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#### Wednesday, September 20

**6:30 PM** Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

#### Thursday, September 21, Rosh Hashanah 1

**9 AM**— Main Service in Sanctuary

**9:30 AM**—Sunday School Service in Social Hall

**10:30 AM**—Hebrew School Service in Social Hall

Honey-Tasting following all services

**2 PM**—Tashlikh at Penn's Landing

#### Friday, September 22, Rosh Hashanah 2

**10 AM**—Family Service

**6:15 PM**—Kabbalat Shabbat Service

#### Friday, September 29

**6:15 PM**—Kol Nidre Service

#### Saturday, September 30, Yom Kippur

**9:30 AM** Main Services in Sanctuary

**9:30 AM**—Sunday School Service in Social Hall

**10:30 AM**—Hebrew School Service in Social Hall

**3-4:15 PM** Recess

**4:15 PM\*** Minḥah Service

**4:30 PM\*** Yizkor Service

**6:30 PM** Ne'ilah Service

**7:25 PM\*** Sounding of the Shofar

**7:30 PM\*** Break-the-Fast following Services

\*Approximate times



## Rabbi's Column

### Concern for the Suffering of Human Beings

Avi Winokur

I write in the shadow of Charlottesville, of naked hatred and dehumanization. I write in the shadow of “You will not replace us” and “Jews will not replace us.” I write in the shadow of neo-Nazi vitriol and swastikas. For many Jews who thought that Charlottesville was all about race and the statue of Robert E. Lee, the chants, the swastikas, and the prevalence of anti-Semitism on the alt-right were equally shocking and frightening.

But I also write in the light of an outraged America that has taken to the streets to push back against the neo-Nazis, the KKK, the alt-right, and other white supremacists and anti-Semites. The evening before I sat down to write this, eight SHS congregants and I attended a rally in Julian Abele Park organized by Miriam Steinberg-Egeth of the Center City Kehillah; after that rally, I went to a rally attended by thousands at Thomas Paine Plaza, just north of City Hall.

I am a Jew, an American, an individual who strives to enhance justice and opportunity for all. What does this mean amid the crescendo of threats that have been unleashed?

I take guidance from two Jewish teachers: Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

Rabbi Heschel, whose mother and sisters were murdered by the Nazis, felt a moral imperative to act: “The more deeply immersed I became in the thinking of the prophets, the more powerfully it became clear to me what the lives of the prophets sought to convey: that morally speaking there is no limit to the concern one must feel for the suffering of human beings. **It also became clear to me that in regard to cruelties committed in the name of a free society, some are guilty, while all are responsible.**”

Rabbi Schneerson, the most recent Lubavitch rebbe, urged, “**If you see what needs to be repaired and how to repair it, then you have found a piece of the world that God has left for you to complete.** But if you only see what is wrong and what is ugly in the world, then it is you yourself that is in need of repair.”

The challenge for me, and for all us, is to discern the “how”—how to act, how to wisely, courageously, and effectively focus my energies in order to alleviate the suffering and heal the rage that seem to be exploding around us.

In light of Charlottesville, it seems that racism, anti-Semitism, and fear of and oppression of minorities still fester, an open wound exposed in our social fabric. It is my responsibility to stand on behalf of the threatened and the oppressed—and I hope you will join me through POWER and other campaigns. And yet—the deeper challenge is to somehow marry activism on behalf of what is right with empathy. As I engage in activism, can I also see into the suffering heart of the millennial neo-Nazi, whose chance for a secure, fulfilling life is also deeply constrained? Can I listen to those who differ from me—whether on my side or on the opposing side?

In Charlottesville, my colleague Rabbi Mordechai Liebling stood arm-in-arm with other clergy praying and singing for peace and justice. Rabbi Liebling is the son of Holocaust survivors, and his grandparents were murdered by Nazis. When he returned from Charlottesville, he wrote an article for the *Forward* (August 14, 2017). He reflected that while we cannot tolerate white supremacy, we need to understand the fear and pain that many white supremacists hold—a perception that as the world moves ahead, they are being left behind, that their hopes for more jobs and better-paying jobs are not being realized. “It is the work of those white people who are able to hear their pain [to] attempt to reach over barriers and advocate for policies that will benefit them as well. Dehumanizing and dismissing them leads to more hatred. We will not bring about a more just society through violence.”

As we approach Rosh Hashanah, let us find the courage to know and face our own pain, suffering, and fear—and that of others, and let us build the strength, focus, and determination to alleviate them.

This coming year calls on us to leave our comfort zones, to repair our social fabric being shredded by hatred, bigotry, and shattered dreams.



## President's Column

### A Personal Observation

Harry J. Oxman

Writing an article for the Keshet every two months is for me the most difficult task that I must perform as President of Society Hill Synagogue. I prepare multiple outlines, review the columns of my predecessors, and then examine my past columns to search for a potential connection to the theme of the latest column. I struggle because I want my column to be informative about synagogue activities, but I would also like to provide an inspiring message. All of these columns ultimately are written from the perspective of my observations as President, but rarely have I, or my predecessors, written a column which is significantly personal in nature.

The events which occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia on Friday, August 11, and Saturday, August 12, had a significant impact on me, causing me to risk taking a different direction for this column—one that is clearly personal.

