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CHAVERIM

March/April 2014

From the Rabbi

Dear Friends,



Coming to a belated obsession with *Breaking Bad* and the tragic death of Philip Seymour Hoffman, I have been thinking a lot of late about the scourge of addiction. Like mental illness, addiction is sadly one of those conditions about which many feel embarrassed and ashamed, as if they are weak and did something wrong, rather than ensnared in the crippling net of a chemical or physical dependency.

With mental illness we seem to be making some progress. Increasingly health insurers are under pressure to treat mental illness as a disease no less than cancer, diabetes and Parkinson's. A billboard I recently happened upon reads, "Depression: It's not you. It's chemical."

So too, it seems, are we at long last revising the way we look at addiction. Addiction-related deaths like Philip Seymour Hoffman's and Heath Ledger's are now viewed as tragic no less than accidental deaths like those of Princess Diana and those of the astronauts aboard the space shuttle Challenger. They are tragic heroes, their lives extinguished by the laws of biochemistry, if not by astrophysics. As one person wrote on nytimes.com after Hoffman's death was reported, "Even for those of us with long-term sobriety, [addiction is] a disease that grips one by the throat and waits very patiently, decades even, to roar back, given the chance, into our lives. And to take us to even darker places than the first bottom that got [us] into treatment."

If a hallmark of Judaism is to love your neighbor, then so too is it not to put a stumbling block before the blind. I suppose this is why I feel such loathing toward Walter White, the *Breaking Bad* chemistry teacher turned drug manufacturer who preys on people's vulnerabilities and desire for a quick high in order to enrich himself and feather his family's nest. To Walter White the illness of addiction and the destruction it visits upon other families is of no import. Zero. All that matters to him is finding a way to treat his own illness (lung cancer) and to make sure his own family is left with a nest egg after he is gone. His is a selfishness of the highest order.

It's too bad that Walter White did not follow a tradition such as ours that sets out clear moral guideposts for the way we treat our neighbors: guideposts of mutual concern, responsibility, respect, compassion and love; guideposts that abhor exploitation

of others' weaknesses and predation on other human beings; guideposts that direct us toward what Rudolf Otto called "The Idea of the Holy."

We will soon retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt, our story of breaking away from exploitation and marching toward a new, promised land where would live as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Such remains our mission, now no less than then. I pray that we shall continue to march forward, constructing a world in which fewer of us choose to break bad and more of us embrace what we call *Kadosh*: Holy.

John A. Franken

Rabbi John A. Franken



This Summer in Jerusalem: Join Us!

No summer travel plans yet? It's not too late to register for our BSS Israel trip June 23-July 3, 2014. You'll be part of a wonderful group of congregants as together we explore the land and people of Israel, its history, food, politics, beauty, and spirit. An experience unlike any other, you will be inspired and awed by what you experience. For more information, contact rabbifranken@gmail.com or visit ayelet.com. The memories last forever!



From the President

Leadership for a Democratic Society

During the month of January, I took a break from my career at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the President of Bolton Street Synagogue (BSS) to spend 4 weeks taking “Leadership for a Democratic Society (LDS)” at the Federal Executive Institute (FEI) in Charlottesville, Virginia.

According to the United States Office of Personnel Management:

FEI uses the U.S. Constitution as the principal guide in helping you to understand the diverse goals of the government and the citizens you serve. At FEI, you will build your skills in personal leadership and gain insights into organizational theory, the policy framework in which Government leadership occurs, and the broad global trends and events that shape government agendas.

LDS was an outstanding experience. Its life lessons are universal and will not just benefit me for the leadership challenges I face in my job. I will use the leadership lessons I learned as President of BSS and in all other aspects of my personal and professional life. The LDS experience was comprehensive and included lessons in health and fitness, diet and nutrition, stress management, work-life balance, self-awareness and self-actualization, personal and professional growth among others. All of this training occurred simultaneously for the 49 federal leaders in the program and our shared experiences gave me 49 new friends. I developed an especially close relationship with the 7 other federal leaders and the coordinator of my “Leadership Development Team” with whom I spent the most time in intensive leadership training exercises over my four weeks in Charlottesville.

