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B'nai Jeshurun

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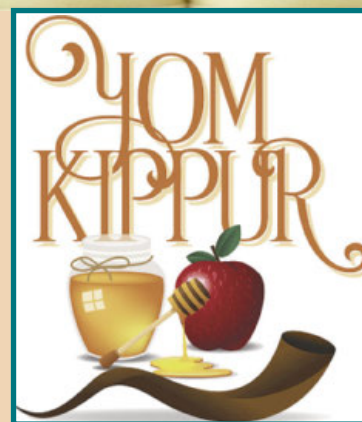
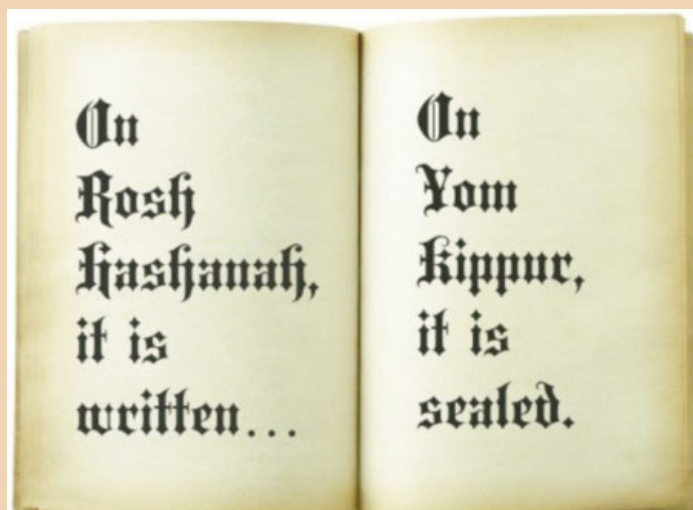
BTBJ...Where You Belong!

# The Ruach!

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## September 2023 EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>August</b>		29	30	31	<b>September</b>	2
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3 No Services	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 7:30 AM Minyan Zoom Only	8 6 PM Kehillah Shabbat 7 PM Kehillah Shabbat Dinner	9 9:30 Services Bar Mitzvah of Brody Smith 8:30 PM Selichot Service & Program at Temple Sinai
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**Roni  
Handler,  
Rabbi**

Greetings BTBJ!

I hope you have been having summers filled with fun, friends, and family. As we continue to move through these last weeks of summer, welcoming children back from camp and sending others off for new adventures in college and beyond, the staff and lay leaders of BTBJ have been enthusiastically planning for the year ahead.

Over the last year we have been exploring what it means to be a kehilah kedoshah, a sacred community. One thing we have come to know is that participating in and connecting with community looks different for different people. At BTBJ we are thrilled to offer numerous opportunities for you to connect with each other. Whether you are a person who enjoys davening in services, learning about Jewish topics or world events, socializing with friends, playing mah jong, sharing a meal, taking a contemplative moment, or giving back to our members and greater community through gemilut hasadim (acts of lovingkindness), all of this is possible at BTBJ and you will see that all of this will be part of our year ahead. We hope you will each enter the BTBJ community this year with eager minds and open hearts, in whatever way(s) you may be moved to do so. We will learn, grow, and support each other, as we continue to be reminded of what makes our kehilah kedoshah, our sacred community, so unique. Be sure to take a moment to peruse our monthly newsletter (available both online and mailed to your home), follow us on Facebook, or keep an eye on our website for all the ways in which you might choose to engage with our community this year.

Rabbi Lord Jonathon Sacks, z"l, taught, "Community is the human expression of Divine love. It is where [we are] valued simply for who [we are], how [we] live and what [we] give to others. It is the place where they know [your] name."

I look forward to seeing you soon as we welcome new and returning members, whether at High Holidays or before. And, as always, I welcome the opportunity to talk, walk or meet with you in the coming year. Wishing you a shanah tovah umetukah—a sweet, healthy and happy new year.

