



BETH OR Spotlight

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*Congregation Beth Or
21 years with
Cantor Green*

January Worship Schedule

Friday, January 6 – Shabbat Vayigash

6:00 pm – Pre-Neg

6:30 pm – Family Shabbat Worship in
the Gitlin Sanctuary

6:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in
the Haines Memorial Chapel

Saturday, January 7

11:00 am – Shabbat Worship in the
Haines Memorial Chapel

Friday, January 13 – Shabbat Vayehi

6:00 pm – Pre-Neg

6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship in the
Gitlin Sanctuary

Saturday, January 14

9:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat
Mitzvah of Raya Gilman, daughter of
Jill Gilman and David Gilman

11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat
Mitzvah of Alexa Marks, daughter of
Kim Marks and Aaron Marks

Friday, January 20 – Shabbat Shemot

6:00 pm – Pre-Neg

6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship Honoring
Brotherhood in the Gitlin Sanctuary

7:45 pm – Shabbat Dinner Honoring
Brotherhood Man of the Year

Saturday, January 21

11:00 am – Shabbat Worship in the
Haines Memorial Chapel

Friday, January 27 – Shabbat Va'era

6:00 pm – Pre-Neg

6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship with
speaker, Jo Ivester, author of
“The Outskirts of Hope”

Saturday, January 28

11:00 am – Shabbat Worship in the
Haines Memorial Chapel

February Worship Schedule

Friday, February 3 – Shabbat Bo

6:00 pm – Pre-Neg

6:30 pm – K, 1st & 2nd grade
Family Shabbat Worship in the
Gitlin Sanctuary

6:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in
the Haines Memorial Chapel

Saturday, February 4

9:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat
Mitzvah of Lucy Polsky, daughter of
Stacey Polsky and Scott Polsky

11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with
Bat Mitzvah of Delaney Benjamin,
daughter of Jay and Amy Benjamin

Friday, February 10 – Shabbat Shira/Beshalah

6:00 pm – Pre-Neg

6:30 pm – Music Shabbat Worship with
the Adult Choir

Saturday, February 11

9:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Bar
Mitzvah of Jacob Kafrissen, son of
Sam and Binnie Kafrissen

11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with B'nai
Mitzvah of Lauren Howie, daughter
of Patrick and Samantha Howie and
Joshua Nydick, son of Mindy Adis and
Corey Nydick

Friday, February 17 – Shabbat Yitro

6:00 pm – Pre-Neg

6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, February 18

11:00 am – Shabbat Worship in the
Haines Memorial Chapel

Friday, February 24 – Shabbat Mishpatim/Shekalim

6:00 pm – Pre-Neg

6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, February 25

11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Torban, son of
Eric and Jennifer Torban

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January/February Candle Lighting Times

Friday, Jan. 6 • 4:33 pm

Friday, Jan. 13 • 4:40 pm

Friday, Jan. 20 • 4:48 pm

Friday, Jan. 27 • 4:56 pm

Friday, Feb. 3 • 5:05 pm

Friday, Feb. 10 • 5:13 pm

Friday, Feb. 17 • 5:21 pm

Friday, Feb. 24 • 5:29 pm





Rabbi Gregory S. Marx

A Prayer For Tolerance

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

Did you know that we have a prayer for our government in the *siddur*, prayer book? Many synagogues recite this prayer every Shabbat. It is recited not because it's the nice thing to do, or the patriotic thing to do... it is recited because it is the Jewish thing to do. In "Pirke Avot" we read: "Rabbi Chanina, the assistant high priest said: pray for the welfare of the government since without the fear of it, men would swallow one another alive." The Talmud tells us that Rabbi Chanina was a Kohain or priest in waiting to be the Kohain Gadol, or High Priest. According to the Talmud, he deserved that office by virtue of his piety and seniority. History reveals, however, that he never made it. The Roman government was the ruling power and they accepted bribes. Consequently,

they appointed who they wanted to be the high priest, and Chanina was deprived of his right to be the Kohain Gadol. Yet the same Rabbi Chanina tells us to pray for the "welfare of the government." The

Jewish thing to do is stand behind our duly elected leaders.

As we approach the swearing in of a new administration and Congress, may we, as Jews, pray for our government, giving our leaders the support that they will need to move our nation in the direction of peace and reconciliation. This is indeed a partnership between the governing and the governed. May we hold them accountable to the highest standards of our nation. And as Jews, may we be true to our "better angels" and hold fast to our Jewish values. We must never abandon our commitment to social justice. We must never forget to labor for the welfare of the most vulnerable, the excluded, those who live on the edges of society. We must stand up for what the Torah tells us to be right. Silence in the face of injustice leads to greater inequality.

The Talmud states that those who are tolerant of the intolerant will in the end become intolerant. So many have commented to me about the resurgence of institutional and personal Racism, Islamophobia, Homophobia and anti-Semitism in our country. The ADL has reported unprecedented levels of hate being displayed in so many corners of our community, from school yards to neighborhoods. This seeming acceptability of prejudice seen in so many corners of our country should be of concern for all good people. Our voices need to be heard. We can and must demand respect for the diversity that has made our country great. May we never grow "tolerant" of intolerant/offensive language.

I pray that our leaders accept the mantle of authority with dignity, grace, humility and noble vision. As we pray for the welfare of our nation and its leaders, may we exalt the values of our sacred democracy, holding fast to the upright principles of diversity that have made us truly great.

From the Rabbi's Desk

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The Jewish value of *Matanot L'evyonim* and Purim

Ira Secouler, Beth Or President

What do Esther, the Megillah, a grogger, and hamantaschen have in common? Of course, it's the Jewish festival of **PURIM**.

In the book of Esther, we read that Purim is a time for "feasting and merrymaking" as well as for "sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor (Esther 9:22)". At Congregation Beth Or, we celebrate with our Purim shpiel, eat hamantaschen, rattle our groggers, and of course read the Megillah. It's a fun packed evening of adults, children, parents, and grandparents making Jewish memories and celebrating. Please join us for the festivities- look for the times and dates in your Beth Or calendar.



Ira Secouler

President's Corner

However, in addition to all the fun, we are commanded to give "matanot l'evyonim", gifts to the poor. It is our responsibility to ensure that the people with the least in our community are cared for. One of the congregation's core values is Tikkun Olam. As a Jewish community, we are responsible for repair of the world! We do believe in fulfilling our biblical mandate: to care for widows, orphans, and strangers by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and housing the homeless.

