

TEMPLE TOPICS



IYAR/SIVAN/TAMMUZ 5774

MAY/JUNE 2014

Friday, May 2	6:00 PM	Youth Group Creative Service
	7:00 PM	Congregational Dinner following services by RSVP
Saturday, May 3	9:30 AM	Oneg Shabbat hosts: the Caren family
	10:00 AM	Tot Shabbat
		Bat Mitzvah of Alison Caren
Monday, May 5	7:30 PM	Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration
Friday, May 9	7:30 PM	Grandparents' Shabbat ~
		Teacher Appreciation Shabbat ~ K, 1, 2, 3 Shabbat
		Family Service - May birthdays will be celebrated
		Oneg Shabbat hosts: the Shirvan and Wolf families
Saturday, May 10	10:00 AM	B'nei Mitzvah of Kendall Shirvan and Marc Wolf
Friday, May 16	7:30 PM	Lifelong Learning - Marc Chagall
		Oneg Shabbat hosts: the Krieger and Siegel families
Saturday, May 17	10:00 AM	B'nei Mitzvah of Lucas Krieger and Abby Siegel
Friday, May 23	7:30 PM	Oneg Shabbat hosts: the Fernandez and Siegel families
Saturday, May 24	10:00 AM	B'nei Mitzvah of Caroline Fernandez and Justin Siegel
Friday, May 30	7:30 PM	Board Installation
		Oneg Shabbat hosts: the Ratowsky/Babayeva families
Saturday, May 31	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Danielle Ratowsky
Tuesday, June 3	7:00 PM	Confirmation/Erev Shavuot Service
Wednesday, June 4	10:00 AM	Shavuot/Yizkor Service
Friday, June 6	6:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
	7:00 PM	Congregational Dinner following services by RSVP
		Oneg Shabbat hosts: the Messinger family
Saturday, June 7	9:30 AM	Tot Shabbat
	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Victoria Messinger
Friday, June 13	7:30 PM	Brotherhood Shabbat (outdoors, weather permitting)
		Prospective Member BBQ at 6 PM before services
		Family Service - June and July birthdays will be celebrated.
		Oneg Shabbat hosts: the Gillman and Levine families
Saturday, June 14	10:00 AM	B'nei Mitzvah of Adam Gillman and Noah Levine
Friday, June 20	7:30 PM	Michelle Mitzvah Service
		Oneg Shabbat hosts: the Lamster family
Saturday, June 21	10:00 AM	B'nei Mitzvah of Jessica and Joshua Lamster
Friday, June 27	7:30 PM	Oneg Shabbat hosts: the Gentile and Kahn families
Saturday, June 28	10:00 AM	B'nei Mitzvah of Cole Gentile and Logan Kahn

*Please note
the early
start times.*



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President's Message

from Jen Cole

Somewhere in the middle of my pregnancy with Emily, our eldest son came sauntering in to our bedroom with his familiar unapologetic smirk and declared, "Hey, I just figured out that in 2014 you will have one child graduating from high school, one child graduating from middle school, one child graduating from elementary school, and the baby will still be in the 2's class at nursery school!" Although the prospect of the scenario he described was accurate, albeit slightly unnerving, at the time it seemed like a lifetime away, so it was easy to put out of our minds... Funny how time flies! Indeed, it is a season of change for the Cole family. No longer a distant vision we can laugh away, the reality has set in and in many ways Matt and I are bittersweetly counting down the days until these graduations come to fruition and Aidan is off to college (as I suspect are his brothers, although if you asked them they would say it was merely a countdown to taking over his bedroom and thus gaining distance from each other).

In many ways it is also a time of counting and changing for our synagogue. We have been blessed to have Adena Blum with us, but before long we will wish her mazal tov as she becomes ordained and officially begins her rabbinate this summer. We will then welcome our newly hired assistant rabbi, Daniel Kirzane, to BHSS in July. I have so enjoyed getting to know and learning from Strabbi (our Kadimah student's nickname for our series of student rabbis) Adena Blum, and I look forward to doing the same with Daniel Kirzane. I hope you will all join me, as he has much to offer our community. Daniel will of course be with our congregation for the one year period during which Rabbi Mosbacher devotes more of his time and energies with Industrial Areas Foundation and their promising initiatives toward the prevention of gun violence. The need for these

efforts was yet again underscored with the news of the shootings in Overland Park, Kansas. Our hearts go out to that community as we not only pray, but support Rabbi Mosbacher and all those who are taking action so that we can cease counting these senseless acts of violence and the deaths associated with them.

The Jewish people will also soon be counting. As I type these words my Seder table is set and the charoset, matzoh balls, brisket and gefilte fish are made and safely tucked away in the fridge and ready to go for our family seder (and as of 8pm Aidan was successful in tracking down what was apparently the last jar of red horseradish in Bergen county – one of the many things I will miss about Aidan is his expert errand-running!). For the second night of Passover we look forward to celebrating with our extended family at BHSS. It is on this night that Jews everywhere will begin the tradition of counting the *omer*, the days between Passover and Shavuot, the period between the Exodus and the giving and receiving of the Torah. Considered a reminder that our redemption from slavery was incomplete until we received Torah, it is a period of self-reflection, spiritual renewal and growth. Sounds like my kind of tradition... and it sure beats counting inches of snow!

May we all remain mindful enough this season to make each and every day count...

—Jennifer Cole, President

From the Rabbi's Study

"If not now, when?"



As I write, the Passover cooking has begun in earnest. We've had the first real spring day after a long, cold, snowy winter. Elyssa and the boys have been intensely cleaning the house. And the windows are open.

It's Nisan -- appropriately the first month of the Hebrew year. We're about to celebrate our freedom from Egyptian bondage once again, and by the time this bulletin arrives in your mailbox, we will be in the third week of the counting of the *omer*.

"You lost me at omer, Rabbi," you might be thinking.

Yes, the *omer*.

The *omer* ("sheaf of wheat") was a harvest-offering brought in Temple times on the second day of Passover. There is a further command that, from the day when the *omer* was brought, seven weeks were to be counted, and on the 50th day a festival was to be celebrated. This festival was later called *Shavuot*, "the Feast of Weeks" (because it falls on the day after the seven weeks have been counted). In our congregation, we celebrate the Confirmation of our students who have continued in religious school through 10th grade on this holiday, which falls this year on the evening of Tuesday, June 3.

In the Rabbinic tradition, all this was understood to mean that, even after the destruction of the Temple, each individual should actually count these days, by saying each day, "This is the X day of the *omer*." Among the many interpretations given to counting the *omer* is that *Shavuot* celebrates the giving of the Torah, while Passover celebrates the Exodus from Egypt. The free person, as s/he reminds her/himself of the bondage in Egypt, counts each day towards the even greater freedom enjoyed by those who live by the Torah.

