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#### **May Worship Schedule**

#### Friday, May 6 Shabbat Kedoshim

5:00 pm Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration6:30 pm 3rd Grade Family Worship7:45 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

#### Saturday, May 7

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Skye Desjardins, daughter of Drew and Donna Desjardins

9:30 am Torah Study11:00 am Shabbat Worship

#### Friday, May 13 Shabbat Emor

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship honoring Cantor David Green

#### Saturday, May 14

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Reid Rochestie, son of Russell and Sarah Rochestie

9:30 am Torah Study11:00 am Shabbat Worship

#### Friday, May 20 Shabbat Behar

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship with Adult Confirmation

#### Saturday, May 21

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Jillian Wexler, daughter of Joshua and Hillary Wexler

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Avery Blatstein, son of Steve and Missy Blatstein

#### Friday, May 27 Shabbat Behukoti

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Art Cohn

#### Saturday, May 28

9:30 am Torah Study11:00 am Shabbat Worship

#### **June Worship Schedule**

#### Friday, June 3 Shabbat B'Midbar

5:15 pm Pirates & Princesses Pre-Shabbat Party for Young Families

6:30 pm Family Camp Shabbat Worship – Flitter Family Terrace

7:45 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship – Gitlin Sanctuary

#### Saturday, June 4

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Michael Green, son of Jeffrey and Samantha Green

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Paige Taylor Dratch, daughter of David and Elizabeth Dratch and Matthew Toyberman, son of Yakov and Irina Toyberman

7:00 pm Torah Study – Shavuot Night of Learning

#### Sunday, June 5 Shavuot

11:00 am Shavuot Worship and Confirmation

12:45 pm Yizkor Service

#### Friday, June 10 Shabbat Naso

6:00 pm Volunteer Shabbat Dinner
7:30 pm Shabbat Worship Honoring
Volunteers with the Installation of
the Officers & Board of Trustees

#### Saturday, June 11

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Cole Simon Pollack, son of Ross and Kristen Pollack

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Ryan and Jake Wiener, sons of Jason and Heather Wiener

#### Friday, June 17 Shabbat B'haalot'cha

6:00 pm Chai Dinner

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship Honoring our Chai Members

#### Saturday, June 18

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Dahlia Rose Kaplan, daughter of Andrew and Susan Kaplan

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Aaron Philip Margolis, son of Jonathan and Francine Margolis and Rachel Brooke Jasner, daughter of Scott Jasner and Debra Jasner

#### Friday, June 24 Shabbat Shelah Lecha

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship



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## My Humanitarian Mission to Poland

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

As many of you may know, I went to Poland during the second week of April with a mission of thirty rabbis to comfort the afflicted, to bear witness and to bring financial and tangible support for the Ukrainian refugees. In truth, there were some in the rabbinic community who advised against the trip. They said, "what can you accomplish as rabbis? You don't speak the language, you are taking away resources from those who can do more, and to add to all that, you are increasing your carbon footprint by flying back and forth." I couldn't disagree more. I am so delighted that I went as your representative. I brought your supplies, love and prayers with me. I carried your support in my luggage and handed it out to the hundreds of people who came with nothing, hoping to start



Rabbi Gregory S. Marx

#### From the Rabbi's Desk

again. We brought over two tons of goods in 75 suitcases. We unpacked, sorted and prepared the items to be loaded onto trucks on their way to the Ukranian border and

local relief centers. I felt particularly proud setting aside the toy packages for the children that had been graciously prepared by our religious school students. Handing out toys to the children brought a smile to their faces.

Our group contributed almost \$750,000 to the relief efforts of the JCC in Krakow. Those funds were used to hire teachers for Ukrainian refugees so that they can learn Polish. As many refugees plan on remaining in Poland, it is essential that they learn the language. The JCC is also establishing pop up free child care centers so that mothers who have left their husbands behind in Ukraine can look for work, apartments and supplies. Our money went to the preschool teachers' salaries.

We went to the border of Ukraine and Poland on one of the days, not far from the town of Prezemytsl. Standing on the border as refugees walked into Poland, you could see so many NGOs offering support, food and logistics for their new life in Western Europe and beyond. If you didn't know better, you would think that 30% of the world is Jewish, as that was the percentage of organizations that displayed the Star of David. I saw, Hadassah, Natan, Magen David Adom, the JCC of Krakow, and the labor organization, Hashomer Hatzair. I learned from one Israeli relief worker that Ukrainian Jews who wanted to go to Israel, only needed to walk across the border with the letters, IL, the international code for Israel, pinned to their clothing. These people would be approached and offered a ride to Warsaw, where they would be fed, housed and given transport papers so they could fly, for free, directly to Israel. Remarkable.

At the end of the day, I came to tell the story, to bear witness. The stories of brutality that I personally heard from people brought me to despair. One woman told me of her hatred for the Russian people. She won't even allow her three year old Ukrainian daughter to speak Russian anymore. When I asked her, isn't it Putin you despise, she told me that there are not enough suture kits for women who have been raped by Russian soldiers. Not only have they violated women, but they have disfigured them as well. She hates them for that. This brutality is not mandated from Putin, she said, it is the Russian soldiers' aggression and hate. Russian soldiers captured, tortured and killed civilians for no reason but to destroy and terrorize the Ukrainians so that people would flee. She told us Putin's plan is to clear the country of ethnic Ukrainians.

The last time I was in Poland, was in November of 2017 when I led a Beth Or mission. We visited death camps and empty synagogues, ghettos and cemeteries. I couldn't wait to leave for Israel. This time I connected with a vibrant Jewish and non-Jewish community, doing its part to heal, comfort and resettle. I felt this time more hopeful about the future. The Poles are doing for the Ukrainians today what was never done for our ancestors 80 years ago.