Last year we undertook a new innovative program, a congregational food drive. We received enough food to fill a small van. This year our goal is to fill a truck! We will collect non-perishable food items throughout the month of February and March, leading up to a collection date of Sunday March 12. This effort will enable us to help those in our community through the Ambler Community Cupboard. All aspects of the congregation will be involved, the Center for Early Childhood Education (CECE), the religious school, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, and the congregation in general. We are striving to build community, engage our congregants with each other, and most importantly feed the hungry.

Many of our congregants work on various food projects continually throughout the year. With the help and hard work of these caring congregants, we accomplish many tasks including pack and deliver food with JRA, cook meals and soups for agencies caring for our Jewish population throughout the greater Philadelphia area, pack and deliver food bags for Manna on Main Street, and feed the homeless during their stay in our shul in the month of February. We thank our members who work on these projects for their commitment of emotion, energy, finances, and time.

But, now it is time for all of us in the congregation to join the effort. The goal of a massive Congregational Food Drive, requires all of us, adults, youth and children, to combine our energy as a holy community to feed the hungry.

So, help us complete one of the mitzvot of Purim; help us feed the hungry. Your children will be bringing home a collection bag and instructions from religious school and preschool. If you do not have children in these programs, you may pick up collection bags and instructions in the lobby at Beth Or. **Food can be dropped off throughout the months of February and March up to Sunday March 12.**

On Sunday, March 12 we will have a giant sort and pack effort lead by our Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Please come join them, as they work to complete this task. Your involvement and commitment to this Congregational Food Drive will express, first hand, our congregation's commitment to Jewish values. We will show the community and ourselves that we truly are Congregation Beth Or, the "House of Light".



Rabbi David Gerber

Finding Faith in Friends

Rabbi David Gerber, Associate Rabbi

As the Jewish people were making their escape from Egypt in the Book of Exodus, they faced an uncertain future. Aside from the fact that they were about to embark upon the establishment of a nation, they were in immediate danger from the Egyptian army, which was in close pursuit. Even for the Jews, who had just witnessed God's power in the ten plagues, their faith was shaken.

Just prior to the parting of the Red Sea, the Torah teaches us:

They believed in God and in Moses His servant (14:31)

The *Mechilta*, a rabbinic commentary on the Book of Exodus, tells us that Jews had faith in Moses and by extension, had faith in God.

We know from reading about the Jewish experience wandering in the desert that we had difficulty connecting with God. We, at times, became frustrated at Moses' unique ability to speak to God directly.

We questioned God's promises to us as we became hungry and thirsty in the desert. God even goes as far as calling us a stiff-necked people.

The message in our struggles is that having faith in God is not easy. Even for the Jews wandering in the desert who witnessed God's miracles, it was difficult to maintain a relationship with God. Moses, who knew God better than anyone in history questioned God at times.

It is because of the complicated relationship between God and us that we have the verse from *Mechilta*. The rabbis are teaching us that when we face challenges in our lives such as the impending attack by the Egyptian army, we should not immediately turn to God for faith. We should turn to each other.

We are, after all, created in the image of God. Each one of us contains a piece of the Divine Spark. When our faith is tested, we should turn to something tangible. We should see the Divine in our friends and families.

The late, great Mr. Rogers was quoted as saying, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

This is perhaps the essence of the *Mechilta* verse. In times of difficulty, look for God's presence in those who are helping. In moments of joy, look for God in those who made the moment possible. The beginning of any journey to faith should begin with those around us.

From the Rabbi's Desk

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Important School Dates

Sunday, January 01

No School Winter Break

Monday, January 02

No School Winter Break

Tuesday, January 03

No School Winter Break

Sunday, January 15

No School

Monday, January 16

No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 17

No School

Sunday, January 22

1st Grade Family Ed
(Early Session Only)

Sunday, January 29

3rd grade Abramson trip
(Ms. Pincus Only)

Friday, February 03

K, 1st, 2nd Grade Family Shabbat

Sunday, February 05

3rd grade Abramson trip
(Ms. Pincus Only)

Sunday, February 12

3rd Grade Family Ed

Sunday, February 19

No School

Monday, February 20

No School Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 21

No School

Religious School NEWS

Aaron Nielsenshultz, Director of Religious School

In January of 1994, I was working as a Reading Specialist and Teaching Assistant in an elementary school in San Diego. My supervising teacher came to me one day to ask how a particular student in one of my large groups was doing. "Great," I said enthusiastically. "She's always smiling and participating with the group in activities."

"Do you have any examples of her work?" my supervisor asked, to which I had to admit I didn't. It turned out that this student was one of many students who was a pleasant presence in the classroom but who struggled academically, and the school was trying to figure out what was going on and how we could help. This school was a small, suburban school, and at that point in the 90s, we didn't have the knowledge to help this student. After several more years, I found out that this student had difficulty understanding spoken instructions — something that we now call auditory processing.

Students who experience a difficulty such as this do not present with any outward signs: in the classroom, there was no way for me to know what was happening. As I noted to my supervisor, the student was always cheerful and was always in the middle of things; really what that meant, though, was that she usually picked up from other classroom clues what she was supposed to be doing rather than getting it from my instructions. These days, we are better at understanding the different learning styles with which our students enter the classroom. While we have much to do to help, thank God, we have better resources to support students.

I bring this up because February is Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month, and it is a perfect time to explore just what that means. Rabbi Yehoshua ben Perachyah says, "Judge everyone favorably" (Pirkei Avot 1:6), so looking to be aware of and to include others is very much a Jewish value. What does it mean in practice? On a very basic level, we all know that people around us struggle with things we have no idea about, or they approach the world in a way entirely different from our own. These differences can lead to discomfort and misunderstanding, and Rabbi Yehoshua's words invite us to rise to the challenge of the differences around us.

We certainly work to practice Rabbi Yehoshua's words in our school, and I would invite you to use February as a time to see how you can best accommodate the people around you. With a little patience and a little practice, we can create a community that is truly open to all!



Aaron Nielsenshultz

2017-18 CECE School Registration is Open

Dale Laing, Early Childhood Director

If you would like to tour our incredible Early Childhood Program, please call our school office (215) 646-8869 or email dlaing@bethor.org to schedule your personalized tour.

