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The Jewish calendar's beginning of the New Year focuses our attention sharply on the relentless passing of time. The first day of Tishrei slips in as quietly as any other day of the year. There are no particular sounds of thunder or bolts of lightning to

proclaim that a new year has begun. In fact, for nearly 100 percent of the world, it is not a new year at all. But whenever one's new year begins, it is an occasion to reflect on the meaning of time and how we relate to it.

Time is neither an ally nor an adversary.

The prolific American Rabbi Sidney Greenberg wrote:

"One thing we can say with certainty is that time moves steadily ahead. Like manna, it cannot be hoarded. Nor can it be reversed. The film of life cannot be rewound. Nor can it be halted in its flight. Sometimes, we come to a moment so exquisite that we understand the poet's plea: 'O moment stay, thou art fair."

Time cannot be stopped in its tracks. However, there is much we can do with time.

We can use it, we can waste it, we can invest it.

Prisoners serve time; musicians mark time; idlers pass time; speeding motorists make time; referees call time; historians record time; scorekeepers keep time.

We each receive the same amount of time daily: 24 hours of 60 minutes each. It is up to us what we do with this tremendous gift. We often complain about how quickly time flies - but isn't time flying by a sign of a less-than-eventful year?

Years of hardship, of substantial loss, seem to trudge by slowly. For those who paced the hospital hallways, awaited the return of a loved one, stayed up all night afflicted by an eternity of worry, or suffered at the hands of loss, this year did not pass by quickly.

Whether swift or slow, we have concluded the past year, and a new one is on the horizon. What should we do? Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel guided us wisely when he wrote: "Judaism is a religion of time, aiming at the sanctification of time."

Our tradition acknowledges, marks, and often celebrates time. Perhaps we feel this most during our Days of Awe. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are holy days, but are they the only sacred days?

Every day can be made holy if we choose to sanctify it. Time becomes sacred when we share and care. Time is blessed when we use it. As we face the new year, there is a unique urgency to the prayer of the Psalmist: "Teach us to number our days so that we may attain a heart of wisdom."

### Shanah Tovah U'Metukah, Wishing you a good and sweet new year, Rabbi Crane

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Last month I was away on Sabbatical, taking time off for personal development, learning and rest. I spent most of this time in Israel, reconnecting with the land, spending time with family and friends and working on my music project. My daughter Shana joined me on the trip.

We took a direct flight to Tel Aviv and

landed safely in the baking hot heat of the Israeli summer. Our friends picked us up at the airport and took us to their home in Petach Tikvah to celebrate Shabbat together.

Shabbat in Israel is a very special time. Those of you who've experienced it probably remember how it seems as if the entire country stops on Friday and does not resume its normal pace until Saturday afternoon. And although the intensity of Shabbat observance varies from Bnai Brak to Tel Aviv, overall it is a quiet and peaceful time for many. For us and our friends in Petach Tikva, the feelings of Shabbat had an added measure of simcha, as we also celebrated my friend's sons' birthdays that night.

My friend Boris and I have known each other for over 30 years. We met at St Petersburg Conservatory of Music in Petrozavodsk Russia in 1991. Boris studied violin and composition and I studied voice and conducting. Together we created Klezmer Shpil Orchestra, a Jewish music ensemble that performed and recorded in Russia, Finland, and Sweden in 1991-1993. In 1994 Boris immigrated to Israel and i went to the United States. But we stayed in touch, recorded and performed together.

Boris is a very talented individual and because of his talents and hard work he was able to find a place for himself in Israel as a musician- not an easy thing to do. Boris works as a violin teacher and conductor. He is also appointed a musician-in-residence for Gesher Theater in Tel Aviv.

Boris is known around the world and he has collaborated with some of the most outstanding musicians of our time, including violinist Itzhak Perlman and singer Sarit Haddat. In the last few years he has been helping me to write a musical about my life called "The Singing Yid or How I Became a Cantor in America."

Some of you may remember the try run of this show a few years back. I have been working on it ever since; improving and changing things around to make it more presentable on a larger stage.

Being on Sabbatical gave me much needed time for writing and composing. I was also excited to spend time with Boris and his family; making music, catching up and hanging out together.

One of the conversation topics was the protests against Netanyahu's government that intensified during our visit. And as political discussion penetrated our Shabbat conversations it set a tone for our Israel experience for the next two weeks in the country. During our stay, not a day passed by when we had to adjust our schedule to the road and business closures implemented as a result of the protest. It was frustrating at times, not to be able to visit all the touristy places that we wanted to see.

Yet at the same time it was amazing to be in Israel in the midst of a fundamental political change and observe it from within.

As my dear friend, our congregant Joel Hellman told me during our quick lunch in Jerusalem at a café outside of Knesset: Look around Pavel you are in the midst of a monumental historical event.

And he was absolutely right. For what we were seeing was truly historic and significant both for the country and for the world.