FEI days typically were about 15 hours long including morning aerobics or stretching classes, lunchtime fitness walks, morning and afternoon classes and evening group activities. So what did I learn from this experience? I learned much about my personality type through the Meyer-Briggs Type Personality Type Indicator. Through a 3600 assessment, I learned about my strengths and weaknesses from a self-assessment as well as assessments from my supervisor and anonymous feedback from my direct reports and peers. I learned more about myself and others through classes on emotional intelligence, negotiation, working with Congress, crucial conversations among others.

We visited Monticello—home of Thomas Jefferson—and received instruction on Jefferson’s life and leadership as well as his personal conflict being a slaveholder and father of slaves while espousing the values of freedom equality of all men. The conflict over slavery led to study of another great transformational leader—Abraham Lincoln—and his exceptional role in preservation of the Union.

The overriding theme of my four weeks in Charlottesville was the full range leadership model. The full range leadership model offers 3 different leadership styles: Laissez faire, transactional and transformational leadership. Laissez-Faire leadership is the absence of leadership. Laissez-Faire leaders avoid taking a stand on issues, do not emphasize results, refrain from intervening when issues arise, are unaware of employee performance and are generally viewed by employees as uncaring about them or their work. Transactional leadership takes the form of 1) management by exception: taking corrective action, waiting for problems to arise before taking action, stressing what people are doing wrong and enforcing rules; and 2) contingent reward: applying constructive transactions, making clear expectations of outcomes and rewards, exchanging reward and recognition for accomplishment and actively monitoring employee’s progress and providing supportive feedback. Transformational leadership involves empathy, caring and developing personal relationships (individualized consideration or compassionate leader), encouraging imagination (intellectual stimulation), inspiring others and creating a strong sense of purpose among followers (inspirational motivation) and being an example to others through demonstrating an inclusive vision and developing trust and confidence among followers. Of course, transformational leadership involves much more than I can present here but I would summarize it as developing a vision, showing deep concern and interest in others while inspiring others to share in achievement of that vision. Leadership is earned, not imposed.

As I think about the many lessons I learned in Charlottesville about myself and others, I strive to be a transformational leader and hope to inspire and lead both my staff at CMS and BSS to a better, stronger and vibrant future.

A Special Thank You: In the President’s column in this month’s Chaverim, I wrote about my 4 weeks away in leadership training. During my absence, Lissa Abrams led the synagogue as the Acting President. My sincerest thanks to Lissa for leading the Executive Committee and the monthly Board meeting in January in addition to the other work she does on behalf of the synagogue as Vice President, Chair of the Membership, Marketing and Engagement Committee and her many other contributions to BSS on a regular basis.



Marc Hartstein, President

Mazel Tov

- **April Gilkey** and **David Rachamim** on their engagement December 29
- **Steve Snyder** and **Cheryl Hinds**, whose daughter Laurel, has received the 2014 gold medal in the Sidney Taylor Book Awards Younger Readers category from the Association of Jewish Libraries. Laurel is the author of the book *The Longest Night: A Passover Story*.
- **Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum** for being selected as one of the 2014 Maryland Super Lawyers and was also listed in the Top 50 Women Maryland Super Lawyers 2014.

Welcome to our Newest Members

Aaron Pearl

Alli Lesovoy

Ariel Nathan

Emily Benoit

Chuck and Adrienne Berman

From Our Director of Education and Engagement



If you have watched any of this year's coverage of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, you have probably noticed the various Olympic-themed television advertisements NBC has been running. Perhaps you remember the Proctor & Gamble commercial portraying various moms

supporting their children from the time they are in diapers, to their participation in youth winter sports, all the to the moment during which they win an Olympic medal. This ad campaign, a follow up to their commercials from the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, is obviously meant to tug at one's heartstrings, serving as a reminder to everyone about the importance of support from one's family each step of the way on their journey to achieving success. Through the highs and the lows, familial support goes a long way in molding a child's identity and self-esteem.