Top 5 Reasons To Choose Us:

- Experienced, Warm, Loving and Qualified Teachers
- Keystone STAR 3 Quality Assurance Program
- Full Day and Part Day Program Options
- Incredible School Community
- Strong Readiness Program including Secular and Judaic Studies



Dale Laing

VOLUNTEER *Spotlight*

Allison Levin

Family. Friendships. Faith. To me, Beth Or is a second home. Beth Or is a place where my family connects to our Judaism in many ways- culturally, spiritually and socially. My husband and I strive for our children to live a Jewish life and to feel a connection to their religion and culture that mean so much to us.

Samantha, age 8, and Joshua, age 6, have grown up going to Beth Or, day in and day out. Both of my children started in the preschool from the young age of 6 months. Both kids love going to synagogue, Bofty events, Junior Choir services, even Sunday school, and a variety of other fabulous and meaningful opportunities. They don't know a life without the strong presence of Beth Or. My husband Jay and I prioritize their Jewish relationships and experiences, and this has allowed Samantha and Joshua to have such a love for Beth Or.

I've been volunteering at Beth Or since my kids were babies. Sometimes I joke that I work there — that even though I have a full time job as a high school fine arts teacher at Central Bucks High School West, my second career is working at Beth Or. In reality, I've found the most amazing friendships and connections in this beautiful synagogue.

My Beth Or volunteering began in 2008 in the preschool as a room mom. This was a role I held every year while my children attended preschool. I have served on countless committees planning Mom Nights Out, helping with Bingo, chairing the Sushi, Sake, Sukkah event, and a variety of other enjoyable and meaningful activities. I've helped teach Rosh Hodesh classes, planned and chaperoned youth events, helped plan the Purim Carnival, Spaghetti Dinner and many more. I joined the Board of Trustees last year, and I currently am the Youth Chair where I help with



youth events and fundraisers related to Bofty. I had the honor and pleasure to be a presenter at the URJ Biennial last fall which was such a wonderful experience! I plan to continue my dedication and commitment to the Beth Or community and spread my passion to others.

I am forever thankful for my Beth Or family. The friendships and connections we have made are incredibly special. The bond my family feels toward Beth Or and the foundation we have set for our children to live a Jewish life continues to be our ultimate reward.

Discover What Makes You Glow



Jaime Murley

Cantor Jaime Murley, Junior Choir Director

This year's theme song for the religious school is "What Makes You Glow", by Jakob Spike Kraus. Chances are you've heard the choir sing it during a family service, or your youngster has been singing it around the house. The idea behind it comes from Pirkei Avot 4:3, "For there is no man who has not his hour, and no thing that has not its place." In other words, each of us has something very special to offer the world. I see it every time I'm around the children at Beth Or, whether it be in their smiles, their enthusiasm, or the love they are developing for Judaism. As for

me, song leading has brought so much joy into my life and is definitely one of the contributing factors as to "what makes Cantor Murley glow."

I've noticed that some of our students might also have the spark of song leading living deep within them. For this reason, I have started teaching a song leading club for 7th graders and up (adults are welcome too!). Here, I hope to unleash someone's ability to bring excitement to others through Jewish music. We will work on Jewish music repertoire, meanings of prayers, Hebrew translation, basic guitar technique, and hand drumming patterns. Participants will get the opportunity to lead songs in front of other classmates, until they find the courage to stand up in front of a large group and lead/teach a song on their own. My hope is that students will discover "what makes them glow," so that others can be inspired by their light.

If you are interested in learning more about the song leading club, or if you're interested in joining the Junior Choir (it's never too late!!) please contact Cantor Murley at jmurley@bethor.org.

Junior Choir January/February Calendar

Friday, January 6

Family Service, 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 8

Laser Tag, 2 pm

Friday, February 3

Family Service, 6:30 pm

Junior Choir members: Please arrive at 5:45 for rehearsal before all services begin.

Beth Or

Junior Choir



When I say NFTY, You say PAR!

Jillian Glick, Director of Member & Youth Engagement

Youth Events are more than just fun and games.

For those of you who don't know what NFTY is, I am here to tell you about it — more specifically about PAR — our local chapter. NFTY is the Reform Movement's National Youth Program — National Federation of Temple Youth and we are a part of PAR, the Pennsylvania Area Region. NFTY PAR has 6 events per year, most of which are held at Camp Harlam. Our kids enjoy connecting with other Jewish Teens, participating in camp style activities and planning and implementing meaningful programming.

This past November was Fall Kallah, PAR's annual fall event. This event featured programming around one of NFTY's Social Action Platform — Gun Violence Prevention. Liam Nielsenshultz, NFTY PAR's Religious and Cultural VP and a member of BOFTY, asked me to speak during their program.

You may not know, 8 years ago this February, my family was struck with tragedy when my step father was shot walking in to work. I recently began to share my story at events with Ceasefire PA and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. When the teens asked me to share this, I wasn't sure this was a group that I wanted to tell my story to — but I agreed.

Their responses were magical. They wanted to know what they could do to help prevent gun violence locally and across our country. They talked about lobbying their state and local representatives, having programs in their schools to spread awareness and joining the campaigns with NFTY and with the Religious Action Center.

How could these kids who were throwing pies in each other's faces just a few hours before transform into future leaders in our community? I was and continue to be inspired by the work they do in their NFTY community as well as what they bring back to their respective congregations. NFTY has many social action platforms — gun violence prevention, inclusion, bullying, Israel, gender equality, the environment and more. There is truly something for everyone who wants to get involved and take a stand for something bigger than themselves.

Encourage your teens to get involved in a youth program. NFTY has a few upcoming events — WINSTY, NFTY Convention and Spring Kallah. Please reach out to me at jglick@bethor.org or 215-646-5806, ext. 234 for more information about how you can get your child involved. You can also find more information at www.nfty.org/par.



Jillian Glick

NFTY Events

January 13-15 – NFTY PAR WINSTY (Social Action Retreat at KI in Elkins Park)

February 18-19, President's Day Weekend – NFTY Convention in Chicago

April 7-9 – NFTY PAR Spring Kallah at Camp Harlam

NFTY

February is Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month

Beth Or is proud to provide a welcoming, nurturing environment where all of our members are able to worship, build community and participate throughout the year and throughout their lives. Our commitment to inclusion is woven into our programming and operations in many ways such as our Celebrations Shabbat program, large print prayer books, listening devices and web-streaming of High Holy Days services.



This February, during Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (#JDAIM), we will highlight our commitment in a variety of ways during worship services, at the Religious School and CECE, and other programming. Look for details soon!

