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## Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot– A Night of Prayer & Study

*Sponsored by Society Hill Synagogue, BZBI, Congregation Kol Tzedek,  
Minyan Tikvah and Hillel's Jewish Graduate Student Network*

**W**hen was the last time you pulled an all-nighter?

Join your friends and neighbors on Tuesday, May 14, at BZBI, for an all-night educational and cultural experience at the First Annual Center City Philadelphia Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot! Leaders, teachers, and members of over five Jewish communities in Center City and West Philly will be offering a variety of traditional and innovative programming. The theme for the night is **na'aseh v'nishma, we will do and we will listen** (Exodus 24:7). The event is open to anyone interested in a great night of learning! No experience with text study or Shavuot observance is necessary.

Learn from world-renowned educators and neighborhood favorites. Study traditional and contemporary texts. Experience meditation. Feast on cheesecake, blintzes and ice cream. Start the night with mincha (afternoon services) and end with shacharit and musaf (morning services)! Come for one hour, or stay up all-night! All-nighters usually require a regular dose of caffeine and sugar, so we'll provide the coffee and snacks to keep you going.

The Tikkun Leil Shavuot was developed by 16th century Kabbalists who believed that the giving of the Ten Commandments symbolized the marriage between God and Israel. They created a tradition of staying up all night studying Torah on Shavuot (the time of the giving of our Torah) emulating and symbolizing our ancestors who stayed awake all night at Sinai anticipating the Revelation.

**The night begins with a 7:45 PM Mincha service led by Society Hill Synagogue followed by opening comments and the first learning session.**

Please RSVP to help us gauge attendance and plan accordingly. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per adult to cover the costs of the event. Please pay what you are able, and don't let cost be a barrier to attending. To view the full evening's schedule, to RSVP, and to donate, please visit

<http://phillytikkun2013.eventbrite.com/>.

## SHS is proud to announce Ann Spak Thal School's 2013 confirmation graduates ...

Jamie Schwartz  
Gary Love

The confirmation service will occur on Saturday, May 18, at 10 AM.



## Rabbi's Column

### EmPOWERing Philadelphia

Avi Winokur

Less than a week after the tragedies of the Boston marathon killings and the Texas plant explosion, 14 Society Hill Synagogue members and I joined thousands of participants at an inspiring POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower, and Rebuild) rally in North Philadelphia.

What is POWER? What was the rally about? What was so inspiring?

As you may remember from Debbie Stewart's article in last month's Keshet, POWER ([www.powerphiladelphia.org](http://www.powerphiladelphia.org)) is a faith-based community organization affiliated with the PICO network ([www.piconetwork.org](http://www.piconetwork.org)). POWER represents over 40 congregations including our neighbors: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Mother Bethel El AME, Congregation Rodeph Shalom, and Old First Reform UCC. Member congregations include Catholic and Protestant, Jewish and Muslim. These congregations, in turn, represent tens of thousands of Philadelphians. The thousands of people attending this rally included African Americans, Caucasians, Hispanics, and Asians—a virtual rainbow of humanity.

POWER is not affiliated with a political party. It supports no candidates and endorses no politicians. POWER is not supported by corporations, labor unions, or foundations. They are beholden to no one but their members. Their goal is to hold the public sector and the private sector accountable. Accountable to whom? To those who live in Philadelphia. Each organization that joins POWER pays yearly dues based on a percentage of their budget up to \$7,500. Our dues would be closer to \$5,000. It is those dues that keep POWER independent.

The rally was POWER's unveiling of its three-pronged agenda based on the premise of "building a city of opportunity for all." The rally gave voice to those who are so often voiceless.

We heard from a woman who works at the airport, earning a minimum wage of \$7.25/hour without benefits to support her family.

The first prong of the POWER agenda is to push the city to require that as part of the \$6 billion-plus airport expansion, all jobs—both as part of the expansion and resulting from the expansion—will be jobs that pay living wages.