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On the second to the last night of our mission, I participated in a Passover Seder on the border with Jews and non-Jewish relief workers and new immigrants from Ukraine. Together we ate a re-envisioned matzah. For all of my life I saw it as the bread of affliction, the poor man's bread. Eating it on the border, I saw it as the bread of freedom. This was what our newly liberated ancestors ate as they crossed the border from slavery to freedom. I will never see it the same way. Now matzah is for me the bread of liberation. It tasted sweeter than it ever had before. I took many pictures to document my time in Poland. Here are a few. I also encourage you to visit the Beth Or Facebook page, www.facebook.com/CongBethOr to see more pictures and watch the videos I posted at the end of each day while I was on this important mission.



Rabbis getting ready to work in the distribution center.



Rabbis offering sweets and smiles to refugee child.



Rabbi Marx working in the distribution center.



Refugees crossing through the border on foot, greeted by many helpful organizations and supplies.



Well wishes from children across the world.



Ukrainian mother with infant looking for supplies in the distribution center.



Refugees unloading at the border and waiting to be processed.



The full contingent of Rabbis assembled at the warehouse awaiting instruction.





Unloading packages of toys made by our Religious School students for Ukrainian children

World Central Kitchen set up in the converted shopping mall.



Our delegation brought 75 suitcases filled with donated supplies.



Rabbi Marx presenting \$110K+ donation from Beth Or Disaster Relief to JCC Krakow.



Refugees resting in cots in the converted shopping mall, waiting and hoping for what comes next.



Donations included new crutches, braces, walkers, etc.



Art depicting the refugees' experience of being uprooted from their homes and lives.



Refugee families also came to the border by bus.



Passover Seder – note the Israel, Polish and Ukrainian flags.



Donated strollers.



Ukrainians learning Polish, sponsored by the JCC and in part by Beth Or's donation.

#### **President's Corner**

## **Keeping Our Congregation Safe and Healthy Remains a Priority**

Gwen Silverstein, Beth Or President

As your President I have a lot of different responsibilities, but none is more important than keeping our congregation safe and healthy. As I assumed this role last July, I quickly realized there was more we could and must do to sustain our vibrant community while managing the risks of the ongoing pandemic.



Gwen Silverstein

With the leadership of Amy Abrams, Executive Director, together we staffed and launched the Beth Or COVID-19 task force. We are blessed with so many congregants that have both tremendous expertise and a willingness to contribute their time and know how to our community. Our task force brought together experts in community health, multiple areas of medicine, operations and science.

We initially convened the committee weekly and have since varied the frequency based on what's happening with the unpredictable twists and turns of the last 12 months. We discussed, debated, and provided guidance to continuously evolve our practices to best serve and protect you and your families. Our meetings covered a wide range of topics; Masks or no masks? Should we serve food at Onegs? Is it okay for a mitzvah family to serve food to their guests? Do we require vaccination and booster status for all congregants and visitors? Shiva minyans in person or virtual? Testing for all pre-school children after winter break? May the B'nai mitzvah family join their child on the bimah? The list of questions and concerns goes on.

We spent hours together on Zoom listening and learning what the county guidance was, where things stood regarding case rates and hospitalizations, evolving policies at schools and companies in our area and sharing feedback and concerns we were hearing from many of you. We are most grateful for their willingness to give of their time, leadership and expertise to our sacred community.

When you cross paths with any of these kind and talented congregants, please thank them for all they have done and continue to do to maintain the safety of our clergy and protection for our congregation.

I look forward to seeing many of you in person at Beth Or.

COVID Task Force Committee				
Dr. Jillian Baron	Dr. Jillian Hillman	Dr. Jaqueline Ioli	Dr. Richard Lorraine	
Dr. Cliff Ehrlich	Dr. Glenn Hyatt	Mr. Stephen Leonard		





Rabbi Jason Bonder

## **Honoring the Past**

Rabbi Jason Bonder, Associate Rabbi

When I was playing Israeli baseball in the Summer of 2007, I lived next door to Nate Fish and Eric Holtz in the dorms. Nate was my teammate on the Tel Aviv Lightning and Eric was a player/coach on the championship *Beit Shemesh* Blue Sox. It was a great summer. When the season ended, we packed our bags and went home.

Six years later, Rina and I headed to Israel for my rabbinical studies. I heard Nate was making Aliyah to take the helm of the Israel Association of Baseball, so I texted Nate: "Let's get together before we both head to the Middle East!" I got a response within five minutes. "Definitely. How's this weekend?"

#### From the Rabbi's Desk

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last a lifetime.

Thirteen years later, I wanted to celebrate Israel's first ever Olympic Baseball team. Eric would be managing. Nate would be coaching third base, so I sent a text: "You guys want to come to Philly and do a baseball

event in advance of the Olympics?" They responded in a heartbeat. "Throw some dates our way." Then a pandemic hit. The world froze. The Olympics were delayed for a year. They finally got there, brought pride and joy to Israel and to Jews worldwide. They got home, and I sent another text: "You guys want to come to a baseball/softball clinic in May?" The reply came within minutes. "Yes."

Eric Holtz and Nate Fish embody a value that we often talk about here at Beth Or. They recognize the importance of history and they uphold relationships. They are busy guys. They have lives of their own. But whenever they can, they seek ways to honor the bonds they've made on their life's journeys. That is my biggest hope for our entire community. That the foundational experiences we have at Beth Or will create bonds that we will cherish and honor for the rest of our lives.

How many times have you done a mitzvah because someone at Beth Or gave you the opportunity to do so? How many times were you there to comfort someone because Beth Or alerted you to a loss in our community? How many times have you celebrated with all of your heart because there was a joyous occasion happening at Beth Or? Eric Holtz and Nate Fish, two managers of Israel's national baseball team, remind me that the memories we are making today here at Beth Or, can truly last a lifetime.

