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President's Message

I inherited my father's love of the game of Jewish Geography. Wherever Dad went, nothing delighted him more than meeting someone new and being able to find a connection with that person. It was his own Six Degrees of Separation, whether it was through synagogues attended, other friends or family, committee work, or physical geography. He loved to tell the story of having a business meeting with a man in Israel and finding out that the man's wife was a relative. The only time I ever saw him truly stumped was when he met Rabbi Gerber and asked him where he grew up. My father knows no one in Stockholm. When I meet someone new, I usually try and find those connections, too. It's exciting when I find one.

When Andy and I first came to Ohev Shalom in 1990, we had been married for less than a year and knew no one in the congregation. We were strangers in a strange land. Nonetheless, we were welcomed warmly and soon began to make friends. One of the amazing things to us was how many multi-generational and extended member families there were. In fact, we were told that we should be careful what we said about any congregant because the person we talked to could be a relative! Years later, I would discover that I was, at minimum, a *landsmann* (*landswoman*?) to the Starer family. While doing genealogical research with my mother, and in talking with Larry Starer (of blessed memory), I learned that his father and my grandfather came from the same town. It was clear from records Mom and I found online that someone in my family married someone in his family, although we never did figure out how those two people were related to either of us.

I continued to be fascinated by the family relationships among congregants. I told many

people that what I really needed was an Ohev family tree to keep track of who was related to whom.

Several years ago, Irma Kohn (of blessed memory) and I had several conversations about it and we finally sat down and started to make an Ohev Shalom family tree. Starting with Irma's own family, I used the genealogy program that my mom and I use for our family genealogy to enter all the names and relationships. With Irma's amazing memory, Ohev Shalom Cemetery records, and some of the Ohev Shalom photo directories, we worked on the database over the course of many months. We reached out to a few congregants with extended families to get their information. There are currently over 600 entries! Sadly, we did not finish while Irma was alive, and I have not gotten back to it. I'm sorry, Irma!

With the beginning of our Centennial year, I keep thinking how amazing it would be to continue the project. So ... I am reaching out to all of you who have family at Ohev Shalom. If you are a multigenerational Ohev Shalom/ Mispallelim family, or you have cousins or siblings here, please get in touch with me so I can add you to the Ohev family tree or confirm/correct the information I already have. Together we can make this tree grow!

Kol tuv (all the best),
Amy



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Rabbi's Message – Gotta Collect 'em All



This year, Ohev Shalom is all about our Centennial. We look back at 100 years since our synagogue was incorporated in Chester, and ahead to (hopefully) another century or more of growth, spirituality, and forging deep, new connections. You may have already seen information

about this, but I wanted to take a few minutes to highlight a participation opportunity that is about past, present, future, and connecting to something incredibly ancient and holy.

According to Jewish Tradition, the Torah contains 613 commandments. The book itself doesn't list them by number (or provide a helpful index at the back...), but later rabbis and scholars counted them, and that's the number we're all going with. Many still apply today, though somewhere between 100 and 150 refer specifically to the Temple and sacrifice, so they are unfulfillable, at least until (God forbid...) we someday try to rebuild a Temple in Jerusalem. So, admittedly, none of us are aiming for a perfect score of 613, and yet I still want to tell you that the very last one, Commandment #613, is within your grasp right now, this very month at Ohev Shalom.

In Deuteronomy 31:19, just three chapters before the end of the whole Torah, God commands Moses to write "this" down. The original intent may be unclear, but this verse becomes the basis for the *mitzvah*, incumbent upon all Jews, to write their own Torah. Crazy, right? Handwritten, with a quill, ink, and parchment; it is ludicrous to think that each of us could EVER write such a thing!! But on Sunday, January 5th, and then again on Sunday, the 19th, Ohev will be hosting a *sofer* (scribe) who will be completing the writing of a Torah Scroll. And each of us can dedicate one or more letters, appoint the *sofer* to be our emissary, and thereby "write" a part of a scroll. I know it's not the same as ACTUALLY writing it, but it's pretty close, it fulfills the commandment, and with a

scroll as precious as this particular one, I think you'll agree that a professional really NEEDS to be doing all the writing!

You see, this is our Loštice Scroll, rescued from a small Czechoslovakian town and thus avoiding Nazi destruction during World War II. The scroll itself is at least 150 years old, possibly 200 or more. It has been on permanent loan to Ohev for 40 years, and for four decades our community has yearned to make it kosher again, because the damage it sustained 70 years ago made it unusable in services. And who knows when it had last been cleaned or had letters corrected back in Loštice?! So the work we are about to complete now, in January, 2020, thanks to the incredible generosity of Phyllis and Alan Schapire, is likely a century in the making. Much like our Centennial.