Celebrations Shabbat Worship at Beth Or

Celebrations is a program providing opportunities for families to experience Shabbat together and for children who have special needs to have a Jewish educational experience designed for their learning styles. The program includes a brief worship service, followed by kiddish and family activities based around a Jewish Holiday or theme.

"Celebrations has had an amazing impact on my family. It's a way for us to introduce our faith and our community to our disabled daughter in a way that will be meaningful to her. It gives us great joy to see her interacting with her sister and her friends while we are there. She knows we will sing and play musical instruments. She cannot speak with her mouth (just a few words here and there), but using her talker she has told me that at Celebrations we "Make G-d". And, just last week, on our way home, she was trying to sing Bim Bam. Thank you Beth Or for this wonderful program."

— Rita Rubins, Congregant

"Celebrations has become a wonderful part of our lives. It's a place where children with disabilities aren't judged, they are celebrated. Families come together and share all of the ups and downs and stresses in our lives. It's a safe place with people who understand and support each other. We are a multi-generational group who would love to welcome other families."

— Carolyn Eisner, Congregant

If you know someone who may benefit from this program or would like more information about how your family can participate in Celebrations, please contact Faye Benshetler at Febx@comcast.net or 215-542-9121.





Thank YOU!

The Beth Or Social Action Committee's motto is: Striving — Caring — Making a Difference. These words were vividly displayed on Mitzvah Day, November 6, 2016. Congregants spanning every generation chipped in to help during our annual day of Tikkun Olam.

Your donations to 'Mitzvah Day Collection Central' benefited the following organizations: CHOP, Yad Leah, Our Closet, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Norristown elementary schools, and KleinLife. You helped raise more than \$1000 for cancer research (Alex's Lemonade Stand and Fox Chase Cancer Research Post-Docs), and \$1400 for cystic fibrosis research by participating in our first Zumba-Thon led by Lauren Gerber. You also donated blood to the Red Cross, prepared first-aid kits for the elderly, cleared the Corner of the Land, prepared 160 dinners and 144 breakfast bags for the homebound, helped winterize homes of seniors living in the Northeast, assisted with a Wissahickon clean-up project, and sorted clothing at the Mitzvah Circle warehouse. Mitzvah Day was also a day of learning... about therapy dog training, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, volunteering for Israel, the Bone Marrow Registry, and the "how to's" of adopting a rescue dog.

Special thanks to Mitzvah Day Committee members: Riss Bencan, Faye Benshetler, Judy Bernstein, Carole Chasen, Marlene and Bob Cohen, Shari Coltoff, Mitch Diamond, Bruce Dorsey, Fred Dugan, Lynn Edelman, Nancy End, Val and Mike Franklin, Abby Gilbert-Freedman, Caren Gutman, Dawn Hogan, Beth Johl, Theresa Knee, Lynn Levy, Jody Pascal, Dr. Marc Rabinowitz, Nora Saragovi, Debbie and Marv Schwartz, Susan Silverstein, Liz Stone, and Bill Wanger.

TODAH RABAH!

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

Please contact Social Action Chair Susy Krimker (susykrimker@yahoo.com) or Vice-Chair Margie Chachkin (chachkin@aol.com) if you have an interest in social action at Beth Or. New ideas are always welcome!

We Honor Cantor Green for his significant



“And You Shall Be A Blessing”

Join us as we Honor Cantor Green

Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25, 2017

“L’chi Lach, to a land that I will show you

Lech l’cha, to a place you do not know

L’chi lach, on your journey I will bless you’

And you shall be a blessing, l’chi lach”

Genesis chapter 12 teaches us that God tells Abraham to go on his journey and he will be blessed. Our community is blessed that Cantor David Green’s journey led him to Beth Or. For 21 years he has enriched us with his warm heart, magnificent voice and deep knowledge of Judaism.

Cantor Green has played a significant role in our congregation’s history.

Over 1,000 of our children have become B’nai Mitzvah under his tutelage. His thoughtfulness and teaching has brought out the best in our children. Not only does he prepare our children for Jewish adulthood, he also guides their families during this special time along their Jewish journey.

Cantor Green leads adult education programs. As an educator, guide and facilitator, he has helped many of us understand our individual Jewish journey and our connection to Judaism.

Cantor Green has performed countless congregational pastoral duties. Cantor makes shiva calls, participates in funeral services, visits and phones our congregants who are in the hospital, or in distress. He facilitates a community bereavement group and a caregiver group. His guidance and support have been critical to many of our families during challenging times in their lives. His caring concern is genuine and heartfelt.

And, if that were not enough, his beautiful and powerful voice fills our souls with emotions ranging from joy to sorrow, and helps us realize we are in the right place for prayer and reflection. For him it is not a career, it is a calling, a sacred task.

Join us on March 24 and 25 as Congregation Beth Or honors Cantor David Green for his 21 years of outstanding service. Bring your friends and family on Friday night, March 24 for a special Shabbat Shira honoring Cantor Green with prayer, music and song. This service will be followed by a Community Shabbat Reception. The festivities continue on Saturday evening, March 25, with a Motown themed cocktail and dance party.

We encourage you to share your blessings for Cantor Green through the purchase of a commemorative ad in our tribute book. Visit our website for details about this special tribute weekend.

As we recall our collective and individual journeys with Cantor Green, let’s think about his beautiful rendition of the song that he alone has embedded into our hearts and souls each week. L’chi Lach — on our journey, he has blessed us, and now, let us celebrate our blessing, Cantor David Green.

role in our congregation's history

KEEPSAKE TRIBUTE BOOK INFORMATION

We are preparing a special commemorative book to mark this special occasion. We invite you to show your appreciation for Cantor Green by placing a tribute ad with a special personal memory, a note of congratulations or an ad for your business!

Options:

Back Cover Ad.....\$1000 **Sold**
Inside Front Cover Ad\$750 (5.25 x 8.25)
Inside Back Cover Ad.....\$750 **Sold**
Center Page Spread\$700 (10.75 x 8.25)
Full Page\$360 (5.25 x 8.25)
Half Page\$180 (5.25 x 4.125 horizontal)
Quarter Page\$72 (2.5 x 4.125 vertical)

Reserve your ad space on-line at <https://bethor.org/cantor-greens-tribute> or print out a form and pay by check or cash in the Beth Or office, attn. Cantor Green Tribute Book.