By protesting against the government's corruption and overreach Israelis reaffirm their commitment to democracy.

They also show to the world that Israel as a place where justice and equality matters. Tzedek Tzedek tirdof - Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may thrive and occupy the land that Adonai your God is giving you.

This line from Parshat Shoftim underlines the pursuit of justice as one of the most essential elements of what it means to live in the land. Reflecting the biblical times it surely resonates in today's events pointing to a special connection between Israel's present and its past.

This connection was clearly palpable for Shana and I. For as we were learning about ancient history by visiting museums and historical sites, Israel's modern history was happening right before our eyes.

Even the fact that the protest was taking place just a few days before Tisha B'av was an eerie reminder of the past and of the danger of Sinat Chinam -senseless hatred that had a potential to spin out of control.

These historical analogies were surely on my mind as I watched the protests live and followed the rhetoric on social media and TV. At the same time, what i saw taking place in Israel had a different undertone then other protests that I've seen here in the US and around the world.

I noticed for example, that in spite of all the heated rhetoric and at times, violent confrontations, both sides used Israeli flag as a symbol of values that each held dear.

And while the anti-government protestors sometimes carried pink flags and those purposefully tarnish to show disdain, it was the all familiar Star of David that reigned over both the protesting crowd and those confronting it on the opposite side.

It was also clear from the interactions between the demonstrators and the police, the debates both on TV and at my friend's house that people on both sides of the protest had something in common.

### Cantor Roytman article cont'd......

To me it was the Israeli identity shaped by the history of persecutions and the Holocaust and strengthened by Israel's struggle for independence and survival that united both sides of the protest. Another part of this identity is the fact that Israel as a home for all Jews. And because of it being there often feels like being a part of a large extended family.

And that is why the protest in Israel had a different vibe then those I've seen around the world. In some ways it looked as if a brother was going against a brother both in pain and in love for the country that each sacrificed so much for.

You may call me naive but I believe that this very sense of common Jewish identity that i saw manifest on both sides of the barricades is what will eventually help Israelis to bridge their divisions and achieve consensus and compromise.

After all, this has happened before. For example in this week's very Torah portion Moses reminds the people of Israel of their failings that caused divisions in the past. These include the worship of the Golden Calf, the rebellion of Korach, the sin of the spies, and many more.

In recounting the failings of the past Moses encourages the people to learn from their mistakes and to focus on following God's commandments and rules.

He speaks to the Israelites at a pivotal point of their journey, right before they enter the land. He understands that in the face of the military campaign, unity is of the utmost importance. And that is why in recounting the past he also reminds the people of the events that shaped their common history; the exodus, the giving of commandments, and the promise of the land as a part of the covenant with God.

And as people hear the story they are inspired to go forward united by common purpose and faith. In Israel today the people are also divided. And these divisions are scary for they can lead to the destruction of the country as we know it.

At the same time, todays Israel is an independent democratic state, and as such it is bound to go through social and political struggles to achieve equality and justice for the majority of its citizens.

It is my hope that in the end the necessary changes will take place and the country will stay united. And when I visit Israel next time I'll be able to see the changes in place and unity and peace prevail in the land. For it is our home and there is no other.

Ein Li Eretz Acheret

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### President—Cynthia Lerner



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First, let me take this opportunity to wish each of you a healthy happy New Year. As the holidays ease us into the new year, I can't help but reflect on the past year and think about what the New Year holds.

Personally: For me, 5783 has been a time of exciting and life-changing events. My daughter Rachel earned

her MBA from Brandeis University and my oldest son is now engaged to be married; both Rachel and my daughter-in-law Katie are expecting, November and December promise even more good news!

BHBE: So...for some, the beginning of a new year is full of promise and excitement and I certainly hope that as you think about the days ahead for BHBE, you are thrilled about what the future holds. BHBE is a strong community and as the past few weeks have shown, we are incredibly resourceful and meet a challenge with enthusiasm. Our Saturday morning Shabbat services in the Chapel have certainly been joyful and many of you have told me how the small prayer space helps you feel connected to fellow congregants and seems to have an incredibly positive effect on our Shabbos ruach!

Friday night Littles events in Rabbi Crane's back yard, or in BHBE if the weather was challenging, have proved to be an on-going success. Slowly but surely, as the Littles grow a little older, these families have joined BHBE.

As we have continued to move away from the restrictions and limitations of the "covid years," we have celebrated several in person Friday night Shabbos dinners. We are planning more of these for the coming year...and will also be offering take-home Shabbos meals again.

Our kiddush program, especially the once a month birthday celebrations, have been well supported financially by you and help to create the community and joy that so many of us are seeking on Shabbos mornings. We are working hard on making our kiddushes more earth friendly with composting and recycling.

Our youth group seems to rebounding thanks to the work of Rabbi Dickman and our newest staff member, Sam Bolen.

