



Beth Or Spotlight

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January Worship Schedule

Friday, January 6 – Shabbat Vayehi

5:00 pm Munchkin Minyan – Haines Memorial Chapel

5:30 pm Shabbat Family Dinner – Rosenfeld Social Hall (RSVP required)

6:30 pm Family Shabbat Worship – Gitlin Sanctuary – *Live Stream & Facebook Live*

Saturday, January 7

9:30 am - Torah Study

11:00 am – Worship Service

Friday, January 13 – Shabbat Shemot

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service – Gitlin Sanctuary – *Live Stream & Facebook Live*

Saturday, January 14

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Aaron Appleton, son of David and Aimee Appleton – Gitlin Sanctuary – *Live Stream*

Friday, January 20 – Shabbat Vaera

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship Honoring Brotherhood – Gitlin Sanctuary – *Live Stream & Facebook Live*

Saturday, January 21

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Eli Victor Perilstein, son of Philip and Erica Perilstein – Gitlin Sanctuary – *Live Stream*

Friday, January 27 – Shabbat Bo

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship – Gitlin Sanctuary – *Live Stream & Facebook Live*

Saturday, January 28

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Jay Razon, son of Eric and Rebecca Razon – Gitlin Sanctuary – *Live Stream*

5:30 pm Havdalah with the Bat Mitzvah of Savannah Segal, daughter of Evan and Jennifer Segal

February Worship Schedule

Friday, February 3 – Shabbat Beshalah

5:00 pm Munchkin Minyan – Haines Memorial Chapel

5:30 pm Family Shabbat Dinner – Rosenfeld Social Hall (RSVP required)

6:30 pm 6th Grade Family Shabbat Worship – Gitlin Sanctuary – *Live Stream*

7:30 pm Tu B'Shevat Celebration (RSVP required)

Saturday, February 4

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Noa R. Murley, daughter of Luke and Jaime Murley – Gitlin Sanctuary – *Live Stream*

Friday, February 10 – Shabbat Yitro

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship with the Adult Choir – Gitlin Sanctuary – *Live Stream & Facebook Live*

Saturday, February 11

9:00 am Sisterhood Shabbaton

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship

Friday, February 17 – Shabbat Mishpatim

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship – Gitlin Sanctuary – *Live Stream & Facebook Live*

Saturday, February 18

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship

Friday, February 24 – Shabbat Terumah

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship – Gitlin Sanctuary – *Live Stream – Facebook Live*

Saturday, February 25

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship



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Believing in tomorrow

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

What do you believe?

Many in our community sadly distrust words like “belief and faith.” Many of us think they smack of blind trust and naiveté. Faith is the sine qua non of Christianity, not Judaism. Yet the truth is, we do have normative beliefs that frankly do not have to deny reason. Our beliefs do not have to be blind; they can be both meaningful and rational. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, one of the greatest orators in the history of the Reform movement wrote the following essay on his beliefs as a Jew. He wrote these words for a sermon delivered on



Rabbi Gregory S. Marx

February 1, 1920. They speak to me, and I hope that you find them as meaningful as I do.

From the Rabbi's Desk

- “I believe in myself. I believe in the dignity and the nobility of the soul, which God has implanted within me.
- Even as I believe in myself, I believe in my fellowmen, for they are like unto me in gifts and capacities.
- I believe in work.
- I believe in the adventure of life.
- I believe in saving my soul from wealth and from poverty, and from all the physical circumstances of life. They must not touch my soul.
- I believe in never growing old.
- I believe in never growing surfeited with life, in never drinking too greedily and hastily of the cup of life.
- I believe in disciplining myself to hunger for things.
- I believe that I owe a debt to my God and my fellowmen for the soul, which God has given me and for the education which society has afforded me.
- I believe in service, first as a payment of a just debt, and secondly, as the only avenue by which men and women can ever find or ever have found real soul contentment and happiness.
- I do not believe in being ordinary and average and commonplace. The one ambition of my mortal days would be to break through all the confining circumstances of my world to rise above the dead level of mediocrity, and to raise others; to lead, even as I first am content to follow, to be a pathfinder, to blaze a trail through life...”

In addition to these beliefs. I believe in the goodness of people and in the triumph of truth and righteousness over selfishness and deceit. As Dr. King said, “I believe that the ark of history bends toward Justice.” It can be hard to hold on those concepts, especially during difficult times, but it is imperative if we are to hold on.

I also, believe in Beth Or's future. As you move forward, I believe that the phrase, “*Idor va'dor*,” “from generation to generation” is not just a catch phrase but a moral priority. Celebrating our faith today is an affirmation of the decisions and choices that were made generations ago, and what we do today will echo for years to come. I believe that Beth Or, our beloved community will be stronger and wiser and more visionary tomorrow. Sometimes it is hard to believe with certainty, but when it comes to Beth Or's future, I am certain that it will be bright.

God bless you all.

What's Happening with Our Clergy Leadership You Ask?

Gwen Silverstein, Beth Or President

As your President, I am pleased to share that after listening to many of you at our townhalls, reading your feedback from our congregational clergy survey, and most recently, holding an internal interview with Rabbi Jason Bonder, the Board of Trustees has voted to recommend moving forward with designating Rabbi Bonder as our Senior Rabbi upon Rabbi's Marx's retirement. Our constitution requires that we hold a Special Meeting of the Congregation to obtain views of the membership on the hiring of clergy. As such, this Special Congregational Meeting will take place at Beth Or on **January 11 at 7 pm** (see below). Moving forward with the identification of our next lead Rabbi is an important part of our future planning and we appreciate all of you for your participation in this journey.

We have also made progress on solidifying our cantorial support. The Board of Trustees would like to engage Cantor Jaime Murley for another two years as our Cantor which would extend her contract through June 2025. Cantor Murley is delighted to be our Cantor and based on the feedback we have received, we know that many of you feel similarly. As a result of this decision, we will not conduct an external search for a Cantor. Based on our constitution, we will need your views on this contract extension as well.

