

OCTOBER 2017
TISHRI/HESHVAN 5778

Our Shir Shalom



Everyone's back to school and having fun!



OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Oct. 4	5:30 pm	Erev Sukkot Worship
Oct. 6	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Pizza in the Hut Kabbalat Shabbat Worship
Oct. 7	5:00 pm	Shabbat Afternoon Worship, Bar Mitzvah: Aaron Rubinfeld
Oct. 11	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Dinner Erev Simchat Torah Worship
Oct. 13	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Honoring the memory of Rabbi Marcus Burstein z"l Welcoming Ambassador David Saperstein and musical guest Beth Styles
Oct. 14	10:30 am	Shabbat Morning Worship, Bat Mitzvah: Amanda Roberts
Oct. 20	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship
Oct. 27	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship
Oct. 28	10:30 am	Shabbat Morning Worship, Bat Mitzvah: Chloe Jureller



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FROM RABBI REINER'S DESK

Throughout the High Holy Days I tried to emphasize subtly a meta-theme in my sermons: the concept of WE. Congregation Shir Shalom needs a shared vision for the future. This was expressed most explicitly in my sermon

on Erev Rosh Hashanah, and the importance of We was present in the Rosh Hashanah morning sermon about sustainability (climate change impacts everyone; we need to respond together), as well as the Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidrei sermon about truth (for us to live in harmony and advance justice and peace, we need to pursue truth together), and the sermon at Yom Kippur morning services, examining the question of "Have we let anger replace the good in us?"

As I contemplate the future of our congregation, I am inspired by how so many came together to celebrate the High Holy Days. And, as I shared on Erev Rosh Hashanah, I want to hear from more members of our sacred community about what excites and inspires your connection to our congregation. On Erev Rosh Hashanah I shared:

This evening I am inspired by the teachings of the prophet Elijah who wandered in the wilderness, hungry, lonely, and afraid—can these words describe us as well? We are hungry for

meaning, spirituality, and connection. We are lonely in a virtual world where Facebook and Face Time have supplanted the face-to-face. We are afraid, fearful of the direction of our country—whether we support President Trump or not; fearful of the despoliation of the earth; fearful of a nuclear North Korea. Elijah wants to have hope; he pleads with God for a sign—an affirmation of God's presence. A powerful wind blows, moving mountains, an earthquake shakes the land, and a searing fire scorches the earth—it sounds familiar in the midst of hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires. When the wind, the earthquake, and the fire subside, Elijah hears a "kol d'mama dakah—a still small voice," and the question: "Mah l'cha fo? What are you doing here?/Why are you here?" Elijah experienced God's presence only when he was alone in the wilderness. Before Elijah could make a difference in the world, he needed to understand the purpose of his presence.

In a popular 2009 TED talk, "How Great Leaders Inspire Action," Simon Sinek observes: "People don't buy what you do, they buy why you do it." I appreciate the importance of knowing the why of what we do at Congregation Shir Shalom, to enable us to connect with each other in a new way.

We are a congregation of individuals, each entering this sacred space with a different perspective, each with our own reasons.

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THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE by Gale Berman and Hal Wolkin



L'shana tova! As we begin the new year, we want to extend to every member of our congregation our best wishes for health, happiness, and prosperity during the coming year. We hope that 5778 has special meaning for each of you and for your loved ones.

Participating in synagogue life offers an opportunity to feel a sense of belonging to something greater than oneself and to relate to others who share common traditions and history. We pray, learn, celebrate, mourn and socialize...not as individuals, but as a KEHILA, a community, that comes together with shared purpose and in solidarity.

Our Shir Shalom community has approximately 300 members. Many participate on a regular basis, serve in leadership and on committees, and provide voluntary financial support to our community. But, there are also

members of our congregation who are not engaged. Of course, we appreciate, respect and are grateful to all members of our congregation and our guests as well, but do not quite understand why there are many who choose to be silent? What does this mean?

It seems even more important now than ever to be part of a strong synagogue community. With the heightened domestic and international unrest that affects each of us, Shir Shalom can be a sanctuary where we can nourish our souls and find inspiration in the hope for a better future. We have all been distressed by the racist graffiti including symbols and statements of anti-semitism in our local communities over recent months. As an organized Jewish community, we must continue to stand passionately together to send a message that our Jewish community stands strong and that we will not tolerate such behavior!

As a representative of this community, Rabbi Reiner has been able to interact on our collective behalf with clergy from area churches, the Katonah-Lewisboro and Ridgefield school districts, with law enforcement, and with politicians, for the purpose of ensuring a consistent message relative to these senseless acts.

We have also witnessed neighbors and strangers coming together to help one another after the devastation from the recent hurricanes. People are energized and feel a strong desire to help one another. But we wonder why it often takes a crisis to inspire such involvement in the community?