When I sit in on meetings, read articles or find myself in the middle of impromptu discussions about the future of Judaism and the Jewish community in the United States, I constantly find myself coming back to the same issue—it all starts in the home. A child who spends time in religious school learning about Jewish values, holidays and rituals but seldom practices such things in their home and with their family is probably less likely to commit themselves to a Jewish life than a child whose family shows a

genuine interest in re-enforcing in the home what they have learned in school. It is for this reason that we are working hard to establish an environment within Bolton Street that encourages families and their children to make a strong commitment to Jewish learning, both in and out of the synagogue walls.

Over the next few months, the teachers and I will be leading several "Family Education" days during religious school. Parents will be encouraged to attend school along with their children for a full day of activities and learning sessions intended to bring families together through Jewish learning. It is our ultimate hope that this program will serve as a springboard for more families to recognize the importance of Judaism in the home and supporting their children every step of the way along their Jewish journey. As we learn in the Shema, God tells us that we are to teach Jewish values, "diligently to [our] children..." While adhering to this mitzvah may not make our children Olympic champions (though it couldn't hurt!), it will help ensure that the future of the Jewish community is a brighter one for us and our children. Let us keep this mitzvah in mind as we continue to move forward in making Bolton Street as vibrant a Jewish learning environment as possible!

Best,

Mickey Rubin

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Save the Date: April 5, 2014, 7:00 pm

A popular Baltimore tradition is coming to Bolton Street Synagogue this spring — Stoop Storytelling.

It's Complicated: Stories About The Joys And Oys Of Contemporary Jewish Life

A popular Baltimore tradition is coming to Bolton Street Synagogue this spring - Stoop Storytelling.

On Saturday, April 5, Bolton Street Synagogue will host a fundraising benefit: "It's Complicated: Stories about the joys and oys of contemporary Jewish life."

The event will feature a silent auction, raffle, festive food and drink, and a Stoop Storytelling show. All this is included in the \$50 price of admission. All members are encouraged to attend. Invite friends and family to join us. Proceeds from the event will benefit educational programs at the synagogue.

To purchase tickets, visit the synagogue website, boltonstreet.org, and click on the "purchase tickets" link. Tickets can also be purchased by sending a check to the synagogue. A limited number of tickets will be available for sale at the door on the night of the event.

The Stoop Storytelling Series is a popular event in which seven people get seven minutes each to tell a true, personal tale on a shared theme in front of a live audience. Since its founding in 2006, The Stoop has featured the stories of more than 450 Baltimoreans on stage.

Stoop storytellers at Bolton Street include:

Deborah Weiner, WBAL TV news anchor

Rabbi Steven Fink, Senior Rabbi, Temple Oheb Shalom

Lois Blum Feinblatt, philanthropist and therapist

Marion Wink, best-selling author and essayist

Ira Gewanter, Orioles ticket and fan services representative

Two Bolton Street members, Steve Snyder and Greg Abel, also will tell memorable stories.

Storytelling is only part of the fun planned for the evening. Two prime tickets to the 2014 Baltimore Ravens-Pittsburgh Steelers game will be up for grabs in an exciting raffle. Tickets are \$5 and three for \$10. Prior to April 5, raffle tickets can be purchased by contacting the Bolton Street Synagogue religious school, which is spearheading this effort.

The night also features a wonderful silent auction. Among the unusual and unique items that will be available are a private lunch with Nobel Prize Winning astrophysicist Adam Riess, dinner for 25 at Chipotle, a day of sailing on a 37-foot sailboat for six people, and a prized parking space in the front lot of the synagogue for the high holidays.

We are grateful to The Pantry for catering our event. A big thank you to Daniel Horwitz and Margo Candelaria, synagogue members, for their generous support.

Would you like to help? We are seeking additional items for the Silent Auction. We especially welcome donations of a stay in a vacation home. Become an event sponsor. Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$2,500 and include tickets for the event.

We are seeking volunteers for the evening of the event. Unfortunately, we cannot offer free admission. But you will be helping to stage a great party for the benefit of our religious school.

