

TEMPLE TOPICS



CHESHVAN/KISLEV/TEVET 5775

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014

Saturday, November 1	10:00 AM	B'nai Mitzvah of Dylan Fisherman and Haley Popowitz
Friday, November 7	7:30 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: Stein/Klapper families
Saturday, November 8	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Stein
	7:00 PM	Kristallnacht Program
Friday, November 14	7:30 PM	Family Service/Youth Group Creative Service November birthdays will be celebrated. Service followed by a milk & cookie oneg - wear your pajamas! Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner for charity before services beginning at 6:15 by RSVP Book Fair browsing following services. Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Gordon family
Saturday, November 15	9:30 AM	Tot Shabbat
	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Lily Gordon
Friday, November 21	7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
Saturday, November 22	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service and B'nai Mitzvah Shabbaton
Friday, November 28	7:30 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Manne family
Saturday, November 29	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Justin Manne
Friday, December 5	6:00 PM	Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Gutierrez and Shmaruk families
	7:00 PM	Congregational Dinner following services by RSVP
Saturday, December 6	10:00 AM	B'not Mitzvah of Jordan Gutierrez and Lili Shmaruk
Friday, December 12	7:30 PM	Human Rights Shabbat Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Goldberg-Kaplan family
Saturday, December 13	9:30 AM	Tot Shabbat
	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Max Goldberg-Kaplan
Tuesday, December 16	6:00 PM	Community Menorah Lighting
Friday, December 19	7:30 PM	Chanukah Service and Family Service Birthdays in December will be celebrated.
Saturday, December 20	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
Friday, December 26	7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
Saturday, December 27	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service



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President's Message

from Jen Cole

Every year I wonder how it will be possible for Beth Haverim Shir Shalom to create a High Holiday experience that is as good as the previous year... and yet somehow, in no small part thanks to our gifted clergy, committed staff and tireless volunteer lay-leaders, that is precisely what happens. Yet again I am feeling inspired and grateful to have been a part of something quite extraordinary. I look forward to many more gatherings and celebrations in the coming year. I hope you will take advantage of all the wonderful programs and experiences that our community has to offer.

If you were in attendance for our Kol Nidrei service, you know that on behalf of our staff and congregation, I offered a few words of thanks to Rabbi Mosbacher for being an outstanding spiritual leader and also for cultivating a culture of gratitude, *hakarat hatov*, in our community. As we head into November, I got to thinking about the Jewish perspective on Thanksgiving and did a bit of research.

With the exception of last year's once-in-a-lifetime *Thanksgivukkah*, when many of us served potato latkes in lieu of the mashed variety, the day is not usually considered to have religious connotations and is a civil holiday. As such, there are no prohibitions against participation and most American Jews partake in some kind of celebration, typically a meal with family and friends sometimes followed by some football and/or a nap.

Perhaps surprisingly, there is no specific day on our Jewish calendar designated for thankfulness, yet there is no sentiment as fundamental to Judaism as recognizing the good that others do for us and expressing our appreciation. In fact, the very word for Jew in Hebrew, *Yehudi*, comes from the verb *le-hodot*, to thank. And Jews begin their day with two words, *modeh ani* – acknowledging and thanking God for having given us the gift of life as we awaken. We are told to be attentive to all of the miracles in our lives, the big ones and the ordinary, everyday ones. We are encouraged to be thankful for everything from opening our eyes to being Jewish to our bodies functioning correctly.

We are taught that *lashon hara* ("evil tongue," or gossip) injures three parties: the one who said it, the one who listened, and the one about whom it was said. It has also been said, and I'd like to think, that the inverse must be true as well - that *hakarat hatov* is capable of healing at least that many. If

we consistently took the time to recognize the good in others and express our appreciation, it might become contagious. Imagine how much *tikkun olam* could be achieved as a result. During the Yom Kippur Family Service we sang a kid-friendly version of *Aveinu Malkein*, "I'm sorry for what I did wrong..." As the High Holidays come to a close and we enter into the season of gratitude, miracles and light, let me suggest we also sing to the tune of, "I thank you for what you did right!"

I will begin my commitment by offering thanks to all who contributed to make our Days of Awe truly awesome. Although I am reluctant to offer personal gratitude as I fear I will forget someone, I will give it my best shot - Whether you sang or spoke or blessed or chanted or blew the shofar or ushered or set up or cleaned up or greeted or stuffed *machzors* or taught or babysat or polished silver or opened the ark or closed the ark or made a donation to our High Holiday appeal (there's still time!), or simply came and helped to fill our sanctuary with palpable energy and connection, whatever you did – please know that we are genuinely appreciative. It certainly takes a village, and I am reminded, particularly at this time of year, that our village is a special one indeed.

I will end by sharing a poem I recently discovered by Rabbi Rami Shapiro. I hope you'll agree it provides a beautiful perspective on Thanksgiving through a Jewish lens:

*Spirituality is living with intention
Living with attention leads me to thanksgiving
Thanksgiving is the response I have
To the great debt I accrue with each breath I take.
Attending to the everyday miracles of ordinary things
I am aware of the interconnectedness of all things.
I cannot be without you.
This cannot be without that.
All cannot be without each.
And each cannot be without every.
Thanksgiving is not for anything.
It is from everything.
May I cultivate the attention
To allow the thanks that is life
To inform the dance that is living.*

From the Rabbi

"If not now, when?"



The year 5775 is a special year. Not only did we have phenomenal High Holidays. Not only did we have amazing teamwork, incredible choral music, a dedicated ritual committee, inspiring speakers, and patient ushers. Not only was the sanctuary full time and again with all of you.

The Jewish year 5775 is also *sh'nat shmitah* -- the sabbatical year-- commanded of us in the book of Exodus (23:10-11). "Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; but in the seventh year, you shall let it rest and lie fallow. Let the needy among your people eat of it, and what they leave, let the wild beasts eat of it. You shall do the same with your vineyards and olive groves."

Commonly translated as the "Sabbatical Year," *shmitah* literally means "release." This is the final year of a shared calendar cycle, when land is left fallow, debts are forgiven, and a host of other agricultural and economic adjustments are made to ensure the maintenance of an equitable, just, and healthy society. The questions about how *shmitah* actually worked – if it actually worked – are enormous.

Those questions began to be asked (and, perhaps, answered) even within the Torah itself! "And should you ask: What will we eat in the seventh year, if we may neither sow nor gather in our crops? I will ordain my blessings for you in the sixth year and it will yield a crop sufficient for three years." (Leviticus 25:20-21)

What might this commandment -- to let the land rest and lie fallow-- mean to all of us in 5775? Some of us have gardens; perhaps this is a year that we might let the land rejuvenate. At the Mosbacher homestead, our garden really did seem tired this year. The squash were smaller, the blueberries were fewer, the lettuce barely grew. We're planting cover crops that, we hope, will bring the soil back to full strength for a better growing season in 5776.

At the synagogue, our incredible garden team has an

important conversation to have: Will we let our garden lie fallow this year? On the one hand, the Torah commands it, and the soil probably would benefit from it. On the other hand, all 250 pounds (!) of food we grew there went to hungry people in our communities. If we plant, our congregation will be able to continue to live out our best values, but we'll violate Torah law and stress out the soil. If we don't plant, the soil will get the rest it needs and we'll get a chance to regroup and refocus the process of growing that Whitney Speer and Marla Muni have developed for us, but hungry families will be in an even deeper fresh food desert. I look forward to that conversation.