I'm so lucky to share a foundational baseball experience with these two coaches. Thanks to their kindness, you can come create memories for a lifetime on May 22 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at Mondauk Park. Join us for a baseball/softball clinic taught by these two great guys, and many Beth Or collegiate and high school softball and baseball players. See you on the field.



## **Retiring But Not Leaving Beth Or**

Cantor David Green



Cantor David Green

As most of you know by now I will be retiring on June 30. However, Lori and I are not leaving Beth Or because we will continue on as members of the congregation. We are not relocating to a warmer climate, nor becoming "snowbirds."

I am so touched Beth Or chose to have me serve as "Cantor Emeritus."

It has been such an honor and privilege to serve as your cantor for the last 27 years. This community and synagogue mean so much to Lori and me. Beth Or is such a big part of our lives; it is and will continue to be our Jewish home and community.

All of you have a special place in our hearts.

The Beth Or community has also been there for us through the good and bad times in our own lives. I was over whelmed with joy when the synagogue celebrated my 10th and 20th anniversaries of my service to Beth Or. I feel the same way about our celebrating with you on the weekend of May 13 - 15. I almost feel like a Bar Mitzvah with a sense of joy, celebration and excitement of sharing this once-in-a-lifetime experience with all of you. I felt the same way when I celebrated with many of you for your own simchas of weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, special anniversaries, birthdays and so much more.

Beth Or was also there for us when I was recovering from cancer. I did not travel this journey alone. Your countless emails, calls, letters and well wishes gave me the strength to deal with challenges I confronted. I hope I was able to do the same for you as a member of the clergy team to journey with you in your challenging and difficult times.

One of the things I have treasured the most is serving as your *Shaliach Tzibur* (leader of congregational worship) along with the rabbis. For me, there is no greater spiritual experience, than looking out at the congregation to see and hear almost everyone singing and praying along with me.

Not only is the congregation the community that Lori and I are part of and will continue to be, but also the professional and support staff. I won't try to list everyone in this article on how the staff has impacted on our lives, but needless to say, all have shaped who I am professionally and personally. The staff have become our friends, as well as colleagues and I cherish our many years together as part of the Beth Or community.

My parents and my children have always been there to support me throughout my career, but the most important person in my life is my wife, Lori. I would not be able to do what I do without her. She is my soul mate and ultimate confidante who has supported me through my 45 year career as a cantor. I could not have survived nor flourished without Lori. She has also been a role model for me since she is at the forefront and cutting edge of her profession as a Jewish Educator at Temple Sholom in Broomall, PA.

It is so emotional and so hard to capture 27 years of a wonderful calling here at Beth Or. I have enjoyed every single moment and want to thank all of you for the privilege and joy of serving as your cantor.



## Important School Dates

**Sunday, May 1** 4th Grade Naming Service

Sunday, May 1 Last Day of Rishon Hebrew

Friday, May 6 3rd Grade Family Shabbat

**Sunday, May 8** No School: Mother's Day

Monday, May 9 Last Day of Sheni Hebrew

Tuesday, May 10 Last Day of Sh'lishi Hebrew

Sunday, May 15 Last Day of School



After studying texts about Tikkun Olam, students create posters to show what they know.



Led by our YOBO teens, 6th graders take part in a trivia game as part of Taste of YOBO.

## Religious School **NEWS**

## Doing "Nothing" at Religious School

Aaron Nielsenshultz, Director of Religious School

If you're like me, your children might tell you that they do "nothing" in Religious School. As the school director, I always knew that wasn't exactly the case, and I wanted to share with you what "nothing" looked like for our 6th graders this spring.

During religious school, 6th graders participated in Taste of YOBO — an introduction to our 7th-12th grade teen program. YOBO (Youth of Beth Or) combines youth group-style

The 6th graders ran through three rotations to get a sense of what YOBO is like. Students participated in making packets and cards for Ukrainian children, which Rabbi

programs with Jewish education.



Aaron Nielsenshultz

Leonard &
Madlyn Abramson

Marx delivered on his visit to Poland. The students also played a fun Jewish-based pop culture trivia game. In the third rotation, students engaged in Jewish learning about *Tikkun Olam* where they made posters that contained their ideas on how we each can help to better our world. As part of this lesson, they took part in a special candle lighting that displayed how our *nashamas*, our Jewish souls, are so filled with light and how no matter how much we give and share there is always more to give and share!

You can see the fun being had in these images. But don't take my word for it. One parent wrote to us the next day to say that her daughter "was pumped about moving forward with her Jewish education as well as the giving component which was presented in a way that really caught her attention. I know these things don't happen by accident, so thanks to all of you trying to create an environment where the kids want to keep learning!" And can you believe it that by mid-May, Religious School will be over? What another wonderful, challenging, up-lifting year it has been. Make sure you join us during Family Festival on the Green as we finish off School Year 2021-2022!



6th grade students assemble fun bags and cards for Ukrainian children.



6th grade students learn that a candle doesn't lose any light by lighting another candle, and in fact light grows. They also learned that this is true in Judaism — when we help other people by doing mitzvot and engaging with Judaism, our souls all shine brighter!



#### **Confirmation 2022 - 5782**

We congratulate our congregants on their achievement in reaching their spiritual goal and recognize their passion and dedication to living a vibrant and committed Jewish life.