The question that we have for you is, what will it take to inspire you to become more engaged in this congregation, to offer your talents and time and quite frankly, to offer more of your financial resources to support this community? All too often, people assume that OTHERS will tend to the details and provide their financial resources. Look around this sanctuary; there are hundreds of people gathered here today. Surely, there are many more individuals who can provide their time and contribute their funds. Shir Shalom needs every one of you to play a role

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THE CANTOR'S CORNER

by Cantor Debbie Katchko-Gray



Please mark your calendars for these special musical services!
 Looking forward to a great year of music-
 Many thanks to Rabbi Reiner for all his guidance and support!
 Shalom,
 Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray

SPIRITED AND SOULFUL SHABBAT AT SHIR SHALOM

2017-18 (5778) FRIDAYS

October 13— **BETH STYLES**
7:30 PM
 Composer of award-winning
 new Jewish music
 Vocalist, pianist, arranger



November 10— **BETH STYLES AND
 MARK FINEBERG**
7:30 PM
 Reed artist—saxophone, flute,
 clarinet, veteran of Broadway,
 blues, pop, R and B, jazz and
 klezmer!



December 15— **CHANUKAH RUACH**
7:30 PM
 A Musical Celebration!

January 12— **MUSIC SHABBAT
 SPIRITUALS FOR
 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**
7:00 PM
 Gigi Van Dyke and the
 Serendipity Chorale sing spirituals
 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



February 9— **MARK FINEBERG**
7:30 PM

March 9— **BETH STYLES**
7:30 PM

March 23— **MUSIC SHABBAT
 A SUITE SHABBAT**
7:30 PM
 Julian Schwarz, cellist,
 Marika Bournaki pianist,
 Paul Frucht, composer



April 13— **BETH STYLES**
7:30 PM

April 27— **MUSIC SHABBAT
 LEON SHER**
7:30 PM
 Cantor, music director,
 composer
**Celebrating Cantor
 Debbie's 18th year!**



May 11— **MUSIC SHABBAT
 ISRAELI SONGS**
7:30 PM
 Teen Emissaries

May 25— **MARK FINEBERG**
7:30 PM

June 8— **BETH STYLES**
7:30 PM



FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

by Jane Emmer

We started the school year off with lots of excitement and fun.

Our classrooms are alive with kids and we are thrilled to welcome the new year together.

We have added several special programs to our already rich curriculum. Each class meets

in our music room weekly with Alana Peck. Alana also teaches our Practically Preschool program. Of course we have time with Cantor and Rabbi to enjoy our holidays and a weekly Young Community Shabbat celebration.

Sarah Denyer is a new teacher in our program. She brings her love of science and nature to our Purple Room and our after school enrichment program.

Our garden is still lush and rich with vegetables. We are enjoying a huge crop this year. Since we came back to school we have been busy weeding and harvesting yummy treats.

This month we will have the first of our visits from our new Israeli friends. Welcome to Yuval Hazan, Bar Degani, Itamar Erez and Ofek Moscovich, who will be joining our community once each month as part of the Israeli Young Emissary program sponsored by the Federation for Jewish Philanthropy of Upper Fairfield County. Now in its 19th year, the program's goal is to build a living bridge between Israel and our community. Ofek, Yuval, Bar and Itamar have chosen to postpone their army service to spend the year in Upper Fairfield County to share their love of Israel with our preschool (as well as other preschools, religious schools, adult education programs, local high schools, day schools and Jewish Senior Services). This is a wonderful opportunity to add some cross-cultural enrichment to our classroom life.

We look forward to a great year. If you would like to visit us or add something to our school, we welcome your participation.

Jane Emmer

Early Childhood Center

RITUAL COMMITTEE

by Laurie Dubin and Michael Salpeter



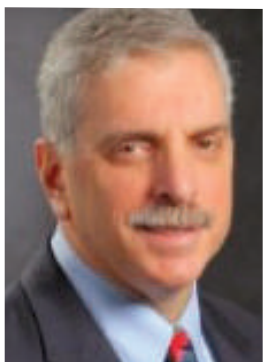
Cool nights, shorter days, and falling leaves are here. The High Holy Days are behind us, hopefully imparted a chance for self-reflection and renewal. We are grateful for all the individuals who gave of their time and talents to create a warm and welcoming space to gather, pray, reflect, and eat.

On behalf of the Ritual Committee, we would like to thank the following people: Rabbi David Reiner, Cantor Deborah

choirs, the Shir Shalom Board members who provided the Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg, the Brotherhood for managing parking, Michelle Blum and Dawn Roberts who coordinated the greeters in the entrances and hallways and volunteer children and teens passing out apples and honey, the office and maintenance staff, our congregant musicians who made our Yom Kippur Music and Meditation Service so moving, kugel cooks, and Ronnie and Michael Hammer with volunteers for their amazing Break Fast spread.

Thank you to the congregants who have shared aspects of the High Holy Days which were appreciated, meaningful, or struck a chord. We welcome your comments and suggestions and are always looking for people to join the Ritual Committee.

Michael Salpeter and Laurie Dubin



Katchko Gray, the professional musicians, members of the adult and talented teen



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Leslie Gottlieb

Each One of Us Matters

Recently published in Reform Judaism's online weekly broadcast about the combined Torah portions, Nitzavim-Vayeilech, Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20,

31:1-30, Rabbi Professor Marc Saperstein recounts the following...

