

## TEMPLE



## TOPICS

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*Finding New Ways*

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- Cinco de Mayo college parent hike
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- Library/Sisterhood/Brotherhood  
photography event with Joel Ives
- Tot Shabbat
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# President's Message

*Linda Ellman Schwartz*

*Planning for our Future*

My family has “only” been members of BHSS for the last 15 years, and while it feels like the same cozy home, the reality is that many things have changed since we joined. Working closely with our leadership team now, I realize that there is constant, careful, and thoughtful attention being given to each step we take to make certain that as the years pass, we continue to evolve while maintaining our unique, warm BHSS style. For this reason, while times change and years pass, BHSS provides me with the same peaceful embrace it did from the very beginning, and I am certain that many of you feel the same way!

Although it was not always obvious to me, as president I have come to fully appreciate the hard work being done to preserve that special vibe. I have an even greater respect for all that our clergy, staff and lay leaders do now from my up-close vantage point. The manner of planning for today, tomorrow and the long term is truly remarkable, and I would like to share some of that with you.

We all know that Rabbi Ilana, Iris and Rebecca are actively working to manage the daily needs of our congregation. What might not be so clear is that they are also simultaneously planning for all aspects of the near and distant future. We have a forward-thinking crew that also includes the dedication and creativity of Administrative Assistant Michelle Sherry, Religious School Assistant Laura Miller and Director of Youth Programming Sam Spencer, none of whom are afraid to embrace new challenges. Examining the world around us and understanding what our congregants are looking for from their synagogue - there is so much to consider. Supporting all of them in this tremendous exercise are the members of our congregation who serve on the Executive Committee and Board and in countless other behind-the-scenes ways volunteering their time and efforts.

Recently, we launched our Long-Range Planning Committee to have a group concentrating exclusively on future thinking

in the most efficient and effective way. Harvey Weinberg, who has years of strategic planning experience and has dedicated much of his free time to all things BHSS, will be leading this committee. He will be joined by a diverse group of eager members of our Executive Committee and Board in this process.

As we all know, Reform communities have struggled in recent years because of trends towards non-affiliation, the isolation of the covid pandemic and more recently, concerns and costs of increased security needs. When we assess our financial position, we recognize that we have not been immune to the effects of these challenges, but we are also in the enviable position of being a thriving cultural community with a growing membership that includes people across different ages including a large b'nei mitzvah class each year, and 24 kindergarten/1st grade religious school students!! Our ability to attract new members is something of which we can be very proud. This strength only further motivates our efforts to plan and further reinforce the strong foundation we have for moving forward.

We are also looking to enhance our future with optimization of social media. Lauren Theodore, a dedicated member of our Executive Committee is leading the group on this endeavor. We have other groups exploring programming and identifying potential hidden revenues ideas. These are long term projects that you might not read about or see in the immediate term, but they are meaningful as we continue to do the work of planning for our future.

The point I wanted to share most importantly is that I continue to be impressed from my up-close view of not just the day-to-day efforts of our team but the devotion and time spent on the very important job of planning for our future! Please reach out if you are reading this and have an interest in any part of these important initiatives and conversations. There is always room for you at the table!

## *The Ant, the Grasshopper... and Yizkor*

# Rabbi's Reflections

Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman



Perhaps you remember Aesop's fable of the ant and the grasshopper? It's the one where the industrious ant works and collects all summer to prepare for the winter while the shortsighted grasshopper plays and rests. Come winter, the ant is taken care of while the grasshopper is cold and hungry. The moral has to do with planning for what comes next. At BHSS we also plan and collect. Throughout the year, I have the privilege to speak with so many people with thoughts and ideas. We talk over what is working and what we might want to reconsider, how we might better feed people's spiritual needs, and how we could innovate with our rituals and practices.

Sometimes the response is immediate. You want a certain melody for the next Shabbat service? Done! You have an idea for a speaker for a specific holiday? Let's invite them! Other times, implementation may take a bit longer. For example, for a few years now, I have been thinking about Yizkor—the memorial service-- for the *shalosh regalim*, the three pilgrimage holidays: Sukkot, Passover, and Shavuot. There is also a Yizkor service at Yom Kippur, but that one seems to meet the needs of mourners. At the other Yizkor services, we struggle to have a minyan. Wise congregations do not gauge success by attendance, but rather by whether rituals, services, and programs are uplifting, inspiring, comforting, and moving the intended participants. Even so, our Yizkor services have needed some attention.

Unwilling to give up this aspect of our holiday observance, I have been asking people what Yizkor means or could mean to them and what they might want out of Yizkor services. Now that summer is upon us, there is time to consider the upcoming year, to process the community and individual needs, and to begin to imagine how to make changes. This particular need is just one example of the summer work that precedes a Jewish year.

I want to return to the ant and the grasshopper. For many years, I mis-remembered the story: Yes, the ant worked hard at collecting and storing food. But rather than being lazy, the grasshopper was also collecting—every song, ray of sunshine, peel of laughter, and summer game was stored away. When the winter came, the ant, with plenty of food invited in the grasshopper. The grasshopper, in turn, brought the warmth of the summer into the ant's home by sharing song, memory, and the assurance that one day it would be warm again. Instead of our story being one about the importance of industry, it becomes one of valuing the talents of each individual and working together as a community to tend to each other's needs.

I have chosen to embrace my version and to think of it as a kind of midrash. This summer, some of us are envisioning lessons, services, details, and logistics of the upcoming year. Then staff, clergy, teachers, volunteers, congregants, students come back together. We dance a magical dance that any one individual's planning cannot fully predict, the way our own collections and recollections marry together to make a particular set of people in a particular set of circumstances to enrich and inspire our Jewish lives. Our hope is that each year, we work to achieve the alchemy that spins our plans into Jewish gold. And each year, we have new and different aspects to consider and refine and we create. That is what it means to be in Jewish community together.


Door is open...Come on in!

tuesdays with  
**Ilana**

A little talk, listening  
and a whole bunch of  
caring

8:45-10:30 am

TLC with Rabbi Ilana  
Tuesday mornings at BHSS



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# From The Educator

*Rebecca Bernstein McVeigh*



As we get ready to close out our programming year in late spring/early summer, I tend to mark time by two things: the last day of religious school and the last bar or bat mitzvah service.

School ends early in May, and our last bar or bat mitzvah is sometime in June. Doing some very rough calculations, I have been privileged to say “it’s been a great year - see you in the fall!” over 60 times, and “mazal tov” to over 450 students and their families as they celebrated b’nei mitzvah at BHSS.

The pride in and support for a bar or bat mitzvah student on that day is palpable, but it starts well before our sanctuary is filled with family and friends. It starts when students begin in school, it becomes “real” to parents when a date is settled on, and it is in full swing as schedules are made for lessons with me and meetings with Rabbi Ilana.

Even though we are blessed to celebrate many b’nei mitzvah in our sanctuary, I along with Rabbi Ilana, Iris, and Michelle (aka, the prep “team”) see every single child differently, whether this is their family’s first celebration or not.

Each student has a unique learning style, their own strengths and challenges, and no matter how much Hebrew or English they lead, how easy or hard it is for them to chant or sing, or whether they have a facility for writing a d’var Torah or not – it all comes together and what we see at their service is their pride of accomplishment. As we get to know students, we also

learn that each family has their own lifestyle, schedule, and pressures. We learn, and we adapt. We adapt timing, assignments, and teaching methods.

As our experience with the pandemic and our year of being completely remote demonstrated, the ability to adapt is essential. We introduce new programs, new methods – our 1:1 tutoring, our tuition-free K, 1 and 2 for members, adding pizza (!) to our Tot Shabbat – among others, these things came about because we recognized the need to adapt and try new things.

As our Education Committee chair Ronni Seif mentions in her article, we launched a pilot program this year as our older students learned about Holocaust survivors’ stories in conjunction with a professor and students at Ramapo College. And next year we sunset our Kadimah program and pilot a new model for our 7th – 12th graders. Parents should be looking for more information in their inboxes and in our information sessions. As with all new things, it will require a lot of organization and preparation on our part, but as we have demonstrated throughout the years, we are up to the challenge.

As we change to meet our younger students and families where they are, we are addressing our older students’ and their families’ needs, keeping in mind our own goal of delivering a rounded Jewish education that should not end on that beautiful, amazing Saturday morning.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR May 2024					
	Sunday Family School & traditional 6th 9:00-10:30 a.m.	Monday K, 1, 2 & traditional 3rd 4:15-5:45 p.m.	Monday Kadimah grades 7-12 6:45-8:15 p.m.	Tuesday traditional 4th & 5th 4:15-5:45 p.m.	Wednesday 6th Remote 4 - 5 p.m.
May					1
2024	5	6	6	7	8
				14	



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



### **Emily Cole – May 4, 2024**

Lives in Wyckoff, New Jersey. Mother, Jen, Father, Matt, Brothers, Aidan, 27, Garrett, 24, Brady, 21 ..... is a 7th grader at Eisenhower Middle School .....