For more information, contact Mark Hyman at balthyman@gmail.com.

Contributions

Library and Lifelong Learning Fund

Hya Heine in memory of her mother-in-law, Mildred Watner and her son-in-law, Howard Krevolin

Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Rosenberg in memory of Paul's father, Samuel Rosenberg

Melvin Cohen Social Action Fund

The Margolis family in memory of Russ' mother, Helen Margolis

Mindy and Harvey Morrell in memory of Rachel Wax, cousin of Ethel Zelenske

Alison Hartman in memory of her father, Daniel Hartman

Mike Zabner Youth Education Scholarship Fund

Aaron Schneiderman in appreciation of Alyssa Sapia

Ken and Jeannette Karpay

Lisa Z. Shroder in memory of Mike Zabner

Music and Worship Fund

Nancy and Doug Carrey-Beaver in honor of Rachel Niedermayer and Collin McFall's marriage

Agi Rado in memory of her adoptive mother Margi Adler

Operating Fund

Lyn Watner in memory of her grandmother, Mildred Watner and her brother-in-law, Howard Krevolin

Damie and Diane Stillman in memory of Damie's father, Samuel Isaac Stillman

Bayla Weisbart in memory of her father, Bernard Solomon

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Bernard and Judith Berkowitz in memory of Max Berkowitz, father of Bernard Berkowitz

Description of Special Supplemental Funds

Building Fund

Our House of Worship is the fulfillment of a dream, actively serving the congregation and our community at large. Built in 2003, our building has brought tremendous pride and unity to our members. Your contribution to the BSS Building Fund will help keep our facility in tiptop shape.

Melvin Cohen Social Action Fund

Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) is our call to action as Jews. At BSS, we take this commitment seriously, running energetic and robust social action initiatives throughout the year. Your contribution to the BSS Melvin Cohen Social Action Fund provides the extra dollars needed to help us carry out our community-wide service to those in need.

Bolton Street Synagogue Operating Fund

The cost of running BSS is only partially covered by membership dues; the rest comes from other sources, such as fundraising. Your support of the BSS Operating Fund provides added stability as we meet the challenging fiscal needs of running a professionally-staffed synagogue.

Music and Worship Fund

The beauty of our service is enhanced by our ability to accentuate prayer with music and song. Your support of this spirited aspect of our BSS worship and musical programs will be inspiring.

President's Discretionary Fund

Serving as President requires a significant commitment of time and energy. It is also a role filled with uncertainty and steadfast devotion to our mission while becoming intimate with the challenges and opportunities that are part of our growing BSS family. The President's Discretionary Fund provides the president with the extra means to respond to certain unforeseen circumstances that may require an immediate response.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Every synagogue has a Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. This fund provides the Rabbi with additional resources to help a needy congregant or family in an emergency or provide that extra measure of funding needed to help ensure a worthy program or project can succeed. It also supports social justice, tikkun olam projects, and organizational advancement.

Bolton Street/NYC:

Seven BSS eighth and ninth graders visited New York City last month where, among other things, they learned about the history of American Jewish immigration, spent Shabbat on the Upper West Side, and toured Ellis Island and the Lower East Side's Tenement Museum. Pictured here in front of Lincoln Center are (L to R) Noy Schwartz, Nathalie Axel, Zane Young,

Mike Zabner Youth Scholarship Fund

Our children are our future. With your support of the BSS Youth Education Scholarship Fund, we will have the resources to support youth group programming, educational retreats and provide critical scholarships in support of a worthy youth seeking a Jewish camp or Israel travel experience.

Leadership Development Fund

The DNA of BSS lies in its heritage of congregational volunteerism. Your support of the Leadership Development Fund will help ensure that BSS will continue to invest in its leadership through educational retreats, seminars and programs.

Library And Lifelong Learning Fund

Providing our congregation with life long learning is a top priority for BSS. Your gift to the Library and Lifelong Learning Fund will underwrite special adult and family adult educational projects and the purchase of books, equipment and program materials. Special bookplates and naming opportunities are available.