Rabbi Roni Handler

**BTBJ COMMUNITY  
BREAK-FAST**  
**Monday**  
**September 25th**  
**7:15 PM**



Join us after the final shofar blast on Yom Kippur for "Break-fast and Birds" and get ready to close out your Yom Kippur day with your friends at BTBJ.

Our service will end and our Break-Fast will begin at 7:15 PM just as the Eagles game begins. Bring your jerseys and your hungry bellies. We will be serving fish platters with all the fixings.

Our large screen will be set up in the other room so that after the service you can watch the game, cheer the Eagles on and schmooze with your friends and family.

***Please RSVP by September 18th.***  
***To participate just go to [btbj.org](http://btbj.org) and click on this ad!***

***Cost: \$25/adult***  
***\$12/children 12 & under***  
***No Cost for children 4 & under***





## President's Message



**Alana F. Dunoff,  
BTBJ President**

Shalom to my BTBJ Community,

As I am writing this article, it has been a week since we “launched” our oldest daughter into her next chapter – college. There is, of course, a roller coaster of emotions that go along with this experience, and I am sure many of you reading this have been through, are going through, or know you will be going through it in the not-so-distant future. Dalya is at Georgia Tech, and like most colleges and universities, GT is steeped in unique and rich traditions. At convocation she received her yellow ‘beanie cap’. As the story goes, way back when, all freshmen had to wear this yellow beanie cap, called the ‘rat cap’ for their entire freshman year. If you were caught without it, you would have your head shaven! Thankfully that is no longer the requirement, but all freshmen at convocation are instructed on how and when to wear the hat, and what to write on the hat including their name and major and to use their hat as a score card for tracking football wins and losses over the years. This yellow cap instantly welcomed Dalya into the GT tradition. She will forever have her ‘rat cap’ - linking her with her college experience over the next 4 years and the next 50 years. This tradition, which I think is both wonderful and silly, is intentional, it is designed to build immediate unity amongst the freshman class – giving them all a common bond as they begin their journey together.

Thinking about this experience, it also occurred to me that the sleep away camp our daughters have been attending for years is also steeped in rich traditions. From the grilled cheese and tomato soup that is always the first meal served when they arrive, to annual events like Olympics, ice skating, and Halloween in July, to the 3 booms that signify the start of color war and the firefly ceremony that marks the end of another summer between the arches. Camp fosters traditions that build lasting legacies and memories. Campers know that each summer these traditions will be there – waiting for them, ready for them

to play, laugh, and embrace. For parents who went to this camp and are now sending their own children (Dor l’Dor) the nostalgia of these traditions also runs deep, reminding them of their own free-spirited youth camp experiences. Traditions build familiarity, comfort, strength, and unity. Traditions hold us together by giving us shared memories and experiences. Traditions build a depth of connection, community, and belonging. Traditions become part of our individual and collective identity.

In Judaism, we too have an incredibly rich heritage of rituals and traditions, lots of traditions. Lighting the candles to welcome in Shabbat, gathering the four corners of the tallit, the rights of passage of a B’nai mitzvah, getting married under the chuppah, breaking of the glass, kissing a mezuzah, baking challah, groggers at Purim, matzah at Passover, latkes at Hanukkah, reading the Torah, shiva, minyan, white-fish salad, wine, blessings...and on and on and on.

It’s our universal rituals and traditions that connect us as Jews no matter where we are in the world. It’s our shared experiences of our traditions that provide us with that familiar comfort, assurance, and unity. Reminding us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves.

As we come back together at BTBJ, to celebrate our Jewish New Year, to once again greet each other and catch up on our summers, to hear Jeff Walters blow the shofar (2nd day Rosh Hashana), to cast away our sins at Cisco park, to be inspired by Rabbi Roni’s words of wisdom and to be enveloped with Cantor Benjamin’s spiritual reciting of Kol Nidre (I close my eyes to really soak it in) –we know that these traditions are not just the annual rituals of our Judaism, but rather, they are our shared experiences, these are the traditions of our unique Kehillah Kedoshah, sacred community. These are the traditions that make BTBJ – the Hamish and beautiful community that we are, a place where generations welcome new generations, a place where we all Belong.

