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## Wishing a Speedy Recovery to Two Very Important People In Our Community

Staci Schwartz

**M**any of you have already seen the email informing the congregation about the very serious car accident in which Cantor Freedman was involved last Thursday. Thankfully, Bob is recuperating at home now, and he is expected to make a complete recovery. At the time of the accident, Bob had just gotten into his car when another car crashed into it. Tragically, Rabbi James Diamond, a close friend and colleague of Bob's, was killed in the accident.

See <http://princeton.patch.com/articles/1-dead-2-seriously-injured-in-crash-outside-of-riverside-elementary-school> for more information. Looking at the photos, it is a miracle that Cantor Freedman survived.

I have recently contacted Cantor Freedman directly and he gave me permission to relay the following information to all SHS members:

He told me to share that he is recovering at the rate that the doctors in the Trauma Center said he would. He is grateful for all of the expressions of concern and speedy recovery wishes that he has received. He feels very fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community. He has asked that instead of people sending him more notes, either by mail or email, he will look forward to seeing everyone's faces at the Synagogue. He reports that friends and family who have visited him have said, "It is so good to see you again!" Bob said he now replies, "Yes, and it is so wonderful for me to be alive to see you!"

We also wish a speedy recovery to Rafi Winokur, who spent the last two weeks in the hospital with a suspected viral infection. Thankfully, he is now home with his parents, and he is feeling much better. Because this has been such a busy time for Avi and Susan, you will notice there is no Rabbi's Column in this issue of the Keshet. Not to worry—Rabbi Winokur will be back to provide his usual thought-provoking and informative column in the May edition.



## President's Column

### Taking the Time to Cherish What We Value

Jonathan Weiss

Last month I was not able to attend our monthly TGIShabbat Service. A longstanding family engagement was on my calendar, and I could not find a way to do everything. I had mixed feelings as I delivered announcements at services encouraging everyone to attend—wishing I could be there—knowing that I would not be able to be present. Interestingly, in the week following the service, I realized how sorry I was to miss what has become an important, enjoyable part of my month.

For the last four years, I have taught a class at the University of Pennsylvania's Architecture school, one of a series of electives taught by practitioners to help students see a bridge between theoretical pursuits in school and practical applications they will use after graduation. Teaching the class is a great opportunity, and although I enjoy that it allows me to engage in activities that are different from the rest of my professional life, I wish the class time could be changed. I must teach this class on Tuesday afternoons which conflicts with another of my favorite SHS activities—monthly Torah study with the Rabbi. Each month, at 5:15 PM on a Tuesday afternoon during the hours of Hebrew School, we parse several verses from the Torah—moving at the pace of the group, not rushing to keep current with the actual week's portion.

In both of these instances, I am reminded of the importance that these regular Synagogue programs have for me. I think it is important to take the time to recognize and appreciate all the special people and groups that make our lives valuable, the communities and families we enjoy. Thinking about these things can remind us to integrate those experiences into our regular schedules so that we don't have to regret missed opportunities. We must take the time to cherish what we value.

Last month's Passover seders—always favorite parts of the holiday for me—provided opportunities to

Get together with different family members, learn about new experiences and the growth of our children, and fondly remember those who are no longer with us.

Last month also held some abrupt reminders of how important individuals can be in our synagogue communities. Both the health complications of the Rabbi Winokur's son, Rafi, and the terrible car accident that our Cantor survived made me pause and reminded me to be thankful for everything the Rabbi and Cantor have done for our community. I have been heartened by all the sincere expressions of concern and support from the congregation for these two consummate professionals and their families, echoing my own feelings, and reinforcing my faith in our community.

As the spring arrives, I encourage each of you to join us in the Synagogue community events that are important to you— a Family or Class Service, a TGIShabbat service, an Adult Education class, or a social gathering. There will be many opportunities to participate as we head toward Shavuot and the late spring and summer. Did you know that we have several members studying for a group adult Bat Mitzvah ceremony that will take place on June 8. Please plan to attend this special service and don't forget to mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting on May 22 at 7:30 PM.

