

Beth Tikvah
B'nai Jeshurun

בית תקווה בני ישורון

October 2020
TISHREI - HESHVAN 5781

BTBJ...Where You Belong! *The Ruach!*

***Blessing for Wearing a Face Mask,
By Rabbi Michael Knopf***

***Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu,
melekh ha-olam,
asher keed'shanu b'meetzvotav,
v'tzeevanu al sh'meerat ha-nefesh.***

**Blessed are You, Infinite our God,
majesty of space and time,
who has sanctified us with divine commandments
and has commanded us about protecting life.**

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER CALENDAR EVENTS

OCTOBER 2020 EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Religious School Back to School night for virtual classes 7:00 pm Virtual Daf Yomi 4:00 pm	EREV SUKKOT Services 6:30 pm	SUKKOT Services 10:00 am Minha Services 5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Molly Feinberg
SUKKOT Services 10:00 am Religious School 9:00 am and 11:45 am		Virtual BTBJ University 4:00 pm Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Men's Club Rabbi in the Sukkah 6:15 pm	Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Hay and Keshet Teens Religious School 6:30 pm	Minyan 10:00 am Beginner Hebrew 10:45 am Rel. School 5pm Daf Yomi 4 pm Sisterhood Sukkah 7:30 pm	Services 6:30 pm	SHIMINI ATZERET Services with Yizkor 10:00 am Simchat Torah Celebration 7:00 pm in BTBJ parking lot
SIMCHAT TORAH in person & virtual Services 10:00 am Religious School 9:00 am and 11:45 am		Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Virtual Daf Yomi 7:00 pm	Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Hay Religious School 6:30 pm Adult Trope 7 pm	Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Religious School 5:00 pm Virtual Board Meeting 7:30 pm	Services 6:30 pm	Services 10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Seth Walcoff
Religious School 9:00 am & 11:45 am Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Anti-Semitism Program 10:45 am Religious School PSG Apple Picking 2:00 pm	Mussar Class 7:00 pm Sisterhood Virtual Breast Cancer Prevention Program 7:00 pm	Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Virtual BTBJ University 7:00 pm	Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Religious School Hay and Keshet Teens 6:30 pm	Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Beginner Hebrew 10:45 am Virtual Religious School 5:00 pm Virtual Daf Yomi 7:00 pm	Services 6:30 pm	Services 10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Ari Schwartzman Torah Study 12:00 pm
Religious School 9:00 am & 1:45 am Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Better Together 12:30 pm Quizzo 4:30 pm	Mussar Class 7:00 pm	Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Rabbi Roni's Salon 7:00 pm	Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Religious School - Hay 6:30 pm Adult Trope 7:00 pm	Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Religious School 5:00 pm Virtual Daf Yomi 7:00 pm	Services 6:30 pm	Services 10:00 am Shi'ur Siddur 10:00 am

NOVEMBER 2020 EVENTS

Religious School 9:00 am & 11:45 am Minyan 10:00 am	Mussar Class 7:00 pm	Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm	Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Religious School Hay & Keshet Teens 6:30 pm	Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Beginner's Hebrew 10:45 am Rel. School 5 pm Daf Yomi 7:00 pm	Services 6:30 pm	Services 10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Lily Bentley
Religious School 9:00 am & 11:45 am Religious School PSG Apple Baking 2:00 pm	Mussar Class 7:00 pm	Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm BTBJ University 7:00 pm	Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Religious School Hay 6:30 pm Adult Trope 7 pm	Minyan 10:00 am Daf Yomi 4:00 pm Virtual Religious School 5:00 pm Challah Braiding 7 pm	Services 6:30 pm	Services 10:00 am
Religious School 9:00 am & 11:45 am Sundays with Rabbi 10:45 am	Mussar Class 7:30 pm Sisterhood Virtual Binge Club 7:30 pm	Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Rabbi Roni's Salon 7:00 pm	Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Religious School Hay & Keshet Teens 6:30 pm	Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Beginner's Hebrew 10:45 am Daf Yomi 4:00 pm Rel School 5 pm Board Meeting 7:30 pm	Services 6:30 pm	Services 10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Jemmi Seeherman
Religious School 9:00 am & 11:45 am Adult Trope 10:45 am Better Together 12:30 pm	Mussar Class 7:00 pm	BTBJ University 7:00 pm		Thanksgiving Day	Services 6:30 pm	Services 10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Eliana Kaganovsky Torah Study Session 12:00 pm



“One House Comes Down, Another House Rises Up”

