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Cantor Steven Freidrich, President Harry Oxman,
Executive Director Betty van de Rijn,
Education Director Sahar Oz,
Playschool Co-Directors Ali Kaplan and Gloria Parris, and
the entire SHS Staff wish you and your family
L'Shanah Tovah!

May the New Year bring all that is sweet to you and
your loved ones.



Rabbi's Column

Let's Do Our Part to Bring About a Sweet New Year

Avi Winokur

When the ancient Israelites lived in the land of Israel, they underwent a number of traumas. Three of them stand out. One is that after King Solomon's death, around 922 BCE, the Northern tribes successfully rebelled against Solomon's successor and the ancient kingdom split into two parts—Israel in the North and Judah in the South. Two hundred years later, the empire of Assyria (Nineveh, the ancient capital, is present-day Mosul, Iraq) wiped out the Northern kingdom of Israel and exiled many ancient Israelites—the origin of the ten lost tribes. Finally, in 586/7 or thereabouts, the Babylonian empire (the successor to the Assyrians, with the capital, Babylon, 50 miles south of Baghdad) conquered the Southern kingdom of Judah, destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem, and exiled the cream of the Judahites to Babylon. Many of you will recognize the reggae version (not the only version) of the first four verses of Psalm 137: “By the rivers of Babylon where we sat down, and there we wept, when we remembered Zion. . . .”

The prophet Jeremiah, who witnessed this terrible calamity, had advice for the exiles (29:7): “Seek the welfare [shalom] of the city to which I have exiled you and pray to Adonai in its behalf; for in its prosperity, you shall prosper.” For countless generations all over the world, rabbis and other communal leaders have preached from these words—urging Jews to engage with the peoples and nations among whom they have dwelled.

For many Americans, Jews and non-Jews alike, this year's presidential election season has been dispiriting to say the least. Despite the enormous differences between Trump and Sanders, they share the distinction of completely shocking pundits with the strength that they exhibited. Trump is not a Republican. He is a reality show personality and real estate guy who has never been politically active in the kind of meaningful way one expects of the nominee of a major party. Sanders, for his part, is not a Democrat. He is an independent, a social democrat/socialist, who has never been a Democratic Party kind of guy. These two utter outsiders shocked the political world.

By their votes Americans declared that the political establishment is utterly corrupt, out of touch, and contemptible. And that was just the primaries. Although I don't have the latest figures, a late July Gallup poll had Trump with a 62% unfavorable rating and Clinton with 52%. Even taking overlap into account, the numbers are astounding.

Yes, we need to overturn *Citizens United* as a critical step in getting money out of politics. Yes, we need neutral redistricting, an end to gerrymandered districts, and a whole lot more. I'm not naïve about the difficulties of the road ahead if we are to take back our democracy. But one thing we can do right now in lieu of wringing our hands is to register voters. POWER, the community organization of which we are proud members, is leading a voter registration drive. For more information, please contact If you are interested in getting involved, please contact SHS members Carl Levitsky at 215.923.3749 or Jerry Faich at 610.969.8755 or POWER Director of Organizing Cecily Harwitt at charwitt@powerphiladelphia.org. Our Social Action committee will have more information in September.

Jeremiah's advice to his dispirited countrymen holds true today. We, too, are dispirited, not only about the bankruptcy of our political process (probably true even if you are an ardent supporter of either major party candidate) but also about so many other problems and challenges we face not only within our own country but beyond our borders as well.

Sticking our heads in the metaphorical sand or hiding in a literal or metaphorical gated community will not insulate us indefinitely from the chaos that is engulfing our world, ranging from climate change, to racial tensions, to crushing poverty, to the refugee and migration crisis, and more.

Let us at least do something tangible to take back our democracy as a step in heeding the admonition of the prophet Jeremiah, spoken over 2500 years ago, to a traumatized and dispossessed people—a people to whom we are heirs.

I hope to see you all very soon whether in the synagogue or out in community registering voters. Let's get work to so that when we say *Shanah Tovah Um'tukah*/have a good and sweet year, we can look in the mirror and know that we did our part to help create a sweeter new year for ourselves and for our nation.



President's Column

A Plea for Increased Engagement

Harry J. Oxman

As we approach the upcoming High Holy Days, we frequently entertain thoughts about where we have been over the past year, and where we desire to be over the coming year. Your President has engaged in this process personally, but I am also attempting to process these thoughts as they pertain to Society Hill Synagogue—where have we been and where do we want to be as a congregation?