However you decide to do it, I encourage you to help us continue to build our community as much as possible.



*...Stop and cherish it.  
We have to hold on to it...*

## Baby & Me Group

### Spring: Time for Your Baby or Toddler to Make New Friends!

Jessica Downes

**H**ello everyone! It sure has been a while. As a reminder, the Baby & Me Group is for all parents/caregivers with a child(ren) under the age of 2. We participate in fun, age-appropriate activities at SHS and throughout the city. Non-members and prospective members are welcome to join us so please feel free to share this information with your friends. If you want more information, or you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact me at [jessdownes@yahoo.com](mailto:jessdownes@yahoo.com).

I hope everyone is looking forward to lovely weather and nicer temperatures! I also hope everyone is ready for some fun activities! Here is what we have planned for April. I will send a reminder email the week of the event and ask that you RSVP so we will know to expect you.

Please join us at:

Seeger Park for a play date on **Tuesday, April 2 at 4 PM.**

The Independence Branch of the Free Library (18 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street) for Story Time on **Thursday, April 11 at 10:30 AM** (although I hear it may start closer to 10:45).

Smith Memorial Playground & Playhouse (Fairmount Park) for a play date on **Friday, April 19 at 11:30 AM** (feel free to bring lunch).

Happy spring!



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## Ann Spak Thal School

### Remembering and Rejoicing

Sahar Oz

**W**e hope everyone enjoyed a happy and meaningful Passover with family and friends. Following the joy of Passover, the Hebrew calendar presents us with a number of observances in quick succession that take us from sadness to gladness. All of these will be marked appropriately in Hebrew School with a variety of programs in early and mid-April.

At sunset on Sunday, April 7, communities around the world will commemorate Yom Hashoah—Remembrance Day for the Holocaust and the Heroism. That Sunday morning is our first day of classes following the Passover break, and we will conduct a brief ceremony in Hebrew School with stories and music to reflect upon this solemn day.

Then, lift your spirits by joining us at the **Shabbat Family Service** the following **Saturday, April 13 at 10:30 AM**. All second grade and Hebrew High students and their families will attend this service, and we look forward to seeing many more of you there that morning.

On Sunday, April 14, our school will mark Remembrance Day for Israel's Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism ("Yom Hazikaron"), a commemoration that begins later in the evening. Our observance will include a short film and traditional readings. It is no coincidence that Yom Hazikaron immediately precedes Yom Ha'atzma'ut (Israel Independence Day), as this juxtaposition was intended to remind everyone of what and whom it takes to establish and maintain an independent Jewish state.

Just as Israelis transition from the deep lows of Yom Hazikaron to the joyous highs of Yom Ha'atzma'ut, we will then celebrate Israel's 65<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with a variety of Israeli delicacies, music, and games. All students in Sunday School through Hebrew High will get to experience a delicious taste of Israel! **We are asking everyone to come to class that day wearing blue and white.**

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## Cantor's Column

### Join Me to Explore Beautiful Jewish Poetry

Bob Freedman

Every Shabbat evening and every Shabbat morning Rabbi Winokur brings in three or four readings to add to the prayers in our siddur. Many of them are by famous master poets, treats to hear. Not infrequently they jerk me awake and open my mind. At the speed of thought, they transport me, beamed up by a literary teleporter, to some place far removed from where I was. And there it seems that a curtain is drawn back and I see what I thought was familiar with a radically new perception. It is those moments that inspire me to come to services. If I wanted the “same old-same old,” I’d stay home and solve Sudoku puzzles, read The New York Times, or go shopping.