Tisha B'av, the 9th of Av, is one of the saddest days of the Jewish year. According to Tradition, both the first and second Temples were destroyed on or around this sorrowful date. Many other calamities befell the Jewish people on Tisha B'av. Over time, Tisha B'av became the central day of commemoration for all the persecutions, expulsions and sufferings that Jews endured for the past 2500 years. On Tisha B'av we fast and lament the destruction of God's home, our 2 holy Temples. The day takes on a persona like no other. The ark and the Torahs are shrouded in black. We are bereft of the Jewish traditions and joys that we enjoy throughout the year. We endure 25 hours of sorrow until night falls, when we break the fast and put behind us the mournful period of 3 weeks that commenced on the 17th day Tammuz when history reveals the outer wall of the 2nd Temple began to be breached by the invading Roman army.

With the conclusion of Tisha B'av we begin a 7-week commemorative period entitled Shva Di'Nehamata or the 7 weeks of Comfort. After Tisha B'av, there are 7 Shabbatot between that fateful day and the start of the New Year. We begin a journey from the depths of despair to the heights of hope. We travel week by week from the bleakness of Tisha B'av upwards towards the positive anticipation of beginning a new year filled with health, happiness and peace. Each week the Haftorah supplies an uplifting message from the prophet Isaiah. The first missive comes from Isaiah 40 when the prophet counsels the people to leave behind them the grief of Tisha B'av with the words, “Be comforted, be comforted My people!...Rise up and have no fear!” Each week between Tisha B'av and Rosh Hashanah we are encouraged to attain a rising sense of joy, confidence and optimism to prepare ourselves to welcome the challenges and joys of the New Year. Week 1 finds us just recovering from the sadness of Tisha B'av. By week 7, we have left the despair of that day far behind us and stand on the brink of joyfully entering a new year. What a difference 7 weeks can make in the constitution of the Jewish soul!

This year I've been reading books by Rabbi Alan Lew, who is uniquely known as the Zen Master Rabbi. Rabbi Lew combined his love of Judaism with his passion for meditation and has produced insightful writings. I feel blessed that his works have crossed paths with my desire to learn and to grow.

In his book on the High Holidays, Alan talks about the connection between Tisha B'av and Sukkot in a way I had not previously considered that inspires me greatly.

On Tisha B'av, we mourn the destruction and fall of a house, our House, God's Home, the Temple in Jerusalem. Every year on Tisha B'av we read the Biblical book of Eicha, Lamentations, listening to the horrid account by the prophet Jeremiah about the razing of the ancient Jewish capital. One can only imagine what it must have been like to have personally experienced the devastation. All that supported the Jews for hundreds of years was being obliterated before their very eyes. To add insult to injury, the theology circulated that the Jews had brought the tragedy down upon themselves because they did not behave properly, insulting both God and each other with deception and senseless hatred. At the end of the day, the Jews witnessed a scene they never dreamt would transpire- the sight of the beautiful Temple in ruins. The period of Diaspora commenced as many of the survivors were brought to Rome and sent to other places around the world. The Jewish homeland was lost for nearly 2000 years until the modern state of Israel was established in 1948. Every year on Tisha B'av, we contend with the miserable image of the destroyed Temple, the razed house of God.

But 10 weeks later, we collectively witness the rise of yet another house that brings a singular joy to the Jewish people.

It is the Sukkah, the fragile temporary hut that Jews eat and live in to annually celebrate the fall harvest festival of Sukkot that begins a mere 5 days after Yom Kippur.

Jews worldwide build Sukkot and weather permitting enjoy eating, studying, praying and sleeping in them for 7 days. In Israel, just about every new apartment building is built with a patio that is advertised as “Sukkah ready”. Some Sukkot are more elaborate than others. But every Sukkah is a source of pride for its owner. Sukkot is known liturgically as “Zman

Simchatenu – the Season of our Joy”. There are many reasons for this. One is that with the gathering of the harvest we become rest assured that we will have enough food for the upcoming year. Two, so soon after Yom Kippur, we feel blessed that we have again gained entry into the Book of Life. And three, when we sit in the structure and gaze upward through the perforated ceiling, we appreciate our strong connection to God and to all that is good. Therefore, even though the Sukkah is physically quite unassuming, the structure is considered a formidable house of joy that we erect annually in the fall.

On Sukkot, just 10 weeks after the destruction of the Temple, we experience the building and rising of another house to again bring us spiritual joy and satisfaction.