We heard from immigrants who live in the shadows for fear that their families will be torn apart by deportation, and who, after years and years, have no hope of becoming citizens. A second prong of the POWER agenda is to include Philadelphia in the national push for legislation that will provide immigrants who are already here with a path to citizenship.

One of the many memorable moments at the rally was when School District of Philadelphia Superintendent Dr. William Hite was asked if he would work on behalf of POWER's third agenda item, improving our schools. The superintendent agreed to work with POWER. But speaking for the School Reform Commission and others charged with educating our children, he challenged POWER as well. Speaking of his attempts to wring more money out of Harrisburg Hite stated, "We can't go it alone. We need this type of organization behind us when we're going to fight for resources for our young people." It was clear to all those present that he was challenging us to do more than criticize, but also to help out. The assembly rose to its feet and applauded in response, saying in essence, "We accept your challenge as you have accepted ours."

But the individual vignettes and the inspiring clergy only tell part of the story. Equally as inspiring as each story, each preaching, and each "amen," was the feeling of being part of something larger than our little corner of Philadelphia—of being part of a truly grass roots group that cares deeply about the future of our shared community. This community is composed of people who made commitment to roll up their sleeves and make a difference, and to advocate on behalf of those at the margins—those who rarely have a voice—in other words, those without power.

As I reflected on this meaningful event, I kept coming back to Jeremiah's instructions to the Jews of Babylon, who were exiled when the Temple was destroyed in 586 BCE. Today, while we do not think of ourselves as in exile (an interesting discussion in itself), the words are instructive:



## President's Column

### Special Moments of Connection

Jonathan Weiss

This month will mark a year since I began my term as President of the congregation. A year ago, I told you in my first Keshet article that my goal was to continue the course of action for the things we were doing right, while also trying to innovate and develop some new programs and traditions for the future. Although there is still a lot of hard work to do, I feel that we've been able remain true to my original goal.

We have continued to make progress with our Membership Engagement Initiative by developing a series of new groups with lay leaders (inspired by survey results) who will facilitate the kinds of programs, activities, and traditions we'd like to integrate into our busy calendar. I am excited by the enthusiasm of our members and look forward to seeing these groups continue to bring new ideas and exciting programs to the congregation.

Last month, I attended services immediately after Pesach—relieved to welcome back Cantor Freedman after his car accident. It was a fine service, and it was wonderful to see and hear Cantor Freedman and daven with him after such a shocking event. During the service, the Cantor took a moment during the Torah Service to ask each of us to recite the names of those we know in need of healing. This was not news to me—it is traditional to include the *Mi Sheberakh* prayer in the midst of the Torah service. In some congregations people will say it specifically when they are honored with an aliyah. I have always liked this practice of being asked to consider those who need healing, but this week, it meant more to me than usual.

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## Ann Spak Thal School

### Join Us for Our Upcoming Class-Led Shabbat Services!

Sahar Oz

It seems like the year has progressed so fast; we have created many memories, and we have experienced fun times and a lot of creative learning in Sunday School, Hebrew School, and Hebrew High. Summer weather is popping up more frequently, and our days at school are, quite literally, brighter.

Our Shabbat class services are among the most joyous and vivid highlights of the year, and we have a number of exciting Shabbat class services coming up in early-mid May.

**Friday, May 3 at 6:15 PM** – Students in the **Hay Class (grade 7)** will lead the Shabbat Service, and a delicious dinner, open to all families, will follow. Please RSVP to Betty at [bettyv@societyhillssynagogue.org](mailto:bettyv@societyhillssynagogue.org) by Wednesday, May 1, to reserve your spot for dinner. Families will be billed \$25 to cover food costs. Please let Betty know about any food allergies or specific dietary requests.