I know I sound like an infomercial when I say this, but this kind of opportunity doesn't come around very often! This is perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime deal!! You may not be holding the quill or putting the ink directly onto the parchment, but you would 100% be participating in a phenomenal mitzvah! It is Commandment #613, an ancient charge handed down *l'Dor va-Dor*, from generation to generation, for millennia. This is a scroll that was rescued from the horrors of the Holocaust, and is one of the last fragments of a community whose legacy is now our responsibility to carry on. And the symbolism of rededicating such an invaluable piece of Judaica on this, our Centennial, seems to me like the most perfect embodiment of past, present, and future, of legacy and heritage, holiness and spirituality, and a chance to be part of something eternal and enduring.

And all this could be yours, for the low-low price of... :-). You're not gonna want to miss this one, folks. I guarantee it.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Gerber



2020 is starting out as a very busy year for FUSE! This Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 20, we are collaborating with several agencies, including the Center for Ethics and Civic Engagement at Penn State Brandywine to help staff their MLK Day activities. FUSE's goal is to support our local partner agencies while building relationships with new volunteers. We hope everyone can find something that fits his or her requirements that day. Details on events will be in the Ohev Shalom weekly announcements or at fusedelco.com.

Next, it's on to February. First, on Thursday, February 20, *the World Day of Social Justice*, FUSE is co-sponsoring with the Media Arts Council, and our very own Social Action Committee, the screening of the film *The Mayor of Graterford*. This is a short documentary (45 min) that follows a former inmate sentenced to life without parole at Graterford Prison in Montgomery County. His sentence was commuted; a rarity in Pennsylvania and the only way a lifer can be released. The film explores the justice system in our state and reveals the harsh realities of those serving life without parole. The film will be followed by a panel discussion.

Our biggest event this year is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, *if the weather cooperates!* FUSE is hosting, with the support of several of our sponsoring agencies, a bus trip to the **National Museum of African American History and Culture**, in Washington, DC. Being proactive, FUSE has pre-scheduled the Snow Date of Saturday, 2/29/19. We are offering two pickup locations, Chester High School or Wallingford Presbyterian Church. The cost per seat is \$65.00. FUSE is seeking donations to help fund scholarship seats. Contributions, of any amount, are welcome. Although we have two buses, seats are going fast! Please sign up soon! See the flyer on page 14 for details.

As always, for more information or to learn more contact Bonnie Breit or Rabbi Gerber at fuse@ohev.net.

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In addition to light snacks and Torah, we will be reviewing 'I'm a Gabbai, Now What?'

If you have ever wondered how to be a synagogue gabbai or need a slight push to expand your gabbaim, this will be the perfect time and place.

We will also be recognizing all who serve as gabbaim.

Please contact Andy Szabo with questions.

Quiz Time with Rabbi Louis Kaplan—Answers

26. As of September 1, 1973, Congregation Mispallelim, the Orthodox synagogue in Chester, officially merged with Ohev Shalom. Harry Kaplan was the last President of Congregation Mispallelim. The President of Ohev Shalom at that time was Donald *Levinstein*.

27. In 1971, Buddy Laub initiated the *Hospital* Volunteer Program which enabled Christian workers to celebrate Christmas at home.

28. The stained glass in the main hallway depicts Jewish holidays and holy days. They are the work of *Rose* Isaacson.

29. The first woman to attend weekday morning minyan was *Rose* Isaacson.

30. In 1971, Harriet and Dr. Larry Starer chaired the first congregational *dinner* at which awards were given to deserving synagogue members.

31. David Twersky and Abraham Martin, at different times, held the same job in our congregation. What job was it? *School principal*

32. Over the years, some members joined our fellow Jews in Philadelphia, Ambler and Washington in protest demonstrations on behalf of *Soviet* Jewry.

33. Ohev Shalom was probably the first conservative congregation in the Philadelphia area to enable women to have an Aliyah. The second woman to receive an Aliyah was Mindell Kaplan, wife of Rabbi Louis Kaplan. The first woman to receive an Aliyah was the wife of then President. Her name is *Ruth Levinstein*.

