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The Board of Directors,
Rabbi Avi Winokur,
Cantor Bob Freedman, President Jonathan Weiss,
Executive Director Betty van de Rijn,
Education Director Sahar Oz,
Playschool Director Gloria Parris, and the entire staff,
would like to wish the SHS congregation
a sweet and healthy New Year!

*“May your names be written
and sealed in the Book of Life”*

Please join us for

Society Hill Synagogue's

TGISHabbat, Potluck Dinner, & Open House

Friday, September 14 at 6:15 PM

Don't miss this opportunity to meet our Rabbi, Cantor, President, Board of Directors, and members of our congregation at the first TGISHabbat service of the season! Our TGISHabbat service is an hour-long, music-filled, joyous celebration of Shabbat—the perfect way to end a stressful week of work.

The evening will begin with the TGISHabbat service in our beautiful Sanctuary, followed by a potluck dinner (prepared by our very own Board Members), delicious desserts, and schmoozing in our Social Hall. SHS has programs, activities, and educational opportunities to fit all of your membership needs! We have a wonderful and very popular Playschool for children ages 2 to 5, (including AM and PM Pre-Kindergarten classes), Sunday School for children in Pre-K through 2nd grades, Hebrew School for children in 3rd through 7th grades, and a dynamic Hebrew High School.

For further information, please contact the SHS office at 215.922.6590 or office@societyhillsynagogue.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



Rabbi's Column

Forging a Connected Community

Avi Winokur

What is a real community? Not only a place characterized by warm, fuzzy feelings—although that is certainly important. To me, a real community is a group of people who are willing to pitch in and help each other out in ways big and small and that involve some actual cost—that is a loss of time from other activities or contribution of resources that are beyond the expected minimum. Community members also learn together, celebrate together, and join together to help the broader world. They engage with people who are different from themselves—beyond their natural age or interest groups.

At Society Hill Synagogue, we have had moments of real community. One involved Lyn Kirshenbaum, a single mother who had recently adopted two non-English-speaking Guatemalan children. Suddenly, she was forced to spend almost two months in the hospital. She had very little in the way of family and even fewer who were in a position to be there for her young daughters. The parents of the Hebrew School and others mobilized. In her open letter to the congregation she wrote:

"I just can't say enough about how the congregation came to my rescue during this difficult time. I had hospital visits from many congregation members and my family had delicious meals you prepared. I managed to do some scheduling but then the synagogue family took over. Thanks to Merle Salkin's efforts, there were many play dates. The rabbi was just fabulous through all of this and is still checking on me. . . . I guess I am just so amazed at all of the support that I got. I never experienced anything like it and it brought tears to my eyes. Society Hill Synagogue is a true community and I have been telling everyone I know who will listen. Thank you so much to everyone who was there for me and my children as well as my brother who never took on this kind of responsibility before. We never could have managed without you."

Lyn's story illustrates community at its best. But as Lyn and I discussed in a brief phone conversation, if she were not part of a "natural" subcommunity of parents with Hebrew School children, the chances of such a response to her situation would have been far less likely, whether or not we as a congregation want to admit that.

Reflecting on Lyn's story and our recent phone conversation helps to define our latest mission. In part, that mission is to forge a connected community where even the new widow or widower who has recently joined the synagogue and has not yet established himself/herself within one of our subcommunities will find help and companionship.

I say "in part" because our mission as reflected in our newly established Membership Engagement Initiative is broader than that. It is to create a synagogue of connections, a web that enables members to forge deeper and stronger bonds, so that even the more introverted members, the ones who have not been here forever, the ones without the kinds of natural communities that parents have, will have increasingly close connections.

To create this synagogue is a painstaking, time-consuming, labor-intensive, not-at-all-glamorous process of engaging members one at a time and listening, really listening to their needs and dreams. This is difficult work, for it is more than creating new and splashier programs. Rather, it involves consciously listening to our members and creating opportunities to connect.

To move in this direction, we are mailing Ron Wolfson's book *The Spirituality of Welcoming* to each of you. We have also scheduled four dates (Sunday, October 14; Sunday, October 28; Wednesday evening, October 17; and Tuesday evening, October 23) to gather those interested in the remarkable possibilities of transforming SHS from a 20th-century quasi-community into a multilayered connections synagogue of the 21st century. We have engaged Ron Wolfson as our scholar in residence for the weekend of December 7–9. And my ambition includes raising significant funds over and above annual giving in order to engage a part time Director of Membership Engagement, fully funded for three years.