Eleanor and I were in the beautiful mountains of Colorado visiting friends on the weekend of August 11 and 12, having arrived two days earlier. The combination of the beautiful scenery, the adjustment to the elevation (9,000 feet above sea level), the ample conversation about families (particularly grandchildren), and the absence of the New York Times kept us distracted from the current news. On Saturday afternoon our thirst for the news finally overwhelmed us, prompting a quick check of CNN. Over the next couple of hours, we became immersed in the details of what had occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia, from Friday night until Saturday morning. Like all of you who are reading this article, we were shocked and appalled by the display of hate, intolerance, and violence that we saw on the screen. I found myself thinking, "How could this be happening in our country?" After being subjected to the related comments by our President, my emotions progressed from shock to anger.

We remained at the home of our host for two additional days, and by the time we returned home on Monday, August 14, I felt that my identity as a person had been shaken to the core—perhaps beyond repair.

Over the next two days in Philadelphia, I felt some improvement in my emotional and spiritual states, especially after walking down Broad Street on Wednesday, August 16, with a group of individuals of varying backgrounds, religions, and races—all of whom were committed to the prevention of intolerance, social injustice, and hateful speech. I still struggled to get through Thursday and Friday and realized that I needed to do more to improve my mental state.

On Saturday, August 19, I attended Shabbat services at SHS. There were about 20 of us present, including Hazzan Roemer and Rabbinical Student Nathan Kamesar. As services progressed, I began to feel calmer than I had felt the entire week. A sense of security and comfort enveloped me. During my congregational announcements, I reflected on the week's events and shared how fortunate it felt to be able to gather with fellow members of Society Hill Synagogue to pray and nourish our spirits so that, together, we would all be able to better deal with the issues of hate, intolerance, and injustice that confront us.

Following services, when we all gathered in the Social Hall for Kiddush and conversation, it was obvious that many others were upset by the week's events and they, too, felt comforted after attending services. For this I am thankful.

Why did my mental and spiritual states improve after services? Perhaps enough time had passed for me to get out of my "funk" and move on. That's possible, but I cannot help but think that my sense of well being improved due to the feelings of comfort I experienced in the Sanctuary, along with the opportunity to share my concerns and anxieties with other congregants during the Kiddush lunch that followed.

I hope that by sharing this story, many of you will realize the significant value that being a member of Society Hill Synagogue brings to your lives. With that in mind, I hope that we will join together to ensure our continued growth as a congregation and community.

## Student Rabbi's Column

### Mercy, Confession, Expiation, and Healing

Nathan Kamesar

**W**e've reached it. The High Holy Day season. The *Yamim Noraim*—the Days of Awe.

Some of us approach these days with dread: there's nothing pleasant about fasting for most of us. In fact, the words of Torah that led to this ritual are *initem et nafshoteichem* (Lev. 23:27), variously translated as "[you] shall afflict your souls," or "[you] shall practice self-denial." The *point* is, in a sense, pain. The point is to make sure we are afflicting or depriving ourselves in some way.

And yet, it is pain with a purpose. As the Torah states only a few words later, "*ki yom kippurim hu, l'chaper aleichem* (Lev 23:28): "For it is a day of atonement on which expiation is made on your behalf." We have the opportunity to clean our slate.

And what an opportunity it is. There is far more to the holiday than swaying back and forth in synagogue, listening to our stomachs grumble as we steal impatient glances at our watches, and enduring stiffness in our knees from standing and sitting, standing and sitting, seemingly arbitrarily.

There is far more to the liturgy than a seemingly incoherent jumble of stray references to kingship and worship, angelic courts and books of life.

I believe, and love to imagine, that our ancestors—the rabbis, various members of the Jewish community who were practically inventing a new religion out of whole cloth after the destruction of the sacred Temple—had brilliant insights into the human condition and what we needed out of our prayer life.

Under this narrative, they identified one of the most fundamentally challenging components of being a human being that persists until today: letting go.

The rabbis knew how wracked with guilt we humans can be. (Funny that a people still associated with "Jewish guilt" was concerned with it even then.)

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## Hazzan's Column

### The Month of the Magic Eye

Jessi Roemer

**S**halom, Chevre. Happy Elul! This month before the High Holy Days is the magical Jewish month, in which barriers between the physical and

spiritual worlds are shimmering and permeable. Rabbinic metaphor holds that during Elul "the King is in the field," evoking the yearly trips ancient kings took to the fields where their constituents were working. There, once a year, royal subjects could address their king without going through formal channels, without traveling or even changing their clothes. It was "come as you are."

For us, "the King" is YHVH, and "the field" is the work and home spaces of our daily lives. When I look beyond the gendered language and allow "King" to connote a powerful presence that encompasses all genders, I find this to be a very potent metaphor.

During most of the year we might expect to greet God on Shabbat, when we put our material work aside to dip into the wellspring of life through worship and prayer. But during Elul, if we are paying attention, the Holy One could show up at our office on a Wednesday. Recognizing the presence of the Divine at these times is like the moment when we can see both the old woman and the young woman in the illusion drawing, or when a "Magic Eye" image pops into 3-D: The King's presence adds a deeper dimension to our daily existence. We remember that even our mundane work always has a layer of holiness just underneath.

We can also experience this depth while singing or praying in community. When we tune in to our *kishkes*, pay attention to each other, and make sound together, the barriers between worlds become permeable, and we sense the Divine presence flowing through us, surrounding us, buoying us up. Just as Shabbat is a taste of the world to come, communal singing can always be a little taste of Elul.