To provide the needed pastoral support and succession planning around Rabbi Bonder's promotion, we have kicked-off an Assistant/Associate Rabbi search which is being co-chaired by Dave Simon, 3rd Vice President and Sara Erlbaum, Trustee.

The final piece of our senior leadership team is the Executive Director. I am pleased to inform you that we are making progress with the search to find a replacement for Amy Abrams when she retires at the end of June 2023 and anticipate completing this search no later than March 2023.

I am excited about finalizing our future clergy and leadership team. It has been a busy and energizing few months as we identify our new leadership team who will carry Beth Or into the future. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to lead us through this journey!



Gwen Silverstein

Special Meeting Of The Congregation

A Special Meeting will be held at Beth Or on Wednesday, January 11 at 7 pm. The purpose of the Meeting is to solicit the views of the membership, as required by the Constitution, on the recommendation of the Board of Trustees to (1) designate Rabbi Jason Bonder as the Congregation's Senior Rabbi, for a term to be determined, effective as of July 1, 2024, upon the anticipated retirement of Rabbi Marx; and (2) designate Cantor Jaime Murley as the Congregation's Cantor, for a term ending June 30, 2025.

January/February Candle Lighting

Friday, January 6 • 4:33 pm

Friday, January 13 • 4:40 pm

Friday, January 20 • 4:47 pm

Friday, January 27 • 4:56 pm

Friday, February 3 • 5:04 pm

Friday, February 10 • 5:12 pm

Friday, February 17 • 5:21 pm

Friday, February 24 • 5:29 pm





Rabbi Jason Bonder

Set Goals Like Zusha

Rabbi Jason Bonder, Associate Rabbi

When Rabbi Zusha of Hanipol was on his deathbed, he was crying as his students were gathered around him. The students tried to comfort Rabbi Zusha by telling him that he achieved a great deal in his life. They told Rabbi Zusha that he acquired a level of wisdom almost as great as Judaism's greatest teacher, Moses, and that Rabbi Zusha attained a level of kindness almost as exalted as the Biblical patriarch, Abraham. Zusha's students concluded, therefore, that Rabbi Zusha would undoubtedly be judged favorably in heavens above.

Rabbi Zusha replied, "When I get to heaven, I will not be asked 'Zusha, why weren't you more like Moses?' or 'Zusha, why weren't you more like Abraham?' Rather, they will ask, 'Zusha, why weren't you more like Zusha?'"

From the Rabbi's Desk

The question is not why you aren't more like other Jewish people. The question is, why aren't you more aligned with the Jewish traditions and values that inspire you?

To live in 21st century America is to be bombarded with advertisements. Everywhere we look, there is a company trying to tell us what we need. The onslaught of ads is so relentless, that oftentimes we don't realize how much our goals are not our own, but rather, someone else's ideas that we have consciously or subconsciously taken on as our own.

Jewish tradition, or perhaps our perception of Jewish tradition, can potentially have the same effect on us as the advertising. Too many times, we think of living a Jewish life by the expectations and standards of others. A Jewish life need not be lived one kind of way. Too often we measure our Jewish life by popular general standards. Do we keep kosher? Do we light Shabbat candles? And if the answers are "no" to those questions, we feel like we've missed the mark.

If we don't live that kind of Jewish life, it's not that we are wrong. It might just be that those goals aren't the ones for us at this moment in our lives. If you find no meaning in keeping kosher, are there other ways of eating that bring meaning to your life? Perhaps eating locally sourced foods, or only eating fair-trade foods might make more sense for you. If lighting Shabbat candles is an impossibility in your schedule, is there another sacred time you would want to observe, like the end of Shabbat, or the beginning of the new Hebrew month, or acknowledging the transition from one Torah portion to another each week? There are so many ways to be Jewish. The question is not why you aren't more like other Jewish people. The question is, why aren't you more aligned with the Jewish traditions and values that inspire you?

January and February tend to be months when we set goals for the year. My request of you in these months is to make sure that the goals you plan on achieving, both Jewishly and otherwise, are truly yours. Don't let superimposed ideals lead you to chase goals that don't light you up inside. Congregation Beth Or is a house of light because each of us adds our own light to the community and the way we shine our brightest is by being our most authentic selves. The way our light spreads throughout our community, and beyond, is by giving people permission to be exactly who they are.

On the Other Side



Jaime Murley



Cantor Jaime Murley, Interim Cantor and Junior Choir Director

February marks a big milestone in the Murley family! Our middle daughter, Noa, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah here, at Congregation Beth Or, on February 4! For this month's Spotlight, I thought I'd offer some insight on the Bat Mitzvah experience from my unique role as a cantor. Interestingly, Noa will be the first person in our family of five to have a traditional bat mitzvah celebration. You are probably wondering how that is possible when her mother is a cantor!

To answer that question, I went to Abrams' Hebrew Academy growing up, and B'not Mitzvah for women were just not emphasized at the Orthodox Day School in the 80's. My husband, born NOT Jewish in Kentucky, probably never even heard the word "bar mitzvah" until he moved to the northeast and converted 17 years ago. My son was all prepared to become the family's first Bar Mitzvah until his simcha, like so many others, had to change course in the spring of 2020 due to Covid. Cancelling his festivities made the idea of having a Bat Mitzvah celebration for my daughter difficult to come to terms with in my mind... how do I reconcile having a big celebration for my daughter, when I didn't (couldn't) have one for my son? And is this going to cause years of therapy for him later when he uses this moment in time as an example of how I chose favorites among

my children? Luckily, he turns 16 the week after her Bat Mitzvah, so we will have the chance to make it right.