Rabbi Winokur’s readings enhance a liturgy that is already poetic. Metaphors, images, and intricate literary devices abound in prayer prose. After all, in worship we’re trying to reach a space that is essentially non-verbal, though we do use word-wheels and word-wings to get close. So prayer prose is not casual, everyday expression. It’s high-powered language to lift us to the level where our perspective shifts.

Then, here and there among the prose texts, there are actual poems, artfully crafted compositions. In Hebrew they are called *piyyutim* (the singular is *piyyut*). Can you hear the similarity to the word “poet?” (I’m not talking about pieces from the Book of Psalms, single verses and whole pieces of which are liberally spread throughout our prayers.) Most of these *piyyutim* were written between 500 and 1700 CE, and they were used expressly for worship. One of the most famous is, “Come, my beloved friend, to meet the bride, the face of Shabbat.” Two others are: “If our mouths were filled with song as water fills the sea...” and “God, master of all making.”

They are the best of a vast literature, the ones that have survived a millennium-long selection process. Proof of their excellence is that though we hear them again and again, we don’t find them boring.

On the contrary, they retain the same potential for inspiration as Rabbi Winokur’s supplementary selections. This is partly because, besides being just beautiful, their composers used a concept near and dear to the Jewish mind, “art concealing art.” The plain words hide a structure that conceals a deeper level of meaning that conceals yet a deeper structure, and so on. Studying them, analyzing them, delving into their multiple layers of meaning makes us more receptive to their impact.

May I invite you to join me to explore these *piyyutim*? I’ll dedicate three sessions—all beginning at **7:15 PM on the Tuesday evenings of April 9, 16, and 23**—to the discussion of the best Jewish religious poetry of the ages.

We’ll begin with *piyyutim* of Shabbat, then turn to those composed for the festivals and the High Holy Days. Come prepared to encounter clever framework, amazing verbal virtuosity, and mystical visions. Of course, I’ll give translations for all the texts, and you can attend one, two, or all three sessions.

I look forward to learning with you.





**Playschool**  
**Our Spring Shabbat**  
**Dinner Will Occur on**  
**Friday, April 12**  
 Gloria Parris

**S**pringtime in the Playschool is the time to plan for your child's summertime fun. Our camp program has always been a great way for children between the ages of 2- and 4-years-old, to spend their summer mornings. **The season begins on Monday, June 3, and extends for eight weeks through Thursday, July 25. Camp is in session Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.** Children can be enrolled for the full 8 week program or for only certain weeks. They can attend on a Monday/Wednesday schedule, a Tuesday/Thursday schedule, or daily. We encourage everyone to enroll as soon as possible because there are only a limited number of spots available.

Our summer camp program offers fun-filled indoor and outdoor play activities, themed arts and crafts projects, circle time, storytelling, bike-riding, creative movement, music, and water fun (in our wading pools). Each day, a healthy snack is provided by one of our families, and the children bring their own dairy lunches.

Please contact the Playschool office at [gparris@societyhillssynagogue.org](mailto:gparris@societyhillssynagogue.org) or 215.922.6590, x28, for more information about the Playschool Summer Camp or to request an application.

**On Friday, April 12, the Playschool will host the Spring Shabbat Dinner from 5:30 – 7 PM.** All of the Playschool students and their families are invited to attend this potluck meal. The children are very excited to recite the blessings and sing the songs that they have learned during our weekly Shabbat celebrations. Our Playschool Shabbat Dinners are always a wonderful way for our families to get to know each other.

On Wednesday, April 17, the PM Pre-Kindergarten class will perform an original play under the direction of their drama teacher. The children chose their own characters, created the storyline, and then the drama teacher developed and wrote the play

using the children's ideas. Playschool friends can stay for Afterschool Arts so that they may attend the performance and see their friends make their acting debuts.

On Tuesday, April 23, the children in the AM and PM Pre-Kindergarten classes will take a trip to the Arden Theatre. They will see the play *Pinocchio*. Following the live stage production, the children will have an opportunity to meet the actors in the show.