There are other beautiful traditions of self-reflection that have been connected to the counting of the *omer*.

The Kabbalists, the mystics of Jewish tradition, saw the *omer* period as a preparation for receiving the Torah on Mt. Sinai. Each day we must take one more step away from the

impurities of Egypt that have remained within us. Today, counting the *omer* can be a time of meditation where we can renew our spirits as we prepare for *Shavuot*. According to the mystics, each week of the seven is represented by a mystical aspect of the divine to focus on. And each day of the 49 is a combination of two aspects.

These are the numbers and traits the mystics teach us to count each day:

1. *Chesed*: overflowing loving-kindness
2. *G'vurah*: judgment, justice, rigor
3. *Tiferet*: compassion, beauty, balance
4. *Netzach*: victory, efficiency, prevailing
5. *Hod*: glory, splendor
6. *Y'sod*: foundation, intimacy, generativity
7. *Malchut*: majesty, God's earthly realm

The idea of marking the *omer* in this way is that, on the first day of the counting, we would think about and work on the intersection of *chesed* within *chesed* (the purest love within yourself). Day two: *g'vurah* within *chesed* (the anger within our love). And so forth.

On the second week, focus on *g'vurah*. Day Eight focus on *chesed* within *g'vurah* (the love inside judgement). And so on...

Some Jews I know believe they need to go to eastern religions to find deep meditative practice, but the mystical practice of counting the *omer* in this way can be a powerful meditative practice in its own right. There are great *omer* counters on the web which can help remind you about the combination of traits you are meant to focus on each day.

As the days grow longer and warmer, why not begin each day of the *omer* looking ahead? Why not count up the days of freedom? Count the days until we receive Torah again. Count the ways in which our internal spiritual lives can grow and change if we put our minds to them.

Make these days count.

—Rabbi Joel Mosbacher

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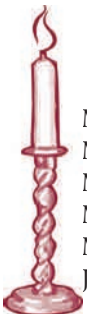
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Candlelighting times:

May 2 – 7:34 pm <i>Emor</i>	June 13 – 8:10 pm <i>Sh'lach L'cha</i>	July 25 – 8:01 pm <i>Ma'asei</i>
May 9 – 7:42 pm <i>B'har</i>	June 20 – 8:12 pm <i>Korach</i>	August 1 – 7:54 pm <i>D'varim</i>
May 16 – 7:49 pm <i>B'chukotai</i>	June 27 – 8:13 pm <i>Chukat</i>	August 8 – 7:46 pm <i>Va'etchan</i>
May 23 – 7:55 pm <i>B'midbar</i>	July 4 – 8:13 pm <i>Balak</i>	August 15 – 7:37 pm <i>Eikev</i>
May 30 – 8:01 pm <i>Nasso</i>	July 11 – 8:10 pm <i>Pinchas</i>	August 22 – 7:27 pm <i>Re'eh</i>
June 6 – 8:06 pm <i>B'ha-a lot'cha</i>	July 18 – 8:07 pm <i>Matot</i>	August 29 – 7:16 pm <i>Shof'tim</i>





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Cantor's Corner



Summer plans are under way here at BHSS, after what has been a wonderfully rewarding and challenging year. But the chance to take the time to rest, and cleanse, and be distracted is a blessing not to be toyed with. Work hard and play hard.

Although my work here at the synagogue is not physically strenuous, the energy expended to sing, create, teach and inspire, and to care for our brothers and sisters is significant. Having said that, we have a number of folks and groups and committees dedicated to caring for our sacred family.

On the front lines are our caring committee and our clergy, and our awesome office staff as well. The visits, the listening, the time with those in pain -- this is holy time, this is sacred sharing. To simply be with that person, or that family, it's a time to be ever-present. The efforts to care for those in need also comes in the form of feeding the hungry in our midst. We have been fortunate this year to be doubling the size of our sacred garden in order to feed more folks. The work actually got under way this week in early April.

We have also had musical visits with choir members and other members of BHSS to hospitals and aging communities. These visits bring joy and warmth, as well as memories. Memories of an earlier time, of a healthier time. Sometimes while on a pastoral visit, music is the only way to break the silence. To be able to access the spirit of another is an awesome gift and an incredible responsibility.

Looking back on this year, we have had some wonderful musical inspirations. Coffeehouse Cantors, Yom Ha'Atzmaut with 5 congregations and their choirs, wow, what a holy sound. We've been blessed to have Student Rabbi Adena Blum on the bimah with us, adding her beautiful harmonies to ours. Both our adult and junior choirs have worked so very hard as well to help us reach heights of prayer and spirit, and I am so grateful for all the time and dedication. A great thank you also goes out to our religious school music specialist, Jane Koch, who every week is in the sanctuary teaching our children the songs of our faith. The sacred sounds flowing out of those sessions is truly uplifting.

As our beloved Rabbi Mosbacher reminds us, be grateful, say thank you to those who do. There are many in our midst who do, and have no need to be thanked. But we do thank them, for without them this sacred community would not work as well as it does. And it does work well.

But like all institutions, it takes a bunch of hours and hard work to make it happen. There is also the idea that we must continue to push forward and innovate, and create new ways for us to learn, to pray and to sing to God, our Creator and Ruler.

I wish everyone a summer of fun, reflection, family and friends.

L'Shalom,
Cantor Perper



From the Educator's Office

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

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

Terry Sitomer	Rebecca Silver
Karen Silverman	Ethan Coyne
Shelley Jaffe	Rachel Teichman
Jane Koch	Cydney Coyne
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Sharon Halper	Phoebe Lachenauer
Ben Kern	Jamie Ratowsky

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

**On Friday night, May 9, we have our
Grandparents' Shabbat and
Teacher Appreciation Shabbat.**

I hope to see you there!