34. In 1979 we received a Torah Scroll originally from the town of Lostice. That scroll had been seized by Germans during World War Two. In what country was the Torah seized?
Czechoslovakia

35. Edith Rueger's poem was sewn into the cover of our Lostice Torah. The striking Torah cover was made by an honored Congregant, Hall of Fame member and nationally known Judaic fabric artist. Her name is *Elsa Wachs*.

36. In 1985, Dr. Arthur Tuch initiated the *Mitzvah* Corps, a support group of congregational volunteers to help persons in times of crisis.

37. *Evelyn* Bernstein served as the first female President of our congregation.

38. In 1989, we had our first female Cantor. Her name is *Shelly Weiner*.

39. Four words on the front of our Chester Synagogue home identified it as Ohev Shalom Synagogue *Center*.

Mispallelim



Happy New Year!
I am taking such pleasure in looking back over the first half of our Mispallelim year, and a string of wonderfully successful new programs and initiatives. Many of these were implemented at the suggestion of the School

Committee, which has been actively working to generate fresh ideas.

Our first new initiative was a parent-teacher day, which took place during our Sukkah-decorating event. Both parents and teachers alike were happy for the opportunity to get to know one another better, and to start off the year with a face-to-face relationship. I am personally so grateful to all of the volunteers who stepped in to help with the Sukkah decorating, in order to free up our staff and parents to do this important relationship-building.

We also introduced a K-1 performance as part of Simchat Torah. Teachers Rhonda Snyder and Elissa Ben-Eli worked with these classes to create poster-sized illustrations of each day of creation, and to perform Elana Jagoda's melody "Seven Days." The students' performance added a lot to the joy and energy of the evening, and we will likely be looking to expand student performance and participation beyond Kindergarten and 1st grade.

Another new initiative has been the Mispallelim Newspaper - an ongoing project which gives each grade an opportunity to share their ideas, learning, opinions, and insights. Our first issue will be coming out just before our winter break, and it includes interviews with non-Mispallelim adults in the community, visual interpretations of Torah, and surveys of fellow students. The teachers have been amazingly helpful and flexible as we have worked together to bring this project to reality! Special

thanks to teacher Debra Flax, who is a journalist in "civilian life" and who guides the Newspaper elective on Wednesdays.

Most recently, we held a "Mispallelim Shabbat" in place of our normal Sunday session. This program gave our students a chance to see the full sweep of a Shabbat morning service, in a lightly facilitated and accessible setting. Our younger students spent part of the morning engaged in movement, music, and discussion related to the themes of the prayers, while our 3rd-7th graders were led through the traditional morning service by Rabbi Gerber. To keep the experience fresh, all of our students were invited to do a "Torah Service Scavenger Hunt," looking for specific words, songs, symbols, and experiences which are part of the Shabbat morning Torah reading. And perhaps most importantly, our 5th graders gave the Devar Torah, sharing their insights about the image of Jacob's Ladder through visual art. After the kiddush lunch (generously supported by the Dr. Frank and Sophia Savitz Memorial Fund for Jewish Education), several families lingered to sing Sabbath songs and socialize.

It is always exciting to try something new and then see it work, and in the case of this year so far, we have had a number of truly significant successes. My deepest thanks to the School Committee, the teachers, and all of you who support the challenging and rewarding work we do. Here's to another great few months!

Rabbi Kelliah Miller
Cantor and Education Director
Congregation Ohev Shalom

Torah Fund

5780 is in full swing and the Centennial Committee is hard at work with preparations to celebrate Ohev@100. There have been many people working diligently behind the scenes reviewing and updating congregational records, obtaining oral and video histories, identifying congregants and locations from our photographic archives, and remembering those who are deceased.

For this is our story of two synagogues, Ohev Sholom and Mispalleim becoming one as they moved from Chester, Pa. to Wallingford, PA. The photographs that capture the ephemeral nature of hairstyles and fashions contrast with the continuity of the Ohev Men's Club and Sisterhood's commitment to rituals, traditions and our community.

One of the activities in which the Ohev Sisterhood was previously more involved, and which we wish to reinvigorate, is supporting the Torah Fund through the Women's League for Conservative /Masorti Judaism (WLCJ).

The WLJC began a pin campaign in 1942. They commissioned famous artists such as Michael Katz and Eyton Brandes to design a pin with meaningful words from scripture. A new pin is designed on an annual basis and anyone who donates \$180 or more to the Torah Fund campaign that fiscal year receives a pin. Bonnie Friedman, our Sisterhood co-president, discovered Sisterhood's trove of Torah fund pins



dating back from 1971 through 2000. We hope to display this beautiful history of pins and through fundraising have more current pins to add to the collection.