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President's Column Summer Happenings at SHS

Jonathan Weiss

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a relaxing and peaceful summer. Although the pace and general pattern of occupancy of the Synagogue seems to slow down in the summer, many activities are actually taking place to prepare for the new calendar year which begins right after Labor Day.

This fall, as the High Holy Days approach, I am reflecting on my own connection with the community, both here at SHS, and more broadly. It still feels a bit like the calm before the storm as I begin to take on more responsibilities as a new President.

As you may have read in the June Keshet, this summer we hosted our neighbors at St Peter's Church on Sunday mornings while they were unable to use their own sanctuary due to structural issues in their building that required repair. It may have been surprising for SHS members to see churchgoers coming to our building for services, but we were so happy to have the opportunity to perform a mitzvah by lending our space to help others in our community. Cantor Freedman took some time to meet with members from the church to educate them about our congregation, synagogue building, and religious practices. The St. Peter's congregation has really appreciated our efforts and assistance.

We held a Board Orientation meeting this summer that helped to energize both returning and new Board members and officers. Our intention was to start off the term sharing new ideas and excitement about potential offerings and experiences that we can bring to our community. As I mentioned at the Annual Meeting in May, my goal is to enable all of our members to feel connected to what is going on, and to empower you all to join in our activities to the maximum extent you wish. There are several ways I am hoping to accomplish this goal, but primary on the list is to increase opportunities for communication and feedback so we all know what is going on, and we can all help to make improvements where they are necessary.

Sahar Oz, our new Education Director has also been busy this summer as he spent time with Merle Salkin to help transition to his new position. He has also met with the Rabbi, the Cantor, Betty, Carmen Hayman and the rest of the Education Committee to make sure that the Sunday and Hebrew schools start off on the right foot.

On a personal note, as I write this article, I am getting ready to travel to attend my niece's Bat Mitzvah, the first family *simḥa* since my son Ned's Bar Mitzvah two years ago. I am looking forward to seeing family from across the country, and to seeing—firsthand—the community to which my sister and her family belong in Louisville, Kentucky. My niece, through her own intention and conviction, was able to influence my sister and the rest of the family to prepare for this event. I have been practicing my part in the song that my sisters and I will be singing at the ceremony. I know the event will be wonderful, but bittersweet because of the absence of my older sister who passed away just over two years ago. I think it's important to stay connected with the cycle of life, and as I remember my initial shock and sadness, I am also grateful for the help and comfort that the SHS community gave me as I started to cope with that loss. As the High Holy Day season begins, I will think about broadening my own connections with the rest of the community.

If you look through the rest of the Keshet, you'll see some of the ways that you, too, can increase those connections—whether you attend the TGIShabbat/Open House and Potluck Dinner on September 14, join a committee, sign up for an Adult Education class, or volunteer to help voters navigate the Voter ID Law.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon, and I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!



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Cantor's Column

What Is Your Favorite High Holy Day Song?

Bob Freedman

We've all played the game of asking, "What's your favorite?" Recently, I asked myself, "What's my favorite song of the High Holy Days?" I thought my answer might give me an insight into what I considered the essence of the Ten Days. Immediately I thought of "B'Rosh Hashanah," "On Rosh Hashanah it is decreed, and on Yom Kippur it is sealed: who shall live and who shall die." And I rejected it. It is a very important song, to be sure, central to the liturgy and theology of the Days of Awe, but too stark and scary to be my favorite. I rejected "Kol Nidre" as well. Though it's exciting to sing, the text is dry legalese. "Avinu Malkeinu" I put in second place, for no other reason than that it is a little too long.

My favorite? "Ki Anu Amecha," "We are Your people; You are our God," a litany of twelve couplets, each portraying a facet of our relationship to God. The images are rich and potent. Some are hierarchical, with God at the top of the food chain and us somewhere below: "We are Your servants; You are our master" and "We are Your people; . . . You are our king." I have trouble with these, having grown up in the sixties in the United States, questioning all authority. Others assure us that someone up there is watching out for us: "We are Your vineyard; You are our guardian" and "We are Your flock; You are our shepherd." The final one—"We are Your speaking; You are our speaking"—would be by itself worthy of a lengthy theological inquiry.

