

Happy Labor Day! While the unofficial end of summer is definitely bittersweet, it's nice to see the synagogue begin to fill up again as families return from vacation, children come back to the Academy, and our programming year kicks off in earnest starting with last Friday's fabulous Shabbat in the Shade BBQ and block party. We hope that the last few months have been relaxing and fun for everyone and look forward to hearing about adventures near and far. If you have a minute, please stop by and say hello next time you're in the building!

The coming year proves to be an exciting one as we welcome Director of Education and Family Programming, Aaron Frankel, unveil a renovated office and *bimah*, and – of course – celebrate Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah's much anticipated 60th anniversary. Here are a few highlights that you can expect from now through June:

Meaningful Opportunities for Family and Children

- Under Aaron Frankel's leadership and vision, our religious school program is undergoing a major transformation this fall with a new curriculum emphasizing project-based learning, educating for depth not breadth, and creating student choice. Stop by the Academy to visit our new dedicated arts studio, just one of many electives allowing children to explore Jewish ideas and values through alternative modalities. Or sit down with Aaron and hear more for yourself: aaronfrankel@bhcb.org.
- Thanks to the tremendous generosity of Larry and Sheila Gerber, we are proud to launch the Next Generation Fund providing significant financial support for any BHBE student attending a Jewish overnight camp or Israel trip program. Keep your eye out for further information or plan to attend Camp Shabbat on December 9.
- Academy and Day School families should join us for a cocktail party welcoming Aaron to our community on Sunday, September 10th from 5-7 PM at my home on Lavergne Avenue. Activities for children will be taking place at BHBE during that same time.

Not to Be Missed Programming and Learning

Save the date for some of these exciting upcoming events!

- September 8 Empty Nester's Shabbat Dinner
- October 25 Community Simchat Torah Celebration
- November 1 Cuba Trip Informational Meeting
- February 11 Divas on the Bimah Concert
- February 28 Purim Extravaganza 5778
- April 20-22 Kallah (Retreat) 2018 at Pearlstein/Camp Chi
- April 27-29 Scholar in Residence Weekend featuring Rabbi Danny Nevins of JTS

Honoring Our Past, Toasting Our Future

- Over the course of the year, we will be celebrating the six different decades during which members of our congregation joined the synagogue with special themed Shabbat morning services. Come out to be honored when your decade arrives!
- Photos and other memorabilia celebrating BHBE's proud history will be on display throughout the year. Let us know if you have items to contribute.
- Our annual community Chanukah celebration on December 16th will have an anniversary theme as will our annual dinner dance on June 24th. We hope that you'll be able to join us for both as we fete the warm and vibrant congregation that is BHBE!

Welcome back for a great year – we look forward to seeing you soon!

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Annie Tucker