—Rebecca Bernstein McVeigh, Educator



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Avery Buchbaum
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Charlie Reissman
Carleigh Schlissel
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Ashley Trattner
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Tai Weiss*

May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					6 PM Youth Group Service 7 PM Dinner by RSVP	EMOR 8:15 am Torah Study 9:30 am Tot Shabbat 10 am Alison Caren
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9 am School FS & 6 11:45 am Jr Choir 12:30 pm Book & Bagel	4 pm School K-3 5 pm Group Class 6:45 pm Kadimah 7:30 pm Yom Ha'Atzmaut/ Yom HaZikaron	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7 pm Mah Jongg	8 pm Adult Choir		6 pm K,1,2,3 Dinner 7:30 pm Grandparent Svce Teacher App. Svce	B'HAR 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Kendall Shivan Marc Wolf
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9 am School FS & 6 12 - 3 pm Congregational Picnic	4 pm School K-3 5 pm Group Class 6:45 pm Kadimah 7:30 pm Kadimah Graduation	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Congregational Mtg followed by Board Mtg	8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot	B'MIDBAR 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Caroline Fernandez Justin Siegel
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	OFFICE CLOSED	6:30 pm Group Class 7:00 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Music Comm	8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Installation Service	B'MIDBAR 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Danielle Ratowsky

June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7 pm Ritual Comm	5 pm Group Class	7 pm Erev Shavuot Confirmation	OFFICE CLOSED 10 am Festival Yizkor 7:10 pm Jr Choir 8 pm Adult Choir		6 PM Tefilot 7 PM Dinner by RSVP	B'HA-A LOT'CHA 8:15 am Torah Study 9:30 am Tot Shabbat 10 am Victoria Messinger
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7 pm Coffeehouse Cantors	5 pm Group Class 7 pm Mah Jongg	6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Executive Comm	7:30 pm Ritual Comm 8 pm Adult Choir		6 pm BBQ 7 pm Jr Choir 7:30 pm Brotherhood Shabbat	SH'LACH L'CHA 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Adam Gillman Noah Levine
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	5 pm Group Class	6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Board Mtg	8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Michelle Mitzvah Svce	KORACH 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Jessica Lamster Joshua Lamster
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	7 pm Mah Jongg	7:30 pm Music Comm	8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot	CHUKAT 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Cole Gentile Logan Kahn
29	30					

July and August Services:

July and August
Shabbat Evening Services
will begin at 7:30 PM
EXCEPT

Friday, July 4 & August 1 - 6:00 PM

Youth Programming



Shalom!

As our year draws rapidly to a close, the fun and excitement has not stopped. March was our annual Purim Carnival where we collected 150 bags of food for CFA. Thank you to all who donated. We also had 15 youth groupers in grades 7-12 who helped run this annual event. We followed up the success of this event with our annual Pancake Breakfast, which raised over \$300.00 for Team Ethan! The teens always love this event, where we get to donate to a cause we care about... and literally serve our congregation, giving back for all the ways in which you all give to us! The 5th-12th graders opened up the month of April with a bowling party at Lucky Strike. We welcome our 5th graders into our youth group, Da Bears, and welcomed our 8th graders into BHSSTY. With 23 of us there, it was quite a fun night!

May promises to be just as fulfilling and fun. Please join us on **Friday, May 2** at 6 p.m. for our annual **Spring Creative Service**. Then we will wrap up our year with an end of the year bash at Dave & Busters at The Palisades Mall on Saturday, May 10 from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. for 5th - 7th graders. Then again from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for our 8th-12th graders. During the 8th-12th grade event, we will also be having our teen board elections. If you are interested in running for a position in our youth group, please check out this link:

www.bethhaverim.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Elections-2014-2015.pdf

I'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our outgoing BHSSTY board members: Samantha Spencer, Samantha Lamster, Jamie Ratowski, Kara Checke, Ethan Coyne, Zachary Scholl, Jacob Jaffe. They have worked very hard this year to bring excitement, social justice, and Jewish

youth grouping to our congregation. Thank you everyone!

In the NFTY-GER activity world, *Hagigah* was held the end of February. This is the arts *kallah*. It is always amazing to see the artistic skills of our teens. NFTY also held its elections in April, and is looking forward to its new teen board leading us into the coming year. Spring *Kallah*, held the end of April, is always beautiful. We say good-bye (for now) to our graduating seniors. But we also look forward to a new year ahead, when our incoming 8th graders will join us as 9th graders.

Coming in May is **NFTY-GER 7th-8th grade kallah** at KUTZ Camp in Warwick, NY, on **May 16-18, 2014**. Please check out nfty.org/ger to get more information and register.

Can't wait to see you all at our upcoming events. Please make sure to take a look at the temple website in July, when we will post all of our 2014-2015 events for DaBears (grades 6-8) and BHSSTY (grades 9-12.) If you are interested in youth opportunities for grades 3-5, please speak with either me, Rebecca McVeigh, or our youth committee.

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 at bethhaverim.org/youth-groups/, or contact me directly, at (845) 629-8069 or stacey_a_butler@yahoo.com.

See you soon!
Stacey Butler
Director of Informal Youth Programming



Sunday, May 18
from 12 to 3

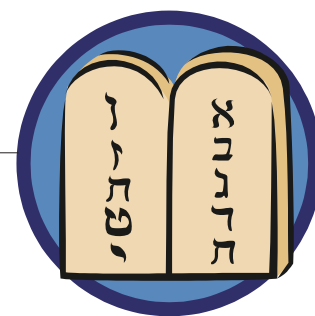
Family Barbecue and Fun Day
Bring a Chair!

**Games, Food,
Surprises for All**

**\$5 per person /max \$20 per family,
RSVP to temple office by May 12**

**Rain date:
June 1**

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



Alison Caren - May 3, 2014

Lives in Montebello, New York. Mother, Erika, Father, Neil, Sister, Chloe, 10 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include fashion and volleyball. "I would like to be an interior designer someday. I am excited to carry on this tradition and to share it with my family and friends."



Abby Siegel - May 17, 2014

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Amy, Father, Jaime, Sister, Morgan, 18 is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School Her interests include throwing, horseback riding, singing, and drumming. "I would like to become a veterinarian. I am excited and nervous about my Bat Mitzvah."



Kendall Shirvan - May 10, 2014

Lives in Allendale, New Jersey. Mother, Dawn, Father, Jess, Sister, Harlee, 14, Brother, Cooper, 8 is a 7th grader at Brookside Middle School Her interests include art, music, volleyball, and writing. "I would like to graduate high school towards the top of my class. I feel like I'm walking towards the clouds because I am so happy!"



Caroline Fernandez - May 24, 2014

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Gail, Father, Eric, Brothers, Alex, 17, and Mikey, 15 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include travel, playing violin, and hanging out with friends. "I would like to travel to every continent. I can't wait to see my family that I haven't seen in a long time."

Marc Wolf - May 10, 2014



Lucas Krieger - May 17, 2014

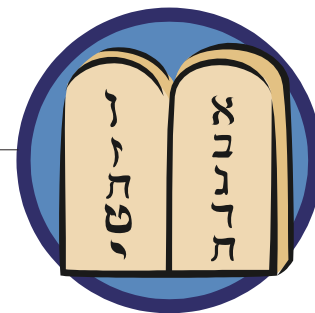
Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Bonnie, Father, Jonathan, Brother, Matthew, 15, Sister, Jolie, 7 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include basketball, skiing, and hanging out with friends. "I want to study hard, get good grades, and be successful in the future. I am so excited to be a Bar Mitzvah and celebrate with my family and friends."