**Saturday, May 11 at 10:30 AM** – Students in the **Aleph and Bet Classes (grades 3 and 4)** will lead the Shabbat Family Service, followed by a kid-friendly Kiddush lunch. The lunch is open to all families, so please RSVP to Betty at [bettyv@societyhillssynagogue.org](mailto:bettyv@societyhillssynagogue.org) by Wednesday, May 8, to reserve your spot for lunch. Families will be billed \$25 to cover food costs. Please let Betty know about any food allergies or specific dietary requests.

**Saturday, May 18 at 10:30 AM** – **Confirmants Jamie Schwartz and Gary Love (grade 10)** will lead a Shabbat Confirmation Service. A Kiddush lunch will follow, generously sponsored by Marc & Staci Schwartz and Billy & Sari Love in honor of their children's Confirmation. Lunch is open to all families, but please RSVP to Betty at [bettyv@societyhillssynagogue.org](mailto:bettyv@societyhillssynagogue.org) by Wednesday, May 15. Please let Betty know about any food allergies or specific dietary requests.

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## Cantor's Column

### A Personal Theological Reflection

Bob Freedman

Usually in this column I write about music or liturgy. This month I'd like to share with you a personal theological reflection.

On Thursday, April 4, my good friend Rabbi Jim Diamond and I were getting into my car when the car parked directly in front of mine was struck head on by a third car traveling very fast. My car, with me inside, was thrown 60 feet into a tree on the far side of the street. Its front and rear were completely demolished. Miraculously, I walked out of the car and was taken to the trauma center where they determined that I had sustained only a broken rib, a broken cheekbone, and superficial injuries to my face. Rabbi Diamond was killed immediately.

In the emergency room they told me that Rabbi Diamond was dead. Following the traditional Jewish response, I said *Barukh dayan ha-emet*, "Blessed is the judge of truth." Later, as I was replaying that awful minute in my mind, I realized that I neither understood nor believed those words. It took me three days and the help of my friends to understand why.

The traditional intent for saying that phrase upon receiving news of death is to confirm that we accept the decree of the Sovereign. That, the part about *emet*, "truth," is simple. What happened was incontrovertible. Jim was dead; the cars were destroyed, and I had survived. But to speak of a *dayan*, "a judge," meant that I was acknowledging the existence of a being who examines the events of the universe, analyzes them according to a set of rules, and determines consequences. For my friends and me, there was little comfort in that thought and a lot of frustration. Though it might be true, we could only understand it in human terms such as justice and fairness, or, if we feel aggrieved, injustice. To imagine our limited human understanding being similar to God's felt idolatrous, not to mention *hutzpadik*. In other words, following a terrible, senseless tragedy, it is of limited use to

contemplate the question: "Who is this God, the Judge, that allowed this to happen?" Rather than invoking the Judge, our community began to look for alternatives.

In the end, we decided that upon receiving news of tragedy we would like to recite instead *Barukh El malei rahamim*, "Blessed is God, replete with mercy." By doing so we would acknowledge the truth of the event and also give ourselves the task of bringing that compassion into the world. In our minds we expanded the phrase to "Blessed is God who fills the world with compassion." Our rationale was that to strengthen our ability to comfort each other we needed to draw on the inexhaustible Source of compassion. Saying our new phrase gave us the intention that enabled us to do that.

I'd welcome your thoughts in response. Thanks.

## A Quadruple Bat Mitzvah at SHS on Saturday, June 8!

Staci Schwartz

You are cordially invited to attend SHS's first Shabbat service during which four women will become Bat Mitzvah! On Saturday, June 8, Debbie Stewart, Carmen Hayman, Dana Feinberg, and Phyllis Denbo will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah. All are invited to join them at a Friday night Dinner and Oneg Shabbat on Friday, June 7 and celebratory Kiddush Luncheon that will follow services on June 8.