In reviewing the past years, I have concluded that as a community, we are at our best when significant numbers of our members are engaged in Society Hill Synagogue activities. For example, I point to our High Holy Day services, TGIShabbat services, 50th Anniversary Celebration, and the Cantorial Audition weekend services. Unfortunately, we cannot duplicate these events each week or on multiple occasions throughout the year, with the exception of TGIShabbat services (which will occur 8 times in the upcoming year).

The dilemma confronting me is to find the means that can increase engagement of our members in more of our synagogue programs and activities. For a fleeting moment I gave thought to the possibility of asking all members of our community to sign a document which would require the signer to agree to increase their attendance at Shabbat Services, serve on one of the many synagogue Committees, or attend one of the multiple educational programs offered. I quickly rejected this approach, concluding that I would have a much better chance at reaching my goal of increased participation by finding a method to inspire, rather than one that attempts to compel, our members. It is my hope that the mere words I am writing in this column will inspire readers to commit to increasing their engagement in our synagogue. So I am asking each of you to pick one activity or program, make the commitment to attend, and then judge for yourself if you feel a positive impact from participation.

Attend one of our warm, engaging, spiritually enriching Saturday morning Shabbat Services during which our congregants voluntarily leyn Torah, or attend a Bar/Bat Mitzvah of one of our Hebrew School students demonstrating his or her training and skillful preparation for this event. Serve on a committee with your fellow congregants and experience interaction with dedicated, thoughtful, and motivated individuals as they seek to find ways to enhance the synagogue experience for our members. Attend an Adult Education class and increase your knowledge, not only due to the skills of the instructor, but also through the interpretation and communication by fellow congregants in the classes. There are many activities that can be found in our weekly emails that are meant to enlighten and educate. By participating, you will expand your knowledge and deepen your connections to other members in our community.

Over the past few years, the members of the Society Hill Synagogue Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and professional staff have focused on a Membership Engagement Initiative, the purpose of which was to not only engage existing members, but to attract new members who are drawn to a thriving, connected congregation. This initiative, currently led by Board Member Jeremy Newberg and Rabbinical Intern Nathan Kamesar, has received a positive enthusiastic response from the members who have been surveyed about synagogue activities. Accordingly, a new Membership Engagement Committee will be created to develop a more integrated process for welcoming new members and for encouraging our existing members to become engaged, invested and connected.

As we enter the New Year of 5777, I invite each of you to take a step forward and participate in some aspect of synagogue life at SHS. Our calendar is full of opportunities. Enjoy the experience for exactly what it is and what it is meant to accomplish. I feel confident that each step you take to increase your engagement will generate its own rewards and benefits.

I look forward to seeing all of you throughout this year regularly and repeatedly. I wish each of you a healthy, satisfying, and peaceful New Year.

L'Shanah Tovah!

Playschool

Welcome back to school!

Gloria Parris and Ali Kaplan

The SHS camp season 2016 is one for the books! We had a fabulous summer with our 8-week summer regular camp session and our brand new specialty camps were a great success! The children loved our water wall and the imaginative "sprinkler system" that we built! Specialty camps concluded with a puppet show as well as our very own ceramics art exhibit. We are looking forward to planning more fun-filled summer camp programs next year!

Our school year kicks off on **Tuesday, September 6**, with a back-to-school parents meeting beginning at 7 PM. Join us to find out about this year's events, meet your child's teachers, and take a look at our classrooms! **On Wednesday, September 7, and Thursday, September 8, there will be an Open House from 9 AM until 11 AM for the Puppy Class.** Parents and children will have a chance to have fun in our classrooms and meet the teachers. Mark your calendars!

On **Friday, September 9**, children in the Puppy Class will attend school from 9 AM until 10 AM, or 10:30 until 11:30 AM. The Pre-K Class will have their welcome party from 10 AM until 11 AM, and students in the 3—4-year-old class will have their welcome party from 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Parents should plan on attending the welcome parties with their children.

Monday, September 12, will be the FIRST day of Playschool. Early care is available beginning at 7:45 AM, and late care will be available until 6 PM, if needed. If your Puppy Class student attends school on Mondays, they will be here from 8:30 AM until 9:30 AM for the entire week. Students in the 3—4-year-old class will have a regular school day until 12:30 PM, and the Pre- K class will attend school until 2 PM. Our Afterschool Arts Club will run until 3 PM.