My other dilemma... I want my daughter to remember the meaningful parts behind the day: being handed the Torah, reading from the Torah, sharing the lessons she's learned from Torah and Haftarah, the look in her grandfather's eyes when he sees that decisions he's made in his life have contributed to another generation of Jews. My daughter, while doing a "pretty good" job of learning all I'm asking of her (and yes... my expectations of her may be unfairly high), is looking forward to the party... the outfit, the entrance, the time with friends. She IS a bubbly, vivacious 13 year old girl after all! So where should the emphasis go? This has been a struggle for me. Before this time, my cantor self would have argued that the service is everything. But being on the other side, and seeing the excitement in my daughter's eyes, I hope to make her celebration everything she's dreaming it will be, especially after all I've put her through in learning everything and a little more, because after all, she IS a clergy kid. Ultimately, I think there IS a way to satisfy my need to create an amazing Jewish experience for her on the bimah which will inspire her to want to live a Jewish life that will pass from her to her children, AND satisfy her need to celebrate this milestone with all the things important to this 13 year old girl, namely: music, dancing, laughter, friendships, and art.

My final dilemma... Invites! I truly consider the congregants and staff of Beth Or to be my extended family! While we want to have an intimate celebration, we would love to celebrate this milestone in our family with all of you. PLEASE know that you do not need an invitation to come to the service on February 4! The service will begin at 11am and you are absolutely welcome to attend in person or on the synagogue's livestream. I will be playing the role of "mom" and "cantor," and as such, my daughter and I will have a couple of special moments that are off the beaten path. I feel so much excitement having FINALLY reached this day with my family, my extended family, and with all of you!





Religious School NEWS

Important School Dates

Monday, January 2

No Sheni: Winter Break

Tuesday, January 3

No Sh'lishi: Winter Break

Sunday, January 15

No School: Dr King Weekend

Monday, January 16

No Sheni: Dr King Weekend

Tuesday, January 17

No Sh'lishi: Dr King Weekend

Sunday, January 22

3rd grade Family Education Program (9:50-11am)

Sunday, January 29

1st grade Family Education Program (9:50-11am)

Sunday, January 29

No Rishon

Friday, February 3

6th Grade Family Shabbat

Sunday, February 19

No School: President's Day Weekend

Monday, February 20

No Sheni: President's Day Weekend

Tuesday, February 21

No Sh'lishi: President's Day Weekend

Sunday, February 26

No Rishon

What Does a Mitzvah Look Like?

Aaron Nienshultz, Director of Religious School

You might know that in the fall, the Religious School raised money to support olive tree farmers in Israel through a program called **MyTree**. For a donation, each of our grades sponsored one olive tree, and in return, not only did we receive the knowledge that we had helped support farmers and agriculture in Israel producing one of the seven species that Israel is known for in the Torah (olives, wheat, dates, figs, grapes, barley, and pomegranates) but we also received olive oil produced from the trees themselves.

The oil came just in time for Chanukah, followed soon after by Tu B'Shevat. What better way to celebrate our Jewish holidays than with oil directly from Israel? This project has also helped students to learn that Israel is a real, modern place, one that produces items that we use in our every day life. I encourage you to check out **MyTree** for their next growing season!



Aaron Nienshultz



Leonard & Madlyn Abramson Education Center

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Reaching for the STARS

Sara Baum, Early Childhood Director

At the CECE our goal is to provide the best childcare we can for our families. We do this in a variety of ways through our professional development, creating nurturing classroom environments, tailoring engaging lessons, crafting a supportive atmosphere, and forming meaningful connections for our families. Pennsylvania has created a quality rating system called Keystone STARS. This program gives centers a 1-4 star rating based on the score the center earns within the system. The higher the STAR level, the higher the quality standards. Each year we go under review of our STAR level and every three years we are required to go under a re-designation review.

It is with an abundance of pride I share that the CECE has reached a 4 STAR rating again. It is with the hard work the teachers of our center put into their classrooms and teaching, the community we have created here together and the support our staff gives each other that makes this center such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

We know how magnificent our program is, we see the fruits of our labor each day in the smiles of the children, the interactions in the classrooms, the bright eyes that are looking back. It is an added bonus to be recognized by the Office of Child Development and Early Learning for being a top quality center. Thank you to all of our amazing teachers for their hard work and this well-deserved accomplishment.



Sara Baum



Zipporah S. Abramson
Center for Early
Childhood Education

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To our Beth Or family,

Thank you for helping us welcome Ryder into our community! Watching our family grow at this place that we hold so dear is such a blessing!

We recently attended our first event as a family of 4 - Music & Menorahs! We had so much fun watching Millie run around with all of her friends and introducing Ryder to everyone. We look forward to the next young family program!

Ryder will join his sister in the CECE starting when Jillian returns in February. We know he will love it as much as Millie does!

Happy New Year to everyone — wishing you lots of love in 2023!

Jillian & Wes Peskin



Get Ready to Spring into 2023!

Rachel Shapiro, Youth Engagement Advisor

Hello Beth Or Families! Happy New Year!

We had a great fall season of fun youth events with our friends. We had gaga, a trip to the aquarium, a fun movie day, and a spectacular Chanukah Party. Get ready for our Spring 2023 season full of fun youth programs. Be on the lookout for the upcoming calendar so you can RSVP and save those dates!

Not only did we make some memories with our friends, we also came together as a community for our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Thank you to all of our volunteers and families for making this such a success. This was my first Spaghetti Dinner and I must say, a great one! Our teens were extraordinary and went above and beyond. I am looking forward to making it even better next year.

Our YOBO friends have also had such an amazing fall with so many fun events. Our 7th grade had a Friendsgiving with games and a feast. Our 8th and 9th grades did some latke making, donut eating and white elephant fun. Spring is going to bring so many more memories and social programming. Hope to see you there!



Rachel Shapiro



7th grade Friendsgiving 2022



Spaghetti Dinner 2022



Beth Or YOBO – 8th and 9th grades

Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah Students

Noah Ackerman

December 2, 2022

For my Mitzvah Project, I chose to work with the **Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley Field**. They are a non-profit organization that provides opportunities for children and young adults with special needs to participate in sports and social activities year round. At the Miracle League, I played baseball with children with disabilities. I love baseball, working with children and helping those in need and this checked all the boxes. I taught Nico how to hold the ball in his glove and throw with his other hand. We ran the bases together and gave each other high fives. I also worked with a young adult by the name of Bert. We laughed, ran bases and told each other jokes. This opportunity has surpassed all of my expectations. It was not only meaningful; it made a huge impact not only on my life, but showed me what I could do to help others. I can't wait to go back. For more information on the Miracle League check out www.mllv.org



Jake Appleton

January 14

Jake raised \$189.00 with his two cousins. The money was used to purchase winter coats for **Kids in Distress**.