What will you do to observe the *shmitah* year?

-If you have a garden, will you let it rest? If not, what is it in your life that could use renewal?

-What relationships do you have that need rejuvenation and cultivation?

-Might you get more deeply in touch with the beauty of God's creation? How might you take a little less from that creation?

-Might you put some activity down so that you might pick up more study of Torah or more Jewish ritual?

-Might you make this the year to find breathing space in the midst of the hustle and bustle of everyday life?

-Might you advocate for more equality in your community or the world at large?

I am looking for ways to observe *sh'nat shmitah* in my life this year; I'd love to hear your thoughts, experiments, and experiences as you explore this beautiful, powerful, complex, demanding, liberating Jewish law.

—Rabbi Joel Mosbacher

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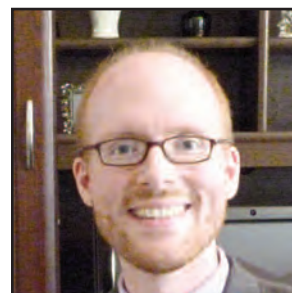
November 7 – 4:26 pm *Vayera*
 November 14 – 4:20 pm *Chayei Sarah*
 November 21 – 4:15 pm *Toldot*
 November 28 – 4:11 pm *Vayeitzei*

December 5 – 4:10 pm *Vayishlach*
 December 12 – 4:10 pm *Vayeishev*
 December 19 – 4:12 pm *Miketz*
 December 26 – 4:16 pm *Vayigash*



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From the Assistant Rabbi



Tikkun olam. It's a hallmark of Reform Judaism, appearing no less than three times on our own website, and its message has inspired countless Jews to work for the improvement of their own communities and the advancement of humankind around the world.

Tikkun olam translates to “repairing the world,” but what that means, exactly, has changed from epoch to epoch over the long course of Jewish history.

The most common occurrence of the phrase is in the *Aleinu* prayer, written for Rosh Hashanah in the 3rd century and then imported into every single Jewish service. “*Al kein n'kaveh l'cha Adonai ... l'takein olam b'malchut Shaddai*.” “Therefore, we put our hope in you, Adonai, to repair the world through the sovereignty of the Almighty.” In other words, we petition God to repair this broken world by instituting a messianic age.

But there's an even older way of thinking about *tikkun olam*, one that sheds light on this messianic dream. The greatest rabbis who gave birth to what we know as Judaism in the first centuries of the Common Era, most notably Hillel the Elder and Rabban Gamaliel, instituted unprecedented reforms to Jewish law “*mipnei tikkun olam*,” “for the sake of repairing the world.” Through their force of will and the authority invested in them by their communities, they sought to correct economic and social injustices. (Learn about their efforts in the Mishnah, in Gittin 4:2 and 4:5 and in Sh'vi'it 10:3.)

Thus, from Judaism's earliest days, we've had two powerful and complementary views of *tikkun olam*. On the one hand, our imperfect world is in desperate need of repair, and we give ourselves strength to hope by fixing our eyes on a perfect future where God's justice is observed everywhere. And at

the same time, we affirm that *we are God's partners* in bringing about those reforms. Our lives can truly *matter*, bringing healing a fractured world.

And because we can make a difference, Judaism teaches us we *must* make a difference. Rabbi Tarfon, who lived two generations after Rabban Gamaliel, taught “it is not your duty to complete the work, but neither are you free to withdraw from it” (Pirkei Avot 2:21). In other words, the tremendous task of *tikkun olam* does not fall on your shoulders alone – but it does fall on your shoulders! *Tikkun olam* isn't an extracurricular or optional activity; it's a foundational requirement of active Jewish life.

In this spirit, Beth Haverim Shir Shalom celebrates many ways to engage in this important work. See the Social Action page in this very Temple Topics to learn more. And for the teenagers in our community, let me offer a special invitation to join Rabbi Mosbacher and myself for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel to New Orleans and the Deep South, to engage in meaningful and transformative acts of *tikkun olam*. Our trip will take place over Spring Break (April 5-12) and is financially supported by the temple's Endowment Committee. Please ask us for more information, and act soon because registration is limited!

In the new year ahead, let's heed Rabbi Tarfon's call to action. As we read in the Talmud (Kiddushin 40b), “Rabbi Tarfon and the Elders were once enjoying a bit of deep conversation when this question was raised before them: Which is greater, study or action? Rabbi Tarfon answered: Action is greater!”

- Rabbi Daniel Kirzane



From the Educator's Office

Here in northern New Jersey we've seen both blizzards and hurricanes in October within the past 3 years. And, despite the meteorologists and the Farmer's Almanac's best predictions, we can't know when the weather will start to get "nasty." While it is still 70 degrees outside as I write, I realize we are never more than a random Nor'Easter away from wondering, "To have school or not to have school?"

If we do need to cancel school, we will make every effort to have a decision by noon on a Monday or a Tuesday, and at latest, by 7 a.m. on a Sunday. At that time I will send out an email advisory to the email address we have for you in the school (please add **schoolatbethhav@optonline.net** to your trusted "senders" so these messages do not go into your spam folder) as well as posting on **www.cancellations.com**, on Facebook on the BHSS page (join us!) and on the BHSS website. Please take the time now to check out **cancellations.com** and sign up for an alert when we post. It is the best way we have found to notify you quickly.

Although I know you would agree that your children's safety when leaving our school is high on the list of our priorities, the information below bears repeating...from one of my Temple Topics articles of 2009! Pass it along to ANYONE who drives your children to or from religious school.

What price safety?

The average car weighs approximately 4,000 pounds. That's TWO tons (a large SUV weighs a whopping THREE tons.) The average student in our school weighs about 100 pounds. If they should meet "accidentally" in the parking lot well, they shouldn't.

And they don't, and they won't, if everyone follows the school's policy about picking up students. From the preschool to Kadimah's 12th graders, EVERY student who leaves our building (except those who drive themselves) must be accompanied by an adult. This means rain, snow, sleet, cold, hot, weather. It means if you're in a hurry, or if you're in your pajamas, or you just came from the gym/salon/shower.

If on a particular day, you simply can't come into the school building at dismissal, just call us and explain the situation. Then park your car and someone will walk your child out to you.

Please understand that we have the blessing of a large and vibrant religious school, with a total population of 360 terrific students. We are also blessed with big cars, busy schedules and less than cooperative weather patterns. Much of the time dismissal occurs in the dark. Our policy exists for a reason, and that reason is self-explanatory and self-evident.

Please, Please, PLEASE. Park your cars, face out if possible, at dismissal time, and come in to pick up your children (or your carpool.) It is the policy, and we will enforce it. We love to teach our students, and we love you, their families, and we want everyone to be safe.

