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May all of our fellow Society Hill Synagogue members be inscribed
in the Book of Life for a good, healthy, and sweet new year!



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From the President's Desk

REFLECTIONS AND APPRECIATION

by Lisa Eizen

To be honest, the presidency of Society Hill Synagogue was never on my radar. My husband, Steven, and I joined the synagogue in 1978. Each of our sons were named here, attended Playschool, Sunday School, and Hebrew School, and became Bar Mitzvah here. Our grandchildren followed the same path. I served two terms on the Board of Directors, including as Vice President in the '80s and again recently. I never imagined stepping into the presidency, but when Jeremy and Carmen invited me to lunch and asked me to consider it, I did. I reflected on all the times I've spent here enjoying our vibrant community — holidays, weddings, celebrations. I thought about serving on committees with thoughtful, energetic, and generous people, attending services in a welcoming and accepting environment, and the immense support the community offered me during my time of loss. Realizing how integral Society Hill Synagogue has become to me, **I knew I had to say yes.**

Now, having been in the role for just two months, I'm navigating the daily challenges of running a mid-sized urban synagogue.

I must **commend those who came before me** — Carmen Hayman, Jeremy Newberg, Harry Oxman, and their respective boards — for leaving us such a remarkable institution. And I'm grateful for the support of **Rabbi Kamesar, Hazzan Jessi, Sahar Oz, and our incredible staff** of teachers, administrative staff, and custodians.

One of our most pressing challenges, though it's a good problem to have, is **managing our growth**. Our Young Family Shabbat program is overflowing, and the Paula Kline Learning Center is nearing capacity with Playschool and Hebrew School students. The Purim Carnival takes place in shifts to accommodate everyone. With **356 member households and counting**, many of whom regularly attend Friday and Saturday Shabbat services, we strive to ensure our spaces and programs are comfortable and accessible for all. Members have generously supported our Shabbat meals through donations recognizing lifecycle events and honoring loved ones. Please consider sponsoring a Shabbat meal. And if you haven't joined us for Shabbat



Society Hill Synagogue's Young Families Shabbat program; LilyFish Gomberg.

yet, I encourage you to do so — it's a truly gratifying experience.

Inclusivity is another key value. We take pride in being warm and welcoming to all. Our Inclusion Committee has addressed diverse needs over the years, including interfaith families, LGBTQIA+ individuals, people of color, and people of all abilities. The Facilities Committee is working on making our spaces more accessible for those with physical challenges. On **December 14**, the People of Color Subcommittee will present a screening of Rabbi Angela Buchdahl's sermon, "Rethinking Race in the Jewish Community," at Central Synagogue, followed by a discussion. It promises to be both engaging and thought-provoking.

I've been attending various committee meetings and am continually inspired by the commitment and energy of our members. Upcoming events include the Coolanu Committee's **Sukkah building and decoration on October 13**, **Salsa and Sips in the Sukkah on October 20**, and a curated tour led by Marty Rosenberg at the **Philadelphia Museum of Art on November 10**.

Our organizational leadership chart is on page 6 to help you connect with our committees. I encourage you to get involved — you'll be warmly welcomed!

I'm also excited to attend our inaugural **Rosh Hodesh gathering on September 3!** I'm eager to dive into the significance of Rosh Hodesh, explore its historical and spiritual meanings, and connect with fellow women and non-binary members of our community. I look forward to engaging discussions, delicious refreshments, and starting this meaningful journey together. I hope you'll join me.

In these past weeks, I've felt welcomed, challenged, delighted, and inspired as your new President. I know that there

will be both highs and lows, but with the support of my fellow Officers, the Board of Directors, clergy, administrators, and staff, I'm confident we will navigate the challenges and celebrate the successes.

I look forward to continuing our growth and embracing our congregants, both new and veteran, across the generations. I hope to meet and share with many of you along the way.

L'Shanah Tovah!

HAVDALAH DOWN THE SHORE 2024

by Judy Lalli

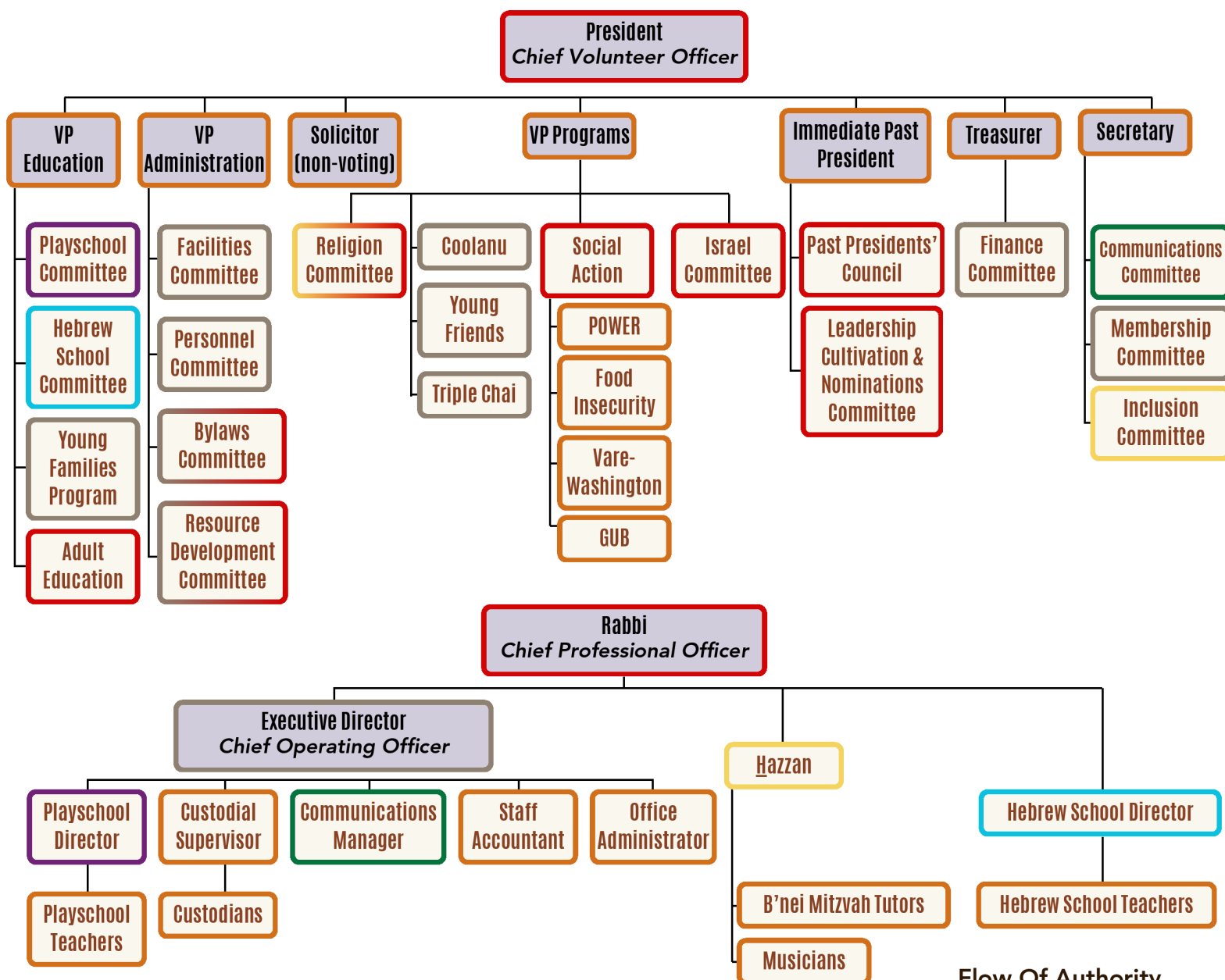
The weather was perfect on August 24 as we celebrated another wonderful **Havdalah Down the Shore**, with 34 longtime, newish, brand new, and prospective members and guests gathered at my dear friend Ali's gorgeous home.



