

Hebrew School students hold up threes for the 33rd day of the Omer at our Lag Ba'Omer Celebration in May

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From the President's Desk

IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE OUR SYNAGOGUE COMMUNITY

by Lisa Eizen

As my two-year term as president of Society Hill Synagogue comes to a close at the end of June, I want to begin this article by expressing my deepest gratitude to the many people who supported, encouraged, and worked alongside me throughout this journey. Serving our congregation during such a meaningful and transformative time has truly been an honor, and none of what we have accomplished would have been possible without the dedication, wisdom, generosity, and friendship of so many members of our community.

I am especially thankful to our clergy, board members, committee chairs, volunteers, staff, and past presidents, whose guidance and partnership helped carry us through both challenges and celebrations.

Most of all, I am grateful to this remarkable congregation for your trust, your energy, and your unwavering commitment to the future of our synagogue.

Over these past two years, we have seen **tremendous growth — in numbers, and in spirit, engagement, and vision.** We have welcomed many new

members into our community, expanded programming and participation across generations, and continued strengthening the warm and vibrant culture that makes our synagogue so special. Together, we've also undertaken the important work of **strategic planning**, thoughtfully considering how we can best meet the evolving needs of our congregation today while preparing responsibly and ambitiously for the future.



Outgoing President Lisa Eizen, Jewish Federation President and CEO Michael Balaban, and Incoming President Neil Cohen at our Purim Carnival; LilyFish Gomberg.

One of the clearest signs of that growth has been the **increasing use of our building and space.** Conversations about the future of our Social Hall and other facilities are not simply about space itself, but about how we continue creating a synagogue

home that supports connection, celebration, learning, worship, and community for years to come.

Perhaps most significantly, we recently secured **Rabbi Kamesar's new ten-year contract** — a joyful and important milestone that reflects both stability and confidence in the future of Society Hill Synagogue. I believe strongly that our congregation is entering an exciting new chapter, guided by thoughtful leadership, energized membership, and a shared commitment to Jewish life and community.

It has been a privilege to serve as president during this important period in our synagogue's history. I look forward to continuing to support our congregation in the years ahead and watching all that we will accomplish together. As we move forward, I am filled with hope for our future. I can already see how each step we take, together, will deepen our connections and expand our impact. I am eager to see how this next chapter unfolds and the ways in which we will continue to grow, learn, and inspire one another.



From the Rabbi's Desk

MAKING ROOM FOR WHAT IS GROWING

by Rabbi Nathan Kamesar



One of the most thrilling moments for me as Rabbi of Society Hill Synagogue is each Shabbat morning during the school year, just as services let out and the community makes its way down to our Social Hall for Kiddush lunch. The youngest students in our Hebrew School, from Gan (kindergarten) through Kitah Bet (second grade), have just finished leading the community from the Bimah in *Kiddush* and *Motzi*. After gathering around Hazzan Jessi, who tears off a piece of challah for each of them, they find their way into the waiting arms of parents who have been beaming at them for having sung the blessings, for the umpteenth time this year.

The older kids, in Kitot Gimel through Zayin (third through seventh grades), often have a leg up in making it into the Social Hall for Kiddush lunch first, since their participation in the service took place earlier on, during a community-wide discussion of the significance of the Torah portion for our lives. Just before the Torah service, several of them raised their hands in front of the whole congregation, building on one another's responses to the

questions I've posed.

It's what I witness next that gives me some of the most pride in my work. In an age where it is increasingly hard to find community, where people wring their hands about the decline of Jewish life, and folks are increasingly glued to their phones and personal bubbles, on Shabbat mornings here, we have a Social Hall with people of all ages — toddlers up to nonagenarians — breaking bread together, **experiencing Shabbat in the warmth of community.**

Our standard food order for Saturday lunches is for **140 people** — that's without a B'nei Mitzvah or special event — and there are never leftovers. We don't put pressure on people to attend services, though we certainly welcome it. We believe the wisdom of our ancestors in holding space for prayer and the study of ancient texts is something that injects a sense of the sacred into our lives. We also believe it is foundational to nourish community in whatever ways people find accessible.

But these thrilling moments are not without their challenges. The

Social Hall is getting **more and more crowded**, as our congregation has grown from **270 households** just before the pandemic to **420 today**, and from a low of **65 Hebrew School students** during the early stages of the pandemic to **115 today**.

More than that, part of the reason that our students get to the Social Hall so quickly for lunch is because **they've been filling every nook and cranny of this building for their learning.** Despite the challenges of having multiple classes in the same space, several classes meet concurrently in the Social Hall. Another class meets in a hallway on the first floor. And students cram into our well-designed but admittedly snug classrooms of the Paula Kline Learning Center. Put plainly, we have more students than we have room for in our traditional classrooms right now. And our incoming classes are getting larger and larger.

Fortunately, we are exploring a pathway forward to relieving some of these space constraints and opening up new opportunities for learning and connecting.

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From the Hazzan's Desk

SUMMER MIXTAPE

by Hazzan Jessi Roemer



Summer is here! As you read this, you might be counting the final days of the school year or waiting for the AC to kick on at work. You might be off on vacation, or down the shore. You might have already assembled your summer mixtape! Wherever you are, jump in with me for a moment to **celebrate the musical and liturgical soundtrack of Society Hill Synagogue over this past year.**



Congregants and musicians at last September's Erev S'lihot Concert, hosted at BZBI; David Winitsky.