## Playschool Art, Insects, and Summer Camp!

Gloria Parris

The last few weeks of the Playschool are fast approaching. This month, the children in the 3 – 4-year-old class will go on their fourth trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art on Tuesday, May 7. The theme of the lesson will be “Around the World.” *The Museum Looks and Picture Books* program has given the children an outstanding opportunity to visit the museum and experience an introduction to great art through age-appropriate activities.

Parent-Teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday, May 8, and Thursday, May 9. Parents are encouraged to attend to learn of their child's progress throughout the school year. Please note that there will be no classes in session on either of these conference days.

The AM and PM Pre-Kindergarten classes will visit The Insectarium on Monday, May 13. While on the tour of this insect museum, the children will watch a movie about insects and then have a chance to observe and learn about them.

Playschool graduations will be held on Thursday, May 23, and Friday, May 24. The children in the Kitten Class will celebrate their graduation on Thursday, and the children in the Puppy Class will graduate on Friday. The 3 – 4-year-old class graduation and the AM Pre-K class graduation will take place on Friday morning; the PM Pre-K Class graduation will be held on Friday afternoon. We are delighted to report that many of our Playschool students will be returning next year. We wish all of our Pre-K students the best of luck in their new schools.

The Playschool Summer Camp offers a fun-filled way for children to spend their summer mornings. Many of our Playschool students continue their preschool experience in our camp program. We welcome children who will be starting preschool in September to spend their summers with us, too.

Our camp season begins on Monday, June 3, and extends for eight weeks through Thursday, July 25. Summer camp is in session each week from Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Children can be enrolled for the full eight-week program or for only certain weeks. Parents may choose a Monday and Wednesday, Tuesday and Thursday, or daily schedule. The children will participate in indoor and outdoor play, themed arts and crafts projects, circle time, storytelling, bike-riding, camp songs, and water activities in our wading pools. Please contact me at [gparris@societyhillssynagogue.org](mailto:gparris@societyhillssynagogue.org) or 215.922.6590, ext. 28, for a Playschool Summer Camp application or for more information about the program.

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## Baby & Me Group Springtime Fun 4 Babies & Toddlers

Jessica Downes

The Baby & Me group, which is for all children aged 2 and under, along with their parents and caregivers, has some exciting, fun spring indoor and outdoor activities planned. We REALLY hope that you will join us! Also, if you know anyone who would like to be added to our email list, please contact me at [jessdownes@yahoo.com](mailto:jessdownes@yahoo.com).

May events:

Meet up at the NEST (be my guest): Monday, May 6 at 11:30 AM

Challah making for Shabbat at my house (see forthcoming email for details): Friday, May 17, at 3 PM

Meet up at Seger Park: Tuesday, May 21 at 12:30 PM

Please let me know if you have any ideas for activities. We hope to see everyone at our events!

**Rabbi's Column**

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"Seek the welfare of the city to which (God) has exiled you and pray to the Eternal on its behalf, for in its prosperity you will prosper."

Over 2500 years ago, Jeremiah instinctively understood what Jews were to discover, and rediscover, over and over again throughout the succeeding centuries—that our welfare has always been bound up with the welfare of the countries in which we live. Indeed, much of the worst persecution we have endured, we have endured when the peoples among whom we lived have suffered.

This evening, just before concluding the writing of this article, the Board of Society Hill Synagogue voted to become a member of POWER. I could not be more proud. It's as if we proclaimed, "Our Synagogue is a citizen of Philadelphia, and we proudly assume our responsibility to create a more just city for all our inhabitants."

By joining POWER, we have earned the right to help direct the agenda of the future. In the months to come we will let you know what you can do to strengthen our commitment to POWER, and by extension, to strengthen our commitment to this city which so many of us hold dear.