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## Ann Spak Thal School New Year, New Journeys

Sahar Oz

**A**bout twenty years ago, while reading Albert Einstein's *The World As I See It*, I came across a reflection that has inspired me ever since, particularly as a Jewish educator. Einstein wrote, "The pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, an almost fanatical love of justice, and the desire for personal independence—these are the features of the Jewish tradition which make me thank my stars that I belong to it."

I've thought a lot about Einstein's words recently for a variety of reasons, especially given the sociopolitical realities and challenges we face as Jews and as a country. Knowledge, justice, and independence—three values that Judaism emphasizes and celebrates—are core values of our community that we aspire to perpetuate through our work with our children.

At our school, we lead our students on a Jewish journey of history and the present day, roots and traditions, language and literature, ethics and values. We support our students' critical thinking skills and their individual and collective understanding of classical and contemporary Jewish texts, while recognizing that Judaism focuses on the journey more than on the destination.

As Martin Buber, a philosophy giant and a contemporary of Einstein, noted, "All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware." Judaism teaches us that life is a journey, and we are always on the move—sometimes more subtly, other times in a very pronounced way.

Our journey at the Ann Spak Thal School resumes on **Sunday, September 10**, and everyone will get to reconnect with friends and familiar faces, as well as meet all of our new students, teachers, and aides. In addition, we invite all parents to join us at that morning's annual "Welcome Back to School" programs at **9:30 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 Rabbi Avi and Hazzan Jessi.

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Parents will hear about our primary goals for the year, key calendar dates, and a variety of unique Shabbat services, and we will discuss our upcoming school celebrations and special programs. Finally, we will share the itinerary and details for the congregation's August 2018 Israel trip—the first SHS trip to Israel in many years and one that has been designed especially with families in mind. Light refreshments will be served at each of these "Welcome Back" sessions.

Our High Holy Day school services, co-led by outstanding teacher and SHS Orchestra vocalist, Rachel Moran, and me, will begin with Rosh Hashanah services on **Thursday, September 21, from 9:30 until 10:30 AM, for Sunday School and younger children, and from 10:30 AM until 12:00 PM for Hebrew School.**

Nine days later, please join us for Yom Kippur services on **Saturday, September 30, from 9:30 until 10:30 AM for Sunday School and younger children, and from 10:30 AM until 12:00 PM for Hebrew School.**

Please note that there will be no classes on **Sunday, October 1** (the day after Yom Kippur), or **Sunday, October 8** (Columbus Day weekend). Our **Sukkot Family Service is scheduled for 6:15 PM on Friday, October 6,**

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**President's Column**

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As we approach the upcoming High Holy Days, I remind you as I did last year that it is natural for us to evaluate where we have been over the past year, and where we desire to be over the coming year. We need to answer these questions as a shul as well. Hopefully, all of you will participate in helping SHS to reach its full potential as a vibrant and thriving congregation.

I look forward to seeing all of you during the holidays. I wish each of you a healthy, fulfilling, and peaceful New Year.

L'Shanah Tovah!

**Student Rabbi's Column**

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They knew it would take more than a simple wave of the hand or quick prayer to be able to move forward, no longer weighed down by choices in our past.

Instead, they helped to develop this 25-hour period where we could be in community, seeking to unpack a year's (or perhaps a lifetime's?) worth of missteps—being gentle with ourselves, gentle with those around us, humbling ourselves before God.

And they did so carefully. During Yom Kippur, we chant the *Amidah* (along with the *Sh'ma*, one of the two central prayers of Jewish worship) five times—more than the four times called for on Shabbat and the three times called for on the typical weekday. During each of these five services, we recite the twin pillars of what makes Yom Kippur Yom Kippur: (1) *selihot*, i.e., the recitation of biblical verses articulating our understanding of God's merciful quality; and (2) the *vidui*, i.e., confession.

It is very important to note that *selihot* come *before* the *vidui*. We underscore our understanding of God's mercy *before* we embark down the scary path of admitting to ourselves where things went awry—where we began to stray from the path and values we had set for ourselves, whether it was to speak to (or about) others with decency and kindness, or to be generous with our time or money, or to show love to our loved ones.

If we understand sincere, heartfelt confessions (to self and to God, and in community—not to an intercessor) to be integral parts of the healing

process, of the expiation process, of the ability to move forward—then we need to make sure we feel safe within ourselves so that we can begin to unearth some of the parts of ourselves that we don't usually tend to, the parts of ourselves, the memories, that we skip over when we are doing body scans of ourselves or going about our daily lives. The parts we ignore.

This is where *selihot* come in. Before launching into a confession, we articulate, and re-articulate, to ourselves, up to thirteen times, what are known as the Thirteen Attributes of God: "Adonai, Adonai, God, merciful and compassionate, patient, abounding in love and faithfulness, assuring love for thousands of generations, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon." We need to till the soil, so to speak. We need to be sure our being is ready for exploration and unearthing. The *selihot*, these reassurances of God's mercy, are like elixirs for the soul—for the psyche—enabling our exploration to yield more fertile results. Once we have reminded ourselves of our hoped-for understanding of God's merciful nature, we are more likely to do the work of the deep-seated self-examination that will hopefully help us turn the corner.

Of course, we can't *know* God's nature. In fact, the biblical verse from which the rabbis adapted these thirteen attributes actually includes a clause that says "[God also] visits the iniquity of parents upon children, and children's children, upon the third and fourth generations," (Exodus 34:7). God's nature, according to biblical tradition, is nothing if not complicated.