The music began last September with our participation in a robust, multi-community **Erev S'lihot Concert** just before the High Holidays.

Nine days later, our core of talented Society Hill Synagogue musicians helped us kick off the new year with beautiful accompaniment on **Erev Rosh Hashanah**, a cello solo on **Yom Kippur** from our own **Aldo Friedman** (who will be attending the Manhattan School of Music in the fall — mazal tov!), and lively dance tunes on **Simhat Torah**, before moving into our weekly rhythm of **TGISHabbat** (Thank God It's Shabbat!) musical magic on Friday nights.

Autumn was punctuated by a concert featuring three members of the **Israel Symphony Orchestra**; in March, the **Purimspiel Band**, Hebrew School, and the Post-Hebrew-School Purim Players led us in a raucously musical celebration of Purim; and in the Spring, we were treated to a musical workshop on **Black Music in Jewish Spaces** with bass singer, Yiddishist, and scholar **Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell!**

Mixed in with all the beautiful instrumental moments in our synagogue soundtrack is the ongoing music of synagogue life: the voices of adults and children singing, praying, learning, talking, and laughing

on Fridays, Saturdays, and holidays; the weekday sounds of learning in Playschool, Hebrew School, and Adult Education courses; young voices singing weekly Havdalah songs and chanting prayers in Hebrew School and at Friday Night Class Services. On the Shabbatot when we have Young Families Shabbat, you can stand in the back stairwell and hear the music of two services happening at once (think Charles Ives' clashing bands effect)!

And beneath the rich sonic life of the synagogue, the **chanting of Torah** is a persistent musical pulse: it happens every week, rain or shine, whether there is Hebrew School, a life cycle ritual, a holiday, or just regular Shabbat. The leyning (Torah chanting) differs a bit from person to person, and pace varies from meditative to speedy! Over the year, we hear several different kinds of *trop* (cantillation) for sacred texts, each one telling us where we are in the Jewish calendar. We have leyners (Torah chanters) from ages eight to eighty-three. We have brand new leyners, those who have been chanting for decades, and everyone in between. We have parents,

children, and grandparents who sign up to leyn Torah together. From our Bimah, we hear the voices of people becoming B'nei Mitzvah at all ages.

I am so proud of all the chanters and learners I've had the privilege to work with this year, including the **Kitah Vav** (6th grade) class, which has graduated from my B'nei Mitzvah Preparation Course, and whose students have begun or are beginning individual preparation for their B'nei Mitzvah services next year.

I am also proud of and looking forward to honoring the participants in this year's **Adult B'nei Mitzvah cohort**: Four adult members of our community will become *B'not Mitzvah* at our synagogue on **October 24, 2026!** They have spent the year learning to read Hebrew, leyn Torah, understand the deeper concepts of liturgy and mitzvah, and learning their individual Torah selections. And they will be sharing their learning with all of us on that day — you won't want to miss it!

At this writing, the fun of this school year isn't over yet – we still have two B'nei Mitzvah to celebrate in the first two weeks of June. Please come support them!

Over the summer, the music of the synagogue morphs into the sounds of Playschool Summer Camp during the week; the voices of Saturday morning *davening* (prayer) undergirded by the very subtle hum of air conditioning; the steady sounds of community members dropping in throughout the week; and the synagogue staff at work throughout the summer months, planning and getting ready for the autumn.

On the evening of **July 22**, we'll hear the beautiful and moving sounds of *Eikhah*, the Book of Lamentations, chanted in our synagogue for **Tishah B'Av** – if you are in town then, I highly recommend it. Also, for the first time, this summer, there will be the soundtrack of monthly Friday night gatherings in members' homes for Shabbat dinners!

When September comes, be ready to jump right into the High Holiday season, kicking off with another soul-replenishing S'lihot evening concert on **Saturday, September 5**, followed by Erev Rosh Hashanah on **September 11**. And the cycle begins again.

Wherever you find yourself this summer, take a moment to enjoy the mix of sounds and rhythms around you — allow them to bring you back to the rhythms and music within your own being. And let that remind you of the soundtrack of your community at Society Hill Synagogue!



Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell and Hazzan Jessi Roemer at the Concert and Lecture, "Wade in the Water: The Possibilities of Black Music in Jewish Spaces"; LilyFish Gomberg.

Continued from the Rabbi:
Our **Strategic Planning Committee** has been pursuing a Feasibility Study to imagine how we can better use our existing footprint, including possible renovations to our synagogue annex, the southern wing of our building that currently houses our administrative suite, clergy offices, and Beit Midrash. The Feasibility Study is also

exploring how the Sanctuary could become more accessible and hospitable.

We are witnessing people be drawn to Society Hill Synagogue for an experience of **Jewish connection and foundation**. We think we are providing a real service to the community at a trying moment, serving as something of a **refuge and a**

source of nourishment and strength. And we want to be able to continue offering this to people who need it, without having space as a limiting factor.

We're excited at the possibilities that such explorations hold for us, and we hope you'll join us in thinking creatively about how to continue building Jewish community for all who seek it.