L’Shana Tovah Tikatevu

Alana

# Religious School Update



**Educational  
Director  
Rabbi Kami  
Knapp Schechter**

It's hard to believe that the summer is coming to an end and the High Holidays are quickly approaching but here we find ourselves in September. It's been a busy summer preparing for the upcoming school year and we have a fantastic year planned. We have an active Religious School Committee and Religious School Parent Support Group who has been meeting throughout the summer to brainstorm how we can more fully encourage family participation in the school. Our hopes for facilitating more family engagement is so that we can create not only a robust learning environment for our students but also an enjoyable and social atmosphere for our busy families. We strongly believe that Religious School has the potential to be a whole family experience.

Many of our faculty members are returning and our experienced teachers have crafted lessons that encourage deep learning while also providing a fun environment for our students. We are continuing to fine tune the curriculum to further add to students growing education of Judaism. In addition to their home room classes where they learn Jewish year cycle, Tanakh, and prayer and ritual, students will be learning in moomchim (specialized courses) which focus on Jewish life cycle, Mitzvot, Israel, and Jewish Art. Hebrew classes are being facilitated both online and in person.

And we have restructured our Keshet Teens program so that more teens can work towards confirmation despite their full schedules! Teens have a choice between two options:

- 1: the traditional program which meets on Wednesday evenings, or
- 2: a more independent study. Both options revolve around the three pillars of: learning, service, and community. Whether choosing the more traditional program or the independent study, students come together to prepare for their confirmation ceremony as well as work on a group service project together. We believe this flexibility will allow more of our teens to participate and be involved post B'nai Mitzvah.

The first day of school is Sunday, September 10th. Although there are no religious school classes being held on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will have a

wonderful program for our students so that they can be together while learning and celebrating the holidays.

As we begin our new Religious School year let us take to heart the teaching of Ben Zoma from Pirkei Avot 4:1-

"Who is wise? He who learns from every person, as it is said: "From all who taught me have I gained understanding" (Psalms 119:99).

Wishing you a school year full of learning and growth,

Rabbi Kami

## Religious School Save These Dates!



### Open House

Sunday, October 22, 11:30AM-12:30 PM

### Havdallah Hayride at Linvilla Orchards

Sponsored by the Religious School and  
Preschool Parent Support Group  
Saturday, October 28 at 6:00 PM





## Warren Chiara, Men's Club President

Hello all, and welcome to a "new year" of Men's Club and an exciting slate of events for the 2023-2024 year. Our year kicked off with the Summer Social in early August hosted by our friends at Chestnut Hill Brewing Company. Though we were in doors because of the rainy weather, we had a solid 34 participants who came out to carouse with the BTBJ brotherhood. We caught up with friends old and new and I am sure each one of us discovered something different about one another.

While the high holidays schedule played havoc with our planning, making September a difficult month to put something together, we are really looking forward to gathering in the Sukkah with Rabbi Roni in early October. Thus, we need to build and decorate our Sukkah, which we will substitute for our September events. We will do this on two days – September 10 when we will build our Sukkah walls and we will reconvene on September 27 to decorate. Join us on one or both these days for a cup of coffee and bagel (wall construction) or a slice of pizza (decorating night). I really encourage you to come and help us beautify our Sukkah for the holiday and to be part of the action.



*Our Summer Social at the  
Chestnut Hill Brewery.*

We will also host at BTBJ a Texas Hold 'Em tournament on October 18. If you play poker and have not taken part in this tournament, it is a lot of fun, and another occasion to mingle with our BTBJ brotherhood. Other events planned for the year are two joint events with Sisterhood in

November and February, World Wide Wrap, a golf tournament in April, and the Men's Club Steak dinner in June. We are also working hard to secure a guest speaker for our Appreciation event in early December. Stay tuned to this space for more on that one. If you have an idea for an outing, especially if it is something we have not done before, please reach out to one of our Board members or anyone active in Men's Club.

