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Executive Director Betty van de Rijn,  
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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"*



**Ann Spak Thal School**  
**Welcoming the New Year**  
Sahar Oz

As summer wraps up and the High Holy Days approach, there is a lot of excitement in Sunday School, Hebrew School, and Hebrew High. So much of a positive school experience is tied directly to the relationships we build in our community – among students, parents, teachers, Synagogue staff, and fellow congregants. Thus, the High Holy Days are an ideal time to reflect upon and reenergize our connections with one another.

And what better way to start than by greeting our returning students and saying "B'ruchim Haba'im!" ("Welcome!") to all of the new children at our school. Into our largest Kindergarten class in several years, we will welcome Phoebe Bonin, Jonah Cohen, Hannah Davidson, Jared Eizen, Skylar Hunter, Jeremy Landau, Judah Meyer, Talia Mono, and Stella Wolson. Into first grade (Aleph), we will welcome Margot Englander, Paul Sobol, and Sophia Yudell. And into third grade (Gimel), we will welcome Raphael Englander.



## Rabbi's Column

### Judaism Doesn't Just Happen

Avi Winokur

The summer is fading into memory and we look ahead to a new year, which for Jews officially begins with Rosh Hashanah. Even though the official secular year starts January 1, the new year actually begins for most Americans around the same time as the Jewish New Year: it is after Labor Day that the new school year starts up, vacations are over, and the business cycle picks up steam.

We enter this New Year with a world in turmoil. No one is optimistic about the Israeli-Palestinians talks. The streets of Egypt and Syria flow with their peoples' blood. Russia has targeted its LGBT population with a viciousness not seen since the Nazis did the same (the Jews were not the Nazis' only victims). For all of the American blood spilled and American treasure spent on Iraq and Afghanistan, no reasonable person expects that these countries will transform into stable democratic allies of the United States. Did I mention Somalia, Sudan, and a host of other African countries in chaos?

At home, urban public education systems are being savaged. In our new labor-unfriendly environment, more and more family breadwinners are working for poverty-level wages without any benefits or security.

What is our response? Study. What!?! Study while the world is coming apart before our eyes!?! The rabbi must be crazy. The Talmud relates that a group of rabbis was approached and asked the following question: Which is greater, study or practice? The esteemed sage Rabbi Tarfon answered, "Practice is greater." But the equally esteemed and even more famous Rabbi Akiva answered, "Study is greater." After consideration, the rabbis concluded, "Study is greater for it leads to action."

This year our monthly Nosh & Schmooze will focus on the issues that plague our educational system and that plague our low-wage workers. In the

education area, we will start with the James Traub article from 2000 that rocked the educational establishment, "What No School Can Do." We will continue with more depressing and utterly debilitating material that will make us want to throw up our hands and cry. Then we will turn to, among others, Malcolm Gladwell (an excerpt from *Outliers*) and begin the process of putting Humpty Dumpty back together. The labor materials will be, if anything, more depressing. We'll look at an excerpt from *The Big Squeeze: Tough Times for the American Worker*, by Steven Greenhouse, also one of my favorite economists (because he writes in everyday English), the *New Yorker's* James Surowiecki, and others. Along the way we may get sidetracked by events. Last year we had a number of sessions on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the Jew-versus-Jew battles within Israel.

In line with the Talmudic story, as we learn and think and share our frustrations and our hopes, some of us will continue to engage with other faith-based institutions that have joined us as members of POWER, working diligently to move—if only a little at a time—the powerful forces that threaten our urban education and our low-wage laborers. All the while, as we are constantly slammed, we will keep in mind that it is not how many times you fall, but how many times you get up. We *will* get up.

But not all study is about tikkun olam. Two of last year's successful courses will be reprised. The Jewish short story course will be based on *Promised Lands: New Jewish American Fiction of Longing and Belonging*, edited by Derek Rubin. We'll be looking at some writers you may be familiar with, like Dara Horn, Nessa Rapaport, and Rebecca Newberger Goldstein, but also many others (Joan Leegant, Lara Vapnyar) less well known and others completely obscure. "The God Lecture," which has received rave reviews both at the synagogue and at LimmudPhilly, will be reprised and expanded from one into four sessions: (1) "The God Lecture"; (2) "God: Question and Answer"; (3) "God and Jewish Prayer"; and (4) "Your Turn: Creating Your Own Jewish Prayer." By the last class I hope that we will have a number of prayers that we will then be able to use in our services.