Society Hill Synagogue Playschool

SUMMER CAMP FUN

by Megan Nachod



The end of the school year always surprises me. There are plenty of clues that it's coming; we've had our Pesah Seder and returned from Spring Break. The weather warmed up, and the classes spent more time outdoors. But before I know it, we are hosting End-of-Year events to celebrate the kids and all that they have learned over the year. And importantly, we say goodbye to our big kids who are graduating and heading to kindergarten. It's so bittersweet, since we are so proud of who they have become, and we also remember how little they were when they started, some before they were two! They have grown so much, and we will miss them.

If it's June, it means that Playschool is in full summer camp mode. We will spend the next few months enjoying the summer weather. Between water play, our trips to neighborhood parks, and weekly themes like bugs, cooking, space, and gardening, we are looking forward to a summer filled with fun and laughter — plus lots of sunscreen. We are so lucky to have all of these outdoor spaces around our school, and we intend to enjoy every moment in them that we can.



Playschool students at our End-Of-Year Ceremonies; LilyFish Gomberg.

Summer definitely has a different rhythm to it than the school year. It's our opportunity to investigate themes as a united camp, which is different from our school year process. The teachers create themes and curriculum based on the interests, strengths, and needs of the students in specific classes during the school year. Summer is our opportunity to have all groups investigate a topic at the same time. You can imagine that the class of two-year-olds is doing something different from our group of five-year-olds, but both are having a great time.

The water play, sand play, and other sensory activities, like paint, bubbles, and foam, mean that we are often sending home kids wearing evidence of their great day. I apologize ahead of time for sending kids home a bit schmutzy, but you can bet we won't be changing our plans! I always say that the kid who comes home dirty had an awesome day. It's one of the cardinal rules of raising young children, for better or worse.



A Playschool student enjoys water play during Playschool Summer Camp last summer; LilyFish Gomberg.

Our summer fun ends in mid-August, and then we begin transitioning back into school mode. Until that happens, we will be doing everything we can to make this a summer with wonderful memories and activities. I hope that your summer is filled with joy, even if you aren't wearing finger paint and tracking sand on your shoes like we probably will be.



Ann Spak Thal Hebrew School

SCHOOL'S! OUT! FOR! SUMMER!

by Karen Hafter

School's out, summer's in, and what a wild ride we've had! But before you all pack up for camp and toss the textbooks in a closet, let's take a moment and remember the spring quarter and all of the fun that blossomed.

HaShoah, teachers guiding students through moments of silence and solemnity for **Yom HaZikaron**, and hands-on activities, like bracelet making and Dead Sea floating experiments, for **Yom HaAtzma'ut**. All of this helped us unite as part of *Klal Yisrael*: in grief and in joy, we learn and act as one.

April also featured our first annual **418s Shul-In!** 15 teens in grades 7-12 attended, and nine slept over. The Shul-In featured a wild scavenger hunt, cookie decorating, an intro to BBYO, a Passover-themed escape room, a movie, and more. Who needs sleep when you're having that much fun?



Karen helps Hebrew School students fold origami frogs at the Zoo during Hebrew School on the Move; LilyFish Gomberg.

In March, our **Hebrew School On the Move** trip to the **Philadelphia Zoo for Passover** was a rousing success. The kids folded origami jumping frogs, made friends with the wildlife, and told me that they would definitely learn better if we had baby animals at Hebrew School. I'm not too sure about that, but I appreciate their conviction.

April brought the three *Yamim* (*HaShoah*, *HaZikaron*, and *HaAtzma'ut*) to Hebrew School. These days of remembrance and celebration were filled with Kitah Zayin (seventh grade) leading the younger students in learning about the Holocaust for **Yom**



Hebrew School students pose for a photo with their blue and white friendship bracelets at our Yom HaAtzma'ut celebration in April; LilyFish Gomberg.



Teens complete an escape room (left) and decorate cookies (right) at our first-annual 418s Shul-In in April; LilyFish Gomberg.

Finally, May rolled around, and with it came **Confirmation, Lag Ba'Omer**, and the **end of the school year**. Our Confirmation students stood on the Bimah, chanted Torah, led prayers, and shared their Jewish journeys, serving as an example to all of the younger students for what dedication to and love of Judaism looks like in our community. Lag Ba'Omer brought us together for s'mores and gorgeous weather — the perfect last hurrah before our final day of Hebrew School.

And what a sweet final day! Between the awards, the heartfelt goodbyes, and the ice cream, my eyes could barely stay dry.

The motto of the Hebrew School this year was **Joyful Learning**, and our goal was to create a space where children wanted to come together and learn because of the fun they would have in doing so. I can, with complete confidence, say that we held true to our motto and met our goal.

This summer, we have two B'nei Mitzvah to celebrate in our school community! **Leo Skolnik** will become Bar Mitzvah on **June 6**, and **Hannah Strunk** will become Bat Mitzvah on **June 13**. We hope that you will come to join us, as each celebration is a unique opportunity to hear our students share their reflections and chant texts and celebrate traditions that bring us all together.



A Hebrew School student enjoys a s'more at our Lag Ba'Omer Celebration in May; LilyFish Gomberg.