And yet, I can't help but be sympathetic to the rabbis' decision to omit this clause and to structure the service as they did. I believe a sincere search for God's mercy will find it—if for no other reason than to allow us to go easier on ourselves. (We are so often our own harshest critics). The rabbis seemed to understand *both* the need for a no-holds-barred exploration of the self to come to terms with where we had gone off course over the past year *and* that a precondition to this sort of search was a belief that whatever we found would be treated with mercy by our God and, perhaps more importantly, *should* be treated with commensurate mercy by ourselves.

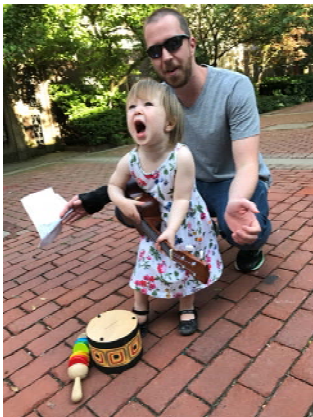
## Young Families Group

### Friday Nights with Young Families Resumes in November

Joanna Hart

The Young Families Group welcomes all families with young children to join our warm and welcoming community! Parents, prospective members, expectant parents, and any caretakers are invited to join our email list by contacting me at [joanna.lee.hart@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.lee.hart@gmail.com). Our group nurtures all infants, babies, and toddlers—and we help those who love these little people to feel supported.

Family-oriented services are available at SHS on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, so be sure to check the schedule. We look forward to seeing you there! Remember, our group has created a book library in the lobby, so feel free to use it if your little one would like to read a book during services in the Sanctuary. Also, don't forget to fill out and return the childcare form in your High Holy Day packet if you would like to take advantage of the babysitting services available in the rear Playschool classroom on the first floor (AKA "The Wiggle Room") at any time during High Holy Day services!



A Young Families Group Sukkot gathering is in the works—please stay tuned for further details by email.

In November, we will resume our popular *Friday Nights with Young Families* programming. Once a month, we come together to share songs, prayers, and a potluck meal—all at a bedtime-friendly hour. A Jewish Education professional with years of experience leads our short, kid-friendly Shabbat services. We celebrate the joys of community and prayer, and participants will also learn to build their own memories and family traditions in their homes. No prior Jewish knowledge or experience needed.

We look forward to meeting new families this year!

## Religion Committee

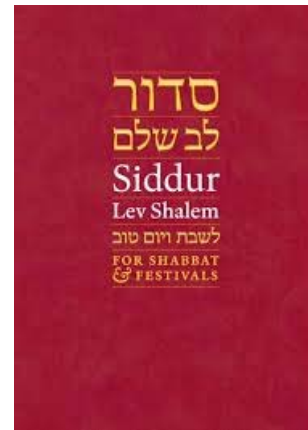
### A New Siddur for Shabbat Services

Marc Schwartz & Terry Novick

We're happy to announce that the synagogue has purchased the new Rabbinical Assembly Shabbat & Festival Siddur Lev Shalem, and we will begin to use it in October after the High Holy Days are over.

This new siddur has the same format as the Lev Shalem Maḥzor, with extensive modern transliteration and translation, prayer commentary on the right side of the Hebrew text, and insightful adjunctive readings on the left side of the English text.

We are confident that these new siddurim will add explanation and context to our Shabbat and Festival prayer services resulting in a more meaningful and accessible experience for all.



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**Hazzan's Column**

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Our work and reckoning in the physical world are made that much holier because we are open to the possibility that the King could show up at any minute: We examine our own hearts; we make right what needs making right. We position ourselves to see each other's faces; we sit close together so we can listen well to all of our voices. Each of us brings our unique skills to prepare, with extra attention, a holy space that will be worthy of the King's presence.

I feel this energy building in the SHS community, as High Holy Day preparations advance and the community regathers. I feel it in our Spirit in Song gatherings, where we are making joyous sound, punctuated by sumptuous silence. We are meeting on the four Wednesdays of Elul: August 23 and 30, September 6 and 13, at 6:30 PM. If you haven't joined us yet, please do—this is a fun, uplifting way to prepare our spirits for the holidays, to learn new tunes, and to get attuned to each other. And it's open to everyone!

I look forward to celebrating these holidays and beyond with the SHS community. I am very excited to get to know all of you and learn what each person brings to help build the *mishkan*, our shared holy space. Please feel free to come over and introduce yourself at a post-service schmooze if we haven't met already (and to say hello if we have!).

Blessings on us all for a fruitful Elul, meaningful High Holy Days, and a joyous Sukkot.

**Hebrew School**

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so please join us for an especially joyous Kabbalat Shabbat with friends and food aplenty! Please e-mail Betty ([bettyv@societyhillsynagogue.org](mailto:bettyv@societyhillsynagogue.org)) with your family's RSVP for dinner by Wednesday, October 4.

We have a very large B'nai Mitzvah class this year, and September and October feature four Bar/Bat Mitzvah services: Jenna Makuen (**September 16**), Stephen Stein (**October 7**), Anya Applebaum Licht (**October 21**), and Cora Rosin (**October 28**).

Each Bar/Bat Mitzvah service will begin at 9:30 AM and is a very special opportunity to rejoice in the Jewish learning and Torah leyning achievements of our sensational seventh graders. Of course, attendance at these services—as for every Shabbat service on Friday evening or Saturday morning—counts toward the Shabbat service attendance obligations for students in grades 3-7.