During the week of **September 19**, the Puppy Class students will have school from 8:30 AM until 10:30 AM. During the week of **September 26**, Puppy Class students will begin their normal school hours, from 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM. Children in the Puppy Class are welcome to extend their day until 12:30 PM to include lunch. Afterschool Arts and late care are available to those who need it.

In accordance with the observance of the following holidays, the Playschool will be closed on:

Monday, October 3 and Tuesday, October 4—for Rosh Hashanah

Monday, October 10—for Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 11—The Playschool will close at 12:30 PM. There will be no After school Arts or late care.

Wednesday, October 12—for Yom Kippur

Monday October 17 and Tuesday, October 18—for Sukkot

Monday, October 24—for Sh'mini Atzeret

All of our Playschool teachers are looking forward to a wonderful school year! There are still a limited number of spots available in all classes for the 2016-2017 school year. Make sure to make an appointment or drop off your application as soon as possible!

For more information about the Playschool or to visit our classrooms, please contact Co- Directors Gloria Parris (gparris@societyhillssynagogue.org) or Ali Kaplan (abernstein@societyhillssynagogue.org).



Ann Spak Thal School The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Sahar Oz

Shanah halkha, shanah ba'ah / Ani kapay arimah (A year has passed, a year is coming / I will raise my hands) – So begins a classic Israeli children's song written by Levin Kipnis, a giant in the world of Hebrew stories, poems, and songs for children. Like so much of Kipnis's work, this song, appropriately titled "Shanah Tovah" ("A Good Year"), is warm and happy, peppy and hopeful, the kind of tune that genuinely makes you want to raise your hands with glee.

I have loved this song since I was a young boy, and it always makes me smile when I hear it or think about it as summer turns to fall, Rosh Hashanah approaches, and a new school year begins. This is an exciting time, with new Jewish journeys, adventures, and friendships at Hebrew School upon us.

Apropos of the theme of newness, I want to welcome all of our new Sunday School and Hebrew School students and their families, our 3rd graders and 8th graders—who are new to Hebrew School and Hebrew High—and our new faculty members and aides.

Everyone will get to meet all of our teachers and aides on the **first day of classes, Sunday, September 11**. In addition, we invite all parents to join us at that morning's annual "Welcome Back to School" programs at **9:20 AM (Sunday School parents)** and **11:15 AM (Hebrew School and Hebrew High parents)**.

This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow parents, the Education Committee, and the Rabbi and Cantor; to hear about key calendar dates, Shabbat services, and meals; to learn about our primary goals for the year; and to discuss our upcoming school celebrations and special programs. Light refreshments will be served at each of these "Welcome Back" sessions.

There will be no classes on Sunday, October 2, as Rosh Hashanah begins that evening. Once again, I am honored to co-lead our school High Holy Day services in the Social Hall with our wonderful teacher and KinderBat presenter, Rachel Moran.

The Rosh Hashanah school services will take place on **Monday, October 3, from 9:30–10:30 AM for Sunday School and 10:45 AM–12 PM for Hebrew School**.

Nine days later, please join us for Yom Kippur school services on **Wednesday, October 12 from 9:30–10:30 AM for Sunday School and 10:45 AM–12 PM for Hebrew School**.

Given the holiday schedule throughout October, the only Tuesday when there will be classes will be October 25. On **Sunday, October 23, the Sukkot Family Service begins at 10:30 AM**, so come for one of the most joyous and colorful services of the year! This service is in lieu of classes for that Sunday, and attendance is required, as it would be for classes.

Please also mark your calendars for our first class service of the year on **Saturday, October 15, at 10:30 AM**, as our Kitah Aleph (1st Grade) stars help to lead the Shabbat service with Cantor Friedrich. A delicious meal will follow, and everyone is invited to join us for the service and lunch. We just need your RSVP for lunch to Betty by Thursday, October 13 (bettyv@societyhillssynagogue.org).

Our faculty and I look forward to welcoming all of you and your children to a new year of inspiring, interactive Jewish learning on September 11. Shanah Tovah um'tukah, m'le'at ahavah ve'shalvah – wishing you a good and sweet year filled with love and serenity.



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Join Rabbi Marjorie Berman for Shabbat Study Twice Each Month

Dreams of Peace: An Introduction to Islam
For significant periods of Jewish history, Islam has been a major influence, from philosophy to liturgical poetry to synagogue architecture. Conversely, the Jewish approach to law and text has helped shape Islamic thought and faith. In many ways, Judaism and Islam share a similar religious outlook, while in other aspects they are quite different. With about 20% of the world's population identifying as Muslim, gaining some basic knowledge about Islam is critical to our understanding of geopolitics today and to addressing some of the misunderstandings about religion and culture that currently exist in the West.