Lastly, please submit your membership dues to @Jay-Halbert as soon as you can. We have 22 members so far and we would love to surpass the 30-member threshold before the high holidays. Also, if you are interested in joining the Men's Club Board, please contact me or any of our other board members. We have some openings that we would like to fill and sustain our fraternity well into the future.

I am really looking forward to a great year and I hope that you are too! See you at the High Holiday services and I wish you an easy Yom Kippur fast.

Shalom,  
Warren Chiara

Beth Tikvah  
B'nai Jeshurun

Where You Belong

### *Save These Dates!*

**September 29th - 6 PM**

**Pizza In The Hut  
Service & Dinner  
*Fun For All!***

**October 7th - 7:00 PM**

**Simchat Torah Celebration  
Dancing With The Torah**

**October 8th - 9:30 AM**

**Simchat Torah Services Honoring  
Nancy & Michael Center  
Beth & David Schwartzman  
*Luncheon at conclusion of service.***





**Rachel Fox,  
Sisterhood  
President**

Hi BTBJ,

I hope everyone had an amazing, memorable, and most importantly a safe summer! My girls, Brenna and Alyssa, had a phenomenal summer at sleep away camp and my husband, Steve and I really enjoyed some quiet time around the house with our crazy dogs! Now it's time to settle back into our school routines and start to prepare for the High Holidays.

The new Sisterhood board had the chance to meet as a group for the first-time last month and we had a great meeting. We are super excited to share that Terri Rosen has agreed to join Ariane Gittleman as co-chairs for our membership committee. Our goal is still to continue to grow and revitalize BTBJ's Sisterhood community this year. This year we will be implementing a phone tree with Sisterhood. In addition to emails and social media, the board will be making phone calls throughout the year inviting you to upcoming events and checking in to see if you have any suggestions to make sisterhood a better experience for our members. Also, this is a great time to volunteer for any upcoming events with the group.

Looking forward to a great year ahead!

***Please Join Our  
Sisterhood!***

### The BTBJ Sisterhood



### Upcoming Fall Events. Save The Dates!

#### **Sippin' in the Sukkah with Rabbi Roni**

Tuesday, October 3 - 6:30 PM

#### **Breast Cancer Program**

Sunday, October 15 - 9:30 AM

After minyan.

**"From BRCA to Tay-Sachs: The Modern  
Approach to Genetic Testing"**

#### **Challah Baking is Back!**

Thursday, November 2 - 6:30 PM

#### **Men's Club & Sisterhood Joint Event**

Saturday, November 18

Details to Follow

#### **Holiday Dinner & Chinese Pollyanna**

Wednesday, December 13 - 6:30 PM

Location to Be Determined

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*For More Information Contact:*

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*For Membership Information Contact:*

Ariane at [agittleman@comcast.net](mailto:agittleman@comcast.net)

Details Listed & Updated on website

**[btbj.org](http://btbj.org)**



### Fundraising Ways & Means By Annette Swartz

Happy New Year! We are so excited with the schedule of events that we have planned for the coming year! First off, we are looking for recipes from you, your family and friends. The recipes should be kosher style (not mixing dairy and meat), and all categories are open. At this time, we are just asking you to sign up for a recipe category. The sign-up genius is at the bottom of the constant contact, and in a separate mailing sent from the office. We are hoping to have the cookbooks ready for sale before Thanksgiving. It will be so wonderful to share all of our delicious recipes with each other!