One of the images is just dear: "We are Your spouse; You are our beloved." It expresses an intimacy with God as close as the wind in our face or a hug. It is that feeling that sometimes comes over us that we are not alone, that we are a thread woven into the fabric of the world, even when we manage to pretend that we are not.

But the real reason "Ki Anu Amecha" is my favorite song is the feeling I get when we all start to sing it,

literally, a physical sensation. Everyone has been waiting for it. We swing into the catchy melody all together, and the sound swells and fills the room. I think that the purpose of praying is to get outside our small selves, to stop thinking about "me" for a while and focus on the universe around us. What better way to do that than joining my voice with everyone else's, weaving melody and harmonies that carry our hearts together?

I look forward to singing our favorite tunes together. L'Shanah Tovah Tikkateivu, May you be written into the Book of Life for a good, sweet, healthy, and prosperous year.

Ann Spak Thal Hebrew School

New Beginnings

Sahar Oz

The High Holy Day season is an ideal opportunity for us to remember sweet times with family and friends. For me, childhood memories of going to Rosh Hashanah services with my grandparents in Israel and rejoicing during the Simhat Torah hakafot are still vivid more than three decades later.

Just as the High Holy Days usher in a new year of endeavors for all of us, the start of the school year is an exciting time of new energy, adventures, and connections in the classroom. I believe that much of Jewish education is about creating Jewish memories—experiences that spark our children's curiosity about customs and prayers, cultivate their Jewish identity, present our faith and culture in a variety of dimensions, and prompt our children to reflect upon their own Jewish journeys and to share their ideas and thoughts at school and at home.

Having joined the SHS community earlier this summer, I am especially eager for our first day of Sunday School, Hebrew School, and Hebrew High on Sunday, September 9. It has been exciting to prepare for the new year with our dedicated and talented faculty. These twelve Jewish young adults, many veteran and some new to SHS, bring a rich assortment of skills, strong Judaic knowledge, and tremendous enthusiasm for teaching our children.

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Playschool

Looking Forward to a Wonderful School Year

Gloria Parris

The Playschool Summer Camp was a fun-filled way for children to spend their mornings. The boys and girls participated in water play, arts and crafts, music and movement, bike riding, storytelling, games, and indoor and outdoor play. This summer, the themes of our projects and stories included “the ocean,” “insects,” “flowers and plants,” “the 4th of July,” “space,” “pirates,” “the beach,” and “going on vacation.” The children created art projects, learned songs, and listened to stories based on these themes. Each day, weather permitting, the boys and girls enjoyed splashing in our kiddie-sized pools. Summer camp is always a great way to enhance the friendships made during the Playschool academic year as well as to make new friends. Many of our school students continue their preschool experience in our camp program. Also, summer camp is a great opportunity for our new incoming students to become acquainted with preschool.

The Playschool will begin a new school year on Tuesday, September 4. Our Parent Meeting will be held that evening at 7 PM. All Playschool parents are invited to attend this meeting to find out information about the Playschool and to meet our staff of teachers. Each of the classes will begin the school year with Welcome Parties. The Welcome Parties give the children the opportunity to meet their teachers and classmates and to visit their classrooms before the first day of preschool. The children in the two-year-old classes will attend their Welcomes Parties on Wednesday, September 5. The children enrolled in the Puppy Class will attend their Welcome Party with their parents from 9 AM until 10 AM. The children enrolled in the Kitten Class will attend their Welcome Party with their parents from 10:30 until 11:30 AM. On Friday, September 7, there will be Welcome Parties for the children and their parents in the Pre-Kindergarten (AM) Class, the three- to four-year-old class, and the Pre-Kindergarten (PM) class. The Pre-K (AM) Welcome Party will be held from 10 until 11 AM. The three- to four-year-old class Welcome Party is from 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM. The Pre-K (PM) Welcome Party is from 12:30 until 1:30 PM.