Her interests include volleyball, mini golf, and hanging out at the beach. “I would like to become a baker. I am very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and celebrate with our family, friends, and synagogue community. For my community service, we are collecting, organizing, and distributing Mother’s Day gifts to benefit Families for Families.”



### **Harrison Rosa – May 25, 2024**

Lives in Montvale, New Jersey. Mother, Arielle, Father, Marc, Brother, Josh, 10, and Sister, Eden, 8

..... is a 7th grader at Fieldstone Middle School ..... His interests include cooking, baseball, and soccer.

“I would like to start a business, and make it onto the Master Chef show. Each day is getting me more excited and nervous. Over a year of studying all condensed into one very special day of my life. My Bar Mitzvah project is selling bracelets. Each bracelet is \$2.50 and all profits are going to St. Jude’s Cancer Research.”



### **Grant Herrman – May 11, 2024**

Lives in Wyckoff, New Jersey. Mother, Karina, Father, Brett, Brother, Trevor, 9 ..... is a 7th grader at Eisenhower Middle School .....

His interests include playing soccer and fishing. “I would like to find a career that involves technology and computer designing. I can’t wait to celebrate my Bar Mitzvah with all my loving friends and family. For my community service, I am involved in raising money for the Seeing Eye Dog Foundation to help visually impaired people.”



### **Shelby Greene – June 1, 2024**

Lives in Wyckoff, New Jersey. Mother, Marin, Father, Daryl, Brother, Spencer, 9 ..... is

a 7th grader at Eisenhower Middle School ..... Her interests include tennis, art, cooking, camp, and shopping.

“I have not decided what career I want to have yet, but I would like it to include opportunities for me to be creative since that is where I excel. I feel excited about my Bat Mitzvah as I have been working hard to prepare for this milestone. For my mitzvah project I will be giving back to the IDF. Even though this won’t stop the war, I believe it will make a small impact on the soldiers and can remind them that there will always be people who care!”



### **Carly Gottlieb – May 18, 2024**

Lives in Suffern, New York. Mother, Dara, Father, Brandon, Sister, Ava z”l ..... is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School .....

Her interests include softball, dance, theater, and shopping. “I want to be a makeup artist. I am happy that I am becoming a Jewish woman with my loved ones by my side. I am collecting toys to donate to MSK (Memorial Sloan Kettering) Kids.”



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

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### **Dylan Slater – June 1, 2024**

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Stacy, Father, Farrell, Brother, Zack, 17 ..... is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School .....

His interests include basketball, tennis, and baseball and any games that include running or physical activity, and video games. “In the future I want to have a job that I like doing and can be successful at. I am very excited and nervous at the same time because my Bar Mitzvah is so important to me that I want to do well. I raised money by doing various activities for people like drawing a picture to furnish a kitchen and bathroom at a women’s shelter and to donate to the American Heart Association in memory of my cousin Sarah.”



### **Ashton Tell – June 8, 2024**

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Jena, Father, Rob, Sister, Sloane, 7 ..... is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School .....

His interests include lacrosse, basketball, football, and architecture. “I would like to become an architect. My quote is ‘*Talent is great, hard work and dedication means greatness.*’ I feel proud and excited for this coming of age in my Jewish religion. I am also happy to have this day shared with Jordana who will read the Torah with me, and my friends and family who will celebrate with me afterward. For my community service project, I decorated an apartment with items that I paid for. This apartment was a house for an abused mother and daughter.”



### **Jordana Hope Slackman – June 8, 2024**

Lives in Montvale, New Jersey. Mother, Laurie, Father, Steven, Sisters, Cayla, 9, and Paige, 7 ..... is a 7th grader at Fieldstone Middle School .....

Her interests include dance and volleyball. “I want to be a teacher or an interior designer. I am so excited to celebrate with my family and friends. I am also extremely grateful for everyone who has helped me leading up to this special day. I am providing care packages and sensory boards for my aunt Ellen’s group home.”



### **Jonah Cohen – June 15, 2024**

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Sharon, Father, Jeff, Brother, Daniel, 15. .... is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School.

His interests include baking, gaming, and hanging out with friends. “I want to open my own bakery someday! I am super excited to celebrate my special day with friends and family. I will be visiting a local nursing home and spending time with the residents and playing games with them.”

# May Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
					6:30 pm Tefilot Family Service grades K-3 lead Teacher Appreciation Shabbat	Acharei Mot 10 am Emily Cole
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 am 6th trad & FS 6 pm Yom HaShoah Program	4:15 pm grades K 1 2 3 6:45 pm Kadimah 6:45 Sis'hood/B'hood Library Event	4:15 pm grades 4 & 5	4 pm Remote 6th		5:15 pm Tot Shabbat 7 pm Tefilot Social Action/MMG Shabbat	K'doshim 10 am Grant Herrman
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	7 pm Yom Haatzmaut & Yom HaZikaron Program	4:15 pm grades 4 & 5 7:30 pm Exec Comm Mtg 7:30 pm MMG Mtg			7 pm Tefilot Honoring Iris Greenberg for 20 Years	Emor 10 am Carly Gottlieb
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
noon - 4 Family Fun Day		7:30 pm Congregation Annual Mtg and Board Meeting			7 pm Tefilot	B'har 10 am Harrison Rosa
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Office Closed				7 pm Tefilot Kadimah Graduation	



# June Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 B'chukotai 10 am Shelby Greene & Dylan Slater
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7 pm Healing Service via Zoom					6:30 pm Shabbat Family Service	B'midbar 10 am Jordana Slackman & Ashton Tell
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		7 pm Erev Shavuot with Michelle Citrin	OFFICE CLOSED 10 am Shavuot Yizkor Service via Zoom		7 pm Tefilot Brotherhood Shabbat	Naso 10 am Jonah Cohen 6 pm Brotherhood at Boulders Baseball
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		7:30 pm Board Mtg.			5:15 pm Tot Shabbat 7 pm Tefilot Pride Shabbat	B'ha-a lot'cha
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					7 pm Tefilot	Sh'lach L'cha
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**STRONGER TOGETHER**  
**FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW**



# **BHSS Family Fun Day**

Featuring:

- ▶ Rolling Pita
- ▶ Garage Days Pizza
- ▶ 1950's Originals
- ▶ Sweet Ice Queen

- 🎵 Live Music from NRG 🎵
- 😊 Fun Time Inflatables for the kids 😊



**SUNDAY, MAY 19**  
**12PM-3PM**

**Something for everyone!**

**All are welcome, family, friends, prospective members!**

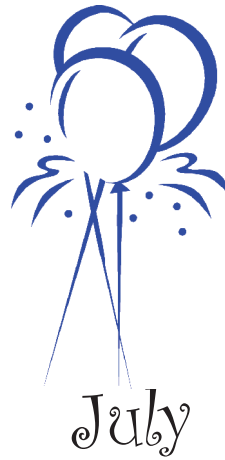
# Birthdays



Maxwell Chais  
Emily Cole  
Chance Edelman  
Ryder Edelman  
Benjamin Feldman  
Leah Feldman  
Isaac Freedland  
Nolan Gold  
Zachary Gold  
Carly Gottlieb  
Grant Herrman  
Trevor Herrman  
Sabine Kieres  
Noah Kobb  
Taylor Kobb  
Sofi Kontorov  
Adam Lenchner  
Jake Lewis  
Sydney Lewis  
Rory Margolis  
Hunter Nitzberg  
Stella Nitzberg  
Lyla Rosenstock  
Lindsay Spungin  
Jada Verbel  
Alice Viezel  
Talia Viezel



Evan Harris Aarons  
Matthew Bender  
Parker Cahill  
Bryce Daniel  
Kyle Daniel  
Reid Forman  
Solomon Freedland  
Margot Jackter  
Maya Freddie Kaufman  
Samuel Kingsley  
Jacob Kontorov  
Jude Molovinsky  
Rebecca Nanus  
Dylan Nielsen  
Zachary Rein  
Joshua Rosa  
Brooke Rosenkrantz  
Julia Sendroff  
Eliana Silver  
Joelle Strow  
Eliot Sugalski  
Ruby Sugalski  
Ashton Tell  
Jordan Weeks  
Dylan Zalensky  
Keira Zweig



Mila Cahill  
Duke Crockford  
Benjamin Dworkin  
Zachary Flanz  
Spencer Greene  
Lily Jackter  
Adam Knott  
Liana Kontorov  
Linda Lenchner  
Sasha Melman  
Simone Melman  
Levi Meyers  
Ryan Root  
Jordana Slackman  
Jacob Sumper