We are lucky beyond words to have a staff of such dedicated teachers. They work tirelessly each week to make this school run smoothly and bring our motto of Joyful Learning to life. Thank you to **Jamie Schwartz, Jason Roe, Rose Schonfeld, Syd Bladen, Jacob Hayman, Megan Nachod, Dionna Dash, Asher Chelder, Lir Vine, Rosalie Swana, TJ Zahn, Sylvie Sherman, Lillie Abella, Melissa Redlich, Kendall Phillips, Mike Roe, LilyFish Gomberg, and Deb Freedberg**, as well as our *madrikhim*, **Marc Lewin, Stella Wolson, and Josie Chrismer**.

The end of the academic year also marks a time for goodbyes. I want to wish an additional thank you and best of luck to **Mike, Lillie, Kendall, and LilyFish**, as well as **Marc and Stella**, as they move on to new adventures next year. They've been a huge part of our staff, and they will be missed.

We have three groups of students to congratulate who have reached milestones in their Jewish and secular education. To our students who completed **Kitah Zayin** (7th grade): thank you for making our Hebrew School your home for Jewish learning for almost a decade. We look forward to seeing you next year in 418s. To our **Confirmation** (10th grade) students, Yul Summers and Noah Schindler, mazal tov again on reaching this milestone. To our students **graduating high school**, mazal tov to all of you and your families. We hope to hear more of your journeys as you transition to adulthood. We wish you all the best!

We've been preparing for the 5787 school year and are excited for all of the celebrations in store (including 12 B'nei Mitzvah!).

5787 has many surprises and a lot of fun in store, starting with Rosh Hashanah falling before the start of the school year! Keep an eye on your emails and phones for messages from me about participating in the various family services.

Speaking of 5787, **enrollment is open and underway!** Sign up your children now for another year of Joyful Learning at the Ann Spak Thal Hebrew School.

Wishing everyone a great summer, and we'll see you on our **first day of classes, Saturday, September 19**.

Hesed Committee

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

by Laurie Krivo, Natalie Landro, Debbie Stewart, and Julie Wilson

Society Hill Synagogue is a warm and caring community that seeks to hold us all together by connecting members and supporting them in times of need. We are so fortunate that the Hesed Committee has many caring volunteers who support our community by making personal calls to every member household and responding to fellow members when they need a little help. Being a part of this team is a truly **enriching experience for volunteers** who connect with one another and perform mitzvot for fellow congregants. Email us at hesed@societyhillsynagogue.org to join us in this work.

Since November, we have worked toward two goals: (1) familiarizing the community with how to access support via the **Google Request Form** or a call to the office; and (2) **calling every household** once a month. We have been successful in meeting both goals.

First, members clearly know that they can ask for support and are aware of how to do so. Since November 1, 2025, we have responded to **34 requests**, providing meals, transportation to medical appointments, visits at home or in the hospital, help with errands, and assistive equipment. We also encourage

volunteers to attend *Shivah Minyanim*, since this is deeply appreciated whether you know the mourner(s) or not.

Second, almost all households have been contacted by phone call, voicemail, or text at least twice. This is one way to connect us, build bonds, and get more informed about synagogue programming. Moving forward, we are streamlining our contacts to quarterly outreaches that will include updates on synagogue events that might be of interest to you personally. You can look forward to a phone call or text message from us every three months!

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE AND GOODBYE

After two and a half years as your Communications Manager, I'm moving on — and I want to say goodbye properly.

This is such an amazing community. You all bring your whole selves here; your curiosity, your careers, your questions, your care for one another. I got to tell your stories in Member Spotlights and Playschool Family Features, across social media, in the eNews and *Kesher*, and more, week in and week out.

I showed up with a camera at more events than I can count, from holiday festivities to Rosh

Hodesh gatherings, Hebrew School *On the Move*, and so much more. I got to learn and pray with you, and teach Hebrew High — which reminded me, more than once, why Jewish education is what I want to do with my life.

And that's where I'm headed next. I'll be at Kerem Shalom in Concord, Massachusetts, as Director of Congregational Learning. Our tradition is passed *l'dor v'dor* (from generation to generation). What gets passed on is more than knowledge and intellect; it's the feeling of belonging to a warm community

by LilyFish Gomberg

like this one. I was hired to tell the story of this congregation — and that story is very much still unfolding. I'll be watching from Concord!

Thank you to my colleagues, Sahar, Leanne, Rhonda, Rabbi Kamesar, Karen, Megan, Kenyatte, Hazzan Jessi, Chris, Chris, Kate, Khalil, Mike, and all of the Playschool and Hebrew School teachers for making this work possible and this job a joy.

You can keep up with me — including plenty of Jewish Swiftie content — on Instagram at [@gayfilte.fish!](https://www.instagram.com/gayfilte.fish)



REMEMBRANCE & CELEBRATION

by David Levine

On Sunday, April 26, over 235 people gathered at Society Hill Synagogue for an afternoon with **Segev Kalfon**, who spoke about his captivity in Gaza and the process of rebuilding his life after returning home.

For many in attendance, no amount of reading about the hostages' ordeal could fully compare to hearing Segev's story directly. This interaction was both **inspiring and heartbreaking**. Community members were deeply moved by Segev's strength, resilience, and candid honesty about the physical and emotional torture that he experienced and its impact on his life.

Alongside gratitude that Segev returned home alive, many in attendance were also thinking about the hostages who did not return home alive and the families who continue to endure profound loss.