Our Learning Curve program offered a variety of classes that many of our members took advantage of, from learning in person to zooming. Be sure to look for upcoming classes, including some brand new topics, in the months ahead.

When Rabbi Crane was away, Rabbi Reni Dickman usually filled in; giving us the opportunity to hear from the newest member of our clergy.

We had a very successful Pride Weekend that included our traditional Friday Night Services in Gilson Park, a themed Shabbos service and participation in the Sunday Pride Parade. We have a new Principal of our Academy, Hedva Yitzhak, and by all reports we are looking forward to an exciting and innovative year of learning.

Both our Sisterhood and Men's Club have been very busy this year. Our Men's Club has offered a variety of services and social events to us, from serving as ushers at the High Holiday Services to Sunday morning in-person breakfasts, to tasting tequilas. And it is our Men's Club members who do the grilling for our most well attended event, Shabbat in the Shade. Thank you to Steve Bucksbaum and all the members of Men's Club for their volunteerism and financial support of BHBE.

At the Women's League for Conservative Judaism International Convention this year, Rabbi Bradley Artson stated that Sisterhood is the backbone of the Conservative Movement. How lucky we are at BHBE to have a vigorous Sisterhood that provides numerous opportunities to serve our community. From providing Thanksgiving baskets to the needy, helping to enhance our High Holiday celebrations with plants, challah, and New Year's Greetings, to the rummage sale, holiday boutique, Gift Shop and Daytime series, our Sisterhood is truly a blessing—and a huge financial supporter of BHBE.

Men's Club Shabbat and Sisterhood Shabbat give us all the opportunity to celebrate with each other. Kol ha'vod and thank you.

Our High Holiday appeal was very successful this year as was our gala, A Night in Havana! Don't you just love an event that has themed drinks? Maybe our Purim Spiel should try this? But seriously, it is events like these that offer us an opportunity to celebrate together.

Our Movie nights are both fun and intellectually stimulating; thank you to everyone who plans and participates in making these evening successful.

Looking ahead: We continue to thrive and attract new members. Our Saturday Shabbos morning kiddushim are an opportunity to socialize and shmooze with our BHBE friends. Our building, as any building that's aging, is presenting us with a variety of challenges from pipes to walls to plaster to the roof—all of which need mending and fixing. As I am writing this article, we are receiving proposals from area realtors on what to do with our building. REMEMBER, NO CHOICES, NO DECISIONS WILL BE MADE WITHOUT THE INPUT FROM THE ENTIRE BHBE COMMUNITY. *You, as a member of BHBE, have a vote on what we will be doing*. And speaking of the future...you will soon be receiving the BHBE Sisterhood calendar for the upcoming year. Whether you use this calendar to track your daily life, your I-phone, or a different family calendar, may I suggest that you take a moment to look thru *THIS CALENDAR* and make a note of all the events that you will want to participate in during the coming year. Our Scholar-in Residence Shabbos weekend is in October, Friday night dinners and take home dinners are already on the calendar. Of course, most of us who worked on the calendar are only human, so please remember to read your Thursday BHBE emails and check the BHBE.org website and Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah Facebook page for updates and changes and flyers and order forms for all we have planned for the 5784.

Please forgive me if I have omitted any activities and/or events that are particularly close to your heart. Drop me an email and I will be sure to mention it (them) in our next BHBE bulletin.

I have learned a tremendous amount serving as the President of BHBE this past year. I have watched our staff and clergy handle challenging tasks with grace and kindness. Thank you Rabbi Crane, Rabbi Kensky, Cantor Roytman, Rabbi Dickman, Michael Kahn, Hedva Yitzhak, Marsha Lyons, Jackie Ernest, Marcie Eskin, Sam Bolen and Percy Ferguson. Our Board members have been working hard to ensure the future of our community. It is always appreciated when you thank our staff, board members, and also our security guards for all they do for our BHBE community.

Please remember that our clergy and staff value what you have to say. You can call BHBE at 847-256-1213 and/or reach all our staff via email. As President, I represent you, as do our Board Members. Please contact any and /or all of us with comments, questions, concerns, or just to tell us you think we're doing a good job.

As I opened on a personal note, I shall also close on a personal note. One of my favorite times of the week is Shabbos morning as I go from table to table at kiddush, talking to and listening to you—our congregants. I truly believe that we are blessed and privileged to be part of this interesting, caring, and resilient community; thank you for belonging to BHBE. May we continue to go from strength to strength.