The wine was flowing, the food was delicious, and everyone mingled in the beautiful outdoor setting. As sunset approached, we headed to the beach for a ceremony led by Rabbi Avi Winokur and Marty Rosenberg. We lit the braided candle, passed around the spice box, and sang as we enjoyed the darkened sky, the feel of the sand under our shoes, and the sound of the crashing waves. We returned to the house and had coffee and wonderful desserts and more schmoozing before heading out to shore homes or back to Philadelphia for a *shavu'a tov* — a good week.



Leadership Structure



KEY

Each volunteer role is color-coded to show who their professional counterpart is.

Red - Rabbi

Grey - Executive Director

Yellow - Hazzan

Light Blue - Hebrew School Director

Purple - Playschool Director

Green - Communications Manager

The roles that are in our **Brand Orange** are roles that do not have a direct counterpart.

The Executive Committee is made up of the positions that are shaded in lavender.



To zoom in on this
organizational leadership
chart, visit:
bit.ly/SHS-org-chart

Flow Of Authority
in a Membership Organization





From the Rabbi's Desk

GEARING UP FOR AN EXCITING NEW YEAR AHEAD

by Rabbi Nathan Kamesar

I love summer. It's a chance for me to exhale, to spend Shabbat dinners with family, and to have some time and space to think more long-term about serving and growing this synagogue community, as well as for the in-depth process of composing High Holiday sermons, a profound, spiritual experience for me.

The fall, (most of) winter, and spring have far different rhythms. During those seasons, we have two weekly Shabbat services to prepare for (Friday night and Saturday morning), we teach multiple weekly adult education classes, committees and weeknight meetings are back in full swing, and B'nei Mitzvah students and their families need intensive assistance preparing for their big day. (Other life cycle events, like baby namings, weddings, and funerals, have no set rhythm and come throughout the course of the year, there being no real predictability to those fundamental milestones of life.)

Still, these seasons, too, bring with them a crackle of life, and both poles — the ease of summer, the dynamism of fall, winter, and spring — have

begun to serve as markers of my life, and the rhythm of a synagogue community.

I am really excited about where **we** are as a synagogue community. It is different every year and brings new challenges.

Past Foundations

Every year, our mission is the same: essentially, **to facilitate for people, through Jewish community and through Jewish rituals and teachings forged over time, connection to life's sacredness.**

As we began to emerge from the hardest point of the pandemic a couple of years ago, it was clear that we needed to re-learn how to gather — gathering being among the most fundamental expressions of being Jewish and being human, facilitating connections to one another. Thankfully, in Judaism, **Shabbat** already exists to serve as that central gathering point in our week, and so we set out to invest in Shabbat, bringing more music and carefully constructed Divrei Torah to Friday nights; inviting our Hebrew School students and all congregants to participate in a robust Torah discussion Saturday mornings;

and serving meals following all Shabbat services in order to allow the community to connect, and decompress, with one another.



Hazzan Jessi Roemer and congregant Larry Goldfinger lead singing from our Bimah during Rabbi Nathan Kamesar's Installation Ceremony last spring; Debbie Zak Cohen.

We now have dozens of people attend most every Shabbat service, and a crowd draws a crowd. When people see people, they have more of a desire to return and be a part of what's going on, also availing themselves of those dual foundational Jewish religious expressions, on the one hand prayer and music; on the other, study and discussion of Torah, Jewish learning, and relevant wisdom.

Present Efforts

Now, with that foundation, there are other components we've been working on as well: honing our **Hebrew School curriculum** to ensure it speaks to present-day concerns while grounded in our timeless Jewish story and

our journeys together throughout the ages; building up our **Young Families Shabbatot**, thanks to Micah and Joanna Hart, now monthly on both Friday nights and Saturday mornings; investing in **getting the word out about our community**, both through refining the verbal and visual messages we communicate about ourselves, as well as the multimedia channels we use to do so, analog (e.g., this print *Kesher*) and digital (e.g., Facebook and Instagram); fostering a flowering of additional programming, through our age cohorts (**Young Friends** and **Triple Chai**) and through intergenerational programming with **Coolanu**; and, an area I'm personally focused on, **inviting more outside speakers, leaders in their field**, to illuminate our congregation and to demonstrate Society Hill Synagogue as a community that is part of some of the most significant conversations in the Jewish world.

Top-Tier Teachers

This year, I am especially excited about and honored to have two rabbis and Jewish leaders coming to teach our community whose voices are shining a light on pathways forward in these challenging times.



Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, who will be with us for the Shabbat of

December 6-7, just retired

after 32 years leading Congregation Beit Simcha Torah in New York, the largest LGBTQ congregation in the country. She began her service to that community in the heart of the AIDS crisis, steering them with a caring pastoral and spiritual presence. Her rabbinate has been marked by a love of Judaism and Yiddishkeit — she began her career as assistant Director of the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts — as well as a passion for social justice and a pragmatic sense of how to get things done and speak across differences. Rabbi Kleinbaum was appointed by President Biden to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, has served as a Commissioner on New York City's Commission on Human Rights, has been a member of Mayors Bill de Blasio and Eric Adams' Faith-Based Advisory Council, and serves on the Executive Committees of Governor Hochul's Office of Faith and Non-Profit Development Services and the New York State Interfaith Council.



Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, who will be with us for the Shabbat

of **March 28-29**, is the President of Hebrew College, a pluralistic institution housing the largest non-Orthodox rabbinical school in the country, also offering programs leading to cantorial ordination, and master's degrees

in Jewish education and Jewish studies, and providing community adult, youth, and professional development study opportunities. Prior to her 20-plus years serving as faculty member, then Dean, and now President of Hebrew College, she spent 15 years working in pluralistic settings as a Hillel rabbi at Tufts, Yale, and Harvard universities. She is the co-editor of two volumes of women's writings on Passover, *The Women's Seder Sourcebook*, and *The Women's Passover Companion*, and is a brilliant writer, speaker, and thinker on issues confronting the Jewish world.

Both rabbis have been named to *Newsweek's* list of the Top 50 Influential Rabbis in America numerous times, and, more importantly to me, both were my father's classmates and among my father's dearest friends at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, from which all three graduated in 1990, also all friends and classmates of our Rabbi Emeritus, Avi Winokur.

I believe that both rabbis will help us make sense of where we stand as Jews at the crossroads moment today and also continue to lay the foundation of Society Hill Synagogue as an institution that hosts speakers and teachers on subjects at the heart of the Jewish world, shaping our minds and hearts, and the minds and hearts of the broader community.



Hebrew School students smile at each other in front of an Israeli flag; LilyFish Gomberg.

The second subcommittee is aimed at identifying opportunities for congregants to foster connections with, and support for, the State of Israel. While dialogue with one another is important, we also have congregants passionate about facilitating connections more directly with the State of Israel, for many of us a central component to our Jewish identities, and for some of us, a home to our dearest family and friends. This subcommittee will work to identify opportunities to explore and celebrate those connections, and to find means of supporting the Jewish state.

Stay tuned for developments on both fronts, for opportunities for you to get more deeply engaged.



Rabbi Kamesar speaks on the Bimah; Debbie Zak Cohen.

In Conclusion

I am so proud of all that this community has accomplished as it seeks to develop further into a space where, through the rhythms of Jewish life and community, people continue to feel a sense of sacredness in their lives. *Hazak hazak v'nit'hazek*. May we go from strength to strength.

Engaging with Israel

Of course, one of the questions at the center of the Jewish world right now is around relationships between Israel and the Diaspora.

This community has a lot of energy around engaging with Israel. I've been writing a lot, almost every week, about my perspectives on the horrors of October 7, the subsequent war in Gaza and conflict across all of Israel's borders, Israel's perception abroad, antisemitism roiling in the United States, and more. But more and more, we've been looking for ways for community members to come together and engage more directly.

This summer, an Israel Committee formed, with 22 synagogue members! First, the committee deliberated about a series of Israel-based organizations to promote to the

congregation at our High Holiday Israel appeal, showing a breadth and a depth of coverage that demonstrate a comprehensive approach to engaging with Israel.

Second, the committee created two different subcommittees. **The first is aimed at building a process of facilitated dialogue within and among members of this community**, often with quite differing perspectives on their relationships to Israel, holding space for various opinions and aiming at mutual understanding. I've previously heard a saying that if you're in a coalition where you agree about everything, you're in too small of a coalition. In some respects, the same could be said about Jewish community. Holding space for and being in community with people of differing opinions is a longstanding part of Jewish tradition.