Rabbi Franken, Valerie Preactor, Ben Baitman, Nikki Goldstone, Leah Genth, Harry Levine and Yarden Vilchik.



Acknowledge the Occasion Through Bolton Street Synagogue

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If your contribution is from a couple or family, please list all names (use additional paper if necessary)

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Wish List

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| \$5,000 for strategic initiatives | \$500 for Green ware (cups, plates, napkins) |
| \$3,000 to subsidize a family retreat | \$500 for Green energy credits to keep BSS carbon neutral for one year |
| \$3,000 for a scroll of the book of Esther and casing | \$500 to sponsor a synagogue BBQ |
| \$3,000 for outreach to unaffiliated Jews in the community | \$360 for a "Shabbat Unplugged" service |
| \$2,500 for a youth retreat | \$250 for one month's Tot Shabbat program |
| \$1500 to purchase a defibrillator (AED) | \$180 to sponsor a subsidized catered Shabbat dinner |
| \$750 for one month of Friday Shabbat music | |

To fulfill a wish list item, mail a check payable to: Bolton Street Synagogue, 212 W. Cold Spring Lane, Balt., MD 21210. Donate online by credit card at www.boltonstreet.org. Please specify the item you are funding. Contributions will be recognized in future issues of the Chaverim, so please let us know if you prefer to donate anonymously. For more information, contact Debbie Barnes, Administrator, 410-235-5354 or dbarnes@boltonstreet.org.

Are you celebrating a special event or remembering a loved one?

Why not sponsor an **Oneg Shabbat** to mark the occasion?

Look for the sign-up sheet at the next oneg!

Contact Debbie Barnes in the Administrative office (410-235-5354) if you would like to sponsor or co-sponsor one of the above dates or if you would like more information.

Thank you to our recent oneg sponsors:

Hya Heine and Lyn Watner
Rachel Niedermayer & Collin McFall
Religious School class parents
Helen and Bill Reichel
Joel & Kathleen Cohn
Russ and Leslie Margolis
Ethel Zelenske
Membership & Marketing Committee
Ralph Raphael & Elaine Richman

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March

2 Sandra Hess	18 Alison Hartman, Ben Nehl, Ben Falcone, Amy Rubin
3 Nancy Carrey-Beaver, Max Gadsden	
4 Jack Sheehy, Wyatt Gitlin	19 Lucy Kaufman, Bayla Weisbart
5 Thomas Hess	22 Saul Gilstein, Kathleen Cohn
6 Cathy Schuster Pascale	23 Bernard Berkowitz
7 Nicolette Goldstone	24 Joseph Horwitz
9 Benjamin Krimmel	25 Eleanor Potter
10 Benjamin Baitman	28 Matthew Richman-Raphael, Jerry Bloom
12 Rebecca Brody, Leslie Seid Margolis, Susan Allen, Laura Lechtzin	29 Leo Sheingate
15 Dana Rosenstein	30 Alan Rubinstein
16 Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum, Joshua Barker	
17 Ellen & Glenn Grossman, Mollie Herman	

April

1 Jaime Savage	20 Richard and Donna Neuworth
4 Mia Urban, Mia Cohen, Robert and Susan Baron, Richard Neuworth	21 Ben Korn, Samuel Steinmetz, Alison Murphy
11 Doug Carrey-Beaver	22 Josephine Halushka
13 Peggy Brennecke & Mark Hyman	24 Nancy Hutton & Larry Wissow, Joyce Moskovitz, Miriam Rybczynski, Lyn Watner
14 Van Miller, Jeffrey Dier	
15 Eleanor Citron	25 Nancy & Doug Carrey-Beaver, Claudia Diamond
16 Zoey Brown	28 Phaye Poliakoff-Chen
17 Caleb Karpay	29 Molly Bloom
18 Noah Conn	30 Marissa Feinsilver
19 Harold Weisbaum	