The WLJC raises these funds through the Torah Fund campaign to provide scholarships for higher education, rabbinical training, cantor and laity studies to promote and to ensure the future of Conservative/Masorti Judaism. These activities have benefited students at Jewish Theological Seminary, The Schechter Institutes of Jewish Studies, Ziegler Institute of Rabbinic Studies, Zacharias Frankel College and Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano. Rabbi Gerber and one of our congregants Rabbi Rory Katz are both graduates of JTS.

This year's Torah fund pin is a heart with three circles, meant to embody the word "Chesed" which translates as acts of loving kindness. The pin is beautiful. In the coming months we will be sharing more information about Torah Fund and how you can donate to the campaign and obtain your pin.

Kol tuv,

Roselle Weissman-Park
Torah Fund Chair

Kabalah: The world is built on kindness

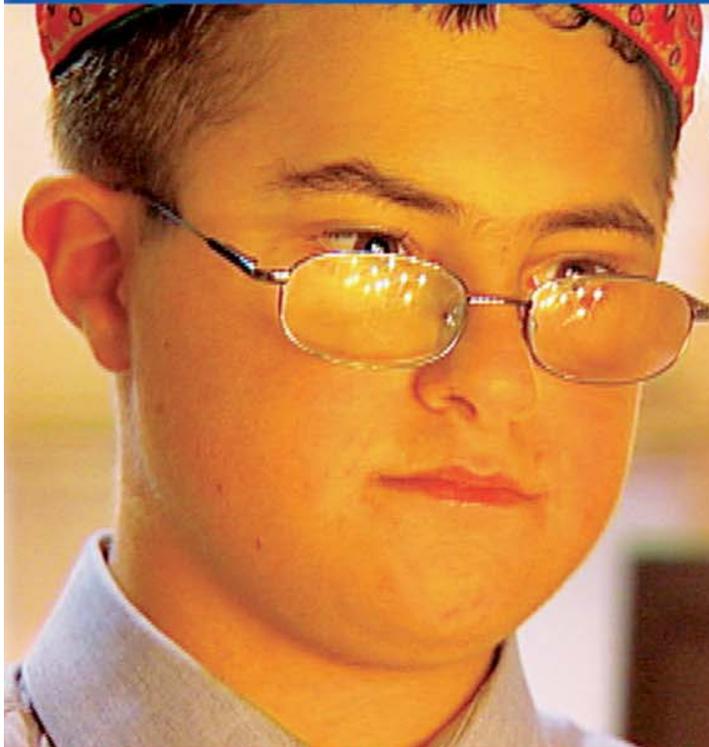
Movie Night, Saturday January 18th, 6:30 p.m.

Praying with Lior

Part 2 of our B'nei Mitzvah series, following December's *Keeping up with the Steins: Praying with Lior*, the documentary about the path followed by Lior Liebling, the deeply spiritual Philadelphia boy with Down's Syndrome, and his family and their Jewish community, as Lior prepares for his bar mitzvah.

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Sisterhood Uncorked

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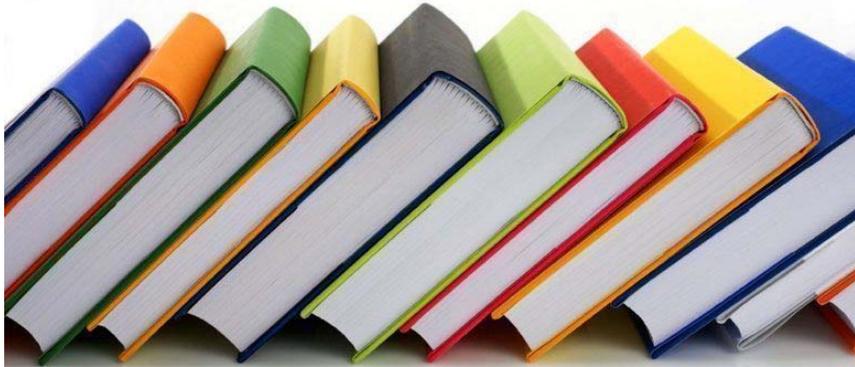
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It may be used for current or future years' programs.

You must be a member in good standing to apply.