Please submit ads to cantortributebook@gmail.com using one of these options:

- E-mail final artwork (high resolution 300 DPI at 100% preferred, nothing lower than 100 DPI; PDF or JPEG only)
- E-mail any photo/message and we will handle layout/design for you.

Tribute book ads and payment must be received by **Wednesday, February 15, 2017.**



An Evening of *Celebration* for Cantor David Green

Saturday, March 25, 2017 ■ 7pm – 10pm

Join us on Saturday evening for a not-to-be-missed Motown-themed party. Dance the night away to a mix of live music and DJ provided by EBE Entertainment. Enjoy cocktail style hors d'oeuvres and fun desserts served throughout the evening, along with open bar.

Tickets: \$60/person

RSVP on-line at <https://bethor.org/cantor-greens-tribute> or mail a check payable to Congregation Beth Or, 239 Welsh Road, Maple Glen, PA 19002. Attn: Cantor Green Tribute Event.

Registration deadline: March 18, 2017.

Write Your Family's Story at Beth Or

Jennie Nerenberg, Development Committee Chair

Beth Or is our spiritual home. Time marches on outside its walls and we may move to a new house or apartment, but Beth Or is with us over the course of our lives. We mark time there; many of us remember our children on the bima as preschoolers or b'nai mitzvah, our parents attending services with us, hearing a particular speaker, participating in a happy community occasion, seeing our loved ones honored with an aliyah to mark a special occasion, attending a funeral. We recall certain times at a service or other event when we were overwhelmed with joy or with sadness, awakened with insight or inspiration. We especially recall those poignant moments of transition, when life really grabbed us and got us to stop and take notice: a new baby, a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, an adult becoming a Jew by choice, a wedding, and of course, the loss of a loved one.



Jennie Nerenberg

Indeed, the story of our lives can be written at Beth Or if we allow it to be. For my family and many others that I know, this is literally true. Our names, our family's history, the major events of our lives are literally written into the building. The Tree of Life bears the dates when Bruce became a Jew by choice and Hannah and Aaron's Bat and Bar Mitzvah. Ben's will be there in March of this year. My brother's, my father's and my grandparents' names are on plaques in the Memorial Alcove. Our names on various donor walls remind us of times when we were blessed to be able to help the community. This brings me tremendous comfort. I know that Beth Or is where we belong, where we have history, memory, a sense of our family's place. When I walk onto Beth Or's terrace and read the names and messages on the bricks, I can see the love and memory of families permanently engraved on our property. When I open a prayerbook or a Torah commentary in the sanctuary and see the names and dates of weddings, I can see the joy and pride of that family and trace their path in our community.

There are so many tangible ways to mark your family's journey at Beth Or; inside our sanctuary, out on the patio, and elsewhere around the building. I hope you take some of these opportunities to write your family's history into our building. It will increase your connection to our community and our common home. And as you walk through Beth Or, the story of your family's journey will be written there.

Mishkan T'filah – Our Shabbat evening and morning prayer-book. Your family can dedicate a copy of this book in honor or memory of a loved one for \$50

The Torah Commentary by W. Gunther Plaut can hold a book plate dedicated from your family in honor of a family milestone or remember a loved one for a \$75 donation.

Mishkan Hanefesh – Our High Holy Days prayer books come in a two-book set, gold for Rosh Hashanah and silver for Yom Kippur. Your family can dedicate a set of these prayer books in honor or memory of a loved one for \$50.

In memory of a loved one, a **yahrtzeit plaque** in our Memorial Alcove will ensure that their name will be read on the English or Hebrew yahrtzeit date (your choice) each year in perpetuity and that our congregation will recite kaddish for them. The cost of these plaques is \$1000.

Seat plaques in the Gitlin Sanctuary are available for a donation of \$750.

A leaf on our **Tree of Life** is available for \$300.

Bricks on the terrace on our lower level can be engraved with names and dates to remember loved ones or special events in your family, honor a teacher or welcome a new baby. Large bricks are 12" x 12" for \$300 and small ones are 4" x 8" for \$118.

Give Your Family Peace of Mind — An Update

Amy Abrams, Executive Director



Amy Abrams

In May of last year, we made you aware of a new benefit of Beth Or membership through our relationship with Roosevelt Memorial Park; we obtained special pricing for our members to purchase family burial plots. As you will recall, for each purchase by a congregant, Roosevelt makes a donation to Beth Or in honor of the purchasing family.

To date we have received several such donations. We appreciate the generosity of the families and Roosevelt Memorial Park. These congregants have made an important decision for their families at a reduced cost and have helped Beth Or through their donations.

The togetherness of Jewish families has always been a part of our heritage. This same heritage extends all through life and includes providing for a final resting place for our loved ones in advance of need.

If you have not already planned for this family need, please contact Doreen Berest, a family service consultant and pre-arrangement specialist at Roosevelt Memorial Park and a member of our congregation. Those who have already worked with Doreen find her to be compassionate, caring and an expert in her field.

Doreen is available to answer your questions and address your concerns. She can be reached at 215-219-9293 or via email at doreen.berest@dignitymemorial.com.



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Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah Students

Rachel Levinson November 19

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I started an organization called **For the Love of Art**, in memory of my Poppy, Norman Levinson. His love for art was shared with me at a very young age. I would watch him draw and paint for hours. I decided that I wanted to collect art supplies for children who are in the hospital and also for those who are living in shelters. My wish is that all children get the chance to love art as much as my Poppy and I! We will be doing collections annually on the anniversary of my Bat Mitzvah. For more information, you can e-mail me at fortheLOVEofARTphilly@gmail.com.



Alexa Marks January 14

Alexa's family has a rescue dog, Snickers, who has brought endless love and joy to their home. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Alexa decided that a great way to show Snickers her appreciation (other than big hugs) is to volunteer her time helping a local pet rescue organization called **Pibbles and More Animal Rescue**. She helps the organization by cleaning cages, making sure the animals have fresh food and water and spending quality play-time with them. Alexa enjoys spending time with them because she knows it's so important to give the dogs and cats the physical attention they need and deserve.

If you wish to help, Alexa is asking that you donate supplies, money or time to Pibbles and More. You can find a list of needed items and other information on their Ways To Help web page <http://www.pmarinc.org/ways-to-help/> — donations can be made by clicking on the big blue paw.