-Rebecca Bernstein McVeigh



Haley Benson
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November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 am School FS & 6 1 pm Mitzvah Day Clothes Collection 4 pm Film: "Nicky's Family"	NO SCHOOL 7 pm Mah Jongg	NO SCHOOL	7:00 pm - LLL Class w/Rabbi Kirzane 8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 PM Tefilot	VAYERA 8:15 Torah Study 10 am Samantha Stein 7 pm Kristallnacht
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9 am School FS & 6 8:30 am - 1 pm Book Fair 1 pm Mah Jongg 7 pm - Ritual Mtg.	3:30-8:30 pm Book Fair 4 pm School K-3 4 pm PreK 5 pm - Group Prayer Class 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Prayer Class 7:30 pm Board Meeting	8 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot	TOL'DOT 8:15 Torah Study 10 am Shabbat Service B'nai Mitzvah Shabbaton
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 am School FS & 6 12:30 pm YG Event 1 pm LLL Children's Author Event	4 pm School K-3 5 pm - Group Prayer Class 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Prayer Class 7:30 pm Music Committee Meeting	8 pm Adult Choir	OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING	OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 pm Tefilot	VAYEITZEI 8:15 Torah Study 10 am Justin Manne



December Calendar

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 am School FS & 6	4 pm School K-3 5 pm - Group Prayer Class 6:45 pm Kadimah	NO SCHOOL 7 pm Coffeehouse Cantors Chanukah-Style!		OFFICE CLOSED	7:30 pm Tefilot	VAYIGASH 8:15 Torah Study
28	29	30	31			
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	OFFICE CLOSES 2 PM			



Coffeehouse Cantors

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Date: Tuesday, December 23, 2014

Time: 7:00 P.M.

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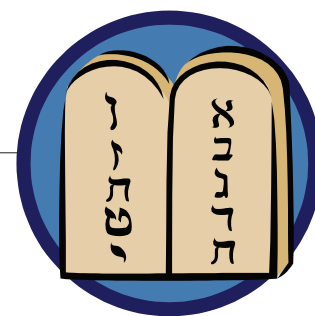
December 10th

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Yes, it's back and it's FREE! A night of lively music in a relaxed atmosphere with your friends at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom! Refreshments will be served. **Where else are you going to be?!**



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



**Dylan Fisherman -
November 1, 2014**

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Amy, Father, Eric, Brother, Alex, 10 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School His interests include soccer and reading. "I would like to become an engineer. I am very excited for my Bar Mitzvah and to share this day with my family and friends."



Haley Popowitz - November 1, 2014

Lives in Montebello, New York. Mother, Randy, Father, Glenn, Brother, Matthew, 16 is an 8th grader at Suffern Middle School..... Her interests include playing tennis, lacrosse, listening to music and spending time with friends. "I hope to do very well in school this year and continue to work hard in all areas. I am so happy to finally reach this point and I am very excited to share this special day with my family and friends."



Samantha Stein - November 8, 2014

Lives in Oakland, New Jersey. Mother, Alicia Klapper, Father, Michael Stein, Brother, Matthew, 15 is an 8th grader at Valley Middle School..... Her interests include gymnastics, cheerleading, dancing (ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, and lyrical.) "Being Jewish is a very important part of my life. I would like to thank Rabbi Mosbacher, Cantor Perper, and Iris Greenberg for all of their help."



Lily Gordon - November 15, 2014

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Karen, Father, Richard, Brothers, Daniel, 17, and Henry, 15 is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School Her interests include soccer, singing, and acting. "I hope to live a happy and healthy life. I'm excited to share this day with my family and friends, and accomplish what I have been working hard for."



Justin Manne - November 29, 2014

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Tracy, Father, Doug, Brother, Jordan, 16 is an 8th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School His interests include science (astronomy/astrophysics,) wrestling, and woodworking. "I feel excited and nervous. It's like the first day of school and I'm starting a new part of my life."

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:

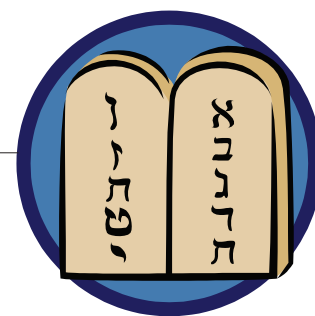
For a January or February date, by December 1

For a March or April date, by February 1

For a May or June date, by April 1

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

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



Jordan Gutierrez - December 6, 2014

Lives in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey. Mother, Gabrielle, Father, Joseph, Sister, Alexandra, 15 is a 7th grader at Franklin Avenue Middle School Her interests include soccer, art, cooking, and music. "I would like to have a happy and successful life. I am looking forward to continuing my family tradition and reaching this milestone in my life."



Max Goldberg-Kaplan - December 13, 2014

Lives in Suffern, New York. Father, Steven Goldberg, Father, Wayne Kaplan, Brother, Jak, 2 1/2 is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School His interests include street hockey, baseball, and video games. "I would like to become an architect. I'm very excited to reach a new point in my life. All my schooling and studies have led me to this point and I am excited to share this day with the congregation, friends, and family."



Lili Shmaruk - December 6, 2014

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Michelle, Father, Jerry, Sisters, Carlie and Jessica, 9..... is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School Her interests include lacrosse, volleyball, dancing, and spending time with friends and family. "I want to be successful and live a happy life. I am looking forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and finally be considered a young adult in the Jewish world."

Education Committee

L'Shanah Tovah from the Education Committee! We hope all of you have enjoyed a happy, sweet, and healthful new year!

We want to thank everyone who participated in the children's programming during the High Holiday services. This year, we were able to offer programs for children from Kindergarten through 6th grade! We hope all the students had a great (and educational) time!

Please continue to support our CFA food drives with the requested foods each month. Your children can bring the food to religious school and put it in the bin in the entry.

From all of us on the Education Committee, we wish you a very happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Chanukah!

Sincerely,
Lauren Einhorn, Education Committee Chair

Brotherhood 2.0

L'Shanah Tovah, Friends! Hope you enjoyed the High Holidays. But, first - a few words...of course. Thank you to our clergy -- Rabbis Mosbacher and Kirzane and Cantor Perper -- for always mentioning Brotherhood events during general announcement. Thanks also to our fellow committee members, lay leaders and staff who always look to us for help and support that we are happy to give, and thanks to all those who have supported us and continue to do so. Our work, of course, is just beginning.

So, we had a fabulous start to the season. Brotherhood 2.0 has been front and center (behind the scenes...go figure that one out!). We cooked for both youth group kickoff barbecues, we joined up with Sisterhood to plan the first ever Bro-Sis-Hood Mixer, and we began to get the word out about our availability to help our community.

After Yom Kippur, Brotherhood 2.0 built the sukkah again. This year was kind of special because we no longer are able to return the sukkah pieces to their original storage home - the old storage house has finally agreed to check into the great beyond in favor of a new multipurpose house in its place. The plus of that is now we can meet in a nice meeting room. The minus? The sukkah gets stored under the youth lounge on skids...but at least the local wildlife can keep an eye on our stuff! Of course, Sukkot wouldn't have been complete with our annual Pizza in the Hut celebration, followed by breaking bread in the sukkah with the Youth Group on Sunday...a team-building event followed by a traditional sukkah celebration.

October saw the sukkah go up, sukkah come down, and a bunch of brothers going out for beer tasting at Growler and Gill. Let's face it...Brotherhood is not all fun and games...ok...maybe it is, but we do get stuff done!