In this class, we will explore the history, traditions, philosophy, and culture of Islam with the goal of finding a way "inside." I hope that those who take part in the class will come away feeling more at home with both Islam and Muslims, while enriching their own understanding of the beauty and meaning of Judaism.

We will look at the fascinating ties between Arabic and Hebrew. (For those who are interested, you could be reading Arabic—and even understanding some of it—by the end of the year! And for those who don't know how to read Hebrew, you can be learning this skill at the same time!) We will read related texts in Torah and Qur'an and note the surprising similarities and intriguing differences, examining the idea that certain passages of Qur'an can be understood as a form of Midrash on Tanach. We will explore the current American Muslim landscape and compare the parallels and divergences in how members of each tradition become Americans.

As Jews, we recognize that it is through knowledge and understanding that we can bring about peace and tikkun olam; by truly seeking to know one another and see each other as people and as reflections of the different faces of God, we can bring healing to the world.

This class will meet twice monthly on the following dates: 8/20, 9/3, 9/24, 10/15, 10/22, 11/5, 11/12, 12/3, 12/24, 1/14, 1/21, 2/4, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27, rain date 6/10.

Community Selihot Service, Saturday, September 24

This year we will enter into the Days of Awe with a communal Marom-style Selihot service on Saturday, September 24, 8–10 PM. Join us for a spiritually rousing and heart-opening evening of music, prayer, and contemplation, with clergy and prayer leaders from BZBI, Kol Zedek, Congregation Leyv Ha-ir, and Society Hill Synagogue. This special service will take place at Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel, 300 South 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. For further information, please call BZBI at 215.735.5148.

Tuesday Morning Minyan

Please remember that an SHS member leads a brief morning service every Tuesday at 7:15 AM. We need your help to secure a minyan at this service for those individuals in our SHS and local communities who wish to say Kaddish. You never know when you may be the 10th person required to make a minyan for someone who is mourning the loss of a loved one.

Coffee and bagels will be provided at the conclusion of this service.



Help POWER to Encourage Voter Registration In Philadelphia!

Carl Levitsky and Jerry Faich

With all of the excitement and discussion that is taking place about the upcoming presidential election in November, the POWER organization is sponsoring a voter registration drive!

We hope that all SHS members who see this election as crucial, at both the local and national levels, will consider joining us as volunteers to encourage as many people as possible to register to vote.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us at 215.923.3749 (Carl Levitsky) or 610.969.8755 (Jerry Faich). You may also contact POWER Director of Organizing Cecily Harwitt at charwitt@powerphiladelphia.org.

Remember, POWER is a non-partisan organization. We do not push one candidate over another. We believe it is important that the citizens of our country vote to determine our future. If you agree, please get involved.

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A Message From the Religion Committee

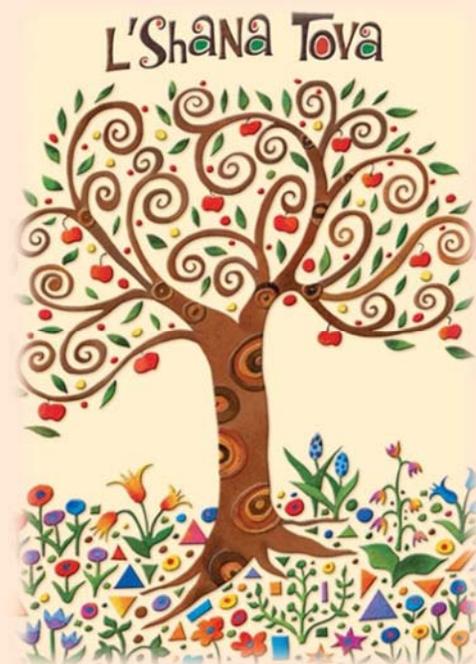
Terry Novick and Marc Schwartz

The members of the SHS Religion Committee would like to thank all of the congregants who have volunteered to participate in this year's High Holy Day services. Opportunities to participate are still available, including reading English and Hebrew parts, serving as ushers, and opening and closing the Ark, so please contact Marc Schwartz at marcschwartzus@yahoo.com if you are interested as soon as possible.

We would also like to invite anyone who is interested in leyning Torah or leading Musaf during our regular Shabbat services to contact either one of us or both at terry.novick@gmail.com or marcschwartzus@yahoo.com.