Lucy Polsky February 4

My name is Lucy and I have been volunteering at the **Ronald McDonald Houses** in both the North and West Philadelphia locations as part of my Bat Mitzvah project. My family and I have prepared breakfasts for families as well as running evening activity programs. It felt great knowing I was putting some smiles on the faces of families going through some challenging times. My family and I plan on continuing to participate at the Ronald McDonald House after my Bat Mitzvah as well. It is such an important place!



Delaney Benjamin February 4

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I volunteered at the **Mitzvah Circle Foundation**. The Mitzvah Circle is a volunteer based organization with a goal of providing material support to families in need. I contributed, with the help of family and friends, in two ways. One was by donating clothing and other supplies and also by volunteering at the warehouse. I helped by sorting donations and putting together care packages, specifically selected, based on each family's individual needs. The goal of these packages is to restore dignity and hope by allowing people to move forward in their lives. I have enjoyed doing this project because it makes me feel good that I am helping others in need. It has also given me a true appreciation of the things I take for granted. I plan on continuing to volunteer my time for this wonderful organization. If you would like to help, The Mitzvah Circle collects everything from shoes, clothing and household goods to linens and toiletry essentials. For more information, visit www.mitzvahcircle.org.



Jacob Kafrissen February 11

My name is Jake Kafrissen and my Bar Mitzvah project was to help homeless children and their families by donating items to the **Inter-Faith Housing Alliance**. I organized a donation drive with family and friends. We have collected items including clothing, toys, and household goods. The Inter-Faith Housing Alliance provides housing for the homeless and items essential to help them work towards independent living. You can help this organization by donating, volunteering, or hosting drives. These are all ways to help homeless children and their families.



Lauren Howie February 11

For my Bat Mitzvah, I decided to volunteer my time at the **Brandywine Valley SPCA** to help with the many dogs, cats and kittens that are waiting to be adopted. I chose to volunteer at the Brandywine Valley SPCA because it is a No-kill shelter. The animals there need love and care until they find a good home. On several Saturdays during the months of November and December, I helped out with the dogs and cats by bathing them, baking them healthy treats, assisting in training the dogs, and giving them a lot of love and attention until they become adopted. In addition, during



the month of January, I will be collecting supplies that are needed such as towels, dog and cat toys, peanut butter, dry and wet dog and cat food, along with other important items.

Approximately 7.6 million companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year. Of those, approximately 3.9 million are dogs and 3.4 million are cats. Please check out my flyer in January along with a donation box at Beth Or. If you are interested in donating money, volunteering your time, or in adopting a dog, cat or kitten, please visit their website at <http://www.bvspca.org>.

Josh Nydick **February 11**

Josh aspires to be a veterinarian when he grows up and wanted his Bar Mitzvah project to involve helping animals. Josh chose to work on raising both financial donations as well as collecting any food, blankets, toys, etc. that a shelter may need for the charity, **A New Leash on Life**. Josh chose this organization because it helps in 3 ways: First, rescue dogs from high kill shelters. Second, teach a certified 12-week training program with the dogs to inmates who are in prison serving a short sentence for non-violent crimes. This training program is great because the inmates have a potential career path when they are released. Finally, once trained and certified, the dogs can



be adopted and bring joy and happiness to a family for many years to come.

For anyone who would like to donate food or goods, you can e-mail me directly at: cfnydick@verizon.net. For financial contributions, please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/joshs-bar-mitzvah-project>. Of course, any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Josh Torban **February 25**

For my Bar Mitzvah project I will be honoring **Henry Jakob**, a 10 year old boy who was lost in the Holocaust. I am going through the **Remember Us** organization, which pairs children who are about to become Bar Mitzvah with a child who never had a chance to grow up and be called to the Torah. This organization helps to keep their memory alive. The Remember Us program is through the Holocaust Museum in Los Angeles. I am in the process of trying to contact the only surviving member of Henry's family, his brother, who lives in the United States. During my service I will be honoring Henry and his family by sharing his story and bringing his memory to life. This project is especially meaningful to me because my great-grandparents survived the war themselves.



B'nai Mitzvah Family Trip to Israel

Led by Cantor Green
August 20-30, 2017

Our Beth Or B'nai Mitzvah families are invited to join with Temple Sholom for a special trip to Israel this summer.

This 10-day trip starts at the Jaffa Overlook and Tel Aviv, moves on to Upper Galilee, and concludes in Jerusalem. Each day is filled with exciting excursions and once-in-a-lifetime experiences for your entire family, highlighted by a B'nai Mitzvah Service in Neot Kidumim to complement your B'nai Mitzvah at Beth Or!

Find a complete itinerary and pricing details through a direct link on the www.bethor.org home page, at www.arzaworld.com or call Azra World's Customer Service Center at 888-811-2812, ext. 1, Monday-Friday, 9 am-5:30 pm. Once on the trip's website, click the "Register now" button to finalize your booking on-line.

Registration and Deposit Deadline: February 1, 2017

*Please note: \$300 deposit is non-refundable, unless trip is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure.*



Beth Or BROTHERHOOD

Food for Fellowship

Michael Davis, Brotherhood President



Michael Davis

A year ago, I was eating dinner at Pumpernick's Deli. As I left, I spotted Pastor Charles Quann of the Bethlehem Baptist Church. I stopped by his table and said hello. I learned that Pastor Quann frequents Pumpernick's Deli as often as I do. It occurred to me that maybe some of the "Bros" could share a meal at Pumpernick's Deli with some of the men from Bethlehem Baptist Church (BBC). Ken Moskowitz and Bob Rosin, who have long-standing relationships with members of BBC, agreed to work with me on this project.

My initial and simplistic idea was to arrange a get-together at Pumpernick's Deli. However, Pumpernick's Deli does not have private rooms, needed for large groups to socialize. Ken and Bob reviewed other ideas with our friends at BBC. Finally we realized that inviting the BBC men and their families to our Eagles "tailgate" in November, held in multipurpose room would be ideal. Other "Bros", most notably Doug Burtnick, Allan Posner, and Bob Cohen were instrumental in getting and setting the food and decorations. We had more than a dozen guests from BBC join us. Every report I received was positive. The men of BBC told me that they look forward to future get-togethers.

Why did I nudge the "Bros" to do something with BBC? The last time I was at BBC, it was for the memorial service after the Charleston, South Carolina church massacre. I told our guests that I wanted to socialize with them on happier occasions. An Eagles win definitely counts! Longer term, I hope we can undertake some visible public service projects with BBC. When you consider the national climate, seeing the members of our two congregations working for the betterment of our community could send a powerful message to others.