### Cynthia Lerner BHBE President

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### Mazel Tov to:

**Rob Feder** on receiving the 2023 Gary A. Mecklenburg Distinguished Physician Award, one of Northwestern Medicine's most prestigious awards **Jean Rice** on the marriage of her granddaughter, Joelle Swatez, to Andrew Freeman, and on the marriage of her grandson, Josh Swatez to Natalie Panasci in Israel Barbara and Gerald Newman on the birth of their great granddaughter, Avery Jade Gutman

Fern Finkel on her birthday

Harriet Robbins-Ost and Fred Ost on the birth of their grandson, Gregory Roland Sclar-Ost

Adrienne and Fred Schaye on their 45th wedding anniversary

*Lisa Bloom* on her Bat Mitzvah on Monday, July 17th at the Women's League for Conservative Judaism International Convention

*Sheila and Vern Gideon on the Auf Ruf* for their granddaughter, Sydney Elise Gideon and Dylan Krenzler Heiser

Judy and Shelly Reis in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary

Sharon and Jack Zoldan in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary

*Rosita Schloss* on the marriage of her grandson and her granddaughter's graduation from Vet School

**Debbie Ebner and Ira Bloom** on the birth of their grandson

*Carole and Don Babendir* on their 66th wedding anniversary

*Laura and Carey Reisberg* on the birth of their granddaughter, Dalia Shoshana Reisberg

*Colleen and Ira Dubin* announcing their grandson's Sammy and Liam's Hebrew names,

Hillel Furlager on his 80th birthday

*Heidi and Dan Friedman* in honor of their sons Abraham and Gideon reading Torah 10 times

*Robin Hershey Nexon and Norman Nexon* on the marriage of their daughter, Liana Hershey-Nexon and Brandon Bloch

Inbal Fraiman and Joseph Hailpern on the B-Mitzvah of their son, Amitai

*Carole and Don Babendir* on the marriage of their grandson Mitchell Babendir and Jessica Resnick *Karen and Rick Bornstein* on the B-Mitzvah of their son, Jonah

### Condolences to:

*The Levin Family* on the passing of our longtime congregant, Anne Levin

**Ruth Hecktman** on the passing of her husband, Jerry Hecktman

*The Zalon Family* on the passing of their loved one and our longtime member, Shirley Zalon

*The Millman Family* on the on the passing of their loved one and our longtime member, Myrna Millman

*Susie Cutler and Joab Silverglade* on the passing of Susie's father, Dr. Irving Cutler

Dr. Alfred Soffer on the passing of his beloved wife, Isabel Soffer

*The Greenstein Family* on the passing of their loved one and our longtime congregant, David Greenstein

*Esther and Stephen Ginsberg* on the passing of Stephen's mother, Lorraine Ginsberg

### Jessica Littmann—Executive VP

On a personal note, I would like to share a reflection that grew out of something that happened this week. As some of you may know, my grandparents were Holocaust survivors. I never met my grandfather, who died before I was born.

I was, however, very lucky to grow up with my grandmother as an integral part of my life. She was a pharmacist by training, and—I say this with love and respect—a hoarder by avocation. I distinctly remember the musty scent of years' worth of National Geographic magazines bound in rubber bands that she kept in her sunroom. In her basement, she stored rows upon rows of empty glasses that she rinsed clean. We washed our hands using a slimy patty of soap that was made up of compressed slivers that she had saved for years.

But my grandmother didn't just save things that she thought could be used "just in case." She also saved her stories—and along with those stories, the very few precious objects that she brought with her from Europe to her new life in the United States.

One of these objects was a beautiful ring with intricate filigree and a diamond in the center. Before she was forced to move into the ghetto, my grandmother and her sister hid this ring and a few family photos in an outhouse in their yard. After liberation, my grandmother and her sister returned to their childhood home and found the treasures they had hidden.

My grandmother gave the ring to my mother. When I graduated from college, my mother gave me the ring. For years, I wore it on my right hand.

This past week, I noticed that one of the stones had come loose in its setting, and I brought it in for a jeweler to examine. I explained to the jeweler what the ring meant to me. I told her that I hoped someday to pass it down to my oldest daughter, who is named in memory of my grandmother. The jeweler assured me that it could be fixed, and I went home feeling relieved.

A few days later, I got a call from the jeweler. The ring, it turned out, could not be repaired. It was made from an alloy that would crack under the stress of the laser used to repair it.

You have two choices, the jeweler told me. You can put this in a drawer and take it out only on special occasions, and just hope that it stays intact.

Or, the jeweler said, you can remake the ring out of a new metal, a stronger metal. It will take some time to do it right, and it will be expensive. But it will be strong enough to pass on for generations. What you need to realize, though, is that it will no longer actually be the same ring.

I hung up feeling very conflicted.

Over the course of the last year, as I have gone through the accumulated possessions of this synagogue with the help of Lee Schwartz and our dedicated decluttering crew, I have given a lot of thought to the significance of the things in my life. I often wonder how the objects we own shape our sense of self. Having grown up in the shadow of my grandmother's experience, I was acutely aware of the losses she had suffered. Her home, her family, her health, her ability to trust. The *things* she lost seemed so low on this list—but years later, when I listened to her Holocaust testimony, I realized that she had suffered another kind of loss when she had been deprived of the objects that were meaningful to her. I'm sure we have all felt this at some time, whether we are staying in a soulless Airbnb or sitting in a hospital gown on a plasticky bed.