Finally, on Tuesday, April 30, all of the children in the Playschool will take part in The Franklin Institute Traveling Preschool Science Show. This exciting lesson entitled, "Build It Up!" will be brought to our school. The children will build structures of all sizes and test the strength of the building materials that they have used during this hands-on presentation.



### **Young Families Group**

## **We Are Always Looking For New Families to Join Us!**

Laurel Landau

**A**s a reminder, the Young Families Group includes families with a child under age 5 (and of course older siblings are welcome). The Baby & Me Group is for parents/caretakers with a child under the age of 2.

In the Young Families Group, we go on excursions around town and attend age-appropriate happenings at the Synagogue, including Tot Shabbats, Family Services, and other special events.

As this issue goes to press, we are celebrating the last night of Passover on April 2 by dining on pasta at Pietro's!

Prospective members are always welcome at these events, so if you know anybody who may be interested in joining SHS, please pass on the information.

To join our mailing list, please contact me at [laurelsiegel@yahoo.com](mailto:laurelsiegel@yahoo.com).

## Hebrew School

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From one celebration to the next, on Friday evening, May 3, our Bet and Hay class (grades 4 and 7) students will lead the Shabbat service together. This group includes 17 students who have been preparing for the service with Cantor Freedman and their teachers, and they are excited to welcome Shabbat with you.

The service begins at 6:15 PM followed by dinner at 7:30 PM. To RSVP for dinner, please e-mail Betty by May 1 at [bettyv@societyhillsynagogue.org](mailto:bettyv@societyhillsynagogue.org) and let her know about any food allergies or specific dietary requests.

Lehitra'ot bekarov – we'll see you soon!



*"Third and fourth grade Hebrew School students Participate in anti-bullying workshop on Sunday, March 17."*

## Social Action

## Washington Elementary School Students Visit City Hall

Phyllis Denbo

**Y**ou may have heard that George Washington Elementary School, the school we adopted six years ago, was on the confirmed list of schools that would be closing in Philadelphia, according to the School Reform Commission. The original proposal announced by Superintendent Hite in December was for Washington School to be closed and Abigail Vare Elementary School, also in South Philadelphia, to be relocated to the Washington School building. Neither a rationale for this decision nor the details of its implementation were made public. A review and vetting process over the next few months resulted in some changes to the final school-closing list that was announced by the School Reform Commission in March. Officially, both Vare and Washington Elementary Schools will be closed, and the current Washington building will open in September as the Abigail Vare/George Washington Elementary School. We have no information on the logistics of this configuration or its likely impact on the students and faculty at both schools. Stay tuned for further details.

In the meantime, our regular in-class and after-school volunteers at Washington School continue to do an amazing job. Additionally, Judy Gelles and Liz Abrams-Morley are once again offering their terrific photography and writing program. At the beginning of March, Judy took three of the students who participated in the program over the last two years, along with their teacher, to City Hall. Gary Steuer, the Mayor's Chief Cultural Officer, hosted the group. They took a guided tour of City Hall and met their councilman, Mark Squilla, who posed for a photo with them. It was an eye-opening adventure for the students and an opportunity for them to spread the word about SHS's work with their school.

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## Social Action

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Beginning this month, Judy and Liz will teach the photography and writing program to a group of fifth grade students. They will be given cameras to take pictures of themselves, their family and friends, and their community. They will write about their photos, and their work will be compiled and reproduced. In the past, this project has allowed the students to express amazing things about themselves. We look forward to seeing the work of this year's students.

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## Exciting News From OneHappyCamper.org!

Brian Mono

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, in partnership with the Neubauer Family Foundation and the Foundation for Jewish Camp, is pleased to once again offer incentive grants of up to \$1000 for first-time campers going to Jewish overnight summer camps across North America.