The first day of Playschool and Afterschool Arts is on Monday, September 10. Afterschool Arts Clubs are held Monday through Friday from 12:30 until 3 PM. Afterschool Arts Clubs focus on a daily theme. On Monday, the theme is cooking; Tuesday, it is science; Wednesday’s theme is art; Thursdays are movement days; and on Fridays, music fills the Social Hall. Along with the themed activity, the children enjoy free playtime, arts and crafts, snack, story time, and bike riding. Children who do not attend Playschool in the morning are welcome to be enrolled in any of our Afterschool Arts Clubs. Please contact the Playschool office at 215.922.6590, ext. 28 for more information about attending Afterschool Arts. We offer a variety of enrollment options for our afterschool program.

The Playschool staff is looking forward to the upcoming school year and making our preschool a fantastic learning experience for all of the children.

Ann Spak Thal Hebrew School

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On **Sunday, September 9**, as the children begin their first day of school, we invite parents to our Mavo programs at 9:15 AM (Sunday School parents) and 11:15 AM (Hebrew School and Hebrew High parents). Mavo is Hebrew for “introduction,” and each Mavo session will run for 35 to 45 minutes and will include a presentation of the goals and themes for the year, a shared learning experience, and a review of student and parent expectations. There will be light refreshments to start off the new year sweetly.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you as we begin a wonderful year with many opportunities for creating lasting Jewish memories. I wish all of our students, parents, and teachers Shanah Tovah Um’tukah, M’leiat Ahavah V’shalvah, a good and sweet year filled with love and serenity.

Young Families Group

One Big, Happy Family

Laurel Landau

The Young Families Group is now going to combine with the Baby & Me Group! The new Young Families Group includes families with a child under 5 (and of course older siblings are welcome!) and meets socially—generally monthly—on weekends or evenings at various venues.

We look forward to exploring Philadelphia together. In the past year we enjoyed Christmas Eve Dinner at a Chinese restaurant, visited the Art Museum, and spent a fun-filled afternoon at Franklin Square.

Our group can also attend services together, including Tot Shabbats, Family Services, or special events.

For more information, a schedule of upcoming events and meeting places, or to get your name on our mailing list, please contact me at laurelsiegel@yahoo.com. Remember, prospective members are welcome at these events, so if you know anybody who may be interested, please pass on the information.

Holiday Wishes

Terry Novick and Marc Schwartz

The members of the Religion Committee wish all of our fellow congregants and staff members a L'Shanah Tovah.



SHS Shabbaton

One of today's leading scholars and students of synagogue life and author of *The Spirituality of*

Welcoming: How to Transform Your Congregation Into a Sacred Community, Dr. Ron Wolfson will lead us in a weekend of study and reflection. He will share with us why we should, and how we might, raise our Synagogue community to the next level so that we approach more closely the ideal of a *Kehillah Kedoshah*, a holy community.



Eatz Chaim Cookbooks

Call the office today to purchase your copy of the SHS Eatz Chaim Cookbook. In it you will find the best recipes for everything from appetizers to dessert—all straight from the kitchens of our own congregants and their families! Contact us at 215.922.6590 or office@societyhillsynagogue.org to purchase your copy before the holidays!

SHS Hunger Relief Efforts Continue

Phyllis Denbo

Our connections with the *Witnesses to Hunger* program continue to grow. Please see page 10 where Debbie Stewart has written about the school supply drive that we are conducting for the children.

We are especially pleased to report that our plan to help strengthen and empower young mothers through mentoring in the *Witnesses* program is back on track. We are meeting with the President of their Advisory Board and their Outreach Coordinator to arrange an initial gathering of SHS members and *Witnesses* program participants. We will likely focus on a topic such as planning and cooking healthy, low cost meals.

We also want to remind you that the first Tuesday of each month, SHS volunteers pack food at Philabundance. Let's kick off the new year with a terrific turnout on **Tuesday, September 4, from 6—8 PM**. We can catch up after the long, hot summer, while performing a much needed service. For further information, please contact Margie Ferst at kody307@aol.com.

Philadelphia Interfaith Community (PIC) Interfaith Shabbat Service on Friday, November 9

Debbie Stewart

In collaboration with the InterFaithways organization, SHS will be hosting an **Interfaith Family Shabbat service on November 9 at 6:15 PM** followed by a special Oneg Shabbat. Interfaith Shabbat services will be conducted at over 50 congregations in the Greater Philadelphia area from November 2—11 to connect interfaith couples and families to the Jewish community. We are thrilled to participate in the fourth annual InterFaithways Family Shabbat Weekend.