In past years one of the great joys for me was some of the monthly parent classes, based primarily on Wendy Mogel's *Blessing of a Skinned Knee*. If we can get a committed core of folks to attend, I'd be happy to hold this class again.



## President's Column

### A Productive Summer Behind Us & A Busy Fall Ahead

Jonathan Weiss

**H**appy New Year! It seems like just a few days ago that we were finishing up the school year and preparing for the summer. For me, the summer offers a welcome change in schedule from the rest of the year, as my children take on different activities.

The same can be said for activities in the Synagogue; summer activities are often quite different from those that occur during the rest of the year. Summer is a time of planning, organizing, preparing, and scheduling—including the preparations for the early High Holy Days. Now that summer is over (so soon!), I'm looking forward to the fall and the number of great programs and educational opportunities we have worked so hard to create. I hope you are all feeling energized and recharged from the summer and that you are ready to jump into an exciting New Year with us.

Before I tell you about some of our fall activities, I want to extend my thanks to David and Sayde Ladov, and to Walter and Margie Ferst, who hosted our first "Havdalah Down-the-Shore" last month. During what I hope will become an annual event, nearly 20 congregants took some time on a Saturday evening to join the Ladovs and the Fersts for dinner followed by a delightful Havdalah service on the beach, led by Rabbi Winokur, and culminating with amazing desserts and additional schmoozing.

Also last month, a number of our members attended a rally held at Mother Bethel Church that was sponsored by Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower, and Rebuild (POWER), the Social Action organization we have joined. The rally was focused on the current public school funding crisis. It is our sincere hope that this crisis will be resolved very soon. We look forward to more opportunities to get involved with POWER over the course of the coming year.

This summer, congregants involved with our Member Engagement Initiative (MEI) have worked hard to maintain their momentum. The group, led by Debbie Stewart, focused on two main programs to be implemented this fall. The first is an orientation program called "Shul Guides." The MEI has recruited a number of current members to act as liaisons to the new members in our community— to welcome them, help them to integrate into our congregation, and to invite them to upcoming events. The MEI's second program involves its Shabbat Meals Group, and they have been planning the SHS Super Shabbat Weekend on November 15—part of the nationwide program "Shabbat Across America." Stay tuned for more information about this event.

I am pleased to announce that we will continue to send welcome baskets to all of our new members this year, a program that was generously sponsored by David and Linda Paskin last year. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to thank the Paskins for agreeing to sponsor the baskets again this year.

As always, Rabbi Winokur, Cantor Freedman, Rabbi Berman, and several of our lay leaders will offer an interesting array of Adult Education classes this year. Brochures will be available outside the Sanctuary at all High Holy Day services.

Finally, I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to Betty van de Rijn, who organized and oversaw an intensive summer of painting and carpet replacement to keep our historic building looking its best. There will be even more improvements in the fall. Take a look around as you come back in for the High Holy Days—I think you will like what you see.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at services, and I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.



## Cantor's Column

### I Wish Wholeness for You

Bob Freedman

Judaism is like a really big house with lots and lots of rooms. Unlike for mystery religions or religions dominated by a priesthood, none of the rooms is blocked by signs saying, "only authorized personnel permitted." However, many of the rooms in the Jewish house have two language-activated light switches. The one that makes all the lights come on is labeled "Hebrew." The other switch, which only turns on some of the lights, is labeled "English."

Many disagree with this metaphor, saying that Judaism in English is rich and varied, and they're right! Much is translated; you can learn a great deal about Judaism by reading in English. In the worship service, even if you don't understand Hebrew, the sound of the words can put you into a frame of mind that centers you into identification as a Jew, connecting you with all the other Jews that have been and are. Rabbi Winokur constantly reminds us that even if, not knowing Hebrew at all, we sing along with *ay dai dai*, the Jewish default singing syllables, God will understand.

Yet the language that we use affects deeply the way we speak or think, and Hebrew, a Semitic language, is not even in the same language family as English. Though it shares many of the same grammatical features—verbs, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, direct objects, prepositions—it uses them differently from the ways that any of the Indo-European languages uses them. If you add in that many translations, particularly of religious texts, are influenced by politics or theology, you see that at best translations offer an interpretative approximation of the original.

Here is one example. A major difference between Indo-European languages and Hebrew derives from how many Hebrew nouns, verbs, and adjectives are built on three-letter roots. This gives Hebrew words complex meaning. The well-known word *shalom* is built on the three-letter verb root Shin-lamed-dalet, SH.L.M. A basic meaning of that root is to pay, that is, to cause a financial system that is out of equilibrium (such as when I owe you money) to come back into balance.