"There is a wonderful parable told by the 18th-century Maggid of Dubnow about the East European Jewish community that was always running short of wine on Purim; the leaders decided that they could guarantee there would be enough wine for everyone on Purim by having each adult pour a small cup of wine into a large barrel in the synagogue courtyard once a week. One of the Jews thinks to himself, 'No one can see what I'm pouring into the barrel, and with all that wine, no one will notice if I pour in a cup of water instead.' And so, he did this throughout the year. When Purim came, the community discovered, to its horror and its shame, that the barrel was filled not with wine but with water — not because the one Jew's water magically transformed all the wine, but because everyone turned out to have had the same idea.

It's hard to think of Purim at this time of year--but now that the High Holy Days have passed and our personal introspection has returned to a more typical level of intensity, perhaps--- we return to our busy lives refreshed and newly committed to being better in all ways. The new school year has started for our Religious School students and staff -- and life gets back to normal. Summer is a memory, sadly, and the calendar guides us through the months to come.

That said, reflecting on the story shared by Saperstein is a playful reminder that what each of us does in our daily lives really does matter in a holistic sense. Everyone more or less understands that we contribute to the whole as our individual efforts create a big picture effect.

Our teaching staff recently discussed this idea under a broader umbrella at our first professional teaching staff meeting held a few weeks ago. Carol Does from Positive Discipline of CT led the hour and a half workshop and no one wanted to leave when the program concluded despite the

late hour. It was a wonderful experience of sharing and learning. We discussed how as teachers our actions, words and decisions all take on a particular shape once they leave us; we worked in smaller groups to understand the implications of our specific behaviors in the classroom setting.

For teachers (and all individuals, really) the sense of responsibility we have for our actions creates a constant flow of new opportunities. Each class meeting date gives us a chance to add wine to the bucket instead of water using the story above as a metaphor. We can all add water and look the other way as class meetings develop into negative, unremarkable or totally engaging instructive moments. We get the chance to create the positive atmosphere. Students and teachers alike need to add to the overall success. Parents and siblings, too, have a significant role outside of the classroom. We need to work together every day to be proud of our efforts. At the school, we try all the time to be our best. We are here to make your child's experience special.

We look forward to working with all of the Religious School families in the months ahead and are grateful for our Grade Parents who help to look after the health and well-being of our program in nurturing ways.

We encourage all of you to participate in the free introductory workshops offered by Positive Discipline of CT.

Positive Discipline of CT**Free Introductory Workshops****at Shir Shalom****Sunday, October 18 from 9:00-9:45 am****or****Wednesday, October 18 from 4:30-5:15 pm.**

The workshops scheduled for the months following the introductory sessions are sure to be very eye opening for us for all the relationships in our lives (see flier for dates and note that the February 4 date has been changed to January). Please let us know if you plan to attend—but those who show up unannounced for the October intro session dates are welcome to attend.

EXCERPTS IN JEWISH HISTORY

By Lewis Siegel

THE MEN WHO SAVED ISRAEL IN ITS FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE

On July 1, 1945, Rudolph G. Sonneborn, an oil and chemical magnate, hosted a meeting with 18 men in his penthouse in Manhattan, at the request of an old friend, David Ben Gurion, head of the Jewish Agency in Palestine. Those men were mostly wealthy businessmen, a few lawyers, and one Rabbi. Ben Gurion warned that in the near future the British would be leaving Palestine, creating a vacuum that might be filled with invading Arab armies. It would be a bare-knuckled fight for survival, only the Jews had nothing to fight with against those powerful forces. From this group of 18 men, a massive underground weapons procurement program began that allowed Israel to survive the subsequent War of Independence. Men were recruited with different skills: manufacturing, flight training, explosives, intelligence, legal experts, etc. These were mostly Americans, some Jews from Palestine, and some non-Jews who believed in the cause. For the next four years until the War of Independence ended, weekly meetings were conducted in Hotel 14 in New York City, to continue planning all aspects of the operation.

Every part of the arms procurement system had to be disguised. It was centralized under the name, "The Sonneborn Institute", but also shell companies with innocuous names were created for the manufacture and shipment of arms. This clandestine procedure was necessary because it was illegal to store and supply weaponry to the Middle East. There were at least four logistical problems: buying and manufacturing the arms, hiding them from law-enforcement officials, finding airplane fields and ports in friendly countries as stop-over points, and getting the equipment through British customs in Palestine. Six weeks before Israel declared its independence on May 15, 1948, very little material had gotten through. The Jews of Palestine had no tanks, no fighter planes, and no artillery. The American underground worked furiously and most imaginatively to obtain supplies from any country possible. They obtained gunpowder from Mexico which had to be hidden in oil drums covered with cement and oil added on top of the cement. So many of the operations ended in failure, but those determined people never gave up. Arms were obtained from Canada, which were

confiscated at the border, and arrests were made. The men escaped punishment because they were able to use political influence extending all the way to J. Edgar Hoover. Some were not so fortunate, and were charged with crimes, but in some cases, lenient, sympathetic judges imposed suspended sentences.

