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Beth Tikvah  
B'nai Jeshurun

September 2020  
ELUL - TISHREI 5780

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



*Shanah  
Tovah*

*High Holidays*

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# SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER CALENDAR EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2020 EVENTS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Virtual Daf Yomi with Rabbi Grife 4:00 pm	3 Virtual Minyan 10:00 am	4 NO SERVICES	5 Virtual Services 10:00 am
6 NO MINYAN	7	8 Virtual BTBJ University 7:00 pm	9 Virtual Daf Yomi with Rabbi Grife 4:00 pm	10 Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Sisterhood Movie Night 7:00 pm Outdoors	11 Services 6:30 pm	12 Services 10:00 am Selichot Program & Service 9:00 pm
13 Virtual Religious School PSG Welcome Back 9:30 am Minyan 10:00 am Men's Club Bike Ride & picnic 11:30 am	14	15	16 Virtual Daf Yomi with Rabbi Grife 4:00 pm Virtual B'nai Mitzvah Orientation 7:00 pm	17 Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Board Meeting 7:30 pm	18 <b>EREV ROSH HASHANAH</b> Virtual Services 5:30 pm	19 <b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> Virtual Services 9:30 am Virtual Family Service 12:30 pm
20 <b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> Virtual Services 9:30 am Tashlich and Shofar at Cisco Park 2:00 pm	21	22 Virtual BTBJ University 7:30 pm	23 Virtual Daf Yomi with Rabbi Grife 7:00 pm	24 Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Early Childhood Center Back to School Night 7:00 pm	25 Services 6:30 pm	26 Services 10:00 am Minha Services 5:00 pm B'nai Mitzvah of Wills & Dean Kaiser
27 <b>EREV YOM KIPPUR</b> Virtual Family Service 5:30 pm Virtual Services 7:00 pm	28 <b>YOM KIPPUR</b> Virtual Services 9:30 am Yizkor noon Virtual Family Service 1:30 pm Minha, Neilah, Shofar blowing 6:00 pm	29	30 Back to School night for in person classes 7:00 pm			
OCTOBER 2020 EVENTS						
				1 Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Religious School Back to School night for virtual classes 7:00 pm Virtual Daf Yomi 7:00 pm	2 <b>EREV SUKKOT</b> Services 6:30 pm	3 <b>SUKKOT</b> Services 10:00 am Minha Services 5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Molly Feinberg
4 <b>SUKKOT</b> Services 10:00 am Religious School 9:00 am and 11:45 am	5	6 Virtual BTBJ University 4:00 pm Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Men's Club Rabbi in the Sukkah 6:15 pm	7 Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Hay and Kesher Teens Religious School 6:30 pm	8 Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Virtual Daf Yomi 7:00 pm	9 NO SERVICES	10 <b>SHIMINI ATZERET</b> Services with Yizkor 10:00 am
11 <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> Services 10:00 am Religious School 9:00 am and 11:45 am	12	13 Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Virtual Daf Yomi 7:00 pm	14 Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Hay Religious School 6:30 pm	15 Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Virtual Board Meeting 7:30 pm	16 Services 6:30 pm	17 Services 10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Seth Walcoff
18 Religious School 9:00 am & 11:45 am Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Anti-Semitism Program 10:30 am Religious School PSG Apple Picking 1:00 pm	19 Mussar Class 7:00 pm Sisterhood Virtual Breast Cancer Prevention Program 7:30 pm	20 Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Virtual BTBJ University 7:00 pm	21 Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Religious School Hay and Kesher Teens 6:30 pm	22 Virtual Minyan 10:00 am Virtual Religious School 4:00 pm Virtual Daf Yomi 4:00 pm	23 Services 6:30 pm	24 Services 10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Ari Schwartzman



### “A High Holiday Season Like No Other”

When is Rosh Hashanah like Pesach?

When it is altogether appropriate to sing as 5781 begins...

#### ***Mah nishtanah hashanah hazot mikol ha'shanim?***

Why are these High Holidays different than all the other ones?