Justin Siegel - May 24, 2014

Lives in Ramsey, New Jersey. Mother, Stacey, Father, Todd, Sister, Carly, 16 is a 7th grader at Smith School His interests include baseball, basketball, soccer, and ping pong. "I would like to be a professional baseball player or a physician for an MLB team. I'm very excited to share this important occasion with my family and friends."

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



Danielle Ratowsky - May 31, 2014

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Dora, Sister, Jamie, 16 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School Her interests include softball and listening to music. "I would like to be a sign language interpreter when I grow up. I am very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and I can't wait to celebrate this day with my family and friends."



Noah Levine - June 14, 2014

Lives in Allendale, New Jersey. Mother, Daniela, Father, Ken, Sister, Isabella, 9, Brother, Ethan, 6 is a 7th grader at Brookside Middle School His interests include sports, shoes, and video games. "I would like to be in the NBA when I grow up. I'm looking forward to my Bar Mitzvah and I'm excited."



Victoria Messinger - June 7, 2014

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Carlene, Father, Michael, Sisters, Rebecca, 18, & Julia, 16 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include marine biology, swimming, running, kayaking, and spending time with family and friends. "I would like to become a teacher. I am excited for my Bat Mitzvah day! I have been looking forward to this day for 6 years since my older sister Rebecca became Bat Mitzvah. I believe it's a great accomplishment and I know that my family is very proud of me!"



Jessica Lamster - June 21, 2014

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Lisa, Father, Noel z"l, Sister, Samantha, 15, Brother, Joshua, 13 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include going to the beach, hanging out with friends, and playing sports. "I am so happy and excited to share this special day with my twin brother Joshua."



Adam Gillman - June 14, 2014

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Tracy, Father, Ron, Sister, Ally, 15 is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School His interests include football, basketball, and lacrosse. "Becoming a Bar Mitzvah is a very meaningful experience to me. I have worked very hard for this day and am excited to celebrate with my family and friends."



Joshua Lamster - June 21, 2014

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Lisa, Father, Noel z"l, Sisters, Samantha, 15, and Jessica, 13 is a 7th grader at PG Chambers School His interests include electronics, spending time with family, and going to the beach. "I am so happy and excited to share this special day with my twin sister Jessica. I am so proud of myself for working so hard for this special day."

Brotherhood 2.0

Hello once again! Brotherhood 2.0 is everywhere. What does that mean exactly? Well, let's be honest. We aren't perfect. Not all of our events were on the dates we planned, and yet some others hadn't happened. We do, however, have good reasons. Brotherhood has been working with the Caring Committee to provide personal medical transportation for our own BHSS family members. We helped provide transportation as well as personal services for families who have suffered losses. We made it known that Brotherhood 2.0 is available to help families and people in need, and the best place to start is in our own community.

So, did we do anything fun? Sure! After one of the most raucous Purims ever – head shaving and Beatles fun – Brotherhood sold a ton of food and youth-made *hamentashen* at one of the best attended Purim carnivals ever! Thank you to all those who came, had fun, enjoyed and supported the youth by spending money at our table and at the carnival.

For several years, the Brotherhood wanted to do a (good) Passover wine sale. Each year, the idea never came to fruition...until this year! First year ever, we launched the annual Passover wine sale, and we did get a great response! We also put together our first ever Passover wine tasting, after Family School. This was a great idea. What better way is there to celebrate the end of a day of Family School than with a sip of wine? Pretty cool, right? This wine tasting was followed by the Men's Seder, which did have some new faces, and is proving to be yet another fun annual tradition.

Another first is a family bike ride around Rockland Lake. At the time of this writing, it hasn't happened yet, but let's be honest...who doesn't like a bike ride? This was such a good idea, we are going to offer another one in May! Please keep an eye out for Brotherhood 2.0 in upcoming months. We are tending the garden with the youth group, we have some really great fun events upcoming, and we are looking for new blood, new friends to join us, and more combined events, and unity between all groups at BHSS.

Come check us out. We are Brotherhood 2.0!

May events:

Sunday, May 4, 2014 – Road Trip to Brooklyn – Jore-El/Jo-El Exhibit – Art of Joel Silverstein

Thursday, May 15, 2014 – Dinner at Bobby Q's in Suffern (Sorry, vegetarians!) – Food is really good!

Sunday, May 18, 2014 – How about another bike ride? This time, New Jersey – TBD

June events:

Friday, June 13, 2014 – Brotherhood 2.0 Rock and Roll Shabbat! Food, fun, music, and Shabbat!

Saturday, June 14, 2014 – Havdalah at the Rockland Boulders! \$26 per person paid in advance will secure your tickets to this special night – baseball at the Rockland Boulders, 7:00 game. Food and soft drinks will be provided for the ticket price, and there will be fireworks!

Sunday, June 22, 2014 – Come join the Brotherhood and the Youth Group as we tend the garden together! Bring your gardening tools, gloves, and prepare to get dirty!

--Jonathan A. Theodore, President, Brotherhood 2.0

To Our Friends at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom,
from Lisa Lamster:

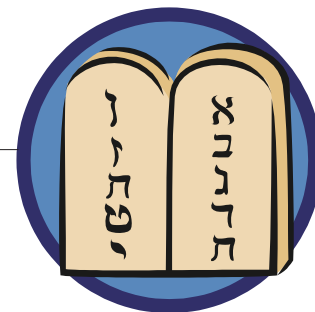
I would like to express my thanks to this terrific community for the amazing and incredible support that my family and I have received from so many of you.

Our clergy, Sisterhood, Michelle Mitzvah, Caring, Ritual and Music committees and temple members have been there for all of us. It was such a tragedy to lose Noel at such a young age. I am truly touched by the phone calls, the cards, the meals and everyone's concern for our family.

My family and friends who don't belong to BHSS were so touched by all of the support and warmth of everyone that was at my home.

Please know how much we appreciate everything at this most difficult time in our lives. So, on behalf of the entire Lamster family, we say thank you!

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



Cole Gentile - June 28, 2014

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Paula, Father, Mark, Sister, Rachel, 17 is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include sports, baseball, and football. "I am looking forward to having a fun day."



Logan Kahn - June 28, 2014

Lives in Washington Township, New Jersey. Mother, Lisa, Father, Brian, Brother, Dylan, 17 is a 7th grader at Westwood Regional Middle School His interests include computers, art, and aliens. "I feel proud and this will be the best day of my life!"