This summer, give your child the adventure of their life at Jewish overnight camp. (Nothing says freedom like zooming down a zipline.) With the Foundation for Jewish Camp's Camp Finder tool, you can choose from 150+ amazing summer camps. We've made it easy for you to find the perfect camp for your child at [OneHappyCamper.org](http://OneHappyCamper.org). At a Jewish camp, kids are free to have amazing adventures, try out new skills, and explore who they are—and who they want to become—in a nurturing, fun-filled place. Campers can choose from a huge variety of activities—boating, filmmaking, rock climbing, cooking, archery, painting, drama, dance—you name it. (They'll also be learning lifelong values like kindness, independence, and an appreciation for giving back. But don't tell them that.) And if your child is a first time camper, they might be eligible for \$1,000 grant! Camps are already filling up (and grants are disappearing fast!) so go to [OneHappyCamper.org](http://OneHappyCamper.org) now to find out how to apply for your grant.

For more information about these programs, please contact Drew Martin at [215.832.0530](tel:215.832.0530) or [dmartin@jfgp.org](mailto:dmartin@jfgp.org).

## POWER– A Social Justice Call to Action for SHS

Debra Stewart

**O**n Saturday, March 9, many of us participated in a powerful Lunch and Learn event with invited guests Reverend Mark Tyler from Mother Bethel AME Church and Wes Lathrop from POWER: Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower, and Rebuild ([PowerPhiladelphia.org](http://PowerPhiladelphia.org)).

These individuals took time from their busy schedules to meet with us, a testament to their commitment to this extremely important citywide, faith-based, community social action organization. We now have an opportunity to support and help steer “the POWER vehicle” that is moving forward in a collaborative and strategic manner to make some important changes in our city. Rabbi Winokur has expressed his enthusiasm for SHS to join this grass roots community organization.

Thirty-seven (37) congregations across the religious spectrum and thousands of Philadelphians have stepped up to join forces with POWER to influence our Mayor, City Council, and Legislators to make the kind of policy changes that are critical to the development of true social justice within our city.

Please attend the upcoming Social Action Committee meeting to learn more and discuss the possibility that SHS can join POWER as the 38<sup>th</sup> congregation!

### **SAVE-THE-DATE: April 21, 3-5 PM**

A critical Public Action meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 21, from 3-5 PM, at the Deliverance Evangelistic Church located at 2001 W. Lehigh Avenue. POWER needs over 4,000 people at this event because there is power in numbers. *We* can help them reach their attendance goal. As was explained to us, city officials recognize that each person at the rally represents at least 10 more people. They cannot ignore the unified voice of 40,000 people.

There are 3 major goals of this Public Action meeting:

- To gain Mayor Nutter’s commitment that Philadelphia Airport jobs that pay living wages and benefits will go to those most in need (we need to capture the airport expansion jobs and provide prequalification opportunities and job training for people living in our impoverished neighborhoods).
- To invite Superintendent Dr. William Hite Jr. to work with Philadelphia communities to repair our broken school system.
- To encourage Philadelphia’s Congressional Delegation to support a path to citizenship for 11 million undocumented Americans – including tens of thousands of Philadelphia families.

Please contact Phyllis Denbo, Social Action Chairperson, at [prdenbo@gmail.com](mailto:prdenbo@gmail.com) for details on the upcoming meeting to be scheduled prior to the Public Action on April 21.

## Membership Engagement Initiative Holiday Meals

Barbara Spector

**A**re you interested in joining with other congregants to share a holiday meal? I am developing a database of SHS members who would like to get together for potluck holiday dinners. If you would like to participate, please send an email to me at [barbara@familybusinessmagazine.com](mailto:barbara@familybusinessmagazine.com).

I am looking forward to creating a database and email list to facilitate connections and shared holiday celebrations among our members.