Eli Perilstein

January 21

For my Mitzvah Project, I volunteered as a community scientist with Wissahickon Trails. **Wissahickon Trails** is a local non-profit dedicated to the preservation and protection of the land and waterways of our beautiful Wissahickon watershed. My project involved capturing, measuring, and weighing salamanders at specific locations in the forest every week for a few months. Wissahickon Trails will use the information I provided, combined with data from volunteers who were similarly monitoring salamanders in other locations, for research on the health of our local forests, using the wellbeing of salamanders as a marker for the health of the overall forest. If you would like to join me in studying squirmy salamanders as a community scientist yourself, or, if you would like to make a donation, please visit Wissahickon Trails at www.wissahickontrails.org



Benjamin Razon

January 28

For my Mitzvah Project, I chose the **Lego Replay Program**, where you put your old Lego bricks to new use. Throughout my childhood I loved to put together Lego sets and then play with them after. Doing so made me feel like I had completed something I had worked hard on. I want other

kids who are less fortunate to also love Legos. This program gives kids, who otherwise could not afford Legos, the opportunity to be creative and use their imagination. I will be collecting Lego bricks, DUPLO bricks and base plates in the lobby of the Beth Or preschool or we can pick them up at your convenience. Contact Rebecca Razon at beccarazon@gmail.com. For more information on the program, visit: *Replay - Environment - Sustainability - LEGO.com US*



Savannah Segal

January 28

Did you know that 1 of out 5 kids do not play sports because they cannot afford proper equipment needed to play? It's sad but true! Soccer has been a major part of my life since I started playing when I was only 2 years old. I can't imagine my life without soccer and the great friends I have made playing the game. So, for my Mitzvah Project I am collecting new and used soccer equipment for a great organization called **Leveling the Playing Field**. Leveling the Playing Field is a nonprofit that gets kids from low-income communities involved in youth sports through the collection and distribution of used, new, or extra sporting equipment. Please look for donation bins at Beth Or in the coming weeks and drop off any soccer items your children may have outgrown or just don't need anymore. We will get these items into the hands of kids who will really value and use them. Please donate: Soccer Balls, Cleats, Goalie Gloves, Goals, Shin Guards, Socks, and Shorts. Thank you for helping me fulfill this mitzvah!



Noa Murley

February 4

In 2nd grade, I came home with a picture I created and said to my Mom, "I wish this were a stuffed animal I could hug." Inspired by my picture and comment, my Mom Googled and found a company called Budsies, which takes children's drawings and brings them to life as a plushie. I have designed many Budsies throughout the years, and they have always brought me joy and happiness. I wanted to bring that same feeling to children experiencing hardships in their lives. I designed and delivered Budsies for children facing difficult illnesses, and am continuing to raise money to sponsor other children through the **Budsies Pals Fund: Budsies Custom Stuffed Animals from Kids Art**. If you'd like to contribute, you can contact us at cantormurley@gmail.com and we will tell you how to become involved with this special project that is dear to my heart.





Dear Beth Or Friends,

Beth Or has always been a huge part of our families. Our kids grew up in the Early Childhood Education Center and now attend Religious School here. We met many of our closest friends through Beth Or. It's brought us such joy to be back in the building again after so much time away.

When we were asked to co-chair the 2023 Spring Fundraiser, we were ecstatic at the opportunity to host an event that brings our community together for a night of fun while fundraising for our amazing synagogue. We thought about what we'd want to do on a Saturday night in April...

Atlantic City just is not what is used to be. It's challenging to go to Las Vegas for only one night - not to mention it is so hot! So what do you do when you want to enjoy a night of dancing, table games and food with friends in Ambler? Well, we are glad that you asked!

Save the date for our annual Spring Fundraiser: Vegas Night, where we will dance the night away, play table games and potentially win amazing raffles with our wonderful congregation. Book your babysitter (if need be) now and **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 22 from 6 pm - 10 pm.**

There will be raffles for a variety of fun experiences, a professional gaming company offering 15+ table games, and a DJ that will keep the dance floor packed. Come join your friends for a night out for a good cause. The only thing that is missing is YOU!

We hope you will join us in raising money for Beth Or while creating lasting friendships and memories...and perhaps, leaving with some prizes!

Sponsorships are available at various levels and tickets will go on sale soon! For more information on sponsorship, please email Jeff at jeff.r.harris@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Carly Bromberg – Spring Fundraiser Co-chair

Jeff Harris – Spring Fundraiser Co-chair



Resolve To Make It a Great New Year for Montco Families Who Need Emergency Housing

Volunteer Now with Family Promise (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network)

Happy New Year! February is right around the corner---a time when Beth Or opens its' doors to three families in need of emergency housing. Our synagogue is proud to be one of 19 Montgomery County churches, synagogues and mosques that participate in this emergency shelter program run by Family Promise.



Thanks to this compassionate coalition of faith communities, families in transition have a safe space to stay while participating in programs that help enhance their life skills, improve their decision-making abilities, and develop the resources they need to become self-sufficient.

We have begun the process of transforming several lower-level classrooms into studio apartments for participating families. Volunteers from our congregation are now signing up to prepare meals, help with transportation needs and serve as chaperones for our guests during the dinner hour, many of whom are single-parent families with young children. We need more help!

2023 marks our 24th year of involvement in this stellar program that uplifts and transforms the lives of others. Last year, more than 100 caring congregants performed this major mitzvah, logging more than 1000 volunteer hours.

Please help us go from strength to strength as we begin our second decade as a Family Promise community partner. Together, we will make Beth Or a warm and welcoming place for these families in transition.

Please use our online scheduling calendar, <http://www.carecalendar.org/logon/224429>, security code 1111, to access more information and to sign up on the days convenient for you to make a meal, drive families to and from the synagogue, and/or chaperone our February guests.