Our faculty, aides, and I look forward to welcoming all of you and your children to a new year of impactful and inspiring Jewish learning on September 10. Shanah Tovah Um'tukah, m'le'at ahavah v'shalvah/Wishing you a good and sweet year filled with love and serenity.

## A New Singing Workshop at SHS: **SHSpirit in Song**

Do you like to sing? Do you want to meet other SHS congregants who like to sing, too? Then you won't want to miss Hazzan Jessi's new program called **SHSpirit in Song**.

On four consecutive Wednesdays leading up to the New Year, we will meet for an hour and a quarter to sing together, learn melodies, and explore the magic of communal song and spirituality. Although the group has already met a few times, please feel free to join us at SHS from 6:30 until 7:45 PM, on **September 6** and **September 13**, for the last two sessions of the workshop. Mark your calendars and start practicing your scales in the shower! Just



## Playschool

### Looking Forward to a Wonderful School Year!

Gloria Parris & Ali Kaplan

**W**e had so much fun at SHS this summer! Our regular campers enjoyed water play, arts and crafts, music and movement, bike riding, parachute games, and storytelling. The students who attended our specialty camps in August learned about costumes and photography. We want to thank all of our campers and staff for another wonderful summer at SHS!

A Back-to-School Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, at 7 PM, in the SHS Sanctuary, and all Playschool parents are invited to attend. We will review general information about policies and classes, and then parents will have the opportunity to break into groups to meet their children's teachers.

During the first week of school, Playschool families will be invited to attend Welcome Parties in each classroom so that students can meet their peers and teachers. The Puppy Class will have its Welcome Party on Wednesday, September 6, from 9 until 11 AM. All 2-year-old students, regardless of which days of the week they will be attending school, are welcome to stay and play with their parents, teachers, and new classmates! Puppy Class students will be able to further acclimate to their new classrooms during one-hour play periods on September 7 and 8. (During the Back-to-School meeting, parents will have the opportunity to sign up for sessions from 9–10 AM or 10:30–11:30 AM, on both of these days.)

The Pre-Kindergarten Class Welcome Party will be on Friday, September 8, 10–11 AM, and the Welcome Party for students in the class for 3–4-year-olds will be on Friday, September 8, 11:30 AM–12:30 PM.

**The first day of Playschool will be on Monday, September 11.** The Puppy Class will ease into their new school schedules with shortened classes (8:30–9:30 AM) for the entire week. The 3–4-year old students will attend class from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM (normal hours), and the Pre- K students will attend class from 8:30 AM until 2 PM (normal hours).

Early Care begins on Monday, September 11, at 7:45 AM, and Late Care will be provided from 3 until 6 PM, Monday through Friday. Afterschool Arts will also begin on the first day of school.

Our Afterschool Arts Clubs meet 12:30–3 PM, Monday through Friday, and we focus on a different theme each day: Mondays/Cooking, Tuesdays/Science, Wednesdays/Art, Thursdays/Movement and Fridays/Music. Along with the themed activity, the children enjoy time for free-play, arts and crafts, and a snack.

During the week of September 18, the Puppy Class will run from 8:30 until 10:30 AM, and during the week of September 25, it will run from 8:30 until 11:30 AM (normal hours).

Please make note of the following dates:

**Wednesday, September 20**—Playschool will close at 12:30 PM. There will be no ASA or Late Care (Erev Rosh Hashanah).

**Thursday September 21 and Friday, September 22**—The Playschool will be closed for Rosh Hashanah.

**Friday, September 29**—Playschool will close at 12:30 PM. There will be no ASA or Late Care (Kol Nidre).

**Thursday, October 5 and Friday, October 6**—The Playschool will be closed for Sukkot.

**Monday, October 9**—The Playschool will be closed for Columbus Day.

**Wednesday & Thursday, October 11 & 12**—The Playschool will be closed for Sh'mini Atzeret.

If you are interested in learning more about our extraordinary Playschool, contact us at 215.922.6590, ext. 28, or email us at [gparris@societyhillssynagogue.org](mailto:gparris@societyhillssynagogue.org) or [abernstein@societyhillssynagogue.org](mailto:abernstein@societyhillssynagogue.org) to set up a tour!

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**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

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 Craig Sobel  
 Lauren Ladov  
 Dan Bogen  
 Michelle Danoff  
 Allyson Katz  
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 Bernard Cohen  
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 Sayde Ladov  
 Martha Levine  
 Gerald Faich  
 Cora Rosin  
 Ylanah Sloane  
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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 a 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.

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**Community News**

**Speedy Recovery to**  
 Bobby Senick

**Mazel Tov to**  
 Elliot and Morgan Landes on the birth of their daughter, Amelia.

**Condolences to**  
 Stanley (Judy) Woloff on the death of Stanley's brother, Neil Woloff.

**Welcome to New Members**  
 Claire Dubin

David Faich

Abbe Fletman & Pat Ryan

Steven & Wendy Greenspan

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*Hannah Marion*  
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**Neil Woloff, Brother of Stanley Woloff**

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Yahrzeit Remembrance

**Abba Orlinger, Father of Barbara Einhorn**

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**Dora Lizenbaum, Grandmother of Curtis Lizenbaum**

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**Annual Giving Fund**

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**Shirley Spector, Mother of Barbara Spector**