From the Hazzan's Desk

BILHAH AND ZILPAH: THE MISSING MOTHERS

by Hazzan Jessi Roemer

If you've attended a Shabbat morning service at Society Hill Synagogue, you've heard me add an extra Hebrew phrase in the Amidah (Standing Prayer). You may have wondered what I'm saying, or where those words are in our prayerbook (pro tip: they're not!). I'm here to tell you all about what I'm doing in that split second of added prayer.

The Amidah begins by blessing YHVH, "our God and the God of our ancestors (*Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu v'imoteinu*).” Invoking God's care for us on our ancestors' merit, the prayer goes on — "*Elohei Avraham, Elohei Yitzhak, v'Elohei Ya'akov; Elohei Sarah, Elohei Rivkah, Elohei Rachel, v'Elohei Leah*" — naming all the immediate progenitors (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents) of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

All, that is, but two. Two mothers are missing. Nowadays, when I chant the prayer, I add in the names of these two mothers, using a slightly different liturgical phrase: "*v'shomer Bilhah v'Zilpah* (and protector of Bilhah and Zilpah)."

You may now be wondering: Who are Bilhah and Zilpah? Why

have they been excluded? Why do they get a different phrase? I'll explain, but first let's answer another important question.

Why Add Anything to Liturgy?

Liturgy evolves. Jewish liturgy is a living technology for expressing the yearnings, praise, needs, and emotions of our people in real-time prayer. The words we chant are a portal to the Divine — because they are ancient, but also because they feel a bit contemporary. In every century, our liturgical texts have been tweaked, edited, and amended to meet the sensibilities of the communities using them.

For example: in its oldest form, our liturgy only references the three Patriarchs of our tradition: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But after a few decades of feminist Judaism, and some scholarship on covenantal language, non-Orthodox prayerbooks now include Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel in the official list of ancestors. (Our prayerbook, *Lev Shalem*, has two columns: traditional wording on the right; with the Matriarchs on the left.) Just a century ago, including the Matriarchs would have seemed blasphemous; today, many of us

would feel strange omitting them.

I am one in a growing group of contemporary Jewish scholars and prayer-leaders who feel that Bilhah and Zilpah — who birthed and mothered four of the Twelve Tribes of Israel — should be included in the ancestral canon with the other mothers of their generation. I suspect they are excluded because of their background and social class — reasons that do not hold water.

Who Are Bilhah and Zilpah?

Bilhah and Zilpah are servants (arguably, slaves) raised in the house of Lavan, brother of Rebecca and father of Leah and Rachel. They do not have speaking roles in the Torah, so we never hear what they think; we only hear what happens to them. We meet them in Genesis 29, where each is given to Rachel or Leah as a maidservant (*amah/shifhah*) upon the sisters' marriages to Jacob.

In antiquity, young women of such status controlled nothing about their own circumstances. Serving at the whim of competing mistresses, Bilhah and Zilpah quickly become weapons in the reproductive war between Rachel and Leah: as each sister is barren, she gives her maidservant to Jacob "*l'ishah* (as a wife)," in hopes the servant will produce more sons on her behalf. Which they do; between them, Bilhah and Zilpah birth Dan, Naftali, Gad, and Asher.

What Is Their Status?

Bilhah and Zilpah begin effectively as slaves, but once given to Jacob for procreation, they are elevated to the status of “wife (Hebrew: *ishah*),” which seems to carry a little more weight. What’s more, their children do not inherit their servitude; all of Jacob’s sons are raised equally, without class distinctions.

Are Bilhah and Zilpah Matriarchs?

According to tradition, both Bilhah and Zilpah are buried in the Tomb of the Matriarchs in Tiberias. Several classical *midrashim* (Talmudic expositions) refer to them as either matriarchs or legitimate wives of Jacob. Not only that, but Genesis 35:22 gives us reason to think (and *midrash* expounds on this possibility) that after Rachel’s death, Bilhah steps into her role, raising Rachel’s two sons and caring for Jacob.

It is clear that Bilhah and Zilpah are direct biological ancestors — Matriarchs — who play an important part in raising Jacob’s family. So why wouldn’t they have been included with their generation in the canon of Mamas and Papas?

There is one theological consideration here: because we never hear directly from Bilhah or Zilpah, or from YHVH about them, we don’t have textual evidence of a covenant between them and YHVH; we don’t even know if YHVH was their God. For this reason, it might not be appropriate to simply add their names after the formula, “*Eloheinu v’Elohei...* (our God and God of...).”

But, in this generation of Genesis, theological allegiances also appear to be somewhat fluid. Keep in mind that none of the “official” matriarchs — or the “Fab Four,” as I like to call them — were raised in a monotheistic tradition: Sarah *Imeinu* (our foremother) was a priestess in a moon cult; Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel were all raised in the household of Lavan, who was Abraham’s cousin — i.e., part of the paganist house and tradition that Abraham abandoned to worship a singular God. We know that Lavan’s house had idols because Rachel *Imeinu* swiped them for herself when she left her father’s house. And Lavan, owner of those idols, later references YHVH in his pact with

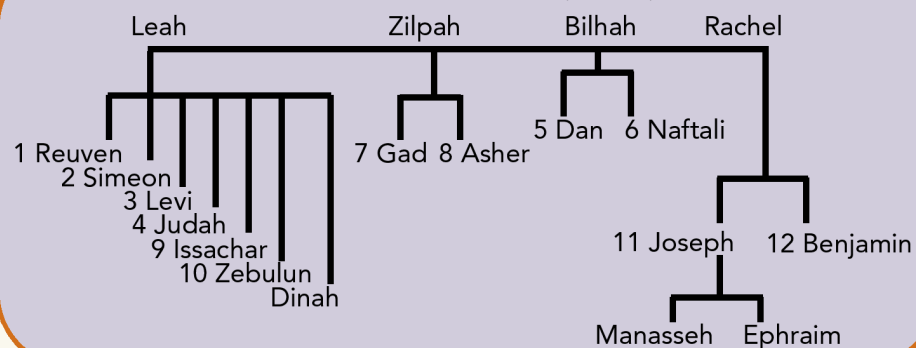
Jacob. So there is clearly fluidity of practice in the family when it comes to monotheism. This is important because it implies that the God of the ancestors whom we invoke in the Amidah is not necessarily their God because of their exclusive faith in YHVH, but rather because of God’s relationship with, faith in, and care for them as a family.

Bilhah and Zilpah are an integral part of that family, and God cares for them. This is why I chant, “*v’shomer Bilhah v’Zilpah* (protector of Bilhah and Zilpah)” — because, whether or not YHVH is their God, Bilhah and Zilpah receive YHVH’s care and protection. And they care for and protect the family.

Jewish community has evolved to recognize and celebrate fellow travelers who may not have signed on to a Jewish covenant but who have joined the Jewish family nonetheless. We name, praise, and thank them; we don’t call on them to invoke the Jewish covenant, but we do invite them to the *bimah*, to participate in the honor of celebrating their Jewish children. We wouldn’t imply that their children owe them any less than they do to their Jewish parents.

So it seems only right that our liturgy acknowledge and honor the entire founding three generations of ancestors. Perhaps one day soon we’ll see Bilhah and Zilpah in our prayerbooks — in the meantime, feel free to join me in naming them out loud!

The House of Jacob (Israel)





Society Hill Synagogue Playschool

A SWEET START TO THE NEW YEAR

by Megan Nachod



Playschool is back in session this September, ready to begin another school year. We will warmly welcome some new faces to the school and marvel again at how big all of our returning students got over the summer. No matter how many times I've seen it, I am always taken aback by how much the children grow when you aren't seeing them everyday. Watching them get taller and more mature never loses its magic!

The calendar is kinder to us this fall, and we get a few weeks to settle in before the whirlwind of the holidays begins. This year, we will have much more time to conduct apple taste tests, make

apple prints, draw Rosh Hashanah cards, and make decorations for the Sukkah. We might even be lucky enough to have a snack in the Sukkah when there is a little chill in the air! It's easy to get excited about cooler weather after the hot summer we've had this year.