My friends, there is a Midrash (rabbinic explanation) on the story of Genesis whose reading we will recommence this month that teaches that not only did God create and destroy many worlds until the Lord settled on the one that would eventually become our world but that every day, even every moment, entire worlds are being simultaneously destroyed and created. This connection between the two structures of Tisha B'av and Sukkot reminds us of that. And so it is with our lives, both personally and collectively. Each day facets of our existence and our world end and begin. Each day we witness both the passing of lives and the birth of new ones. As I put these thoughts to print, our country has surpassed the 200,000 mark in corona victims... and the late great Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is being laid to rest. The rhythm of our lives is that we witness both life and death, destruction and creation, darkness and life. The challenge of the Jewish people, one at which we have proved successful for 4 millennia, is that whenever a spiritual “night” befell us, we have persevered and risen to the occasion to create a new light, a new joy and a new reason to continue our lives, our heritage and our hopes. Whenever we have witnessed darkness, we have believed that the light of a new day lies just on the horizon. Right after we acknowledged that 6 million Jews were slaughtered in the Holocaust, we merited seeing the birth of Israel 3 years later after having endured nearly 2000 years of national homelessness. Therefore, when we experience the Tisha B'avs of the future, let us remember that despite the great summer tragedy of losing the majestic house of the Temple, the establishment of a new house in the fall can be envisioned in the not too distant future. In just 10 weeks' time

after Tisha B'av, we will build the Sukkah and celebrate the joys of life as our ancestors did in their generations, as we do today. May this inspiration hearten us during Tisha B'av and fill our expectations with the joys of the new year that are destined to arrive just 7 weeks later!

My friends, this year then, when we visit the Sukkah, let us remember how joy can follow sorrow, how new worlds can replace old constructs, though despite cherished elements of our lives disappear, new joys are waiting to arrive. May this optimism serve us well when we experience loss in whatever form it takes. I wish everyone a joyous Sukkot and a safe, healthy year of life during this singular time in history. May we all have the trust that even during the darkest moments and the greatest times of loss, new lights and joys can lie right around the corner! I wish us all a year of light and hope, strength, optimism and peace!

**PS – Help defend our democracy!!
Vote on November 3rd!!**





Rabbi Roni Handler
**Associate Rabbi/
 Director of
 Congregational
 Learning**

The High Holidays this year were certainly one that we will not soon forget! Though I missed seeing your faces and hearing your voices, your prayers were no less potent from your homes. And I have heard from many of you that it was a luxury to also enjoy the services in your pjs, bringing PJ Shabbat to a whole new level!

After many months of planning, it has been extremely exciting to begin our religious school year and to reconvene our students and families. Whether online or in-person, we look forward to creating community, deepening our Jewish connection and identities, and soaking up lots of learning in new and interesting ways throughout the year!

As we venture out into the world, whether at BTBJ or elsewhere, remember that pikuach nefesh (saving a life), is one of the most important mitzvot in our tradition. It is so important, in fact, that the rabbis teach that we can even transgress Shabbat to perform a life-saving act. Rabbi Michael Knopf teaches, "Since protective acts like hygienic hand-washing [and] wearing face masks...should be considered mitzvot, at least during this pandemic, it seems to me that they should be preceded by an appropriate blessing, just like other mitzvot. Requiring a blessing would underscore the significance of these acts and encourage vigilant observance." To this end, Rabbi Knopf composed this blessing," to keep ourselves and each other safe and healthy during [this] pandemic." Consider saying this blessing each time you grab your mask and venture outside! May you be blessed with health, happiness, and strength as we move into 5781!

Blessing for Wearing a Face Mask,
 By Rabbi Michael Knopf

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha-olam,
 asher keed'shanu b'meeztvotav,
 v'tzeevanu al sh'meerat ha-nefesh.*

Blessed are You, Infinite our God,
 majesty of space and time,
 who has sanctified us with divine commandments
 and has commanded us about protecting life.