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Noah Borujow  
Hannah Cohen  
Lillian Corsaro  
Aidan Defrino  
Mason Defrino  
Madison Fooks  
Raya Fooks  
Abigail Ginsberg  
Hannah Ginsberg  
Lyanna Ikin  
Sydney Kaplan  
Ella Koppel  
Sydney Krieg  
Lucas Lutzer  
Sawyer Meyers  
Mason Morris  
Emily Nanus  
Skylar Rosenkrantz  
Cayla Slackman  
Emma Somberg  
Hudson Smith  
Harrison Sugalski  
Zachary Sumper  
Sloane Tell  
Andrew Weiner  
Grace Weiner  
Sienna Zweig

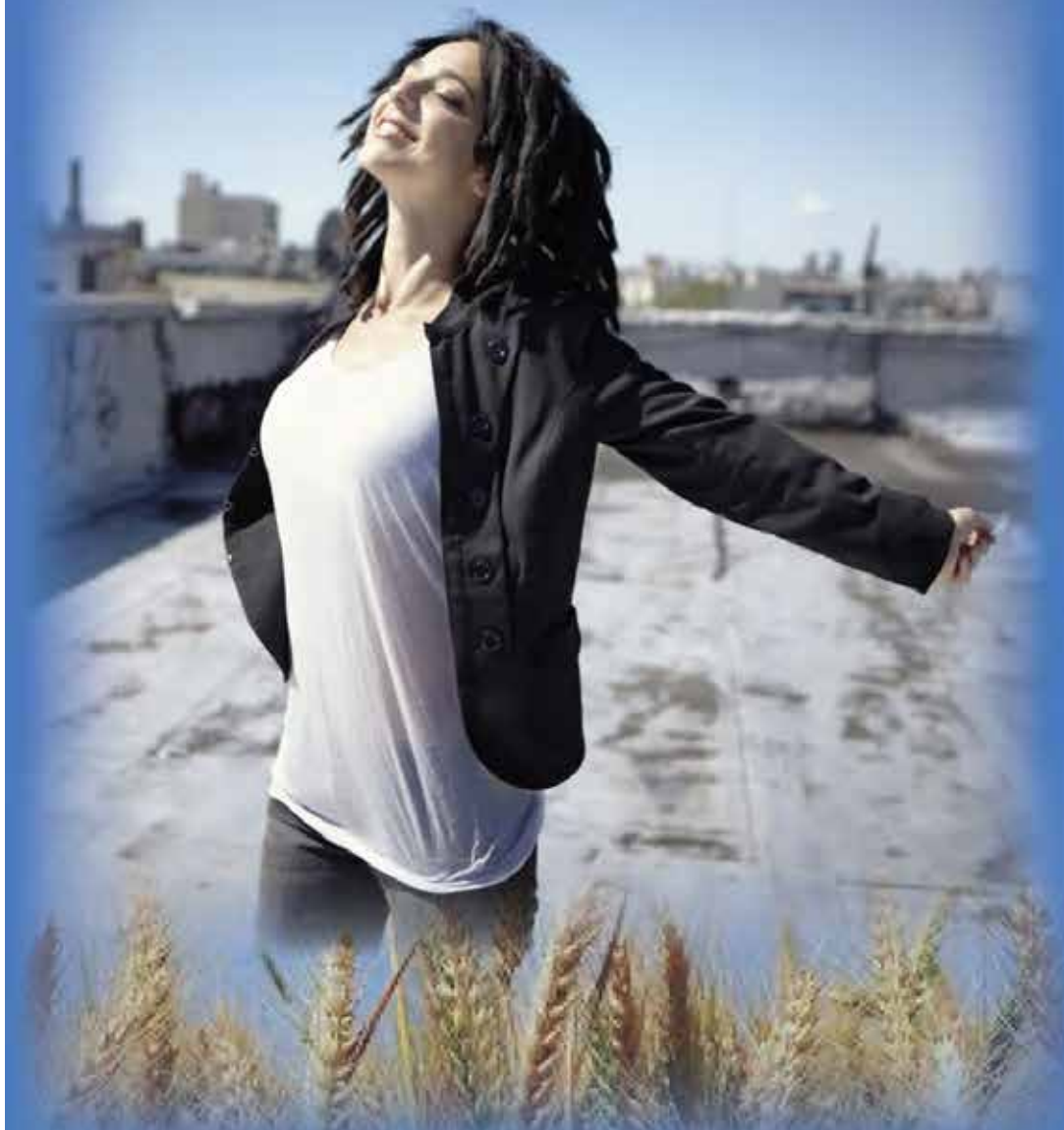


Tuesday, June 11 – 7:00pm

Join Rabbi Ilana with  
special guest musician

**Michelle Citrin**

For Shavuot Festival Service



**SING-PRAY-LEARN**



**SHABBAT family SERVICES**

May 3 and June 7  
at 6:30 pm

Join Rabbi Ilana and Rosh Shirah Brian Gelfand.

Grades K, 1, 2 and 3 will also be there in May  
for Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

We hope you join us for this  
fun, music-filled service for the whole family  
to participate in and enjoy!

join us for Oneg Shabbat  
right after the service

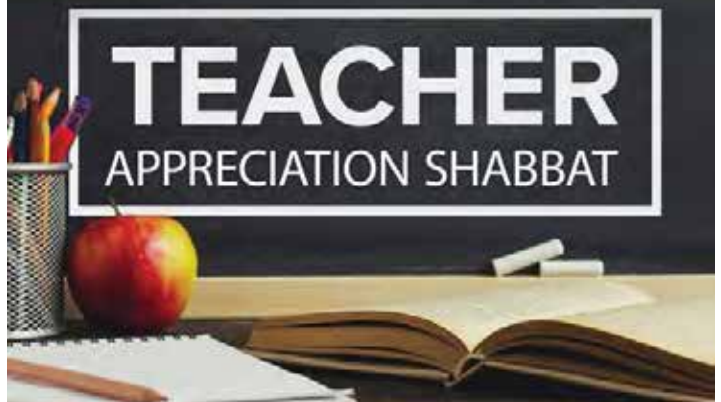
**Everyone Welcome!**

# Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

Friday, May 3 at 6:30 pm

Join Us to Thank and Celebrate  
our Religious School Staff!

## TEACHER APPRECIATION SHABBAT



<i>Staff:</i>	<i>Morei Derech/ Tutors:</i>
<i>Rebeca Berger Ben Berman Cindy Buchalter Tiffany Cohen Stacey Coyne Rachel Crockford Sheila Groskin Jane Koch</i>	<i>Jessica Lamster Sammi Lamster Laura Miller Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman Samantha Spencer Mona Sussman Stacey Swirnow</i>
	<i>Hannah Altman* Matthew Altman Adam Buchalter Ilana Gilbert Danielle Kissin Jason Ritchin Ben Rose Maya Rose Annabel Theodore* *Graduating Seniors</i>

# Tot Shabbat!

**Fridays, May 10 and June 21 at 5:15 p.m.**

*For children ages birth-kindergarten and their families.*

*Do a craft, hear a story, sing songs... everything you love about Tot Shabbat, and PIZZA, too!*

*Rabbi Ilana and Director of Education Rebecca McVeigh look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you and your tots!*



# CELEBRATE IRIS GREENBERG ON HER 20TH ANNIVERSARY AT BHSS

*Friday, May 17, 2024 – 7:00pm*



*Our very own Executive Director, Iris Greenberg, is celebrating her 20th year of service at BHSS. Please join us in honoring her at a very special Shabbat service. There's lot of fun memories and surprises planned... so we hope you'll be there for this momentous celebration!*

**Pride Shabbat**  
Friday, June 21 at 7 pm



Please join us for Pride Shabbat as we celebrate the LGBTQ community.

Our time together will be inclusive, warm and welcoming.

## CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee has been hard at work tending to our congregants' needs. We wish to thank all those who contribute to this committee whether you donate your time or your culinary talents. The recipients of your efforts and generosity are always so very grateful.

If you are interested in getting involved, there are many ways to volunteer, whether it be cooking a meal, donating restaurant gift cards, or making a phone call to a congregant in need. You would be surprised at how much you get back from devoting a little time to call and check in on someone who is not feeling well or who is simply lonely.

If you need the services of the Caring Committee or if you wish to join or volunteer, please contact

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or Laura Miller (mlctsmiller@verizon.net).



# EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*“Hello, all – Yes, it’s Temple Topics time again...but the last one of the year!”*

That’s how the email I received started. ‘Last one of the year’? How can that be since it’s only April? It made me think about what a year actually is. I mean, New Year’s is January 1, but the Jewish new year is September/October (just another way to keep everyone on their toes), the school year is September to June and then there’s the fiscal year, which never made any sense to me as it seems that every organization picks their own timeline for that one. Regardless of when your year begins or ends, or what kind of year you are marking on your calendar it tends to be a call for some sort of reflection, or accounting, of what has transpired.