Please join us to provide a special welcome to our own congregants with interfaith relationships/families, as well as those individuals or groups visiting us from our community. Resources and information to support the Jewish Interfaith Community is available at www.interfaithways.org.

Please keep an eye out for more information about this upcoming event. For additional details, feel free to contact the SHS Office at 215.922.6590, or contact Debbie Stewart at beachethic@gmail.com or 609.713.0828.

Adult Education

The new 2012-2013 Adult Education brochure is here! Don't forget to check out all of the interesting and stimulating courses in this year's curriculum. Copies will be available outside the Sanctuary during all High Holy Day services.

Thank you from the Co-Chairs of Merle Salkin's Celebration Dinner Caroline and Peter Piven

You all know that the celebratory dinner for Merle Salkin was a rousing success. The setting was lovely, the weather beautiful, the dinner delicious, the remarks heartwarming, the gifts to Merle and to the synagogue in her honor gracefully bestowed and gratefully and graciously received. Merle was overwhelmed.

Now we'd like to acknowledge and thank those who helped make it happen.

Thank you to Meg and Peter Saligman who opened their beautiful home to host the event.

Thank you to the Celebration Committee who planned and pulled it all together:

- Elayne Bloom who designed and prepared the program
- Lisa Eizen who arranged for the gift
- Marcie Ziskind and Cindy Elliot who produced the Memory Book, with help from Dana Feinberg and Staci Schwartz
- Sari Love who secured and managed the catering
- Joan Roller who negotiated the contract
- Sue Snedden who delivered beverages
- Jonathan Weiss who coordinated the remarks
- Elizabeth Zack and Gail Massey who gathered presentation materials
- Walter Ferst who watched over the finances
- Betty van de Rijn who managed the invitations and responses
- and the Steering Committee of Leslie Hafter, Joan Roller and Jonathan Weiss who worked with us to pull it all together.

In addition, there were many of you in the community who donated generously towards the gift in Merle's honor.

Thank you all.

Social Action

George Washington Elementary Update & Information About the New Pennsylvania Voter ID Law

Phyllis Denbo

We did it! Thanks in large measure to two well-attended and highly productive SHS mitzvah days this past spring, information cards have been completed for all of the books in the George Washington Elementary School library. The library contains more than 2,000 books, most of which are the product of two major SHS book drives. The cards are being shipped to Access Pennsylvania in Harrisburg where the information will be used to create labels and an online catalogue for these books. Mr. Ashe, the principal of Washington School, has expressed his appreciation for our hard work—both in the library and for all of our other volunteer efforts at the school.

As we begin another school year, please consider dedicating some time to the school as a classroom assistant, student tutor, library aide, or after-school activity leader. The personal rewards are considerable, not the least of which is the gratitude of the teachers and students. For further information, please contact me at prdenbo@gmail.com or 215.755.2734.

On Another Note...

Robin Schatz, Director of Government Affairs for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, and a dedicated member of the SHS family, has written an excellent piece about the new Pennsylvania Voter ID law (see page 9).

As she describes, there is the potential for hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvania voters to be deprived of one of our most fundamental rights: casting a ballot in the upcoming election. Large numbers of volunteers are needed to educate and assist voters with the new requirements. Some SHS members are already out there pounding the pavement, staffing the phone banks, and stuffing envelopes. We urge all of our members to commit to this effort to the greatest extent possible. If there is sufficient interest, a staff person from the Voter ID Coalition will come to SHS and provide background and training for our volunteers. Please contact me (see information above) if you are interested.

Rabbi's Column

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At the Board level, we have already begun. Last year we began studying *The Spirituality of Welcoming* at Board meetings and undertook a thorough and informative Catalyst Grant Survey. For the first time since I have been here, and probably the first time in my career, every single Board member of our new Board signed up and committed to sponsoring a Kiddush within days of our very first Board meeting. And why is that such a big deal? Breaking bread, sitting down, and schmoozing is one of the most important ways to create new relationships and strengthen already existing ones. Your leadership is ready. All we need is you. Let this be the year of transformation for us a community. *Shanah Tovah Um'tukah*, may you have a good and sweet year.