Please mark your calendar for October 7th and 8th for our Simchat Torah celebrations. Saturday night there will be a family service where we will see the torahs unrolled. This is really exciting if you have never experienced it. We will be having all of our affiliates involved in our 7 Hakafot along with new members, members of long standing and multigenerational families. After the festive service there will be a dessert party with Israeli and traditional dancing and fun. On Sunday, October 8th there will be a luncheon after our morning Simchat Torah service. More details will follow.

Plans for our Hanukkah celebration is in the works. Please start saving your gently used paperback, hardback books, toys, clothing and housewares in good condition, as we will have a "store" where we can "buy" the items in each department with the proceeds going to BTBJ. If you get your items together, you can contact me to have them stored for you. Our Hanukkah celebration will have lots of other things going on, and these plans will be sent separately. However, we will have our BUY IT NOW AUCTION starting before Hanukkah, so if you can get a gift certificate, sports tickets, experiences, etc. donated, it would be much appreciated. Please contact me if you have any donations.

So much to plan for and I hope you will get involved. Your help is always appreciated.



**The BTBJ Fundaising Committee  
is happy to share that we are bringing  
back the BTBJ cookbook!**

**We are so excited with this project  
and we hope you will join in the  
excitement so we can all enjoy  
each other's favorite recipes.**

**We are looking to include  
interesting and diverse  
Kosher recipes (all meat, all  
dairy, or all pareve) from you,  
your family, and friends.**

***Let's Cook Up Some Happiness!***

**The committee is sponsoring a con-  
test for the entire congregation to  
find a creative name for our cook-  
book. There will be a SURPRISE  
prize for the creator of the winning  
name.**

**In addition, we are having another  
contest that will be held with our  
religious school for the book cover  
artwork. The winning student will  
also receive a prize.**

**We look forward to your  
participation!  
*Just click on the Cookbook Link  
on our website to submit your  
recipes.***



## Chesed Subcommittee of The Social Action Committee



Once upon a time there was a medium-sized Jewish congregation in a peaceful suburban community. They often referred to themselves as a kehillah kedoshah, a holy community. The members would frequently get together to celebrate their many mitzvot: weddings, births, graduations, b'nai mitzvot, awards.

But as we all know, life isn't filled with just happy celebratory moments. There are unexpected times of sadness and discomfort. Even pain. We experience illness, injuries, all kinds of losses, and even (kenahora) problems with our children.

At Friday night services, at the beginning of Shabbat, Rabbi Roni asks us to think about our joys and oys from the past week. I've noticed that people are eager to share the joys but the oys...not so much. Through embarrassment, superstition, or whatever other reason, we don't share those. And the result is that we don't get community support when we really need it. Those of us who have reached out for help in the past can attest that it is truly amazing.

To help us help each other, BTBJ has recently formed a Chesed subcommittee of the Social Action Committee. Our aim is to help in any way we can: a phone call to see how you're doing; a meal or two, picking up something from a store for you, transportation, babysitting or adult-sitting if you are an exhausted caregiver; a visit.

If this is something you could use, a helping hand, please speak with Rabbi Roni and give her permission to let us know if we can help in some way. We would never intrude on your need for privacy. And if you would like to join this committee to be able to strengthen our community, please contact the office to let us know. BTBJ truly wants to be a kehillah kedoshah.

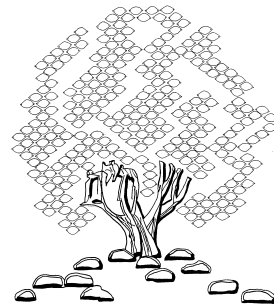
## Condolences To:

Geri Abrams and Family  
on the passing of her beloved  
twin sister, Marsha Erenberg.

Rachel Baum and family  
on the passing of their beloved  
mother and grandmother,  
Barbara Alfus Baum.

In Loving Memory of  
Dr. Bennett Steven Kugler.