Since I brought it up, I’ll go first. I’m a little amazed that I’m just about to close the book on my first year as Education Committee chairperson. When Rebecca first contacted me about assuming this role, I wasn’t sure if I was up for the task. Luckily for me, Rebecca is one of the most organized and collaborative people I’ve ever worked with so she makes it easy. Even pre-pandemic, the Education Committee had been able to effectively conduct much of their business via email. While there are advantages to that model, I’m happy to report we did hold a hybrid in-person/zoom meeting this year so that committee members new and old could have a little face time!

With all of the moving pieces that encompass our religious school: students, teachers, curriculum, and guardians, I’m always in awe how it comes together week in and week out. The changes we are all experiencing in the world do actually filter down into how BHSS educates our youth for the future, and I am amazed that everyone involved in the process is able to adapt accordingly.

Our double classroom was filled with twenty-four kindergarteners and first graders this year, and we’re looking forward to all of them coming back next year. Making the early grades financially available to new members and young

families is truly serving our congregation for the long run. The one-to-one Hebrew education component that was a necessity to keep on track when we all couldn’t be in the classroom has become the new normal and has benefitted our students greatly.

That said, when Rebecca heard from some parents that their children missed the structure of “in class” time for Hebrew, she will be offering it to the Tuesday fifth graders for next year. This year our seventh graders participated in a special Holocaust education program with a professor and his students at Ramapo College thanks to an anonymous grant from a congregant.

Speaking of seventh graders, changes are coming to our programming for 7th – 12th graders. If you haven’t heard about it yet, I don’t want to steal the thunder from Rabbi Ilana and Rebecca. Suffice it to say they listened to the challenges parents were having, brainstormed and came up with a few fantastic options. The Education Committee had the opportunity to discuss them and voted unanimously for next year’s pilot program, to be called, simply, “7th grade” and for the older students, “Kadimah-ccino” – which I presented at a recent board meeting. So next year, rather than lose an awesome extension of our school there will be a new and exciting option for 7th graders and for our older children to continue their Jewish education.

New and different and ever-evolving is an important component not only of our religious school, but our congregation. As we move forward towards next year, no matter what or which kind of new year you’re observing, I hope you look back and see the positives, and look ahead to even better times.

Ronni Seif, Education Committee Chair  
seif4email@gmail.com

# LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Lifelong Learning is, according to one source, “the concept of pursuing additional education and the development of further skills beyond an individual’s formal or compulsory education”. An example is self-taught study such as learning a new language, researching a topic of interest, subscribing to a podcast, watching a movie and reading.

Nonfiction books share facts or real-life events. They are great tools for making real-world connections to build on for both adults and children. It helps us develop our background knowledge and vocabulary.

Historical fiction novels can transport us to another era. We learn the successes and failures of those who came before us. We compare and make connections with our lives.

Lifelong learning, while enhancing esteem, can give one a sense of purpose and feelings of competency. It means you have a growth mindset and an innate curiosity about the world. This embraces all forms of learning, formal and informal, throughout life.

And...it’s good for your brain and your mental health!

And one more thought...

**“The BHSS Library is a tranquil and lovely place to linger. I especially like the reading side table by the large window that lets in generous natural lighting. Peeking at the gorgeous art books in between perusing references, such as the Jewish Encyclopedia, helps me towards a better understanding of Torah as an ever-living and humanitarian message.”**

*–Library Committee member, Francine Allen*

Speaking of learning, please join Library Committee, Brotherhood and Sisterhood when we host **“Joel Ives and Photography,” on Monday, May 6 in the Ulam, at 6:45 p.m.** Refreshments will be provided.

Joel has delighted us in the past by sharing his photography and discussing his equipment and his strategies. His photos take the viewer with him to places where he captures color, form and design.

For this program, Joel invites you to send him a photo or two of your own that you may want to discuss. He will be happy to answer questions.

You can send your photos to Joel at [ivesarch@optonline.net](mailto:ivesarch@optonline.net).

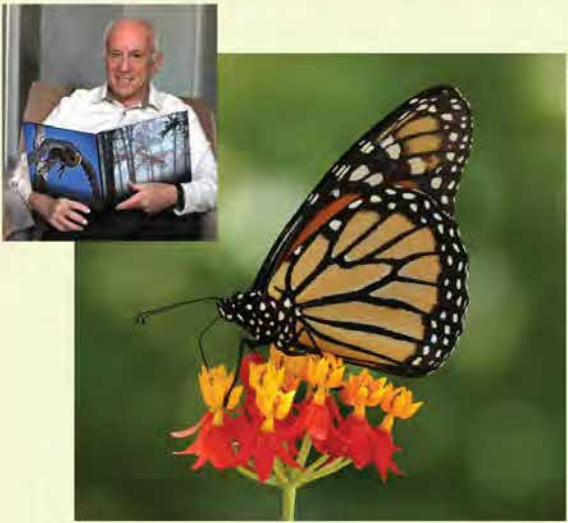
Happy reading!

The Library Ladies

The Library Committee, Brotherhood and Sisterhood of BHSS  
present

**JOEL IVES: HOW TO BE A TOP NOTCH PHOTOGRAPHER**  
**Monday, May 6 at 6:45pm in the Ulam**

BHSS member Joel Ives has delighted us in the past with his photography, discussing how he strategizes and chooses the equipment needed to capture his desired images. His photos draw the viewer in as he highlights color, form and design.



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You can send pics to Joel at [ivesarch@optonline.net](mailto:ivesarch@optonline.net).  
*Refreshments will be served.*



# Good & Welfare

from and for the congregation

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## Condolences to:

**Jaime Kobb** on the death of her father, Richard Rosenbluth

**Ian Coyne** on the death of his brother, Colin Coyne

**Lauren Brown** on the death of her brother, Robert Fay

**Beth Dubiel** on the death of her father, Arthur Schlesinger

**Karen Charne** on the death of her mother,  
Yvonne Ilse Hartwich

*R'fuah Sh'leimah*  
(For a full and speedy recovery)

**Joel Goldfarb**

## Thank you to:

**Meri Senchak** for creating beautiful bimah  
baskets for us throughout the year!

## Mazel Tov to:

**Steve Simon** on his wedding to Michelle  
Summer on May 18, 2024

**Lori Perlstein** on the birth of her granddaughter Mila  
Sage Perlstein, born on February 15, 2024 to her son,  
Matthew Perlstein and daughter-in-law, Dana Perlstein.  
Mom, Dad and big brother, Benji, are doing great!

## Mazel Tov to:

**Our B'nai Mitzvah class of 2023-24/5783-5784**

Madison Torrente

Alex Popowitz

Sydney Flanz

Jared Bendayan

Drew Tetefsky

Brooke Einhorn

Alex Roberts

Skylie Prizel

Jessica Levinson

Miles Swerdloff

Benjamin Chais

Michelle Waldbaum

Sarah & Zachary Rosenstock

Abby Fein

Morgan Koppelman

Ilana Gilbert

Juliet Bedrin

Emily Cole

Grant Herrman

Carly Gottlieb

Harrison Rosa

Dylan Slater

Shelby Greene

Ashton Tell

Jordana Slackman

Jonah Cohen

## And our Adult B'not Mitzvah class:

Sheila Barbach

Gloria Leder

Susan Reinstein

Ronni Seif

## Mazel Tov to our Kadimah Graduates:

Annabel Theodore

Hana Hayes

And to all of our  
**BHSS High School and College graduates!**



# SISTERHOOD

*“Sisters function as safety nets in a chaotic world simply by being there for each other.”*

Being together as a sisterhood is one of our hallmarks. This year, Sisterhood has worked to bring our community to more and more women of BHSS, and to plan events and programs geared to interest everyone. This spring has been no exception. In March, we came together for an inspiring and musical Sisterhood Shabbat. More women than ever came to the bimah, and shared their knowledge and passion with the congregation, in honor of International Women’s Day, and all of us.

April heralded the annual Miriam Seder. Rabbi Ilana’s leadership, and her hard work in putting together an uplifting and timely Haggadah for us to use made the evening incredibly special. We spent time together celebrating Jewish her-story and heroines, with our mothers, daughters and ourselves.

May brings two events! On Monday, May 6, Sisterhood will be joining with the Library Committee and Brotherhood to host our own Joel Ives, who will teach us about improving our photography, whether we’re strictly camera-phone photographers, or whether we’re trying to venture into more sophisticated equipment. It’s instruction, all wrapped up in shmoozing and snacking—something we do really well. And this one is free!

And we tap further into local talent on May 18, when our own Barbara Heitmann brings her Doo-Wop group, the Wild Cats, to sing for us. Put on your poodle skirts, slick your hair

back and bring your partner to rock out to the music! Cost is \$18 per person, and we ask that you bring a pair of socks (men’s, women’s or kids’) to donate at the hop, to warm the feet of someone in need.

June is also a Two-Fer-Sisterhood month. June 3 is Sisterhood’s installation dinner, at DelPino’s in Montvale, where we thank our outgoing officers and directors, and welcome in the new! DelPino’s is a BYOB, so bring your own and come enjoy with us!