Look for the hard copies of the new Adult Education Brochure outside the Sanctuary on the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year. L'Shanah Tovah!



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The Young Friends of SHS

Join the Young Friends of Society Hill Synagogue!

Natalie Lesser

The Young Friends of Society Hill Synagogue are a group of individuals who are creating a community that fosters Jewish identity, culture, and friendship. We meet for potluck dinners, a pre-Shabbat drinks, and discussions about spiritual exploration. We'd love for you to join us as we celebrate together and learn more about each other.

Save the date on **Tuesday, September 13, 6-9 PM, for a High Holy Day Wine Tasting** with the Groups for Jewish Grads and Young Professionals. The Young Friends of SHS will be there!

Look for more events, Shabbat dinners, Havdalah services, and opportunities for learning this fall. We welcome you to "like" our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SHSYoungFriends/>.

For further information, or to join our mailing list, please contact me at lesser.natalie@gmail.com or my Co-Chair, Jordan Segall, at segall.jordan@gmail.com.

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2016-2017 B'nai Mitzvah

September 10

Zach Gearhart-Robboy

Son of Peter Gearhart and Alex Robboy

November 19

Daniel Saligman

Son of Peter and Meg Saligman

December 10

Lillian Shemtov

Daughter of Joseph and Sharon Shemtov

January 7

Margot Oxman

Daughter of Joseph Oxman and Christie Rosengart

February 18

Aaron Davidson

Son of Michael Davidson and Christine Reardon

March 4

Maxon Raphael

Son of Michael and Jennifer Raphael

March 18

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 Stephen Stein
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 Bart Kaplan
 Joann Slosberg
 Anya Applebaum Licht
 Brooke Salzman
 Betta Kolansky
 Paula Ninerell
 Ann Rosen Spector
 Lynne Rubinfeld
 Charlotte Lawton
 Jared Susco
 Ezra Raphael
 Aldo Friedman
 Fran Gallun
 Minna Dubin
 Zachary Meisel
 Michael Rochester
 Benjamin Cohen
 Eva Ecker
 Dana Feinberg
 Sari Love
 Xavi Freitag
 Ben Rosin
 Scott Akman
 Robert Einhorn
 Caryn Levitsky
 Dawn Mechanic-Hamilton
 Jessica Newberg
 Jamie Schwartz
 Daniel Blacksberg
 Josie Chrismer
 Lisa Eizen

Allison Esslinger
 Anne Ballen Ladenson
 Andrew Bottaro
 Rebecca Stolker
 Amy van de Rijn-Graham

October Birthdays

Craig Sobel
 Lily Hayman
 Lauren Ladov
 Dan Bogen
 Michelle Danoff
 Allyson Katz
 Andrea Appel
 Bernard Cohen
 Ellen Fennick
 Jacob Mono
 Rachel Richman
 Suzanne Fierston
 Gabriel Gilbert-Trachtman
 Sayde Ladov
 Martha Levine
 Gerald Faich
 Cora Rosin
 Ylanah Sloane
 Alexander Kranzel
 Adam Shapiro
 Brady Akman
 Burton Blender
 Daniel Berkowitz
 Roberta Dranoff
 Jay Wussow
 Janet Cherry
 Stephen Leshnoff
 Sara Morgenstern
 Nathan Saltz
 Emma Salzman
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 Maxwell Gearhart-Robboy
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**What is a Kiddush or Oneg?**

Customarily at the end of Shabbat morning and holiday services, the SHS community joins together to bless the wine (make "Kiddush") and the bread (make "Motzi"), and enjoy good food and company! This is what we call "the Kiddush."

Similarly, at the conclusion of Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat service, we gather for an Oneg or Shabbat dinner, where we bless the wine & bread and share light refreshments or dinner. Sponsoring this weekly community event is a wonderful way to celebrate a *simha* or joy, mark a special moment in one's life, honor someone, or commemorate a Yahrzeit. Sponsoring a *Kiddush, Oneg, or Shabbat dinner* helps the community to get to know you and share important moments in your life. It is also a way to say thank you to your community.

Please call the SHS office at 215.922.6590 or email us at office@societyhillsynagogue for more information.

Community News

Mazel Tov to

Mark Dembert & Mary Fish on the birth of granddaughter, Ramona Miri Fish-Kuhn.

Jerry & Joan Roller on the birth of granddaughter, Eleanor James Roller.

Condolences to

Cantor Alan Cohn on the death of his brother, Norman.

Bonnie (Harvey), Ari & Dani Weiner on the death of Bonnie's mother and Ari & Dani's grandmother, Lillian Luken.