### Would You Like to Get Messages About SHS Events on Facebook?

Hannah Myers

**A**pparently there has been some confusion regarding our SHS Facebook (FB) page. Years ago, a page was started that can no longer be accessed. So, if you are interested in receiving information about SHS through FB, type Society Hill Synagogue in the Search box and open the page that has the picture of the outside of our building with a horse-drawn carriage on the street in front of it. "Like" this page and from then on, you will receive posted information about upcoming SHS events and programs on your newsfeed. If you have any difficulty joining the group, or getting the messages on your newsfeed, feel free to contact me at [carey.myers@gmail.com](mailto:carey.myers@gmail.com).

**President's Column**

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There are times when I've attended services and can't think of a name to mention. Other times, there are many people whom I could name. I think what really strikes me is the act of saying a name out loud and hearing everyone else say names out loud. It is a remarkable moment—the simple act of speaking the name of someone who needs help. I don't think the prayer means as much as the fact that we are taking that first step toward expanding our thoughts beyond our own specific concerns and saying, "Who are the people in my life who need help?" It is so important to have moments in our lives that reinforce the idea that although we have problems, others do too. We must make the effort to have a regular, formulaic way of taking ourselves out of our own thoughts. This practice supports the real definition of a community—a group with connected experiences, concerns, thoughts, and common interests.

Each of us has a set of different communities in which we participate—professional, secular, religious, family, school-based, and many others. When we encourage empathy within those communities, the effect is to strengthen the ties within them.

Through the Membership Engagement Initiative, we will be introducing many different types of events and programs for our members. With all of these activities, we hope to promote moments of connection, shared interests, and empathy among members of the SHS community. Maybe you will experience these special moments by attending a movie night, evening concert, or Potluck Shabbat Dinner hosted by a family in our community.

This summer we are planning several different ways for you to connect with the SHS Community. Whether it is at our "Havdalah down the Shore," the "In-Town Shabbat Dinners" currently being organized, or the "Phillies Night in August" (or even all three!), I hope you'll find a way to join us and find your own special moments of connection.

**Ann Spak Thal School**

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Hebrew School students enjoy s'mores for Lag B'omer

On Sunday, May 19, the Greater Philadelphia Jewish Community is coming together to celebrate Israel's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday! Events will include a parade from Eakins Oval to the Pennsylvania Convention Center from 11 AM until noon, followed by

a multidimensional celebration inside the Convention Center from noon until 4 PM. Our Synagogue and school will be involved, so look for more details soon.

The indoor festivities will include delicious Israeli food, entertainment, arts and crafts, dancing, and shopping. Visit an authentic Bedouin tent; learn Krav Maga (Israeli self-defense); celebrate Israel's achievements in science and technology; create a huge Israeli flag out of K'NEX; savor succulent ethnic fare prepared from recipes from a brand new cookbook created with Philadelphia's Partnership 2Gether communities of Netivot and Sdot Negev in Israel. And these are just some of the highlights!

**Our last day of Sunday School and Hebrew High is Sunday, May 19, and our last day of Hebrew School is Tuesday, May 21.** We look forward to a marvelous May as we wrap up the year.

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**Reminder:**  
Please join us  
for the  
**Annual Congregation Meeting**  
on  
**Wednesday, May 22**  
**at 7:30 PM.**

**Mark Your Calendars**

No Friday Night Services during July and August.  
Friday Night Services will resume September 6 at 6:15 PM.



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## Social Action

### Support Needed for George Washington Elementary School's Photography & Writing Program

Phyllis Denbo

Last month, we told you about this year's photography and writing program for the fifth grade students at George Washington Elementary School. This is the fifth year that SHS has offered the program, under the dedicated leadership of award-winning photographer, Judy Gelles. For the last three years, Liz Abrams-Morley, a published poet and college English instructor, has been her co-leader.

We began the program with a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and three years ago, we received additional funds from the school for equipment and supplies. Essentially, it has been a shoestring operation; the students have had only limited access to computers required for the project, and they use plastic cameras that rarely last more than two years. This year, we have only seven cameras, literally held together with tape and rubber bands. The students must regularly patch their prized possessions together so they can take photos of their families, friends, and neighborhood.