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Ann Spak Thal School

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In addition to these new students, we will also have two new teachers in Hebrew School this year. We are thrilled to welcome third grade Hebrew and Bible teacher Adina Goldstein! A freshman at University of Pennsylvania, Adina worked at SHS as a Sunday School aide for the past five years and attended our program from Sunday School through Hebrew High.

We also extend a warm welcome to Melissa Green, who has been an excellent, enthusiastic substitute teacher for us. Melissa, who will be teaching fourth grade Hebrew and serving as our floating specialist to provide one-on-one support to students in the classroom, brings years of experience from Camp Ramah.

Apropos of our welcoming theme, we are looking forward to welcoming the New Year with all of our students and their families at school services on **Rosh Hashanah on Thursday, September 5 (9:30-10:30 AM for Sunday School and 10:45 AM-12:00 PM for Hebrew School)** in the Social Hall.

On the first day of school for all grades on **Sunday, September 8**, parents are invited to our "Welcome Back to School" programs at 9:20 AM (for Sunday School parents) and 11:10 AM (for Hebrew School and Hebrew High parents). This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow parents while learning about key calendar dates, Shabbat services and meals, the Rabbi's Sunday School parent group, the Cantor's goals for the year, the new Center City Youth Advisor, themes for the year, and the new Hebrew High service-learning curriculum. Light refreshments will be served.

I look forward to welcoming all of you and your children to a new year of joyous Jewish learning. To all of our students, parents, teachers, staff, and congregants: Shanah Tovah Um'tukah, M'le'at Ahavah V'shalvah, a good and sweet year filled with love and serenity.





## Playschool Looking Forward to a New School Year

Gloria Parris

The Playschool Summer Camp provided a wonderful opportunity for children to enjoy summertime activities, such as water play, arts and crafts, music and movement, bike riding, indoor and outdoor play, parachute games, and storytelling. Our camp program has always provided a great opportunity for the youngsters to continue friendships made at the Playschool, as well as to make new friends. Many of our preschool students continue their experience in camp. Also, summer camp allows our new, incoming students to become acquainted with Playschool activities.

The Playschool will begin on Tuesday, September 3, with a Parent Meeting held at 7 PM. All Playschool parents are invited to attend. Information about the Playschool will be discussed and parents will meet our teaching staff.

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. All of the Welcome Parties will be held on Monday, September 9 for the children and their parents. The Puppy Class will have their Welcome Party from 9–10 AM. The Kitten Class Welcome Party is scheduled from 10:30–11:30 AM. The Pre-Kindergarten AM Class Welcome Party is from 10–11 AM and the Pre-Kindergarten PM Class Welcome Party is being held from 12–1 PM. The 3- to 4-year-old class Welcome Party is scheduled from 11:30 AM–12:30 PM.

The first day of Playschool begins on Tuesday, September 10. We will also begin our Afterschool Arts Clubs on that day. Afterschool Arts Clubs are held Monday through Friday from 12:30 PM until 3 PM. Each afternoon, the club focuses on a 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 the Playschool in the morning are welcome to be enrolled in any of our Afterschool Arts Clubs. Please contact the Playschool office for more information about attending Afterschool Arts. We offer a variety of enrollment options for our afterschool program.

Our preschool is a parent co-operative whereby parents come into our 2-year-old classes and our 3- to 4-year-old class on a scheduled basis to assist our teachers and to interact with the children in their own child's class. This important aspect of our program allows parents to experience first-hand what learning takes place in our classrooms each day.

The children in the 2-year-old classes attend the Playschool either two or three mornings. It is in these classes that the children generally have their first experience going to school. They enjoy free playtime, circle time songs, stories, and movement activities, a healthy snack, bike riding, creative art projects, and Shabbat celebrations each week.

The children, in the 3- to 4-year-old class, attend the Playschool two, three, four, or five mornings each week. The children participate in free playtime, circle time activities, letter of the week recognition, counting, and learning about the calendar and the weather. They eat a healthy snack and bring a dairy lunch to school each day. Our story time and arts and crafts projects are often based on Jewish holidays, seasons, letter of the week, literature, or age-appropriate themes. The boys and girls practice yoga and celebrate Shabbat each week.