- 1) Because to start all other years, we gather with lots of family and friends in shul to pray, learn and atone. But this year, we will do most of this alone on Zoom to stay safe.
- 2) Because to start all other years, our morning High Holiday services last a good 4 hours or more. But this year, in order not to make people overly Zoom weary, we are scheduling shul in 90 minute bloc segments.
- 3) Because in all other years, we call many people up to the Torah and read from the scroll. But this year, many will read from the Humash and will not see the actual Torah scrolls.
- 4) Because in all other years, we eat apples and honey together to celebrate the anticipated sweetness of the New Year. But this year, for safety concerns, we will do this alone.

These are some of the reasons why the Yamim Noraiim, the High Holidays of 5781 will be different than any other ones we have heretofore experienced. This is not the only time, however, that the Jewish people are facing extraordinary times as a new Jewish year begins. I want to tell you about another Rosh Hashanah like no other – during the Holocaust – in Denmark.

On the eve of Rosh Hashanah that year - September 29, 1943, the Danish resistance against the Nazis set the stage for one of World War II's most notable chapters of heroism. When Copenhagen's Jews gathered to begin Rosh Hashanah, Chief Rabbi Marcus Melchior, instead of welcoming the New Year in the usual way, canceled services.

He had been tipped off by a diplomat that a Nazi round-up was scheduled to take place during the holiday when the Jewish population would be at home or in their synagogues. To escape capture, Rabbi Melchior urged people to hide or to flee.

What happened next was a miracle.

Across the narrow waters of the Ore Sund that lay between Denmark and Sweden, word came to Sweden that 1,800 members of the Nazi Gestapo, specifically sent to Denmark, had broken into Jewish homes and synagogues during Rosh Hashanah, arresting most of Denmark's 10,000 Jewish citizens. The reports told that the Germans planned to ship their prisoners to the concentration camps of Poland.

The next day the Swedish government announced to the German government that they had granted immediate unconditional sanctuary for all Danish Jews in Sweden. The Germans ignored the offer. But at week's end upwards of 1,000 Jews from Denmark had found their way across the cold Ore Sund waters to find refuge in merciful Sweden.

By the count of the U. S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, more than 7,000 Jews out of a population that was well shy of 10,000, were ferried by fisherman out of Denmark to Sweden.

A story recounted by Yad VaShem, the Israeli Holocaust Museum, reports that later scholarship suggested that German authorities actually knew what was going on. The Axis power had an interest in maintaining the image that Denmark was peacefully controlled by its occupiers, and that peace would have been destroyed had the Nazis resorted to their usual means of getting rid of the nation's Jewish population. Letting the Jews slip away to a neutral neighbor was a way to leave Germany with a peaceful yet Aryan Denmark.

Nevertheless, the courage demonstrated by both those who escaped and by those who aided them is immeasurable. Regardless of whether the Nazis quietly allowed this operation to occur uncontested, all involved believed that they were risking their lives to do so. The fate of those who stayed behind was predictable. Nearly 500 Danish Jews who did not make it out were eventually deported to the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

(This story was reported by Lily Rothman in September, 2015.)

Despite the pandemic, the Yamim Noraiim of 5781 will not be different than all the other ones for the following reasons...

1) Because this year like every other year, we will face the New Year with an eye on **chesbon hanefesh**, self-examination, **kapara**, atonement and **teshuva**, repentance. Because this year we hope to believe and act on the prescription that as the Mahzor teaches, "**Teshuva**, repentance, **tefilla**, prayer and **tzedakah**, acts of righteousness can positively affect our fates.

2) Because this year like every other year, we will seek forgiveness from God, others and ourselves and must be willing to grant to others all we ask from them.

3) Because this year like every other year, we will seek to face our individual and collective challenges honestly, courageously and optimistically.

4) Because this year like every other year, we must do all we can to ensure that we, all of Klal Yisrael and the world will be again inscribed and sealed in **Sefer HaChayim**, the Book of Life, *li'tova*, for all things good.

My friends, as we continue to face the trials of the pandemic and all that confronts us in life, may we approach the High Holiday season with the same resolve and bravery that countless Jewish generations before us did and we have done in previous years. Let us fight corona, systemic racism, extreme political divisiveness, hatred, injustice and all that plagues America and humanity with the same energies we have previously summoned year after year to survive to this day. Though the landscape and aims be different, may our noble attitudes and adherence to the values of our Tradition serve us well in 5781 as they have repeatedly done before.