Then, we cap off the Sisterhood year with Dine-A-Round on Saturday, June 8. We meet together for appetizers, split into groups for dinners, and meet back for dessert (and comparison of who ate what, and where!) What a fun evening this always is! Watch your email for more details and reserve soon! Although the formal year is over, Sisterhood has summer plans, too: You can look forward to a Mah Jongg pool party and Movie Night—both at the homes of wonderful Sisterhood members.

If you aren’t a Sisterhood member, we urge you again to reach out to any of us, and find out what you’re missing, and what Sisterhood can do for you. We’re a vital part of BHSS, and new ideas are always on the horizon.

Please come join us!  
Stacey Coyne and Linda Vogel, Co-Presidents

# MUSIC COMMITTEE

Hello everyone,

The Music Committee is already busy working on planning events for the 2024-2025 season. We all enjoyed having **Metropolitan Klezmer** perform at our Simchat Torah service last year. They added such joy to our festivities! Well, we are working on inviting them back again this year! Look for details as the date gets closer.

Other programs are in the works, too! Want to help? Have ideas about what you would like to see? Email me at niberger@aol.com. I always want to hear from you!

Our choir is rehearsing with Jane Koch! Here is your chance to join in the fun. Soon they will begin rehearsing for the High Holidays. They are always looking for new voices. No previous experience or knowledge of Hebrew is required. Contact Michelle at the synagogue office for details.

*Musically yours,*

*Nora Berger*

# Contributions

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## *Rabbi's Discretionary Fund*

in appreciation and in memory of Nick Lewis  
- *Michael Lewis & family*

in memory of Dr. Harold and Mrs. Sheila Feldman  
- *Irene Feldman*

## *Educators Discretionary Fund*

to Susan Reinstein, in honor of becoming  
an Adult Bat Mitzvah - *Irma Becker*

to Arlene Frank, in loving memory of Don - *Irma Becker*

## *Life Fund*

to Ian Coyne, in memory of your brother, Colin Coyne  
- *Lisa Estrin*  
- *Alison & Norman Axelrod*  
- *Gail & Ranan Wichler*  
- *Lisa & Kenny Glick*  
- *Marci & Harvey Weinberg*  
- *Michelle & Randy Sherry*

in commemoration of the yearzeits of Barbara  
Moss, Bea Moss and Charles Pesin - *Phil Moss*

to Susan Reinstein, in honor of becoming an adult Bat Mitzvah  
- *Steve Simon*  
- *Gail & Al Schlosser*  
- *Elyse & Joe Berman*  
- *Annie & Mile Hull*  
- *Donald Steen*  
- *Frances Freudenrich*  
- *Marilyn Taylor*

to the Adult B'not Mitzvah Group, Mazal Tov  
- *Mona Sussman & Larry Palant*  
- *BHSS Sisterhood*  
- *the Theodore family*  
- *Linda Vogel*  
- *Lisa Lamster*  
- *Mona & Jeff Lefkowitz*  
- *Michelle & Randy Sherry*  
- *Nancy & Al Levene*  
- *Marti Sirower*  
- *Vicki & Norman Stein*  
- *Paula Metzger*

with appreciation - *Illysa Hom*

with appreciation to BHSS - *Ethel Rosen & Stu Kirshner*

to Beth Dubiel and Sheryl and Joel Ives,  
in memory of Arthur Schlesinger - *Barbara Lacher*

to the Gilbert family, in honor of Ilana  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah - *Gail & Ranan Wichler*

with appreciation - *the Feldman family*

to Ronni Seif, in honor of becoming an  
Adult Bat Mitzvah, Mazal Tov!  
- *Jodi Anton*  
- *Cindy Parnes*

to Ronni Seif, in memory of your mother  
Penny Lee Joseph Smith - *Jodi Anton*

in memory of Rose and Harry Friedman - *Janet Javer*

in memory of Louis Stiglitz - *Sheila Nathanson*

in memory of Josef Goldschmidt - *Monica Wiener*

in memory of Mitch Goldman - *Robin Ackerman*

to Pam Straining, Jen Cole, Jen Kraft  
and Faith Kaufman, with thanks! - *BHSS Sisterhood*

in memory of our loving parents - *Gail & Al Schlosser*

in memory of Miles Alter - *Roberta Alter*

in honor of Gloria Leder becoming an adult Bat Mitzvah  
- *Livia McGinnis*

in memory of Hans Lowenstein - *Sheri & Allan Schott*

## *Center for Food Action*

*Donated by their family in honor of the following simcha*

the Bat Mitzvah of Emily Cole

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## Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge

*Donated by their family in honor of the following simchas*

the Bat Mitzvah of Morgan Koppelman  
the Bat Mitzvah of Ilana Gilbert  
the Bar Mitzvah of Grant Herrman  
the Bat Mitzvah of Emily Cole

## Jewish Family Services of Rockland

*Donated by their family in honor of the following simcha*

the Bar Mitzvah of Grant Herrman

*Sisterhood of BHSS presents  
a fun-filled night of Doo Wop featuring*

# The Wildcats!

*Saturday, May 18 at 7pm  
in the BHSS social hall*

*Open to all!*



**Cost: \$18.00 per person**

*Payment options: via Venmo to @Lisa-Lamster,  
via Zelle to lisalams@optonline.net, or a check  
made out to Sisterhood of BHSS and mailed to  
Lisa Lamster, 1053 Ash Drive, Mahwah, NJ 07430*

*Please RSVP to lisalams@optonline.net by May 5th*

*Wine, beverages, and 50s-style desserts will be provided*

*Wear your poodle skirt, leather jacket,  
or any other 50s attire and sing along!*

*Please bring socks for men, women, and children to the event.  
These will be donated to various organizations.*



# Sisterhood Installation Dinner

All members and prospective  
members are welcome



**June 3 at 6:30 pm**

**Delpino Restaurant, 108 Chestnut Ridge Road,  
Montvale, NJ. \$50 per person.**



**Payment options: via Venmo to @Lisa-Lamster, via Zelle to  
lisalams@optonline.net, or a check made out to Sisterhood of BHSS  
and mailed to Lisa Lamster, 1053 Ash Drive, Mahwah, NJ 07430.  
Seating is limited. RSVP to lisalams@optonline.net by May 29.**

**Delpino Restaurant is BYOB.  
Feel free to bring your favorite bottle of wine.**

# SOCIAL ACTION

The Talmud says “when you save one life, you save mankind”. The BHSS Social Action Committee seeks to keep this goal in its sights on an ongoing basis. As we enter the spring and summer seasons of rebirth and growth, we are proud of what we have already done and will continue to accomplish at BHSS and in the surrounding communities.

On Sunday evening, April 7, **Julia’s Journey** was officially released to the outside community for one night as part of the JCC of Rockland’s 21st Annual Jewish International Film Festival. There was an amazing turnout for the film at the Regal Cinema in Nanuet, not only from BHSS, but also from the JCC of Rockland’s membership. Julia and her family members’ ongoing strength facing tremendous odds while immigrating from Ukraine to the U.S. never ceases to amaze us. It gives our congregation great joy to have found and helped her and her family succeed. Kudos to Harvey Weinberg, Kyle Dubiel, Linda Ellman Schwartz, Lisa Estrin, Sheila Groskin, Iris Greenberg, Larry Palant, and the other BHSS volunteers who have guided them on this journey.

Friday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. is the combined **Michelle Mitzvah/Social Action Committee Shabbat Service**. It honors the volunteers on each committee who have been working so hard in countless ways to help those in need in our surrounding communities. We hope you will attend and support us.

With spring’s arrival comes the annual opening of the **BHSS Community Garden**. Its bountiful fruit and vegetable crop feed those in need at Christ Episcopal Church in Suffern, Sloatsburg’s food pantry, and the Center for Food Action in Mahwah. Kathy Zukof is now heading up the garden’s operation. The Suffern Rotary Club has offered to take a row to tend!