Fittingly, our continued celebrations will move in November from the Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot into celebrating Thanksgiving.

November is also when we will start enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. If you would like more details about our wonderful program, or if you

know someone who may be interested, please email me at

megan

@societyhillsynagogue.org

or call 215-922-6590 x4.

We are very proud of our early childhood education program, and I'm always excited to let visitors experience it firsthand. I get to see the magic our teachers create in the classrooms everyday and would love for you to see it as well.

Wishing you all *Shanah Tovah* for the upcoming year, as well as beautiful and meaningful holidays this *Tishrei* 5785. May we have a new year of happiness and joy!



Three Playschoolers play outside near Lawrence Court under a tree; LilyFish Gomberg.



Ann Spak Thal Hebrew School FUN AND FESTIVITIES AHEAD!

by Mike Roe

Bruchim haba'im (welcome), families, to a new Hebrew School year! To our returning students, I am looking forward to seeing you all. To our new students and families, I am looking forward to meeting you on **September 7**, as classes kick off for students in all grades. Last year, our school had many successes and things to celebrate, and I am looking forward to continuing this progress. We are especially happy this year that so many of our teachers from last year are returning. They have been working hard to create meaningful and engaging learning opportunities for the students and also can't wait to see everyone.

On **September 7**, parents are invited to join us and get reacquainted with the teachers, meet new community members, connect with our Hebrew School Committee, and enjoy a nosh.

Parents are always encouraged to attend services while their kids are in Hebrew School, as they are able. And remember, there is always a *Kiddush* lunch following Saturday morning services and Hebrew School.

I'm also looking forward to Hebrew School High Holiday services this fall. Please join us on **Thursday, October 3, for Rosh Hashanah**, and **Saturday, October 12, for Yom Kippur**. Services on each day will begin at **9:30 am for families with children ages 7 and younger**, and at **10:30 am for families with children ages 8-12**, and, new this year, we have **alternative programming for teens at 10:30 am** on each of these mornings. Families with Hebrew School students ages 8-12 should be on the lookout for an email with their students' parts in the services. We love to have your children contribute to services!

Our holiday celebrations continue in October with **Sukkot** and **Simhat Torah**. Check out page 18 of this *Kesher* for information about the Sukkah Building and Decoration and Salsa 'n' Sips in the Sukkah. Our **Simhat Torah** celebration on **October 24** will begin with an *Oneg* dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by a special service during which students in *Kitot Gimel* and *Zayin* (3rd and 7th grades) will receive special honors as we conclude our

yearly reading of the Torah, and begin anew. There will be *hakafot* (dancing with the Torah scrolls) and so much joy. A community favorite continues this year, as we will unroll the Torah during Shabbat services on **October 26**. It is always a special experience, especially for our rising *B'nei Mitzvah* students, who have a chance to stand near and view their Torah portion in the scroll.

We are gearing up for sensational *simchas* this year. In the fall, we are lucky to celebrate the *B'nei Mitzvah* of five students. Please join us on **Sep. 14** for the *Bat Mitzvah* of **Madeleine Wilson**, **Sep. 21** for the *Bat Mitzvah* of **Abigail Hamilton**, **Sep. 28** for the *Bat Mitzvah* of **Arielle Schwartz**, **Nov. 9** for the *Bar Mitzvah* of **Daniel Weinstein**, and **Nov. 23** for the *Bar Mitzvah* of **Brayden Goldstein**. Attending *B'nei Mitzvah* services is a great way for families to see what this special day is like at Society Hill Synagogue. We hope everyone will join us to celebrate with these students and their families!

There are many other dates to share, so please keep an eye on the Hebrew School calendar. Important dates and information will also be sent in our weekly Hebrew School emails, so please make sure to read those. They are always the quickest way to get updates on what is happening.

Adult Education 5785 (2024-2025)

We believe that learning is a lifelong endeavor, and our adult education classes are thought-provoking, engaging, and a wonderful way to build new connections — with the material and with your fellow participants!

Nuts & Bolts: A (Re)Introduction to Judaism with Rabbi Nathan Kamesar.

Tuesdays — October 29, November 19, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 1, April 29, and May 20 @ 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Learn to Read Hebrew and **Intermediate Hebrew** with Marc Schwartz. Weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays, respectively, @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat: Exploring the Mystical Union of Shabbat with Rabbi Nathan Kamesar. Tuesdays — January 21, February 18, March 18, April 8, and May 6 @ 7:00 - 8:15 pm

How to with Hazzan Jessi — a series of one-off workshops on liturgy and service choreography. Check our website for specific sessions and dates.

Contemporary Jewish Thought with Sharon Brous' *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and Broken World* with Rabbi Avi Winokur. Thursdays — March 6, March 20, March 27, and April 3 @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Loving the Stranger II: Journeying In, Journeying Out... with Rabbi Marjorie Berman. Sundays — September 8, October 6, November 3, December 8, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1 @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

We're all Babylonians: The Land of Israel in the Talmud with Rafi Licht. Sundays — November 24, December 22, January 19, February 16, March 16 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Exploring Zionism: Understanding the Yearnings for a Jewish State with Rabbi Nathan Kamesar. Tuesdays — November 12, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, March 25, April 22, and May 13 @ 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Enhancing Your Jewish Presence Online: A Guide to Resources and Community with LilyFish Gomberg. Course meets Mondays — February 10, March 10, March 31, and April 28 @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Visit societyhillssynagogue.org/adult-education to learn more and enroll!

The Inclusion Corner

OHEL PATU'AH – THE OPEN TENT

by the Inclusion Steering Committee

As we begin another year, we appreciate member participation in the Inclusion Committee and its subcommittees and feel supported by the level of engagement in our programs. Participant insights and reflections enhance the experience for all and serve to guide our conversations and plans. We hope all aspects of our inclusion work enrich the experience of belonging for everyone in our synagogue community.

Interfaith Inclusion

We are currently collaborating with synagogue committee chairs and Hebrew School leadership. With the Religion Committee, we are exploring the framework within which we offer inclusive opportunities for individuals who are not Jewish to participate in worship service rituals. Because the Hebrew School student body is increasingly diverse, we, along with each subcommittee, are continuing conversations with Mike Roe, our Hebrew School Director, to explore ways we can support the faculty's work in meeting students' needs.

Disability Inclusion

September is Emergency Preparedness Month! We call your attention to the evacuation chair located next to the *tallit* rack outside the Sanctuary. Staff and volunteers are trained to assist congregants who cannot use the stairs in evacuating from the second floor if an emergency shuts down the elevator. We are working on signage to improve accessibility. Do you have concerns or expertise related to disability? Join our monthly 30-45 minute meetings on Zoom.

Inclusion of People of Color

We meet (usually) on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. Join us for a lively discussion of a relevant article, video, or topic, followed by planning for future programming. We just scheduled a screening of a well-known sermon by Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, "Rethinking Race in the Jewish Community," along with a discussion, after Shabbat morning services and *Kiddush* lunch on **Saturday, December 14**.

Gender Equity and LGBTQIA+ Inclusion

We are reviewing accomplishments and setting goals for the new year to support the Inclusion Committee's overall aim of enhancing Society Hill Synagogue as a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming place for members, guests, and prospective members. We focus on practices of our community, with special consideration for the perspective of people for whom issues of gender and/or sexual identity are important, as well as being a community resource. We welcome new members.



Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, whose sermon we will watch on December 14.

If you would like to participate in the Inclusion Committee or subcommittee conversations, please contact Debbie Stewart at inclusion@societyhillsynagogue.org. Our next Inclusion Committee meeting is September 25 at 7:00 pm.



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 societyhillsynagogue.org/member-spotlights



LARA GOLDWERT

"I love Society Hill Synagogue because everyone here is so supportive. So many people have helped me prepare for my Bat Mitzvah this coming Saturday!" (Lara's Bat Mitzvah was in June)

LISA EIZEN

"Society Hill Synagogue is such an inclusive community! Everyone can fit in and find a place for themselves. After 45 years of membership, three generations of my family currently are members here."