This very special program also included Segev's partner, **Shira Gvili**, whose brother, **Ran (z"l)**, was the last hostage whose remains were returned to Israel. Shira and Segev participated in our Yom HaZikaron observance, offering an opportunity for communal prayer, gratitude, remembrance, and reflection.

Many thanks to **Sahar Oz**, whose efforts were instrumental in

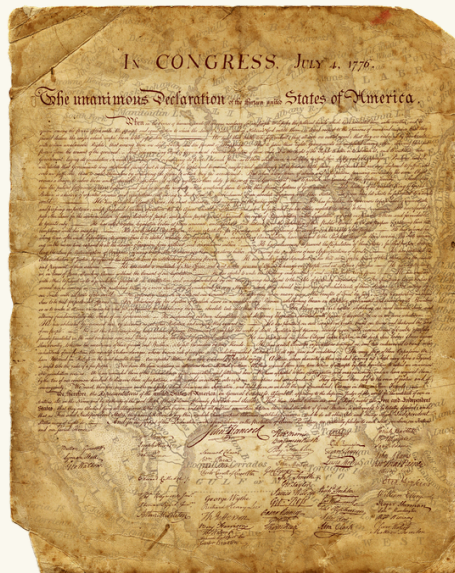
bringing Segev and Shira to our congregation. Appreciation is also extended to the **sponsors and partner organizations** whose generosity made the event possible.

Our community's engagement with Israel will continue through upcoming cultural and educational programming. On **November 7**, Society Hill Synagogue member **Marty Rosenberg**, Professor Emeritus at Rutgers University, will lead a Kiddush Lunch 'n' Learn titled **Visions of Place: Complex Geographies in Contemporary Israeli Art**. Additional details will be shared in the coming months — keep an eye on the eNews!

MEN'S CLUB

by Bob Kaufman and Harry Oxman

This summer, the Men's Club will mark the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a decidedly Jewish twist! At our **June 25** meeting, we will discuss *A Promised Land: Jewish Patriots, the American Revolution, and the Birth of Religious Freedom*, by Adam Jortner, published in 2024. We are also planning to go on a historical tour this summer related to the 250th anniversary, the Revolutionary War, and Jews.

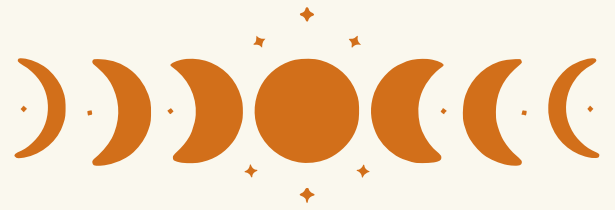


We have over 30 people on our email list, and we encourage you to join us in making new connections and building community. Whether you've been active in the past or you are brand new to Society Hill Synagogue or to the Men's Club, we want to welcome you!

We meet at the synagogue on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. Questions? Reach out to mensclub@societyhillsynagogue.org.

Rosh Hodesh Group

TWO YEARS OF ROSH HODESH



by Rachel Howe

As we finish out our second Hebrew calendar year of successful Rosh Hodesh monthly gatherings, we are proud of the regular structure we've created and some of the innovative changes we've begun incorporating.

Rosh Hodesh is a monthly gathering to bring together women, non-binary, and femme-identified congregants to explore a variety of topics related to Jewish women and the feminine aspects of Jewish spirituality.

We meet on Tuesdays or Sundays as close as possible to the start of the new Jewish month, learning from each other and discussing how these topics relate to our own modern Jewish lives.

In recent months, we've had some great topics for our gatherings, led by regular attendees, such as the Women of the Wall, icons and stereotypes of "difficult" Jewish women, ritual purity around menstrual cycles, and more.

We've also experimented with more social gatherings as well as field trips. In December, **Donna Tartasky** led a wonderful Hannukah party accompanied by a story discussion.

In April, we were able to tour **Mikvah Mei Shalva**, just a block from the synagogue, to learn about the ritual of mikvah, one of the three mitzvot traditionally assigned to women.

This summer, we look forward to a summer social potluck in **Tamuz** and exploring Jewish women's mourning rituals in **Av**, led by **Judith Axler**. We'll take a break in Elul and Tishrei to give some space for summer vacations and High Holiday preparation, then return in Heshvan for another fun year of programs. We will announce those exciting changes in the next *Kesher* — stay tuned!

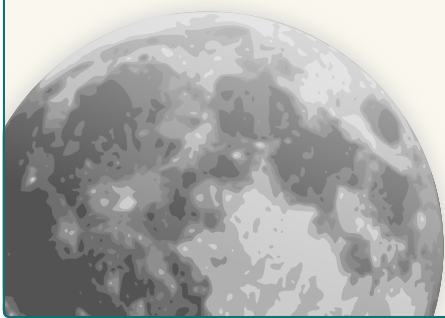


Rosh Hodesh attendees at Mikvah Mei Shalva in April; submitted.

In early May, we were invited to attend the Pennsylvania premiere of **Labors of Love: The Life and Legacy of Henrietta Szold** at the Philadelphia Jewish Film + Media Festival, and followed up with a Rosh Hodesh gathering focused on the iconic founder of Hadassah, including feedback from the screening's attendees and a Zoom chat with the director, **Abby Ginzberg**.