As we begin the fall season, we are welcoming several new members as well as our old members, and we are inviting everyone to come to just one event, one meeting, one gathering...and bring a friend who isn't a member yet. Give us a chance to show you what you've been missing. Upcoming dates include the Brotherhood Coat Drive beginning November 1, and continuing through December 15. Here are some more events to keep in your sights:

November 1 - Coat Drive begins - bring your coats and deposit them in the bin

November 21 - Shabbat Services - hear about the upcoming discussion on American Jewish children's authors

November 23 - Come for a learning discussion on **American Jewish children's authors** led by Beth Dubiel and Jonathan Theodore

November 23 - Come in the afternoon to help **sort and deliver coats**

November 20 - Dinner at Sakura Japan

December 13 - Sisterhood/Brotherhood mixer

December 18 - Annual Chanukah Dinner at the Waterwheel



Is your teen practicing for their driving test
or did they recently receive their driver's license?
Then this is the service for your family to attend!
BHSS is having a "CAR MITZVAH"
Join us for Shabbat Family Service
Rabbi Mosbacher will be offering a blessing
and a gift for those celebrating
this 'mile' stone event!
We must receive an RSVP by November 3 -
please contact the temple office so we know to expect you!
201-512-1983 or bethhaverim@optonline.net

7:30 pm
Friday
November 14

JOIN US FOR THE BHSS "CAR MITZVAH"!

Sisterhood News

There's a chill in the air, and the malls are reminding us every day of the passing of the calendar until the "holiday season," but at Sisterhood, it's still as warm and inviting as July! Our numbers are growing, and we are proud to be 65 members strong, as of now. But that doesn't mean there isn't room for many more—if you haven't joined Sisterhood yet, what are you waiting for? This year, our Sisterhood has started a new tradition to welcome our newest temple members and first-time Sisterhood members! Our Executive Board members personally delivered over 50 Sisterhood cookbooks and a loaf of challah. And that's just the first of many rewards of membership!

Fall has been a busy time for us. On September 28, led by Mona Lefkowitz and Lisa Glick, Sisterhood staffed the soup kitchen at the Reformed Church in Suffern. If you haven't had the chance to be a part of this worthy effort, contact Lisa to find our next volunteer date. Until we find a way to make soup kitchens unnecessary, your help is always needed!

The High Holiday time also saw our annual honey sale, a major fundraiser for Sisterhood, and of course, for the work we do for BHSS. Did you know that our Sisterhood makes it easy for you to share holiday joy with friends and family, while helping to support the programs and activities that mean so much to all of us? Mark your calendars for next year—it's not too early!

In late October, several of our Board members attended the WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism, our "mother" organization) convention in King of Prussia, PA. There was much learning, socializing, spirituality and camaraderie to be had, and BHSS Sisterhood took full advantage!

Our "kickoff" membership event was on October 28—and every Sisterhood member who attended is now an Organized Woman with a Simplified Life! Thanks to our speaker, Michelle Nadel, who led us in tips and strategies to make our busy days and nights less chaotic and more enjoyable. As always, it was nice to schmooze over refreshments with friends old and new. We hope you enjoyed it, and will be back for our next event.

Of course, Sisterhood recognized this and every October as Breast Cancer Awareness month. There's no one whose life hasn't been touched by this disease—anyone who knows a woman, loves a woman, IS a woman, is obligated to continue

the fight to eradicate it in our lifetimes.

Coming soon! Our "BIG" fundraiser of the year, on Saturday night, **December 6, at 7:00 p.m.**, our **soon-to-be-World-Famous Goods and Services Auction**. If you were at the last one we did, you know it was a rollicking good time, with much laughter, and GREAT shopping! But this one we can't do all alone—we need all Temple members to help, by donating any services you can provide, soliciting gifts from your favorite places (restaurants, salons, stores, sporting events, Broadway, etc). The G&S auction is what makes it possible for Sisterhood to support BHSS Youth and to make the special purchases our synagogue family has come to rely on. In recent years, your support has enabled us to provide new siddurim (prayer books), new chairs in the social hall, and our grand piano. Go to the Sisterhood page on bethhaverimshirshalom.org for more information, or contact Linda at (845) 357-5640.

Other upcoming events include our first ever **Brotherhood/Sisterhood Chanukah Cocktail Party and Grab Bag!** This year, Sheryl Thailer will host us on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood and Lifelong Learning will co-sponsor a **book/author program on Jewish Humor on January 4, 2015** at 11:30, with Barry Mankoff, author of How's Never? Does Never Work for You? Sisterhood will provide the brunch.

Spring plans include a progressive dinner in April, and our Board installation at the end of the year. Follow the weekly e-blasts and our Sisterhood web page to learn more.

Sisterhood looks forward to welcoming you and any and all of our events—and to hearing from you with your great ideas. Come join us!

Save the Date for a
**Chanukah Cocktail Party
and Grab Bag,**
Saturday evening,
December 13,
at Sheryl Thailer's
House!



Sustaining Members Donations

A special thanks to those families who continue to support Beth Haverim Shir Shalom by participating in one of the following levels of sustaining membership:

B'racha is a blessing

Simcha is a joy

Tzedek means righteousness

B'racha

ANDREW & ROBIN ACKERMAN
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ROY & MARILYN ISRAEL
DANNY & NANCY KAHN
LEN & MERYL KAPLAN
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Simcha

BILL & SANDRA ARLINGTON
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STEPHEN & NADIEGE HITTMAN
PETER & DANA HOPPER
RICHARD & ARLENE MANDEL
PHIL & BARBARA MOSS
JAY & MELISSA PELLER
BILL & KIM PRESSMAN
ADAM & LAURIN STEIGER
HARVEY & MARCI WEINBERG
DOUG & JULIE WRIGHT

Retreat!

Now is the time -- register for the Second Annual Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Intergenerational Retreat! Plan now to spend the weekend of January 16-18, 2015, at Camp Harlam in Kunkletown, PA (less than 90 minutes from Mahwah), where you can share a wonderful time with other congregants of all ages and experience prayer, song and fellowship in the beautiful Pocono mountains. We have a full range of activities planned including crafts, yoga, gaga and social time where everyone will have the opportunity to make new friends, experience the tranquility of the mountains around us and enjoy a weekend free of cooking (unless of course you sign up for Rabbi's baking class!).

The retreat will begin at 5 pm with your arrival at Camp Harlam, and it ends on Sunday morning around 11 am. In between, we'll have delicious meals, song sessions, services and fun! The accommodations are simple but clean, and each room has a private bath. We anticipate the event will sell out, thanks to the generous support of the Endowment Fund. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share this weekend with others. If you have any questions, please email them to: debfalkow@hotmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Michelle Mitzvah Group

As the leaves fall and winter sets upon us, the warmth and sunshine of our Michelle Mitzvah Group continues to spread. We have broadened our involvement with such outstanding community action organizations as Oasis in Paterson, Children's Aid and Family Services in Paramus, Tomorrow's Children in Hackensack, and the Center for Food Action in Mahwah. Speaking of which, our annual High Holiday collection of food was a resounding success with **330 food bags collected!** This is the highest total reached in recent years and is a fabulous start to our new year. We already having visions of topping our record of 1,100 bags for an entire year... so keep those donations coming!