For further information please contact Missy

Our Ohev Shalom Centennial Story—Andy Szabo and Susan Long



Sue and I are an intermarried couple. We were married in a non-religious service in her parent's backyard in Pasadena in 1975. Sue was raised Brethren in Pasadena, California. I was raised Jewish in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Sue attended Church services as a child and Christmas services every year as an adult with her parents. I had not been involved in Jewish life since my Bar Mitzvah in 1963 at Taylor Road Synagogue in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

When Sue and I moved to this area in 1989, during Ohev Shalom's 70th year, I came to Congregation Ohev Shalom. I had been feeling an increasing pull in my heart to be Jewish. I was born Jewish, by coming to Ohev Shalom I was making the choice to be Jewish. I wanted to chant my Bar Mitzvah Haftorah, Ki Tetzei for my 40th birthday in 1990. Ohev Shalom's Cantor at the time, Shelly Weiner, helped me relearn the Trope, and I chanted my Haftorah with my Mom and Sue, very pregnant with Colette at the time, in the synagogue chapel.

Like many new Jewish members and their non-Jewish spouse, we were both encouraged to get involved. And we did. Sue served on a number of committees. She worked on more than one President's Ball. She designed invitations to events and was always involved in one or another synagogue project. We made friends with other congregants. I joined the board and have served in many positions over the years, and I continue to serve today.

A few years after our daughter Colette was born in 1990, Sue and I made the decision, together, to raise Colette Jewish. We had been lighting Shabbat candles, holding and attending Seders and attending services together. Colette was converted by three Rabbis. Rabbi Stephen Grundfast officiated. Colette became a bat mitzvah in

Ohev Shalom. Rabbi Mark Robbins officiated. In 2015, our daughter Colette and her fiancé Eric had their auf ruf in our sanctuary. Rabbi Jeremy Gerber officiated. Sue's parents and sisters, my Mom and many, many of our relatives and friends attended and took part in that Shabbat service. It was a wonderful, blessed morning.

Some years ago, under the guidance of Rabbi Robbins, our Ohev Shalom community created an intermarried section in our synagogue cemetery. A few years ago, under the guidance of Rabbi Gerber, our Ohev Shalom community voted to recognize non-Jewish spouses as synagogue members. These two events, especially, have had a profound effect on Sue's and my life present and after. Sue and I are not separated at the synagogue door.

Ohev Shalom is a community that brings our very rich 100 years' tradition of life and Jewish practices forward to today. We evolve with respect for Judaism. We are a community who encourages that all voices are heard and valued. Even when we disagree, Ohev Shalom encourages that we disagree with an open heart and mind.

For the past thirty years, we have had times to celebrate and times to mourn. We have always done so in a community that supports each other. Yes, there have been times that have not been great. I can also say that about life.

Andy Szabo and Susan Long

Sisterhood Scoop



Happy Secular New Year! If you are like us, you are wondering, where did the time go? This past year really did fly by in a blur with all the hustle

and bustle from all the different things that make up our lives: full-time careers, kids, friends, secular extra-curricular activities and our commitment to Sisterhood and Ohev. It literally seems like just a few months ago we were ringing in 2019 and now here we are in 2020.

November and December were busy months for Sisterhood. We want to thank Paula Lehrberger for organizing Sisterhood Uncorked and also thank Rabbi Miller for leading an enlightening discussion on the meaning of Jewish Women's Health. Yasher Koach to Karen Stesis and Cathy Baum for organizing our Holiday Craft Fair, along with helpers Susan Cherner, Lori Feller, Jordana Jasner, Nancy Joseph, Ellen Kornfield, Jenna Micklin, Rebecca Reuben, Susan Sherr-Pollard, Eunice Silver, Shira Tillman, Naomi Wicentowski...and Andrew & Pamela Holt for the Coffee Bar! Thank you to Phyllis Schapire for sharing her skills and passion for making challah with us and thank you to Annie Fox for leading an interesting discussion on the sustainable ingredients.

As we look forward into 2020, please join us on January 5 at Bev Dickson's house in Wallingford for a Sisterhood Uncorked brunch. It will be a social gathering (no speaker) and we'd love to see you there. More information can be found on page 10 of this issue. Saturday, February 1 will be our annual Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat. Please join us that morning for services, followed by a kiddush luncheon. There are many opportunities for honors and if you'd like to participate in the service, please get in touch with Alan Schapire.