## Adult Confirmands Adult Confirmation • Friday, May 20 at the 7:30 pm Shabbat Worship

Cindy Au-KramerIris Fine, z"lMelisa LubinskiAndrea SklenarTara BroudaLois LamberskyJudy PhippsRobert SklenarSusan ChesneyClaudia LeslieRobert Rosin

## Beth Or 2022-5782 Confirmation Class Confirmation Service • Sunday, June 5 at 11am Shavuot Service

**Leah Brouda**David and Tara Brouda

Remie Nicole Clibanoff
Jim Clibanoff and Felice
Tucker

Marissa Eve Fortunato
Kevin and Alicia Fortunato

Lucy Rose Hess Jason and Elisabeth Hess

**Ashley Rebecca Klein** Stuart and Jamie Klein

Anna Lotman Keith Lotman and Amy Prosen David Lotman Keith Lotman and Amy Prosen

Gabrielle Miller
Jonathan and Sari Miller

Bryan E. Portney
Kevan and Nancy Portney

Holly Aliera Wiener Stewart Wiener and Kathy Kersul-Wiener

Alexis Zaroff
Jason and Meredith
Zaroff

Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi Jason Bonder, Associate Rabbi David Green, Cantor Gwen Silverstein, President Amy S. Abrams, Executive Director Aaron Nielsenshultz, Director of Religious School



in the CECE

Sara Baum, Early Childhood Director

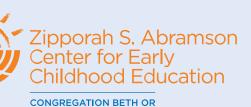
In late spring at the CECE, you will hear teachers and staff talking about how much growth has happened during the course of the school year. The child that came in shy and overwhelmed in the fall, now jumps out of the car and greets everyone with a loud "hello!" The chunky little baby with hands clenched is beginning to take steps around their classroom. Young preschoolers' faces change and they are looking like the big kids of the school. We are able to see so much change during the year and this time of year we can see it bloom. It is one of the treasured joys of our work here in the CECE.

This is also the time to honor and celebrate the growth of our oldest students who will be moving up to Kindergarten. Some of these students have been here since they were infants and others joined us later, they have all left us with amazing memories. We have all enjoyed watching them learn and grow! We wish them well in their new schools and look forward to seeing them in our halls as alumni!

Once the school year ends we look forward to Camp Chaverim! The sunshine calls us outside where we can explore the great outdoors. Warmer weather means plenty of water play and nature walks. Campers will enjoy delicious snacks straight from our garden and sports out on the grass. It is one of our favorite times of the year!



Sara Baum



## **Farewell to Cantor Green**



Jillian Peskin

#### Jillian Peskin, Director of Member & Youth Engagement

As many of you know, I grew up at Congregation Beth Or. My family joined when I was in second grade. I attended Religious School, was a student teacher and have had many roles here since then. I cherish the relationships I have made in my years at Beth Or.

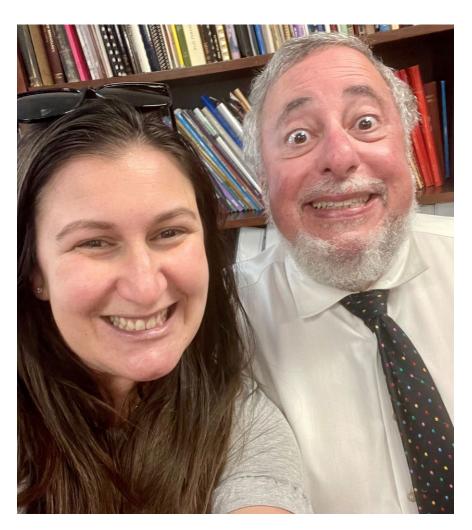
What you might not know is that I was not the most exemplary student to ever roam these halls. I was often in trouble for talking during class time or not practicing my Hebrew — in particular for my Bat Mitzvah.

Thanks to Cantor Green's hard work, I pulled it off and became a Bat Mitzvah — I can still even chant some of my Torah portion!

Since then, I have been blessed to work alongside Cantor Green as a teacher and staff member. I loved during weekday Hebrew School *Tefilah* services when he would do his special hand motions to *Shalom Rav* — all the kids would smile and sing along with him.

Like the rest of you, hearing him sing *Lechi Lach* brings tears to my eyes. My family was so blessed that he was able to sing it to Millie during her baby naming. I will miss his booming *Shema Koleinu* during the High Holy Days and his cheerful disposition every day. David Green is such a joy.

Even though he is retiring from the congregation — he will always be my Cantor and I can't wait to sing with him again soon.



## **Youth Happenings in Spring!**



Rachel Shapiro

#### Rachel Shapiro, Youth Engagement Advisor

What a wonderful year of youth events! Thank you to all students who participated in them. We had gaga, a magic show, s'mores, movies, field day, and more! I had a blast planning these youth events for my first year here at Beth Or and all of our awesome kids made it so enjoyable. I already have so many new ideas for next year and I can't wait to see you all back!

We also had an exciting YOBO year learning about comparative Judaism, Zionism, the Holocaust, and more. We had multiple guest speakers as well as participating in social action events such as Meals that Matter, bag packs, and a trip to Mitzvah Circle. I look forward to next year as we add new and exciting things to our YOBO curriculum!

Whether it is Camp Harlam, Pinemere or another Jewish summer camp, we hope to visit you all there. We hope you have a fun, safe and exciting summer of 2022!







## Lech L'Cha, My Dear Friend



Jaime Murley



#### Cantor Jaime Murley, Junior Choir Director

I want to take this Spotlight article to talk about someone very important to me... Cantor David Green, who for the past ten years has been my favorite duet partner, my mentor, and my friend. Just imagine going to work every day knowing that your closest colleague is going to be kind, respectful, helpful, interested in everything you have to say, knows the answers to all of your questions, and always has your back 100% of the time. That's what it's been like for me, coming to Beth Or these past ten years.

I can't help but remember the many times when either myself, my mom, or my children were sick and I couldn't get away. Without a thought Cantor Green was always compassionate and quick to cover for me while I dealt with whatever problems were facing me at home. We've laughed together, cried together, sang together, taught together, and learned together. People have asked countless times how many hours of practice it takes for us to polish our duets.... and they're always surprised with the answer, "once or twice," because Cantor Green and I are just in sync musically, and we often know what the other is going to do without a word.