Currently, we are participating in the annual November 2 **Mitzvah Day**, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey. Working in conjunction with the preschool program of the JCC of Tenafly, we collected lightly-worn clothing for children aged 3 through 12 for delivery to Oasis. We are also in the midst of an ongoing fundraiser selling Chanukah candles to our congregants. These beautiful tri-color candles can be purchased through our temple office or by contacting Lisa Lamster at lisalams@optonline.net.

Please remember to join the Cantor, choir members, and Michelle Mitzvah Group on Christmas Day for our annual visit to the **Wanaque Children's Hospital Center**. The smiles on the faces of these children will remain with you for a lifetime.

A huge "thank you" and welcome to all who have joined our group for the coming year... a year during which we are looking to greatly expand our activities. There are so many ways that we can make a difference in our community, and the more people who commit to helping us, the more we can accomplish. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm, or you can contact any of the people listed below for more information.

Ilyse Smith, President, mmgbhss@gmail.com
Lisa Lamster, Vice President, lisalams@optonline.net
Stu Turner, Vice President, sturner@turnermillergroup.com
Lisa Glick, Communications, eslspan@aol.com

Chanukah D.A.R.E. Toy Drive **ADOPT A CHILD FOR CHANUKAH**

Wow, it's November, are you thinking turkey and latkes? Yes, Chanukah starts on December 16, and it's a perfect time to say, "How will I help to repair the world?" Well, the Michelle Mitzvah Group at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom has a way for you. For several years now, BHSS has assisted the Suffern Police Department's D.A.R.E. Program with their annual toy drive. For over twenty years the Suffern D.A.R.E. program has help local families. Suffern D.A.R.E., with local social workers, municipalities and organizations, identifies families in Rockland County and northern Bergen County who are in need or who are dealing with a tragic event. Suffern D.A.R.E. provides these families with the ability to give holiday gifts to their children. BHSS' **Chanukah D.A.R.E. Toy Drive** has been extremely successful in supporting Suffern D.A.R.E. as they provide help for these families in our community. Yes, these are our neighbors and we, as a community, are obligated to help them.

While helping these families, we also help teach our own children the meaning of tzedakah. It is a lesson we must teach, and knowledge our children must have. We encourage each temple family to "**Adopt a Child for Chanukah**." That means 400 families, each adopting one child, and 400 children helped. All we ask is that each family embraces the obligation to provide one child with a gift.

How it works is simple. As in the past, our "Adopt a Child" bulletin board is located in the lobby entrance to our religious school. On it you will find hundreds of cards identifying a child by family number, gender and age. You can adopt one or more of these children by taking one or more of these cards, attach the card(s) to the unwrapped gift(s) you purchase for the child(ren) and deposit the unwrapped toys in the baskets provided under the bulletin board. If you prefer not to select a specific child, but would like to donate a gift, we will match a child for you. And if you can't get the gift to the temple, no problem, just email bromoff@gmail.com and we will be glad to arrange to have it picked up from you. Together, we can "help to repair the world."

If you are able to join our team or if you have any questions, please contact Barry Romoff at the email address above.

Please also note that the last drop-off date at the temple will be Sunday, December 15.

Contributions

Rabbi Mosbacher's Discretionary Fund

with much thanks and in honor of Jessica becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- the Shulman family

in memory of Stanley Schick
- Lorraine & Marc Orlick

with thanks
- Joyce & Stephen Weinberg

to Carol and Rob Shulman, in honor of Jessica's Bat Mitzvah
- Alison & Norman Axelrod

Rabbi Kirzane's Discretionary Fund

with thanks for the beautiful ceremony welcoming Zachary into the world!
- the Dobrow family

Educator's Discretionary Fund

with much thanks and in honor of Jessica becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- the Shulman family

to Phyllis Kushner, in loving memory of your husband Ted
- Irma & Joel Becker

to Leonard Bushkill, in memory of your sister
- Irma & Joel Becker

Brick Fund

to Elyssa Mosbacher - well wishes for a speedy recovery
- Marilyn Taylor
- Debbie Falkow
- Jane Simon

to Roy Wandelmaier, in memory of your father
Werner Wandelmaier
- Sheryl Thailer

to Lisa Glick, in memory of your uncle
- Sheryl Thailer

Life Fund

in memory of Sol Pincus
- Sandy & Newt Parks

to the Seif family, in honor of Bobby becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- the Anton family

to the Surgan family, in honor of Brooke becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- the Shulman family

to Lisa Barrack, with thanks for all your help and support with Jessica's Bat Mitzvah
- the Shulman family

to Iris Greenberg, with thanks for all your help and support with Jessica's Bat Mitzvah
- the Shulman family

to Elyssa Mosbacher - well wishes for a speedy recovery
- Sheri & Allan Schott

to the Shapiro family, in memory of Francis Shapiro
- the Gunther & Hoy families

to Ken Berwitz, in memory of Abner Berwitz
- Judy & Joel Dorfman

in memory of Stanley Schick
- Lorraine & Marc Orlick

to the Wichlers, in honor of Julie's graduation from college
- Dede & Rick Levine

in memory of Nancy Pivar
- David Schwartz

in memory of Bertha Weisser and Irv Goodman
- Carole Goodman

in memory of Phillip Blackman
- Judith & Michael Blackman

Contributions

in memory of Sadie Lazar
- Sandy & Newt Parks

in memory of Betty Sankel
- Sheryl & Joel Ives

in memory of Esther Moss
- Barbara & Phil Moss

to BHSS, with thanks for all your compassion
and comfort to my family
- Karen Butler

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

with much thanks and in honor of Jessica
becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- the Shulman family

in memory of Stanley Schick
- Lorraine & Marc Orlick

to Bonnie Berens, in memory of your father,
Jeff Jaffe
- Lynn & Michael Zall

Tree of Life

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Shulman -
October 11, 2014
- the Shulman family

Center for Food Action

donated by their families
in honor of the following simchas

Bat Mitzvah of Marissa Chuck
Bar Mitzvah of Bobby Seif
Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Schick
Bar Mitzvah of Jared Marder
B'nai Mitzvah of Juliette and Owen Kulick
Bat Mitzvah of Lili Shmaruk

Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge

donated by their families
in honor of the following simchas

Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Gutierrez
Bar Mitzvah of Kyle Dubroff
Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Shulman

Jewish Family Services of Rockland

donated by their families
in honor of the following simchas

Bar Mitzvah of Wesley Collins
Bat Mitzvah of Julia Simon

MONTHLY TOT SHABBAT

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 or Rabbi Kirzane
for a story, singing, a craft and a snack, from

9:30-10:15 am

on the following Shabbat mornings:

**November 15, December 13,
January 10, February 21,
March 14, April 18,
May 16, and June 13.**

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

Come to the
Book Fair

**We will have selections for
both children and adults!
Perfect for Chanukah presents,
or just to “gift” to yourself!
The first night of Chanukah
is December 16!**

*Friday, November 14 -
after services (browsing only)*

*Sunday, November 16
(8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.)*

*Monday, November 17
(3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)*

*Tuesday, November 18
(3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)*



Volunteers needed -
call 201-512-1983
or email to
schoolatbethhav@optonline.net

CHANUKAH'S AROUND THE CORNER!