A small group of SHS members has provided the funds each year for printing the final project books that are produced for the program participants and the principal. The donors are recognized in the books, which Judy spends long hours creating on her own computer system.

Members of the Social Action Committee have decided to contribute funds toward the publication of the books, and we are requesting additional support for the program from members of the congregation. Your contribution is optional, and any amount will be most appreciated to help support this wonderful program. Please send your donation to the SHS Social Action Fund, and be sure to indicate that it is for the photography and writing program.

## Philadelphia Interfaith Community Death & Afterlife: Beliefs and Practices of the Three Abrahamic Faiths

Debbie Stewart

Please join the Philadelphia Interfaith Community (PIC) on Wednesday, June 5 at 7 PM for our continuing discussion on Life Cycle Rituals among the Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths. This session will focus on death and afterlife: beliefs and practices of the three Abrahamic faiths.

We will gather at Old St. Joseph's Church located at 321 Willings Alley. Attendees should enter the courtyard and go down the stairs to the Social Hall.

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

## Second Bar Mitzvah



Join us on June 15 at 9:30 AM to celebrate the second Bar Mitzvah of SHS congregant Jerry Rosenberg as he is called to the Torah to reaffirm his commitment to Judaism at the age of 83.



## Member Engagement

### Dip Your Toes or Dive Right In!

Debbie Stewart

**E**nrich your SHS experience by building new relationships and strengthening existing ones:

- Join others for holiday meals.
- Host or attend a Shabbat meal on Friday evening or Saturday afternoon where everyone brings a dish – keep it simple and let us know if you would like help with the rituals. Find out who lives in your neighborhood and get connected!
- Host or attend a Saturday evening Havdalah Service and meal – let us know if you would like help with the rituals involved in this delightful, family-friendly service.
- Connect with other families for an early Sunday evening meal – prepare a simple dinner together - kids can hangout and play together while adults socialize.
- Enjoy musical, arts, and other cultural activities together.
- Welcome, and help to integrate, new members in our community.
- Participate in Social Action programs, Adult Education classes, or join an SHS committee.
- Share your talents, interests, and knowledge with others

Start a book club, organize some of the musicians in our congregation, and plan a musical service or event, run a hands-on Art workshop, give a lecture, or host a salon meeting in your home.

The options are endless! Don't miss out. Check out the new Member Engagement section that will appear in each edition of the Keshet to learn of upcoming activities. But remember, you are the key to creating and supporting these opportunities!

Let us know what interests you, and we will help you connect with other members to get started. Contact me at [beachethic@gmail.com](mailto:beachethic@gmail.com) or 609.713.0828 for more information or to discuss new ideas.

Each Shul Guide will be matched with a new member to provide a warm welcome and continuing assistance to ensure that each new member feels comfortable from the moment they join SHS. It is our hope that assigned Shul Guides will build relationships that will enrich every new member's Synagogue experience.

To initiate this program, we will be contacting this year's new members to pair them with Shul Guides for the upcoming year, and we will do the same for any new members who join SHS in the future. If you would like more information about this program please contact me at [beachethic@gmail.com](mailto:beachethic@gmail.com) or contact Libby Cone at [cone@effectivemedicalenglish.com](mailto:cone@effectivemedicalenglish.com).



#### SHS Potluck Shabbat Dinners

On Friday, April 5, SHS's first Potluck Shabbat dinner was held at the charming English-style home of Al and Mona Sutnick, and it was

an outstanding success! Conversation flowed as fluidly as the wine. One topic of special interest was Jewish genealogy as the participants discussed their family's histories. Everyone appreciated this opportunity to become better acquainted and hoped these events would continue on a regular basis.

The next Potluck Shabbat dinner will be held on Friday, May 17, at our home (Hohenberger – Farbman) after services. Please contact me at [Bjh711@gmail.com](mailto:Bjh711@gmail.com) or 215.463.4715 if you interested in attending this dinner or hosting one in the future. Ideas for future Shabbat meals are also welcome.