**Michael Drossner,
President**

It's October and our kids are returning to Religious School! Over the past few months, we have spent a considerable amount of time preparing policies and procedures to help our families and staff return to BTBJ in a safe and secure manner. Whether families elected to attend hybrid or virtual, the Board is delighted that our children have the opportunity to reconnect with their BTBJ friends and teachers as these connections with members of our local Jewish community will serve our children and families for the rest of their lives. I have many fond memories of my days in religious school as a kid. For those who may not know, Mindy and I went to religious school together as children (in addition, we attended preschool, overnight camp and high school together!). However, when we began dating as 14-year-olds, we knew each other as "Hebrew school" friends. Mindy was at my bar mitzvah the year before, but I missed her bat mitzvah due to a family vacation to Club Med (sorry, not sorry, honey!). While we were simply "friends" during our early days of Religious School, we eventually attended confirmation class together as a couple. One memory which stands out was a day where Mindy and I were having some sort of argument, as teenage couples often do. At some point during class, the rabbi "asked" me to go outside and sit in the hallway (don't tell my kids!) and, within a few minutes, Mindy was in the hallway with me, where we had a heart-to-heart discussion about whatever silliness we were fighting about, shared a big hug, and got "back together." This foundation has helped guide us for the past 30 years and hopefully will do so for another 30 years! While I don't expect that our kids – or yours – are in class with their future spouse, I do know that they are making connections and learning about each other on a more personal level than their K-12 school, and we hope that those friendships and connections help them become better people and better members of the Jewish community.

Also, please remember to check the BTBJ calendar for upcoming events as we do have some planned and hope that you will consider joining us for whatever interests you – Sukkot and Simchat Torah celebrations, Daf Yomi study, apple picking, and Quizzo with Cantor Benjamin, just to name a few! Check the calendar on the website for more information!!

Our Sincere Condolences to:

Jay Halbert and family on the passing of their beloved father and grandfather, Stanley Halbert.

Men's Club Annual Membership Dues: \$80.00

\$60 for members over 65 years old

Sponsor: \$234 (includes membership dues)

Sponsors will be recognized at all Men's Club events. If feasible, there will be a sponsor-exclusive meet and greet with Men's Club event speakers.

Chai "Circle of Life" Sponsor: \$360 (includes membership dues)

The Chai "Circle of Life" Sponsor will literally be the inner circle of Men's Club contributors. They will receive all of "Sponsor" benefits. This will also include admittance fees for all Men's Club events held at Congregation Beth Tikvah B'nai Jeshurun, INCLUDING STEAK DINNER (offsite activities not included). They will also receive any books and materials sold by event speakers.

Please pay with this link:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_sxclick&hosted_button_id=QS7RL2BD6W2C8



MEN'S CLUB HAPPENINGS

Michael Seeherman, President



WOW, we are moving ahead despite COVID-19. Men's Club has started off the year with some great events. In August we held our Summer Social. This event was socially distanced in the parking lot of BTBJ. We had hot dogs, hamburgers and some other goodies to munch on while we had the opportunity to join together for the first time in a long while. Everyone who attended was relieved to be able to go out and actually to see old friends, and some new ones too, masked face to masked face.

Sukkot is one of my favorite times, especially with the Men's Club. Each year the holiday brings us together to provide service to BTBJ and a chance to celebrate together. The Men's Club met in the early morning on September 6th to install lattice around the Sukkah. We then met after Yom Kippur to put on our new bamboo schach for the roof of the Sukkah. Both of these times gave us the opportunity to perform a service for the BTBJ community and, more importantly, the opportunity to build camaraderie and teamwork amongst our members. We then got to join together in the Sukkah to enjoy a meal and have an insightful lesson with the Rabbi.

Taking advantage of the perfect weather and the need to get out, the Men's Club also held a Sunday morning bike ride. We met in Manayunk and ended up biking along both sides of the Schuylkill river. We rode down Martin Luther King Drive and around the Philadelphia Museum of Art to the Azalea Garden. We stopped there for a picnic lunch. We played some frisbee and showed some self restraint by not chasing down the Mr. Softee truck. After a great time in the park, we headed back to our parked cars, and some of the men opted to take Forbidden Drive, pedaling all the way home. The only casualty was my front tire, which went flat on the way home. Thank you Aaron

Soowal for the transportation to the repair shop. A big yasher koach to Aaron and Rich Schindler for organizing this fun event. We have already received requests to revisit this in the spring. So if you missed it this time, please look out for it later in the year.

We also started our second annual Fantasy Football League. We are hoping that the NFL staves off COVID-19 and we complete our season. We held the draft online, which although was missing the banter of last year's in person draft, went much quicker. As of the time of my writing this article, there are three teams that are 3-0. The competition is tough this year. I am also in amazement of our resident Brit, Mark Levy. Not only does he do a great job as Commissioner of our league, but he also has an uncanny understanding of football (the American kind)! Who would have guessed?