Good & Welfare *from & for the congregation*

Mazal Tov

to **Rich and Bonnie Berens** on the birth of their grandson, Isaac Hudson Berens
to **Sheila and Larry Groskin** on the birth of their granddaughter, Lola Jane Groskin
to Rabbinic Intern **Adena Blum**, on her ordination and her new rabbinic position at
Congregation Beth Chaim in Princeton Junction, NJ
to **Daniel Kirzane** and his wife **Jessica** on the birth of their son, Jeremiah
to **Daniel Kirzane** on his ordination and new rabbinic position as Assistant Rabbi at BHSS beginning in July
to our **Confirmants** - Alex Anesetti, Jase Barrack, Kara Checke, Carly Eisen, Jacob Jaffe, Ari Lachenauer, Phoebe Lachenauer,
Ari Mosbacher, Anna Muni, Jamie Ratowsky, and Nolan Stern
to our **Kadimah graduates** - Dan Barrack, Aidan Cole, Peter Falkow, Matthew Gampel, Sylvanna Gross, and Mara Senchak
to all of our **BHSS high school and college graduates!**

Condolences

to **Dorie Cohen** on the death of her grandmother, Edith Grossman
to **Roy Wandelmaier** on the death of his father, Werner Wandelmaier
to **Jacob Pousty** on the death of his father, Shlomo Pousty
to **Felicia Bechtel**, on the death of her mother, Arleen Beech
to **Steven Hoffman**, on the death of his aunt, Joy Katz
to **Helene Collins**, on the death of her uncle, Daniel Roher
to **Gary Buchalter** on the death of his father, Myron Buchalter
to **Suzanne Mindich and Meredith Schwartz** on the death of
their stepfather, Robert Rosenberg

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

Michael Wiesner
Barbara Lacher
Nita Klaskow
Jodi Lyons

Shalom! My name is **Daniel Kirzane**, and I'm thrilled to be serving as Beth Haverim Shir Shalom's assistant rabbi for 5775 (2014-15). I'm very much looking forward to getting to know this community better and to serving as your rabbi for the upcoming year.

Originally from Roanoke, Virginia, I graduated from the University of Virginia in 2007 with majors in Religious Studies and Jewish Studies. I already knew I wanted to be a rabbi, though I deferred my dream for a year to commit myself to national service with the AmeriCorps program City Year: Washington, D.C. As a City Year corps member, I taught a CDC-approved HIV prevention curriculum in public junior high and high schools and coordinated other large-scale volunteer projects. This year taught me incredibly important lessons about civic engagement and volunteerism.

As a rabbinical student, I have been blessed to encounter a rich variety of Jewish communities and professional experiences. I have worked as a rabbi of a small congregation, as a congregational educator, as a student chaplain, as an editorial assistant at a Jewish press, and a Hillel staff member.



I coordinated my seminary's soup kitchen and have worked with an anti-human trafficking organization; social justice is incredibly important to me. As well, I've also had the privilege to work with high school students in a variety of settings, and I'm eager to get to know the BHSS teens over the coming months. I am deeply grateful that my years at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion have given me helpful tools to begin my rabbinate, and I'm eager to get started working full time with

this community.

On a personal note, I love theater (acting, viewing, reading, and discussing), and I'm an avid game-player. My wife Jessica is a Ph.D. candidate in Yiddish Studies at Columbia University, and we're the proud parents of Jeremiah, only a few weeks old. We currently live in Riverdale in the Bronx (which is closer to Mahwah than to HUC!), and we're very excited to become active members of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom.

Thank you for welcoming me and my family into this congregation.

Sisterhood News

Spring has finally sprung! As the snow melted (who'd have thought it would take this long?) and green peeped out from underneath, everyone emerged from their winter cocoons, and we're all getting back into the swing of things. No exceptions here at Sisterhood.

What a delight it was to welcome our president, Jodi Lyons, back to worship with us at Sisterhood Shabbat. The always moving service had special meaning for all of us. How wonderful to hear Jodi inspiring the congregation with her presence and her voice!

Did you have the chance to be part of the Miriam Seder? Our rabbinic intern, Adena Blum, led us through an evening of traditions, old and new; song; humor; delicious food and friendship. A little bit of "her-story" for all our members. Be sure to join us every year when we come together as mothers, daughters, sisters and friends to celebrate the role of women in our story of freedom.

Sisterhood's thanks go out to Bonnie Caul for the terrific and well-attended mezuzah-making workshop on April 27. We can't wait to see the finished products come back from firing, and to enhance the beauty of our homes and special places with our new *mezuzot*!

As the year winds its way down, Sisterhood's not finished yet. Our social outreach work goes year-round. Contact us and follow the weekly email blasts for more information about upcoming events.

We are finalizing our slate of officers for next year, and we'll be announcing the new Board soon. Our annual installation dinner will be in June. Details are still being finalized, so watch your emails for more information.

Do you have great ideas for Sisterhood? We need you! Be a part of this very special group. Join us at an event—you'll be glad you did.

Michelle Mitzvah Group

As this cold relentless winter blast leaves us, our Michelle Mitzvah group will be sowing seeds of warmth and *tikkun olam* throughout the remainder of our calendar year.

It's been an amazingly active year thus far for BHSS as the spirit of inter-committee cooperation has grown stronger and stronger. Perhaps nothing epitomizes this more than the recent Purim weekend. Every event drew wonderful crowds. The happy, loud and joyful spiel stands out for so many wonderful reasons... foremost being the music, staging and *megillah* readers, with participants cutting across every committee and group within our temple. And lest we forget the importance of Social Action, there was the unforgettable image of our rabbi giving up his hair for a cause near and dear to his heart.

While the annual Purim Carnival was a further example of the power of cooperative effort, the Youth Group deserves kudos for lifting this event to the status of importance it has earned on our temple calendar. The line of people waiting to get in with their admission-bags full of food for the Center for Food Action was heartwarming. We collected 110 bags of food... a 30% increase over last year. We hope Purim falls in warmer weather next year as the building may not be able to handle the crowd!

On Friday, March 21, a "Lunch with Love" sponsored by BHSS's Sisterhood was held at Oasis, a Paterson organization dedicated to "changing lives one woman and child at a time." It was so heartwarming to serve a healthy tilapia and vegetable lunch prepared by Jane, Oasis' hard-working chef-in-residence, and to see the appreciative faces of those in attendance. The Michelle Mitzvah group also donated funds toward the annual Easter Basket drive held by Oasis, and BHSS is currently collecting new and lightly worn spring and summer children's clothing, 18 months to size 8, for the Oasis community. Capping off our relationship with this wonderful organization, Sister Gloria Perez, the director of Oasis, will be the guest speaker at the Michelle Mitzvah Shabbat service on Friday, June 20. That's something you won't want to miss because when she and rabbi get together, the sparks and the laughs fly! She will bring with her a young lady who will soon be applying to college and speaks eloquently about the impact Oasis has had on the lives of her and her mother. We promise this will be a moving experience.