In the Pre-Kindergarten classes, the curriculum prepares our students to enter Kindergarten. The children learn reading readiness skills, counting and numbers, writing, language arts, community living, science, art, and Jewish holidays and themes. The children also participate in a drama class which includes role-playing, puppetry, and movement. Parental involvement takes place in the Pre-K, too. Each week, parents celebrate Shabbat with us in the AM Pre-K class and, in both Pre-K classes, parents become the "Royal Readers" by reading a book of their choice to the children.

With a new school year upon us, our teaching staff will continue to make the Playschool a fantastic learning experience for all of the children.

## Cantor's Column

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I hand you the money, and we are good. So *shalom* has come to mean "in equilibrium" and "whole, complete." When I say to you "*shalom*," it is shorthand for asking you, "How is your wholeness, your equilibrium?" or saying, "I wish wholeness for you." "Whole," by the way, is from the Anglo-Saxon word "heal," from which comes "health," and does not fully convey the concept of a dynamic equilibrium. "Peace" for *shalom* is a pale rendering.

I'll get off my stump. You probably hear that this is a subject that I am passionate about. So I am delighted that several people have approached me to ask for a course that will be an introduction to classical Hebrew: Hebrew of the Bible and the prayer book. I plan to offer it on Tuesday evenings, beginning after the High Holy Day season. Please consult the Adult Education brochure for details and contact me if you are interested.

As I write this, it is three days before the first of the month of Elul and my mind is on the coming season. Sally and I wish you a new year filled with good health, enough money, much song, delight, and shalom.

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



Apparently 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).

## Rabbi's Column

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Finally, I would like to address those of you who feel Jewishly insecure and maybe even a little incompetent (that would include many who attended 3-day-a-week Hebrew school, as well as non-Jewish partners, many of whom are raising Jewish children). Every year, we offer *Nuts & Bolts & Beyond: A (Re) introduction to Judaism*. No one class can make you comfortable or more literate Jewishly. Judaism is, often to the chagrin of rabbis, a complicated religion; knowing your way around doesn't just happen. *Nuts & Bolts* is the most painless introduction you can have that is geared to smart adults. Take advantage of it. Take advantage of the Hebrew classes the Synagogue offers. Take advantage of Rabbi Marjorie Berman's Shabbat study programs. Let us not become intellectually competent in so much of our secular lives but intellectually unsteady and insecure in our Jewish lives. Your synagogue community can help. That's what we're here for.

Welcome back from your summer. I hope that you are refreshed and ready to engage. We have a wonderful year ahead. *Shanah tovah um'tukah*, may you have a good and a sweet year.

### Welcome New Members

Nancy Gellman  
Alice Goldenberg  
Paula Ninerell  
Mark & Sylvia Sobol  
*Paul*  
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## Reflections on a Quadruple B'not Mitzvah

Phyllis Denbo, Dana Feinberg, Carmen Hayman, & Debra Stewart

**W**e came together over time and in a non-deliberate fashion, as each of us was inspired to continue and deepen our commitment to Judaism. With unique journeys and a common love for SHS, the four of us bonded as we moved through this spiritually meaningful and profound life event. Supporting one another, learning, laughing, crying, and working together, we achieved much more than our goal of becoming B'not Mitzvah.

This experience touched each of us at the deepest level in ways that we never could have anticipated or imagined. It was a life-changing event that stirred our souls and opened us to a deeper spirituality; it strengthened our connection to one another and to our community.

At the conclusion of the B'not Mitzvah service on June 8, we learned that our experience had a significant impact on our fellow congregants as well. We could not have planned such a response from our community. The positive feedback has been enormous, even in light of the 4-hour service.

We "mitzies" will be meeting with Rabbi Winokur to discuss our reflections on the big event and its continuing impact on us. We will also be brainstorming together to develop potential women's study opportunities in the future.

Actually, we encourage men and women in our congregation to take the leap. The challenge will provide one of the greatest gifts you could ever give yourself. Our individual "journeys," as described in our B'not Mitzvah speeches, are posted on the Home page of the SHS website at [www.societyhillssynagogue.org](http://www.societyhillssynagogue.org).



## Young Families Group

We are Looking Forward to a Wonderful Year!

Laurel Landau

**T**he Young Families Group is looking forward to a wonderful year! This group includes families with a child between the ages of 2 and 5 (and of course older siblings are welcome!). The Baby & Me Group is for children under the age of 2 and their parents/caregivers. In the Young Families Group, we go on excursions around town and attend age-appropriate happenings at the Synagogue, including Family Services and other special events. We have an annual Christmas Eve Dinner at a Chinese restaurant and an annual End-of-Passover pasta/pizza feast. We have also picked pumpkins and visited museums together.