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What is the PA Voter ID Coalition?

Robin Schatz

In March of 2012, Governor Tom Corbett signed into law a bill that requires all voters in Pennsylvania to show a government-issued photo ID in order to vote—effective this November in time for the upcoming election. At first glance, you might say that showing an ID is a no-brainer. However, many people, especially seniors, do not have an ID that is acceptable under the new law and often have no way of securing such identification because of mobility issues, financial issues, and/or the lack of, or inability to get, a birth certificate needed to apply for a government-issued photo ID. Further complicating the matter is the fact that the Commonwealth is clearly unprepared to implement the law by Election Day, with the potential result of disenfranchising hundreds of thousands of voters.

Because of the potential impact on seniors in our community, as well as the more global issue of disenfranchising many Pennsylvania voters, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia has joined the Pennsylvania Voter ID Coalition. This is a nonpartisan group with over 140 member organizations that is involved in the current lawsuit seeking to overturn or delay implementation of the law; this group is also conducting a campaign to educate voters about the new voter ID requirements. The Coalition needs volunteers for everything from door-to-door canvassing to phone banking, data entry, and packet assembly.

For more information, contact Bob Previdi at the Coalition Headquarters on West Cheltenham Avenue. He may be reached at 215.848.1283 or bob-previdi@verizon.net.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazel Tov to

Leah Popowich and Andrew Hohns on the birth of their son, Isaac Henry Hohns.

Catherine Kiefer and Jonathan Prokup and big sister, Hannah on the birth of Maren Eleanor Prokup.

Condolences to

Tom Borawski (Libby Cone) on the death of his mother, Dolores Borawski.

Galila Prystowsky, and Tal and Liron Prystowsky, on the death of Galila's mother, Aliza Ganon.

Iris Levine on the death of her sister, Bonnie Abramsky.

Nate Saltz on the death of his sister, Ada Karp.

Welcome New Members

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SHS School Supply Drive for *Witnesses to Hunger* Program

Debbie Stewart

As a result of your tremendously generous support during the past holiday season, SHS overwhelmed the Drexel Center for Hunger Free Communities *Witnesses to Hunger* program with presents for every child and food gift cards for every family in the program. You may have seen the beautiful thank you card that was on display in our entry hall for several months last winter. Every mother signed it and told us how we helped to make their holidays joyous. SHS members also provided the children with new winter hats, gloves, and scarves, and we donated gently used winter coats for both mothers and children. What a mitzvah!

This year, in addition to our plans to engage in another holiday gift drive, we have made commitments to help meet some of the children's need for school supplies in the fall and the families' needs for toiletries in the spring. Because school is about to begin, the school supply drive is already underway! Please be so kind as to pick up some items from the list below and drop them off at the synagogue. If it is more convenient, you may also drop off supplies at the home of Carmen Hayman. You can reach Carmen at 267.970.6886 to arrange for your delivery.

Glue sticks, colored pencils, markers, crayons; #2 pencils, blue or black ink pens, 1-3 subject notebooks, two pocket folders, binders, loose leaf paper, 3x5 ruled index cards, eraser tips, pencil cases, book covers, simple calculators, and pencil sharpeners

September Highlights

3	Labor Day	
4	Playschool Staff Meeting	8 AM
	Hebrew/High School Staff Meeting	4:15 PM
	Playschool Parent Meeting	7 PM
7	Shabbat Evening Service Resumes	6:15 PM
8	Torah Study	9 AM
	Shabbat Study	10 AM
	Family Service	10:30 AM
	Selihot Service	9 PM
9	First Day of Sunday School	9 AM
	SS Parent Back to School	9:15 AM
	Hebrew & Hebrew High Schools	11 AM
	HS/HH Parent Back to School	11:15 AM
10	First Full Day of Playschool	9 AM
	Education Leadership Meeting	12:30 PM
11	Minyan	7:15 AM
	First Day of Hebrew School	4:15 PM
14	TG Shabbat, Potluck Dinner and Open House	6:15 PM
16	Erev Rosh Hashanah No SS/HS/HH Service	7:30 PM
17	Rosh Hashanah I All Schools Closed	
	Main Service	9:30 AM
	Sunday School Service	9:30 AM
	Hebrew School Service	10:45 AM
	Honey Tasting Oneg	
18	Rosh Hashanah II Service	10 AM
25	Kol Nidre Service	6:30 PM
26	Yom Kippur Main Service	9:30 AM
	Sunday School Service	9:30 AM
	Hebrew School Service	10:45 AM
	Break-the-Fast	7:30 PM*
30	Erev Sukkot	