I want to thank all of you who participated in our Restaurant Raffle, where we were selling chances to win \$150 gift certificates to 10 desired restaurants. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we had to change the raffle to a cash prize equivalent to the value of the restaurant certificates. The winning ticket was drawn at the Sukkot dinner. Congratulations to the winner!

Information on the Men's Club is available through our Constant Contact emails, Men's Club emails and our Facebook Group "BTBJ Men's Club". If you are on Facebook, please join! If you have not been receiving Men's Club information, you can reach me or the Men's Club at btbjmensclub@gmail.com.

Thank you to all who have joined the Men's Club so far this year. A special thanks to those who have chosen to become Sponsors and Chai level sponsors. Through your donations, you have allowed us to ensure that quality programming continues and that no one is turned away due to financial situations in this uncertain time. If you have not already, please consider becoming a sponsor or joining the BTBJ Men's Club.

B'Shalom,

Michael Seeherman

The BTBJ Men's Club



Wendy Kurtz
SISTERHOOD
PRESIDENT

L'Shana Tova to you and yours! We hope you enjoyed the online services this holiday season. A huge thank you to our amazing congregation, clergy and synagogue staff who really outdid themselves to help us all celebrate the holidays this year online. COVID 19 may be keeping us socially distant, but BTBJ always knows how to bring us together.

Sisterhood is off to a great start this year. On Monday night, September 10, we hosted a membership drive and over 25 sisterhood members joined us for an alfresco movie in the parking lot of BTBJ. We saw a documentary, "Ask Dr. Ruth" about Dr. Ruth Westheimer. We were all very impressed with her tenacious background. Dr Ruth is much more than just a sex therapist, she was also a Haganah sniper, a Holocaust survivor and an author, TV host and radio personality. At 92, she is a force to be reckoned with and another amazing Ruth. We currently have 35 paid-up members and we hope you will join us as well. To sign up for sisterhood, you can submit your payment by PayPal to BTBJSisterhood1@gmail.com (please select friends/family for payment via PayPal) or send a check to the office at BTBJ.

Next up for our New Year of programming, we are gearing up for our Sipping, Snacks and Spirituality in the Sukkah with Rabbi Roni on October 8 at 7pm. We will be discussing "All Things Ruth" while we recite the prayers over the Etrog and shake our LuLav. If last few year's program is any indication, the discussion will be lively and thought provoking. Thank you Rabbi Roni – in advance - for helping us carry-on this new tradition for Sisterhood in the Sukkah and Jodi Taylor for coordinating.

On Monday night, October 19, please join Sisterhood for our big opening program with Dr Rachel Brem and The Brem Foundation from GW University Hospital. Check your email for the link to register. The program will be presented via Zoom and Dr Brem will discuss the importance of early detection of Breast Cancer. The discussion will focus on how women should get screened properly, on time, every time so more breast cancers are caught earlier and at more curable stages. Joining the discussion will be a genetic counselor talking about options available and answering questions about the importance of genetic testing as well. Thank you Elisa Seeherman and Jen Schindler for all your help coordinating the evening. This event is open to sisterhood members, congregants and your family and friends.

Our Fundraising program this year is new and exciting! Sisterhood will be selling beautiful Israeli-made Hanukah candles. Ellen Miller and Sabrina Denmark are coordinating and more information on how to order and pay will be sent via email in the coming days. Please consider purchasing candles as gifts for family and friends this season as you will be giving back to Sisterhood and BTBJ.

We hope you and your family is enjoying the start of the fall season and the cooler temperatures. Stay healthy and safe.

Wendy Kurtz
610-247-6671

On Monday, October 19
@ 7:00 pm
Please join Sisterhood for
our big opening program
with Dr Rachel Brem and
The Brem Foundation
from GW University
Hospital.



During these unique times,
BTBJ continues to celebrate the
Jewish holidays at their appointed times.

Simchat Torah 5781
begins Saturday evening
October 10th at 7:00 pm
Dancing with the Torah in the BTBJ Parking lot

ON SUNDAY MORNING
OCTOBER 11TH - 10:00 AM
we will finish the Torah and recommence to
begin the story all over again.

The final aliyah of the cycle is called
Hatanay HaTorah.

This year we honor Cantor Benjamin,
Rabbi Roni & the students who connected with us at our
Meditation Services, Minyan and Mussar classes.

