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From the Gala Chairs

Welcome to Serge's Silver Celebration! We are thrilled that you are with us this evening as we honor our beloved Rabbi and friend, Serge Lippe. We are truly blessed that Serge is our steadfast spiritual leader guiding our congregation through good times and bad, as well as joyous and sad milestones with his wisdom and loving kindness.

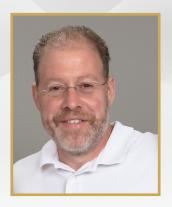
We were initially skeptical that we would be able to have a gala of this magnitude during a global pandemic, but it is a testament to the power of Serge that so many people have participated in this celebration of his 25 amazing years as our teacher, mentor, friend, and RABBI. Tonight would not be possible without the leadership of our President, Marcia Bellows, who had the foresight to insist on this event, our hardworking gala committee, our generous sponsors and each of you!

A very special acknowledgement and thank you to our Executive Director, Linda Harvey, who in a very short time has proven herself to be indispensable. Linda along with our new Director of Membership Engagement and Programming, Elana Ayalon, and the rest of the BHS staff all stepped up to ensure the success of this evening.

This gala has been a labor of love. Love for our Rabbi Serge Lippe and love for the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue. Have a great time tonight. We look forward to celebrating more simchas together, especially in our soon to be completed new building!

B'Shalom, Melissa Kubin and Rhonda Epstein *Gala co-chairs*

About Rabbi Lippe



Serge A. Lippe has served as the spiritual leader of the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue since July 1, 1997. Rabbi Lippe was born in New York City and raised and educated in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. His first year of college was spent at Machon Greenberg in Jerusalem at the Reform Movement Leadership Institute. In 1983 he began his studies at the University of Chicago and graduated with honors from the College in 1986 with a B.A. in Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.

Rabbi Lippe began his rabbinic studies at the Jerusalem campus of the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in 1986 and returned to the New York campus of the College-Institute the following year. His student pulpits included Community Temple Beth Ohr of Brooklyn and Temple Beth Israel of Steubenville, Ohio. He was granted his Master of Arts in Hebrew Literature in 1989 and was ordained in May 1991.

Rabbi Lippe served as the Associate Rabbi of Temple Solel in Paradise Valley, Arizona from July of 1991 until June of 1997. During his time at Temple Solel, he was part of the professional team that created Solel's Day School, which has now become the community wide PARDES School. His service to the Greater Phoenix Jewish community was acknowledged by the Council of Jewish Federations at the 65th General Assembly where he was honored as a Rabbinical Award winner.

Rabbi Lippe has also served as a regional rabbinic adviser to the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY-SW). He and his wife Deborah first met as teenagers at the URJ Eisner Camp and are proud alumni, as are all three of their children. Rabbi Lippe has also served as a faculty member at URJ Camp SWIG and Eisner Camp.



In May 2016, Rabbi Lippe was awarded his Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, by HUC-JIR in recognition of his 25 years of service in the Reform rabbinate.

During his 25-year tenure at BHS, the synagogue has grown tremendously both in membership and the expansion of its physical space as well as its impact on the community. He was instrumental in creating BHS's own well-regarded Preschool, expanding its clergy team to include a full-time Cantor and Assistant/Associate Rabbi, establishing an annual 9th Grade Israel Trip, helping to acquire our dedicated section at Maimonides Cemetery, undertaking a complete renovation of the Synagogue and Sanctuary, and the acquisition of 127 Remsen Street for our expansion.

Rabbi Lippe has officiated the brises, namings, b'nai mitzvah and confirmation of scores of our children and students. He has officiated numerous weddings and been by the side of our families for so many funerals and bereavements. He takes pride in the mentorship of over a dozen students from HUC-JIR's rabbinic and cantorial programs over the last two and a half decades.

Rabbi Lippe has served as a member of the Reform Movement's Joint Commission on Worship, Music and Religious Living, as well as a leader for a CCAR Ethics Committee IGT. He also has served two terms as President of the Brooklyn Heights Interfaith Clergy Association. He initiated our annual litar with the members of Dawood Mosque on State Street, which BHS has celebrated for the last dozen years (pre-COVID). He also helped develop the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend with local churches in the neighborhood.

He is the editor of *Birkon Artzi: Blessings and Meditations for Travelers to Israel*, published by CCAR Press. He has also served on the editorial advisory committee for Mishkan HaNefesh for the House of Mourning (CCAR Press) and on the 'Machzor Think Tank' for the Reform Movement's new High Holy Day prayerbooks – Mishkan HaNefesh – Machzor for the Days of Awe (CCAR Press).

He and his wife, Deborah Speyer, live in Brooklyn Heights with their three children Michael, Alex and Risa.

Thank You, Rabbi Lippe

For your

25 years of dedicated service
to our BHS Community!

We are grateful for your exceptional
Leadership,
Wisdom,
Friendship, &
Guidance.

You have inspired us to be an engaged and caring community.

We look forward to great things to come.

Marcia Bellows & Allan Brilliant

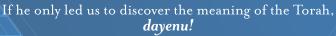
Rabbi Serge,

We remember when you came to interview at the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue like it was yesterday.

That is the magnificent impression you left on us and it has continued for 25 years. Your service to the congregation and the community has been immense.

The Fishman family salutes you and thanks you on this marvelous occasion.

With great love and respect, *Judy and Alan Fishman*



If he only showed us how to build community, dayenu!

If he only inspired us to open our hearts to each other, dayenu!

If he only brought us strength and comfort in times of pain and grief,

dayenu!

If he only celebrated with us in our moments of nachas, dayenu!

If he only opened our eyes to the ways we each could bring more equality and justice to the world,

dayenu!

If he only taught us to embrace both tradition and change, dayenu!

For this and all the ways he created more spirituality in our lives and the wisdom, strength, and will to live our lives with love and compassion, we are enormously grateful.

Thank you and congratulations
on your first 25 years with BHS!

— Aaron Marcy and Mary Ly Bilek



With love and gratitude to our Shaliach Tzibbur.

The guy who calls the Shatz.

Steve, Rachel, Sarah, Teddy and Benjamin Yankauer

CONGRATULATIONS RABBI SERGE!

We are so collectively lucky to have such a charismatic leader for our community.

On a personal note, thank you for helping to make 10/25/14 such a memorable, thoroughly enjoyable, and special day for Allison and our entire family. Wishing you another 25!

- Diana and Jim Deutsch



With love, from a very grateful Menken family Dear Deb, Serge, Michael, Alex, and Risa.

Congratulations on 25 years!

Thank you for being you.

Congratulations Serge, on your 25th anniversary!

We have known you for all 25 of those years. You have played a major role in the life of our family, including Amanda's Bat Mitzvah and Ted and Alyssa's wedding. Here's to another 25 years together.



Vicki and Andy Wittenstein,
 Alyssa and Ted Wittenstein,
 Amanda and Jeff Shackelton

Mazel Tov Rabbi
Lippe! Thank you
for your dedication
and service to our
community!

Fondly, Laurie, Jonathon, Ryan, Miles, Caroline and Alexandra Soler



- Anita and Gene Goldstein



DEAR RABBI LIPPE,



MAZEL TOV ON YOUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

You have been there for our family and our BHS community, and provided a strong Jewish presence in our lives and that of our children. Michael and Rachel, throughout their lives. You have also helped us welcome Erin. Max and now Rhys Isaiah into our family. We look forward to many more years together at BHS with you, Deb and your family.

- Anne & Mark Landman







Congratualtions, **Serge**, on 25
years of service to the Brooklyn
Heights Synagogue. And thank
you for your leadership, wisdom
and kindness. — Bobye List

To Rabbi Serge Lippe, my friend, colleague, guide, and the Waldorf to my Statler: mazel tov and thank you!

May you and Deb go from strength!

- Rabbi Val Lieber





WISHING A HEARTY MAZEL TOV TO OUR BELOVED RABBI LIPPE ON THIS MOST JOYOUS SILVER ANNIVERSARY!

We could not be happier to join the entire congregation in celebrating 25 years of your unwavering spiritual guidance and friendship.

With love and admiration, Maria and Mike Avram and family

Mazal Tov, Serge!

Thank you for being such a strong and compassionate leader in Brooklyn. BHS is so lucky to have you. I am grateful to have you as a colleague and friend.

- Rabbi Carie Carter

Thank you

FOR 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED LEADERSHIP

We've enjoyed making the journey with you.

- The Schiffres-Davey Family (Lynda, Alan, Jeremy, Florina, Gavin and Ellery)

MAZAL TOV TO OUR TRUSTED FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE,

RABBI SERGE LIPPE

AND TO HIS WONDERFUL FAMILY.





Rabbi Linda Henry Goodman
 Rabbi Stephen Wise Goodman

MAZEL TOV

TO YOU AND DEB AND YOUR WONDERFUL FAMILY ON THIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

We are so happy to be in the orbit of the Brooklyn Heights
Synagogue community and pray that you all continue to go from strength to strength.

Love,

Carole Balin and Michael Gertzman

Mazal Tov Rabbi Lippe!

Congratulations on your extraordinary 25 years at BHS. We are so grateful for your commitment, wisdom and inspiration. Your powerful voice on issues of social justice has greatly enhanced our lives. Thank you for always leading with incredible energy and passion!

- The Hall-Shacknai Family

Rabbi Lippe,

We are so grateful for your unwavering commitment to leadership and community at BHS. You have been a source of inspiration, comfort and knowledge over the past 17 years, from the time our children were toddlers at Welcoming Shabbat. We are fortunate to have you in our lives. Mazel tov on Silver!

- Jen, John, Sam, Ella and Cooper Richardson



To Rabbi Lippe on his 25th anniversary.

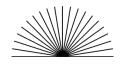
- Michael & May Goldberg











The President's Psalm

Serge is my rabbi So I never fret.

He calms me in times of great stress,
He leads me to reason and repose.
He renews my faith and guides me in
right paths.

Though I may hear concerns and complaints,
I can cope for Serge is with me.
His smile and demeanor they comfort me.
He smooths turbulent passions and ministers to troubled souls.

His joy and compassion abound.

With thanks, I pray only goodness and love follow him all the days of his life and he dwells in the house of Adonai always.

- Linda Sosnowitz, Alex Gelinas, Paul and Debbie, Michael and Jaya



"One whose deeds exceed his wisdom, his wisdom endures. But one whose wisdom exceeds his deeds, his wisdom does not endure." Pirkei Avot 3:10

Serge, while you're wise beyond measure, your deeds in service to the BHS and local community are greater still, making your wisdom indelible. Kol hakavod on 25 extraordinary years of loving care to BHS.

- Sue & Steve Gold



Dear Serge,

What better reason to celebrate than your 25 years with BHS! We are sorry not to be there in person, but send our best wishes for a fabulous evening and next quarter century!

With gratitude and love, The Lebowitz & Nowak family. Reb Serge,

Cherished friend, we wish you a hearty MAZEL TOV and blessings to continue going from strength to strength 'til 120 in good health. YESHAR KOACH - Sending love and our very best to you.

- Evelyn & Danny Simon









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Rabbi,

Congratulations on your 25 years of dedicated leadership. You have celebrated our family's joys with us and supported us through our hardships. We are grateful for your guidance and wish you many more years leading our congregation.

Warmly, The Adelman Family Congratulations to our beloved Rabbi on 25 years at BHS. Your warmth and engagement has made BHS a welcoming and engaging place to worship, learn and join together with friends. Here's to 25 more years!

- Linda Feldman and Jack Wright



Dear Serge,

Congratulations on our silver anniversary.

Your guidance and thoughtfulness have been so appreciated.

- Nina and Larry Epstein



RABBI SERGE,

Thanks for being our Rabbi for these last 25 years! Here's to the next 25 years!

MIRIAM KATOWITZ AND FAMILY





Rabbi Serge Lippe

Mazel Tov on your Sílver 25th Anniversary at Brooklyn Heights Synagogue

Rabbi Philip and Mrs. Alyson Bazeley

Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple New Brunswick, NJ We send our deepest thanks to Rabbi Serge for supporting us through the toughest times and the happiest times: Jeremy's death, baby namings and Mikva baths immediately come to mind.

With gratitude and love, Amy, Josh, Molly, Evie, Audrey and Alice Epstein and Abby, David, Jack and Aliza Schumer. 25 Years of Rabbi Lippe! (37 if you include the sermons).

Serge: The BHS we know and love has been built upon your wisdom, knowledge, values and vision. Keep up the good work for another 25.

With love, gratitude and respect,

The Zaslow/Katz family
- Jenny, Mark & Elias

All Best Wishes to Rabbi Serge Lippe!

On Marking 25 Years on the Pulpit of the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue

Serge, on a personal basis, thank you for your inspiration as an educator, humanitarian as well as ministering to my family! To many years of health, happiness, and peace with your family!!

- Frances Gottfried

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We are honored to join in celebration of Rabbi Lippe's 25 years of service to the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue and share our gratitude to the BHS community for making our family one with yours...

- Linda Popejoy & Nina, Stephen, and Seth Speyer

TO SERGE AND DEB

Mazal Tov on this milestone! We hold our years at Brooklyn Heights Synagogue with great fondness. We are especially grateful to know that we are still family.

With abundant love, Cantor Erin and Rabbi David Frankel

HAPPY 25!

With gratitude and love,
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From the HUC-JIR Class of '91

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To a colleague, friend and mensch We, members of the HUC-JIR Rabbinic Class of 1991, honor our classmate Rabbi Serge Lippe as he celebrates 25 years as Senior Rabbi at the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue. May your future with Deb and your children be showered with personal fulfillment, professional heights, and abundant blessing.

Rabbi Carole B. Balin and Michael Gertzman Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker and Marty Becker Rabbi Barry H. Block Rabbi Barry Diamond Rabbis Joe and Lisa Eiduson Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg Rabbi Helaine Ettinger Rabbi Larry and Deborah Freedman Rabbi Matt Friedman and family Rabbi David Goldberg, Allyson Mann, and family Rabbi Micah D. Greenstein Rabbis Lisa and Seth Hochberg-Miller Rabbi Geoff Huntting and Sue Huntting Rabbi Shirley Idelson Rabbis Jinny and Brett Isserow Rabbi Paul Kipnes and Michelle November Rabbi Matthew Kraus Rabbi Jill A. Kreitman Rabbi Ellen Lippmann and Dr. Kathryn Conroy Rabbi Debbi Pipe Mangan and Jim Mangan

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Let the honor of your friend be as dear to you as your own Pirkei Avot 2:10



Rabbis Susie and Steve Moskowitz
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Rabbi Michele Paskow
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Rabbi Andrew R. Sklarz, MSW and Susan Freedman Sklarz
Rabbi Ariel Stone
Rabbi Daniel A. Weiner
Rabbi Steve and Loren Weisman and family
Rabbi Zari M. Weiss
Rabbi Efrat Zarren-Zohar



Congratulations Serge!

Dear Serge,

Speaking for each member of the Neville family, you've brought comfort when it was necessary, friendship to Brian when he needed it most, guidance when it was requested, a hug, a handshake, a smile, a joke, and a splendid invitation to a holiday dinner at your home. Without reservation, you've shared your generous love, knowledge, and family with us. In a quiet way, we've listened to your words and absorbed them. We've taken note of your actions towards others and towards ourselves and found them enriching and inspirational. You've helped the Nevilles understand the value of being part of a sacred community you lead so well. Indeed, you've made an impact on and a difference in our lives. For this and more, we profusely thank you.

With Much Love and Gratitude, Stephanie, Andrew & Jonathan



Congratulations to Rabbi Serge

25 Years of Commanding Leadership



Not quite 40 years in the desert but nothing to shake a staff at. Dr. Jack D, Dr. Lísa G, Lísa M, Steve & Herb



Serge,

The Student Cantors of Brooklyn Heights Synagogue are grateful to you. For those who had the privilege of serving BHS with you, your generous, kind, joyful, and wise mentoring was the definition of the Mishna's "Asei L'cha Rav," make for yourself a teacher and acquire for yourself a friend. Thank you for your devotion to our growth, for giving us opportunities to try new things, whether we succeeded, or failed and learned. The gifts you gave to each of us are priceless.

In order: Cantors Tamar Havilio, Jonathan Grant, Jessica Epstein, Rabbi Alison Wissot, Jonathan Comisar, Erin Frankel, Dan Singer, Guy Bonne, Star Trompeter, Nancy Bach









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Our sincere congratulations to Rabbi Serge Lippe.

From all your friends at Archstone Builders.



Y'asher Koach! More power to you Serge!



Congratulations and thanks for 25 years at BHS!

We're looking forward to another 25
with you in charge!

Best wishes,

Sandy Wertheimer and Jeremy Primer



Serge:

It is truly exceptional when the life and work of a rabbi are as deeply intertwined with his congregation as yours has been for the last 25 years. Many of us "old timers" remember you as an ambitious single man of 32 as you applied to become our rabbi on the very first day the job posting was public. We then watched with equal fondness as you put roots down in Brooklyn, married your beloved Deb, and became an understandably proud father to Michael, Alex and Risa. Our deepest gratitude for enriching our lives and being by our side through simchas and difficult times, as you have done for so many others.



- Peggi Einhorn and Michael Lasky and family



To Serge — our rabbi, our neighbor, our friend:

Mazel Tov on your first 25 years. Looking forward to sharing the next 25 with you. We love you!

David, Ronni, Emma, and Jacob

SERGE.

25 years. Our rabbi. Our friend.

> - David, Ilene, Toby, Simone, and Naomi Jaroslaw



"Who is he that is honored? One who honors his fellow human beings..." - Pirkei Avot 4

We are so grateful to have you in our lives, and for modeling what it means to honor one's fellow human beings. Your commitment to community, both ours and the world, your progressive outlook, and your love of torah make you the outstanding leader and friend we all depend on.
Congratulations on 25 years of service and leadership.

- The Lazar-Schachter Family



"A LIGHT FROM ONE IS LIGHT FOR A HUNDRED."

- TALMUD, SHABBAT, 122



YOU INSPIRE AND LIGHT THE SOULS
OF SO MANY PEOPLE...

Serge,

Thank you for all you have done to make BHS such a special place.

Mazel tov on this great honor!

- Shereen and Howard Rutman

WE ARE SO PROUD TO BE YOUR FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS – CONGRATULATIONS ON 25 YEARS!!!



MAHALO,

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We still relish our year together preparing for our B'nai Mitzvah. What a happy coincidence that your Silver Celebration and the 21st anniversary of our B'nai Mitzvah celebration share the same date!

- Alan Neuberg, Fran Gottfried, and Pat Rosenblum



We can never thank you enough for how you have been there for us:

- → to celebrate our joys (Pat's conversion, and Eryn's, Seth's & Pat's B'nai Mitzvah)
- → to ease our sorrows (Ken's and Harriet's funerals),
- → and to share your knowledge, wisdom and advice at countless times over the years.

You are such an essential part of what makes BHS the special and wonderful community that we call home!

With much love and gratitude, Pat, Eryn and Seth Rosenblum



Dear Serge,

MAZEL TOV!

Twenty-five years - a long and wonderful journey with you. I was fortunate enough to be a member of the search committee that recommended you to the board as our Rabbi in 1997. During your interviews, you said you planned to make a long-term commitment to being the rabbi for our congregation and that you wanted to make this community your home. You have succeeded beautifully.

The wall of confirmation class photos in the foyer has long brought a smile and happy memory of your first group of confirmands who insisted on a Hawaiian theme and you went along with it. A large contingent of that class, including Elaine, have remained connected to BHS as adults. Elaine and Max came to Brooklyn for the naming of their first daughter, Lydia because BHS was home to Elaine and you were her rabbi. It was a lovely homecoming visit and I remember Max saying he really understood Elaine's attachment to the BHS community.

By the time Tabitha was born they were living in Brooklyn, members of BHS, and Lydia was in the preschool. You welcomed them with open arms, literally. I particularly love our impromptu neighborhood chats and that we reach out to each other when we know of someone who could use our help. Pirkei Avot 1:6 tells us "Make yourself a teacher and acquire for yourself a friend." It's a blessing that in you we have found both.

Much love, Joyce Raskin, Elaine, Max, Lydia and Tabitha Schulz Serge,

THANK YOU

for your leadership over the years.

We are thrilled to be able to share this special night with you. Mazel Tov!

- Michele & Ken Newman

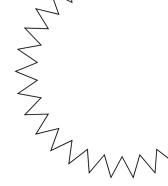
MAZAL TOV, SERGE!

Thank you for all that you do for our community and our family.

With love, Jen, Paul, Sophie, Eli, and Charlie Germain

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SERGE ON 25 YEARS,
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FAMILY!!!

Aside from your work as teacher, counselor and emergency audio visual technician, we are lucky to have you as our Rabbi.

No one else who could better combine the wisdom, patience, empathy and humor you bring to that role.



Thank you for everything.

- Laurie Green, and Ed, David and Michael Copeland



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BEING WITH US IN OUR JOYFUL AND
DIFFICULT MOMENTS...

Pheryl, Melissa, Jessica, Matthew, Robert, Noa Maxine, Pidney Asher, and Malcolm

Mazel tov
Rabbi Lippe,

Thank you for being there for my family for 25 years and I know you will always be there for us in the future.

- Nancy Lazar & Family

Serge,

Thank you for the life, love and leadership you have brought to BHS over all these years. Forever grateful for your service and friendship.

With love and affection, Anna, Larry, Noah, Lucas, Danielle, Henry & Tori

The Randy Baruh Team

Congratulates Rabbi Lippe

on 25 years of service to Brooklyn Heights Synagogue.



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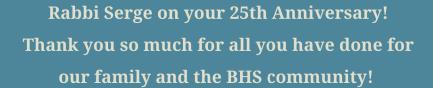


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Mazal Tov.





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For 25 years—as people have grown, as families have grown, as our congregation has grown—you have been there for us, providing empathetic and thoughtful leadership and support. Thank you. Thank you. May you go from strength to strength.

- Barbara Deinhardt and Dan Silverman



With great affection we celebrate and thank you for your twenty-five years with us. We look forward to many more to come. Your input and recommendations are always welcome and appreciated.

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DEAR SERGE.

We thank you for your patience;

We thank you for your erudition;

We thank you for your many film and TV references;

We thank you for your humor;

We even thank you for your instructional interruptions to our reading;

We thank you for teaching us Torah;

We thank you for all you give us;

We thank you for being our Rabbi.

With love,

The Chavurah

ישראל אברם בן מלך ולאה

Yisrael Avram ben Melech v'Leah מַזַל טוֹב

MAZEL TOV SERGE,

congratulations on 25 years and thank you for all you do for our community!

Love,

David, Jen, Ella, and Lily Salpeter





You are a patient and erudite teacher, a compassionate listener and one who leads by example. You enrich the lives of all those who know you.

> Maureen Mc Leod

Congratulations on your Silver
Anniversary with the BHS community.
Warmest wishes for the next 25!

- Sheila Scharfman & Will Socolov

Congratulations

on this momentous occasion. Twenty-five years is a lot of Bar and Bat Mitzvahs along with everything else that goes into leading the community.

Thank you!

John Levy, Victoria
 Westhead and Nat
 and Abby Levy-Westhead



"You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it" Pirkei Avot 2:21

The BHS Social Justice Committee congratulates Rabbi Serge Lippe for 25 years of service to members of the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue and the wider community. We are all grateful for your wise, compassionate leadership and efforts to advance Jewish values of social justice.





Dan, Shari, Becca & Ari

Thank you

for your friendship and guidance, for challenging conversations, and for making Brooklyn Heights Synagogue a welcoming home for us.

We love you, Ted, Vicki, and Emma

Mazel Tov Serge! Thank you for 25 years of service to our Brooklyn community!

From,

Rabbi Rachel Timoner and all of your friends at CBE



Thank you for your leadership and generosity over the years. We are so happy you have been a part of so many wonderful moments in our lives: a bris, a baby naming and a Bar Mitzvah, and we hope to share many more celebrations with you.

All our love, The Smetanas



We celebrate your strength, talent, intellect, and most of all your big heart as a leader and model for others to follow. On this milestone occasion you should take great pride in your important and lasting impact on BHS.

It is a privilege to work with you and learn from you. We look forward to the years ahead as we build on the strong community you have been instrumental in fostering at BHS.

Warmly, Linda, Channa, Mikhail, Elana, and Lauren

Mensch: Someone to Admire and Emulate, Someone of Noble Character

In grateful appreciation and with much love,
Marcia, Michael, Jessica and David Beck and Family

BHS Community -

Thank you for welcoming us, allowing us to have the pleasure of raising our children and watching them grow in this warm nurturing environment.

Deborah, Serge, Michael, Alex, Risa & Winston







Then













B'nai Mitvah (2) Confirmations (2)

Weddings (2) Conversions (1)

Baby Namings (2) Brit M'ilah (1)

Through 25 years of Kabbalat Shabbat, Holidays,

With Friendship, Wisdom, Humor and Leadership

You are our Beloved Rabbi

Congratulations on your Journey and your Success

- Susan & Bob, Dory, Ben, Mabel-Rose & Eliza Emily, Steve & Robin

Rabbí Líppe,

Mazel Tov on your 25th anniversary at BHS!

We are so grateful to consider you part of our family. Throughout our lives in Brooklyn and our children's lives from the very beginning, you have been there for us. Thank you!

Love,

Gabe, Jolie, Sadie and Sebastian Schwartz



IN TRIBUTE TO RABBI SERGE

from Patti, Laura and Daniel Klein and the entire Klein family, and in memory of our beloved husband, father and grandfather Harvey Klein.

Rabbi Serge has been a great comfort to us.

Serge,

You have been an invaluable part of our lives. For 25 years you have guided and inspired us. You have also brightened our happiest moments and comforted us in sad times. We are so grateful for your friendship, warmth and caring and look forward to continuing our journey together for many more years. Congratulations on your 25th.

- Andy, Emily & Evan Berger



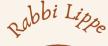




Dear Serge,

You have been with us through the happiest of times and the saddest of times. Kvelling at David's Bar Mitzvah — not sure who was prouder of David — you, or our family? Your wisdom for planning made this extra special day possible for us. And then the saddest of times, Anita's mother's death right at the beginning of COVID. Your spiritual guidance, practical advice and leadership made it possible for us to follow the rituals and give an extraordinary mom and grandma the farewell she deserved even in the most challenging of times. We are always so grateful for all your kind and wise counsel whenever we need it and guiding BHS to be the wonderful community it is. Congratulations on your Silver Anniversary at BHS. We are so pleased to celebrate with you.

Love, The Inz family





on your silver anniverary



Mazel Tov



- STEPHEN MERKEL

Congratulations to Serge on this wonderful milestone! Our deep thanks to him for devoting himself so fully to BHS and its community--and with such grace, intelligence, erudition, respect, compassion, warmth and humor!

With great affection and admiration, Carolyn & Richard Ziegler Anna Ziegler & Will Miller

"To Serge with Love"

How do we thank someone who has given us so much these last 25 years? A note in a journal seems the least we can do along with a promise to return the love & friendship to you and your family. We are so lucky to call you our friend and Rabbi.

> XΩ Rhonda and Meredith Epstein

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Congratulations

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On Your 25 Years of Service



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Congratulations on your successful 25 years of spiritual inspiration and dedication with many more years to come.

Sandra and Kenneth Roff

Dear Serge, thank your for 25 years of serving our community. All best wishes and congratulations and here's to many more.

- Alan and Karen Neuberg

Dear Serge, It has been a pleasure to have you as my Rabbi, but even better to get to know you as a person. Now I have the privilege of calling you a friend. I remember your visit to my home 25 years ago as part of "Getting to know Rabbi Lippe"; well we did and my family and I all love you.

Myriam Bucatinsky

Mazel Tov on this wonderful milestone!!

- With love, from the Futterman Family

Mazel tov to our favorite Rabbi ever! Wishing you at least 25 more years at BHS.

- Our love, Sheila and Lewis Skolnik

Your kindness and compassion binds the members of the synagogue family together.

— With appreciation, Sandra Palley-Brandt

Rabbi Lippe-Mazel Tov on this fabulous milestone!

- Shirley, Amy, & Molly Appelbaum

Serge - Congratulations on your 25 years at BHS.

— Meryl and David Hirschland

Serge's special talents: Scholar, Community Builder, Inspiring Teacher & Orator, Lover of Zion, Humanist, Leader, a Mensch

— Harriet & Sy Colen

You are always there, regardless of what you have to do to arrive in the nick of time. I am eternally grateful.

- Jeff Gold









Thank you, Serge, for your compassion and wisdom in service to my family and to our congregation.

Dorothy Siegel

To our dear Rabbi Lippe on your 25th anniversary at Brooklyn Heights Synagogue: the 25th word in the Torah is 'Or'/light. May your light continue to shine brightly!

— With love, Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman and Roger Morris

To Serge... who leads with wisdom, kindness, a stuffed dinosaur and a guitar... who teaches Torah and shovels snow off the sidewalk... and who is leading us to the promised new building! Thanks for all you do.

— Pamela Karlin

We are blessed to have you as our Rabbi! Mazel tov on reaching this milestone.

— With love, Lisa, Todd, Jordan and Noah Hubal

Serge: It has been an honor to have a U-Chicago intellect as rabbi. Even more, now that Léa (BHS bat mitzvah, 2017) is joining the U of C class of 2026!

— The Sainz-Gootenberg family

What a privilege and a gift to have you, Serge, caring about all of us and our families for the last 25 years!

- With love, Karen & Bob Gordon

Mazel tov Serge on your Silver Anniversary

— Dottie & Steve Weber and Meredith & Alexander Blitstein

Happy 25th anniversary Serge! You were our first introduction to Brooklyn Heights and we are so grateful to have you as part of our lives at the synagogue. Wishing you, Deb and the kids many more years of health and happiness in our neighborhood!

- Love, Kim, Doug, Casey & Jack Glickman

In celebration or sorrow, shadow or light, you are a beacon, a balm... a friend. — With love, Andrea, David, Julian and Gabriel

Congratulations on 25 years with Brooklyn Heights Synagogue. Mazel tov! — Jonny Frank and Terry Haas







The Brooklyn Heights Synagogue is a welcoming, inclusive community dedicated to lifelong learning, to supporting each other, and to caring for the world. We are a progressive congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. We value the diverse ways in which our members express their Jewish identities as we maintain an abiding respect for the traditions of the Jewish people.

We have shared celebrations, learning, service, and worship since our founding in 1960. Today we are a community of over 440 member units made up of families, couples, and singles from nearby Brownstone Brooklyn neighborhoods and DUMBO, Lower Manhattan, and other neighborhoods throughout the City.

With a small full-time professional staff and an active membership, BHS is proud to offer a full calendar of worship services, education programs, special events and opportunities to engage in Tikkun Olam that reflect the diverse interests and needs of this community.

Our Preschool currently serves more than 85 children, and our Religious School serves more than 175 children in grades K-12, including post-b'nai mitzvah study. Congregational learning extends, as well, to adults of all ages and interests.



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