The men went to extremes in order to supply the Jews of Palestine with arms, including an abortive attempt to obtain an aircraft carrier. The most spectacular achievement was procuring 25 German Messerschmitt-109's made by the Nazis in Czechoslovakia. These had to be disassembled and shipped inside cargo planes for the long flight to Palestine and then re-assembled. Eleven of these fighter planes constituted Israel's only air force during the early days of the war. Subsequently other fighter planes were obtained. Supplies came from all over--arms from Italy and Czechoslovakia, barbed wire from Chicago, mine detectors from Minneapolis, and other supplies from every place imaginable. The money required for this venture was enormous. The main organizers gave much of their own money and solicited funds from anywhere they could. There were tragedies. Several pilots were killed in plane crashes.

Many people gave up their careers and businesses to contribute to Israel's survival. After the War of Independence was over they went back to their prior business activities. Their names have been known to very few. They came out of oblivion and went back into oblivion. Rudolph Sonneborn resumed his position as head of a chemical conglomerate. Carl Ek-dahl, the Swedish-American artillery manufacturer retired to his home in Vermont. Henry Montor, who helped organize the original meeting, moved to Italy. Philip Alper formed a machinery company. Nahum Bernstein, the former OSS man who taught demolition and espionage disguised as Talmudic studies, went back to his law practice. Al Schwimmer, who flew many missions to Israel, became managing director of Israel's airplane industry. And so it goes, on and on including: Elie Schalit, Danny Fliderblum, Haim Slavin, and others too numerous to mention.

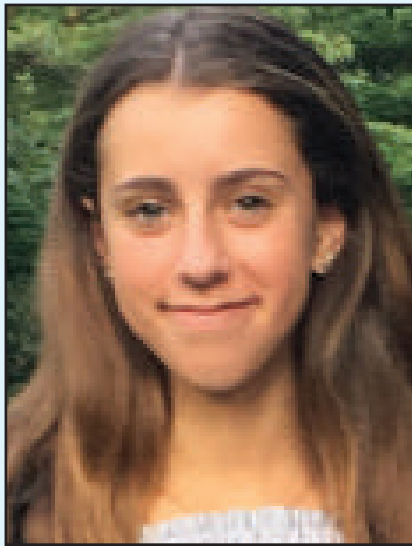
Al Robison, a New Jersey textile man, summed it up when he said, "Here was an opportunity that comes once in a lifetime, maybe not even once in a lifetime. That we could be cloak and dagger people, that we could live dangerously and feel virtuous about it.... I think it changed our lives, I think it left its mark on us for the rest of our days. And I think it gave us a feeling of accomplishment that nothing else we did before, that nothing else we did since has equaled".

Reference:

Leonard Slater- The Pledge;



"Excerpts in Jewish History" is a regular feature in our Shir Shalom newsletter, written by Lewis Siegel, who wrote a similar series for Focus, the newspaper of the Jewish Federation of Greater Danbury. He is also the author of A Brief History of Modern Israel and The Evolution of Zionism.



BAT MITZVAH-

Naturally athletic, Amanda Roberts enjoys time on the field playing hockey or cheerleading. Off field she enjoys spending time with her friends and watching "Vampire Diaries" on TV.

Amanda is proud to be Jewish and looks forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah on October 14th. She would like to continue to be an active member of the temple and to do nice things for others whenever she can.

Her favorite subject in school is Social Studies and in Hebrew school she has enjoyed studying Culture. Amanda would like to study to be a teacher. Her favorite Jewish hero is Golda Meir- Amanda has found her to be inspiring.

Amanda lives in Ridgefield with her parents, Hal and Dawn



BAR MITZVAH-

Aaron Rubinfeld becomes a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 7th. He has worked hard towards this day and the special meaning of becoming an adult in the Jewish community.

Aaron has learned the meaning of mitzvah with time spent running a 5K for "Believe in Brooke", volunteering at blood drives and sponsoring swab kits for the Bone Marrow Foundation.

This young man enjoys reading and playing video games and his favorite subject is science. Albert Einstein is his favorite Jewish hero because of the amazing contributions he made to math, physics and science. He aspires to someday be a software engineer for Google.

Aaron lives with his parents, Adam and Stacey, and two sisters.

SISTERHOOD

by Nancy Cavillones



Happy fall, Sisters. I hope everyone had a sweet New Year. It was wonderful to see you at High Holiday services.

The Sisterhood Kick-Off will be held at the home of Nicole Rose on Tuesday, October 10th at 7pm. Please don't forget to RSVP! This event is free and open to members and prospective members of Sisterhood. We look forward to an evening of delicious food, good wine, great music and an opportunity to come together as a true sisterhood. If you have not yet received an invitation, please email me.

On Friday, October 20th, the Sisterhood will sponsor the oneg. Please join us for services!

Save the date for our Chanukah dinner! By popular demand, the dinner will be held at Bernard's in Ridgefield, on Thursday, December 14th. More details to come!