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In Honor of

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In Memory of

**Neil Woloff, Brother of Stanley Woloff**

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Yahrzeit Remembrance

**Robert Weissbach, Brother of Debbie Weissbach**

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Yahrzeit Remembrance

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Speedy Recovery to

**Bobby Senick**

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In Memory of

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**Neil Woloff, Brother of Stanley Woloff**

Jay &amp; Jeannette Adler

**Sarah Weyland**

Harris Hayman

Yahrzeit Remembrance

**Alan L. Jacobs, Father of Nancy Goldenberg**

Nancy Jacobs Goldenberg

**Aaron Richman, Grandfather of A. Scott Richman**

A. Scott Richman

**Seymour L. Schwartz, Father of Susanne Kaplan**

Susanne Kaplan

**Kiddush Fund**

In Honor of

**Conversion of Richard Huggett**

Debbie Weissbach &amp; Neil Cohen

Raab Reibach

In Memory of

**Neil Woloff, Brother of Stanley Woloff**

Marc, Staci, &amp; Jamie Schwartz

Mark Steinberger &amp; Ann Lebowitz Steinberger

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Yahrzeit Remembrance

**Jack Paller, Father of Robert Paller**

Robert Paller

**Charlene Hirsch, Wife of Bruce Hirsch**

Bruce Hirsch

Speedy Recovery to

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## Philadelphia Interfaith Community

### Join Us for an Interesting Dialogue

Debbie Stewart

**P**hiladelphia interfaith Community (PIC) will be hosting a two-part dialogue series on the challenges experienced by Muslim and Jewish communities in the current political and social climate. We will learn from one another and discuss ways in which we can continue to support each other.

September 26: Part 1—Muslim Community

October 24: Part 2—Jewish Community.

Both sessions will take place from 7 PM until 9 PM, at Old St. Joseph's Church, located at 321 Willings Alley.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information at [beachethic@gmail.com](mailto:beachethic@gmail.com) or 609.713.0828.

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### Save the Following TGIShabbat Service Dates

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December 22

January 26, 2018

February 23

March 23

April 20  
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May 18

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## Social Action

### Vare-Washington Elementary School

Phyllis Denbo

The first year of the Vare-Washington Elementary School–Society Hill Synagogue library program was an unqualified success, as evidenced by the following quotes from two of last year's volunteers:

*"Volunteering at the Vare-Washington Elementary School library during the past year, I saw many of 'my' third graders happily anticipate the library hour, become familiar with authors they hadn't known, and enthusiastically share their favorite books with their classmates. I think the kids benefited from our*

*time together; I know that I had lots of fun getting to know them."*

*"Volunteering at the library with the kindergarten students was an absolute delight. The Wednesday mornings I spent with them were the best. I looked forward to seeing their smiling faces, their responsiveness to the books I read to them, their enthusiastic selection of books to take home, and their warm greetings when they passed me in the hall."*

These positive experiences pretty much sum up the feelings of the entire group who participated in this project.

Teams of two to three volunteers spent forty-five minutes every other week with two classes of students in grades K to 4. They read grade-appropriate books to the students, allowed time for each student to select a book to borrow, and gave them an opportunity to read, share, and talk about their books. The volunteers also spent time organizing and shelving books.

The teachers were as enthusiastic about the library program as their students and responded positively when we suggested moving to weekly library sessions this year. The principal, Zachary Duberstein, could not be more supportive of the program. He attributes recent school accomplishments "in large part to the efforts of the SHS volunteers." The school has been named a *Teach for America School to Learn From*, was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> out of 57 elementary schools in the city on the School Performance Profile, and has seen a notable increase in the number of students who are reading on grade level.

All of last year's volunteers have expressed interest in returning this year, but to expand to weekly library sessions, and possibly include the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes, we need more volunteers! For further information, or to sign up, please contact Flora Wolf at [fbwolf@gmail.com](mailto:fbwolf@gmail.com). Volunteers can commit to working with students one and a half hours weekly or semi-weekly (substitutes will be available when you cannot make it). Your personal rewards for this limited time commitment will be immeasurable.



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**Arts & Culture**

**A Play and an Appraisal of Judaica**

Betta Kolansky, Eleanor Oxman, & Ellen Fennick

**W**elcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

On Thursday, November 30, please join the SHS Arts & Culture group to attend the humorous and very timely political satire, 1812's Production of *This Is the Week That Is* at the Plays & Players Theatre, located at 1714 Delancey Place (made possible by the June and Steve Wolfson Family Foundation and Honorary Producer Terry Grayboyes)!

We will meet for dinner at a nearby restaurant prior to the play. Please email Eleanor Oxman at [eoxxman@comcast.net](mailto:eoxxman@comcast.net) if you plan to join us so that we can purchase tickets and make dinner reservations.

Save-the-date: Saturday, January 20, 2018 for a Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Avi Winokur and auctioneer Barry Slosberg. Barry will present articles of Judaica, and Rabbi Winokur will discuss each item's value and purpose in Judaism.