Rosh Hodesh is open to all women — cisgender and transgender — as well as to non-binary and gender-expansive individuals who wish to be part of a space centering women's voices and experiences. You can learn more about it, read past agendas, and register for upcoming months at:

societyhillssynagogue.org/rosh-hodesh





YOUNG FRIENDS (20s-30s)

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our spring events! From celebrating Purim together to Shabbat mornings and matzah pizza, it's been such a joy to build community with you!

Save these Dates:

On **June 11**, join us at the PHS Pop-Up Garden on South Street, 6:30-8:30 pm. This outdoor beer garden is a perfect summer hangout, with plenty of space to relax, chat, and enjoy the evening.

On **July 14**, we'll head to Spruce Street Harbor Park for another laid-back summer evening at 6:30 pm. Come hang out by the waterfront, grab food and drinks, and enjoy the hammocks, games, and colorful lights that make this spot a Philly favorite.

On **August 30**, we'll join Hebrew School *On The Move* for apple picking — a perfect end-of-summer outing before the High Holidays. Details on location and logistics to follow!

RSVP at societyhillssynagogue.org/young-friends

TRIPLE CHAI (54+)

Triple Chai is winding down for the summer, but what a year it has been! **Italy was a very special trip.** We visited synagogues that were ancient and beautiful — some still open for services, others now museums. The group was wonderful: engaged, curious, and full of great questions. We also saw *The Last Supper* and enjoyed delicious Italian food. Even those of us eating gluten-free found amazing pizza and pasta!

Save the Date: Wednesday, July 22 — Escape the heat and join us at 11:30 am for lunch and a movie. Restaurant and movie details will be announced in June.

We are always open to suggestions for future programs, so please share your ideas with **Natalie Landro** and **Robin Cohen** at triplechai@societyhillssynagogue.org.

Block your calendar for the last two weeks of January — **Triple Chai is heading to Argentina!**



Images from Triple Chai's Italy trip; submitted.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



Every week, Society Hill Synagogue spotlights one of our marvelous members on social media and in our eNews! Here are the members who have been spotlit this past quarter.

You can learn more about them on our social media or at societyhillssynagogue.org/member-spotlights



ANNA ELBAUM

My favorite memory at Society Hill Synagogue is that I got to open the ark one Shabbat with my Savta (Hebrew for "grandmother").

Anna's Bat Mitzvah was on March 14, 2026.

ELI SLEPIAN

My favorite program at the synagogue is the Purim Carnival, where I volunteer to supervise games for the younger kids and prepare *mishlo'ah manot* plates. Food packing at Old Pine Community Center is also rewarding!

Eli's Bar Mitzvah was on March 21, 2026.



SAM MINK

As a family, we love how interactive, lively, and multigenerational the Rock Purimspiel is. Our son, Asher, loves singing along to Hazzan Jessi's remixes of songs.

ERIKA PLESKUNAS & MATT COHEN

The Friday night TGIShabbat experience — with the music, community, and Oneg dinner — is our favorite way to wind down the work week! We also love Young Friends programming. It has been a great way of meeting other young Jews in the Philadelphia area, and we're excited to join the leadership team and support the Young Friends!





MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



Every week, Society Hill Synagogue spotlights one of our marvelous members on social media and in our eNews! Here are the members who have been spotlighted this past quarter.

You can learn more about them on our social media or at societyhillsynagogue.org/member-spotlights



STEPHANIE BEN-SALEM

I love Society Hill Synagogue because of the rich programming, the warmth of the people in the congregation, the amazing administration and clergy. Although I don't have small children anymore, I am impressed with the Hebrew School students and their highly intellectual participation during the Torah Discussion on Shabbat mornings.

JOHANNA FISHER

I really enjoy the friendships that I have made at Society Hill Synagogue, and I am looking forward to continuing to grow in the community here. I am especially excited about the new teen program!

Johanna's Bat Mitzvah was on May 9, 2026.



ALICE RIZEN

The beautiful way we welcome the Sabbath with music and prayer, the studies I've experienced, the special speakers and events, and the wonderful way we so often break bread together have in so many ways enriched my life!

MATTHEW SLUTSKY

There's that moment at the end of our weekly Shabbat service where everyone holds hands — young, old, dressed up, in yoga pants, kids of all ages and abilities. It never gets old. To me, it captures everything I love about this community: the connectedness and the sense that you're welcome to come exactly as you are.



Coolanu: Culture and Community

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS AND SUMMER FUN

by Lesli Reich

Coolanu had a joyful and jam-packed spring!

In March, our **fourth annual Hamantaschen Bake-Off** took place during the dinner before the Rock Purimspiel. Mazal Tov to **Sarina Kaplan, Adam Elbaum, and Jay Elbaum**, who took home the top prize — our new Hamantaschen Trophy — and bragging rights for their hamantaschen. Second place went to **Alexis Rosen**, and third place to **the Heller-Mesznik family**.



Sarina Kaplan, Adam Elbaum, and Jay Elbaum with the Hamantaschen trophy; staff.