The first aliyah of the new cycle is called
Hatanay Bereshit.

This year we honor Rabbi Grife
and all those who joined us for our BTBJ University and Daf Yomi
Congregational Learning classes.
Service will be in person and virtual.



**Lily Bentley
Daughter of
Alexis and Christopher
Sister of Aaron
Became a
Bat Mitzvah on
May 30, 2020 via Zoom
and November 7, 2020
in person**

We are so excited for Lily's upcoming Bat Mitzvah on May 30th, 2020. Lily began her Jewish education early on as a preschool student at the Terry Lynne Lokoff Daycare center (FELS). She became part of the Primary program at BTBJ at the age of 5 and has been an active participant in all of the Jewish education programs BTBJ has to offer. Lily has a strong connection to her Jewish identity and volunteers with the Gan and Nitzanim classrooms. She enjoys helping the younger children begin their religious school experience and looks forward to her continued volunteer work with BTBJ's religious school students in the upcoming years.

Lily Paige Bentley is a 8th grade student at Colonial Middle School and is on the distinguished honor roll. She began dance classes and gymnastics at a very early age. Although she enjoyed competing on the Philadelphia Gymnastics intramural team, Lily decided to commit her time to what she enjoys most, dance. Lily is extremely dedicated as evidenced by her participation in various styles of dance, including lyrical, jazz, street jazz, ballet, modern and hip hop. She is a member of the Junior Hip-Hop company and the Institute of Dance Artistry's Repertory Company. She has performed at the Philadelphia 76er's games, Abramson Jewish Center, Kisses for Kyle (a foundation that benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society) dance marathon and Generations benefit as well as Philadelphia Phoenix games. She had performed in numerous choreography showcases. Lily shines on and off the stage.

Lily has attended Twin Spring Farm Day Camp since she was 6 years old. She also attends Camp Lindenmere in the Poconos for 3 weeks each summer. This year will be her 4th summer at Lindenmere. Lily enjoys various activities at Camp Lindenmere including theater, art classes, lake activities and outdoor adventures. In her first summer at camp, Lily majored in Newspaper writing and contributed to several articles in the Lindenmere Newsletter. Last summer Lily had a lead role in the summer production of The Wizard of Oz.

For Lily's Bat Mitzvah project she has decided to focus on the issue of homelessness. Lily is raising money to provide blessing bags to a Philadelphia homeless shelter. To help raise funds, Lily is working with the owner of the Institute of Dance Artistry to coordinate a fundraiser showcase performance. Lily is helping to recruit dancers and market the event. The event was originally scheduled to happen in early May, however we anticipate that it will need to be rescheduled to a time after Lily's Bat Mitzvah.

Our family is immensely proud of Lily for all of her accomplishments and her commitment to Judaism. This simcha would not have been possible without the support and efforts of her BTBJ family. We would like to thank Rabbi Grife, Rabbi Roni, Rabbi Isabel, Cantor Greenfield, Sharon Levinson, Valarie Hurwitz and all of the religious school teachers for their support and guidance to help Lily become a Bat Mitzvah!

L'Shana Tova!! Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays as best as we could. I think we can all agree BTBJ went above and beyond with their virtual services and the family montages were just icing on the cake. A HUGE thank you to everyone for contributing their time and energy to make this a special and meaningful time despite COVID.

Hebrew School is starting back up and has given us both a remote and in person experience. A HUGE thank you to Rabbi Roni for ALL her time and compassion for creating these experiences for our children.

Please consider signing up to be a Homeroom Parent or to chair an event. Although these events may look different this year, we are still planning to move forward to make this year as fun as possible for the children. The more volunteers we have, the better we can plan for these events.

Some upcoming events to add to your calendar from RSPSG:

October 5th: Opening Day Sunday School (Gan-Dalet)

October 8th: Opening Day (Hay-Kesher Teens)

November 15th: Apple Baking with Steph Barrie

As always, thank you for all your support and involvement. Please feel free to reach out to either of us with any questions or suggestions!

Fondly-
Terri Rosen and Rachel Handis
RSPSG Co-Chairs

**LET'S HELP RAISE SOME
MUCH NEEDED
FUNDRAISING DOLLARS
AND MAKE YOUR
PET A BTBJ STAR!**



**Enter a picture of your
favorite family pet!**

Send a jpeg picture with your \$20 application fee.
The pet can be a dog or cat!

The pet that wins this contest will be featured in most
BTBJ publications throughout the year.