**2017—2018 SHS B'nai Mitzvah Celebrations**

September 16

**Jenna Makuen**

*Daughter of David & Rebecca Makuen*

October 7

**Stephen Stein**

*Son of Dennis Stein*

October 21

**Anya Applebaum Licht**

*Daughter of Rafi Licht & Gabrielle Applebaum*

October 28

**Cora Rosin**

*Daughter of Dan & Anya Rosin*

November 4

**Jacob Mono**

*Son of Brian & Jessica Mono*

November 25

**Harry Feinberg**

*Son of Dan & Dana Feinberg*

December 2

**Scotty Jordan**

*Son of Brent & Leah Jordan*

January 6, 2018

**Cole Pressman**

*Son of Craig Pressman & Sandra Lazovitz*

March 3

**Rachel and Max Ladenson**

**Anne Ballen Ladenson**

*Daughter and Son of Anne Ballen Ladenson &*

*Michael Ladenson*

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If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, or if you know family members, friends, colleagues, or neighbors who would answer "yes" to any of these questions, please join us on **Sunday, September 10, 10 AM until 12 PM, for an SHS Open House.**

Enjoy delicious coffee and bagels, and schmooze with Rabbi Avi Winokur, Hazzan Jessi Roemer, President Harry Oxman, Executive Director Betty van de Rijn, Education Director Sahar Oz, Playschool Directors Gloria Parris and Ali Kaplan, and members of our Board of Directors and congregation.

**We look forward to meeting you!**

## POWER

### Philadelphia Organizing for Witnessing, Educating and Rebuilding

Gerald Faich

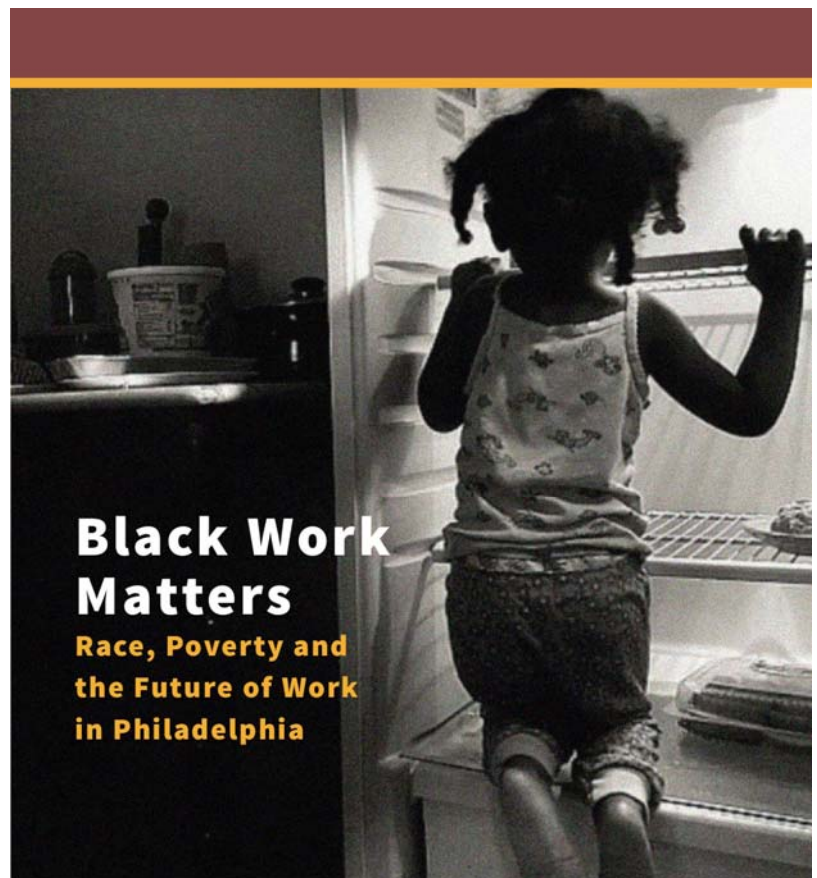
This fall, POWER will be launching three initiatives targeting education, incarceration, and poverty. As part of the latter initiative, a program entitled *Economic Dignity* will focus on employment, training, green jobs, and minimum wage. Aspects of this program are contained in POWER documents *Black Work Matters* ([uniteherephilly.org](http://uniteherephilly.org)) and *Green Jobs*. Check out [powerinterfaith.org](http://powerinterfaith.org) for further information.

SHS members, along with members from other congregations, are invited to participate in a meeting on Wednesday, October 18, at 7 PM, at Old First United Church, located at 4<sup>th</sup> and Race Streets. This meeting will address race, poverty, and the future of work in Philadelphia.

See if you know the answers to the following questions. Answers will be provided in the next edition of the Keshar or you can look them up on *Black Work Matters* (you will find new questions each week posted there).

First questions:

1. What is considered a living wage for a family of 4 in Philadelphia?
  - A. \$30,00
  - B. \$40,000
  - C. \$50,000
  - D. \$60,000
  
2. What is the percentage of Philadelphians that live in poverty?
  - A. 10%
  - B. 15%
  - C. 20%
  - D. 25%
  
3. What annual income is considered to be at poverty level?
  - A. \$15,000
  - B. \$20,000
  - C. \$25,000
  - D. \$30,000





The members of the SHS Board of Directors, Rabbi Avi Winokur, Student Rabbi Nathan Kamesar, Hazzan Jessi Roemer, President Harry Oxman, Executive Director Betty van de Rijn, Education Director Sahar Oz, Playschool Co-Directors Gloria Parris and Ali Kaplan, 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.*

## The Young Friends of SHS

### Join Our Mailing List!

Natalie Lesser & Jordan Segall

**T**he 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, pre-Shabbat drinks, and discussions about spiritual exploration. Join our e-mail list to learn about upcoming events.

For further information, please contact us at: (Natalie Lesser) [lesser.natalie@gmail.com](mailto:lesser.natalie@gmail.com) or (Jordan Segall) [segall.jordan@gmail.com](mailto:segall.jordan@gmail.com).