In April, we hosted synagogue member Dr. Stephen Cohen for his talk, **Dr. Stefanie Horovitz — The Isotope Lady**. Sponsored with the Royal Society of Chemistry, the program brought to life the remarkable story of Stefanie Horovitz — a brilliant Viennese Jewish chemist whose



An older Hebrew School student helps a younger student with Nerf archery at our Lag Ba'Omer Celebration in May; LilyFish Gomberg.

groundbreaking experiment provided the first proof of isotopes. Her discovery reshaped modern chemistry, yet her name has all but disappeared from the scientific record. Dr. Cohen explored her pioneering work, her intellectual circle, and the different paths taken by her colleagues as Europe descended into World War II and the Holocaust. The talk was followed by a brief observance of Yom HaShoah.

In May, 65 congregants attended **In the Fiddler's House with Itzhak Perlman at the Kimmel Center**, featuring the legendary violinist alongside members of the **Klezmatiks** and the **Klezmer Conservatory Band**. It was an entertaining and wonderful evening of great music!

Also in May, we hosted Society Hill Synagogue's second annual **Lag Ba'Omer Celebration**, attended by over 175 congregants and friends! We noshed on kosher meat and vegan burgers, roasted pareve s'mores, played with Nerf archery, decorated hamsas, and enjoyed the beauty of our synagogue's courtyard together.

Looking ahead, we have a summer activity planned: our next **Architecture and Public Sculpture Walking Tour** — part of our popular series — to be held on **Sunday, July 19**. The tour will be led by Society Hill Synagogue members **Marty Rosenberg** and **Carter Reich** and will be limited to 15 people. Look for registration details in upcoming synagogue communications.

As always, if you are interested in joining our Coolanu Committee, have program ideas that you would like to share, or if you are interested in becoming Co-Chair of Coolanu, please email

Lesli Reich at coolanu@societyhillsynagogue.org

Have a great summer!

Social Action Committee

LOOKING BACK AT AN IMPACTFUL YEAR OF SOCIAL ACTION

by Steve Morley



The Social Action Committee continues to engage in the issues of the day — literacy, food insecurity, and immigration.

On **Monday, May 18**, Society Hill Synagogue co-sponsored a vigil in front of the ICE headquarters at 8th Street and Cherry Street in Philadelphia as part of a pre-Shavuot gathering to draw attention to the unjust and immoral policies of mass detention and mass deportation.

This event was part of the more than six months of weekly vigils at ICE headquarters, sponsored by State Senator Art Haywood and featuring a wide array of religious leaders leading those present in prayer and song.

Join us for the half hour of speaking truth to power any **Monday at 11:00 am at 8th and Cherry Streets**.

Can't make Mondays? There are also **Wednesdays at noon**, sponsored by the New Sanctuary Movement at the same location.

Want to help an individual immigrant? Contact HIAS to volunteer for court accompaniment, or Esperanza Immigrant Legal Services to volunteer as a naturalization tutor.

Our **Food Insecurity** work continues to thrive under the stewardship of **Laurie Krivo** and **Bob Kaufman**, in collaboration with Old Pine Community Center.

Society Hill Synagogue volunteers pack **125 bags** of groceries every week as food assistance for our neighbors in the Courtyard Apartments in Queen Village.

In addition, we provide 50 bags of groceries to families at Vare-Washington Elementary School twice a month.

Email foodinsecurity@societyhillsynagogue.org to get on the email list for sign-ups from Bob, and roll up your sleeves to do God's work.

Society Hill Synagogue volunteers wrapped up a wildly successful first year at the **Taggart Elementary School** in South Philadelphia, providing library services and reading to students of all grades. The year started with serving only second to fifth graders but expanded to include kindergarten and first grade. Many thanks to **Flora Wolf** for spearheading this project, along with the HSA at Taggart, and to the amazing **Jessica Kahn**, who works to set up school libraries across Philadelphia, including the resources at Taggart.

The Social Action Committee sponsored a successful Kiddush Lunch 'n' Learn with POWER. Read the article on the following page for more information.



State Senator Art Haywood (right) with faith leaders at a weekly vigil in May; photo by Tommy Tucker for Chestnut Hill Local.

POWER Interfaith

WHAT IS *POWER*? WHAT IS *power*?

by Wendy and Steve Greenspan and Nancy Wygant



At April's Kiddush Lunch 'n' Learn, Pastor Michael Caine spoke to us about POWER and (small "p") power. Pastor Michael leads the Old First Reformed United Church of Christ at 4th and Race and is one of POWER's Board Co-Chairs. Here is a summary of ideas and questions he brought.

POWER has achieved many political successes, winning a \$15 minimum wage for workers at Philadelphia International Airport and then for workers of any business that has a contract with the City of Philadelphia. POWER also won the Full Fair Funding fight to equitably fund public schools across the Commonwealth. POWER's current focus is on an Affordability Campaign.

Pastor Michael challenged us to think about small "p" power — real, concrete political power. Right now, there is a power imbalance in the City of Philadelphia, with developers and corporations calling the shots. We need organized citizen power to right the power imbalance. We need elected officials to put the needs of the people before those of developers and corporations. A show of real political power can make the difference. In

February, POWER held an assembly on affordability at Mother Bethel AME Church. Hundreds of people showed up, including many Society Hill Synagogue members. Now council members who previously ignored POWER's requests for meetings have a newfound interest in speaking and working with POWER.



Photos from the Affordability Summit; submitted.