Too early, you say? How many times have we reached that wonderful “Festival of Lights” only to say: “I’ve forgotten the candles again!” Well, this year Michelle Mitzvah Group and our Youth Groups will be offering beautiful tri-color blue candles for sale, with proceeds going to one of our many Social Action initiatives.

The candles are produced by a company founded in 1949 by a Holocaust survivor, and a portion of their proceeds will be donated to the Jewish National Fund. So, order your candles now...“Light them up!” and, at the same time, perform a double mitzvah.



From the Sifriyah

"I like libraries. It makes me feel comfortable and secure to have walls of words, beautiful and wise, all around me." (Roger Zelazny, Nine Princes in Amber)...

You've read the reviews for The Sisters Weiss, viewed its attractive advertisement in the temple entranceway, and read about the time and place to showcase this book in the weekly announcements. You definitely know The Sisters Weiss by Naomi Ragen is a feature of our next A Book and a Bagel, Sunday, October 26, from 1-3 pm. The main theme of this novel, the rebellion against the strict ultra-Orthodox life of a strict community, is bound to engender good discussion. Plan to join us for a lively discussion, a delicious light lunch, and fellowship. And even if you have not read The Sisters Weiss, come. Your thoughts count.

Up and coming: A special event, "NICKY'S FAMILY," on Sunday, November 2, at 4 pm. This amazing documentary features the rescue operations of 669 mainly Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia in 1939, just prior to the outbreak of WWII. The success of this operation was mainly due to Sir Nicholas Winton, a British citizen who realized there had to be a way to save the endangered children. This film is a must for families. Come with your children. Appropriate for middle and high school students. Look for more details as we get closer to November 2.

The Golem and the Jinni by Helene Wecker is the "One Book One Community" debut novel for 2015. It has been reviewed positively by many literary publications including the *New York Times Book Review* and the *Washington Post*. *USA Today* calls Wecker a marvelous storyteller, attentive to a rich cast of characters. Join congregants at BHHS and in Bergen County who will be reading this novel. Pick up your copy in the temple office (\$9).

Attention bar and bat mitzvah folks. We have a 52-page book full of information on this unique celebration. Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, by Bert Metter, provides you with the ins and outs of this special and yet confusing day. The author

explores many aspects of this celebration including the historical background of the bar mitzvah tradition as well as the bat mitzvah ceremony for girls. Metter explains that this book came about because, "each time one of my three sons had a bar mitzvah ceremony, I felt I should know more about it. Three times I went looking for a short explanatory book - without luck. So I decided to write one myself." And hopefully, like Metter, you and your families will seek out this concise guide and check it out.

Yes, we library ladies love putting away books in our free time. So help us by searching your homes or cars or wherever, and collecting BHSS books to be returned to the library. We will do the rest. Thanks.

COMMUNITY



MENORAH LIGHTING!

*Join your congregational family
as we officially light the beautiful
chanukiyah (Chanukah menorah)
that graces our front circle.*

*On December 16, from 6 to 6:30, we will gather
with Rabbi Mosbacher, Rabbi Kirzane, Cantor Perper,
our choirs, and our fourth and fifth grade students
to celebrate with song and some hot cocoa and
jelly donuts.*

Beth Haverim Shir Shalom 3rd Annual Intergenerational Retreat!

Friday, January 16 – Sunday, January 18, 2015
(Beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, ending at 12 p.m. Sunday)
At URJ Camp Harlam, Kunkletown, PA

**Song Sessions, Games, GAGA, Yoga, Arts & Crafts, Cooking
with Rabbi, Outdoor Fun (Based on Weather), Hiking,
Nature Walks, Photography, Social Mixers for Kids and
Adults, Music Sessions with Cantor, Shabbat Services**



Cost (includes all meals and lodging for the weekend):
\$70.00/Adult
\$60.00/Youth (ages 7-17)
\$40.00/Child (ages 3-6, free for under 3)

Thanks to the BHSS Endowment for significantly underwriting the cost of the retreat! Spaces are limited,
so sign up soon! Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**** For more information, contact Debbie Falkow at debalkow@hotmail.com. **** Scholarships are
available – please contact Rabbi Mosbacher at rabbimosbacher@yahoo.com for help with retreat fees.

Please tear off and hand in to Iris in the BHSS office by 12/17/14.

Name(s) _____

Adults _____ # Youth _____ # Children _____

Ages of Youth / Children _____

Email address _____ Cell# _____

Dietary Restrictions (Food is kosher style) _____

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Lifelong Learning

The Lifelong Learning committee has truly had a great start so far to the year and we have some exciting programming planned this year to go with our theme, Born in the USA, as well as other learning opportunities. Our new assistant rabbi, Daniel Kirzane, is an enthusiastic and prolific teacher with lots of learning to offer. In October, we learned with Rabbi Kirzane about Noah, the mythical and ethical, and he has more to teach us over the year.

As part of this year's theme, each Friday, the Lifelong Learning committee is profiling famous American Jews on our Wall of Fame. Checkout the amazing stories when you join us for the oneg in the social hall!

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

Lifelong Learning Fall/Winter Calendar

- **"Nicky's Family":** Join the Library and Lifelong Learning committee as part of BHSS's Kristallnacht observance. This amazing documentary drama with featured reconstructions chronicles the rescue operations of 669 mainly Jewish children from Nazi occupied Czechoslovakia in 1939, just before the outbreak of WWII. **Sunday, Nov. 2, 4 pm.** **Movie screening followed by refreshments & discussion.**

- **Jewish-American Children's Literature:** Join our own **Jonathan Theodore** at services on Friday, November 21 for a "taste" of some of the great Jewish-American children's books then come back to learn with Jonathan and explore these author's and their books on **Sunday November 23, 1-2:30pm.** **Babysitting available and refreshments served.** **Please RSVP to office for November 23 session.**

- **Fair Trade:** Please join us on **December 12**, when Rabbi Kirzane introduces us to Fair Trade. Fair trade is "ensuring

that you get quality products and the people who grow, sew and craft them get a fair deal for their hard work." A fascinating and enlightening sermon with a fun oneg to follow!

- **"How's Never? Does Never Work for You?"** — Join Sisterhood and Lifelong Learning on **Sunday, January 4** for brunch from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 pm to start the New Year with some laughs as Bob Mankoff, longtime cartoon editor of The New Yorker, comes to BHSS to share his new book. As Bob says, "I may not have the best job in the world, but I'm in the running."

- **Taste of Jewish Americana** – Join Lifelong Learning on **Friday, January 9** for to learn about Jewish food founded in America and taste regional foods from around the country. Do you have a favorite or recipe to share? **Please contact Nancy Levene (nancy_boyle_levene@hotmail.com) to participate.**

- **Mah Jongg Mania:** The mania continues to grow with a group meeting monthly on Sunday and Tuesday. Beginners are welcome! See Lifelong Learning page on the BHSS website for dates & details.

COME TO THE BHSSTY - Youth Group annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, November 14

from 6:15 - 7:15 pm for
suggested donation of \$5.00 per person.