I hope you will join and strengthen us and yourselves in all of our High Holiday celebrations be they on Zoom or in person. Let us put our best foot forward and rally our strongest efforts in unison to make 5781 a year of blessing for us all.

**I wish you a hearty *Shana Tova u'Metuka* – a sweet year of health, happiness, safety, love and peace for us all!! Amen!**

## TREE OF LIFE

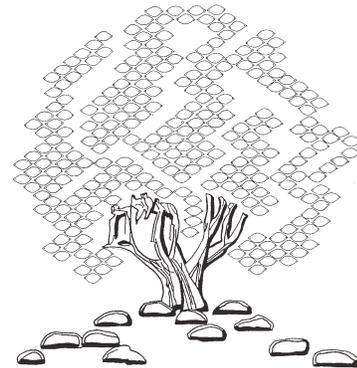
L'Shanah Tova. Our Tree of Life needs more leaves and your donations help BTBJ during these uncertain times.

They make great gifts for Graduations, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Confirmations, B'nai Mitzvahs etc.

Please help BTBJ by buying a leaf for \$136 and celebrate a simcha today.

Contact the BTBJ office 215-836-5677 or farrylc@aol.com 610-329-3311

When it is safe, stop by to see our newest leaves.



Celebrating the Life of **Robbie Cohen**

1992-2020

With love, The Belchatowski, Gerwitz and Nuddle families

In Honor of

**Juliana Rose Ghosh**

Becoming a Bat Mitzvah

June 6, 2020

14th of Sivan, 5780

In Honor of

**MATTHEW EDWARD BRUCKER**

Becoming a Bar Mitzvah

June 13, 2020

In Honor of

**LILY PAIGE BENTLEY**

Becoming a Bat Mitzvah

May 30, 2020

Love always,

Mom, Dad & Aaron



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

Chapter 6 of Avot d'Rebbe Natan opens with the words, "Let your house be a gathering place for the sages." Over the past six months our homes have become our classrooms and offices, our gyms and play spaces, and our places of refuge in a very confusing and uncertain time. We have transformed every nook and cranny of our homes to carve out spaces we never anticipated needing, and we continue to do this as we prepare for this new school year.

This is definitely going to be a different year for the BTBJ Religious School and we are excited to be offering options for in-person and hybrid learning, as well as a fully virtual learning option. This multi-pronged approach will allow us to meet the needs of our families, and enable us to pivot, if necessary, throughout the year in order to keep our students and faculty safe and engaged.

Whether we are learning in our homes, inside our BTBJ building, or outside on BTBJ grounds, we look forward to gathering together to learn, to grow, and to support one another. This will certainly be an unforgettable year!



- The Jonathan Abrams family
- Ellen, Joff, Chloe and Lila Barbash
- Sherry and Alan Blumenthal
- Edward and Alissa Blumenthal
- The Brucker Family,
- Heather, Scott, David, Marissa & Matthew
- The Chiara Family
- Howard, Farryl and Fayne Cohen
- Debbie, Rich, Ali and Steven Cohen
- The de Koninck/Handler Family
- Robert, Sabrina and Zachary Denmark
- The Michael Drossner Family
- Alana, Glenn, Dalya and Sophia Dunoff
- Drs. Bruce and Toby Eisenstein
- Bruce and Jo Ann Engleman,
- Sara, Rachel and Eric
- Richard and Deborah Friedman
- Jay, Dori, Alyssa & Carly Green
- Cantor Benjamin Greenfield
- The Grife Family
- The Haley Family,
- Payce, Tom, Haiden and Davin
- The Hurwitz Family
- Rosalind and David Ingber and Family
- Murray Klug and Joyce Block
- Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Krevsky
- Charles and Myra Kudosh and family
- Marcie, Farryl, Hal and Becca Leshner
- The Madvedoff Family
- Meiva (Martie) Martin and family
- Lisa, Chris, Jake and Rob O'Brien
- Jonathan, Lisa, Daniel & Benjamin Picker
- Stephen H. Saks and family
- Brett, Lindsay, Ryder & Isla Schwartz
- Ruth Schwartz and Family
- The Schwenderman Family
- Don and Eileen Silver
- Lita Anne Smith
- Marla Sones & Family
- Annette and Perry Swartz
- Amy Hollander Veloric
- Fred, Myra and Brett Weissberger
- The Zacharjasz Family



**Michael Drossner,  
President**

Welcome Back to BTBJ! That may seem like an odd sentiment these days, especially because many of you may elect to not physically enter the building, but we are looking forward to returning to the shul, either physically or virtually, as the fall season at BTBJ begins. As you know, we recently opened the doors to our Early Childhood Center, and we will soon begin fall religious school as well as “regular” programming for both ritual and social events. Please look out for emails and social media posts regarding events - both virtual and in person - as we start the school year.