Stay tuned for upcoming events and email reminders about Synagogue events of interest! Prospective members are welcome at these events, so if you know anybody who may be interested in joining our group, please pass on the information.

If you have questions, please contact me at [laurelsiegel@yahoo.com](mailto:laurelsiegel@yahoo.com).





## Foodie Alert: Mark Your Calendars for the Hazon Food Festival!

Betty van de Rijn

The Philadelphia Advisory Board of Hazon is pleased to announce that the first **“Hazon Food Festival: Liberty, Food, & Justice for All!”** will be held on **Sunday, October 20, 9:30 AM** until 5:30 PM, at Congregation Rodeph Shalom. I am delighted to share with you that SHS will be one of many area synagogues sponsoring this exciting inaugural Philadelphia Hazon Food Festival event!

Spend the day learning about food, sustainability, and Jewish life in Philadelphia. This food festival will represent a local twist on Hazon’s successful national one-day food festivals and multi-day food conferences and will provide a taste of the Jewish Food Movement in Philadelphia.

Support this day-long festival, which will be chock-full of dynamic sessions on subjects such as DIY projects, text study, cooking, and social justice. Philadelphia foodies, rabbis, nutritionists, chefs, farmers, vegans, and omnivores will come together to explore the interplay of food, sustainability, Jewish traditions, and contemporary life in Philadelphia. In addition to these sessions, local vendors will present their products at the shuk (market), which will feature local sustainable food and other goods.

Hazon has created strong programs in the Philadelphia region. Their past events included the Sukkot Harvest Supper, Lag B’Omer Campfire Feast, and a Taste of Hazon Tu B’Shvat at the National Museum of American Jewish History—which combined delicious foods, dynamic people, and Jewish tradition.

Come out for a fun day of tasting and learning! For more information, visit the Hazon Philly Food Festival at <http://www.hazon.org/programs/foodfestival/hazon-food-festival-philadelphia>.

## Member Engagement Initiative (MEI)

**Save the dates:**

### Friday, September 20- Annual Board-Sponsored Potluck Shabbat Dinner & Open House

Enjoy a spectacular TGIShabbat Service at 6:30 PM, followed by a congregational dinner to welcome new members and build relationships!

### Saturday, November 2- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Congregational Kiddush Luncheon and New Member Orientation Program

### Friday, November 15, and Saturday, November 16- Super Shabbat Weekend

### Saturday, February 8, 2014- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SHS InterNOSHional Night

Back by popular demand! Calling all hosts and host teams- please let us know if you would like to participate this year. Do not miss this special event!

### Winter Date TBD- Member Service Recognition Event

It is time to recognize the many congregants who serve our shul in any number of ways. We look forward to giving thanks to all those who share their time, interests, knowledge, and talents to benefit our congregation and surrounding community.

## Philadelphia Interfaith Community Dialogue and Community-Building

Debbie Stewart

Please join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 7PM, for Interfaith Dialogue and Community-Building. Each monthly discussion will focus on a topic of interest and application to all faith traditions. Our topic for Tuesday, September 24, will be “Miracles” among the faith traditions.

We will gather at Old St. Joseph’s Church, located at 321 Willings Alley. To access the building, enter the courtyard and go down the stairs to the Social Hall.

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



## Member Engagement Initiative (MEI) Community Shabbat Meals, Holiday Meals, & New Member Integration

Debbie Stewart

### Community Shabbat Meals

L'Shanah Tovah! The sweet New Year provides opportunities to meet new members and build relationships among fellow congregants, enabling us to deepen and enrich our SHS experience.

Many of our members are interested in joining others for Shabbat meals. This activity provides a wonderful opportunity to become engaged with our community, so let's get started!

Announcing... drum roll please....

### Super SHABBAT Weekend

November 15 - 16

As part of our SHS Community Shabbat Meal Kick-Off Event, we will participate in "Shabbat Across America." Throughout the weekend, we will gather at the host homes of several SHS members for a Community Shabbat Meal. On Friday night, November 15, in lieu of the regular Friday evening Shabbat Service, some of us will gather at a host's home for a Shabbat dinner. Others will join together for a Shabbat lunch on Saturday, November 16, after services or later, for an evening meal and Havdalah service.

All hosts will receive a Shabbat or  
Havdalah kit!

Keep an eye out for the further information and be ready to sign up to join one of our hosts. We already have a handful of volunteer hosts willing to participate, but we need many more! Keep it simple; invite your guests to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. As a host, you just need to provide the entree, challah, and wine.