## Upcoming ME Events

### Board-Sponsored Shabbat Dinner

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for our Annual Board-Sponsored Shabbat Dinner on Friday, September 20. Enjoy a spectacular TGIShabbat Service followed by a special congregational dinner. Welcome new members and build relationships!

### The Shul-Guide-Training Event at SHS!

On Sunday, May 19, from 2 – 4 PM, we are thrilled to offer our first training program for Shul Guides. Over 25 members have already volunteered to participate in this mitzvah.

**General Fund****Speedy Recovery to****Rafi Winokur**

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**In Memory of****Charles Gallun, Brother of Fran Gallun**

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Rita Altman &amp; Jacob Weinberger

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Edgar &amp; Barbara Einhorn

Mickey &amp; Milt Soskin

Leona Gitomer

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Rita Altman &amp; Jacob Weinberger

Arthur &amp; Janet Cherry

**Doris Casper**

Susan Brenman

Arthur &amp; Janet Cherry

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Robert Paller

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**Elaine Weinberg, Sister of Len Weinberg**

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

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Jeremey &amp; Fran Newberg

**Bar Mitzvah of Greyson Sobel**

Craig Sobel &amp; Colby Grossman

Yahrzeit Remembrance

**Marion Rosof, Mother of Libby Rosof**

Libby Rosof, Murray Dubin, Alex &amp; Minia Dubin

**Ben Zion Meyer, Father of Harold Meyer**

Harold &amp; Eleanor Meyer

**Josephine Weiner, Mother of Harvey Weiner**

Harvey &amp; Bonnie Weiner

**Tree of Life**

Leaves

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Edwin and Etta Krauss

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In Memory of

**George B. Shore, Brother**

Joanna Bottaro

**A Message from the Executive Director**

Betty van de Rijn

**I**would like to remind everyone that the High Holy Days are very early this early this year! The HHD Membership Renewal Packets will be mailed during the month of May.

Please complete your forms and remit all past and current balances promptly, along with the required fees for this year.

Wishing you all a safe and fun-filled summer!

**Summer Office Hours:**

Monday through Wednesday—9 AM to 5 PM

Thursday—9 AM to 4 PM

Friday—9 AM to 3:30 PM

During the month of August, the office will be closed on Fridays.

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

**T**he 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 this Friday night Shabbat service.

The next Memorial Plaque Dedication Service is scheduled for **Friday, May 10 at 6:15 PM**. 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.**

## May Birthdays

Noah Chrismer  
 Jordana Harwitz  
 Rachel Nelson  
 Barbara Einhorn  
 Jerome Rosenberg  
 Nicole Perkins  
 Gail Porat  
 Daniel Stemmer  
 Steven Datlof  
 Margot Palley  
 Ryan Taub  
 Liz Abrams-Morley  
 Etta Krauss  
 Jeremy Landau  
 Margie Ferst  
 Lucy Bonin  
 Douglas Eizen  
 Nuriye Uygur  
 Dean Weisgold  
 Sandra Lazovitz  
 Linda Glass  
 Scarlett Jacoby  
 Carolyn Saligman  
 Sidney Jacoby  
 Wayne Spilove  
 Merrily Williams  
 Andrew Becker  
 Emma Chrismer  
 Joan Roller  
 Kinney Zalesne  
 Sarah Bach  
 Caroline Rosen  
 Rona Buchalter  
 Samuel Levin  
 Jacob Weinberger  
 Samantha Coran

Elizabeth Heit  
 Rosemarie Weinberg  
 David Halpern  
 Colby Grossman  
 Joanna Bernstein  
 Alan Zuckerman  
 Allie Morgan  
 Julie Wilson  
 Jay Meadway  
 William Perkins