## TREE OF LIFE



Leaves for the Tree of Life make great  
gifts for B'nai Mitzvah, Birthdays,  
Graduations, Confirmations,  
Father's & Mothers's Day,  
Anniversaries and Celebrations.  
\$136 paid to the BTBJ office  
Contact Farryl Cohen 610-329-3311  
or farrylc@aol.com  
with your wording.

## A CALL FOR SOCIAL ACTION

There is no better time than now to consider becoming involved!

### Community Resource Directory

Social Action Committee is putting together a resource directory of community-based agencies. If you have an organization where you donate clothing, food, or your time, please let us know about it! All members will have access to the directory upon completion.

Contact: Beth Beitler - bethb118@yahoo.com

### Chesed Committee - Brand New!

The Social Action committee is adding a new Chesed subcommittee. Our goal is to reach into the community to offer help to congregants experiencing the "oys" of life. We hope that the BTBJ family will feel comfortable asking for community support.

Contact: Barbara Polinsky  
barbara\_cohen@mac.com

### Adopt a Family

We are bringing back "Helping make a Holiday Happen" this year since everyone has been so generous supporting people in our community for the holidays. Keep a lookout in November for our sign up and we are hoping to have some fun wrapping together this year!

Contact: Terri Rosen - tesrosen@comcast.net

### Yad L'Yad

"Helping Hands" provides meals and shiva trays when a congregant is hospitalized or has a death in the family.

Contact: Bonnie Linn - bdlinn@aol.com

### Jewish Relief Agency (JRA)

JRA is a hunger-relief organization that assists low-income individuals in Greater Philadelphia, most of whom are elderly and/or disabled. JRA has a monthly Food Distribution Program, where hundreds of volunteers congregate on a Sunday morning to box up kosher food and essential home supplies for delivery to thousands of low-income households. Volunteers will then deliver these boxes of items to those in need. All help is appreciated, whether it's for packing, delivering, or some or all of both.

JRA distributions take place once a month as follows, with packing starting at 10:00 am:

September 10th (for Rosh Hashana)

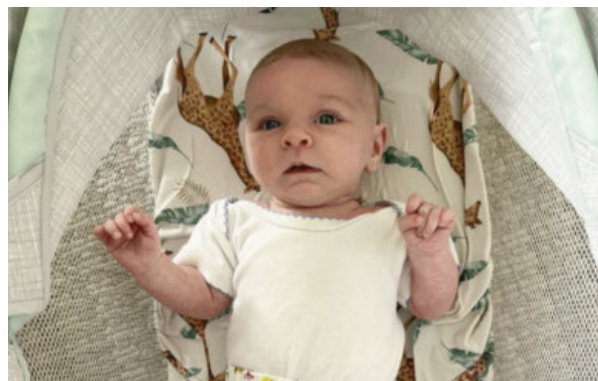
October 15th

November 12th

December 17th (for Hanukkah)

Contact: Randi Halbert - rhalbert@comcast.net

**Mazel Tov**  
**to Rebecca Kass and**  
**Benjamin Greenfield**  
**on the birth of their daughter**  
**Genevieve Sophie**



**Mazel Tov**  
**to Sherri and Larry Belkoff**  
**on the wedding**  
**of their daughter,**  
**Andie to Tyler Bitman.**





Brody Ilan Smith  
Son of  
Elissa & Mark Smith  
Brother of Dylan  
Becomes a  
Bar Mitzvah on  
September 9, 2023

We are thrilled to be celebrating this Simcha with Brody and all our family and friends. We would like to give a very special thanks to Rabbi Roni and Cantor Benjamin, who make Brody feel comfortable and confident. Of course, thank you to Valarie Hurwitz and all of Brody's religious school teachers who have prepared him for this special day. He has achieved so much from everyone's dedication and guidance, and we are forever thankful.

Mazel Tov, Brody! We love you!