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Beth Or SISTERHOOD

Looking Ahead for 2017

Marilyn Ackerman and Ellen Mirbach, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

As we write this, the start of a new year is around the corner. Our hope is that we, the women of Beth Or Sisterhood, can begin 2017 with a fresh resolve to take on the work of building community and, in the words of Elie Wiesel, "making the world more human." Sisterhood Board members got a jump start by attending the WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) convention in November where we had the opportunity to attend many stimulating workshops and share in the celebration of Shabbat. We were also privileged to learn more about the work done by WRJ through the YES Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects). YES Fund grants provide Reform Jewish institutions and individuals worldwide with the tools necessary for religious, social, and educational growth. Through YES Fund grants and participation in WRJ supported programs, we, as Reform Jews, learn how to become leaders in our communities and advocates for social justice.

As you think about your New Year's resolutions, you just have to look towards Sisterhood to find the support and resources you need to fulfill those resolutions. In January, spend a fun evening with friends during Sisterhood's Karaoke Night on January 21 or join us for an afternoon of Lunch and Laughter at The Walnut Street Theater on January 29. Come learn Torah with us on February 1 at our Torah To Go discussion led by Rabbi Marx and join us at our Women's Shabbaton on February 25. Our Shabbaton promises an exciting roster of "back to camp" activities centering around spirituality, learning and comradery! During February, volunteer to cook, drive or stay overnight in support of the Inter-Faith Hospitality Network. Join Meals that Matter to prepare meals for those in need or volunteer at the Tarshis Gift Shop to help Sisterhood raise money to support Beth Or and the community. Look for information on the Beth Or website about our Women's Seder, theater trips, comedy nights and more over the upcoming months.

Best wishes to our Beth Or sisters for a 2017 filled with peace, joy and blessings!



Marilyn Ackerman and Ellen Mirbach



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Stop in for these items and more:

- Holiday Items
- Mezuzot
- Hamsas and other Wall Art
- Tallit and Kippot
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Gifts
- Wedding Smash Glasses and Gifts
- Jewelry
- Home Giftware
- Books for Adults and Children
- Children's Toys and Games
- Baby Gifts
- Occasion Cards

Hours:

- Sunday: 9 am-1 pm • Monday: 9 am-12 noon and 4:30-6 pm
- Tuesday: 9 am-12 noon and 4:30-6 pm • Wednesday thru Friday: 9 am-12 noon

Discounts available for Sisterhood Members and Beth Or Staff | Great Monthly Sales and New Arrivals

Beth Or EVENTS

Adult Programs

News and Nosh

Sunday, January 8 at 10 am

Head to the Shmear Café, grab a bagel and get ready to discuss current events with Rabbi Marx!

APEX Brunch

Sunday, March 19 – 10 am to 12 noon

Come join us as we witness a demonstration of OrCam using members of Beth Or during the demonstration. OrCam is an intuitive wearable device, developed in Israel that was designed for people with low vision. It has a smart camera that sits on your glasses and is designed to assist people who are visually impaired and/or dyslexic. Contact Barb Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org to RSVP.

No charge to Beth Or members if you RSVP by Wednesday, March 15, 2016. Otherwise pay \$5 at the door.

APEX is the Adult Programming Experience Committee which presents events geared toward congregational members 55 and over. All Beth Or members are welcome to attend APEX events.

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Events

Brotherhood Shabbat Worship and Annual Man of the Year Dinner

Friday, January 20 at 6:30 pm

Check your weekly Chai-Lights email for details!

Sisterhood Karaoke Night

Saturday, January 21 at 7:30 pm

Show off your singing skills and enjoy a fun-filled evening of song and laughter with friends in the Rosenfeld Social Hall. Event includes karaoke DJ, light fare and homemade desserts. BYOB. Cost: \$30/person. RSVP online at <https://bethor.org/sisterhood-karaoke-night>. Contact Lois Lambersky at bubba6x@verizon.net for more information.

Sisterhood Lunch and Walnut Street Theater

**Sunday, January 29 at 11:45 am (lunch);
2 pm (theater)**

Join Sisterhood at the Walnut Street Theater for Neil Simon's *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*. Enjoy an optional lunch before the show at Moriarty's with Rabbi Marx and hear about his personal connection to Jews in comedy. Show only: \$70. Lunch: \$30. RSVP online at <https://bethor.org/sisterhood-lunch-and-walnut-street-theater>. Contact Abby Gilbert at abbyfgf@gmail.com for more information.

Sisterhood Torah to Go

Wednesday, February 1 at 7:30 pm

Join Sisterhood and Rabbi Marx for an informative and lively discussion of the current Torah portion. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Arlene Slobodzian at abswws125@gmail.com.

Sisterhood Shabbaton

Saturday, February 25 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Enjoy an authentic Jewish summer camp Shabbat experience without the bugs! Join Beth Or Sisterhood for a special Shabbaton just for women. Check your weekly Chai-Lights email and the lobby digital billboards for details..

Holidays and Shabbat Events

Shabbat Guest Speaker

Friday, January 27 at 6:30 pm

Jo Ivester, author of "The Outskirts of Hope", will describe what it was like growing up Jewish in the South during the Civil Rights Movement.

Music Shabbat featuring the Adult Choir and Roland Woehr

Friday, February 10 at 6:30 pm

Enjoy this enhanced music Shabbat featuring the music of Lisa Levine and Benjie Ellen Shiller.

SAVE THE DATE!

Purim

Saturday, March 11 at 6:30 pm



BOFTY Purim Carnival

**10 am – 2 pm
Sunday, March 12**



Special Events



Beyond the Bump: Being Pregnant and Creating a Jewish Family

**Sundays, January 22, 29 and February 5
from 4 pm to 5 pm**

This informative 3-part class is especially designed for expectant moms and their spouses/significant others or those going through the process of adoption. Learn about traditional and modern ways of welcoming newborns into the Jewish community, how to set up a Jewish home, and much more! Bring your questions, concerns and openness. This class is free for Beth Or members; \$50 for non-members. Please register by January 9 at <https://bethor.org/baby-bump-class> or contact Dale Laing at dlaing@bethor.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

Israeli Movie Night at the Ambler Theater Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 pm

The Beth Or Israel Committee presents "Rock in the Red Zone," a film about the people of Sderot, a city located on the edge of the Negev Desert, made up of factory workers, rock musicians and the children of refugees from North Africa and the Middle East. The film tells a tale of perseverance through music and romance on the frontline of a never-ending war. Join us for this film, followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Marx. Tickets: \$15/person may be purchased by check or cash in the Beth Or Office or Ambler Theater box office. (10% discount at refreshment stand). Contact Patty Bassman at patty6@aol.com for additional information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Beth Or Golf Outing Monday, May 22 at Meadowlands Country Club

Formal invitation and details to come.