Every month, the Sisterhood makes tzedakah. Your Sisterhood dues help support our charitable efforts. In addition to making a monetary donation, the Sisterhood is exploring service projects, both locally and internationally. If you would like to help spearhead the service project initiative, please get in touch!

In September, the Sisterhood made a donation to American Jewish World Services, which provides aid all over the world. To learn more about AJWS, or to make your own donation, visit

<https://ajws.org>.

This month, in honor of Breast Cancer Month, a donation was made to The National Breast Cancer Coalition. To learn more about NBCC, or to make your own donation, visit <http://www.breastcancerdeadline2020.org/>.

Fall is a great season for hiking, and learning to knit! If you are interested in either, please get in touch at sisterhood@ourshirshalom.org and we'll send you the information.

Please join us on Facebook! Just search for Shir Shalom Sisterhood. Hope to see you soon!

Nancy Cavillones

Sisterhood President

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE (con't.)

in supporting this community. The silence must change if this Jewish community is to persevere and serve our children and our children's children!

Bringing our two synagogues together a couple of years ago was the first step in paving the way to our future. Shir Shalom is much stronger and much better off but, our work is not over, not by a long shot. We need your help! We need you to contribute your time to our leadership teams and to our committees. We need you to participate in social activities, to participate in fund raising activities, and yes, we would also like you to periodically join the congregation for Shabbat services. We want and need you to support this community in these ways and we know from our own experience that if you become more engaged you will find yourself experiencing something very special!

Each of us has unique talents and abilities. We are asking that you deploy your specific talents and abilities for the benefit of Shir Shalom. When the tribe of Israel, in the wilderness, built the first Tabernacle, each person was assigned a task suitable to their abilities. No one was asked to do more than they were able. This is what we are asking of the members of this community today. We are in this together and we hope that you will make the time to get involved during this new year.

Your financial support is greatly needed as well, and we can assure you that your dollars will be spent wisely. Each year, our congregation depends on the funds received from our Yom Kippur Appeal to meet its financial obligations. Your membership contribution covers ONLY a fraction of our expenses. Your contribution to the Yom Kippur Appeal will help to support our infrastructure and allow Shir Shalom to continue to serve you and your family and our Jewish community. It will keep our synagogue vibrant with programming, education, study, prayer, community outreach, and compassion.

It starts RIGHT HERE! If we don't have the means to teach this next generation, our children may not have a place to worship, to pass on our traditions, nor to understand what it means to be a Jew. We must come together and understand the enormous obligations of mutual responsibility and mutual affection; showing that WE ARE ONE. "Who will then stand up for us, for them....who will do this, if not ourselves?" Please help make our light shine brighter and stronger!

To each of you, may the coming year, 5778, have special meaning to you and your loved ones and may you be inscribed in the Book of Life for many years to come. G'mar Chatimah Tova!

SOCIAL ACTION

by Debbie Landzberg and Debbie Lavin

**SOCIAL ACTION NEWS****Our High Holy Day Food Drive Was a Success!**

We collected and donated thousands of pounds of food to three local food pantries:

The Community Center of Northern Westchester, The Daily Bread Food Pantry, Ridgefield Food Pantry

A big thank you to

Our congregants, whose generosity will benefit many hundreds of people in need!

Our religious school students, who handed out bags after High Holy Days services

The 7th grade class who delivered, sorted and shelved many dozens of bags of food
at the Community Center in Katonah.

Our parent chaperones who joined us at the Community Center along with our dedicated teachers Gerry

Hecht, Ruth Ossher, Michael Salpeter and our devoted religious school principal Leslie Gottlieb

Lorilee Palazzo, Miguel Cardenas, Leidy Restrepo & Laura Morris whose help is always greatly appreciated!

And to Trader Joe's of Danbury who generously donated several hundred paper bags!

Thank you also to this month's volunteers:

Debbie Landzberg, Polly Schnell, Lynne Stark for their work on behalf of Daily Bread Food Pantry

Jessica Brooks, Debbie Landzberg, and Susan Westlake who helped prep and serve a meal to hungry clients of

Dorothy Day Hospitality House

Resa Fremed, Jackie Goldner & Polly Schnell for bringing the joy of Shabbat to the Jewish women of

Danbury's Federal Corrections Institute

Breakfast "Run" volunteers needed ...

We will deliver food, clothing and toiletries to NYC's homeless

Saturday, 11/18, 12 pm – 3 pm: Packing Day and Food Prep

Sunday, 11/19, 6 am – 12 pm: Caravan to NYC

Volunteers are also needed to help with our...

Blood Drive Midnight Run Mitzvah Day and more!

One-time and ongoing opportunities available for everyone

Help us help others this year!

Contact SocialAction@OurShirShalom.org with questions, comments and/or to volunteer!



Come join the program at Congregation Shir Shalom Religious School!



Free Introductory Sessions!