For years I've been given a front row seat to hear Cantor Green's amazing booming voice at the High Holy Days. I can't even describe the feeling of awe I got whenever we sang

Avinu Malkeinu in front of the open ark. I got chills EVERY SINGLE TIME (do you know how many times we sing Avinu Malkeinu each High Holy Day season?!?! A lot!) and there were even times I got so overwhelmed at witnessing the raw emotion and kavanah that exuded from Cantor Green as he sang, that it was hard for me to maintain my part without getting choked up. I am fully aware and so incredibly grateful that I have been given the gift of working alongside a

treasure of a man, and truly one of the greatest cantors of all time. I have never taken that honor lightly. I am also grateful knowing that while our working relationship may be coming to an end, I have no doubt that my friendship with Cantor Green (and Lori Green, my favorite High Holy Day *bima* buddy) will continue to flourish for years to come.

My prayer for Cantor Green is the blessing he's offered to so many B'na Mitzvah students over the years and the words to a song I never got tired of hearing him sing... Lechi Lach! Go forth to a land that God will show you, and be a blessing, just as you've been to all of us at Congregation Beth Or, and especially to me, throughout the years. In retirement, go discover new and interesting aspects about yourself and the world. I know I speak for many when I say I can't wait to hear all about this next stage of your life and I KNOW that in this new adventure you will continue to be a blessing to everyone you touch. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your journey so far!!



## Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah Students

## **Brendan & Cameron Trice**

#### March 26

We helped lend a hand assembling "baby bundles" which is part of a community-based initiative at Einstein Medical Center Montgomery Campus in East Norriton. Baby Bundles help



Partnership program. This program is for first-time, low-income pregnant women. These families are partnered with a home visiting nurse who works with them from pregnancy until the child is two years old. This group of bundles will be used by a new member of the NFP team as she enrolls her caseload of patients. Each bundle contains diapers, wipes, hand sanitizer, a thermometer, pair of socks and information guide. For more information on this project, please contact Brandi Chawaga, Director of Community Wellness for Einstein Medical Center.

#### **Jillian Wexler**

#### May 21

Reading and having access to books is very important to me! While I have had the good fortune to have plenty of books and resources at home, there are so many kids that live in a "book desert." For my Mitzvah Project, I am collecting gently loved elementary-level books. These

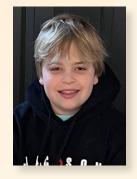


books will be distributed to Oak Ridge Elementary (Souderton) to enhance their library and Book Mobile that distributes books to kids for summer reading and Hatfield Elementary School's Book Drive (North Penn). In addition, I am raising funds through *Firstbook.org*, a non-profit that helps kids and educators gain access to adequate resources to combat educational inequality in the US. Monetary donations of support can be made at *support.firstbook.org/fundraiser/3758622*.

## **Avery Blatstein**

#### **May 21**

I am choosing to support **Pitch In For Baseball and Softball** for my Mitzvah Project because I play baseball and love the sport. I understand how expensive the equipment is and I want to give to those kids who are less fortunate.



Founded in 2005, Pitch In For Baseball & Softball believes that baseball and softball are effective tools for youth development. Not only do they give kids a chance to be a kid and play, but they also help to create healthy communities and teach valuable life lessons. PIFBS aims to reduce barriers that get in the way of kids participating and brings communities together by collecting and redistributing much-needed baseball/softball equipment to groups serving under-resourced children. Since 2005, PIFBS has helped nearly one million kids play ball in every state and 110 countries worldwide.

#### **Ben Green**

#### June 4

For my Mitzvah Project I asked for donations of toys to give to the kids at the **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia** who are not feeling well. I thought they would love to have lots of things to play with while they are healing. These donations will positively impact the kids and



families to support them and allow them to be kids while experiencing health issues. With your help I was able to donate a carload full of toys to CHOP. My family and I brought them to Philadelphia where they will be given to the kids or put in their play areas. CHOP is always looking for donations. You can check out the Amazon Wishlist: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/Is/34JXCNEQL54XK?ref\_=wl\_share

#### **Paige Dratch**

#### June 4

I have chosen to support a local charity, the **Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard** in Ambler, Pennsylvania. The Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard is a nonprofit organization that collects food, clothing and other supplies and donates them to those in need within our community. Each week,



the organization publishes a list of goods and supplies needed. Each week, the list can be viewed at: https://community-cupboard.org

I have been collecting cash contributions from people, purchasing the items appearing in the weekly "Wish List" and donating the items requested to Mattie Dixon. If anyone would like to help me to support Mattie Dixon, please donate directly to Mattie Dixon using the link above.

#### **Matthew Toyberman**

#### June 4

I wanted to find a cause close to my heart for my Mitzvah Project. My parents were both born in Ukraine, and I wanted to somehow help the people suffering there because of the war. **Tikva** is a Jewish children's home located in Odessa, Ukraine. They provide shelter and education



to children who may be experiencing homelessness or poverty, may be orphaned, and/or are abused. When the war began, Tikva was forced to evacuate, and they need our help. There are two ways to help:

- **1.** You can donate items from Tikva's wish list at *www.tikvaodessa.org*. We have placed a donation bin in the Beth Or lobby. Please be sure to send only new and unused items.
- **2.** You can also contribute financially by donating here: https://gofund.me/e9aa5a78

### Jake & Ryan Wiener

#### June 11

We helped raise close to \$1600 in money, food, and miscellaneous products for the **Voorhees Animal Orphanage**. The fundraiser spread over "double chai" days.

On March 13, we presented and brought in the results of our Mitzvah Project to the orphanage. They were beyond thankful. Everybody's generosity will go a long way with helping many of the orphaned animals. We also spent time with the animals during our visit.

VAO is a special place for our family because it's where we adopted our first dog, Molly. They help so many animals in need. VAO is a no harm shelter. If you choose to support VAO or adopt an animal please visit www.vaonj.org for more information.