With great love, we are looking forward to Brody's upcoming Bar Mitzvah this September. We are excited to share this proud and special moment with our family and friends and the whole BTBJ community. Brody has been a part of BTBJ, first attending camp as a toddler, then as a religious school student since Gan (Kindergarten) and now as a Madrich in the classroom helping students learn. We have watched Brody grow from a quiet shy toddler to an outgoing, funny, caring and sensitive young man. He has been working incredibly hard to prepare for his special day and we are in awe of his dedication and diligence in learning all the prayers, blessings, Haftorah and Torah portions.

Brody is a rising 8th grader at Wissahickon Middle School. He is a distinguished honors student, is on his school football team, the Trojans, and played the clarinet in concert band. Brody has developed a passion for acting and has performed in the ensemble of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and as Maurice in Beauty and the Beast in his school's stage productions. Brody also plays recreational soccer and flag football. During the summer Brody attends various camps. He loves going to New York to see Broadway shows, hanging at the beach and spending time with family and friends. He loves to cheer on his favorite football team, The Philadelphia Eagles, and attends most home games and a few away games.

Brody is an avid football fan and chose to raise money to support the Eagles Charitable Foundation, Vision to Learn, which provides free eye exams and free eyeglasses to students in low-income communities. He is raising money by raffling off a pair of Eagles tickets for the upcoming 2023-24 season.

Dear BTBJ Friends,

Do you have a graduation story and/or picture you would like to share with your BTBJ Community.

We would love to post in our Newsletter.

Please send to Val at:  
[vhurwitz@btbj.org](mailto:vhurwitz@btbj.org).

*Mazel Tov!*





**Lily Beth Spiegel**  
**Daughter of**  
**Eric Spiegel and**  
**Rayna Markin,**  
**Sister of Scarlett**  
**and Justin**  
**Becomes a**  
**Bat Mitzvah on**  
**October 14, 2023**

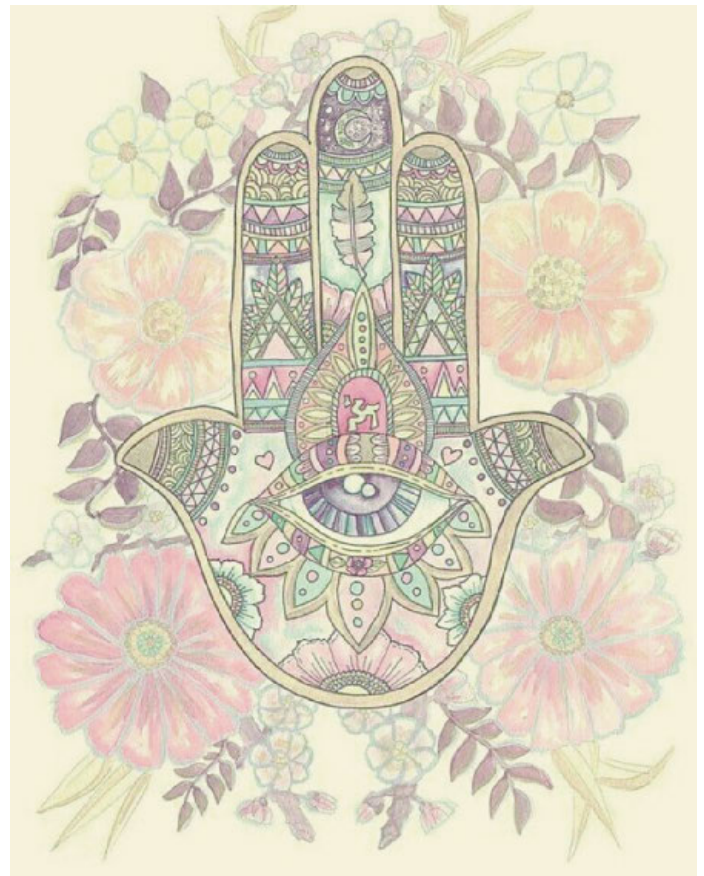
Lily has been preparing to become a Bat Mitzvah since beginning her Jewish Education at the Tiferet Bet Israel Early Learning Center, where she attended preschool. She joined BTBJ in Kindergarten and has participated enthusiastically in her religious and spiritual education. Lily is a curious student of Jewish Learning, always asking questions and never accepting “easy” answers. Lily puts her whole self into learning, as a religious school student and as a seventh-grade honor roll student at Colonial Middle School (CMS). Lily is not only a hardworking student, but also a kind friend, peer, sister, and daughter, always thinking of others. Lily attends the Jewish overnight camp, “Pinemere,” and has continued her Jewish education there.