Since the start of my presidency, I have regularly changed the BTBJ street sign along Paper Mill Road. In May, in response to the anxiety and frustration regarding the COVID pandemic, it read “Kindness and Love are also Contagious.” Following the death of George Floyd and protests around the globe, it read “Black Lives Matter.” During Pride Month, the sign said “Love is a Terrible Thing to Hate.” And recently, to encourage citizens to challenge bigotry, racism and anti-Semitism, the sign states “Silence is Not Always Golden - Speak Up!” Unfortunately, due to quarantine, not many of our congregants saw the sign over the past two months, but our street sign sits on a major roadway and encounters thousands of drivers every day, so we have an opportunity to spread messages of hope, love and support to many in the community. In order to do so, we are asking you - our members - to submit ideas for the sign. Please submit your suggestions to [sign@btbj.org](mailto:sign@btbj.org) and we’ll have Board members review the submissions and we’ll try to change the sign every few weeks. Please note that there are three lines and each line contains 18 characters, including spaces! Look out for an email with this information in the near future.

And finally, the High Holidays will be here soon and we look forward to you joining us to celebrate the new year and the hope for better things to come. Every year, around this time, we find out that some of our members are electing not to rejoin BTBJ. Oftentimes, it’s because they have physically moved from the area or perhaps their children are grown and the parents no longer feel the need to join a synagogue. Conversely, many people join synagogues and pay their dues simply to attend High Holiday services. While our ritual committee is planning for an engaging High Holiday experience, we understand that virtual High Holiday services are not quite the same, and we very much look forward to gathering together, in person, next year. However, as for this year, if you were considering leaving the shul for whatever valid reason may exist, I would simply point out that now is not a good time. We need our community, our members, our congregation to support BTBJ right now. We are hopeful that, by next fall, we’ll be back to our “normal” schedule. However, in order to be there for you and for others next year and for many, many years to come, we need your support now. I humbly ask that you renew your membership this year, send your kids to religious school (hybrid or virtual), attend some of our events (in person or virtually) and support BTBJ when it needs you the most...because you know that BTBJ will be there for you whenever you need us.

**Welcome back and I look forward to seeing you, personally or virtually, this fall!**

### **Our Sincere Condolences to:**

**Debbie and Richard Cohen and family on the passing of their beloved son and brother, Robbie Cohen.**

**Benjamin Krevsky and family on the passing of their beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather, Harold Krevsky.**

**Steve Stutman and family on the passing of their beloved mother and grandmother, Frances Stutman.**

**Jonathan Walder and family on the passing of their beloved mother and grandmother, Dorothy Walder.**

**Kendra Zuckerman and family on the passing of their beloved father and grandfather, Donald Kaye.**

## MEN'S CLUB HAPPENINGS

### Michael Seeherman, President



First and most importantly, 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.

It seems strange writing this with so many unknowns and so many plans currently in flux due to COVID-19. As of the time I am writing this, some schools are still trying to decide whether to go virtual, in person or some hybrid model. Many have decided and have changed course once or twice. The leadership of the BTBJ Men's Club have been struggling to provide the camaraderie that you have come to know through our programming during these times of ever changing recommendations, guidance and laws. We have a great board that has been tirelessly planning and redirecting and replanning as things have changed. I am very impressed by all of their efforts.

We should have had our Summer Social by the time you have read this, but nothing these days is guaranteed. In late August, we hopefully gathered to meet outdoors at BTBJ and if so, it was great to finally see in person the faces of our members who we may have only had contact with virtually over the past few months.

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 Summer Social. Congratulations to the winner!