There will be lots more information about this fun event,
and this year the proceeds are going to the
Eisner and Crane Lake Camps Scholarship Fund.

Please then stay for our
Annual Fall Creative Service.

During the oneg, we will be
reading books from our Book Fair
to the youngest in our congregation.

It's always lots of fun!

November Yahrzeits

DOROTHY ADLMAN
MANUEL ANSIN
CORINNE BAUM
SAMUEL BERGER
DONNA BLUMENTHAL
YURY BORODA
ELLEN CLEMENTS
JENNIE COHEN
MARVIN COMISKY
GERTRUDE EYL
DONALD FIELDS
BURTON FREEMAN
MORRIS GOODMAN
ALBERTA GREENBERG
EUGENE GREENBLATT
BENJAMIN GROSS
BERNICE SHIRLEY GRUBER
ALLAN HEFFLER
MAE HEILBRAUN
HERMAN HERSHMAN
BESSIE HIEGER
NORMA JAFFE

NORMAN KAPLAN
ANNA KASPER
LEONARD KATZ
MICHAEL KLASKOW
ELSIE KLEIN
SALLY KOBRIN
HENRY KOLB
ROSE LEFKOWITZ
DINA LOZINSKY
RENA LULOV
MURRAY MARKS
GLORIA MOSS
NORMAN NOVAK
SADIE NOVOK
ESTHER OPPENHEIM
JOHN PARKS
VI PEARLMAN
WILLIAM RESNICK
NORMAN ROCKWELL
DAVID RUMACK
SEYMOUR SAIFF
MARY SALVERNE

SAMUEL SCHECHTER
MARTHA SCHEININ
MORITZ SCHOTT
SAMUEL SCHUMAN
MARILYN SCHWARTZ
PAUL SHERMAN
HARVEY SHILL
HOWARD SHMARUK
NORMAN SILVER
NATHAN SINGER
SAUL STEDMAN
ELAINE STERN
SHEPARD STERN
ERNA TUTEUR
MAX VOGEL
LORETTA WAGMAN
HOWARD WEINBERG
ELEANOR WEINER
SYBIL WOLFE
SARAH YERUSHALMI
SARAH ZALL
MOLLIE ZUKOF

December Yahrzeits

HOWARD BALLEEN
DONNA BARRACK
MARVIN BENDALIN
LILLIAN BERMAN
ELAIN CRAMER BERNSTEIN
HOWARD BETTMAN
EDWARD BONDY
BELLA COHEN
ED COHN
JOE COYNE
JULIA FIHRER
ABRAHAM FINKELSTEIN
ALAN FLON
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MIRIAM GEBROWITZ
FLORENCE GORDON
HARRY GORDON
HELEN GROSS

ISIDORE GROSS
ELAINE HALL
SHIRLEY JACOBS
GEORGE KATZ
CLIFFORD KELMAN
SAMUEL KESSEL
ANN KIRSHNER
MILTON KLEIN
STANLEY LEIPZIG
ALICE LEVY
HERBERT LEVY
SHELDON LULOV
OSCAR MAIER
NATHAN MELLIN
EDWARD MINTZ
PAUL MOHNBLATT
CLAIRE NOVAK
HILDA OPELL
SANFORD PARKS
AARON PREMSLAAR
BENJAMIN RABIN

CARL RICHARDSON
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PEARL ROSENBERG
SAMUEL ROSENZWEIG
MARY RUDNICK
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Ritual Committee

As I write this article, I am sitting in my Sukkah drinking a glass of iced tea as the sun goes down on an unseasonably warm October day. If I look up I can see the bamboo “s’chach” that our friends Daryl and Gail Spencer gave us. Hanging from the ceiling are strings of fruits and veggies as well as some great items I picked up from the Christmas Tree Shoppe, and decorating the walls are pictures from our years of Sukkah decorating parties. The dogs are enjoying some of the edible decorations that have fallen on the deck and the birds are swarming the bird feeders. It’s no wonder that Sukkot is called *Z’man Simchateinu*, season of our joy. And as I sit here, I am so grateful for all the reasons I have to be joyful ... not the least of which is this wonderful community that I am so fortunate to be a part of. And as I look back on the High Holiday season that we have just finished, I need to enumerate some of the reasons for my joy and gratitude.

I am joyful for the BHSS staff: Lisa Barrack, who schedules and reschedules the many times I need to meet with the clergy; Iris Greenberg, who answers every one of my inane questions and makes sure all the t’s are crossed and i’s are dotted and that nothing is ever overlooked, and Walter Vasquez, who treats our synagogue like a home he is welcoming us all into.

I am joyful for Rebecca McVeigh and Terry Sitomer, who organize amazing children’s programming for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and all the teachers who run each classroom, missing services so they can teach our children. I am joyful for Nancy Teichman, who organized baby-sitting for services at the very last minute and saved the day.

I am joyful for our lay leaders, who speak from the heart in sharing their stories during services, and for the incredibly cadre of Torah and Haftarah chanters, who start practicing at the beginning of the summer to make sure they are ready. I am joyful for the six Kadimah enrolled seniors who honored us by acting as gabbais for each service and did such a beautiful job. I am joyful for the choir members, who meet weekly every Wednesday and start preparing for High Holidays even before I do. I am joyful for our shofar blowers

who wake us up with their joyful noise and make us hold our breath, waiting for the end of T’kia G’dolah. I am joyful for Stacey Butler and the members of the youth group who did an awesome job as part of the silver-polishing crew. I am joyful for our congregants (Bob Meyers, Sheryl Ives, Kim Hausner, and Jeff Klein) who taught the Yom Kippur Learning session.

I am incredibly joyful for our clergy; Cantor Perper, who preps every one of those Torah and Haftarah chanters and encourages members who never thought of chanting to push themselves to reach their potential; Rabbi Kirzane, who has blessed us with his wisdom, enthusiasm, and innovation, and who I look forward to learning from as much as possible this year, and Rabbi Mosbacher, who is my teacher, my advisor, and most importantly, my friend.

I am unbelievably joyful for my friends on the Ritual Committee, who I study with and debate with, and laugh with, and work with ... Bob Meyers, Harris Reinstein, Lisa Lamster, Sheryl Thailer, Jane Simon, Jane Young, Gary Silver, Nancy Levene, Linda Vogel, Karen Silverman, and Amy Littman, Jen Cole and Marilyn Taylor. If you need people to make phone calls, or clean silver, or stuff machzorim, or organize a Yom Kippur Learning session, or make more phone calls, or write emails, or organize 50+ people to be ushers, or make even more phone calls, these are the people you want by your side. Thank you all so much for your energy, your dedication, and your friendship.

Last, but certainly not least, I am so very joyful for my family ... Josh, Cydney, Ethan, and Ian ... who are so understanding of the time I give to be the Ritual chair. You are the biggest reason for my joy, and I am beyond grateful for your love.

I hope Sukkot and the entire High Holiday season brought you joy. I look forward to celebrating many more joyful occasions with you all.