#### **Dahlia Kaplan**

#### **June 18**

For my Mitzvah Project, I worked with **Mayan Hands**. They are a non-profit organization, with a mission to provide economic and education opportunities to Mayan women and girls, so they can build a sustainable future for themselves and the people surrounding them.



They sell many amazing things of all sorts, such as: accessories, baskets, felted wool, table linens, and gifts. They also have a great collection of Judaica, with beautiful colored crocheted kippot recycled denim kippot, tallit, mezuzahs that are handwoven, challah covers, a Shalom friendship bracelet, and so much more. They are all handmade with love. I sold them on April 24 at the Beth Or Spring Fling, and on May 1 at the Institute of Dance Artistry's annual choreography showcase where I performed. I am so excited to raise money for this incredible organization because I've always been interested in the Spanish culture and language and am happy to be working with a Guatemalan organization. Please head to their website mayanhands.org if you would like to donate or for any additional information.

## **Aaron Margolis** June 18

For my Mitzvah Project, I am raising money for **Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard**. Mattie Dixon is a non-profit food pantry that serves families in Montgomery County who are at or below the poverty line. This charity is meaningful to me because I can



help people in my community and school district. To raise money, I am putting on a Cello Concert. I play cello in the select strings for Wissahickon Middle School and take lessons at Ambler Music Academy. Friends and family can Zoom in to the cello concert and donate to Mattie Dixon. If you would like to donate please go to <a href="https://community-cupboard.org/">https://community-cupboard.org/</a>.



# SOCIAL Action,

## 18 Years Ago ...

In 2004, Bob Cohen, a member of the Social Action Committee, suggested that we create a byline, and we did: *Striving* — *Caring* — *Making a Difference* became our motto.

Those five words have guided us and continue to do so. We strive to achieve many actions. There is a long list of societal ills that we care about and endless ways to make a difference for those facing challenges.

As a member of Beth Or, we sincerely appreciate your support. Whether you're dropping off peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Operation Food Drop, gardening at the Corner of the Land, cooking with Meals That Matter, or donating to our High Holiday Food Drive, you directly assist people in putting food on the table.

When you contribute to our Disaster Relief Fund or knit blankets for hospital patients, you let the recipients know that we care about them. And by dropping off clothes, books, school supplies, toiletries, or household goods, you are fulfilling many basic needs of our neighbors.

Beth Or social action projects are ongoing and growing. Please let us know how you may want to get involved, and please give us a holler with any questions or ideas.

Social Action Co-chairs

Susy Krimker, susykrimker@gmail.com

Margie Chachkin, chachkin@aol.com















- a. Ukrainian Food Drive
- **b.** Afghan Refugee Home Goods Collection Drive
- c. YOBO at JRA
- d. Garden Prep March 2022
- e. RS 5th Grade PB&J Operation Bread Drop
- f. Ukrainian Collection Drive
- g. Meals that Matter

## Beth Or Brotherhood

## **Something Good Seems To Be Happening**

Doug Burtnick, Brotherhood President



Doug Burtnick



There's something strange going on. Some people say the world's still topsy-turvy, that the news is a never-ending barrage of negativity, that world leaders are failing in every way possible and that it looks like the Phillies should be fun to watch, but who knows how it'll turn out. Everything just seems so uncertain.

Yet it feels like we've learned to live with all the torment and gather and love our community again. I think that's a good thing.

MAYBE it's the spring air, the flowers, the longer days? However, I think it's just easier to deal with the things in the world we can't control because things at Beth Or feel much more normal now. Brotherhood hosted a beer garden at the annual Purim Service & Schpiel in March. The kids were great and the parents looked like they had been freed from the oppression of being stuck at home. What a wonderful feeling! The story of a defeated foe seemed to fit the mood, too, but I don't think that was the focal point.

Indeed, the focal point has become — how and where should we all get together? Brotherhood's got some answers for that...

In May, we'll host our Beer Garden again for CBO's *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* celebration on May 6. Later that month, a lot of us will attend the weekend festivities thanking Cantor Green for being such a wonderful part of our CBO family for the past 27 years. That Sunday, May 15, Brotherhood will serve ice cream to the religious school kids and celebrate the Festival on the Green at Beth Or.

In June, join Brotherhood at the Phillies game on June 14. We've got great seats and Bob Rosin can hook you up with tickets — \$25 for 1 or \$49 for 2!. Reach out to him at *rosinroberta@aol.com*. If you can't make that, Brotherhood's Start of Summer Barbecue takes place later that month on the Flitter Family Terrace.

Lastly — SAVE THE DATE — Brotherhood's Annual Dinner and Fundraiser will be Saturday, December 3, 2022 at CBO so everyone has a chance to attend. Keep your eyes open for more details.

## KOSHER WINE SALES

Now you can purchase kosher wine all year long and benefit Beth Or! Use the Beth Or affiliate link on *kosherwine.com: http://bit.ly/BethOrBrotherhood* or click the KosherWine 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

## A Personal Inventory Filled by Gratitude

Melisa Lubinski, Sisterhood President

As daylight hours grow, warmer temperatures prevail and the promise of a summer recharge is close, I like to self-reflect. I feel fortunate to be part of Beth Or's vibrant and caring community. I am grateful for our passionate Clergy, dedicated Executive Director and dynamic Leadership Team and Board, all of whom navigated the stormy waters of this past year to maintain the health and wellness of our congregational community. I firmly believe hidden deep in challenges and obstacles are opportunities to tap into the energy of our souls. Gratitude is a root principal in Jewish tradition. Abraham Joshua Heschel stated, "Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is Holy." We all know that actions count. Despite what we have faced, we must continue celebrating our blessings in order to strengthen and reinforce our mental wellness and health. I encourage everyone to smile a little more often and say "Thank You" a little more habitually.