For more information, contact Elisabeth Hess, 610-731-3688 or Nancy Shaffer-End, at 215-266-1055.

Sign up today!

<http://www.carecalendar.org/logon/224429>

Security Code: 1111

Advance Calendar to February



Beth Or Disaster Relief Fund

A table goes a long way... this was the message relayed by Val Franklin, a Beth Or member and resident of Fort Myers, about the Heights neighborhood devastated by Hurricane Ian. Intending to bridge our community to those affected by a disaster, and through the generosity of our congregational family, we sent 100 six-foot tables to the Heights Community Center to distribute. The Director explained the value of a tabletop when a family has no kitchen counter, dining table, desk, or any other flat surface. She wrote, "A table goes a long way in making their space feel a little more like home again. This amazing donation will provide families with comfort as they move through the process of rebuilding. I can't tell you how appreciative we all are to have Beth Or's support during this time, and I hope to have the opportunity to meet you all some day!"



Beth Or's Connection to Three Central Florida Families... In addition to the Heights neighborhood, our Disaster Relief Fund helped three families who reside in trailer park communities struck by the Hurricane and have family situations supported by Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health. The Devereux Director shared the following about one of the recipients: "This family



is so grateful. We are helping with critical repairs for damage to their mobile home, which is ultimately keeping their family intact. Mom/grandma is Jo, the matriarch of the family, who is nurturing to her kids, including an adult son with behavioral healthcare needs and grandkids. Currently, there are 6 individuals living in the mobile home, including 2 children with Autism and an infant. This is home. Jo works at Universal (minimum wage) and could not afford repairs. Her plan was to try to sell the damaged aluminum from the porch awning that was blown off from the hurricane and save up through donating plasma to eventually have enough. She literally cried when I told her Congregation Beth Or was helping to take care of it for her. What a gift you have provided for this family and the Devereux team. While our team has been working tirelessly throughout the pandemic and since, we are often running in multiple directions to ensure the needs of those we serve ... but to come together and support this family, with the Beth Or community right there in spirit and mind alongside us, has been empowering and uplifting for all of us. As our behavior clinician put it, 'I love my job every day, but today was exceptional.' We are all beaming with fulfillment, and this experience inspired us to do more."

Let Your Hair Down!

Our partner will be Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that provides wigs to children and young adults, ages 6-21, who suffer from hair loss due to medical conditions, such as alopecia, burn trauma, and cancer treatment (www.locksoflove.org). All recipients receive their hairpieces free of charge. Colored and permed hair is welcomed.

The event will be held at J. Augustino Hair Salon (406 Norristown Road, Horsham) on **Sunday, October 15, 2023**, giving you plenty of time to grow your hair! More information is forthcoming.

I would welcome hearing from you if you would like to get involved.

Todah Rabah... Thank you!

Event Chair: Sharan Bonder, sbonder1216@gmail.com, 516-983-4029



From *Mitzvah* Month to *Mitzvah* Months

When many of us joined the Social Action Committee, we chose one “*Mitzvah* Month” per year to focus on *Tikkun Olam*. Recently, we have increased our agenda to devote more to those in need. Susy Krimker, Margie Chachkin and Rabbi Bonder have guided and encouraged us to find effective and meaningful ways to help the most vulnerable. To achieve our goals we continue to cook, knit, collect, pack, label, deliver, plant, fix, drive and visit. The difference now is that with research and creativity, the Social Action Committee has found even more opportunities for our congregation to get involved. With more projects and an enthusiastic response from our *Kehilla Kedosha*, “*Mitzvah* Month” has successfully become “*Mitzvah* Months.”

Many projects have been long-running and take place annually, thanks to committee members like Lynn Levy, who raises money to fight childhood cancer through **Alex’s Lemonade Stand**, Beth and Bernie Johl, who take a group to **St. Christopher’s Hospital** to spread cheer with goodies for families and staff on Mitzvas Day (12/25), and Sherry Spector, who leads a group in making & delivering candy to our local police. **Meals that Matter** coordinator Caren Gutman and her volunteers cook countless lunches and dinners for **KlineLife** seniors, while Faye Benshetler and her “happy hookers” knit items for hospital patients. Our relationship with **Mitzvah Circle** thrives because of the efforts of Marv Schwartz and Dale Laing. Along with volunteers, they make numerous trips to the Mitzvah Circle facility and schlep innumerable amounts of collected items to assist local families in crisis. Carole Chasen leads a team of volunteers who devote time to **Gemma Residential Home** for at-risk children. And, our liaison to **HIAS**, Theresa Knee, continues to show us how to help welcome the stranger to our Greater Philadelphia area.

Mitzvah Months



We have adopted some new charitable projects, thanks to the tireless efforts of Bob and Marlene Cohen. This year they collected new, assorted-sized socks for **Joy of Sox**, which distributes warmth and comfort to the homeless. Nora Saragovi collected well-worn sneakers for **Nike Grind**, which are recycled and used for other products. Shari Coltoff collects feminine hygiene products for women's shelters through **Distributing Dignity**, Bev Weinberg and helpers gather plastic bags to create sleeping mats for the homeless through **Integrate for Good**, Sharan Bonder helps **One Sight** by collecting used eyeglasses for those unable to afford them, and Jeff Gould leads **Operation Bread Drop**, where Beth Or families make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for hungry folks in Montgomery County.

Recently, Rachel Steinberg and I once again held a drive for **Our Closet**, an organization that collects clothing for men, women, and children. **Our Closet** is intentionally designed to seem like an actual retail store, so customers feel like they're shopping, not just taking charity through carefree, clean, and well-organized pop-up shops throughout Philadelphia in under-resourced neighborhoods.

A very special thanks to Bob Harris, who lends a hand at every turn for us. He makes our efforts that much easier, and we appreciate it so much. Thanks go to those in the office who assist in many different ways as well.

Jody Pascal
Beth Or Social Action Committee Member



Mitzvas Day 2022 was a family affair!

A heartfelt thank you to all who participated in making our 2022 Mitzvas Day a great success!