Yahrzeits

March

1 Dorothy Bernice Caplan, mother of Carl Caplan	29 Adar
4 John H. Mandel, father of Joy Mandel	2 Adar II
7 Frances Kleinman, mother of Sheila Sachs	5 Adar II
13 Doris Rubin Bennett, mother of Susan D. Bennett	11 Adar II
14 Mathilda Bach, mother of M. David Bach	12 Adar II
16 Alfred Wasserberger, father of Abe Wasserberger	14 Adar II
27 Doris L. Fogler, mother of Dawn Cohen	25 Adar II
27 Hans Gundel, father of Judy Gundel	25 Adar II

April

1 Dora Silber, grandmother of Lissa Abrams	1 Nisan
1 Ana Hirsch, grandmother of Elisabeth Liebow	1 Nisan
1 Solomon Brandt, father of Diane Stillman	1 Nisan
2 Hoke Smith, partner of Agi Rado	2 Nisan
2 Evelyn Speranza Pizzo Bash, mother of Chris Hartstein	2 Nisan
3 William Feeser, father of Scott Feeser	3 Nisan
3 Ida Moskovitz, mother of Joyce Moskovitz	3 Nisan

3 Harry Levine, father of Hya Heine and grandfather of Lyn Watner	3 Nisan
5 Sol Green, father of Michael Green	5 Nisan
6 Sylvia Dier, mother of Jeff Dier	6 Nisan
7 David Carrey, father of Nancy Carrey-Beaver	7 Nisan
12 Roy King, father of Justin King	12 Nisan
18 Annie Sterling, mother of Ruth Rosenberg and grandmother of Sara Rybczynski	18 Nisan
18 Samuel Sterling, father of Ruth Rosenberg and grandfather of Sara Rybczynski	18 Nisan
23 Celia Levine, mother of Hya Heine and grandmother of Lyn Watner	23 Nisan
25 Earl Nehl, father of Tim Nehl	25 Nisan
26 Leon M. Meyers, father of David Meyers	26 Nisan
28 Susan Bloom, sister of Jerry Bloom and aunt to Hannah and Molly Bloom	28 Nisan
30 David Solomon, brother of Bayla Weisbart	30 Nisan

Bring your expertise, hobby, or interest to Bolton Street!

The Adult Education Committee is seeking congregants who would like to lead an activity of interest to them and related to the mission of BSS. We can help with publicity and logistics. A few examples:

- Speak to the congregation about your past or present experiences, expertise, interests, plans etc.
- Show a movie and lead a discussion.
- Start a book club—you choose what, when, and where. Yiddish literature? Contemporary Israeli authors? History? Jews and sports?
- Launch an informal discussion group: Politics, food, theology?
- Organize a tour: Jewish Baltimore, Philadelphia, NY?
- Teach a seminar
- Teach a cooking class
- Host a guest lecturer

Contact Russ Margolis, rmargoli@jhmi.edu, if these or any other idea strikes your fancy.

Mazal tov to **Leslie Seid Margolis** on receiving this year's Diane Lipton Award for Outstanding Advocacy, which recognizes outstanding achievement by members of the special education advocacy community. An active member of BSS, where she chairs our newly established **Inclusion Committee**, Leslie is a Managing Attorney for the Education Unit of Maryland's Protection and Advocacy agency, Maryland Disability Law Center (MDLC). Announcing the award the Selection Committee stated, "Leslie generously shares her knowledge, skills, and passion with others. Her commitment to the educational rights of children with disabilities is irrefutable. Her work not only assists Maryland residents, but also continues to have a nationwide impact."