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## SHS New Member Integration Group Libby Cone

*"You must also show love toward the foreigner, since you were foreigners in the land of Egypt." Deuteronomy 10:19*

**W**hen you joined SHS, you may recall your feelings and experiences as you became comfortable here, or perhaps you are a new member who is currently integrating into this congregation. The New Member Integration Group is working hard to be ready to match each new member (family, couple or individual) with a Shul Guide, another member who will strive to welcome them, meet their needs, and help them to form relationships within our special community. Guides will be "officially" in touch with new members for two years; some may become new friends. We are especially excited about the new Membership Engagement Initiative Interest Groups, which will offer wonderful opportunities, especially to people who aren't regular daveners, but who want to be a part of the Society Hill Synagogue Community. We will be training our Shul Guides on Sunday, May 19 at 2PM, and over the summer we will undertake the matchmaking of our volunteers with current new members, as well as those who join for the upcoming year.

To jump start the New Year, new members will have an opportunity to meet the congregation at our Annual Board-Sponsored Potluck Dinner on Friday, September 20.

To further build relationships and engagement, a Kiddush lunch for the full community is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, which will be followed by a New Member meet/greet activity with the Rabbi and Cantor, Board Members, SHS Committees and Membership Engagement Initiative Interest Group leaders, Executive Director, Education Director, and other personnel.

If you would like to learn more about these programs, please contact me at [cone@effectivemedicalenglish.com](mailto:cone@effectivemedicalenglish.com).

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## SHS Potluck Shabbat Dinners

Bonny Hohenberger

**A**re you interested in joining other SHS members for an occasional Potluck Shabbat Dinner? As an interest group that is part of the Membership Engagement Initiative, we will be choosing a few Friday dates for these type of community-building meals. If you would like to host a Potluck Shabbat Dinner, or you would like to attend the next dinner scheduled on Friday, May 10 at 8 PM at the home of Rick Summers and Merrily Williams, please contact me at [bjh711@gmail.com](mailto:bjh711@gmail.com) or 215.463.4715.

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## Philadelphia Interfaith Community Matrimonial Ceremonies Within the Three Abrahamic Faiths

Debbie Stewart

**P**lease join us on Wednesday, April 3 at 7 PM, for our continuing discussion on Life Cycle Rituals among the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic faiths. This session will focus on matrimonial ceremonies.

Arrive early to enjoy a light meal. We are gathering at Historic St. George's United Methodist Church located at 235 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Enter through the side door after ringing the buzzer.

For additional information about this event please contact me at [beachethic@gmail.com](mailto:beachethic@gmail.com) or 609.713.0828.

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**Irving Gitomer**

Linda Goldner

Jackie Pack Segal

Edward Adelman

Ellen, Alex, &amp; Michael Flamm

Stephanie Hosey

**Lenora Love**

Lore Bryan

**Yahrzeit Remembrance****Edward Roller, Father of Jerry Roller**

Jerry &amp; Joan Roller

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Robert Paller

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**Betty van de Rijn for her kindness and consideration in effecting  
Doris Casper's Memorial Service**  
Lee Casper

**Rabbi Avi Winokur for his thoughtful and kind remarks at  
Doris Casper's Memorial Service**

Lee Casper

**In Memory of****Miriam Schatz, Mother of Robin Carole Schatz**

Rob Einhorn

Iris Levine

Marc, Staci, and Jamie Schwartz

**Charles Gallun, Brother of Fran Gallun**

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**Yahrzeit Remembrance****Rose Michaels, Mother of Geoffrey Michaels**

Geoffrey Michaels

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Howard & Judy Levin

**Miriam Schatz, Mother of Robin Schatz**

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**Yahrzeit Remembrance****Rosamond Levering, Mother of Sally Poulshock**

Sally Poulshock

**Harry Orman, Grandfather of James Orman**

James Orman

**Tree of Life****Leaves****In Honor of David Wycoff**

Anonymous

**Memorial Plaque****In Memory of****Jay Stanley Danziger, Father and Husband**

Amy Shapiro and Arlene Danziger

**Sheldon J. Mehrman, Father and Husband**

Marcie Ziskind and Phyllis Mehrman



**Memorial Plaque  
Dedication  
Shabbat, Friday,  
May 10, 2013**

The SHS Memorial Plaque Dedication service is for all families who have purchased a memorial plaque over the past year in memory of a loved one. Each family will be invited to "unveil" the plaque during a special memorial portion of a Friday night Shabbat service.