Susan Jaffe on the death of her husband, Paul.

Scot, Marcie, Miles, and Lev Ziskind on the death of their son and brother, Harrison.

Alan, Ann, and Stanley Casper on the death of their father, Lee Casper.

Welcome New Members

Jonathan Grode & Jayne Bird

Olivia

Charles & Hope Honeyman

Cory

Stephen Klasko & Colleen Wyse

Lynne

David

Jill

Wendy Brookstein

Charlie

Benjamin

Isabella

Michael & Joy Roe

Ella

September Anniversaries

Noah & Sara Chrismer

Ron & Libby Kaiser

James & Linda Rosenstein

Richard Braemer & Amy Finkel

James & Anna Whitesell

Jay Wussow & Emily Zimmerman

Carl & Caryn Levitsky

Charles & Hope Honeyman



October Anniversaries

Daniel & Carol Weil

Craig Pressman & Sandra Lazovitz

Murray Dubin & Libby Rosof

Bonny Hohenberger & Nathan Farbman

Don & Karen Kaufman

Nathaniel Popkin & Rona Buchalter

Sahar & Allison Oz

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Tuesday Morning Minyan

In Honor of**Jerry & Joan Roller on the birth of their granddaughter, Eleanor**

Bob Blacksberg & Terry Novick

Harry Oxman's 80th Birthday

Bernie & Joyce Gelman

Rick Summers & Merrily Williams

Elizabeth and Ellie Zack

Jared Susco and Ezra Stearns

Harry Oxman's 80th Birthday & Election as President of SHS

Lewis & Karen Gold

In Memory of**Lenore Summers Ebstein, Mother of Rick Summers**

Rick Summers & Merrily Williams

Paul Jaffe, Husband of Susan Jaffe

Robin Schatz

Lillian Lukens, Mother of Bonnie Weiner

Robin Schatz

Lee Casper, father of Alan Casper

Robin Schatz

Harrison Ziskind, Son of Scot & Marcie Ziskind

The Stover-Steerman Family

Ronald & Martha Kaplan

Arthur & Rona Greenfield

Carrie Norton

Jerry & Joan Roller

Marc, Staci, & Jamie Schwartz

Yahrzeit Remembrance**Meyer & Sylvia Rubenstein, Parents of Libby Kaiser**

Libby Kaiser

Restoration Fund**In Honor of****Harry Oxman's 80th Birthday**

Iris Levine

Birth of Great-Grandson, Joshua Wheaton

Evelyn Segal

Jerry & Joan Roller' on the birth of their Granddaughter

Stanley & Judith Woloff

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A Message from Philly Hillel at Drexel University

Amishai Gottlieb is the new Israel Engagement Associate at Drexel University Hillel. She is reaching out to all current or incoming students at Drexel University to introduce them to the Philly Hillel.

If you have a student attending any college in the Philadelphia area, and you would like Amishai to contact him/her, feel free to pass on your students information to agottlieb@phillyhillel.org.

Amishai is also the Birthright coordinator (free trip to Israel for those aged 18-26 with at least one Jewish parent). Amishai has many Jewish- and Israel-related events planned on campus.

Philadelphia Interfaith Community Experience Worship Services at Mother Bethel AME Church Debbie Stewart

The PIC will be attending Worship Services at Mother Bethel AME Church, located at 419 S. 6th Street in Philadelphia on **Sunday, October 9, at 9:30 AM**. Please join us to experience the worship practices of our neighborhood congregation with whom we share a special Social Action and PIC bond. For a brief history of the church, visit their website at motherbethel.org. For questions or further information, please contact me at beachethic@gmail.com.

Annual Giving Appeal

Thank you for your recent contribution to the **SHS Annual Giving Fund** which is vital to the financial health of our Synagogue. Your continued generosity has enabled us to make up the difference between our income from Membership dues and Playschool tuition and our operating expenses.

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Young Families Group Celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat With Young Families

Joanna Hart

All are welcome to join our lively, lay-led celebration of Shabbat, including a potluck dinner. The SHS Young Families Group invites all wigglers and babblers to our community! Geared especially towards children aged birth through Pre-K, we will celebrate Shabbat with song, dance, prayers, including our own special Kiddush. Attendees are invited to participate in a potluck dinner (bring a meatless, vegetarian or dairy dish to share). The program will run from 5:15–6:15 PM on select Friday nights, allowing family members to also attend the following 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service in the main Sanctuary if they are interested. A professional educator, who has many years of experience in Jewish youth programming, will focus on age-appropriate music and movement, creating a warm exposure to Shabbat and synagogue experiences. We aim to help children and their families learn rituals that can provide a basis for Jewish life in the home and synagogue.