Looking a little farther out. It's time to start thinking about Purim again! No beating around the bush here...we are really in need of a few

folks willing to take on an organizational role around the various Purim activities. This year we are looking for folks willing to "shadow" how it's done so that in 2021, we can have more hands involved in the planning and lighten the load of the few people doing the work today. Having more leaders makes the large project more manageable and, more importantly, sustainable from year to year so we can continue to offer these activities. We are going to spend some time this year rethinking Purim so it's a great time to provide input and impact how we evolve our traditions. We need help with the planning of *shalach manot*, with the organizing of hamantashen dough making and baking, and with the Purim Carnival. Please get in touch with us by mid-January if you are willing to be involved in the planning process.

We are also thinking about transition. While we are not disappearing, it is time for us to step down on June 30. We've spent the past years (4 for Bonnie and 6 for Taryn) working hard to make more people aware of what Sisterhood is, we've planned many different events (including bringing back old favorites), raised money for Sisterhood and Ohev, and we're so thrilled and proud of the new volunteers who have stepped up to say "I am here, and want to help." We could not have done all that we have done so far without the time, talents, and commitment of many of you. But, what we are lacking are people willing to say, "I want to help lead Sisterhood". Cutting to the chase, we need 2-3 women, willing to be Vice Presidents, learn how Sisterhood works, and rotate through to eventually hold a 2-year term as President (or Co-President). We promise you will not be alone as you learn the ropes. Or, maybe you've done it before, and will do it again. Either way, if this is something you'd consider, please reach out to us and let's talk.

With gratitude,
Bonnie & Taryn

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- To Maryana Tentlor in loving memory of your grandpa, Valentin. He will be dearly missed with love from Judy and Russ Young
- To Kira Gordin: So sorry for the loss of your grandpa, Valentin Antonovskiy. He will be missed with love from Mom and Dad (Judy and Russ Young)
- To Alla Antonovsky in memory of a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Valentin will be dearly missed from Judy and Russ Young
- To Judy Young in honor of your birthday with love from Russell
- To Douglas Young in honor of your birthday with love from Mom and Dad (Judy and Russ Young)
- To Phyllis and Alan Schapire: Mazal tov on the marriage of Michelle and Jason from Judy and Russ Young
- In memory of Judy's mother, Bettina Weintraub from Judy and Russ Young

Judge Louis Bloom Minyan Fund

- To Susan Gross Weiss and family in memory of your beloved mother and grandmother, Lorraine Gross, a truly beautiful lady inside and out. She will be sorely missed from Karen, Brad, Hana and Rachel Ernest
- To the Barry Gross and Susan Weiss families in memory of Lorraine Gross from Susan Weil and Michael Adesman

Bowman-Finkelstein Rabbi Endowment Fund

- To Susan Cherner and Meghan Cherner-Ranft: Mazal tov on the birth of Maisie with love from Amy and Andy Graham
- To Joanne Green and Barry Gross in loving memory of Lorraine Gross. She will be missed from the Graham family

December Tributes

- To Susan and Alan Weiss in loving memory of Lorraine Gross. She will be missed, with love from the Graham family
- To Benjamin Miller in honor of receiving the Man of the Year award from Sherry and Jack Zigon

Congregational Dinner Donations

- In honor of this year's Man and Woman of the Year as well as the Meritorious Service Award winners from Steve and Lauren Katz
- To Alan Schapire: Sorry we could not attend the dinner, but we do appreciate all you have done for our sacred community with love and gratitude, from Amy and David Pollack
- To Paula Lehrberger: Sorry we could not attend the dinner, but we do appreciate all you have done for our sacred community with love and gratitude from Amy and David Pollack
- To Benjamin Miller: Sorry we could not attend the dinner, but we do appreciate all you have done for our sacred community with love and gratitude from Amy and David Pollack
- To Elaine Hanno: Sorry we could not attend the dinner, but we do appreciate all you have done for our sacred community with love and gratitude from Amy and David Pollack

Daily Minyan Account

- To Susan Weiss and family in memory of Lorraine Gross from Susan and Jerry Rosenfeld and family
- To Joanne Green and Barry Gross in memory of your beloved mother, Lorraine Gross, from Cathy Baum
- To Susan and Alan Weiss in memory of your beloved mother, Lorraine Gross, from Cathy Baum
- To Susan and Alan Weiss and family in memory of Lorraine, beloved mother and grandmother, from Wendy and Michael Dignazio
- To Joanne Green and Barry Gross and family in memory of Lorraine, beloved mother and grandmother, from Wendy and Michael Dignazio