The next Memorial Plaque Dedication Service is scheduled for **Friday, May 10, 2013**. All are welcome to attend.

**Plaques need to have been ordered by January 1, 2013, to be ready in time for this annual dedication service.**

**April Birthdays**

Richard Summers  
 Olivia Coran  
 Alex Dubin  
 Julian Katz  
 Leah Jordan  
 Andrew Seaberg  
 Alan Casper  
 Sheryl Glassman  
 Brian Jerusik  
 Robert Blacksberg  
 Natalie Lesser  
 Alan Ominsky  
 Barbara Rottenberg  
 Marcia Harwitz  
 Greyson Sobel  
 Cora Ballen Stanish  
 Benjamin Berman  
 Isaac Freedman  
 Jordan Gifford  
 Evelyn Segal  
 Harry Feinberg  
 Lyla Harel  
 Lana Noel  
 Stella Wolson  
 Jessica Downes  
 William Goldberg  
 Tobey Dichter  
 Brian Englander  
 Jonathan Katz  
 Stephen Brown  
 Hannah Davidson

**April Birthdays**

Meredith Buse  
 Ella Gutstadt  
 Fred Edelstein  
 Mary Fish  
 Ruth Greenberg  
 Adina Zalesne Siff  
 Bruce Hirsch  
 Derek Jordan  
 Iris Levine  
 Mona Sutnick  
 Tess Reed  
 Anna Whitesell  
 Richard Balderston  
 Esme Oxman  
 Deborah Shapiro  
 Scott Siff  
 Alli Taub  
 Rafael Winokur  
 Thomas Borawski  
 Jessica Mono  
 Beverly Michaels  
 Hudson Weissman  
 Carl Levitsky  
 Murray Dubin

**April Anniversaries**

Carl & Roberta Dranoff  
 Paul & Susan Jaffe  
 Joshua & Stephanie Wolson  
 Mark Dembert & Mary Fish

**Community News****Condolences to**

**Robin Schatz and Family** on the death of her mother, **Miriam Schatz**.

**Fran Gallun and Family** on the death of her brother, **Charles Gallun**.

**Marcia Gitomer and Family** on the death of her husband, **Irving Gitomer**.

**Welcome New Members**

Gloria Steinberger

Jordan Segall and Natalie Lesser



# Society Hill Synagogue

presents

## *How To Keep Your Brain Healthy!*

Part of the lecture series:

***HOT AND HEALTHY!***

**Monday,  
May 13 at 7 PM**

Society Hill Synagogue  
418 Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Andrew B. Newberg, M.D.**

Director of Research  
Myrna Brind Center for  
Integrative Medicine  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

**Free and open  
to the community!**

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Save the Date**—Artistic Director Jonathan Coopersmith invites you to join Nashirah for their major spring concert on Sunday, April 21 at 3 PM. Our 40-voice chorale will be performing at Society Hill Synagogue again, where the acoustics are wonderful. This year, our program features the Sabbath liturgy, for which so much wonderful music has been written. Come hear traditional texts in a new way, and I know you will leave with a greater appreciation for Jewish choral music. We look forward to seeing you there!

Nashirah Presents...

# Sabbath Variations



Traditional Words. Modern Choral Music.