**YOU ARE INVITED TO HEAR
AND SEE THE FUTURE!**



**Sunday, March 9,
at 3:00 p.m.**

Julia Marciari-Alexander, Ph.D., Executive Director, The Walters Art Museum, will speak on "The Walters in the 21st Century"

Dr. Marciari-Alexander will discuss future plans for The Walters and its permanent collection as well as exciting upcoming special exhibitions. Presented by Uncommon Voices at Bolton Street Synagogue
212 W. Cold Spring Lane
Baltimore, MD 21210

Reception to follow

**THIS FREE PROGRAM
IS OPEN TO ALL!**



**Thank you to the following individuals and families who
have made a gift or pledge to the Annual Fund:**

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| David and Anne Hamburger | Gail Vernick |
| Marc and Chris Hartstein | Lyn Watner |
| Hya Heine | Robyn Waxman |
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| Sandra and Thomas Hess | Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum and Harold Weisbaum |
| Ben Hyman | Larry Wissow and Nancy Hutton |
| Mark Hyman and Peggy Brennecke | Ethel Zelenske |
| Mark Giuliano and Cathy Raab | Melissa Zieve and Peter Berns |
| Wendy Jachman | |

**For information about the Annual Fund contact
Nancy Savage, nandsav@gmail.com**

March 2014

2	9:30 a.m.	Religious School
7	6:00 p.m.	Tot Shabbat
	6:30 p.m.	Family potluck
	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service with Bet and Gimel classes
8	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat morning service and Bar Mitzvah of Max Gadsden
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Taking Hold of Torah</i> with Mickey Rubin
9	9:30 a.m.	Religious School
	10:30 a.m.	Vav Class Play
	3:00 p.m.	Uncommon Voices presents "The Walters in the 21st Century"
14	7:00 p.m.	<i>Shabbat Unplugged</i> service led by Rabbi Franken and Rabbi Jessy Gross
15	9:30 a.m.	<i>Taking Hold of Torah</i> with Rabbi Franken
16	9:30 a.m.	Purim - Religious School
	9:45 a.m.	Megillah Reading
	11:15 a.m.	Religious School Carnival
21	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service w/Shir Chadash
22	9:30 a.m.	<i>Taking Hold of Torah</i> with Rabbi Franken
23	9:30 a.m.	Religious School – Dalet and Heh Family Education Day
	9:30 a.m.	<i>God and Evil: Theodicy in Jewish Tradition</i> with Rabbi Franken
28-29		Family Retreat at Capital Camps
28	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service
30	9:30 a.m.	Religious School
	9:30 a.m.	<i>God and Evil: Theodicy in Jewish Tradition</i> with Rabbi Franken
31	7:00 p.m.	Board meeting

Event Space Available

BSS has a wonderful space available for rent to congregants, their family and friends. Feel free to spread the word to any non-profit organizations that you think may be interested. For information, contact Debbie Barnes at 410-235-5354 or dbarnes@boltonstreet.org.

April 2014

4	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service
5	9:30 a.m.	<i>Taking Hold of Torah</i> with Rabbi Franken
	7:00 p.m.	BSS and Stoop Storytelling Event
6	9:30 a.m.	Religious School – Bet and Gimel Family Education Day
	9:30 a.m.	<i>God and Evil: Theodicy in Jewish Tradition</i> with Rabbi Franken
11	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service led by Rabbi Franken and Judith Daniel, Cantorial Soloist
12	9:30 a.m.	<i>Taking Hold of Torah</i> with Rabbi Franken
13	9:30 a.m.	Religious School Model Passover Seder
18	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening services
19	9:30 a.m.	<i>Taking Hold of Torah</i> with Rabbi Franken
20		No Religious School
22	7:30 a.m.	Passover Festival/Yizkor Service
25	6:30 p.m.	Family Potluck
	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service with Dalet and Heh classes
26	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat morning service and Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Levy
26	TBD	Disabilities Film Screening
27	9:30 a.m.	Religious School (Yom Hashoah)
28	7:00 p.m.	Board meeting

Looking for Quilters and Hand and Machine Sewers!

Many years ago, when we first moved into our current building, a group of roughly 20 synagogue families created a bunch of Jewishly themed quilted squares. We thought the quilted pieces were lost but thankfully the pieces were discovered in the basement a few weeks ago. We are hoping to get a group of people together to create a quilted wall hanging. I am looking for a group of quilters and sewers (hand sewers and machine sewers) to help with the project. Please contact Joan Dier, if you are interested in participating in this project, at 443-834-2160. All skill levels are welcome.