BECKY ROHTBART

"There are no words to fully convey how this community has walked with my family through both joyful milestones as well as the most devastating experiences. Each member of our family (three generations!) has consistently been greeted with warmth, care, and acceptance at every turn. It is a rare privilege to find a community like this, and we are deeply grateful for Society Hill Synagogue."

LEN FRIEDLAND

"Society Hill Synagogue is a progressive shul where everyone is welcome. We knew immediately this was the shul for us when we moved to Philly after we attended services and met with members. We also love that our apartment is just a few short blocks away!"



JUDY LALLI

"I walked into the door of Society Hill Synagogue in 2006 and felt at home instantly. I love our community's ru'ah, spiritual energy, and positive vibes. I love our Friday night TGISHabbat services because they truly embody the learning, spirituality, music, warmth, and schmoozing that define our community."



ABE SILBER

"As a lifelong member who has been around the synagogue for so long, I take such pleasure in seeing how vibrant the community and programming have become. With membership at an all-time high, the synagogue is as bustling as ever. For current members, lean into utilizing your membership by taking advantage of all of the different programming the synagogue has to offer. For prospective members and Playschool parents, trust that this is a community ready to welcome you!"



DAVID WEINFELD

"We love Society Hill Synagogue's progressive philosophy combined with a commitment to traditionalism. The atmosphere is so welcoming, especially for children. We look forward to meeting new people and making new friends for our kids and for ourselves at Society Hill Synagogue!"



NANCY WYGANT

"I joined Society Hill Synagogue because of the relaxed, friendly atmosphere and the way all ages engage and inspire each other in Rabbi Kamesar's Torah discussions. I also love learning about liturgy and am always interested in discussing how we relate to it — what speaks to us, what puzzles us, and what we struggle with."



LOUIS POLCIN

"From the moment I first walked into Society Hill Synagogue, I knew this would be my Jewish home. Our community is so warm and welcoming, and I feel accepted and supported every time I'm here. It's amazing how diverse our community is — by type of observance, background, and reasons why Judaism speaks to congregants. It's an honor to be able to call many Society Hill Synagogue members my friends, and to know that no matter how crazy things may be in the world, we have created a safety net of tradition and community."



Coolanu: Culture and Community

FALL COMMUNITY FUN AT SOCIETY HILL SYNAGOGUE

by Elliot Landes and Lesli Reich

As we continue to foster a vibrant community here at Society Hill Synagogue, we are excited to share our upcoming events and activities designed to bring us all together. Mark your calendars and join us for these enriching experiences!

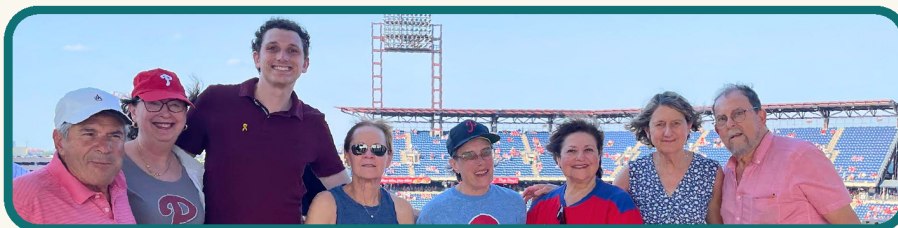
October

Sunday, October 13, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Community Sukkah Building and Decorating — Help us raise the roof (or *s'khakh*) and get crafty as we build and beautify our congregation's sukkah. This has become one of our community's signature intergenerational celebrations, with something for all ages. Bagels, coffee, and juice will be served.

Sunday, October 20, 5:00 - 7:00 pm: Salsa 'n' Sips in the Sukkah — Join us for an evening of celebration, libations, and Mexican cuisine in our beautifully decorated sukkah. It's a great way to celebrate the season with friends and family!



Salsa 'n' Sips in the Sukkah 2023; Sahar Oz.



Society Hill Synagogue members at the Phillies Jewish Heritage Night in June; submitted.

November

Sunday, November 10, 2:00 - 4:00 pm: "Museuming with Marty" at the Philadelphia Museum of Art — Our resident art historian, Marty Rosenberg, will lead us on a specially curated tour. Stay tuned for registration information and sign up quickly — past tours have filled up within days!

December

Sunday, December 8, 3:00 - 5:30 pm: An Afternoon at The SPACE Art Gallery — Mingle with friends, explore fine art photography and modern jewelry, get a jump on Hanukkah shopping, and enjoy some nosh! Gallery owners and congregants Andrea Appel and Chris Brown will donate a portion of the proceeds from items purchased at the event to the synagogue.



Sunday, December 15, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: The Hanukkah Happening — Our community's beloved Hanukkah party, featuring the Latke Brigade's incredible gluten-free latkes, dreidel games and holiday art projects, and our Second Annual Ugly Hanukkah Sweater Contest!

Looking Ahead to 2025

We're already planning exciting events for the winter and spring:

- Author talks with congregants who have recently published books
- Ice Skating and S'mores
- Israeli dancing
- A comedy night
- Outings to the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Philadelphia Ballet

We're always eager to hear your ideas as we plan our events. If you would like to join our committee or contribute your thoughts, please reach out at:

[coolanu](https://coolanu.org)

[@societyhillsynagogue.org](https://societyhillsynagogue.org)

Your involvement helps our community thrive!



YOUNG FRIENDS (20- AND 30-SOMETHINGS)

The Young Friends group serves adults in their 20s and 30s who are looking to make connections within our community at social events. What started as picnics in Washington Square Park during the summer of 2020 has blossomed into a thriving community of singles and couples, young professionals and grad students. This past year, our group grew significantly. We expanded our membership and established connections with other Jewish young adult groups in Philadelphia.

We want to share an appreciative *todah rabah* (thank you) to **Niki Torskiy**, our outgoing Young Friends Co-Chair. Niki was a regular warm presence at many of our events before she determinedly stepped into a leadership role. During her tenure, she fostered the expansion of our membership by building connections in the Philadelphia community, and she opened her home to host Friendsgiving, Tu B'Shvat celebrations, and matzah pizza night during Passover. Thank you for all your contributions, Niki!

As we look forward to the Jewish new year 5785, the Young Friends group has many exciting events and news in store. First, we would like to welcome our new co-chairs, **Alexis Rosen** and **Louis Polcin**, who will join **Anna Wiener** in co-leading Young Friends Group events.!



Alexis Rosen is passionate about the Jewish community, especially its culture and cuisine. She works in marketing at a real estate company, and she's on the Communications Committee at Society Hill Synagogue. Alexis is always on the lookout for new and fun experiences in Philly, and has been finding joy in Young Friends events!



Louis Polcin has been a friendly presence at Young Friends happenings, even with his demanding schedule as a PhD student at the University of Pennsylvania. In the past year, Louis has become an integral member of our community through his regular presence on Shabbat and by leaning into building connections and community.

Here is a look at our Autumn Happenings:

October 6 @ 1:00 pm — Apple Picking at Solebury Orchards

October 21 @ 7:00 pm — Sukkot Happy Hour with Tribe 12 in the Society Hill Synagogue Sukkah

November 10 @ 2:00 pm — Young Friendsgiving: Our traditional Friendsgiving Potluck, with a charitable spin

November 21 @ 7:00 pm — Young People Take Over Night at Theatre Ariel: Amsterdam

For more info about these events, check out our webpage: societyhillsynagogue.org/young-friends

We are looking for associate chairs to assist with planning, communication, and steering events.

If you want to make connections and help our community flourish, send us an email:

youngfriends@societyhillsynagogue.org

YOUNG FAMILIES SHABBAT DATES

Our popular Young Families Shabbat celebrations, led by Society Hill Synagogue parents Joanna and Micah Hart, blend guitar grooves, singing, instruments for all ages, blessings, dancing, and the company of new friends and familiar faces! A delicious dairy vegetarian dinner or lunch is always included. These gatherings take place in the synagogue's courtyard or social hall (depending on weather), and you can RSVP for any or all of them via the quick and easy form on our website.