Our first service will be on Friday, September 9, coinciding with the first Kabbalat Shabbat service of the season. Additional Young Family services are scheduled for December 2, February 3, March 3, May 5, and June 2. Please RSVP to Joanna.lee.hart@gmail.com if your family plans to attend!

During regular Friday night and Saturday services, we invite you to take full advantage of our Young Families' Library and Baby Corner outside of the Sanctuary. Book donations that promote Jewish and SHS values are welcome!

If there are adult synagogue activities in which you would like to participate (such as the Lunch & Learn lecture series), but you are limited by childcare concerns, please contact me.

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Young Families Group

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To learn more about family-friendly activities with others in our community, please contact me at Joanna.lee.hart@gmail.com so that I can add your name to our email list. Prospective members, expectant parents, and any caretakers are welcome to join!

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**A Conversation
Between
Ruth Calderon and
Rabbi Ira Stone at BZBI**

What can both American and Israeli Jews learn from our traditional Jewish texts and study? Join Dr. Calderon and Rabbi Stone as they explore how we engage Jews in today's modern world. They will discuss how appreciating the legacy of Jewish people through the study of Talmud and Mussar further connects us. You are invited to attend what promises to be a very stimulating discussion on **Monday, September 12, at 7:30 PM, at BZBI.** This program is co-sponsored by SHS, the Jewish Publication Society and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Dr. Ruth Calderon is one of the founders and architects of the Israeli Jewish Renaissance. She earned her Ph.D. in Talmud from Hebrew University and was elected to the Knesset in January 2013. Ruth is a committed feminist who deeply respects and is deeply engaged with the Talmud, not a text that is known as a proto-feminist text. She is the founder of two institutions devoted to the study of sacred texts: Alma, Home for Hebrew Culture in Tel Aviv, and Elul Beit Midrash in Jerusalem. Last year, Rabbi Winokur taught a course on her work at SHS, and he led another session about her work this past Tikkun Leil Shavuot.

Rabbi Ira F. Stone served as Rabbi of Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel in Center City, Philadelphia from 1988 to 2015; he is the current Rabbi Emeritus. He is now serving as Rosh Yeshiva of the Mussar Leadership Program.

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Membership Engagement

1. Havdalah Down the Shore

Judy Lalli



Saturday, August 20, was a night to remember for a group of SHS members and friends who traveled "down the shore" for a Havdalah celebration.

We gathered at the home of Jeremy and Fran Newberg and leisurely made our way to the beach. There we heard Avi daven and Susan share explanations of some Havdalah traditions. We blessed the wine, braided candle, and spices, and we said goodbye to Shabbat and welcomed a new week together. We sang and enjoyed each other's company and then walked back to the Newbergs' home for food, drink and additional schmoozing.

Some of us had never participated in a Havdalah service before, and what a way to start! Everyone agreed that we were grateful to reinstitute this SHS tradition, and we will all look forward to next year's Havdalah Down the Shore.

2. "Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?™" Returns In November!

Bonny Hohenberger



Four years ago, SHS began an ambitious program to create a closer community by arranging for people to experience Shabbat celebrations in members' homes. **Now in its 5th year, "Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?™" is scheduled for Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5.** Last spring, almost 100 members attended Friday night dinners and Saturday Shabbat luncheons, and/or Havdalah events.

How does it work? The regular Friday evening service on November 4 will be canceled and synagogue members will be encouraged to attend Shabbat dinners at the homes of volunteer hosts. On Saturday, November 5, Kiddush luncheons following services and Havdalah celebrations will be organized at the homes of additional volunteer hosts. As in the past, the Young Friends of SHS group will plan to host one of these events. Would you like to be a host? A co-host? Or, would you rather be a guest?

As a host, you can keep it simple by inviting your guests to bring a dish or bottle of wine. Serve your meal on individual plates, as a buffet, or fire up your grill and have a barbecue. Order pizza if you feel like it. It all works! The camaraderie is what's important. Hosts will receive tote bags with information and basic prayers for Shabbat meals and the Havdalah service.

Please RSVP ASAP! The sooner we accumulate our lists of hosts and guests, the better we can plan for this wonderful weekend. We will try to place member guests in homes that are geographically convenient and age compatible for families. While we encourage hosts to invite synagogue friends to their homes, the emphasis of this weekend is on meeting new or "new-to-you" members.

