the Art of Siddur, Scrolls and Sanctuary. Examine the structure, themes, and iconography of these elements and whether they help or hinder our efforts to pray. Please RSVP to temple office. No cost for class. Refreshments will be served.

• **Introduction to Hebrew (101):** Student Rabbi Adena Blum will be teaching **Hebrew 101** on seven Sundays beginning March 23 from 12-1:30 pm. This class is intended for folks of any age who desire to learn the Hebrew alphabet, and to begin to read Hebrew for prayer. **Cost is \$40. RSVP to temple office by March 15.** Minimum of 5 participants required to hold the class. **Dates:** March 23, April 6, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 18, June 1

• **Mezuzah Making:** Create beautiful Jewish art first hand with our own Bonnie Caul as Lifelong Learning teams up with Sisterhood to create glass mezuzahs on **Sunday, April 27, 1-3 pm. Cost is \$36 for 2 mezuzot, which include all instruction, materials and firing. RSVP to temple by April 15.**

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

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 May or June date, by April 1

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

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Mah nish'tana halailah hazeh mikol haleilot?

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On all other nights we eat leavened products or matzah. On this night all of it, matzah.

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Sheb'chol haleilot anu och'leen sh'ar y'rakot halailah hazeh maror.

On all other nights we eat all vegetables, and on this night bitter herbs.

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Sheb'chol haleilot ein anu mat'beleen afilo pa-am echat. Halailah hazeh sh'tei f'amim.

On all other nights, we don't dip our food even once. On this night we dip twice.

שֶׁבֶּכֶל הַלֵּילֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבִין וּבֵין מְסֻבִּין. הַלֵּילָה הַזֶּה כָּלָנוּ מְסֻבִּין:

Sheb'chol haleilot anu och'lin beim yosh'vin uvein m'subeen. Halailah hazeh culanu m'subeen.

On all other nights we eat sitting or reclining. On this night we all recline.

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR BLESSING זכרונם לברכה ☆

April Yahrzeits

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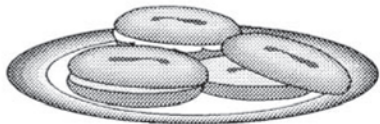
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**Due date for the May/June
issue of Temple Topics is
April 1, 2014.**

Office Closings:

Office closes at 3pm on Monday, April 14
Office closed on Tuesday, April 15
Office closed on Monday April 21

No School:

Mondays, April 7, April 14, and April 21
Tuesdays, April 8, April 15, and April 22
Sundays, April 13 and April 20

To do in March & April:



Torah Study - Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 and April 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 8:15 a.m.

Share **Shabbat with your tot!** Children up through grade two with a parent are welcome to join in
on Saturday, March 8 and Saturday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Play **Mah Jongg!** at BHSS on Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 23 at 1 p.m.,
Tuesday, April 1 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 13 at 1 p.m.

Come to the Lifelong Learning program on **Superheroes!** on Sunday, March 2 at 1 p.m.

Celebrate Shabbat as the BHSS Sisterhood leads services on Friday, March 7 at 8 p.m.

Experience the movie **"No Place On Earth"** on Saturday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Bring your tot to the **PJ Library PJs and Pizza** on Wednesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy **pizza then Havdallah** THEN the **Purim Shpiel** beginning at Saturday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Come one! Come all! to the **Mini Shpiel** on Sunday, March 16 at 11:30 a.m.,
followed by the **Purim Carnival** beginning at 11:45 a.m.

Learn from **Bette Birnbaum** as Lifelong Learning presents the **Art of Jewish Prayer** on Sunday, March 30 at 1 p.m.

Lifelong Learning features **Irma Becker** speaking about **Marc Chagall** during services on Friday, April 4 at 8 p.m.

Join in the Sisterhood's **Miriam Seder** on Thursday, April 10 beginning at 6 p.m. (by RSVP)

Observe the second night of Passover with your BHSS friends at the **congregational Second Seder**
on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m. (by RSVP)

Create a beautiful **fused glass mezuzah** with Sisterhood on Sunday, April 27 beginning at 1 p.m. (by RSVP)

Commemorate **Yom HaShoah** with the **BHSS and Ramapo College choirs** with a featured speaker
on Monday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.