We will soon be awarding our annual scholarship to a Children's Aid and Family Services student and are looking

for ways to expand our many ties with this organization. Some of the foster kids in their care have been working in our BHSS garden, and we are looking for other opportunities for them to be involved with our Youth Groups.

Inspired by the awesome success of Jessica Lamster's mitzvah project collecting Play-Doh for the pediatric cancer patients at Tomorrow's Children of Hackensack Hospital, we will also be collecting Cartoon Band-Aids through August. Bins for these collections are in the synagogue hallway leading to the school entrance. We plan to greatly expand our relationship with this well-known hospital in the coming year.

We also will be continuing our longstanding program of visiting children's hospitals and are currently looking into scheduling our annual visit to Children's Specialized Hospital on a Sunday in June. As soon as the date is confirmed, we will announce it in the weekly temple email. Cantor Perper will again lead us in song as we bring smiles to the children and staff. It also provides feelings of satisfaction to all those from BHSS who participate, so please consider joining us... It's a moving experience.

Which leads us to a very important part of this report. Michelle Mitzvah Group will be meeting at BHSS at 7:30 pm on **Tuesday, May 6**. The primary focus of this meeting will be the creation of small sub-committees to foster greater outreach with the organizations mentioned above, as well as with others such as the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey. We also plan to form committees to search out other needy organizations in our community and to generally expand our Social Action efforts. To do this, we will need volunteers to offer their time and their individual skills and ideas. Quite a few people sent in completed forms with their dues last year indicating an interest in working with us. Several have attended our meetings on a regular basis. This is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of an exciting time of expansion. Please come to this meeting and learn how you can be a part of our future.

Also, please remember to mark **June 20** on your calendar and plan to attend our annual Michelle Mitzvah Shabbat Service.

Ken Goldstein, President kfgold@optonline.net
Lisa Glick, Communications, elspan@aol.com

Contributions

Life Fund

to the Lamster family,
in memory of Noel Lamster

- Joan & Peter Hoffman
- Eileen Stein
- Elaine & David Weener
- Meri & Marty Gurian
- Leatrice & Stanley Bell
- Phyllis & Jerry Brown
- Phyllis Weiss & Karen Abrams
- Ida Feuer
- Linda & Michael Schneider
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- Roberta & Alex Metzger
- Arleen & Len Kratz
- Garo & Tina Artinian
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- Toby & Robin Bartosh
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- Susan & Terry Weingarden
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- Diane Tohn
- Donna Austin
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- Sherry & Harvey Shaw
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- Eva & Jerry Brisman
- Judy & Phill Meshberg
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- Renee, Len, Matthew, Jason, Allie Meshberg
- Arleen Wayte
- Ellen & Fred Greenberg
- Irene & Arthur Taylor
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- Barbara & Alan Mollot
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- Candy & Michael Kassover
- Marlene & Sheldon Schneider
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- Lisa & Kenny Glick
- the Waxenbaum family
- Arlene & Rich Mandel
- Babette & Norman Kornbluth
- Carol Kaplan
- Fran & Irwin Isman
- Anna Fischer
- M.J. & Ira Sherman

to the Lamster family,
in memory of Noel Lamster

- Mimi & Larry Levine
- the Konikow family
- Whitney Speer & Nat Stern
- Fran & Jeff Rowbottom
- Louise, Brian, Jordan & Leah Schwartz
- Sandy & Richard DeRosa
- Ellen Fluhr
- Ira & Gail Lamster
- the Library Committee of BHSS
- Lorriane Rogove
- Beverly & Harlan York
- Barbara & Phil Moss
- Nita & Eddie Klaskow
- Sheri & Alan Schott
- Lisa & Steve Landis
- Robby & Eddie Saiff

in memory of Joy Pollack

- Michelle & Gary Bettman

to the Nimerofsky family, in honor of Andrew
becoming a Bar Mitzvah

- the Library Committee of BHSS
- Marilyn & Ira Bernstein

to Bob Meyers, in honor of his 80th Birthday

- David Brammwit

to Candy Kassover and family,
in memory of her mother, Shirley Marks

- Lisa Lamster & Family
- Meri & Marty Gurian
- Lynn & Michael Zall
- Lisa & Kenny Glick
- Arlene & Rich Mandel
- the Starr & Mindich families
- Robby & Eddie Saiff

to the Caring Committee of BHSS, for all you do and have
done for our family!

- the Lamster Family

in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Joseph Schwartz

- David Schwartz

in commemoration of the yahrzeits of Betty Schott and Juan
Hans Lowenstein

- Sheri & Alan Schott

Contributions

in commemoration of the yahrzeits of
Gerald Klein and Sylvia Mandel - *Arlene & Rich Mandel*

to Scott Kaplan, in memory of Rose Schwartz
- *Jodi Anton & family*

in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Jack Lazar
- *Sandy & Newt Parks*

to the Ioreo family, in memory of your sister and
stepmother - *Ethel Rosen & Stu Kirshner*

to Mrs. Blanche Levine and Mrs. Elizabeth Horowitz,
in memory of Margaret Ann Tagliarino
- *Joyce & Herb Barrack*

in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Jack Schulman's father
- *Jack Schulman & family*

in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Harold Senzel
- *Sue-Ellen & Ron Johnson*

in commemoration of the yahrzeits of our dear mothers
Rose Rubin and Charlotte Dorfman, and Cousin Frieda
Cohen - *Judy & Joel Dorfman*

in honor of the birth of our granddaughter, Lola Jane
- *Sheila & Larry Groskin*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

to Sheila and Larry Groskin, in honor of your new
granddaughter Lola Jane - *Lynn & Michael Zall*

in memory of Noel Lamster, with thanks for your support
and kindness during a most difficult time.
- *the Lamster family*

in honor of the B'nei Mitzvah of Joshua and Jessica Lamster
- *Lisa Lamster*

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Bailey Strauss, with thanks
for your help! - *the Strauss family*

to Candy Kassover, in memory of her mother Shirley Marks
- *Nancy & Al Levene*
- *Sheryl Thailer*

to Stephen & Jennifer Ashkinos, in honor of the Bat
Mitzvah of Jaime Ashkinos - *Mel & Beryl Lamster*