Looking ahead, in September we are hopefully running the BTBJ Men's Club Fantasy Football League. This also is dependent on the status of the COVID-19 rules and how they affect the NFL. I want to Congratulate Mark Levy who, despite growing up never touching a football with anything other than his feet, ran away with the title for the 2019-20 season. He really is a great student of the game and saw potential in players during the draft. The season was fun for all who participated. Hopefully there will be a season in 2020-21 and we can do this again.

Also in September, the Men's Club has traditionally participated in the building of the BTBJ Sukkah. This is sometimes done on two dates. The first is to get the structure ready. This involves hanging the lattice around the exterior and some possible structural repairs as needed. If you are handy, have some power tools or just want to come out and help out you are welcome to join us. The second step is to add the sechach roof, which has been typically made from corn stalks, and hanging of the gourds. Please look for an email about these upcoming dates.

In October, we will be holding our Dinner in the Sukkah with the Rabbi. This event has been very popular in the past with the crowd overflowing the Sukkah capacity. I can guarantee you that this year will be no different. We will have to set up tables outside of the Sukkah for the crowd that will come to hear Rabbi Saul, especially under our new guidelines.

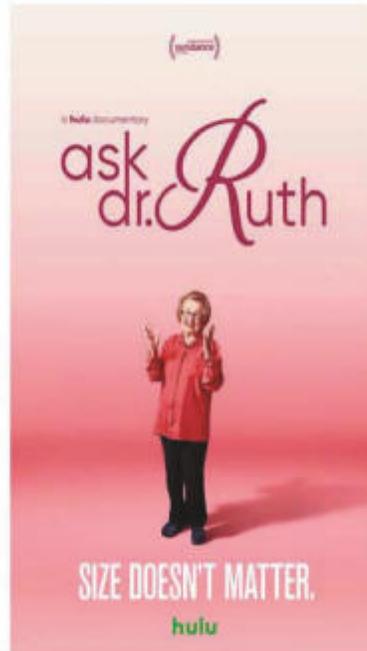
Information on the Men's Club is available through our Constant Contact emails, Men's Club emails and our Facebook Group "BTBJ Men's Club". If you are on Facebook, please join! If you have not been receiving Men's Club information, you can reach me or the Men's Club at [btbjmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:btbjmensclub@gmail.com).



**BTBJ Sisterhood 2020-2021 Opening Event ...**



**FEATURING ...**



Movie description - As her 90th birthday approaches, Dr. Ruth Westheimer reflects on her painful past. A survivor of the Holocaust, her career path leads her to the forefront of the sexual revolution, making her America's most famous sex therapist.

**WHO?** BTBJ Sisterhood

**WHAT?** "Ask Dr. Ruth" movie presented on the big screen in the BTBJ parking lot with your friends

**WHEN?** Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm  
(Rain date: September 14<sup>th</sup> same time, same place)

**COST?** \$0 – Join sisterhood for \$36, no extra cost for the event!!

*Individually wrapped snacks and chairs will be provided.  
BYO beverages – or your own lawn chairs for extra comfort  
We will be social distancing at this event!*

Reserve your seat by September 3<sup>rd</sup> :

Rachel Fox [RachelFox1@gmail.com](mailto:RachelFox1@gmail.com)  
410-952-9430 or

Liz O'Flanagan-Walder  
[Lizowalder@gmail.com](mailto:Lizowalder@gmail.com)  
215-783-4087

Where has the summer gone? It definitely looked different than any other summer in the past but I think that we can all agree that we took advantage of the warm and sunny weather and made the best of an unexpected situation.

It was great seeing families from a safe distance at our August picnic and we look forward to planning more activities to keep us all connected, even if not always in person.

With the Fall looming ahead of us, again we are faced with the unexpected. We are all coming together as a BTBJ community to thrive in an uncertain world. For this, we are so grateful that we have each other.

High Holidays and opening day for religious school will look different but will still be happening. We hope that you can all join us virtually as we pray together for a healthy and sweet year ahead of us! We will be creating sign up sheets for the upcoming school year, so

begin to think how you can get involved as a parent. Would you consider being a HR parent? Volunteering for deliveries? Helping to facilitate zoom activities that we plan throughout the year?

Please stay safe and healthy! We miss seeing you!