I know that many of us, myself included, have very strong feelings about the building that we are in right now, and the objects that surround us, whether they are the stained glass windows or the ner tamid, the memorial plaques that line the walls or the fresco in the rotunda.

But what, I would ask, is the intrinsic importance of an object? Is the important thing to conserve the original form or is it to preserve the emotions and the stories that the object evokes?

After my conversation with the jeweler, I called my mom to ask her opinion. I do not feel that the ring is mine alone; I am only its current custodian. My mom didn't hesitate. She rarely does. "The metal is not the important part of the ring. You know what matters about the ring."

At the risk of stretching this metaphor past the point of structural stability, I would argue that what matters is *us*. Just as I do not consider myself the only owner of the ring, none of us here today is the sole owner of the building. I have my opinion, just as I'm sure each of you has yours, about what we should do. But it is not just one opinion that matters.

What matters is what we hope to accomplish together.

What matters is the story we share, of where we have been and where we hope to go, of what we have learned along the way. Our story will endure long after the plaster falls and the HVAC system fails, after the carpet disintegrates and the roof deteriorates and the pavement cracks. And yes, if you are wondering, all of those things are happening right now.

Please remember that a story *is* and is *not* like a ring. A story, like a ring, can be passed on. But unlike a ring, which remains inert, a story can come alive when it is told, when it is listened to, and when it is passed on.

I urge you all to think about what in this building is truly important to you. Then I invite you to help us continue creating the story of BHBE so that we can pass on what we have built together in a way that is meaningful to those who come after us.

#### Jessica Littmann - Executive VP

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### FJMC International Convention June 29 to July 2, 2003

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) held its biennial convention in Philadelphia. Representatives from clubs across the United States and Canada gathered to discuss common problems and find possible solutions.

New member recruitment is a problem faced by every club. Today's young men focus on work, family first with limited time for other activities such as Men's Club. To attract younger men a club needs to present a solution to a problem these young men are confronting. To promote a club you need to go to where today's young men are, that means a presence on Facebook and Instagram. The club should have a group page on Facebook and continually update the page with new and topical news and activities.

On a similar note, look at your current membership, determine their needs and present a solution. Consult with people outside your normal circle. The Talmud suggests you bring in people from outside your sphere. Continue to try even if you fail at first. Proverbs 24:16 says a man may fall down seven times before finally succeeding.

Dr. Yizhar Hess, Vice Chairman, World Zionist Organization, gave his talk on the importance of MERCAZ and voting for the Conservative movement in the upcoming election. By voting in the MERCAZ election you support Conservative Judaism in Israel and direct resources towards officials who support the Conservative movement. The people you vote for represent Conservative ideas in Israeli nation institutions.

I both listened to and had a conversation with Rabbi Hazzan Jeffrey Myers, Tree of Life Congregation, Pittsburgh, PA. The Rabbi gave a powerful talk on confronting antisemitism wherever it is found. When I talked with the Rabbi we discussed the future of the Tree of Life building and congregation. A foundation is taking control and responsibility for the building, re-leaving the congregation of the financial burden of the building and grounds. The Congregation will continue to meet in the building.

### Future Men's Club Breakfasts 2023-2024

Food for Thought Breakfasts – Jeff Roth, Dates for 2023-2024 Breakfasts
Oct. 27, 2023, Jack Zoldan: "Healthy Living"
Nov. 05, 2023, Scholar in Residence
Dec. 03, 2023, "The Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom's Mission", Interfaith group of Jewish and Muslim women
Jan. 21, 2024, Emily Lieberman, MD, "March Forth"
Feb. 11, 2024 World Wide Wrap.
Report on conversation with Rabbi
Feb 4, 2024 Build-A-Pair with the Academy
Report on conversation with Hedva Yitzhak <u>hedva.yitzhak@bhbe.org</u>, BHBE Academy Director.
Mar. 10, 2024, TBD
April 07, 2024, TBD

### **Upcoming Men's Club Activities**

High Holiday Ushering – need volunteers

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Shana tova! I wish you all a peaceful and healthy new year. Thank you for your ongoing support of BHBE and our wonderful community! Please call or email us in the office with any questions! We can be reached at 847-256-1213

or <u>information@bhbe.org</u>. Michael Kahn BHBE Executive Director 847.256.6494 <u>michael.kahn@bhbe.org</u> To help today, <u>donate</u> to BHBE. For a better tomorrow, commit to a legacy gift.

### LEARNING CURVE

Hello and Shana Tovah from your Learning Curve Committee (aka Adult Education) We're excited to be offering some provocative and hopefully inspiring opportunities to delve into the wealth of Jewish thought and artistry.