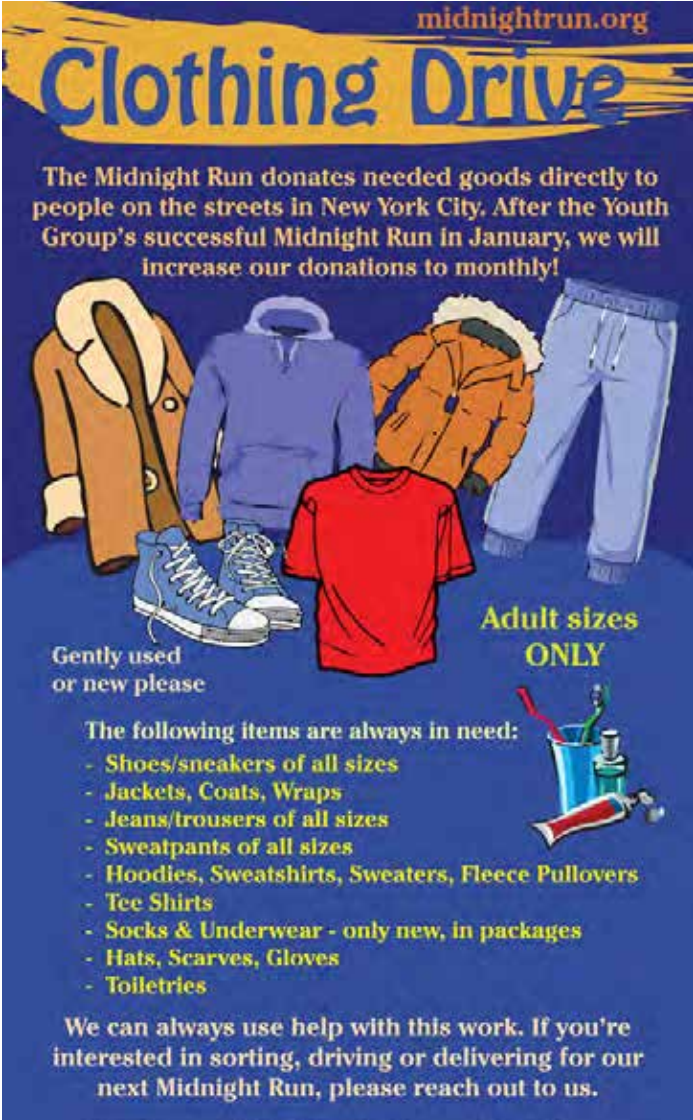
We are seeking other BHSS congregants and committee members to volunteer at the garden. Tilling the soil is good for your psyche and you don’t have to be a master gardener to help! Please email our committee and we’ll put you in touch with Kathy for further information and a schedule.

The Social Action Committee will be setting up and manning a BHSS table at **Mahwah Pride Day** on Wednesday, June 26, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Commodore Perry Field. This year commemorates the 8th anniversary of the legalization of gay marriage in New Jersey. A pride “chuppah” will be set up at the event. Please come visit our table and support this worthwhile event. Contact our committee if you’d like to volunteer.

Looking toward the future, we are planning to hold programs about the rise in antisemitism, the situation in Israel, and voter education initiatives sponsored by RAC (URJ’s Religious Action Center) that address important issues such as gun violence prevention, book bans, and reproductive rights in the upcoming 2024 national election.

Until then, enjoy the warmer weather, your vacation time, and outdoor events with family and friends. Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, ideas, and to join our growing ranks via our committee’s email: [bhsssocialaction@gmail.com](mailto:bhsssocialaction@gmail.com). Our names and other email addresses are below. Stay safe and healthy!

Best wishes,  
Jonathan Theodore: [theodore.central@gmail.com](mailto:theodore.central@gmail.com)  
Lisa Estrin: [lbestrin@aol.com](mailto:lbestrin@aol.com)  
Lisa Glick: [lisarglick@gmail.com](mailto:lisarglick@gmail.com)



The poster for the Midnight Run Clothing Drive features a blue background with a yellow banner at the top that reads "midnightrun.org" and "Clothing Drive" in large, bold, blue letters. Below the banner, there is a collection of clothing items including a brown jacket, a blue hoodie, an orange jacket, a pair of blue jeans, a red t-shirt, and a pair of blue sneakers. To the right of the clothing items, there is a small illustration of a blue cup containing toothbrushes and a tube of toothpaste. The text on the poster includes: "The Midnight Run donates needed goods directly to people on the streets in New York City. After the Youth Group's successful Midnight Run in January, we will increase our donations to monthly!" and "Adult sizes ONLY". Below the clothing items, it says "Gently used or new please". At the bottom, there is a list of items always in need: "Shoes/sneakers of all sizes", "Jackets, Coats, Wraps", "Jeans/trousers of all sizes", "Sweatpants of all sizes", "Hoodies, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Fleece Pullovers", "Tee Shirts", "Socks & Underwear - only new, in packages", "Hats, Scarves, Gloves", and "Toiletries". At the very bottom, it says "We can always use help with this work. If you're interested in sorting, driving or delivering for our next Midnight Run, please reach out to us."

midnightrun.org  
**Clothing Drive**

The Midnight Run donates needed goods directly to people on the streets in New York City. After the Youth Group's successful Midnight Run in January, we will increase our donations to monthly!

Adult sizes ONLY

Gently used or new please

The following items are always in need:

- Shoes/sneakers of all sizes
- Jackets, Coats, Wraps
- Jeans/trousers of all sizes
- Sweatpants of all sizes
- Hoodies, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Fleece Pullovers
- Tee Shirts
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## MICHELLE MITZVAH GROUP

I don't remember the first event that I ever attended for the Michelle Mitzvah Group. Maybe it was a BBQ and softball game at Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla, NY. Or was it the Christmas/Holiday Party at Blythedale? Was it the CROP Walk to Fight Hunger? Regardless, it was probably soon after my Bar Mitzvah which means the Michelle Mitzvah Group has been part of my life for 36 years.

Over that time there have been some memorable moments—such as passing out in the blood mobile parked at the synagogue during a blood drive, because I drank coffee instead of water en route to donating. When the nurses were trying to wake me up, they asked where I was, I answered, “in the blood mobile?” I stayed for an extra juice and cookie just to make sure I was okay (who doesn't want extra juice and cookies?).

And who can forget assisting at the family shelter in Englewood, NJ. Michelle Mitzvah would volunteer at a shelter helping to serve dinner but also needed people to stay overnight. I and another volunteer would usually do it together. Now, just imagine when seeing him during High Holidays and meeting his wife, being introduced as “this is the guy I sleep with at the shelter.”

Personally, the most rewarding and memorable event was six years ago heading to Puerto Rico with Nechama: A Jewish Response to Disaster, to rebuild after Hurricane Maria. Fixing a leaking roof, clean out debris, doing whatever we could to

help people get back on their feet and some sense of normalcy. The gratitude from the families was simply overwhelming.

There are countless moments helping the synagogue and the community-at-large through Michelle Mitzvah. I have mentioned before that just about all of the community outreach projects BHSS does now originated through Michelle Mitzvah - toy drives, coat and clothing drives, soup kitchen, just to name a few. And an enduring legacy will always be the scholarship we created four years ago at Ramapo College - the Michelle Mitzvah Group in Memory of Jase Barrack Scholarship Fund.

It is time now for me to step down as chairperson for the Michelle Mitzvah Group. I will still be in charge of the Soup Kitchen schedule at Christ Episcopal Church on Sundays, so I will not just disappear into the ether. Sean Levin will step up as the Chairperson and I look forward to what happens next. You can email Sean at [seanrichardlevin@verizon.net](mailto:seanrichardlevin@verizon.net).

After all these years, Michelle Mitzvah Group will continue to be part of my life. I honestly am not able to envision my last event. Thirty-six years and counting - “double chai” - Michelle Mitzvah and the work we do is a celebration “To Life.”

B'Shalom  
Steven Simon

## BROTHERHOOD

We didn't have too many of our monthly dinners this year. We didn't meet at Panera too often for Sunday Raps and breakfast.

We get it. There is a lot going on.

We did have a very successful food and hamentaschen sale at Purim. We also supported the youth group at an extremely successful Midnight Run – we had 20 people from our congregation in four cars and about 1,000 pounds of clothing that night...and with some new, fresh faces joining us we are considering doing more than one run per year from now on. Keep in mind, clothing donations are year-round, and the Midnight Run gets our donations every month.

Don't forget about the amazing Retreat! We had so much fun with our new members and old friends!

Brotherhood is one of the many supports that holds our congregation high. It's not what we do for the community, but also creating a community within our congregation where brothers and sisters can get together and have a safe place to express themselves, relax and do good for others and ourselves. We are grateful for our members, both existing and new, and would like to invite each and every person here at BHSS to check out some of our events, come to a meeting, participate in a community-building event and strengthen our position within our BHSS community.

If you would like to learn more, or become part of our email chain, please reach out to us at [bhssbrotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:bhssbrotherhood@gmail.com). We are BHSS Brotherhood. Repairing the World, one Mitzvah at a time.