Our collective impact was notable! Together we made and delivered:

- 172 meals
- 62 port pillows
- 24 fleece blankets
- 2 crocheted afghans
- Candy baskets & cards for 12 local police stations
- Lunch, legos, cards & sweets to the pediatric hematology floor at St. Christopher's Hospital
- And, 36 congregants were looming plastic bags to create sleeping mats for those living on our city streets



Beth Or Brotherhood

The Benefits of Partnerships

Doug Burtnick, Brotherhood President



Doug Burtnick



Beth Or is one of the largest Reform Synagogues in our area. That means something, doesn't it? It means we have a lot to offer to our members and to our community and it means that we have a lot of thanks to give for those who made it all possible.

Over the last few years I've learned a lot about how Beth Or came to be. Every time I hear a story of the families who founded our congregation in Mt. Airy, it reminds me how much their focus and volunteerism have impacted the Jewish community around our area. Indeed, that Beth Or, its auxiliaries, its clubs, its early childhood center and its religious school are thriving is a testament to the vibrancy of this community. Whether those things were planned well in advance or developed organically is an open question, but that part isn't important, as I see it. What is important is that Beth Or has significant spiritual, educational and social offerings for everyone in our community.

You've likely noticed that Brotherhood has partnered with other organizations at Beth Or. This past October we worked with Sisterhood, the Social Action Committee, Mental Health Task Force and Beth Or Cares to present a fantastic breast cancer resource day. In November we partnered with the business networking group Get Connected for an Eagles Watch Party at CBO – we'll forget the outcome of that game, but we won't forget the wings and food pulled together by our own Chief and Sous Chefs Marty Tarabar and Allan Posner. In January, Brotherhood, Sisterhood and the Spirits C4C Club will join forces to cut through the bitter cold of winter to warm our souls with a whiskey tasting event at Beth Or.

These events and partnerships all make sense BECAUSE Beth Or is rich with talent, amazing people and an astonishingly diverse set of life experiences. Brotherhood is just one of many links that directly connects half of the Beth Or members. It's a big place and we want to do whatever we can to make it your place, where your friendships deepen, where you can take the reins to create new events and where you can feel that everybody knows your name.

Recently, Brotherhood has started to test out whether partnering with men's clubs from other synagogues can create new opportunities to build community and support Judaism in our area. A recent event at TBI brought men from several synagogues to hear the well-known sports journalist Ray Didinger of WIP and NBC sports fame talk about the Eagles and Phillies of today. We'll keep you posted.

In the near term, we invite you to our Shabbat Honoring Brotherhood on January 20 and for you to keep a close eye on the calendar and Chai Lights for other Brotherhood events to come.

KOSHER WINE SALES

Now you can purchase kosher wine all year long & benefit Beth Or! Use the Beth Or affiliate link on *kosherwine.com*: <http://bit.ly/BethOrBrotherhood> or click the KoshersWine symbol on the bottom right side of the Beth Or website home page, "Connect With Us" section.

5% of all sales given back to Brotherhood to benefit Beth Or programming!

Questions? Contact info@bethorbrotherhood.org.



Beth Or Sisterhood

Help Us Wave Good Bye to the January Blues

Melisa Lubinski, Sisterhood President

Coming down from wonderful holiday highs with family and friends, facing shorter days with less sunlight, bodies and minds feeling sluggish from over indulgence, and facing going back to hectic work and family schedules notoriously makes January a month that can trigger sadness. The preference for hibernation is strong as the weather turns bitter and colder. This time of year is supposed to be motivating. Studies say roughly 80% of people set new goals and resolutions but pressure may be felt instead of inspiration and success rates on keeping resolutions are low. Sisterhood appreciates January and uses this time to look back at successes, review program and membership goals, and set in motivation plans for future activities to discourage the winter blues. A TV series actress, Annie Wersching from 24 and The Rookie, shares what excites and motivates her. "Newness inspires me. New opportunities. New places. New experiences. Learning new things, new skills." Sisterhood could not agree more!

This past December, our second annual cook off contest celebrated mandel bread with a few new twists. This activity encapsulated many of the positives of newness that Annie referenced. For one community member, who plays Mah Jongg with Sisterhood, she attained an anticipated goal.

As Mah Jongg is a social game, I chatted as we played and asked the ladies at the table if any were baking in the mandel bread contest coming up. They intended to attend the discussion only. I encouraged the idea of baking and shared the fun from our previous kugel cook-off. This community member said it was something she never did but always wanted to. I gave her a big hopeful smile. The next day I received a text that she was baking after all. She won in the category of "Appearance" and became one of our Mandel Bread Mavens. This event had several seasoned and novice bakers of different ages, a lively discussion was led by Alyson Gass, and samples were enjoyed. Our judges took their role seriously and their comments were enthusiastic, encouraging and complimentary to all the bakers.

Sisterhood is riding the momentum from this successful event. Get on board with us as we support Hillary Wagner, a liquor enthusiast, launch a new C4C Spirits Club. Save the date of Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 pm and join us to taste and learn the history and back stories of Irish Whiskey, Bourbon, and Scotch. Take an active role, be part of developing this new club, and stay warm in the process!

Thank You Judges: Laurie Marx, Rina Bonder, Amy Abrams, Jamie Murley, and Barbra Murtha

Congratulations Mandel Bread Mavens:

- **Smell – Alissa Brunner**
- **Appearance – Rhonda Grallnick**
- **Taste & Texture – Ellen Mirbach**



Melisa Lubinski



ART GALLERY

Exhibit Opening: Featured Artist – Nancy Brockmon

Friday, February 10 • following Shabbat Worship

The Olitzsky Gallery presents a new exhibit featuring the art of Nancy Brockman. Nancy paints primarily in Acrylics and Pastels. Mostly inspired by her travels in Maine, she recreates her memories of the scenic coastline, ever changing sea and the many beautiful lakes. In addition, she has painted local scenes in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey, occasionally venturing into creating figurative works that include birds and friends' pets. Her work is grounded by the inspirations she finds in the textures, colors, and shapes found in nature. Come to the Art Gallery after services to check out Nancy's work.