For the fall, you can choose any or all of the following:

Rabbi Kensky's classes on Creation, on Wednesday evenings.

Rabbi Crane's classes on Talmud on Wednesday mornings and Psalms on the first Thursday of the month, after morning minyan.

Professor Sandy Goldberg's discussions of topics in the book: "American Jewish Thought since 1934: HERMENEUTICS AND POLITICS" on Tuesday evenings.

Rabbi Crane's classes will be hybrid; Rabbi Kensky's and Prof .Goldbergs' will be in person only.

There are more treats in store, that are still under consideration, like a trip to the Art Institute to view works by Jewish artists, and a Jewish Film Festival and Rabbi Friedman will be teaching again in January. Please feel free and welcome to let us know your suggestions for what you'd like to learn.

In addition to what we offer here at BHBE, there are many fascinating programs available on line. Please see the Learning Curve link in the weekly bulletin for a list of presentations.

### Come learn with us! And maybe join the Committee. We're really fun people!

Carolyn Dinofsky, Sheila Gerber, Randi Gideon, Jay Goldstein, Robin Hershey, Allison Kurzman, Allan Rodin, Sarah Rodin and me-Sheila Gideon.



WOW, the summer has come and gone, and we are already looking forward to the High Holidays! As you know Sisterhood has three important fund raising events at this time. The deadline for the **New Year's Greetings** and **Mum Flower Sale** has passed, but

the deadline for ordering delicious **Challah** is September 8th. All ordering information can be found in the Thursday BHBE Newsletter. Scroll own to the Sisterhood section. The New Year's Greetings are mailed. Pick up for the Mums and Challah will be Thursday, September 14, 10a.m. to noon and 3p.m. to 6pm.

Our opening program is September 19. "You Can Have Your Art and Eat It Too" is co-chaired by Susan Lieberman and Barbara Ungar. Again see the flyer in the Thursday BHBE Bulletin for registration.

We will also have our daytime discussion series, the first being October 14th. Details to follow.

Thank you to Adrienne Schaye and all who helped with our very important Rummage Sale. At the end of the sale, clothing and other items were given to congregants who knew of other groups who were in need. We were able to reach out in various ways beyond our own community.

We also made a donation to the Jewish Congregation of Maui in Kihei, Hawaii to help with aid for the difficulties from the devastating forest fire on Maui.

My favorite radio station, WFMT has a program called Listener's Choice, whose tag-line is "We want to play what you want to hear." I am using the same request. Please tell us what other activities or program ideas would be interesting for our Sisterhood to pursue. We know our younger members are busy with their children, but how can we reach out to you in a meaningful way? Please let us know your ideas.

### Greer Braun BHBE Sisterhood President



### SISTERHOOD DAYTIME SERIES 2023 – 2024

There will be three programs this year: \*On Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> Michael Phillips from the Chicago Tribune will be our guest speaker. \*Beth Sair will speak about Art in Chicago on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> \*On Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Sher of Jewish Chicago will be our speaker. All programs will begin with a light lunch served from 12:00 to 12:45pm. The program will begin at 1:00pm. Programs are free to all BHBE congregants, Men's Club and Sisterhood members. Guests are \$5.00. We welcome sponsorships at \$25.00. Contact Gail Swerdlik at 847-729-9003 or gmswerd@gmail.com.

### **Todah Rabbah**

Thank you for remembering me on my birthday. It makes the day more special. *Phyllis Marder Simon* 

What a lovely birthday greeting from so many friends. It certainly is so wonderful to get the Leagram! *Fondly, Rosita* 

I was so thankful that so many of you thought about me and wanted to celebrate with me by sending your good wishes. I wish all of you the same and more and hope I can be here to celebrate with you. *Love to all, Sabra Pitler.* 

### NEW YOGA CLASS AVAILABLE

Sisterhood is trying to gauge interest in adding an evening restoration or relaxation yoga class conducted on Zoom. If you have any interest, please contact Marcy Kreiter at Marcykreiter2@gmail.com



# ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE Sunday, November 12th 10:30 am to 4:30 pm



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Our speaker will be followed by an immersive art experience. We will be creating an edible dessert for your culinary enjoyment!

### TO REGISTER:

### bit.ly/artopening23 DEADLINE: SEPT. 12

COST: \$25 PER PERSON - PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO SUSAN LIEBERMAN 811 CHICAGO AVE., UNIT 306, EVANSTON, IL 60202-2392

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### SISTERHOOD

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#### Happy Day & Memorial Cards

Are you looking for a special way to remember your friends or relatives as they experience special occasions? Sisterhood has Happy Day and Memorial Cards for all occasions. All you have to do is call Susan Zagorin at 847-673-7996. She will address and mail your card for only \$3.50. No trips to the card store, post office or mailbox. A packet of 10 cards for only \$25 are also available for you to address and mail yourself. The next time you need to remember someone with a special card, think of sending a card from Sisterhood by calling Susan.