Sunday, October 15 at 9–9:45 am OR

Wednesday, October 18 at 4:30–5:15 pm

4 Sunday Classes

9:15 am–12:15 pm

11/19, 12/10, 1/7, 2/4

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NEIROT

Neirot's season opening dinner and film:

Theodore Bikel

IN THE SHOES OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM

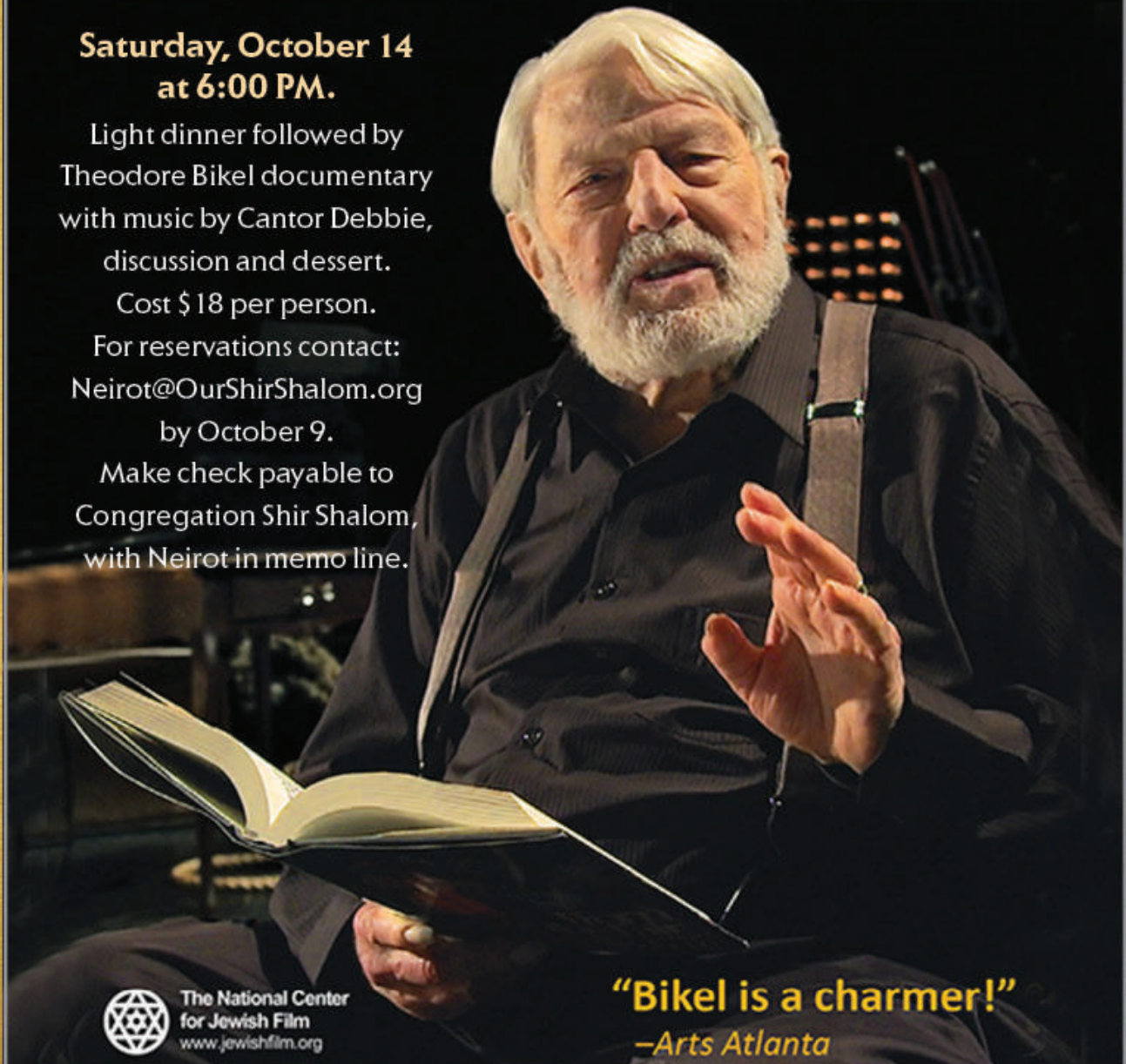
**Saturday, October 14
at 6:00 PM.**

Light dinner followed by
Theodore Bikel documentary
with music by Cantor Debbie,
discussion and dessert.

Cost \$18 per person.

For reservations contact:
Neirot@OurShirShalom.org
by October 9.

Make check payable to
Congregation Shir Shalom,
with Neirot in memo line.



The National Center
for Jewish Film
www.jewishfilm.org

"Bikel is a charmer!"