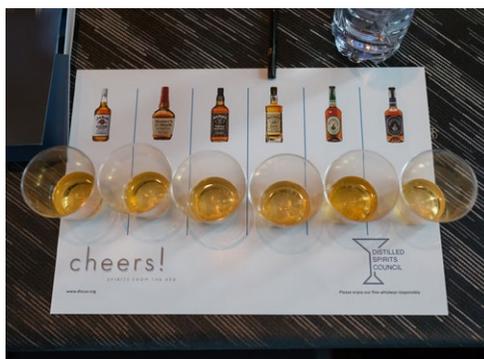


BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD EVENTS

Introduction to Spirits: The Water of Life — Discussion & Tasting

Tuesday, January 24 • 6:30 pm

Brotherhood and Sisterhood are blending interests to kick off 2023 while also helping to kick off the Spirits Club, one of Beth Or's C4C Special Interest Clubs. All Beth Or men and women are invited to come to Beth Or for a discussion about Spirits, led by C4C Spirits Club Captain, Hillary Wagner. You'll learn the history and back stories while enjoying a sampling of Irish Whiskey, Scotch & Bourbon. Cost: \$36/person payable by check to Beth Or Sisterhood or by PayPal. RSVP to Ellen Mirbach, semibach@gmail.com by 1/20. Questions? Contact Melisa Lubinski, mbmjmom@comcast.net.



Women's Shabbaton

Saturday, February 11 • 9 am – 2 pm

Details to come.

GET CONNECTED: BETH OR BUSINESS & CAREER NETWORK

Monthly Networking Event

Monday, January 9, 7pm – 8pm

Check your weekly Chai Lights email for details about this month's program. Please contact Evan Segal, evan@segalfinancial.com, if you would like to be added to the Get Connected business networking email list.

HOLIDAYS AND SHABBAT EVENTS

First Friday Shabbat

Friday, January 6 & February 3 (see Tu B'Shevat Celebration below)

Munchkin Minyan • 5 pm – 5:30 pm

Bring your preschool age children to enjoy a short, song and story filled service in the Haines Memorial Chapel led by Rabbi Bonder & Cantor Murley. All young families are welcome. No RSVP required.

Family Shabbat Dinner • 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Join us between Munchkin Minyan and Family Shabbat Worship for a traditional Shabbat dinner. This is a great opportunity for families with children in preschool – 6th grade to get together and celebrate Shabbat. Dinner is catered by Pumpernick's. Cost: \$18/adult; \$5/child. Must RSVP in advance. Check weekly Chai Lights or web calendar for RSVP.

Family Shabbat Worship • 6:30 pm

The junior choir performs at every Family Shabbat service. Our 6th grade students are highlighted in February.

Shabbat Worship honoring Brotherhood

Friday, January 20 • 7:30 pm

Brotherhood is honored and participates in tonight's service

Tu B'Shevat Celebration

Friday, February 3

Please join us for a special evening celebrating Tu B'Shevat and Shabbat:

5 pm • Munchkin Minyan featuring Tu B'Shevat and Israeli songs. No RSVP required

5:30 pm • Family Shabbat Dinner & Children's Tu B'Shevat Activity (RSVP Required)

Join us for a traditional Shabbat dinner catered by Pumpernick's. Dinner Cost: \$18/adult; \$5/child. During tonight's Family Shabbat dinner, to celebrate Tu B'Shevat, children will braid challah in mini tins to bake at home during our 7 Species Challah Bake with Sisterhood, and learn about plants and flowers courtesy of Gene from Ambler Flowers. Check the web calendar or weekly email for RSVP link and deadline.

Friday, February 3 cont'd.

6:30pm • Family Shabbat Worship featuring our 6th Grade students

7:30pm • Tu B'Shevat Activity for Adults (RSVP Required)

Our Tu B'Shevat celebration continues after services. Enjoy Israeli wine and beer provided by Brotherhood while potting succulents to take home, courtesy of Gene at Ambler Flowers. This event is free with advance RSVP required. Check the web calendar or weekly email for the RSVP link and deadline.



LIFELONG LEARNING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Beit Sefer Café

Tuesday, March 14 • 6:30 pm – 9 pm

We are excited to invite you once again to our popular Beit Sefer Café. Join your congregational family for a night of learning, engagement and fellowship. More details coming soon!



SPECIAL EVENTS

Programs from the Beth Or Mental Health Task Force

These programs are part of a series of important Mental Health topics to be presented this year by the Beth Or Mental Health Task Force.

Let's Talk! Anxiety: How to Address Fear and Worry During Turbulent Times (Rain Date Session on Zoom)

Tuesday, January 10 • 7 pm – 8 pm

For this session which will take place on Zoom, Michelle Schwartz, LCSW and Tanya Vishnevsky, PhD, lead a presentation covering causes and responses to fear and worry and share valuable resources. We are living in turbulent times and sometimes it is difficult to identify what causes us to feel afraid and worried. Worries for adults and adolescents differ, and sometimes overlap. For example, common fears for teens include, social life, fear of being bullied, mass shootings, another lockdown as a result of another pandemic, fear about the future, worry about college, academics, etc. Adults might have more financial worries, anxiety about their children's mental health during these turbulent times, fear of antisemitism, etc. We will explore "normal" versus unhealthy responses to fear and worry, and some strategies for managing these feelings. Please RSVP to Judy Kurtis, jfklcsw@gmail.com, by 1/9. Use the link on the web calendar or check your weekly email for the Zoom meeting link.

Let's Talk! Suicide: Understanding Risks, Protective Factors, Warning Signs, Myths and How to Help Tuesday, February 21 • 7 pm – 8 pm

During this session, task force members and experts, Gail Edelson, MD, MSPH, MBE and Robin Arnold, MBA, PsyD lead a conversation about suicide and share valuable resources. Everyone wishes they could do something to prevent suicide, but no one really wants to talk about it. Come to Beth Or for the opportunity to learn some basic facts about suicide, how risk factors are different than warning signs, the differences between self-injurious behaviors and suicidality, and how suicide prevention is everyone's business. Resources will be provided including information for crisis and help lines, how to talk with someone at risk, where to get more information, and supports for families who have lost someone by suicide. Please RSVP to Judy Kurtis, jfklcsw@gmail.com, by 2/20.