As we look forward to the 2020-2021 school year, we are ALWAYS looking for suggestions that make BTBJ the most amazing place to be!

**Fondly-  
Terri Rosen and Rachel Handis  
RSPSG Co-Chairs**

**Shana Tova!**



**BTBJ Fundraising****By Annette Swartz and Brett Schwartz**

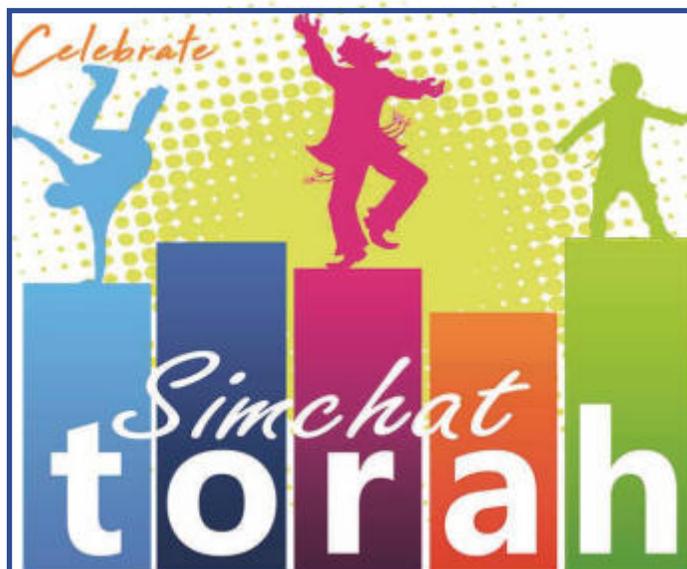
Welcome back to a new year of exciting, fun activities to help raise much-needed funds for BTBJ. WAIT-I think that was the line I used last year to entice you to participate in the events that our committee had planned. And what a year it was! We started with Sip and Shop, we snuck a fabulous night of QUIZZO in, and then our culminating event, THOSE AMAZING JEWS OF BROADWAY, was a homerun right out of the ballpark. Our congregation enthusiastically supported our events, and we were able to meet the budget that was given to our committee. Thank you all for your generous support!

BUT WAIT- this is that tumultuous year of 2020 where anything that could hamper our fundraising efforts—like a major PANDEMIC- is going on. So, I will begin my welcome back article with “our committee is hard at work planning fun and engaging OPPORTUNITIES to help raise much needed funds for BTBJ.” Our committee has met, and we have lots of ideas on the burner, but 2020-2021 has to cooperate.

I hope you will participate either by entering or voting in our first event. This year, BTBJ will have a PET MASCOT. During the month of October, we are asking you to enter your beloved fur baby into a contest to represent BTBJ all year in our publications and on-line. The application fee is \$20, and you must electronically send a .jpg picture of your fur baby TO THE BTBJ OFFICE. During the month of October, all of the fur babies will be featured on-line and you will have the opportunity to vote in increments of \$10 for the pet that you want to be our mascot. The fur baby that gets the most monetary votes will win, and its owner will get a gift certificate to CHEWY. We are hoping to have an evening of “outdoor” socially distanced QUIZZO. More details will follow.

We are also tentatively planning another theatrical event in the spring, which Alan Blumenthal (who brought us “Those Amazing Jews of Broadway”) will help coordinate. If you missed last year, you certainly will want to be in attendance this year. Let’s hope for the best that we will have a COVID19 vaccine and we will be able to pack our beloved synagogue once again.

We hope you will participate in our events so that, once again, we can have a successful fundraising year!



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

**Simchat Torah 5781  
begins Saturday evening  
October 10th.**

**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 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.



**Dean and Wills Kaiser  
Sons of  
Jackie and Richard  
Brothers of Lexie  
Became  
B'nai Mitzvah on  
April 4, 2020  
via Zoom and  
September 26, 2020  
in person**

The Kaiser family is extremely excited to see Wills and Dean become B'nai Mitzvah. We want to thank all of Wills and Dean's BTBJ Hebrew School teachers as well as Rabbi Grife, Cantor Benjamin, and Rabbi Roni for their wonderful instruction which has helped Wills and Dean to reach this milestone in their lives.