I am honored by the trust placed in me by as I stepped into the role of Sisterhood President this past fall. With eager determination, our Executive Board and I attempted programming around psychological comfort and encouraged creative outlets through either zoom or socially distanced activities. We wanted women to know they were not alone and tried to maintain connections in some small way. During February's Women's Wellness Event, I was inspired by the women of our Sisterhood. They were diverse in thought, passionate, energetic and genuinely good hearted, desiring to make a difference. I witnessed and cherished the reconnecting amongst our women and the



Melisa Lubinski



enthusiasm that surfaced throughout that day. Recently, Sisterhood celebrated our members with a Thank You to Our Membership Event. We shared our *Tikkum Olam* activities, thanked our volunteers and showed appreciation for our Board and Committee contributions. Over 30 women attended in-person to learn about tea, brewing techniques, and pairings — offering a hint back to normalcy.

I firmly believe we should adopt a daily gratitude practice and role model thankfulness with our children. An act of gratitude can turn an average day into something special or routine activity into something more valued and joyful. I look forward to working over the summer with our Sisterhood Board and committees to plan welcoming activities that encourage connection amongst all women at Congregation Beth Or this fall.

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#### **Hours:**

For a personal appointment, contact Bobbi Adair, *Bobbifadair@gmail.com*. **Summer Hours by Appointment Only.** 

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#### BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD

#### **OBOJC Book Discussion: People Love Dead Jews** Wednesday, May 4 • 7:30 pm

The fourth and final book selection in the Beth Or Book Lovers 2021-22 series in the

One book One Jewish Community (OBOJC) selection for 2021-22. In People Love Dead Jews, Dara Horn strays from



her wonderful works of fiction to a book of essays highlighting modern antisemitism. Aaron Nielsenshultz will lead the OBOJC discussion which will take place at Beth Or. There will also be a Zoom option for those who prefer to participate remotely. This review is sponsored by Sisterhood. Please RSVP to Dottie Singer, ds1403@hotmail.com.

#### **Ecumenical Luncheon**

#### Tuesday, June 7 • 12 pm

This event will take place in-person at Beth Or. Rabbi Marx will speak about "Facing the Future without Fear: Jewish/Religious Tools for Confronting Dispair, Anger & Fear." Invitations with more details and RSVP to come soon.

#### Game Day: Mah Jongg, Rummikub & Scrabble Sunday, June 12 • 1 pm - 3 pm

Join Sisterhood for a fun afternoon of game play at Beth Or! All player levels are welcome. There is no cost to participate. Complimentary refreshments will be available. Enter to win raffle prizes, too! (Tickets 1 for \$2; 3 for \$5; 7 for \$10 – cash only.) Game sets provided and cards may be requested when you RSVP. RSVP to Ellen Mirbach, semirbach@gmail.com by 6/10. Please indicate: (1) If you are a player/student of Mah Jongg, (2) if you need a Mah Jongg card, (3) your game choice of Maj Jongg, Rummicub or Scrabble, and (4) if you are reserving a table of 4 players. Questions? Contact Melisa Lubinski, mbmjmom@comcast.net.



#### **Phillies Game**

#### Tuesday, June 14 • 7 pm

Join Brotherhood at Citizens Bank Ballpark for the Phillies vs. Marlins game. Tickets: \$25/person or 2 for \$49. Contact Bob Rosin, rosinroberta@aol.com to purchase tickets.



#### **GET CONNECTED: Beth Or Business & Career Network**

Beth Or's business & career group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month to network, brainstorm, and build meaningful relationships that may help grow our businesses or help us find our next career or job. All Beth Or members are welcome to join us every month or just pop in when a topic intrigues you. Contact Evan Segal, evan@segalfinancial.com with any questions or topic ideas.

#### **Networking Events**

#### Mondays, May 9 & June 13 • 7pm - 8pm

Check your weekly emails for each month's topic and featured quest!

#### LIFELONG LEARNING

#### **Tikkun Leil Shavuot**

#### Saturday, June 4 • 7 pm

Come to Beth Or on the holiday or Shavuot to join Rabbi Marx and Rabbi Bonder along with Beth Rabinowitz and Toby Sterling for a night of studying the book of Ruth. Our theme is "Ruth: A Woman's Story in a Man's World." Dairy dessert will be served.

#### **HOLIDAYS & SHABBAT EVENTS**

#### Yom Ha'Atzmaut — Yossi Lein Halevi Podcast Discussion

#### Tuesday, May 3 • 7 pm

The perception of Israel has changed significantly in her nearly 74 years. A young nation once seen as David, is now often portrayed as Goliath. What is your perception of Israel? We encourage you to engage with Israel in some way as we prepare to celebrate her 74th birthday. Visit the web calendar listing or your weekly Chai Lights email to download the thought provoking podcast — a conversation on Zionism between Andrew Sullivan and Yossi Klein Halevi — to listen to in advance. Then, join Rabbi Marx, Rabbi Bonder and Aaron Nielsenshultz for a discussion as we celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day!

#### Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

#### Friday, May 6 • 5 pm - 6:30 pm

Join us for this familyfriendly celebration for Israel's birthday! Enjoy Israeli food, Israeli music from DJ Rak-Dan, fun Israeli crafts with Sisterhood. Brotherhood's Beer Garden and more. This event takes place outdoors, but will move into the Social Hall if the weather doesn't



cooperate. RSVP for dinner no later than May 1. Family Shabbat worship to follow.

#### Pirates & Princesses — Young Family Pre-Shabbat Party followed by Camp Family Shabbat

Friday, June 3 • 5:15 pm (program), 6:30 pm (worship service)

Attention all young pirates & princesses! Dress as your favorite character and join us for a magical time! Come for a photo opportunity and say hello to some of your favorite characters. All young families are invited to an evening of strolling costume characters, moon bounces and snacks for our littles! This event will take place outdoors, but move into the social hall in the case of rain. No RSVP required. After the event, join us for a special Family Shabbat service where the clergy will say a blessing over our campers, we'll sing camp-style songs and enjoy a special ice cream dessert Oneg sponsored by Camp Harlam.



#### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Spring Fundraiser honoring Cantor David Green** Friday - Sunday, May 13 - 15

#### **Ultimate Music Shabbat**

Friday, May 13 • 7:30 pm

Join us in the Gitlin Sanctuary as we kick-off our celebratory weekend honoring Cantor David Green's legacy with a variety of **special musical quests**. This service is also available to watch remotely on the Beth Or Livestream or Facebook Live.

Open to all. No RSVP necessary.

#### Celebrate Green Times!

#### Saturday, May 14 • 6 pm - 10 pm

Let the good times rock & roll! Tonight we honor Cantor & Lori Green with an evening of fun, food, drinks, music & dancing.

This is ticketed event is sold out. Contact Jillian Peskin to see if you can be added to the wait list.

#### **Family Festival on the Green**

Sunday, May 15 • 10:30 am - 12 pm

All Beth Or families are invited to celebrate the last day of Religious School and Cantor Green with a fun morning featuring food trucks, carnival games and more! This event take place outdoors and is open to all. No RSVP necessary.

#### Israel Baseball/Softball Clinic

Sunday, May 22 • 1:30 pm - 3 pm

All Beth Or children ages 3 – 15 are invited to come to Mondauk Commons Park, Fields 4 & 5 in Dresher for hands-on instruction from Israel Olympic coaches Eric Holtz and Nate Fish along with Rabbi Bonder and Jewish collegiate and high school players.



BYO equipment. Snacks will be provided. This event is rain or shine. RSVP: bethor.org/form/sportsclinic.html.

#### **Jewish Cemetery Clean Up** Sunday, June 26 • 1 pm – 3 pm

The Buxmont Kehillah has organized a series of volunteer opportunities to repair some of our most historic local Jewish cemeteries. This month's cemetery is Har Nebo, 6061 Oxford Ave., Philadelphia. Volunteer tasks will include raking, picking up trash and clipping overgrown vines. The cleanup will end with a memorial service to honor all of those buried at the cemetery. Pre-registration with the Kehillah is required for this event. Visit the web calendar listing or your weekly Chai Lights email for the registration link.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES**

The Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday. May 11 at 7 pm at Beth Or to vote on the 2022-23 fiscal year budget which includes a 0% increase in membership dues, budgeted receipts of \$4,883,699 and budgeted expenses of \$4,883,698. In accordance with Article III, Section 4(b) of the Constitution and By-Laws of Congregation Beth Or, all congregants have the right to attend and speak at this Board meeting and to participate in the voting along with the Board of Trustees. The Constitution requires notice to the **Congregation of our Annual Meeting**, which is set for Wednesday, June 8 at 7 pm at Beth Or. All

Congregants are invited to attend.



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## **Flower Donations**

#### **May Donations**

May 6 • Drew & Donna Desjardins in honor of Skye Desjardins' Bat Mitzvah

May 13 • Russell and Sarah Rochestie in honor of Reid Rochestie's Bar Mitzvah

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#### **Oneg Donation**

May 27 • Jack & Linda Rosenfeld and Bill & Gail Combs in honor of the marriage of their children, Rachel Rosenfeld & David Combs

#### **June Donations**

**June 3** • Jeffrey & Samantha Green in honor of Benjamin Green's Bar Mitzvah David and Elizabeth Dratch in honor of Paige Dratch's Bat Mitzvah Yakov & Irina Toyberman in honor of Matthew Toyberman's Bar Mitzvah

June 10 • Ross & Kristen Pollack in honor of Cole Pollack's Bar Mitzvah
Jason & Heather Wiener in honor of Jake & Ryan Wiener's B'nai Mitzvah

June 17 • Andrew and Susan Kaplan in honor of Dahlia Kaplan's Bat Mitzvah
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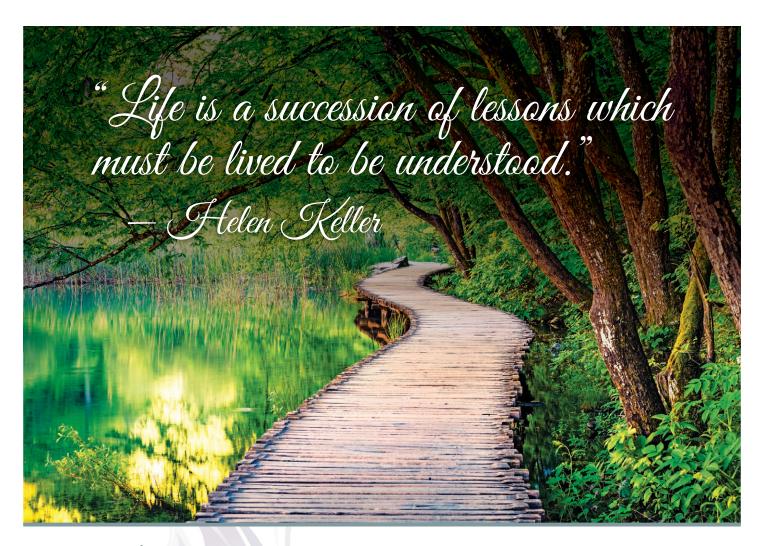
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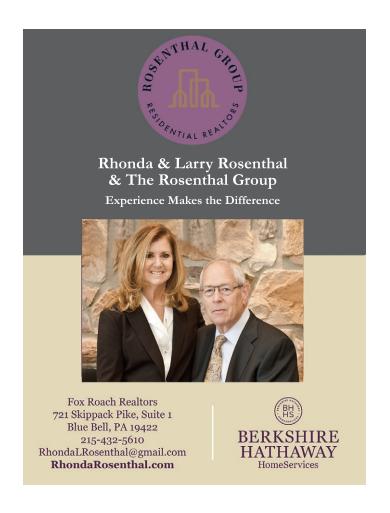


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