Here are the dates for Young Families Shabbatot in the 5785 (2024-2025) year:

- Friday, Sep. 6 @ 5:45 pm with Dinner
- Friday, Oct. 25 @ 5:45 pm with Dinner
- Friday, Nov. 15 @ 5:45 pm with Dinner
- Friday, Dec. 13 @ 5:45 pm with Dinner
- Friday, Jan. 10 @ 5:45 pm with Dinner
- Friday, Feb. 21 @ 5:45 pm with Dinner
- Friday, Mar. 21 @ 5:45 pm with Dinner
- Friday, Apr. 4 @ 5:45 pm with Dinner
- Friday, May 2 @ 5:45 pm with Dinner
- Friday, Jun. 6 @ 5:45 pm with Dinner
- Saturday, Oct. 19 @ 11:15 am with Lunch
- Saturday, Nov. 2 @ 11:15 am with Lunch
- Saturday, Jan. 25 @ 11:15 am with Lunch
- Saturday, Feb. 1 @ 11:15 am with Lunch
- Saturday, Mar. 1 @ 11:15 am with Lunch
- Saturday, Apr. 26 @ 11:15 am with Lunch
- Saturday, May 10 @ 11:15 am with Lunch

All of these dates are also available on the synagogue's calendar and in the Facebook event for Young Families Shabbat. Please spread the word and reach out to youngfamilies@societyhillssynagogue.org with any questions. We look forward to getting to know you!

TRIPLE CHAI (AGES 54+)

Triple Chai is Society Hill Synagogue's social group for congregants ages 54 and older. *Chai* (with the "ch" pronounced like in "challah") means "living" in Hebrew and is a word formed by two Hebrew letters whose numerical value totals 18. Hence Triple Chai!

Recent Triple Chai programs and activities have included outings to theater and a meal, specially guided tours of local art galleries, and film festival screenings. We welcome all adults ages 54 and older — singles and couples — to join us and build deeper and wider bonds in a fun, welcoming ambiance. For more information, please contact Triple Chai Co-Chairs **Robin Cohen** and **Natalie Landro** at triplechai@societyhillssynagogue.org.

Upcoming Event: A Walking Tour of the Old Jewish Quarter of Philly

Sunday, September 22 @ 11:00 am • \$10 per Participant

From the 1880's through the 1920's, the area between Spruce and Christian and 2nd and 6th was the Philadelphia equivalent of New York's Lower East Side. Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe created a community with a Yiddish theater, literary societies and newspapers, synagogues, banks, bath houses, and delicatessens. Led by congregant **Jerry Silverman**, this **two-hour** tour will cover **two miles** and is capped at **20 participants: first come, first served**. After the tour, participants are invited to eat lunch together. Reserve your spot today by emailing triplechai@societyhillssynagogue.org and paying \$10.

We are also planning a theater outing to see *Amsterdam* at Theatre Ariel on **November 19** and a Hanukkah event in **December**. For more information, see our webpage:

societyhillssynagogue.org/triple-chai

Social Action Committee **TIKKUN OLAM**

by Steve Morley

The Social Action Committee offers opportunities for engagement to participate in *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world). Please join us at any or all of the activities that we promote, and feel free to suggest new avenues for social action.

Contact Steve Morley with any ideas for social action at Society Hill Synagogue:

socialaction
@societyhillssynagogue.org

Supporting Vare-Washington Elementary School

Society Hill Synagogue has been supporting Vare-Washington Elementary School ("VWES") at 5th and Federal Streets since 2006. VWES serves a diverse population of 360 students in grades Pre-K through 8, many who speak first languages other than English. Society Hill Synagogue volunteers have provided critical classroom supports for students and teachers.

Our congregation also provides volunteers in the school library to assist with the classes of students who visit the library. We would welcome a few more good volunteers.

Joan Roller is again organizing our synagogue's coat and gift card drive for VWES this coming December. Participating school families will receive a \$50 gift card to Walmart and new or lightly used winter clothing for children in kindergarten to eighth grade. Stay tuned!

If you want to help, contact:

varewashington
@societyhillssynagogue.org



POWER Interfaith:

This fall, Society Hill Synagogue joins with POWER in the fight for our enduring values through mobilizing voters.

Join your fellow congregants in nonpartisan letter-writing get-togethers to mobilize voters. We meet in person and via Zoom. For more information or to sign up to join us, visit

societyhillssynagogue.org/
gotv2024

or contact Wendy Greenspan at

POWER
@societyhillssynagogue.org

Join **POWER** in canvassing on **Sunday, September 29** and **Sunday, October 20**. Contact Wendy Greenspan for details.

Helping Fight Food Insecurity

Society Hill Synagogue continues its incredible collaboration with Old Pine Community Center (OPCC), where, **every week**, our volunteers pack 100 bags of groceries and 50 small meals for families in the Courtyard Apartments, as well as 40-50 bags of groceries to VWES once a month.

Join our vibrant corps of volunteers to pack and prepare food at OPCC any **Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 - 5:30 pm**. You must register on the Society Hill Synagogue website. You can also donate to the Society Hill Synagogue Food Insecurity Fund so that we can purchase fresh food for the families.

SAVE THE DATE for an upcoming Food Insecurity Lunch 'n Learn on Saturday, November 2 following the *Kiddush* lunch.

Pennsylvania Immigrant Citizenship Coalition (PICC)

Join PICC on one or more days per week at one or more shifts per day at USCIS, 30 N. 41st Street, to register new citizens to vote at the Naturalization Ceremony.

This is a moving experience in which you can make a difference in a life and in our lives. Learn more and sign up at **societyhillssynagogue.org/**
gotv2024.

Food Insecurity Committee

HELPING FIGHT FOOD INSECURITY

by Bob Kaufman and Laurie Krivo



Society Hill Synagogue volunteers help prepare food at OPCC; submitted.

We have so much to report about the great work that Society Hill Synagogue members do to fight food insecurity in our neighborhood. Our incredible collaboration with Old Pine Community Center (OPCC):

- Provides 100 bags of groceries each week to households in the Courtyard Apartments and 50 small meals (typically sandwiches that we prepare at OPCC). This program serves a full 20% of all households living in the apartment complex!
- Delivers 40-50 bags of groceries to Vre-Washington Elementary School families once a month all year long.
- Supports OPCC's ongoing food drive by spreading the word about their monthly donation request (watch for this in the synagogue eNews).

Save the Date:

We are thrilled to announce that the Society Hill Synagogue Food Insecurity Committee will be honored for all this great work on **Thursday, September 26 at 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Old Pine Community Center's 47th Anniversary Celebration fundraiser.**

Join us at OPCC to share in this honor and support an amazing community organization (tickets available on OPCC's website, under the "Events" tab).

Save the date for an upcoming Food Insecurity Lunch 'n Learn on **Saturday, November 2**, following Kiddush lunch.

How can you help?

Join our vibrant and growing corps of volunteers to pack and prepare food at Old Pine Community Center any Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. You must register on the Society Hill Synagogue website.

Donate to the Society Hill Synagogue Food Insecurity Fund, through your dues or as a direct donation. The synagogue purchases fresh foods that are highly desired by families (eggs and bread) to include in the grocery bags.