Sincerely yours,  
Ian, Rod and Jonathan

## *May Yahrzeits*

GEORGE ADLMAN	BENJAMIN FINN	PHYLLIS LANDAU	SYLVIA SCHEUR
STANLEY AXELROD	ISIA FOOKS	MARILYN LASS	ANNABEL SCHLUSSEL
JASE BARRACK	ELSIE FREEMAN	MELVIN LEBOFF	MARK SCHOTT
IRVING BECKER	TILLY ALLWEISS	PAUL LEVITT	DANNY SCHWARTZ
JOEL BERKOWITZ	GOLDMAN	HENRY LICHTER	SIMON SEIDNER
PAUL BERNSTEIN	DIANA GORDON	MITCHELL LICHTMAN	DOROTHY SELIGMAN
RICHARD BOYLE	JESSE HERSHMAN	ERIC LIEBMANN	IRENE SHOOPS
RON BRABEC	IRVING HOLLANDER	LOUISE MAHLER	DAVID JOSEPH SIEGEL
DENISE BROWN	JACK HOMNICK	JUDY MAY	JACOB SIEGEL
RAFAEL CHMIELEWSKI	PETER HOWARD	ALAN MOSKIN	HARVEY D. SILVER, MD
RUCHLA LENA	MARY SUE HOWES	FRANK NATHANSON	ESTELLE SLUCKER
CHMIELEWSKI	LENA ISRAEL	MARY NEWHOUSE	HYMAN SMITH
ALICE COLE	MILTON JABUSH	SCOTT NEWHOUSE	MARION STANSFIELD
ISABELLA LEAH	LOIS JAFFE	DOROTHY OZAROFF	DAVID STEINMAN
DEBETHENCOURT	STEVEN KAMINSKY	IRVING PESIN	ANNA STERNBERG
JESSE ELLMAN	DENNIS KAY	LEE ROSEN	STUART TURNER
DAVID FABIAN	SARAH "SUE" KIRZNER	MAZAL RUDACH	HARRY YAGODA
ROSE FABIAN	LEONID KISSIN	HERBERT SAKOW	SEYMOUR YANOWITZ
SHEILA RAPHAEL	BLANCHE LAMBERT	SAMUEL "LANE" SAYLES	MAX ZUKOF
FELDMAN			

## *June Yahrzeits*

DEENA ALLEN	HAROLD FELDMAN	BERTHA LIPSKER	DIANE SCHILDKRAUT
CINDY ALLMAN	DOROTHY FINN	MELVIN LISK	LYLE SCHLUSSEL
SUSAN ARKAWY	SADIE GETTLEMAN	JOAN LITTMAN	FRAYDA FAY LEVY SEIF
JERROLD ARONS	RHEA GOLDFARB	ALLEN MAY	SANFORD SEILER
RUTH BAUM	HARRIET GORDON	STEVEN MERMELSTEIN	THEODORE SIEGEL
IRVING BEDELL	NATALIE GORDON	HELEN MITTELMAN	FAY SILVERMAN
BARBARA BERDON	FRANCES GROSSMAN	SIDNEY MITTELMAN	JOAN SPEER
MOLLIE BLACKMAN	EDNA HOMNICK	KATE NEUMANN	SOPHIE SQUIRES
RUTH BUCKLER	MAURICE SONNY ISRAEL	ALLEN NUDELMAN	PHYLLIS STEIN
BARBARA BURGHARDT	SCOTT JOSEPH	JOSEPH NURNBERG	RALPH SUSSKIND
IRENE BYNE	LORE KAHN	HELEN OSHEROWITZ	KATHERINE TOWELL
ESTHER CITRIN	JANICE KAMM	HARVEY PACKER	AUDREY WEINBERG
HARRY COHEN	MURRAY KAUFMAN	NORMA PALANT	HAROLD WEINBERG
JUDITH BERNSTEIN	ROSE KESHNER	MITCHELL PARISER	RABBI MILTON
COHEN	ROBERT KOPELMAN	CONNIE BROWN PATTON	WEINBERG
BLANCHE CRAMER	SIMA KRIEGEL	PHOEBE PEISTER	IRVING WEISS
GREGORY DU CHARME	JOSEPH KURTIN	LANNY ROOT	GITTY WIDMAN
ARTHUR FASSLER	MONA LEHRFELD	EDWARD ROTH	WALTER WIENER
FRANCINE FEDER	JEANETTE LICHTER	PAULA SHECTER	CHARLES WISEMAN
CHARLES FEIN			GILBERT WUNSCH

## *July Yahrzeits*

RUTH ABNER	MILTON GRALLA	REBA LEVY	MARTHA SILVERMAN
HERBERT E. ALLEN	PHILLIP GREENBERG	MILLIE MARKS	RUTH SILVERMAN
BRIAN BANDREMER	BARBARA GREENBLATT	HARRY MEYERS	PHILIP SIMON
PEARL BERGER	SAMUEL GREENE	IDA MEYERS	MILDRED SITOMER
DAVID BERMAN	THOMAS GROSSMAN	LAWRENCE EDWARD MILLER	LOIS STARTZ
JILL BERNSTEIN	SOL HEILBRAUN	SANDOR MITTLEMAN	MILTON STARTZ
SIDNEY BLUMENFELD	ISRAEL HOROWICZ	SOLOMON NAHUM	ARTHUR STERNBERG
IRA BRICKMAN	FRED HYMAN	MAXINE PACKER	VERNON TAYLOR
FERN BRUCKNER	HOWARD ISRAEL	DAVID ROBBINS	DAVID TEICHMAN
MORTON BRUSSEL	MENDE JAFFE	CHARLES ROMANO	ROBERT THEODORE
BERNARD COHEN	HENRY JAVER	EDITH ROTH	ROBERT TOWELL
RITA COHEN	ROMOLA KAPLAN	MORRIS ROTH	MORRIS TREPPER
ESTHER COLE	RONALD KERN	JEANETTE SAIFF	BARNEY VICTOR
NATHAN FABIAN	JOSEPH KOHN	CHARLES SANKEL	EFRAIM WAINER
ANDREW FISHER	HAROLD LANDAU	JOHN SCHIAVO	PAUL WEISKOP
SEYMOUR FRIEDMAN	NATHAN LANDAU	ESTHER SENZEL	FRED WICHLER
PHILIP GORDON	RONALD LANDAU	JULIUS SHMARUK	RAMZA WORM
	SAUL LESSEN		

## *August Yahrzeits*

JERALD AFIR-HEFFLER	THAD GOLIAN	MORRIS KOHLREITER	BEN RICE
SHIRLEY ANESETTI	MICHAEL SCOTT GORDON	SANDRA KOPELMAN	JEROME ROOT
SAUNDRA ARONS	HARVEY GREENBERG	MARILYN KRICHMAR	LEATRICE SAKOW
DAVID ATLAS	ABRAHAM HASNER	PHILIP LACHER	BETTY SANKEL
BEN BENDALIN	JULIAN HAUSER	NATHAN LAMBERT	SAMUEL SCHEITELMAN
ABRAHAM BERKOWITZ	STUART HEIT	ALAN LEFKOWITZ	SUSAN SCHLUSSEL
JACKLYN BOFFORD	MOLLY HOLLANDER	MARILYN LERNER	SYLVIA SCHWARTZMAN
JACK BRODY	MARGOT HOWARD	MELVIN MATH	BLANCHE SEIDNER
DAVID COHEN	BENJAMIN ISRAEL	BARBARA MCKENNA	RUTH SOLOMON
CHARLES COLE	SUSAN IVES	TOM MCVEIGH	FRANCES SPIELBERG
LEATRICE ERLMAN	JEROME JOHNSON	MARK MENDELSON	FRED STERMAN
ERIC FIELDS	LEE JOHNSON	JAMES MINTY	AL STOLOFF
SOL FISHKIN	DANA KANTOR	FRED MOSER	THOMAS TOWELL
IRVING FRANK	MERYLE KAPLAN	GEORGE MOSS	IDA TURETSKY
ETHEL FREEMAN	ALAN KARASIK	HANS NEUMANN	STANLEY WELLS
HARRY FREEMAN	BENJAMIN KASSOVER	MILTON NOVOK	SOL WEXLER
GERALD FREUNDLICH	MEYER KESHNER	ROBERT OELBAUM	ROBIN WHITE
RYNA GERBER	MURRAY KESHNER	BRAD PERLSTEIN	LOUISE WIENER
HERMAN GOLDMAN	ADA KOHLREITER	MILDRED PLATTEN	YAIR YUSHUVAYEVA
		BARRY RAFTEN	



# BHSS YOUTH GROUP

*Shalom Everyone!*

We had such an awesome Purim Carnival! Thank you to everyone who came in costume and thank you to all of our youth for helping run our booths. Thank you to the Rappaports for their amazing games - we can't wait for next year!



We are highlighting our seniors, Annabel Theodore and Hannah Altman.

Annabel has been such an integral person in our youth group. She has been a natural leader during her years in BHSSTY. She brought the URJ Camp Eisner bubble to us and we are beyond excited for her college adventure!

Hannah always brings a smile and positive energy when she is around. Her students look up to her so much. We can't wait to hear about her journey becoming a teacher! We will miss you both so much!!