But POWER is not looking for power for its own sake. POWER is organizing across the city. Almost every neighborhood, particularly certain Black and brown neighborhoods, are struggling with increasing unaffordability. Housing costs, taxes, and utilities have all been rising dramatically. In the midst of this there is another ominous trend — the city's future revenue is tightening dramatically with the elimination over the next 12

years of BIRT, the Business Income Revenue Tax.

The discussion then became more personal. What does power mean for Jews? Historically, how have Jews related to power, being a minority in a Christian majority culture? In the aftermath of October 7, how have our relationships changed with non-Jewish social justice organizations?

Pastor Michael finished with questions for our congregation. He challenged us to ask ourselves about building real power to force concrete change: Do you want to work with POWER to rewrite power relations to improve material conditions? Or just advocate for abstractions about justice, or just try to keep the worst possible from happening? And what would it take for Society Hill Synagogue to step up and take responsibility for organizing our congregation to build real power?

For more information about POWER, contact Wendy and Steve Greenspan and Nancy Wygant at power@societyhillssynagogue.org.

The Inclusion Corner **OHEL PATU'AH – THE OPEN TENT**

by the Inclusion Committee

As the year wraps up, we are grateful to our Society Hill Synagogue leadership and community for joining us in learning; sharing experiences, knowledge, and wisdom; and taking actions, one step at a time, as we strive to be welcoming and inclusive to all who wish to visit or join us.

Our programs have been well attended, and we learn so much from one another. The warmth of our community has enabled many of us to openly share personal struggles, heartbreak, and other experiences that permit a deeper understanding of the Jewish journeys of people with interfaith families, with disabilities, who identify as LGBTQIA+, and/or who are people of color.

Save the Dates:

June is Pride Month; information about events in Philly is available at the J.Proud website. We will hold a Pride Shabbat later this summer — stay tuned!

Join us on **Saturday, October 17**, at Kiddush lunch for storytelling, Jewish text study, and hands-on experiences designed for self-reflection on how we listen, engage, and connect across our community.

This program will offer age-appropriate options for third graders and up, facilitated by **Sarah Kolker**, Director of jkid4all, and **Julia Weekes**, Director of Professional Learning, both at Jewish Learning Venture.



In the spirit of **“nothing about us without us”** — if you are a Person of Color (or PoC-adjacent) and would like to be involved in planning or share thoughts with the subcommittee, please reach out to **Jared Susco** at inclusion@societyhillssynagogue.org by the end of August.

As we did this past February, we plan to have another meaningful program to support **Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) 2027** with a Lunch ‘n’ Learn on **February 20**.

Other News

We have continued our fruitful collaboration with **Karen Hafter**, our **Director of Youth and Family Education**, strategizing to support the needs of individual students and provide a school library collection that is representative of current and future students and Jews around the world.



Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell speaks at the Concert and Lecture, “Wade in the Water: The Possibilities of Black Music in Jewish Spaces”; LilyFish Gomberg.

The Subcommittee for the Inclusion of People of Color had an exciting winter and spring, with joyful attendance at **Wade in the Water: The Possibilities of Black Music in Jewish Spaces** and at **Rooted: What Does Jewish Look Like?** We also hosted a Kiddush Lunch ‘n’ Learn wrestling with a sermon by Black, queer **Rabbi Sandra Lawson** on authentic identities.

The LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Subcommittee was delighted that our synagogue hosted the citywide **J.Proud Community Seder** in April. Our community is truly enriched by and welcomes LGBTQIA+ folks.



Congregants marched with J.Proud at Philadelphia Pride last June; LilyFish Gomberg.

If you would like to participate in the Inclusion Committee or subcommittee conversations, please contact Debbie Stewart at inclusion@societyhillssynagogue.org, or reach out directly to a subcommittee chairperson.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome New Members:

Marci Green

Sharlene Kalender

Caroline Bar and her daughter, **Beatrice**

Ivy and Matthew Solomon and their sons, **Reece** and **Coby**

Resa Levinson

Mazal Tov to:

Tracy and Nathaniel Chellel and their son, **Kai**, on the birth of their son and brother, **Kalani David Michael Chellel**

Shane Malach and Hailey Rovner Malach and their family on the birth of their son, **Wesley Love Malach**

Arielle and Ryan Lechner and their son, **Avi**, on the birth of their daughter and sister, **Cecilia Emma Lechner**

Bill and Mindy Hauptman on the wedding of their daughter, **Hannah Hauptman**, and **Jacob Edelman**

Emma and Thom Halpern and their children, **Wally** and **Norah**, on the birth of their daughter and sister, **Cleo Juniper Halpern**

Hebrew School staff who graduate this year: **Jacob Hayman** (Jefferson College of Nursing), **Lillie Abela** (University of Pennsylvania), **Kendall Phillips** (Bryn Mawr College), **Stella Wolson** (Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy, going to St. John's College), and **Marc Lewin** (Germantown Friends School, going to Ohio State University)



Condolences to:

Sandy and Joe Berger and their family on the passing of Sandy's mother, **Evelyn "Dolly" Toff**

Amy Plotch and Gary Sutnick and their family on the passing of their father, **Dr. Alton (Al) Ivan Sutnick**

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Ron and Jane Kotler and their family on the passing of Ron's brother, **Kenny Kotler**

The family of **Susan Stein** on her passing

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