We will begin voting on November 2.
Each vote will cost \$10.

You may place as many votes as you wish.
The winning "pet" will receive a
gift certificate to Chewy.com



Early Childhood Center Pictures



Early Childhood Center Pictures



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Aranowitz
Louis Berkowitz

Dr. and Mrs. Laurence Belkoff and family
Jerry Philip Kaufman

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bogus
Naomi "Sis" Wuckerman
Seymour Rultenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Breman
In memory of the loved ones from the
Levin family

The Brosf family
Leon Brosf
Florence Brosf

Ms. Rachel Chasin
Ida Chasin

Mr. Robert Clair
Sayde Clair

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Denmark and family
Stanley Denmark
Sidney Winter
Linda Denmark

The Feinman Family
Milton Cohen

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Fishbein
Selma Firth

Mr. and Mrs. David Ingber
Morton Kushner

Ms. Eileen Lowenstein
Frank Abrohms

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mendelsohn
Ida Chasin

Mr. and Mrs. David Nuddle and family
Jeff Kulliver
Bruce Werner

The Perry/Nathanson family
Richard F. Perry
Donny Levy

The Polinsky/Cohen family
Donald Cohen

Mr. Randall Royfe
I. Joseph Berger

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Salaman
Bruce Werner

Mrs. Claire Schwartz
Dora Prusan

Mr. and Mrs. David Schwartzman and family
Annette Petersohn

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Schwenderman and family
Dorothy Walder

Ms. Doreen Shumsky
Sylvia Klamon

Mr. Allan Sluizer
Mervyn Sluizer

Ms. Lita Anne Smith
Robbie Cohen

The Swanson family
Bonnie Segal
Belle Heller

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Swartz and family
Roslyn Greenberg

Mr. Arthur Verbit and Ms. Beryl Rosoff-Verbit
and family
Nathan Verbit

Mr. Robert Wachs and Ms. Ellen Braun and family
Harriette Braun

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wenzel
Edna Eisbart

CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING FUND

Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Walters and family
In memory of Dorothy Walder

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

PEGGY DVORAK MUSIC ENRICHMENT FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weissberger and family
Best wishes to Murray Pinkus

HONOR FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cohen and family
Happy New Year to our family and friends

Mrs. Milly Hoffman
in honor of Milly Hoffman's children and
grandchildren

LINDA JOY GRIFE YAD L'YAD FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Engleman
May Ruthe Schwartz' birthday be the start of
a year filled with good luck, good health and
much happiness to a very special person
who is much loved

Mrs. Susan Rees
In memory of Lillian Zemble
In memory of John Rees

PRESCHOOL FUND

Mrs. Doreen Berest
In honor of BTBJ Early Childhood Center

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Simmens
In honor of the marriage of
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wax

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Taylor and family
In memory of Robbie Cohen

SCHWENDERMANN FAMILY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TUITION FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Drossner and family
In memory of Dorothy Walder

NANCY SELTZER TORAH RESTORATION FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller and family
In honor of the marriage of Michael Harris to
Rachel

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mrs. Naomi Zipkin
Thanking Rabbi Grife for all
he does for BTBJ



Thank You



WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES

- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT

careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers



CAMP GREEN LANE

Located in Green Lane, PA
*Experts in creating
memories and friendships
that last a lifetime,
since 1926*



EXCITING SPECIAL EVENTS
AND OUT-OF-CAMP TRIPS



Coed, residential, 7 week camp
for ages 6-16.
Half session available.
Full athletic, arts, adventure, and
waterfront programs

Become part of our Camp
Become part of our
Camp Green Lane family!

215-234-9211
info@greenlane.com
www.greenlane.com

"Where Happiness Counts"



Melissa and Jay Freedman and Rene and
Adam Weiner
Owners / Directors

Dentistry



The Schiff Dental Group
813 Bethlehem Pike, Erdenheim, PA 19038
215-233-1163
theschiffdentalgroup.com



Outstanding patient care is our mission.

As a group of highly respected dental specialists, general practitioners, and staff, we can deliver the finest dental care no matter how complex your needs. From implant dentistry, periodontal treatment, restorative and preventive care, to pediatric and award-winning cosmetic dentistry, we help you attain and maintain optimal dental health! Having built one of

the finest state-of-the-art facilities in the Delaware Valley, we invite you and your family to visit our office and experience for yourselves the difference exceptional dentistry can make in your lives.