- To Susan and Alan Weiss in memory of Lorraine Gross from Melissa and Thomas Krakower
- To Joanne Green and Barry Gross in memory of Lorraine Gross from Melissa and Tom Krakower
- To Joanne Green and Barry Gross and family in memory of Lorraine Gross from Deborah Weiss
- To Susan and Alan Weiss and family in memory of Lorraine Gross from Deborah Weiss
- To Joanne Green and Barry Gross in memory of Lorraine Gross from Amy and Lonny Cades
- To Joanne Green and Barry Gross in memory of Lorraine Gross from Paula Cherner and Lisa Karlin
- To Susan Weiss and family in memory of Lorraine Gross, a Woman of Valor, from Ann and Jeffrey Littman
- To Barry Gross and family in memory of Lorraine Gross, a Woman of Valor, from Ann and Jeffrey Littman
- To Barry Gross and family in memory of Lorraine Gross. I will miss her from Al Chazin
- In memory of Sol Silbert from Ann and Jeffery Littman
- To Elaine Hanno in honor of receiving the Woman of the Year award from Sherry and Jack Zigon

Debby Silver Camp Fund

- To Michele Saland in memory of Ida Shooster from Paula and Larry Wallach
- To Carole and Bruce Bogdanoff in honor of the b'nai mitzvah of your grandsons from Naomi and Harvey Spector
- To Barry Gross and family in memory of your loving mother, Lorraine, from Eunice Silver
- To Susan Cherner: Wishing your family much happiness on the birth of granddaughter, Maisie, from Eunice Silver
- To Marie and Murray Berstein: Mazal tov on your 50th Wedding Anniversary from Naomi and Harvey Spector

December Tributes (cont.)

- To Paula and Larry Wallach in memory of brother, Davey, from Naomi and Harvey Spector
- To the Gross family in memory of Lorraine Gross from Naomi and Harvey Spector
- To Paula Lehrberger in honor of receiving the Meritorious Service award from Naomi and Harvey Spector
- To Alan Schapire in honor of receiving the Meritorious Service award from Naomi and Harvey Spector
- To Elaine Hanno in honor of receiving the Woman of the Year award from Naomi and Harvey Spector
- To Benjamin Miller in honor of receiving the Man of the Year award from Naomi and Harvey Spector
- To Elsa Wachs: Mazal tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson, Lyssandre, from Joanne and Joel Krackow
- To Carole and Bruce Bogdanoff: Mazal tov on the b'nai mitzvah of your grandsons, Guy and Hugo from Joanne and Joel Krackow

Donald and Ruth Levinstein Education Fund

- To Barry Gross and family in loving memory of Lorraine Gross. May her memory be for a blessing from Jodi Leshner and Steve Levinstein
- To Bobbie Cohen in loving memory of your husband, Paul Cohen. May his memory be for a blessing from Jodi Leshner and Steve Levinstein

Harriet P. and Larry J. Starer Fund for the Arts

- To Benjamin Miller: Congratulations on receiving the Man of the Year Honor from Elana DeCristo and Jonathan Herron

Jack Swerman Building/ Architectural Account

- To Alan Schapire in honor of receiving the Meritorious Service Award from Sherry and Jack Zigon

Joseph and Edith Godick Jewish History Lecture Fund

- To Stephanie Klein: Congratulations on your election to the court of common pleas from Judy and Bruce Godick

Judy Brown Memorial Account

- In memory of William Cherner, a very special man and father. You are missed from Paula Cherner and Lisa Karlin

Lax Sukkah Terrace Fund

- To Carolyn Goldman in memory of Edward Urofsky, with heartfelt sympathy from Jan and Michael Weiss

Melvin Rudman Memorial Scholarship Fund

- In memory of our dear friend, Lillian Martel, from Rita Rudman

Netzach Fund

- To Carolyn Goldman in memory of Ed Urofsky from Amy and Andy Graham
- To Mel and Stefan Skalina: Mazal tov on the marriages of Rachel to Alex and Benjamin to Molly from Amy and David Pollack
- To Susan and Alan Weiss in memory of Lorraine Gross from Amy and David Pollack
- To Joanne Green and Barry Gross in memory of Lorraine Gross from Amy and David Pollack
- To Mel and Stefan Skalina: Mazal tov on the marriage of Ben and Molly from Amy and David Pollack
- To Mel and Stefan Skalina: Mazal tov on the marriage of Rachel and Alex from Amy and David Pollack
- To the family of Lorraine Gross in loving memory from Frances Sheehan and Rick Gelman
- To Neil Wimmer: Mazal Tov to Dr. Neil Wimmer on receiving a 2019 Rising Star Award at the Christiana Care Annual Meeting from Amy and David Pollack