in memory of our Mother Shirley Marks, with thanks for
your support & kindness during a difficult time.
- *Candy Kassover, Steve & Michael Marks*

to Lisa Lamster & Family, In memory of Noel Lamster
- *Sheila & Larry Groskin*
- *Janet & Charles Meyer*
- *Gail & Al Schlosser*

to Beryl & Mel Lamster, In memory of Noel Lamster
- *Janet & Charles Meyer*

Educator's Discretionary Fund

in honor of the B'nei Mitzvah of Joshua & Jessica Lamster
- *Lisa Lamster & family*

to Barbara Stein, well wishes to you - *Irma & Joel Becker*

to Candy Kassover, in memory of your mother
Shirley Marks - *Irma & Joel Becker*

to Lisa Lamster and family, in memory of Noel Lamster
- *Irma & Joel Becker*

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

to Candy Kassover and family, in memory of your mother
Shirley Marks - *the BHSS Adult Choir*

in memory of Noel Lamster, with thanks for your kindness
during a most difficult time - *Lisa Lamster and family*

in honor of the B'nei Mitzvah of Joshua and Jessica Lamster
- *Lisa Lamster*

thank you for your dedication and spiritual leadership of
BHSS - it is special because of you! - *Leslie Sapienza*

Contributions

with thanks and in honor of Bailey Strauss becoming
a Bat Mitzvah - *the Strauss family*

to Lisa Lamster and family, in memory of Noel Lamster
- *Nancy & Al Levene*

in memory of our mother Shirley Marks, with thanks for
your support & kindness during a difficult time
- *Candy Kassover, Steve & Michael Marks*

to Jane young, in memory of your mother-in-law
Joan Young - *Sheryl Thailer*

Brick Fund

to Candy Kassover and family, in memory of your mother
Shirley Marks - *Jane & Jan Simon*

to Lisa Lamster and family, in memory of Noel Lamster
- *Barbara & Charles Burghardt*

Barbara Weiss Scholarship Fund

to the Lamster Family, in memory of Noel Lamster
- *Marilyn Taylor*

to Candy Kassover and family, in memory of her mother
Shirley Marks - *Marilyn Taylor*

to Leslie Kirzner and family, in memory of her stepmother,
Dody Magaziner - *Marilyn Taylor*

Michelle Mitzvah Fund

in honor of Bobby Mass, with thanks
- *Marci & Harvey Weinberg*

- *Sandy & Newt Parks*

High Holy Day Appeal

Carole Goodman

Yizkor Appeal

in memory of Irv Goodman - *Carole Goodman*

Tree of Life

in honor of Barbara Weiss for her contributions to the
Sisterhood of BHSS - *Sisterhood of BHSS*

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of
Bailey Strauss, April 12, 2014 - *the Strauss family*

in honor of the B'nei Mitzvah of Joshua & Jessica Lamster,
June 21, 2014 - *the Lamster family*

Prayer Book Dedication

to Jeff, Barbara, and Andrew, in honor of Andrew becoming
a Bar Mitzvah - *Lynn & Michael Zall*

to Sheila and Larry Groskin in honor of their new
granddaughter Lola Jane - *the Library Ladies of BHSS*

to Lisa Lamster and family in memory of Noel Lamster
- *Jane & Jan Simon*
- *Lois, Marty, & Alicia Klapper*
- *Sheryl Thailer, Michael & Matthew Zavist*

Center for Food Action

donated by their families in honor of the following simchas

Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Nimerofsky
Bat Mitzvah of Abby Siegel
Bat Mitzvah of Kayla Trugman
Bat Mitzvah of Allie Goldstein

Jewish Family Services of Rockland

donated by their families in honor of the following simchas

Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Bloom
Bar Mitzvah of Eric Baum

Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge

donated by their families in honor of the following simchas

Bat Mitzvah of Bailey Strauss
Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Bechtel
Bat Mitzvah of Haley Kresch
Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Kestenbaum
Bat Mitzvah of Julia Sutermeister

From the Sifriyah

"My test of a good novel is dreading to begin the last chapter."
-- Thomas Helm

Mother's Day and our next Book and a Bagel coincide. This is perfect as this very special book, *If You Knew Suzy*, is the story of a mother and daughter, captured with humor, some pathos, and a great sensitivity by the daughter, Katherine Rosman. In addition to being an author, Katie is a *Wall Street Journal* reporter and member of BHSS.

Faced with the loss of her mother, Suzy, to cancer at age 60, Katie longs to find answers to the questions that we all wrestle with after losing someone we love. So she does what she does best -- she opens her notebook, starts investigating, and as a result, receives enriching surprises.

Date: Sunday, May 4
Time: 12:30 pm at BHSS
Delicious light lunch
Contact Lynn Zall for additional information
(lpzall@aol.com)

Copies of *If You Knew Suzy* can be found in the BHSS library, in public libraries, and at book stores. Go for it!

New recommendations:

Considered a literary treasure by her peers, author Dara Horn has captured the affection and respect of our Library Ladies. In other words, she is at the top of the list of must-read authors. Writer and critic Saul Austeritz concurs and considers her one of the best of the new breed of Jewish novelists. Horn has written four novels; her most recent is *A Guide for the Perplexed*, an intriguing adventure that connects stories from Genesis, medieval philosophy, and the digital frontier. Author Elif Batuman calls this novel a page-turning kidnapping story that is also replete with insights into Maimonides, envy, and motherhood.

A second Horn novel, *All Other Nights*, takes the reader back to the 19th century to the Civil War. A Jewish soldier in the Union Army has been ordered to New Orleans to murder his uncle, believed to be planning the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Then he is ordered to marry an enemy agent, a spy. This almost unbelievable plot is mesmerizing, and although fiction, takes the reader deep into American history.

Horn writes beautifully and is highly creative. We encourage you to seek her novels and even to research her biography. You will be surprised at what an interesting person Dara Horn is.

Notes from Music

Hello everyone!

Thank you to all who turned out for the Joshua Nelson concert on March 23, 2014. It was our first co-sponsorship with Congregation Beth Rishon of Wyckoff. We were introduced to a whole new style of music – Jewish Gospel. It was very interesting to hear liturgical music set to jazz, blues and even Caribbean rhythms.

In the spirit of learning about all facets of Jewish music, the Music Committee and Lifelong Learning will be sponsoring a klezmer concert at BHSS. Look for details in the weekly email. Refreshments will be provided. It will definitely be a fun event!

On **Monday, May 5 at 7:30 pm** we will be celebrating **Israeli**

Independence Day with a special program involving our choirs, Kadimah students and choirs from surrounding congregations. Please join us for this special day that will be open to the whole congregation.