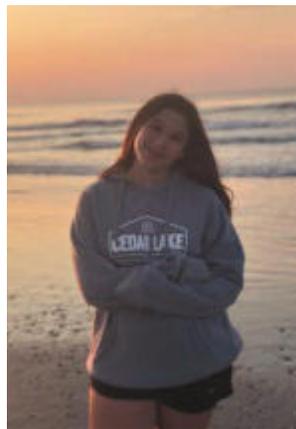
Wills and Dean are twins and best friends. While they are fraternal twins, they seem to have the same interests and share the same friends. Wills and Dean are 7th graders at the William Penn Charter School where their favorite subjects are math and science. They play on multiple school sports teams and enjoy playing squash, basketball, baseball and golf.

In their free time, they really enjoy hanging out with their friends or 'torturing' their big sister Lexie. They are also avid followers of college and professional sports and enjoy participating in fantasy leagues.

Wills and Dean have spent the last 4 summers at Camp Equinunk in the Poconos. In fact, they have already begun counting the days until camp begins!

For their mitzvah project, Wills and Dean are collecting coats and dress wear for the Israeli-based charity, Yad Leah. The clothing will be sent to Israel to be distributed to those in need and to victims of terrorism.

Wills and Dean's parents and sister Lexie are extremely proud of the twins' hard work in preparing for this special day. Their energetic personalities bring chaos and joy to their family regularly.



**Molly Feinberg  
Daughter of  
Allison and Adam  
Sister of Gregory  
Becomes a  
Bat Mitzvah on  
October 3, 2020**

We are so excited for this incredible accomplishment!!

Molly has been a part of the BTBJ family since preschool, starting in the 2-year-old class with Patsy and Wendy. She is now an 8th-grade honors student at Colonial Middle School. She plays soccer, basketball and lacrosse.

During the summer, Molly attends Cedar Lake Camp, her home away from home. She has made many wonderful and lasting friendships at camp and enjoys many activities including cooking, sports and lake. In her free time, she loves to spend time with friends, make Tik Tok videos and watch Netflix and YouTube.

For her Bat Mitzvah project, Molly had planned to work with an organization called Project Night Night. This organization donates over 30,000 Night Night packages each year to homeless children 12 and under. Each Night Night Package contains a new security blanket, an age-appropriate children's book, and a stuffed animal — all nestled inside of a new canvas tote bag. By providing objects of reliable comfort, Project Night Night reduces trauma and advances the emotional and cognitive well-being of the children they serve. While our ability to collect donations has been put on hold due to the pandemic, we look forward to scheduling an event to collect and package Night Night packages to be delivered to homeless kids in Norristown as soon as we are able!

We would like to thank our BTBJ family for helping Molly reach this important milestone. Special shout outs go to Rabbi Grife, Rabbi Roni and Cantor Benjamin. We can't wait to celebrate.



**Seth Michael Walcoff**  
**Son of**  
**Robyn and Scott**  
**Brother of Brooke**  
**Becomes a**  
**Bar Mitzvah on**  
**October 17, 2020**

Seth Michael Walcoff is a rising 8th grader at Colonial Middle School, where he has earned Distinguished Honor Roll every trimester, and has been named Student of the Month twice. He is a wonderful young man that puts his all into everything he does, especially his love of sports. Seth lives and breathes all Philadelphia sports teams, but especially loves attending Phillies games with his dad and cheering on the Temple Owls and Eagles. Seth also loves to play sports, especially baseball and soccer, and will play travel soccer with Colonial Soccer Club again this year. Seth served as a percussionist in the Colonial Middle School Band and Wind Ensemble for the last two years. He enjoys video games, reading, fantasy baseball and football, and spending time with his friends and family, including his beloved dog Twix. Seth is a proud camper at Camp Green Lane and can't wait to go back in 2021 to live with his summer family.

Although the last year hasn't been easy, with virtual learning and quarantine, we are extremely proud of how Seth has continued to diligently prepare for his Bar Mitzvah. From weekly facetime lessons with Cantor Benjamin, to studying and practicing in his free time and being an active member of the Hay class, we are so proud of his hard work and dedication. Seth will perform his Bar Mitzvah service on October 17, 2020 with a celebration to follow in June 2021.