- To Phyllis and Alan Schapire: Mazal tov on the marriage of their daughter, Michelle, to Jason Couch from Amy and David Pollack
- To Benjamin Miller: Mazal tov on your well-deserved honor from Marie and Murray Berstein
- To Elaine Hanno: Mazal tov on your well-deserved honor from Marie and Murray Berstein
- To Phyllis and Alan Schapire: Mazal tov on Michelle and Jason's wedding from Marie and Murray Berstein
- To Paula Lehrberger: Mazal tov on your well-deserved honor from Marie and Murray Berstein
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- To Phyllis and Alan Schapire: Mazal tov on Michelle and Jason's wedding from Paula Cherner and Lisa Karlin

Rabbi's Discretionary Account

- To Rabbi Gerber in appreciation from Emily Farrell

Robert Nichols Adult Education Memorial Fund

- To the Gross family in memory of Lorraine Gross from Freema Nichols

Simon Levin Torah Restoration Fund

- To Phyllis and Alan Schapire: Mazal tov on the marriage of Michelle and Jason Couch from Amy and Andy Graham
- To the Gross family in memory of Lorraine Gross, a loving mother, grandmother and dear friend, from Lyna Zommick
- To Phyllis and Alan Schapire: Mazal tov on the marriage of Michelle and Jason from Wendy and Michael Dignazio
- To Susan Weiss in memory of Lorraine Gross from Donna and Cliff Cohen
- To Barry Gross in memory of Lorraine Gross from Donna and Cliff Cohen

December Tributes (cont.)

- To Alan Schapire in honor of your selection for the Meritorious Service Award from Leslie Weiss and Neil Bunis
- To Phyllis and Alan Schapire: Mazal tov on the marriage of your daughter, Michelle, to Jason Couch from Wendy and Mike Dignazio

Synagogue General Account

- To the Gross family in memory of beloved mother, grandmother and friend. She was a great lady from Beverly Dickson
- To the Gross family in memory of Lorraine (nee Shapiro) Gross from Jane Johnston

Yahrzeit/Yizkor Account

- In memory of Elizabeth and Benjamin Goldberg from Sylvia Goldberg

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January Save The Date

Recurring Events

Minyan
 9:00 a.m. Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Monday – Friday
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Wednesday
 Shabbat Services
 6:00 p.m. Friday (unless otherwise noted)
 9:00 a.m. Saturday Shabbat

January 1, 2020

OFFICE CLOSED - New Year's Day
 9:00 a.m. Minyan

January 5, 2020

1:00 p.m. Ohev Players Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. LifeCenter Dinner

January 6, 2020

7:00 p.m. Ohev Players Rehearsal

January 8, 2020

4:15 p.m. Mispallelim Religious School

January 9, 2020

7:00 p.m. Budget and Audit Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Lunch n' Learn in Media

January 11, 2020

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services with
 Nosh n' Drosh

January 12, 2020

9:00 a.m. Mispallelim Religious School
 9:00 a.m. Men's Club Meeting
 10:30 a.m. Sustainability Team Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Ohev Players Rehearsal

January 13, 2020

7:00 p.m. MT: Reading Hebrew
 7:00 p.m. Ohev Players Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. School Committee Meeting

January 15, 2020

4:15 p.m. Mispallelim Religious School

January 16, 2020

7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

January 18, 2020

5:00 p.m. Adult Enrichment Movie Night

January 19, 2020

9:00 a.m. NO Mispallelim Religious School
 12:00 p.m. Technical Rehearsal for
 Ohev Players

January 20, 2020

MLK Day – OFFICE CLOSED
 8:00 a.m. Minyan
 7:00 p.m. MT: Reading Hebrew

January 21, 2020

6:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal - Ohev Players

January 22, 2020

4:15 p.m. Mispallelim Religious School

January 23, 2020

6:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal - Ohev Players
 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

January 25, 2020

7:30 p.m. Show - *The Music Man*

January 26, 2020

9:00 a.m. Mispallelim Religious School
 2:00 p.m. Show - *The Music Man*

January 27, 2020

7:00 p.m. MT: Reading Hebrew

January 29, 2020

4:15 p.m. Mispallelim Religious School



Saturdays
January 25 & February 1:
7:30

Sundays
January 26 & February 2:
2:00

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