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### Please email your Leagram wishes to marcykreiter2@gmail.com

### October

- 2 Alanna Gordon
  2 Carolyn Dinofsky
  3 Eileen Issacson
  7 Harriet Robbins-Ost
  8 Barbara London
  12 Rochelle Leff
  14 Jackie Rosenwasser
  17 Dorothy Stone
  17 Iva Falevits
  25 Randi Feder
  28 Jean Rice
  30 Beverly Reinglass
  31 Deborah Ebner
- 31 Lia Goldfarb

### November

Aileen Primack
 Trudy Hobfoll
 Marjorie Breisblatt
 Allison Kurzman
 Heidi Rosenberg
 Linda Becker
 June Levy
 Barbara Lusky
 Lisa Bloom
 Irene Jacobson
 Judy Levey
 Susan Zagorin



Do you see a Sisterhood friend with an October or November 2023 birthday? Send a birthday wish. Add your name to a Leagram, only 25 cents. Please send info. to: Marcy Kreiter 9033 Keeler Ave. Skokie, IL 60076 or email marcykreiter2@gmail.com

### Donations

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Dr. Irving Cutler by Mel F. Seidenberg Jerry Hecktman -by Carole and Michael Dunn -by Mel F. Seidenberg Isabel Soffer by Mel F. Seidenberg David Greenstein by Carole and Michael Dunn and Rachel and Alex Dunn Lorraine Ginsberg by Mel F. Seidenberg **General Fund** A donation has been made to this fund by: Shekooh Bandari in honor of her children and grandchildren Elizabeth Wolf "Thank you for having a mikvah and friendly staff and volunteers!" Stanley Bakshy "Thank you for my special Aliyah" Mel and Boris Furman in honor of Cynthia Lerner's service at SSDS and BHBE Beatrice and Norman Ring in honor of Norman's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday Carole and Don Babendir on the marriage of their grandson, Mitchell Babendir and Jessica Resnick Sandra Mell in memory of her husband, Robert Mell In honor of Al Rodin's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday -by Frances Givertz -by Gail and Phillip Nagle -by Debbie Ebner and Ira Bloom Sheila and Larry Gerber on their 61st wedding anniversary -by Sashie Kraff -by Carole and Don Babendir Sheila and Vern Gideon on the Auf Ruf of their granddaughter, Sydney and Dylan Heiser -by Sheila and Larry Gerber -by Cynthia and Sy Goren Judy and Shelly Reis on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Sheila and Larry Gerber Sharon and Jack Zoldan on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Sheila and Larry Gerber Michele Bresler and Barry Goldberg's 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Carole and Don Babendir Stella and Seth Johnson's marriage by Emmy and Bob Friedenberg Rob Feder's receiving the 2023 Mecklenburg Distinguished Physician's Award by Sheila and Larry Gerber Lee Bloom by Karen and Michael Thirman

Hillel Furlager's "big" birthday -by Debbie Ebner and Ira Bloom -by Ruth Halpern Lisa Bloom's Bat Mitzvah at the Women's League for Conservative Judaism -by Debbie Ebner and Ira Bloom -by Barbara and Alan London Phyllis Marder Simon by The Friedman, Allen and Lewis Families Debbie Ebner and Ira Bloom on the birth of their grandson -by Hillel Furlager -by Sheila and Larry Gerber Colleen and Ira Dubin on the Hebrew naming of their grandsons, Sammy and Liam -by Jay Goldstein and Marc Matlin -by Barb Kite Carole and Don Babendir on their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Sheila and Larry Gerber Robin Hershey Nexon and Norman Nexon on the marriage of their daughter, Liana Hershey-Nexon and Brandon Bloch by Sheila and Vern Gideon In memory of Sandra Robins by Reva Schneider Irwin Lyons by Arden and Marc Weinstein Shirley Zalon by Dorothy and Ed Stone Jerry Hecktman -by Phyllis Simon -by Leslie Barker -by Cynthia and Sy Goren -by Sashie Kraff -by Michele Bresler and Barry Goldberg -by Bettyann Brody Bucksbaum -by Sandra and Howard Shapiro -by Sheila and Vern Gideon -by Elizabeth and Ken Cohen -by Carole and Buddy Feldman -by Scott Rudin -by Faith Hundahl -by Susan and Irving Zagorin -by Lorraine and Ronald Rosenberg -by Yetta Saltzman -by The Rosenson Family -by Gail and Jerry Swerdlik -by Rosaleah Goland -by Dorothy and Ed Stone -by Linda Swimmer -by Symie and Jay Menitove -by Beverly and Jake Siegel -by Joan and Harvey Meyers -by Ellen and Allen Sered -by Susan and Michael Cohen -by Nikki and Brian Gordon