For more information, or to register to be a host or guest, please contact Bonny Hohenberger at bjh711@gmail.com or 267.974.6268.

3. Three Arts & Culture Events In September and October

Betta Kolansky, Eleanor Oxman, & Ellen Fennick



We have three exciting events in September and October: A private tour of the George Segal Exhibition on Sunday, September 25; an 1812 Production's play on Thursday, October 20; and a lecture and luncheon event with two musicians from the Philadelphia Orchestra on Friday, November 11.

SHS Tour of the George Segal Exhibition at Rutgers-Camden

Join us for another private tour of a Stedman Gallery exhibit for SHS members, arranged by our own Professor of Art History Marty Rosenberg. On Sunday afternoon, September 25, at 1:00 PM, Marty will conduct a special tour of two George Segal Exhibitions.

"George Segal in Black and White: Drawings and Sculptures," and "George Segal in Black and White: Photographs of Donald Lokuta" exhibitions will run from September 6 through December 10.

George Segal (1924-2000) was one of America's leading sculptors from the 1960s until his death. Associated with the Pop Art movement, he is best known for works consisting of figures cast from life and placed in realistic, evocative environments. The exhibition of Segal's sculptures and drawings will be accompanied by a selection of fascinating photographs by his friend, photographer Donald Lokuta, that document Segal at work. For further information, contact Ellen Fennick at efennick@gmail.com.



1812 Production's This Is the Week That Is: The Election Special

Join the **SHS Arts & Culture Club** to see 1812 Production's *This Is the Week That Is: The Election Special* on **Thursday, October 20, at 8 PM**, at Plays & Players Theatre (1714 Delancey Street). We have reserved 20 tickets at an SHS group discount rate of \$31 per person.

From the 1812 Productions website:

"As the American people get ready to elect a new president, the creative team behind 1812's smash political satire "This Is the Week That Is" will be on the beat. We'll break down the headlines and bring you answers to your burning political questions with satirical wit, a song or two, and a script that changes with the news."

Reserve your ticket(s) today! Please send checks made payable to "Society Hill Synagogue," with "Election Special Play" on the memo line, to 418 Spruce Street, or call the office at 215.922.6590 to pay with a credit card (add 3% processing fee).

For further information, please contact Eleanor Oxman (esoxman@comcast.net) or Betta Kolansky (bkolansky@comcast.net).

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Lecture - Luncheon - Concert

Join the **SHS Arts & Culture Club** for a special lecture and luncheon event on **Friday, November 11, 11 AM**, at the Double Tree Hotel, located at Broad and Locust Streets.

The lecture will feature two musicians from the Philadelphia Orchestra, **Amy Oshiro-Morales**, 2nd Violinist, and **Jennifer Montone**, Principal Horn. They will discuss the Friday afternoon concert program featuring music from Ravel's ballet Daphnis and Chloé, conducted by Music Director **Yannick Nézet-Séguin**. A three-course luncheon will be served.

The fee for the lecture/luncheon is \$36. A table for 10 has been reserved for Society Hill Synagogue. If you would like to attend this special event, please send a check for \$36 to Eleanor Oxman (233 S. 6th Street, Apt. 2302, Philadelphia, PA 19106) as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to **The Rittenhouse Square Committee**. Please include "**L/L 11/11/16**" on the memo line.

Tickets for the Friday afternoon concert will be sold separately for \$53.20 per person for rear orchestra seating. If you would also like to purchase a concert ticket for 11/11/16, contact Eleanor Oxman (215.574.9645) on or before **September 30**. Proceeds benefit the Philadelphia Orchestra.

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Unetaneh Tokef—Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die? A Discussion With Rabbi Winokur

Join me on Tuesday, September 20, at 7:30 PM or Sunday, September 25, at 11 AM for an interesting discussion of one of the most troubling and powerful prayers recited on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, in which God is pictured as the Divine Judge writing our fate in the Book of Life on Rosh Hashanah, and sealing our fate on Yom Kippur. Not only does God consider who shall live and who shall die, but who shall be at ease and who shall be tormented, who shall be raised up and who shall be brought low. It raises all the Jobian questions, as well as questions of free will and predetermination. Although I believe none of it literally (and in fact, passionately disbelieve it literally), it is one my favorite prayers, and I find the recitation unbelievably powerful and affirming of my own worldview.

**Coming Soon—Save the Date
Yiddish Short Stories beginning
October 25, 2016**

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