C4C CLUB SPOTLIGHT:

TAI CHI CLUB

Club Captain: Howard Blum,
Howard.Blum@verizon.net, 215-802-0052

In this issue, we are highlighting one of our on-going Clubs for Community (C4C), Tai Chi.



This club provides teaching and practicing of Tai Chi for people of all ages and abilities. Tai Chi is

a moving meditation. Practitioners report improved health, while achieving a meditative calm. We focus on Cheng Man-Ching's 37 posture short form.

When indoors, chairs can be provided for those who prefer a seated position. We also discuss the historic significance of Tai Chi as one of the oldest and softest martial art forms. Our club meets for 1-hour every Wednesday at Beth Or (indoor location is Rosenfeld Social Hall or downstairs Community Room) with your choice of time, 11am or 6pm. We are always interested in attracting new member participation. There is no attendance record, so members come and go as they please. Our motto is, "Stay Sung" (relax — both mind and body). We are all beginners; even after we have learned the form, we still depend on a beginner's mind.

To learn more about other C4C Beth Or Special Interest Clubs, visit www.bethor.org/C4C.



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May Their Memory Be A Blessing

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Alan Kober

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Riki Josepf

Janet Sterling Bushwick, mother of
Richard Sterling

S. Ty Steinberg, uncle of Laine Kaplan

Arnold Jules, husband of Lynn Jules

Malcolm Lawrence Knee, father of
Rob Knee

Shaby Shemtob, father of Al Shemtob

Arnold "Arny" Leibowitz, stepfather of
Matthew Steinberg

Joseph Engel, husband of Elsa Engel

Mazel Tov

Engagement of Kate Wolff, daughter of
Jane Liebman, to Charles Erickson

Engagement of Samantha-Jo Roth,
granddaughter of Willie Lorber, to
Douglas Browner

Wedding of Abby Kaiser, daughter of
Bill & Marcy Kaiser, to Dak Kofsky

Wedding of Jeffrey Moses, son of Howard
& Ronda Moses, to Samantha Urda

Birth of Adira (Addie) Liu Robbins,
granddaughter of Susan Robbins

Birth of Adeline & Emily Rosenfeld, twin
daughters of Michael & Rachael
Rosenfeld

Birth of Calliope Rose Liebman, great
granddaughter of Karen Liebman

Birth of Ryder Lloyd Peskin, son of
Wes & Jillian Peskin

Baby Naming of Ainsley Isabella Weiss,
daughter of Andrew & Arielle Weiss
& granddaughter of Roger & Virpi
Schaeffer

Baby Naming of Sophie Lyla Kaufman,
granddaughter of Gary & Cindy
Loewenstern

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Appleton

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Bat Mitzvah of Noa Murley

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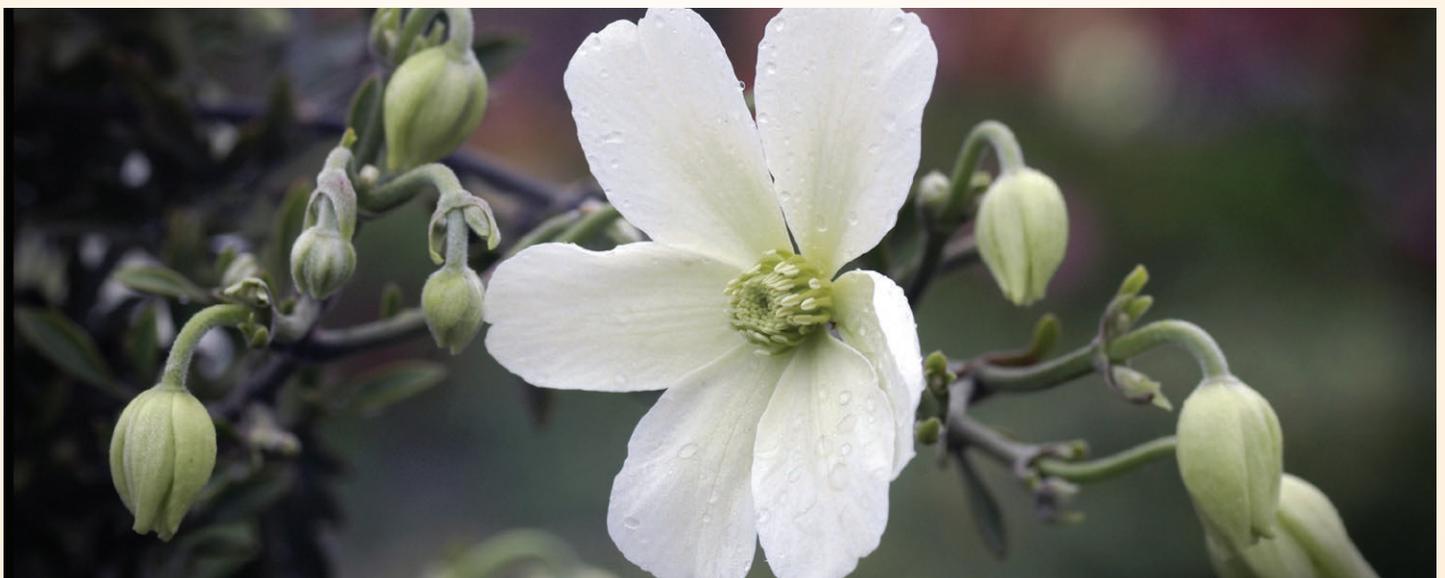
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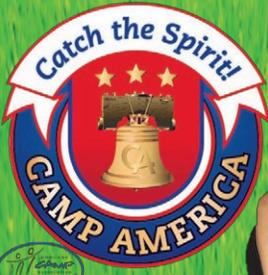
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