## May Anniversaries

Zachary & Courtney Meisel  
 Edward & Ronnie Landau  
 Geoffrey & Beverly Michaels  
 Matthew & Brooke Salzman  
 Michael & Stephanie Naidoff  
 Holman & Gail Massey  
 Daniel & Dana Feinberg  
 Steven & Ruth Greenberg  
 Daniel & Jillan Sackett  
 Irving & Sharon Shapiro  
 Ric & Carmen Hayman  
 Josh Meyer & Abigail Reed  
 Andrew & Joanna Bottaro  
 Jonathan & Catherine Prokup  
 Ira & Lynne Rubenfeld

## Community News

### Condolences to

Laurie and Mayah Gold on the death of their father and grandfather, Fred Gold.

### Mazel Tov to

Mitchell Bach and Cindy Elliott on the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Bach to Christopher Hall.

### Welcome New Members

Gloria Steinberg





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## Exciting News From OneHappyCamper.org!

Brian Mono

**T**he 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 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).

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# May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
<b>SS</b> -Sunday School <b>HS</b> -Hebrew School <b>HH</b> -Hebrew High <b>ELM</b> -Education Leadership Meeting <b>EDM</b> -Education Committee Mtg.	<b>ECM</b> -Executive Committee Mtg. <b>BDM</b> -Board Mtg. <b>ME</b> -Membership Engagement		7:30 PM EDM		6:15 PM Hay Class Service & Dinner	B'har/B'hukkotai 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Service  7:30 PM Jessi Roemer & Sonic Theology Concert
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 AM SS 9 AM HS- JRA Trip 9:30 AM Nuts & Bolts 11 AM HS 11:15 AM Nosh & Schmooze	12:30 PM ELM 7 PM ECM	7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS 7 PM Talmud on Tap	<b>Yom Yerushalim</b>  No Playschool Parent Conferences	No Playschool Parent Conferences	4 PM Terri Saulin's Sweet Suite's Art Opening 6:15 PM Memorial Plaque Dedication Service	B'midar 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Shabbat Study  10:30 AM Family Service with Aleph/Bet Class
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Mother's Day</b> 9-11 AM SS/HS/HH	7 PM Society Hill-Hot & Healthy Series  7 PM Offerings of the Heart-Rabbi	<b>Erev Shavuot</b> 7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS  7:45 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot at BZBI	<b>Shavuot Day 1</b> PS & Office Closed	<b>Shavuot Day 2</b> PS & Office Closed 9:30 AM Service and Yizkor	6:15 PM Service	Naso 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Confirmation Service
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Israel Day 9 AM SS-Last Day 9:30 AM Nuts & Bolts 11 AM HS  2-4 PM ME	7 PM Offerings of the Heart	7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS-Last Day 5:15 PM Torah with Rabbi 6:30 PM B/M Family Meeting	7:30 PM Annual Congregation Meeting	PS Graduations	PS Graduations Last Day of PS  6:15 PM Service	B'ha-a lot'kha 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Service 11:30 AM Tot Shabbat
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>Building Closed</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Building Closed</b>	7:15 AM Minyan			6:15 PM Last TGIShabbat of the Season with Eliezer Guttman  Potluck & Open House Dinner	

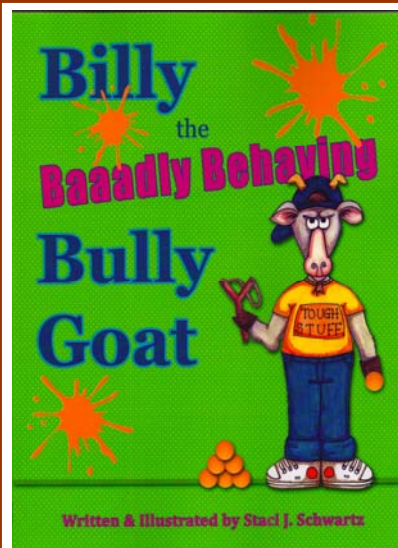
# Kesher



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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.