—Arts Atlanta



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Elliot Agisim	Haley Fiderer	Kyle Leitner	Polly Schnell
Alex Altman	Jordan Fiderer	David Levens	Greg Schwartz
Frank Andrade	Keira Finke	Lucy Levi	Madeleine Sobel
Richard Aries	Joshua Fischman	Laurel Levinsohn	Eric Stegman
Philip Bard	Debbie Frishman	Phoebe Lichtman	Daniel Stegman
David Bluestein	Joseph Furic	Rhonda Manus	Paul Stoogenke
Richard Burg	Jonathan Gilbert	Catherine Mishkin	Judith Stoogenke
Lauren Bush	Matt Herbstman	Larry Morley	Toba Stutz
Heather Butchen	Miles Hisiger	David Moss	Hannah Sussman
James Carroll	Sophia Hoffman	Leslie Moss	Karen Taylor
Caroline Chanin	Jeffrey Hubsher	Brooke Murad	Jeremy Tubbs
Aaron Cohen	Alan Jacobs	Hannah Needleman	Tyler Reardon Wallach
Madelyn Craw	Robert Jolly	Adrienne Orlan	Marty Weisberg
Kenneth Craw	Benjamin Jolly	Nicole Parson	Shelby White
Elinor Darvick	Sean Kaplan	Anita Quasha	Jamie Zins
Elyse Davis	Sam Kaplan	Lauren Rose	
Jordan Dufner	Marshall Kurtz	Alexa Rubinfeld	
Garrett Edson	Debra Lavin	Eric Rudin	
Jonathan Elias	Arnold Leitner	Jillian Samuels	

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Paul and Elizabeth Amerling	Neal and Karen Blum
Garrett Edson and Lara Parker-Edson	Ken and Joan Isman
Kenneth Levinshohn and Ellen Strauss	Hal and Dawn Roberts
Ari and Elana Rosenbaum	Mathew and Tamra Rosenfeld
Michael and Rona Salpeter	Christopher Shore and Margaret Adasko
Eric and Andrew Stegman	



OCTOBER YAHREZEITEN

Friday, October 6th, 2017

Carol Altman	mother of Joe Altman	Rudolph Amado	father of Diane Parson
Gerhard Bendix	father of Alice Gottlieb	Gerald Berg	father of Jeff Berg
Dorothy Dietzek	mother of Alan Dietzek	William Fischman	father of Robert Fischman
Helen Friedlander	mother in law of Diana Friedlander	Regina Heit	mother of Stephen Heit
Elias Jacobson	grandfather of Karen Conti	Elias Jacobson	mother of Laura Steinhorn
David Kushner	father of Karen Taylor	Carol Lackow	mother of Rhonda Lackow
Lynn Levi	aunt of Adam Rubinfeld	Sylvia Mininberg	
Jacob Murad	father of Menashe Murad	Hattie Schwartz	relative of Moreton Binn

Friday, October 13th, 2017

Jay Bovilsky	father of Adam Bovilsky	Germ Dashevskiya	grandfather of Vladimir Gogish
Crescenzo DeLucia	father of Michael DeLucia	Nancy DeLucia	mother of Michael DeLucia
Seymour Epstein	father of Andrea Jacobs	Amy Friedlander	
Molly Friedlander		Gregory Friedlander	
Sam Friedlander		Lillian Goetz	aunt of Roz Kopfstein
Vladimir Gogish	father of Ilya Gogish and Vladimir Gogish	Naomi Gray Kaplan	mother of Scott Gray
Edith Joseph	mother of Barbara Tendler	Marc Kaplan	cousin of Judith Strom
Milton S. Kaye	father of Steve Kaye	Saul Kurzweil	father of Ken Kurzweil
Joseph D. Lehrman	father of Lora Wishod	Sam Schmeltzer	father of Resa Fremed
June Shaplen	mother of Jason Shaplen	Philip Silverman	father of Ellen Elias
Seymour Speckman	father of Emily Nossan	Jean Steinhorn	grandmother of Karen Conti
Jean Steinhorn	mother of Alan Steinhorn	Doris Weiler	grandmother of Joshua Arnow
Elaine Zimmerman	grandmother of David, Aaron, Ezra & Joey Zimmerman		

Friday, October 20th, 2017

Max Baker	grandfather of Carlyn Bergman	Rose Bergman	grandmother of Michael Bergman
Bret Black	brother in law of Susan Bard	Ann Brodsky	mother of Karl Brodsky
Flora Fergenson	aunt of Michael Bergman	Edward Friedlander	father in law of Diana Friedlander
Jacob Friedman	father of Joshua Friedman	Ruth Goodman	mother of Monnie Newman
Julius Leitner	grandfather of Ian Leitner	Wolf Manheimer	father of Aron Hirt-Manheimer
Rae Michael	great grandmother of Danielle, Caitlin & Lucas Winson		
Martha Ratner	grandmother of Judith Strom		



OCTOBER YAHRZEITEN (CON'T)

Friday, October 27th, 2017

David Alper	father of Lonnie Shapiro	Gabrielle Berlinger	aunt of Richard Wetchler
Joseph Brenner	grandfather of Scott Brenner	Martin F. Burg	father of Richard Burg
Gertrude Cohen	grandmother of Matt Herbstman	David Emmer	husband of Jane Emmer
Edward Epstein	father of Sheryl Knapp	Joan Fine	mother of Peter Fine
Denise Fuchs	mother of Hanky Kutscher	Jacob Goldberg	
Martin & Natalie Greenberg		Billie Hoffman	mother of Larry Hoffman
Harold Horowitz	grandfather of Stacey Rubinfeld	Arthur Klein	husband of Elinor Klein
Charlotte Slotnik	mother of Jacqueline Goldner	Richard Stanley	
Frieda Stern	grandmother of Laurie Dubin		

We extend condolences to...