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## 2017—2018 SHS B'nai Mitzvah Celebrations

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March 10

**Sadie Margolin**

*Daughter of Rachel Margolin*

March 17

**Raphael Englander**

*Son of Brian & Juliette Englander*

May 26

**Nathaniel Stover Steerman**

*Son of Amy Steerman & Maryann Stover*

June 9

**Maya Saltzman**

*Daughter of Matthew & Brooke Saltzman*

June 23

**Chuck & Nick Schaeffer**

*Sons of Brett Scheffer & Sarah Rottenberg*



### 5778 Regular Service Schedule

Friday, September 8	6:15 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Resumes Welcome to <u>H</u> azzan Jessi Roemer Shabbat Dinner following Service
Saturday, September 9	9 AM 10 AM	Torah Study Shabbat Morning Services
Sunday, September 10	9 AM 9:15 AM 10 AM 11 AM 11:15 AM	Sunday School SS Parent Welcome Back Meeting Open House Hebrew School HS Parent Welcome Back Meeting
Friday, September 15	6:15 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, September 16	9 AM 9:30 AM 9 PM	Torah Study Bat Mitzvah of Jenna Makuen Selihot Service at BZBI
Saturday, September 23 Shabbat Shuvah	9 AM 10 AM	Torah Study Shabbat Morning Services
Thursday, October 5	9:30 AM	Sukkot I Services Office & Playschool Closed
Friday, October 6	6:15 PM	Sukkot II Office & Playschool Closed Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, October 7	9 AM 9:30 AM	Sukkot III-Hol <u>H</u> amoed Torah Study Bar Mitzvah of Stephen Stein
Sunday, October 8		Sukkot IV Building Closed
Monday, October 9		Sukkot V Columbus Day Building Closed
Tuesday, October 10		Sukkot VI 7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM Hebrew School
Wednesday, October 11		Sukkot VII Building Closed
Thursday, October 12	9:30 AM 5 PM 6:30 PM	Sukkot VIII Office & Playschool Closed Sh'mini Atzeret & Yizkor Service Simhat Torah Dinner Simhat Torah Service
Friday, October 13	6:15 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, October 14	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM	Torah Study Shabbat Study Shabbat Morning Services <u>H</u> atan Torah/Kallat B'reishit Lunch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
*Estimated Time					<b>Building Closed</b> No Services	Ki Tetzei 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Services
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Building Closed</b>	<b>Labor Day</b> <b>Building Closed</b>	7:15 AM Minyan 8 AM PS Staff  <b>7 PM PS Parent Orientation</b>	9-11 AM 2 Yr. Old PS Welcome  6:30 PM SHSpirit in Song	9 AM 3 Yr. Old PS Welcome  10:30 AM 4 Yr. Old PS Welcome	10:30 AM Pre-K PS Welcome  <b>6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service Resumes Welcoming Hazzan Jessi</b>	Ki Tavo 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Services
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9 AM SS 9:15 AM SS Parent Welcome <b>10 AM SHS Open House</b> 11 AM HS 11:15 AM HS Parent Welcome 11 AM Hebrew High	7 PM ECM	7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS	6:30 PM SHSpirit in Song		6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	NitzavimVayelekh 9 AM Torah Study  <b>9:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Jenna Makuen</b>  <b>8:30 PM Community Selihot at BZBI</b>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9 AM SS 11 AM HS		7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS	12:30 PM PS Dismissal  Erev Rosh Hashanah <b>6:30 PM Services</b>	Rosh Hashanah I 9 AM Main Srv. 9:30 AM SS Srv. 10:30 AM HS Srv. 2 PM Tashlikh*	Rosh Hashanah II 10 AM Service  6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Shabbat Shuvah 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Services
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9 AM SS 11 AM HS	7 PM BDM	7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS 7 PM Hatan Mtg.			12:30 PM PS Dismissal  Kol Nidre <b>6:15 PM Service</b>	Yom Kippur 9:30 AM Service 9:30 AM SS Srv. 10:30 AM HS Srv.  7:30 PM Break-the-Fast*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS	Erev Sukkot	Sukkot I Office/PS Closed  9:30 AM Service	Sukkot II Office/PS Closed  6:15 PM HS Family Sukkot Service & Dinner	Sukkot II Hol Hamoed 9 AM Torah Study  <b>9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Stephen Stein</b>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sukkot IV Building Closed  3 PM Friends of Onion Senick Benefit at EOM	Sukkot V Columbus Day Building Closed  7 PM ECM at the Law Offices of Harry Oxman	Sukkot VI 7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS	Sukkot VII Building Closed	Sukkot VIII Office/PS Closed 9:30 AM Sh'mini Atzeret Service with Yizkor  5 PM Simhat Torah Dinner 6:30 PM Simhat Torah Service	6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	B'reishit 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Services 10 AM Shabbat Study Hatan Torah and Kallat B'reishit Lunch following services
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9 AM SS 11 AM HS	7 PM BDM	7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS			6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Noah 9 AM Torah Study  <b>9:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Anya Applebaum Licht</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9 AM SS 11 AM HS		7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS			6:15 PM <b>TG</b> Shabbat Service Featuring Eve Friedman	Lekh L'kha 9 AM Torah Study  <b>9:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Cora Rosin</b>
29	30	31				
9 AM SS 11 AM HS		7:15 AM Minyan 4:15 PM HS				

# Kesher



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