Seth, parents Robyn and Scott, and sister Brooke truly appreciate the support of the BTBJ family over the last eight years of Seth's Jewish education, and especially this past year. We would like to offer special thanks to Cantor Benjamin for his teaching and encouragement, and to Rabbi Grife, Rabbi Roni, Valarie Hurwitz, Seth's BTBJ teachers, and the wonderful office staff for all of their patience, guidance and wisdom. Mazel Tov, Seth! We are so proud of you!



**Ari Schwartzman**  
**Son of**  
**Beth and David**  
**Brother of Halle**  
**Becomes a**  
**Bar Mitzvah on**  
**October 24, 2020**

We are very excited to celebrate Ari's Bar Mitzvah on October 24, 2020. Despite the challenges of Covid, we are happy to be experiencing this milestone in whatever way we can and continue the journey Ari began so long ago. BTBJ has been a part of his life since before he can remember. He was the first baby in the preschool when the program went from a part time model to the full day program and he still enjoys coming into the building. Ari has been active in the religious school and Youth Chorale over the years. This past year he was the winner of an essay contest with the Better Together Program that combined older members of the community with the 6th grade (Dalet) class. He is looking forward to putting his award towards a future Jewish adventure.

Ari is a 7th grader at Springfield Middle School where he excels at anything he puts his mind to. He enjoys rock climbing, tennis and golf and is looking forward to being on the tennis team at school. Ari's main passion is Tae Kwon Do, which he started doing at the age of six. Just this year he became a 2nd Degree black belt. Ari is now an assistant instructor and helps to train others and share his craft.

Ari was disappointed to have missed this past summer at New Jersey Y Camps (Camp Cedar Lake), but cannot wait for his return in 2021. He has strengthened his Jewish identity-surrounded by some of his BTBJ friends since pre-school at NJY Camps for five years now.

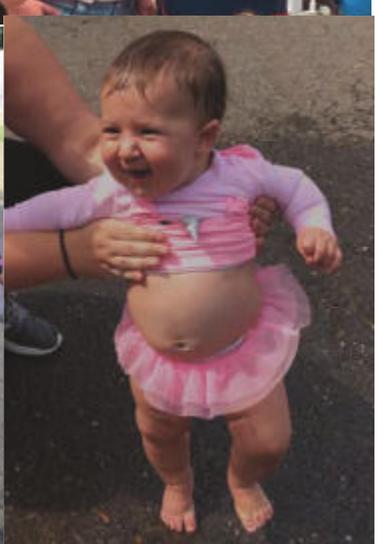
For Ari's Bar Mitzvah project, he decided to combine his computer skills and technical knowledge to help others. Ari spent time with Lee and Kai Silverman at Lee's school, helping to get the computers ready for this coming year's virtual learning. Ari is also volunteering at teamchildren.org, where they take old computers and refurbish them, adding software that helps with early childhood development. They are sold at a lower cost to enable all families to be able to afford them.

We are incredibly proud of Ari and all that he has accomplished so far in his Jewish journey. Ari would also like to thank everyone at BTBJ including Rabbi Saul, Rabbi Roni and Cantor Benjamin, as well as all his teachers from BTBJ preschool to now, for helping him to reach this milestone.

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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Light candles.....7:08 pm  
NO SERVICES

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Services.....10:00 am

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Light candles.....6:57 pm  
Services.....6:30 pm

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Services.....10:00 am  
Selichot Service & Program.....9:00 pm

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Light candles.....6:45 pm  
Services.....5:30 pm

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 ROSH HASHANAH - DAY 1

Services.....9:30 am  
Family Services.....12:30 pm

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 ROSH HASHANAH - DAY 2

Services.....9:30 am  
Tashlich.....2:00 pm  
at Cisco Park

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Services.....10:00 am  
Minha Service.....5:00 pm  
Wills and Dean Kaiser, sons of Jackie and Richard Kaiser  
will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 KOL NIDRE

Minyan.....10:00 am  
Services.....7:00 pm  
Family Services.....5:30 pm

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 YOM KIPPUR

Services.....9:30 am  
Yizkor Service.....12:00 pm  
Family Services.....1:30 pm  
Minha - Neilah - Shofar Blowing.....6:00 pm

## 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