The Blum family, following the death of Morris Glass, father of Michelle Blum

The Stockel family, following the death of Lewis Lorin, father of Allison Stockel



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Michael DeLucia & Wendy Wallach DeLucia	in memory of Robert Wallach & Roy Wallach

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Hal & Dawn Roberts	in honor of Amanda Robert's Bat Mitzvah
Murray & Elinor Darvick	in honor of Lila Hope Gogish
Gregory & Ginger Schwartz	
Serafima Dashevskaya	in honor of Lila Hope Gogish
Joshua & Michelle Blum & family	in memory of Morris Glass

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Hal & Dawn Roberts	in honor of Amanda Robert's Bat Mitzvah
Serafima Dashevskaya	in honor of Lila Hope Gogish
Madeleine Sobel	in memory of Cecile Swedlin Berman
Joshua & Michelle Blum & family	in memory of Morris Glass

Education Fund

Joshua & Alan Blum	in memory of Morris Glass
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(Rabbi's Message con't. from page 2)

Our worship on Rosh Hashanah begins in the first person singular: Hin'ni, Here I stand. But over the course of worship our language is transformed, inspiring us to fulfill what Rabbi Janet Marder describes as "The central purpose of our religion: to expand our awareness and lift us out of the closed circle of self-concern..." We move from the first person singular to dramatic prayers written in first person plural: Avinu Malkeinu, the Great Aleinu, and Ashamnu.

We read in Pirkei Avot, an ancient collection of rabbinic teachings, pious people say, "What is mine is yours and what is yours is yours." Piety, the quality of being religious or reverent, is expressed when we give of ourselves without seeking anything in return, as members who continue to generously support our synagogue after their children have grown up and moved away, even when they only attend services once or twice a year. The key to transforming our congregation is to help people move from a first-person singular attitude to the first-person plural and to encourage them to consider why they are supporting our congregation.

Hungry or sated, happy or afraid, lonely or connected, we will find inspiration, we will find meaning, we will find connection, (as is written in our prayer book) "by joining hands and marching together." Hinenu, We are here.

We are here to inspire a vibrant future, to make our world a better place.
 We are here to find meaning and purpose, to know that our lives matter.
 We are here because we proudly connect with the narrative of our people.
 We are here to help repair our broken world.
 We are here because we cannot do this alone.

Amen.



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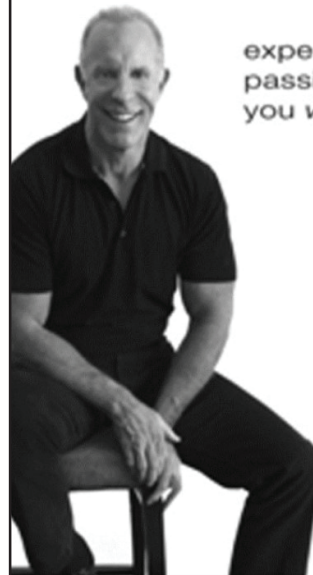
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 No Religious School	2	3	4 Religious School 5:30 pm Sukkot service	5 No Religious School Sukkot OFFICE CLOSED	6 5:30 pm Pizza in the Hut 6:00 pm Kabballat Shabbat	7 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Worship- Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Rubinfeld
8 No Religious School	9 Columbus Day OFFICE CLOSED	10 Sisterhood "Kick-off" dinner	11 Religious School 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Simchat Torah service	12 No Religious School Simchat Torah OFFICE CLOSED	13 7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	14 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Worship- Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Roberts 6:00 pm Neiro Opening Event
15 Religious School 9:00 am Positive Discipline	16	17	18 Religious School 4:30 pm RS Positive Discipline	19 Religious School RS Enrichment 7:15 pm Board of Directors meeting	20 7:30 pm Kabballat Shabbat with Sisterhood oneg	21
22 9:15 am Practically RS Religious School Neiro Outing- Yiddish Book Center	23	24	25 Religious School 5:30 pm NFTY Youth Group	26 Religious School RS Enrichment	27 7:30 pm Kabballat Shabbat	28 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Worship- Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Jureller
29 Religious School RS Consecration	30	31				

The deadline for submission for the November 2017 Shir Shalom is Tuesday, October 2, 2017. Thank you.

Join us as we observe Rabbi Burstein's First Yahrtzeit
October 13, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Former U.S. Ambassador, Rabbi David Saperstein

Please join us in observing the first yahrtzeit of Rabbi Marcus Burstein, z"l. Rabbi Burstein was a passionate advocate for Social Justice and an active supporter of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. We are honored to welcome Rabbi David Saperstein to Congregation Shir Shalom as we honor the memory of Rabbi Burstein on the first anniversary (yahrtzeit) of his death. In addition to words from Rabbi Saperstein, our service will include brief tributes to the memory of Rabbi Burstein.