Don't miss your opportunity to participate in this wonderful community activity. Volunteer to be a host for a Shabbat meal during the "Shabbat Across America"

celebration, and be a guest next time. Or sign up to be a guest this time around, and volunteer to host or co-host another time.

The worst that can happen is that you will have so much fun that you cannot wait for the next Community Shabbat Meal!

We want to hear from you! Contact me at 609.713.0828 or [beachethic@gmail.com](mailto:beachethic@gmail.com) or contact Betty Van De Rijn at 215.922.6590, ext. #23, or [bettyv@societyhillsynagogue.org](mailto:bettyv@societyhillsynagogue.org).

### Holiday Meals Initiative

Are you interested in joining with other congregants to share a holiday meal? Barbara Spector is developing a database of SHS members who would like to get together for potluck holiday dining. Barbara will create an email list to facilitate connections for shared celebrations. If you would like to participate, as a host or a guest, please contact her at [barbara@familybusinessmagazine.com](mailto:barbara@familybusinessmagazine.com).

### New Member Integration

Match Maker, Match Maker - The Shul Guide – New Member Match-Up has begun!

New members will be given a warm welcome and continuing support to create a comfortable transition into SHS. We hope each new member of our community builds relationships that will enrich their SHS experience. Shul Guides will be contacting new members to learn about their interest in this program. If you would like more information please contact me at [beachethic@gmail.com](mailto:beachethic@gmail.com) or Libby Cone at [cone@effectivemedicalenglish.com](mailto:cone@effectivemedicalenglish.com).

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 Marc, Staci, and Jamie Schwartz

**Yahrzeit Remembrance**

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**Bat Mitzvah of Carmen Hayman**  
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 Nancy Hohns

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**Wedding of Emily Williams & Brad Leshnower**  
 Emily Williams & Brad Leshnower

**Visiting Harry Bernstein**  
 Mark & Linda Bernstein

**Special Counseling and Kind Words**  
 Priscilla Becroft

**In Honor of**

**Rabbi Winokur's Torah Study**  
 Rabbi Valerie Joseph

**Bat Mitzvah of Phyllis Denbo**  
 Elaine Dushoff

**Second Bar Mitzvah of Jerome Rosenberg**  
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**Engagement of Noah Herman & Ashley Kerns**  
 Terry Graboyes

**In Memory of**

**Pearl Dubin Dranoff, Mother of Carl Dranoff**  
 Terry Graboyes

**Yahrzeit Remembrance**

**Joseph Poulshock, Husband of Sally Poulshock**  
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**Alan L. Jacobs, Father of Nancy Goldenberg**  
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**Tree of Life****Leaves****In Honor of**

**Hillary Ladov's Graduation from Rutgers University**  
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**Dana Feinberg's Bat Mitzvah**

David Ramus  
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Debbie Feinberg  
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**B'not Mitzvah of Phyllis Denbo, Dana Feinberg, Carmen Hayman & Debra Stewart**

Walter & Margie Ferst  
Phyllis Denbo, Dana Feinberg, Carmen Hayman, & Debra Stewart

**60th Wedding Anniversary of Edwin & Etta Krauss**

Edwin & Etta Krauss

**September Anniversaries**

Jonathan and Sharyn Katz  
Noah and Sara Chrismer  
James and Linda Rosenstein  
Irwin Balik and Peggy Backal  
Peter and Peshe Kuriloff  
Richard Braemer and Amy Finkel  
James and Anna Whitesell  
Jay Wussow and Emily Zimmerman  
David and Lindsey Morgan  
Carl and Caryn Levitsky  
Jon and Stephanie Peet

**Community News****Mazel Tov To**

Jay & Phyllis Denbo on the birth of their granddaughter, Madeleine Denbo Eplan.

Arthur & Janet Cherry on the birth of their granddaughter, Sydney Dianna Dubb.

Terry Graboyes & Ron Herman on the engagement of their son, Noah to Ashley Kerns.

Larry & Ann Spector on the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth to Nicole Loudon.

Holman & Gail Massey on the birth of their grandson, Arlo Cooper Massey.

**Condolences to**

Claudia Balderston on the death of her father, Melvin.

Elaine & Marcy Smith & Family on the death of their husband & father, Robert.

Carl Dranoff on the death of his mother, Pearl.