Stacey Coyne, Ritual Chair



CHANUKAH MENORAH LIGHTING HINTS:

The first day of Chanukah is on December 17; therefore the first candle is lit the evening before (December 16.) Candles are placed in the *chanukiah* (Chanukah menorah) from right to left (the first night, place one candle all the way to the right, then add on from there each succeeding night.) Light candles from left to right (light the newest candle first, after you have lit the *shamash*, or service candle.)

First Blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu bimitsvotav v'tzivanu
l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with
commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

Second Blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, she'asa nissim la'avoteinu bayamim
haheim ba-z'man hazeh.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our
ancestors, in those days at this time of year.

Third Blessing (recited first night only)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu v'kiyemanu v'higiyanu
la-z'man hazeh.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and
for enabling us to reach this season of joy.

Social Action/Community Garden

We held our first meeting of the year on September 14, and many of the BHSS committees were represented. It was an opportunity to discuss ALL of the Social Action that is on going at BHSS and also gave committees a chance to team up for ongoing activities such as **Michelle Mitzvah**'s needing help picking up food products from Costco for delivery to **Oasis**, a wonderful Paterson organization dedicated to changing the lives of women and children in need, or **Brotherhood**'s volunteering to do the **Coat Drive** for NJ/NY Cares. Ideas about how to foster this spirit of cooperation flew hot and heavy with lots of ideas generated. We are planning four such meetings a year, with the next one being held on February 22, 2015, at 7 pm.

As this gets written, the **Community Garden** has grown over **220 pounds of produce** that went either to the Soup Kitchen in Suffern or the Center for Food Action. That is the most we have ever grown, even with the very hungry groundhogs that

continue to remind us of their presence. This season has also been a wonderful year of getting to know new people as members of each committee take turns helping with the weekly chores. We often hear that working in the garden is "fun" or "rewarding." All of the help and companionship is greatly appreciated; it really was a "Community Garden" this season.

The Social Action Committee, in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey, will be participating in **Mitzvah Day** on **Sunday, November 2**. BHSS will be collecting new/gently worn CHILDREN'S (newborn – preteen sizes) clothing for Oasis. There is a collection bin just inside the doors to our school, and volunteers will meet on November 2 at 1 pm to sort the clothing and prepare it for delivery to Oasis. Please join us -- do a mitzvah on Mitzvah Day!

Notes from Music

Hello everyone! I hope you enjoyed the holiday services. I know our choir sang from their hearts to make our prayers especially beautiful and meaningful. To those new to our congregation, this is what the "Shir" stands for in our name – "Song." You took it to a whole new level. We all thank you for your efforts, your dedication to the congregation and your talent.

If you enjoy singing, consider joining. We are always welcoming new voices; men are especially in demand. Please contact Cantor Perper.

We are also planning a great year for our Junior Choir. Children must be in third grade or older to participate. The kids get a great start learning for their b'nei mitzvah while having fun and developing a great rapport with Cantor Perper. Lisa Lamster is our contact person for those interested in more information. Please get in touch with her at lisalams@optonline.net.

Our first program of the year is the ever-popular **Chanukah**

Coffeehouse Cantors. It will be held on **Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 7 pm. And it's FREE!** What, you had somewhere else to be? Bring friends, nosh on the desserts and enjoy the music! Please RSVP the synagogue office so we have an idea of head count. Last year's FREE Coffeehouse Cantors broke attendance records.

Keep **January 31** open for our annual **Movie Night** to benefit the Center for Food Action. It is another FREE program; all we ask is that you bring a food donation. We will be showing "Hello Dolly," so be prepared to sing!

This year will be filled with interesting programming, lots of planning and lots of fun. Singing is not a requirement for membership in the committee! There is always a free chair at the table for you, my reader, so come join us. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the synagogue. Contact me any time at niberger@aol.com, and let's chat!

Musically yours,
Nora Berger

Mazal Tov

To **Alyssa & Brian Weiss**, on the naming of their daughter, Emerson Brooke
To **Ann & Eric Byne**, on the birth of their granddaughter, Talia Rae Hirschberg
To **Irina Stoianov** on her marriage to Bill Burger

Condolences

To **Denise Eisberg**, on the death of her Uncle, Herbert Rosenblatt
To **Lorraine Clarke** on the death of her Father, Thomas Perrin
To **Sari Vogel** on the death of her Cousin, Renee Ticknor
To **Gary Garbus** on the death of his Mother, Mollie Garbus
To **Mark Slakter** on the death of his Mother, Ruth Slakter
To **Mark Cohen** on the death of his Mother, Marion Cohen
To **Deborah Falkow** on the death of her Father, Howard Kaplan
To **Carol Diamant** on the death of her Father, Edward Brickman
To the **Shirvan** and **Sitomer** families, on the death of Jess Shirvan.
Husband of Dawn Shirvan, Father of Harlee, Kendall and Cooper.
Nephew of Terry and Jeff Sitomer

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Abby Cohen & Lee DeSantis, Lake Hiawatha, NJ	Darrae & Gregg Nierenberg and family, Ramsey, NJ
Valerie & Larry Dobrow and family, Mahwah, NJ	Felice & David Nussbaum and family, Upper Saddle River
Suzanne DuCharme & James Loranger, Chestnut Ridge, NY	Iris Schwartz & Herb Perten, Suffern, NY
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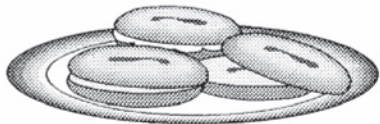
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Bring gently used/new children's clothing, newborn to 5, to BHSS for **Mitzvah Day** - Sunday, November 2, 1 to 4 p.m.

Experience the moving film "**Nicky's Family**" (dinner served) on Sunday, November 2 at 4 PM

Play Mah Jongg! at BHSS on Monday, November 3 at 7 PM, Sunday November 16 at 1 PM, Tuesday, December 2 at 7 PM, and Sunday, December 14 at 1 PM

Observe **Kristallnacht** at BHSS on Saturday, November 8 beginning at 7 PM

Donate to URJ Camp Scholarships by noshing at the Youth Group's **Spaghetti Dinner** - Friday, November 14, 6:15-7:15 PM

Wear pajamas to the Youth Group **Creative Family Service** and enjoy the **Milk and Cookies Oneg** and **Car Mitzvah** - Friday, November 14, 7:30 PM

Support the **Book Fair**: Friday, November 14 - Browsing after Services; Sunday, November 16 - 8:30 AM - 1 PM; Monday, November 17 - 3:30 - 8:30 PM; Tuesday, November 18 - 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Learn about **famous Jewish children's authors** in the Lifelong Learning event on Sunday, November 23, beginning at 1 PM

Sisterhood **Goods and Services Auction** - Saturday, December 6 beginning at 7 PM

Bring the whole family to the **community menorah lighting** on Tuesday, December 16 beginning at 6 PM

Light your family's Chanukah menorah at our **Family Chanukah Shabbat Service** on Friday, December 19 beginning at 7:30 PM

Sing along with the **Coffeehouse Cantors - Chanukah Style!** Tuesday, December 23 beginning at 7 PM

Join the Michelle Mitzvah Group, Cantor Perper, and members of our choirs to brighten the day of children at the **Wanaque Children's Hospital Center** on Thursday, December 25 - meeting in the BHSS parking lot in the morning; time TBA