In addition to academics, Lily is a talented artist, actor, dancer, and singer, performing in multiple theater productions since a young age, and dance recitals. Her recent roles being Mrs. Trunchbull in Matilda, Mrs. Beauregarde in Willy Wonka, Tinkerbell in Peter Pan, and the sinister villain, “The Cat,” in the play Honk! This school year, Lily has committed to cross country, and is a proud member of CMS Chorus.

For her mitzvah project, Lily has taken on being a peer partner at the organization “communiverse” to a child with autism. She will also donate a portion of her Bat Mitzvah money to autism awareness foundations to benefit children with autism. Lily is someone who is not only accepting of individual differences, but values that which makes every person unique, as reflected in her actions as a peer partner.

We are so proud of Lily, not only for her accomplishments and successes, but also for who she is as a person. Lily engages whole heartedly in life, reminding

us she is kind, hardworking, funny, creative, and full of integrity. She has worked so hard for her Bat Mitzvah, going above and beyond expectations and learning from every aspect, never merely going through the motions. We would like to thank her teachers at BTBJ, Valarie Hurwitz, and especially Rabbi Roni and Cantor Benjamin for their teaching and guidance along the way. In addition, thank you to our family and friends for their love and support, and for sharing in this wonderful simcha with us.



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Rosa Parks and Bus Boycott 1955



### Selma

March For Voting Rights 1960



**Trip Information Session**  
**Tuesday, October 24th**  
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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah

Candle Lighting.....6:52 pm  
Services.....6:30 pm

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

#### Rosh Hashanah - Day 1

Services.....9:00 am

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

#### Rosh Hashanah - Day 2

Rosh Hashanah Services.....9:00 am  
Tashlich at Cisco Park.....1:30 pm  
Family Services.....2:30 pm

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Candle Lighting.....6:40 pm  
Services.....6:30 pm

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Services with Torah Study.....9:30 am

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Kol Nidre Family Services.....6:00 pm  
Kol Nidre Services.....6:30 pm

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Yom Kippur Services .....9:00 am  
Yizkor Service.....12 pm  
Family Service.....2:30 pm  
Mincha.....4:30 pm  
Neilah.....6:00 pm  
Shofar Blowing.....7:15 pm  
Community Break Fast.....7:15 pm

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Candle Lighting.....6:29 pm  
Services .....6:00 pm  
Pizza in the Hut Dinner.....7:00 pm

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Services.....9:30 am

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

#### SUKKOT

Services.....9:30 am

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Candle Lighting.....6:17 pm  
Services.....6:30 pm

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

#### SHEMINI ATZERET

Services with Yizkor.....9:30 am

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

#### SIMCHA TORAH

Services.....9:30 am

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Candle Lighting.....6:07 pm  
Kehillah Shabbat.....6:00 pm  
Kehillah Shabbat Dinner.....7:00 pm

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Services.....9:30 am

Lily Spiegel, daughter of Eric Spiegel &  
Rayna Markin will be called to  
the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Candle Lighting.....5:56 pm  
Services.....6:30 pm

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Services.....9:30 am

Amelia, Olivia and Emma Meyer, daughters of  
Courtney & Joshua Meyer, will be called to  
the Torah as B'not Mitzvah

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Candle Lighting.....5:47 pm  
Services.....6:30 pm

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Services with Artist Noah Aronson.....9:30 am



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