**September Birthdays**

Lyn Kirshenbaum  
Robby Saligman  
Miles Lesser  
Hanna Aufschauer  
Neil Cohen  
David Gutstadt  
Anya Rosin  
Madeleine Wilson  
Edgar Einhorn  
Lindsey Morgan  
Asher Dubin  
Valerie Lichtman  
Martin Rosenberg  
Jay Denbo  
Sheri Feinberg  
Mel Nasielski  
Stephen Stein  
Karen Hafter  
Theodore Schoenfeld  
Bart Kaplan  
Anya Ablebaum-Licht  
Judith Elman-Barrett  
Brooke Salzman  
Betta Kolansky  
Paula Ninerell  
Lynne Rubenfeld  
Matthew Becker  
Harrison Peet  
Jared Susco  
Aldo Friedman  
Fran Gallun  
Peter Kauderwood  
Lore Bryan  
Zachary Meisel  
Michael Rochester  
Dana Feinberg  
Eva Ecker  
Sari Love  
Ben Rosin  
Robert Einhorn  
Caryn Levitsky  
Dawn Mechanic-Hamilton  
Jessica Newberg  
Jamie Schwartz  
Jodi Scott  
Dan Blacksberg  
Josie Chrismer  
Lisa Eizen  
Asher Harwitz  
Anne Ballen Ladenson  
Andrew Bottaro  
Brent Landau  
Rebecca Stolker

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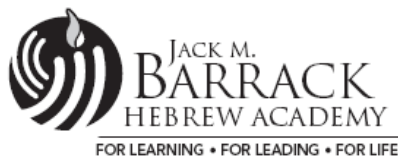
**Middle School Visiting Day**  
Monday, October 14 – all day

**Open Houses** (all grades)  
Tuesday, October 22 – 9:30-noon  
Wednesday, November 20 – 9:30-noon

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## Building Maintenance Update

Betty van de Rijn

For the past eight years, I have scheduled regular major and minor repairs to our historic building, with approval from our President and officers, using the funds collected in the Annual Building Maintenance Fee and grant monies that we received from Partners for Sacred Places.

Here is a list of some of the critical repairs that we have been able to complete with these funds:

- Repair and maintenance of the roof
- Replacement of the 185-year-old diamond windows in the front of the synagogue
- Replacement of the boiler
- Replacement of the windows in the Social Hall, Rabbi's Study, and Lawrence Court lobby
- Addition of a ductless HVAC system in the Social Hall
- Repair, patching, and painting of the walls in the Sanctuary
- Repair and faux painting of our front entrance doors
- Replacement of the carpet in the Social Hall
- Replacement of the window blinds in the Social Hall and rear lobby
- Repair and maintenance of the concrete walkway on the Lawrence Court side of building
- Replacement of the tile floor in the Kiddush area of the Social Hall
- Replacement and upgrading of computer hardware for all administrative staff
- Replacement of floors in the rear Playschool and Beit Midrash classrooms
- Repair, patching, and painting of walls in the Social Hall

For the coming year, I have presented to the Executive Committee proposals for two major building repairs; first, I would like to replace all existing light fixtures in the upper and lower lobbies with energy-conserving LED fixtures and add fixtures in the lower lobby to improve visibility there. Second, I would like to arrange for the repair and painting of the entire exterior walls of our building. This is of paramount importance to avoid the continuing weather and age-induced deterioration of the facade, eaves, windows, and shutters of our historic dwelling.

These repairs are necessary but costly. So, I am reminding all members, PLEASE pay your \$235 Annual Building Maintenance Fee promptly! If you can contribute more than the requested amount, your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

It is our responsibility to preserve and maintain our historic building to the best of our ability. We hope we can count on every member's support in caring for our Synagogue home.



## SHS Annual Lulav & Etrog Sale

Betty van de Rijn

We have 40 Etrog & Lulav sets available for purchase for Sukkot. If you wish to purchase a set, please send an e-mail to the SHS office at [office@societyhillssynagogue.org](mailto:office@societyhillssynagogue.org) as soon as possible.



Mazel Tov to Dan Blacksberg, 2012 Pew Fellowship Award winner, on his appearance on the cover of the Philadelphia City Paper (posted June 27, 2013). Check out the article, "A Klezmer King's Strange Journey Into Doom Metal." SHS is proud of you, Dan!