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### Elul / Tishrei 5783

Friday, September 1 Light Candles7:03 pm Shabbat, September 2 16 Elul 5783 B-Mitzvah of Amitai Hailpern Torah Reading: Ki Tavo	Friday, September 15 Erev Rosh Hashannah Light Candles
Monday, September 4 B-Mitzvah of Jonah Bornstein	Friday, September 22 Light Candles6:27 pm
Friday, September 8 Light Candles 6:51 pm	Shabbat, September 23 8 Tishrei 5784 Torah Reading: Ha'azinu
<b>Shabbat, September 9</b> 23 Elul 5783 Torah Reading: Nitzavim - Vayelech Selichot	Friday, September 29 Erev Sukkot Light Candles6:14 pm
	Shabbat, September 30 15 Tishrei 5784 Sukkot Day 1



### Tishrei / Heshvan 5783

Friday, October 6 Sukkot Fifth Intermediate Day	Friday, October 20 Light Candles5:40 pm
Hoshannah Rabbah	
Light Candles6:02 pm	Shabbat, October 21
	6 Heshvan 5784
Shabbat, October 7	Torah Reading: Noah
22 Tishrei 5784	e
Shemini Atzeret	Friday, October 27
Yizkor	Light Candles5:30 pm
Friday, October 13	Shabbat, October 28
Light Candles	13 Heshvan 5784
	Torah Reading: Lech Lecha
Shabbat, October 14	

**29 Tishrei 5784** Torah Reading: Bereishit

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 15 Elul 7:05	2 16 Elul Ki Tavo B-Mitzvah of: Amitai Hailpern
17 Elul	4 18 Elul B-Mitzvah of: Jonah Bornstein Office closed in observance of Labor Day	5 19 Elul	6 20 Elul Sisterhood General Board Meeting	7 21 Elul Executive Board Meeting	8 22 Elul Littles Program 6:53	923 ElulNitzavim-VayelechBirthday ShabbatSelichotSelichot Services@ Cong. BethShalomImage: Cong. The second se
24 Elul cademy Opening Day alendar Distribution	11 25 Elul	12 26 Elul Academy	13 27 Elul	14 28 Elul Challah and Plant Sale pick-up	15 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashannah	16 1 Tishre Rosh Hashannah Day 1
					6:41	P 7:41
2 Tishrei osh Hashannah Day 2 om Tov Ends: 7:39	18 3 Tishrei Fast of Gedalyah	19 4 Tishrei Academy Sisterhood Opening Program	20 5 Tishrei	21 6 Tishrei Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting	22 7 Tishrei 6:28	23 8 Tishre Ha'azinu ÎÎX 7:28
4 9 Tishrei rev Yom Kippur 6:25	25 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur Yizkor Yom Kippur Ends: 7:25 Congregation Break Fast	26 11 Tishrei Academy	27 12 Tishrei General Board Meeting	28 13 Tishrei Sisterhood Executive Board meetingv	29 14 Tishrei Erev Sukkot 6:16	30 15 Tishre Sukkot Day 1

### Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah Calendar of Events October 2023 Tishrei / Heshvan 5783

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 16 Tishrei	2 17 Tishrei	3 18 Tishrei	4 19 Tishrei	5 20 Tishrei	6 21 Tishrei	7 22 Tishrei
Sukkot Day 2 Yom Tov Ends: 7:14	Sukkot First Intermediate Day	Sukkot Second Intermediate Day Academy	Sukkot Third Intermediate Day Sisterhood general Board Meeting	Sukkot Fourth Intermediate Day Psalms Class with Rabbi Crane	Sukkot Fifth Intermediate Day Hoshanah Rabbah	Shemini Atzeret Yizkor
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8 23 Tishrei	9 24 Tishrei	10 25 Tishrei	11 26 Tishrei	12 27 Tishrei	13 28 Tishrei	14 29 Tishrei
Simchat Torah Yom Tov Ends: 7:02	Indigenous Peoples Day Office Closed	Academy		Executive Board Meeting	Littles Program	Bereishit Birthday Shabbat
					5:53	€ 10 6:53
15 30 Tishrei	16 1 Heshvan	17 2 Heshvan	18 3 Heshvan	19 4 Heshvan	20 5 Heshvan	21 6 Heshvan
Rosh Hodesh Heshvan Day 1 New Member Gathering Board Drop in Academy Men's Club Tacos and Tequila	Rosh Hodesh Heshvan Day 2	Academy		Sisterhood Daytime Series Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting	5:42	Noah
22 7 Heshvan	23 8 Heshvan	24 9 Heshvan	25 10 Heshvan	26 11 Heshvan	27 12 Heshvan	28 13 Heshvan
Blessing of the Pets Men's Club Breakfaast Academy		Academy	General Board Meeting	Torah Fund Event	5:32	Lech Lecha
29 14 Heshvan Academy	30 15 Heshvan	31 16 Heshvan				

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