If you have questions, contact Bob Kaufman and Laurie Krivo:

foodinsecurity
@societyhillssynagogue.org



Tickets available at
www.oldpinecommunitycenter.org/events

COMMUNITY NEWS



Welcome New Members:

Natalie Landro

Matthew, Patty, Henry, and Louisa Slutsky

Marc Walton and Tova Stifano-Walton

Ilene Hollin and Brian Barenbaum

Jodi Kefer, Adam Foxx, and Mia and Charlie Foxx

Alex Urevick-Ackelsberg, Amy Wilson, and Chaya and Ari Ackelsberg

Eileen Abrahams and Lewis Schwartz

Michelle Weisberg

Paul Steinhardt

Richard and Barbara Zamarin

Sandi Foxx-Jones

Seth, Jillian, Isabella, and Libby Lieberman

Louis Polcin

Kia Bickel

Michelle Bass

Justin Brock, Rachel Ravitch, and Layna and Eli Brock

Audrey Boytim and Jada Cano

Kellen Hanley and William Boardman

Davida, David, Colin, Lucas, and Sawyer Krupnick

Daniella Gold, Jonathan Zimmerman, and Hannah and Aviva Zimmerman



Mazal Tov to:

Robin Ireland and Stephen Kastenbergl and their family on their wedding

Gdaly and Eva Berlin, and big brothers Lev and Alan, on the birth of their daughter and sister, Frida Carol Berlin



Condolences to:

Jerry Kranzel and Rian Berger and their children, Alexander and Jenavieve, and their family on the passing of Jerry's mother, Myra Kranzel

Amy Goldman and Karl Janowitz and their family on the passing of Amy's brother, Roger Goldman

Jeremey and Fran Newberg and their daughters, Jessica and Sofia, and their family on the passing of Jeremey's stepmother, Adina Newberg

Deborah Cherry, Hannah Dubb, Sydney Dubb, Sye Cohen, and Barbara Cohen on the passing of Janet Cherry

Brian and Jessica Mono and their children, Jacob and Talia, and their family on the passing of Brian's father, Henry Mono

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Birthdays

Carol Katcher
Lyn Kirshenbaum
Robby Saligman
Rivka Weinstein
David Levine
Neil Cohen
Matthew Fingerman
Anya Rosin
Madeleine Wilson
Eva D'Ignazio
Edgar Einhorn
Andrea Ehrlich
Gail Pogach
Susan Roe
Arnie Freedman
Marty Rosenberg
Camila Gelman
Jenna Makuen
Joy Lander Roe
Tova Stifano-Walton

Abe Silber
Karen Hafter
Justin Lilien
Paxton Ratliff
Ralph Schapira
Michal Strunk
Ben Cohen
Bart Kaplan
Debora King
Marjie Patterson
Joann Slosberg
Anya Applebaum Licht
Owen Fox
Josh Lehrer
Brooke Salzman
Betta Kolansky
Paula Ninerell
Hannah Dashefsky
Ann Rosen Spector
Lynne Rubinfeld
Jared Susco
Ezra Raphael

Jackson Tropea
Aldo Friedman
Lori Landew
Aiden Laver
Fran Gallun
Rebecca Fishman
Florence Frantz
Dana Feinberg
Alex Unger
Joel Rosner
Ben Rosin
Leslie Weiss
Robert Einhorn
Sara Leshen-Gross
Dawn Mechanic-Hamilton
Jessica Newberg
Jamie Schwartz
Felix Edelman
Mark Jansen
Casey Leeds
Josie Chrismer
Tim Cravens



Lisa Eizen
 Shara Epstein
 Mindy Fortin
 Effe Kean
 Anne Ballen Ladenson
 Dana Rosner

October Birthdays

Adam Foxx
 Alexis Peskin
 Mira Nachod
 Dan Bogen
 Andrea Appel
 Lily Hayman
 Dov Kean
 Jonathan Wetstein
 William Diebold
 Ellen Fennick
 Jacob Mono
 Roberta Spivek
 Sayde Ladov
 Martha Levine
 Marc Walton
 Jay Goodman
 Cora Rosin
 Charlie Seltzer
 Ylanah Sloane
 Valentina Bonello
 Alexander Kranzel
 Burton Blender
 Roberta Dranoff
 Taylor Lutz
 Ed Weinstein
 Jay Wussow

Emma Salzman
 Daniel Saligman
 Skylar Hunter
 Max Gearhart-Robboy
 Eli Howe
 Max Schoenhaus
 Abe Summers
 Max Goldberg
 Betty Kaplan
 Warren Manning
 Max Seldin
 Zev Genecov
 Claire Ireland
 Joanna Lack
 Mike Roe
 Larry Goldfinger
 Lance Goldstein
 Lena Popkin
 Rafael Margolis
 Abigail Wolf
 Louis Polcin
 David Pressel
 Jonathan Weiss
 Jacob Hayman
 Jacob Polakoff
 Ella Sakkal
 Thea Applebaum Licht
 Felise Nagelberg
 Hannah Feinberg
 Clara Gutstadt
 Victoria Tropea
 Owen Baker
 Shiloh Epstein
 Brian Mono
 Sharon Shapiro

November Birthdays

Michael Grosberg
 Joanna Rosner
 Samantha Rosner
 Rachel Goldfinger
 Tom Snell
 Ari Laver
 Shira Angert
 Margot Elton-Ratliff
 Ava Herrmann
 Mike Fox
 Henry Gutstadt
 Miriam Magen
 Adriel Mesznik
 Anita Cohen
 Gabrielle Applebaum
 Atara Jaffe
 Neil Bunis
 David Ladov
 Mark Dembert
 Ira Kauderwood
 Scotty Jordan
 Ron Kaiser
 Terri Soifer
 Micah Hart
 Elias Mesznik
 Deborah Casnoff
 Sara Schwartz Chrismer
 Aaron Edelman
 Elijah Hazelwood
 Brayden Goldstein
 Valerie Wetstein
 Hilary Levine
 Evyn Appel
 Megan Helzner
 Terry Novick
 Pelley Brown
 Adam Reinitz
 Layla Solomon



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September Anniversaries

Stephanie & Adam Reinitz
 Rabbi Nathan & Caroline Kamesar
 Mindy & Thaddeus Fortin
 Noah Chrismer & Sara Schwartz Chrismer (20th)
 Josh & Suzanne Sztul
 Margot Elton-Ratliff & Jeff Ratliff
 Alan & Lynn Gottlieb
 James & Linda Rosenstein (55th)
 Richard Braemer & Amy Finkel
 Jay Wussow & Emily Zimmerman (20th)
 Karl Janowitz & Amy Goldman
 Warren Manning & Susan Rodgin

November Anniversaries

Alice Levy & Motty Seal
 Marlene Lachman & Alan Ominsky
 Howard & Gloria Briskin
 Steven Datlof & Diane Harrison
 Steven & Lisa Eizen
 Robert & Wilma Bass
 Terri Soifer & Jake Rainwater
 Effe & Brian Kean
 Michael & Holly Gorsen
 Neil Cohen & Debbie Weissbach (40th)
 Leslie Weiss & Neil Bunis
 Jim & Julie Wilson
 Kinney Zalesne & Scott Siff
 Jeremey & Fran Newberg
 Jodi Kefer & Adam Foxx (20th)
 Jud Aaron & Sue Snedden



October Anniversaries

Aaron & Renee Edelman
 Ilene Hollin & Brian Barenbaum
 David Weinfeld & Marjie Patterson
 Shane Malach & Hailey Rovner (1st)
 Michael Hess & Marty Miller (25th)
 Felise & Holden Nagelberg
 Hannah Dashefsky & Tom Snell
 Josh Goldwert & Jennifer Schwartz
 Murray Dubin & Libby Rosof
 Debora & Adrian King
 Bonny Hohenberger & Nathan Farbman
 Beth & Charlie Seltzer
 Anna & Andrew Bruton
 Nathaniel Popkin & Rona Buchalter
 Sahar Oz & Allison Kirshner Oz
 Hilary Levine & Tyler McKinley
 Mark Steinberger & Ann Lebowitz
 Mike & Jaime Fox
 Aaron & Alexis Peskin
 Mindy & Matthew Fingerman



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Society Hill Synagogue

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In Memory of

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Donna Tartasky

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Ron Herman, Husband of Terry Graboyes

Terry Graboyes

Molly Miller, Mother of Paula Ninerell

Paula Ninerell

Marion Rosof, Mother of Libby Rosof

Libby Rosof & Murray Dubin

Mannie & Rose Hechler, Parents of Iris Levine

Iris Levine

Berta Magdole, Aunt of Jerry Roller

Jerry & Joan Roller

Jack Paller, Father of Robert Paller

Robert Paller

Dolores Borawski, Mother of Tom Borawski

Tom Borawski & Libby Cone

Estelle Dembert, Mother of Mark Dembert

Mark Dembert & Mary Fish

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Frank Giorgilli

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Alan & Lynn Gottlieb

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In Memory of

Solas Lange, Grandson of Randi Kamine & Hop Sears

Randi Kamine & Hop Sears

Roger Goldman, Brother of Amy Goldman

Stanley & Judith Woloff

Estelle Hyman, Mother of Nancy Winkler

Nancy Winkler

Yahrzeit Remembrance of

Jean Sablove, Mother of Pelley Brown

Stephen & Pelley Brown

Alan L. Jacobs, Father & Grandfather

The Goldenberg Family

Rabbi Emeritus' Discretionary Fund

In Memory of

Eleanor Jarosh

Stanley & Judith Woloff

Hazzan's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of

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Yahrzeit Remembrance of

Lenore Summers Ebstein, Mother of Rick Summers

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 Barbara Spector

Food Insecurity Fund

In Honor of
Occasion of 17 Tamuz
 Joseph Freedman

Birth of David & Pam Levine's Granddaughter, Leia Sydelle Ruddy-Levine
 Neil Cohen & Debbie Weissbach
 Judy Rohtbart