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

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. If you're not familiar with this program, please contact Lisa Lamster with any questions. And remember gift cards are available over the summer.

From Social Action:

*Thank you to everyone who participated in the
Purim food drive
for the Center for Food Action.
We filled the truck!*

Caring Committee

The Caring Committee is continuing to do the best it can to assist our members in times of need. We are grateful to the Brotherhood who has teamed up with us to better serve our members. Brotherhood, under the direction of Jon Theodore, has stepped up to provide rides to doctors and various other destinations. We sincerely thank all those drivers who have volunteered their time.

Additionally, we have continued to provide meals, shiva assistance, pastoral visits and other much needed services to members. Rabbi Mosbacher is always there to help us by providing guidance and insight when dealing with challenging issues. We are always available to listen and/or visit, and everything is confidential.

To request services or to become a volunteer, please contact Candy Kassover at candy1951@optonline.net or Laura Miller at mlctsmiller@verizon.net.

Ritual Committee

**Oh The Times They Are A Changing...
Friday Night Service Times, That Is!**

BEGINNING in MAY 2014

Friday night service times will be:

First Friday of the Month -- 6 pm, one hour service, followed by congregational Shabbat dinner

All other Fridays -- 7:30 pm, with the second Friday still designated as the "Family Service"

To RSVP for congregational dinners, please call the office.

For a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the time change, please see the Ritual page on the BHSS website (www.bethhaverim.org).

For any other questions, contact Stacey Coyne at 845-300-3505 or Rabbi Mosbacher at the temple.

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Lifelong Learning

The “Art” of Being Jewish

This year’s theme, “The Art of Being Jewish,” has given us an inspiring year of learning, creativity and collaboration across the BHSS community. A highlight this year was the number of BHSS members who shared their knowledge and led our learning sessions, a tradition we hope to continue. As a committee, we find it gratifying to hear from the congregation that they enjoy the opportunity to explore a theme from different perspectives: it helps to get the creative juices flowing, and it unifies our congregation as a house of learning.

Lifelong Learning had a terrific early spring, spanning movies, drawing, comics, and the art of our siddur, sanctuary and Torah. In early March, Joel Silverstein brought 20 learners an incredible program on Jewish Superheroes including a drawing workshop. A huge crowd joined the Vogel family and the producers for a screening of the incredible documentary “No Place on Earth” to learn about 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 Ukraine for 511 days. This was followed by Bette Birnbaum returning for a session to educate 14 enthusiastic attendees on the “Art of Jewish Prayer.” And finally, we wrapped up our early spring programming by teaming up with Bonnie Caul and Sisterhood for an opportunity to make

glass *mezuzot*, which was a popular activity at the first BHSS Intergenerational Retreat.

As we head into the end of the year, join us for one of our final programs or take a chance and join the Lifelong Learning Committee to plan next year’s theme and programming! You can always checkout the Lifelong Learning page for more details!

Lifelong Learning Calendar

- **“Marc Chagall – Black & Whites”:** Join Irma Becker during Shabbat services on **Friday, May 16** to learn about the black and white works of this premier Jewish artist who is typically known for his stunning choices of color, and the reasons behind these choices.
- **Mah Jongg** – Join the Mah Jongg Mania (monthly on Sunday and Tuesdays)! All levels welcome. See the Lifelong Learning page on the BHSS website for dates.

Lifelong Learning Committee

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Community Garden

It is time! We are planning, recruiting, digging, and building! On Sunday, April 6, the garden expansion project began! EVERYONE is welcome to help our Eagle Scout build an expanded fence and install four new raised beds. If you are looking for some volunteer hours or just want to help, every Sunday in April, at 9 am, he will be there with his crew, and he’s promised hot coffee and donuts! Bring your shovels and gloves. If you have questions please contact Mike Lipson at: mlipson123@aol.com. Michael is accepting needed materials or financial donations for this worthy Eagle Scout project.

After the expansion, we need to fill the garden. May 18 at 12 pm is Planting Day! We will have seedlings and seeds to plant. If you would like to donate some plants, please let us know. Bring your gloves and your spades. It is always a great day.

Finally, we’ll need to tend the garden. From most of the temple committees we have recruited volunteers to take turns caring for the garden during growing season. Either Marla or Whitney will be in the garden every Sunday at 9 am, starting June 22. Everyone is encouraged to join us. We have posted a schedule for the committees, but anyone is welcome any day. No gardening experience is ever necessary -- just a desire to help grow fresh organic food for families who are struggling to appropriately feed themselves! And there is always some “community” in our garden!

See you in the garden!

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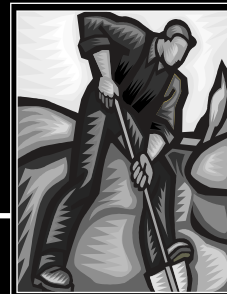
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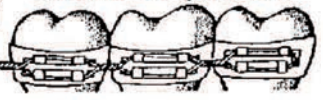
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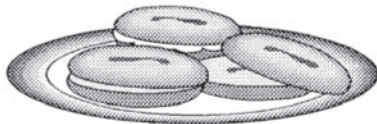
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Torah Study - Saturdays, May 3, 10, 27, 24, and 31 and June 7, 14, 21, and 28 beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Bring your tots to **Tot Shabbat** - Saturdays, May 3 and June 7 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Meet the author and discuss **If You Knew Suzy**, sponsored by the Library Committee on Sunday, May 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Join our community and choirs to commemorate **Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut** in a celebration of Israel
on Monday, May 5 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Play Mah Jongg! at BHSS on Tuesdays, May 6 and May 27, and Mondays June 9 and June 23 beginning at 7 p.m.

Come with your Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd or 3rd grader to the **K123 Shabbat Dinner** before services (by RSVP) on
Friday, May 9 beginning at 6:00 pm

Honor our **teachers and grandparents** at services on Friday, May 9 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Come to the learn about **Marc Chagall** during services on Friday, May 16 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Party with food, friends, music, games, prizes and surprises at the **Annual Picnic** on Sunday, May 18 beginning at 12 noon.
(RSVP to the office.)

Vote at the annual **congregational meeting** on Tuesday, May 20 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Recognize incoming and outgoing Board members at the **Board Installation** on Friday, May 30 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Shavuot at the **Erev Shavuot Service and Confirmation** on Tuesday, June 3 beginning at 7 p.m.

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Enjoy the **BBQ** at 6 p.m. and stay for the **Brotherhood Shabbat outdoor service** on Friday, June 13 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Salute our volunteers at the **Michelle Mitzvah service** on Friday, June 20 beginning at 7:30 p.m.