* Estimated time

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Debbie Weissbach

Anna Cohen, Grandmother

*Judith Widman**Mindy Widman*

Molly Weinberger, Mother

Jacob Weinberger

Sarah Page

Marion Perlman

Benjamin Levering, Father

Susan Levering

Bella Widman, Mother

*Judith Widman**Mindy Widman*

Pauline Orman, Grandmother

James Orman

Marjory Stone, Mother of Katherine Levine

*James Orman***Rabbi's Discretionary Fund****In Honor of**

Daniel Blacksberg

Len Weinberg & Fran Gallun

Marriage of Michael Trachtenberg & Kelly Booz

Michael and Kelly Trachtenberg

Marriage of our children, Ava and Daniel Muenz

*Richard & Nancy Morgenstern***Yahrzeit Remembrance**

Samuel Dictor, Father-in-Law

Joel Chernock

Bernard Brown, Father of Stephen

Stephen & Pelley Brown

Jean Schertz Sablove, Mother of Pelley

Stephen & Pelley Brown

Meyer Gertner, Father of Sharon

*Irv & Sharon Shapiro***Library Fund****Yahrzeit Remembrance**

Charles Brait, Father of Natalie

Lee Cohn, Mother of Herb

*Herb & Natalie Cohn***Restoration Fund****Yahrzeit Remembrance**

Mannie Hechler, Father

*Iris Levine***Silver Heit Salkin Fund****Yahrzeit Remembrance**

Murray & Marion Rosof, Parents

Libby Rosof

September Birthdays

Lucie Edelstein
 Lyn Kirshenbaum
 Robby Saligman
 Hanna Aufschauer
 Neil Cohen
 Anya Rosin
 Madeleine Wilson
 Edgar Einhorn
 Michelle Johnson
 Lindsey Morgan
 Valerie Lichtman
 Martin Rosenberg
 Jay Denbo
 Mel Nasielski
 Stephen Stein
 Karen Haffer
 Bart Kaplan
 Judith Elman-Barrett
 Brooke Salzman
 Betta Kolansky
 Brian Milch
 Lynne Rubinfeld
 Matthew Becker
 Harrison Peet
 Aldo Friedman
 Fran Gallun
 Peter Kauderwood
 Lore Bryan
 Zachary Meisel
 Michael Rochester
 Eva Ecker
 Dana Feinberg
 Sari Love
 Ben Rosin
 Robert Einhorn
 Caryn Levitsky
 Jessica Newberg
 Jamie Schwartz
 Jodi Scott

September Birthdays

Daniel Blacksberg
 Josie Chrismer
 Lisa Eizen
 Asher Harwitz
 Anne Ballen Ladenson
 Andrew Bottaro
 Brent Landau
 Rebecca Stolker

**September Anniversaries**

Jonathan & Sharyn Katz
 Noah & Sarah Chrismer
 Fred & Stephanie Squires
 Jim & Linda Rosenstein
 Irwin Balik & Peggy Backal
 Andy & Pam Greenblatt
 Peter & Peshe Kuriloff
 Richard Braemer & Amy Finkel
 Jay Wussow & Emily Zimmerman
 David & Lindsey Morgan
 Carl & Caryn Levitsky
 Jon & Stephanie Peet

Did You Know That SHS Has a Social Action Contribution Fund?

Phyllis Denbo

A few years ago, a Social Action Fund was created to support a project at the George Washington Elementary School. Funds collected for this project came from a Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia grant and from an individual SHS member's contribution that was made specifically for Social Action activities. Although not regularly listed in the Kesher, this fund still exists for anyone who wishes to contribute to any of the various Social Action initiatives at Society Hill Synagogue. Please indicate on the memo line of your check, or on a note accompanying a cash contribution, if you would like future donations to be applied to the SHS Social Action Fund.