In Memory of
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 Robin Cohen
 Judy Lalli

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 Neil Cohen & Debbie Weissbach
 Judy Rohtbart
 Francine Cohen

Adina Newberg, Step-Mother of Jeremey Newberg
 Bill & Debbie Stewart
 Tony & Judy Lalli

Janet Cherry
 Bill & Debbie Stewart

Yahrzeit Remembrance of
Zoltan Teller, Father of Judy Rohtbart
 Judy Rohtbart

Molly Rohtbart, Mother-in-Law of Judy Rohtbart
 Judy Rohtbart

Kiddush Fund

In Appreciation of
Rabbi Nathan Kamesar & Rabbi Avi Winokur for their Guidance and Support
 Marc, Staci & Jamie Schwartz

In Honor of
Birth of David & Pam Levine's Granddaughter, Leia Sydelle Ruddy-Levine
 Lesli & Carter Reich
 Iris Levine

Carmen Hayman's Presidency at Society Hill Synagogue
 Mark Steinberger & Ann Lebowitz



Neil Cohen & Debbie Weissbach on the Marriage of their daughter, Shira Cohen, to Marjorie Alexander
 Marc & Staci Schwartz

Neil Cohen & Debbie Weissbach on the Marriage of their son, Daniel Cohen, to Sari Lowenstein
 Marc & Staci Schwartz

Harry & Eleanor Oxman's 63rd Wedding Anniversary
 David & Pam Levine

In Memory of
Gloria Schwartz, Mother of Marc Schwartz
 Iris Levine

Adina Newberg, Step-Mother of Jeremey Newberg
 David & Pam Levine
 Barbara Spector

Yahrzeit Remembrance of
Aaron & Mimi Klein, Parents of Pam Levine
 David & Pam Levine

Adult Education Fund

In Memory of
Gloria Schwartz, Mother of Marc Schwartz
 Stanley & Judith Woloff

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Stephen Cohen and Naomi Basicckes

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In Memory of my Husband, Michael J. McGeady

Bonny Hohenberger and Nathan Farbman

Mark Dembert and Mary Fish

In Memory of Mark's Parents, Bernard G. and Estelle D. Dembert

Deena and Len Friedland

Len Weinberg and Fran Gallun

In Honor of our Grandchildren: Ruby, Alana, Sam, Jack, and Noah

Frank Giorgilli

Carmen and Ric Hayman

Marlene Lachman and Alan Ominsky

Harry and Eleanor Oxman

Lesli and Carter Reich

In Memory of our Parents and Grandparents

Joann and Barry Slosberg

Ann Lebowitz and Mark Steinberger

Neil Cohen and Debbie Weissbach

Emily Zimmerman and Jay Wussow

In Memory of Emily's father, Mark Stanton Zimmerman



High Holidays 5785: Schedule of Programs

Month of Elul

Tuesday, September 3

5:30 pm — Rosh Hodesh Gathering*

Friday, September 6

5:30 pm — Open House Wine & Cheese
6:00 pm — Open House TGI Shabbat Service
7:15 pm — Oneg Dinner

Saturday, September 7

9:00 am — Open House Coffee & Schmooze
9:30 am — First Day of Hebrew School
9:45 am — Open House Shabbat Morning Service
12:00 pm — *Kiddush* Lunch

Tuesdays, September 10, 17, and 24

7:00 - 8:30 pm — High Holiday Prep Class with Rabbi Nathan Kamesar*

Saturday, September 28

7:45 pm — Erev S'lihot Participatory Concert*

Sukkot and Simhat Torah

Sunday, October 13

10:00 am — Sukkah Building & Decoration

Thursday, October 17

9:30 am — Sukkot Morning Service
12:00 pm — *Kiddush* Lunch

Friday, October 18

6:00 pm — TGI Shabbat Sukkot Service
7:15 pm — Oneg Dinner

Saturday, October 19

9:45 am — Shabbat Sukkot Service
12:00 pm — *Kiddush* Lunch

Thursday, October 24

9:30 am — Sh'mini Atzeret Service with Yizkor
12:00 pm — *Kiddush* Lunch
5:30 pm — Simhat Torah Oneg Dinner
6:15 pm — Simhat Torah Service & Celebration

Friday, October 25

6:00 pm — TGI Shabbat Service with Hatan Torah and Kallat Bereshit Celebration
7:15 pm — Oneg Dinner

Saturday, October 26

9:30 am — Shabbat *Bereshit* Service, including Unrolling of Entire Torah Scroll
12:00 pm — *Kiddush* Lunch

Yamim Nora'im: Days of Awe

Wednesday, October 2

6:00 pm — Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
7:15 pm — Oneg Dinner

Thursday, October 3

9:00 am — Rosh Hashanah Main Service
9:30 am — Rosh Hashanah Family Service for families with children ages 7 and younger*
10:30 am — Rosh Hashanah Family Service for families with children ages 8-12*
10:30 am — Rosh Hashanah Teen Program*
1:15 pm — *Kiddush* Lunch
2:30 pm — Community Tashlikh

Friday, October 4

9:30 am — Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service
1:15 pm — *Kiddush* Lunch
6:00 pm — TGI Shabbat Service
7:15 pm — Oneg Dinner

Saturday, October 5

9:45 am — Shabbat Morning Service
12:00 pm — *Kiddush* Lunch

Friday, October 11

6:00 pm — Kol Nidrei Service

Saturday, October 12

9:30 am — Yom Kippur Main Service
9:30 am — Yom Kippur Family Service for families with children ages 7 and younger*
10:30 am — Yom Kippur Family Service for families with children ages 8-12*
10:30 am — Yom Kippur Teen Program*
4:45 pm — Yom Kippur Yizkor Service
5:15 pm — Yom Kippur Minhah Service
6:15 pm — Yom Kippur Ne'ilah Service
7:05 pm — Sound the Shofar and Break the Fast

* Program requires advance registration for both members and the general public



AUTUMN 2024 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

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AUTUMN CALENDAR KEY:

-  = Young Families Shabbat
-  = Book Club Meets
-  = B'nei Mitzvah
-  = Save the Date for a special event:

Special Events:

- Sep. 3 — First Rosh Hodesh Group Meeting
- Sep. 6-7 — Open House Weekend
- Sep. 7 — First Day of Hebrew School
- Sep. 19 — Jewish & American Constitutionalism
- Sep. 22 — Triple Chai Walking Tour
- Sep. 28 — Erev S'lichot Participatory Concert
- Oct. 2-4 — Rosh Hashanah Services
- Oct. 6 — Apple Picking with the Young Friends
- Oct. 11-12 — Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur Services
- Oct. 13 — Sukkah Building & Decoration
- Oct. 17 — Sukkot Morning Service
- Oct. 18 — TGIShabbat feat. Kitot Gimel and Dalet
- Oct. 20 — Coolanu Salsa 'n' Sips in the Sukkah
- Oct. 21 — Young Friends Happy Hour in the Sukkah
- Oct. 24 — Sh'mini Atzeret Service with Yizkor
- Oct. 24 — Simhat Torah Service & Celebration
- Nov. 1 — TGIShabbat feat. Kitot Hey and Vav
- Nov. 10 — Young Friendsgiving
- Nov. 10 — Coolanu: Museuming With Marty
- Nov. 19 — Triple Chai: Theatre Ariel
- Nov. 21 — Young Friends: Theatre Ariel

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