*We hope to see you at one of our upcoming youth events!*

## *Menschmakers Grades 3-6*

**Family Fun Day:** May 19 at 12-3 p.m.

**Dave and Busters:** June 2 at 12-2 p.m.

## *BHSSTY Grades 7-12*

**Family Fun Day:** May 19 at 12-3 p.m.

**Creative Service:** May 31 at 7 p.m.

**Elections & End of Year Sendoff:**  
June 9 at 12-2 p.m.

Hope we get the chance to see you soon! If you have any ideas for events or just want to chat, you can reach us at [bhssyouth@gmail.com](mailto:bhssyouth@gmail.com). Follow us on instagram [@bhssstyinsta](https://www.instagram.com/bhssstyinsta). Look for youth group membership forms in your July mailer and on the BHSS website.

Sam Spencer, Director of Informal Youth Programming

## *Candlelighting Times:*



May 3, 2024 Acharei Mot 7:36 pm  
May 10, 2024 K'doshim 7:44 pm  
May 17, 2024 Emor 7:50 pm  
May 24, 2024 B'har 7:57 pm  
May 31, 2024 B'chukotai 8:02 pm

June 7, 2024 B'midbar 8:07 pm  
June 14, 2024 Naso 8:10 pm  
June 21, 2024 B'ha-alot'cha 8:12 pm  
June 28, 2024 Sh'lach L'cha 8:13 pm

July 5, 2024 Korach 8:12 pm  
July 12, 2024 Chukat 8:09 pm  
July 19, 2024 Balak 8:04 pm  
July 26, 2024 Pinchas 7:58 pm

August 2, 2024 Matot/Masei 7:51 pm  
August 9, 2024 D'varim 7:43 pm  
August 16, 2024 Va'etchanan 7:33 pm  
August 23, 2024 Eikev 7:23 pm  
August 30, 2024 Re'eh 7:12 pm



PLEASE JOIN US\*  
ON

# Yom HaShoah

HOLOCAUST  
REMEMBRANCE DAY

LET US COME TOGETHER  
TO NEVER FORGET

Sunday, May 5 at 6:00 pm

FEATURING 2ND GENERATION  
HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR  
AND BHSS MEMBER GERRY ZAKS

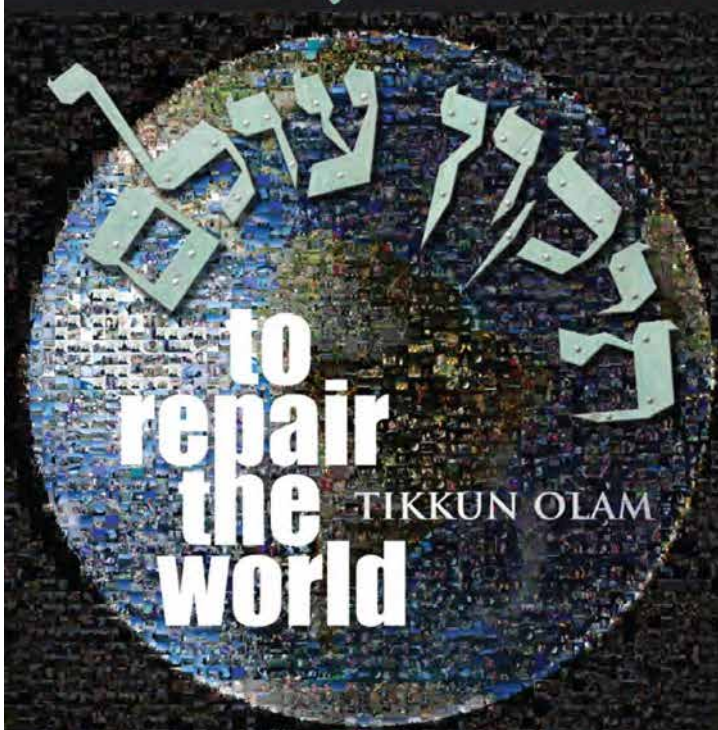


\* RECOMMENDED FOR  
KIDS 10 AND ABOVE

SOCIAL ACTION/  
MICHELLE MITZVAH GROUP  
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# SOCIAL ACTION SHABBAT

MAY 10, 7:00 PM



Join Rabbi Ilana for a  
**Healing Service**

Sunday, June 2  
7:00 pm via Zoom

Wednesday, June 12 - 10:00am

Rabbi Ilana will lead the  
**SHAVUOT YIZKOR SERVICE**  
via Zoom.



# Worship Schedule

Friday, May 3      6:30 pm      Shabbat Family Service - **Teacher Appreciation Shabbat**  
*Birthdays in May will be celebrated*  
 Oneg Shabbat host: the Cole Family

Saturday, May 4      10:00 am      Bat Mitzvah of Emily Cole

**Sunday, May 5      6:00 pm      Yom Hashoah Commemoration**

Friday, May 10      5:15 pm      Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm      Shabbat Evening Service - **Social Action/MMG Shabbat**

Oneg Shabbat host: the Herrman family

Saturday, May 11      10:00 am      Bar Mitzvah of Grant Herrman

**Monday, May 13      7:00 pm      Yom Ha'Atzmaut/Yom HaZikaron program**



Friday, May 17      7:00 pm      Shabbat Evening Service –

**Iris Greenberg 20th Anniversary**

Oneg Shabbat host: the Gottlieb family

Saturday, May 18      10:00 am      Bat Mitzvah of Carly Gottlieb

Friday, May 24      7:00 pm      Shabbat Evening Service

Oneg Shabbat host: the Rosa family

Friday, May 25      10:00 am      Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Rosa

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

All 6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services  
 Fridays, July 5, 12, 19, and 26  
 Fridays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

*August Birthdays will be celebrated  
 at the September family service!*

Friday, May 31      7:00 pm      Shabbat Evening Service – **Youth Group Creative Service**

Oneg Shabbat hosts: the Greene and Slater families

Saturday, June 1      10:00 am      B'nai Mitzvah of Shelby Greene and Dylan Slater

**Sunday, June 2      7:00 pm      Healing Service via Zoom**

Friday, June 7      6:30 pm      Shabbat Family Service - *June & July birthdays will be celebrated*

Oneg Shabbat hosts: the Slackman and Tell families

Saturday, June 8      10:00am      B'nai Mitzvah of Jordana Slackman and Ashton Tell

**Tuesday, June 11      7:00 pm      Shavuot Festival Service with Michelle Citrin**

**Wednesday, June 12      10:00 am      Shavuot Yizkor Service via Zoom**

Friday, June 14      7:00 pm      Shabbat Evening Service – **Brotherhood Shabbat**

Oneg Shabbat host: the Cohen family

Saturday, June 15      10:00 am      Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Cohen

Friday, June 21      5:15 pm      Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm      Shabbat Evening Service – **Pride Shabbat**

Friday, June 28      7:00 pm      Shabbat Evening Service

**BETH HAVERIM SHIR SHALOM**  
**280 RAMAPO VALLEY ROAD**  
**MAHWAH, NJ 07430**

Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman  
Rebecca McVeigh, Director of Education

**Sessions of School:**

Sundays: May 5  
Mondays: May 6  
Tuesdays: May 7, 14  
Wednesdays: May 1, 8

**Office Closed:**

Monday, May 27  
Wednesday, June 12



## To do in May and June

- *Family Shabbat/Teacher Appreciation Shabbat will be led by grades K-3 on Friday, May 3. Then bring the family back on June 7 for another Family Shabbat. Both start at 6:30 p.m.*
- *Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a College Parents Hike at the Ramapo Reservation on Sunday, May 5 at 10 a.m.*
- *Never forget...join us for a Yom Hashoah commemoration with guest speaker, BHSS member Gerry Zaks on Sunday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m.*
- *Polish up on your picture taking skills when the Library Committee, Sisterhood and Brotherhood host How to be a Top-Notch Photographer with BHSS member Joel Ives. It's on Monday, May 6 at 6:45 p.m. in the Ullam*
- *Gather your tots and bring them to Tot Shabbat on Fridays, May 10 and June 21 at 5:15 p.m... stay for pizza and then check out the playground!*
- *Join Social Action and Michelle Mitzvah Group as they lead the Shabbat Service on Friday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Let's celebrate Israel's independence and remember those who have fallen at the Yom Ha'Atzmaut/Yom HaZikaron program on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Sisterhood is turning back time for an evening of Doo-Wop with the Wild Cats on Saturday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.*
- *Family Fun Day is back! This year's theme is Stronger Together for a Better Tomorrow. Join the fun on Sunday, May 19 from 12:00-4:00 p.m.*
- *Rabbi Ilana will lead a Healing Service via Zoom on Sunday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Sisterhood will celebrate their board members coming and going at the Sisterhood Installation Dinner on Monday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Delpino's Restaurant in Montvale, NJ - RSVP required.*
- *Lots of learning and singing are on hand for the Shavuot festival service with special guest musician Michelle Citrin on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. The Shavuot Yizkor service is Wednesday, June 12 via Zoom at 10 a.m.*
- *We will celebrate all things Brotherhood at Brotherhood Shabbat on Friday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m.*
- *It's an annual tradition...join Brotherhood for a Boulders Game on Saturday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m.*
- *Everyone's invited for Pride Shabbat on Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.*