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Tree of Life**Leaf Dedications**

In Honor of Walter Ferst
 With Gratitude for his service as
 SHS President
2010-2012 Board of Directors

In Honor of David & Sayde Ladov's 30th Anniversary
David & Sayde Ladov

In Honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Michelle Danoff
Diane & Theodore Danoff

In Honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Amy Danoff
Diane & Theodore Danoff

Memorial Wall**Plaques**

In Memory of William T. Steerman
Amy Steerman

Thank you
to the following members for their
High Holy Day sponsorships:

Honey Tasting Oneg

In Memory of Edward Casper
Doris Casper



In Memory of Benjamin and Ann Farbman
Bonny Hohenberger and Nathan Farbman

In Memory of Jack and Rea J. Kates
Malcolm Kates

In Memory of Bella and Walter Widman
Judith Widman and Mindy Widman

Break-the-Fast

In Honor of Seafood Unlimited
Restaurant
Barbara and Edgar Einhorn



In Memory of Sadie Casper
Doris Casper

In Memory of Ruth Jacobson
Bonny Hohenberger and Nathan Farbman

In Memory of Jack and Rea J. Kates
Malcolm Kates

Sukkah Decorations

In Memory of Martin Casper
Doris Casper

In Memory of Jack and Rea J. Kates
Malcolm Kates

In Memory of Martin G. Weinberg
Rosemarie Weinberg



Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
MITZVAH FOOD PROJECT



Mitzvah Food Project's High Holiday
Food Drive is coming up and we need
your help!

Society Hill Synagogue will be
collecting **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD!**
(Bin will be available in the lower lobby)

**ALL DONATIONS OF NON-
PERISHABLE FOOD MUST MEET
THE FOLLOWING:**

- Kosher—Vegetarian—Lower Salt, Sugar, and Fat—Properly sealed—Expiration date must be December 2012 or later.
In addition to being more nutritious for all recipients, this food will best support recipients with medical conditions.
- Due to the locations of the Mitzvah Food Project's six food pantries, the food must be kosher.
- Collecting NON-PERISHABLE FOOD is vital due to the medical and nutritional needs of Mitzvah Food Project recipients, as well as the project's programmatic needs.

Thank you for providing nutritious food
to those in need in our community!

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN PHILLY FOR ROSH HASHANAH OR YOM KIPPUR?

Are you between the
ages of 21 and 45?

A Taste OF THE NEW YEAR

Join us for a wine tasting
& light hors d'oeuvres

WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5TH
from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Location:

THE GERSHMAN Y:

401 South Broad Street

Meet representatives from Center City
and Suburban synagogues to receive
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RSVP: jewishphilly.org/winetasting

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SS-Sunday School HS-Hebrew School HH-Hebrew High PS-Playschool ELM-Education Leadership Meeting	EDM-Education Committee Mtg. BDM-Board Mtg. ECM-Executive Committee Mtg.					Ki Tetzei 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Service
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Building Closed	Labor Day Building Closed	7:15 AM Minyan 8 AM PS Staff Mtg 4:15 PM HS Staff 7 PM PS Parents	9 AM PS Puppy Class Welcome 10:30 AM Kitten Class Welcome		10 AM PS PreK AM Class Welcome 11:30 AM PS 3-4 yr old Class Welcome 12:30 PM PS Prek PM Class Welcome 6:15 PM Service	Ki Tavo 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Shabbat Study 10:30 AM Family Service 9 PM Selihot Srv
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9 AM SS 9:15 AM SS Back to School Parent Mtg 11 AM HS 11:15 HS Back to School Parent Mtg	12:30 PM ELM	7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS	7:30 PM EDM		6:15 PM TGISHabbat, Potluck Dinner & Open House	Nitzavim 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Service
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
No SS/HS/HH Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30 PM Service	No Playschool Rosh Hashanah I 9:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS Service 10:45 AM HS Serv Honey Tasting Oneg	No Minyan & PS Rosh Hashanah II 10 AM Service	6:30 PM Hatan Mtg		6:15 PM Service	Va-yeilekh Shabbat Shuvah 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Service 11:30 AM Tot Shabbat
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 AM SS 11 AM HS		No Minyan/HS/PS Kol Nidre 6:30 PM Service	No Playschool Yom Kippur 9:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS Service 10:45 AM HS Serv 7:30 PM Break the Fast following Srv.		6:15 PM Service	Ha-azinu 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Service
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