Sunday, April 21, 2013  
3pm  
Society Hill Synagogue  
418 Spruce Street, Philadelphia

Tickets: \$25  
For reservations:  
[www.nashirah.org](http://www.nashirah.org)  
888.901.6274

The Jewish Chorale of Greater Philadelphia | Jonathan Coopersmith, Artistic Director

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Pesah VII Building Closed	Pesah VIII No Minyan Office Closed 9:30 AM Service & Yizkor	PS Resumes		6:15 PM Services	Sh'mini 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Service
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 AM SS 9:30 AM Nuts/Bolts 11 AM HS/HH 11:15 AM Nosh/ Schmooze	12:30 PM ELM 7 PM ECM 7 PM Zoning	7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS 7 PM Talmud on Tap 7:15 PM Poetry with Cantor			5:30 PM PS Shabbat Dinner  6:15 PM Services	Tazri-a/M'zora 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Shabbat Study 10:30 AM Family Service/Aleph Class Service
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 AM SS 11 AM HS 2-4 PM MEI Membership En- gagement Initiative	Yom Ha'atmaut	7:15 PM Minyan 4:15 PM HS 5:15 PM Torah with Rabbi 7 PM Social Action 7:15 PM Poetry with Cantor			6:15 PM Services	Aharei/Mot Kedoshim 9 AM Torah Study  9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Greyson Sobel
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 AM SS 9:30 AM Nuts/Bolts 11 AM HS/HH  3 PM Nashirah Concert	7 PM BDM	7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS 7 PM Talmud on Tap 7:15 PM Poetry with Cantor			6:15 PM TGISHabbat Mimi Stillman and Gabe Globus-Honig	Emor 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Services 11:30 AM Tot Shabbat
28	29	30				
9 AM SS 11 AM HS/HH	7 PM Offerings of the Heart with Rabbi	7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS	SS-Sunday School HS-Hebrew School HH-Hebrew High ELM-Education Lead- ership Meeting EDM-Education Committee Mtg.	ECM-Executive Committee Mtg. BDM-Board Mtg.		

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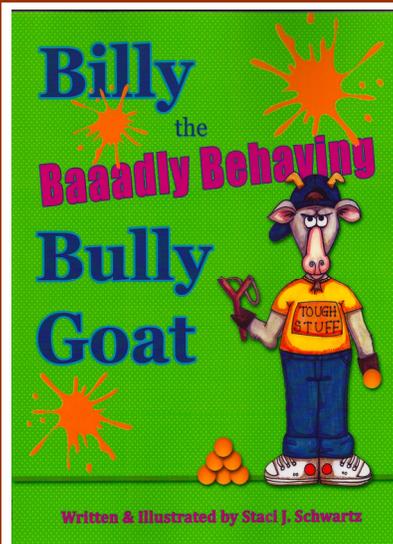
# Kesher

**SOCIETY HILL  
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SOCIETY HILL SYNAGOGUE'S KESHER



**B**illy the Baaadly Behaving Bully Goat is a story, written in lighthearted rhyming verse, about a young goat named Billy who constantly picks on the other “kids” in his class. From stealing their lunch money to pulling their hair, Billy is making life miserable for his primary grade peers. When Mr. and Mrs. Goat realize that they have exhausted all of their own strategies to stop their son’s unacceptable behavior, they finally seek help from “The Wise Old Goat Upon the Hill,” a certified Goat Therapist. With a little bit of magic dust, some common sense, and family support—a brilliant plan is initiated to cure Billy of his bullying ways.

By describing the circumstances and feelings associated with bullying, *Billy the Baaadly Behaving Bully Goat* provides children with the opportunity to identify bullying behavior and share their personal experiences with bullying—either as an intimidator, a victim, or a witness. This story should be part of every child’s personal and classroom book collection because it can open the lines of communication between child and parent, or child and teacher, and promote the discussion of strategies for dealing with peer-related verbal or physical aggression.

If you’d like to purchase a copy of *Billy the Baaadly Behaving Bully Goat*, please contact Staci at [stacischwartz7@yahoo.com](mailto:stacischwartz7@yahoo.com). Soft cover copies are available for \$12.95 a piece.