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## Society Hill- Hot & Healthy Series Continues in October

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Sharon L. Kolasinski, M.D., F.A.C.R.  
Head, Division of Rheumatology  
Cooper University Hospital

**Wednesday, October 2, 2013**  
**7 PM**  
**Society Hill Synagogue**

Free and Open to the Community  
Refreshments will be served

## October Highlights

- 2—7 PM Society Hill Hot- & Healthy
- 5—10:30 AM Bet Class Service w/Tihon Aides
- 6—9:15 AM Nuts & Bolts with Rabbi
- 8—7 PM Hebrew Class with Bruce Hirsh
- 9—7:30 AM AE Of Longing and Belonging
- 12—9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Tal Prystowsky
- 13— 9:15 AM Skinned Knee  
11 AM Bavli & Bagels
- 15— 5:15 PM Bible Study with Rabbi  
7 PM Hebrew Grammar with Cantor
- 18— Playschool Grandparents Day  
5:30 PM Playschool Shabbat Dinner  
6:15 PM Services
- 19— 9:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of  
Thea Applebaum Licht
- 20— Philly Food Festival  
9:15 AM Nuts & Bolts  
11:15 AM Nosh & Schmooze
- 22—7 PM Hebrew Class with Bruce Hirsh
- 23—7:30 PM AE Of Longing and Belonging
- 25—6:15 PM TGIShabbat with Tessa Seymour
- 29—7 PM Hebrew Grammar with Cantor

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Selihot</b> <b>Building Closed</b>	<b>Labor Day</b> <b>Building Closed</b>	7:15 AM Minyan 8 AM PS Teacher Meeting 7 PM PS Parent Meeting	<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b> ½ Day of PS 8 AM-1 PM PS Teachers <b>7:30 PM Services</b>	<b>Rosh Hashanah Day 1</b> 9 AM Services 9:30 AM SS Srv 10:45 AM HS Srv Tashlikh following services	<b>Rosh Hashanah Day 2</b> 10 AM Service 6:15 PM Service	Haazinu <b>Shabbat Shuvah</b> 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Services
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9 AM SS 9:15 AM SS Welcome Back 10:15 AM B/M Cantor Class 11 AM HS 11:15 AM HS Welcome Back	6:30 PM <u>H</u> atan Torah Meeting 7 PM ECM	7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS	7:30 PM EDM		<b>Kol Nidre</b> 12:30 PM PS Dismissal  <b>6:45 PM Services</b>	<b>Yom Kippur</b> 9:30 AM Services 9:30 AM SS Srv 10:45 AM HS Srv  Break-the-Fast at the conclusion of Services
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9 AM SS  11 AM HS  11 AM Bavli & Bagels		7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS	<b>Erev Sukkot</b>	<b>Sukkot 1</b> <b>Office/PS Closed</b> 9:30 AM Services	<b>Sukkot 2</b> <b>Office/PS Closed</b> 6:15 PM <b>TGIS</b> & Board Sponsored Potluck Dinner	<b>Sukkot 3</b> 9 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Service Baby Naming of Evelyn Segal's Grt.-Gr. Daughter
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Sukkot 4</b> 10:30 AM Family Sukkot Service All SS & HS students must attend	<b>Sukkot 5</b>	<b>Sukkot 6</b> 7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS	<b>Sukkot 7</b> <b>No Playschool Building Closed</b>	<b>Sukkot 8</b> <b>Office/PS Closed</b> Sh/mini Atzeret 9:30 AM Service & Yizkor 6:30 PM Sim <sup>h</sup> at Torah Service	6:15 PM Service	B'reishit 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Services 11:30 AM Tot Shabbat  <u>H</u> atan Torah Kiddush Luncheon
29	30					
9 AM SS  9:15 AM Nuts & Bolts w/Rabbi  11 AM HS  11:15 AM Nosh & Schmooze w/ Rabbi	7 PM BDM			SS-Sunday School HS-Hebrew School ECM-Executive Committee Meeting EDM-Education Committee Meeting ELM-Education Leadership Meeting BDM-Board Meeting PS-Playschool		

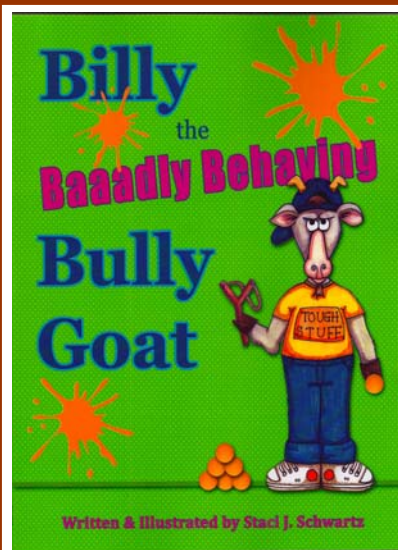
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