Pictured (Left to Right): Dr. Jonathan Rothbart, Dr. Yoonkyung Oh, Dr. Jill Zurek, Top Dentist 2014, Dr. Lawrence Schiff, Top Dentist 2010, 2012, 2014, Dr. Richard Titlebaum, Top Dentist 2014, Dr. Jill Moniz, Dr. Jonathan Waasdorp, Top Dentist 2014



PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM

\$29.95/MO

BILLED QUARTERLY

PLUS
SPECIAL
OFFER



CALL NOW! 1.877.801.5055

WWW.24-7MED.COM

**ADT-Monitored
Home Security**

Get 24-Hour Protection
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251

THIS SPACE IS
AVAILABLE

Thrive
Locally



Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks INC.
 Providing funeral counseling and pre-need arrangements.
 215-927-5800 • 1-800-622-6410

For hearing impaired: 267-331-4243 (Sorenson VP)

PHILADELPHIA CHAPEL
 Carl Goldstein, Supervisor
 6410 N. Broad Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19126

SUBURBAN NORTH CHAPEL
 Bruce Goldstein, Supervisor
 310 2nd Street Pike
 Southampton, PA 18966

ROTH-GOLDSTEINS' MEMORIAL CHAPEL
 Jason S. Goldstein - Mgr. Lic. No. 4633
 Pacific & New Hampshire Avenues
 Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Southern New Jersey Chapels Available

www.GoldsteinsFuneral.com



Goldstein's Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks INC.

*From
 Our Family
 to Yours*

ROOSEVELT

Memorial Park

A Dignity Memorial Provider

Dignity

LIFE WELL CELEBRATED

NEW DEVELOPMENT AVAILABLE
 JEWISH INNER FAITH COUPLES WELCOME
 PRE-PLANNING IS EASY

Your Children Will Love You For It!

10% PRENEED SAVINGS

Contact Doreen Berest (215) 219-9293

Doreen.Berest@DignityMemorial.com

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Your Community is Looking!



FREE
 AD DESIGN
 WITH PURCHASE
 OF THIS SPACE.
 - 800-477-4574 -

THIS IS WHERE
NEW
MEMORIES
 ARE MADE

CRUISE & LAND VACATIONS



CALL TODAY FOR THE
 BEST LAND AND CRUISE
 PACKAGES AVAILABLE
 AND ASK ABOUT
 SPECIAL OFFERS!



Steve DelCarlino

Travel Planning Advisor

(610)368-0908 | (833)578-7285

www.delstravelcompany.com

steve.delcarlino@cruiseplanners.com

CRUISE PLANNERS
 YOUR LAND AND CRUISE EXPERTS



ADVERTISE **YOUR BUSINESS** HERE

Your Community is Looking!

For more information
call LPI Today 800-477-4574



AVAILABLE

FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR
BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Jules Rosenman** to place an ad today!
jrosenman@lpiseniors.com or **(800) 477-4574 x6421**



SCHEDULE of SERVICES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

EREV SUKKOT

Light candles.....6:22 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

SUKKOT

Services.....10:00 am
Minha Services.....5:00 pm
Molly Feinberg, daughter of Allison and Adam Feinberg
will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

SUKKOT

Services.....10:00 am

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Light candles.....6:11 pm
NO SERVICES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

SHIMINI ATZERET

Services with Yizkor.....10:00 am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

SIMCHAT TORAH

Services.....10:00 am

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Light candles.....6:01 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Services.....10:00 am
Seth Walcoff, son of Robyn and Scott Walcoff, will be
called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Light candles.....5:51 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Services.....10:00 am
Ari Schwartzman, son of Beth and David Schwartzman
will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Light candles.....5:42 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Services.....10:00 am

SCHEDULE of SERVICES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Light candles.....4:34 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Services.....10:00 am
Lily Bentley, daughter of Christopher and Alexis Bentley
will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Light candles.....4:27 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Services.....10:00 am

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Light candles.....4:22 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Services.....10:00 am
Jemmi Seeherman, daughter of Elisa and Michael
Seeherman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Light candles.....4:19 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Services.....10:00 am
Eliana Kaganovsky, daughter of Leanne and David
Kaganovsky will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Light candles.....4:17 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Services.....10:00 am
Madden Kelman, daughter of Robin Kelman and Eric
Kelman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Light candles.....4:17 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Services.....10:00 am
Juliana Ghosh daughter of Sarah and Peter Ghosh will be
called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah