



## *Temple Beth Sholom*

### *Hannah Roth*

Hannah Roth is a current student at Schreiber High School, as an 11 grade student. Hannah is a board member for the Tree Huggers environmental club, a vice President of the art honor Society. Hannah is currently working on a new initiative project called women's day for her school.

In addition, Hannah independently identified the absence of medical volunteer opportunities within her school. Hannah wants to study medicine, so she began to meet with administration to develop a school club where students invite doctors in different fields to into her school to talk with students.

Hannah has been on the board of her USY chapter since freshman year, and she served as the regional eighth grade representative for her local USY chapter. In ninth grade Hannah was the ninth grade representative in her chapter Bethrock USY. In 10th grade she was Membership-Kadima VP, and now she is Communications VP.

Hannah has attended Camp Ramah the Berkshires for three years where she worked as a CIT and this upcoming summer, she is hoping to go to Israel and work with the MDA on their ASIYAh through Ramah Seminar.

Hannah has been an active member of Girl Scouts since the first grade where she completed her silver award now currently working on her gold award.

Hannah rows on a Crew team with Port Washington's Port Rowing Crew and last year her boat received first place at states. Hannah has been going to Hebrew school at Temple Beth Sholom since first grade and is now in the high school and works as a teachers aide since sixth grade. Being a member and student in Temple Beth shalom has been a wonderful experience for Hannah. she loves being surrounded by a Jewish community and growing up with amazing teachers and peers.

### *Sophie Roth*

Sophie is an 11th grader attending Schreiber High School in Port Washington. The Roth family were members of Temple Beth Israel when the girls were in nursery school and kindergarten until their family came to TBS. The Roth family came to Temple Beth Sholom for its spiritual enthusiasm and lively community participation along with the dedicated clergy and staff.

Sophie has been a member of our congregation for 11 years and was honored to attend her Hebrew High School moving up ceremony last year. Sophie and Hannah have been attending Temple Beth Sholom Hebrew school since first grade and now they continue to participate as 11th graders in the Hebrew high school.

Sophie is an active volunteer in the Hebrew school with Kindergarten, first graders, and second graders since the sixth grade.

Sophie was a board member of our temple's USY chapter, and she now serves on the divisional general board for the RUACH division helping assisting the Social Actions Tikun Olam Vice President. Sophie has attended Kinnus, Regional convention and summer Encampment and last summer she went on USY ON Wheels

Sophie has attended Camp Ramah in the Berkshires for three years and is very excited to be a participant on a new Ramah Israel program called Asiyah. This Ramah Seminar program is being offered for the first time this summer. Asiyah participants will be shadowing doctors and participating in a Magen David Adom first aid EMS program.

Sophie currently attends Paul D Schreiber high school and is currently a board member of her school's environmental club and the art honors society.

Sophie has participated in Schreiber's cross country, winter track and spring track for eight seasons. Sophie has competed to state qualifiers, all country, and all conference for cross country and race walking.

Sophie is an active member of her Girl Scout Troop since first grade and she is now starting her gold award project focusing on needs in her community relating to medicine and health.



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*Abigail Ward*

Abigail Ward is currently a Junior at the Solomon Schechter School of Long Island. Abi literally took her first steps in the sanctuary of Temple Beth Sholom and has made it her home away from home ever since. Abi also served as the Social Action/Tikun Olam Vice President of the Ruach Division of USY in 2016-2017 and currently serves as the Religion/Education Vice President of the BethRock Chapter which includes Temple Beth Sholom, Shelter Rock Jewish Center and TBI, Port Washington. She has spent the last 5 summers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos and is looking forward to participating in Ramah Israel Seminar this summer.

Abi's commitment to Social Justice and helping others is core to who she is. She has for the last 4 years made Christmas breakfast for the residents of "Glory House", a facility for women recovering from addiction in Hempstead, Long Island. During her family Bat Mitzvah trip to Israel, Abi visited Beit Issie Shapiro, an amazing organization working with children and adults across a range of abilities. While she was there, she assisted in a hydrotherapy session with one of the children, a sweet non-verbal little girl. It was at that moment that she knew she wanted to work with children with disabilities. Abi is now participating in the "CLASSP" program at the Sid Jacobson Y JCC. Every Sunday from 12-4pm, Abi is part of a team of high school students working with children on the autism spectrum. While she comes home tired, she has said this has been one of the most rewarding experiences she is participating in.

Abi also has a deep love for the State of Israel. She has travelled on the Temple Beth Sholom trips and her 8th grade Solomon Schechter School of Queens Senior trip. Abi loves to see her family when she visits! She has been a student delegate at the AIPAC Policy conference for the past 2 years and will be attending again this year. She was also selected last year as a delegate to the AIPAC Schusterman Advocacy Institute High School Summit, where 400 high school students from across the country are trained in Israel advocacy and political activism.

When she is not doing schoolwork, taking drivers ed and participating in these and many other activities, Abi enjoys listening to music of all genres, playing the ukulele, having her friends over for Shabbat dinner, going to Islanders games with her "hockey squad" and attending concerts.

With all that Abi does, there is always time for others. Whether it's to advocate or to provide support, this is what motivates her. We are so very proud of Abi and we know she is honored to receive this very special award.