Tu B'Shevat Wine Tasting

Saturday, February 11 at 5:30 pm

In celebration of Tu B'Shevat, Beth Or once again hosts an opportunity for you to truly appreciate the fruit of the vine. Taste some of the finest wines, enjoy delicious appetizers and live music, and potentially bring home enough wine to stock your cellars (if you have a wine cellar. If not...make some room in the fridge!)

To participate:

This event is free for Beth Or members; \$18 for non-members. Each participant (or couple) must bring TWO identical bottles of wine. You don't have to bring the fanciest, most expensive wine... just bring something you think could win.

Your two bottles:

One of your bottles will go to the tasting tables. The labels will be covered and replaced with a number. Even you will not know which wine is yours! The second bottle will go to the winners' table.

Wine tasting:

After you check in, explore the room and taste some wines! If you find a wine you like, cast a vote for it. There will be many wines to taste, so please drink responsibly. (Please note: You must be 21 to participate.)

The winners:

The people who brought the top three wines will be the winners. They will divide up and take home all of the bottles from the winners' table! That means the more people participating, the more wine you could win. So, tell your friends!!

What about the kids?

While the wine tasting is happening, there will be programming for kids of all ages and babysitting for the little ones. This program is free if your parents are attending the Beth Or Wine Tasting Competition for both members and non-members!

Please scan this QR code or go to <https://bethor.org/2017-wine-tasting> for details and RSVP.



Chai-Lights — January/February 2017

New Members

Rohan, Rachel, Aria & Ashton Sarin
Jason, Becky, Ethan & Hallie Franklin
Stephen, Amanda, Catherine &
Willow Perry
Michael & Palaka Levey
Lee Hecht, Rachel Lucks-Hecht,
Charles & Jared Hecht

Rejoining Members

Tamir, Jennifer, Aviva, Leo & Ellie Kuznits
Paul, Lisa, Amanda & Jason Chavenson
Elliot & Marian Fisher
David, Amy, Carly, Lauren &
Myranda Mallenbaum

May Their Memory Be a Blessing

Shirley Salter Fredson, mother of
Barbara Davis
Leonard Lokietz, father of Lorna Petersen
Albert Brown, father of Lisa Brown
Jenna Demar, daughter of Michael &
Melanie Demar & sister of Reece
Jerome Posner, uncle of Allan Posner
Helen Wheatman, grandmother of
Steven Wheatman
Philip Petter, Father of Lynne Pierce
Judy Goldberg Goldstein, cousin of
Jane Liebman
Richard Saks, Cousin of Liz Hirsch
Michael Silverberg, husband of Karen
Silverberg & father of Robin Zappin
Nathan Zumoff, stepfather of
Linda Leichter & grandfather of
Lisa Ashery
Laxmiben M. Patel, grandmother of
Reshma Stone
Emma Tettemer, mother of
Pennye Goodman & grandmother of
Sam, Stacey & Diana Goodman

Mazel Tov

Birth of Ryder Aden Berman, grandson of
Steve & Ilene Berman
Birth of Esther Ruth Miller, granddaughter
of Bob & Fay Miller
Hebrew Namings of Alexis & Mackenzie
Stirling, daughters of Jeffrey &
Samantha Stirling
Baby Naming of Brooke Mackenzie Adler,
daughter of Bryan & Stefanie Adler
Wedding of Alexandra Kapnek, daughter
of Ted & Wendy Kapnek, to Evan Harra
Adoption of Poppy Charlotte Moyer,
granddaughter of Cindi &
Vincent Pasceri
Wedding of Holly Berman, daughter of
Steve & Ilene Berman, to Ben Jacobs
Baby Naming of Hailey Sage Bolle,
granddaughter of Richard &
Karen Leavitt

Baby Naming of Scarlett Aubrey
Stolzenberg, daughter of David &
Rachel Stolzenberg & granddaughter
of Allan & Andrea Papsin
Wedding of Jeffrey Kelbick, son of
Stephen & Elaine Kelbick, to
Hillary Craddock
Bat Mitzvah of Raya Gilman

Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Marks
Bat Mitzvah of Lucy Polsky
Bat Mitzvah of Delaney Benjamin
Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Kafrissen
Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Howie
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Nydick
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Torban

Pre-Neg and Flower Donations

Additional September Donations

Pre-Neg:

September 23 • Jeff and Samantha Stirling in honor of the Hebrew Naming of their daughters, Alexis & Mackenzie;

Aaron and Lois Lambersky in honor of their grandson Noah's Bar Mitzvah and in honor of their 70th birthdays & their 50th wedding anniversary

Additional October Donation

Pre-Neg:

October 28 • Sisterhood in honor of Shabbat Worship honoring Sisterhood

January Donations

Pre-Neg & Flowers:

January 14 • Jill Gilman & David Gilman in honor of Raya Gilman's Bat Mitzvah
Kim Marks & Aaron Marks in honor of Alexa Marks' Bat Mitzvah

February Donations

Pre-Neg & Flowers:

February 4 • Stacey Polsky & Scott Polsky in honor of Lucy Polsky's Bat Mitzvah
Jay & Amy Benjamin in honor of Delaney Benjamin's Bat Mitzvah

February 11 • Sam & Binnie Kafrissen in honor of Jacob Kafrissen's Bar Mitzvah
Patrick & Samantha Howie in honor of Lauren Howie's Bat Mitzvah
Mindy Adis & Corey Nydick in honor of Josh Nydick's Bar Mitzvah

February 25 • Eric & Jennifer Torban in honor of Joshua Torban's Bar Mitzvah



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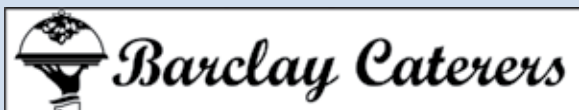


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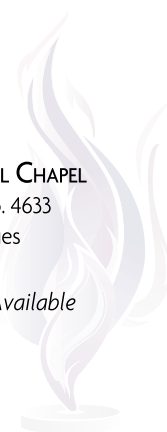
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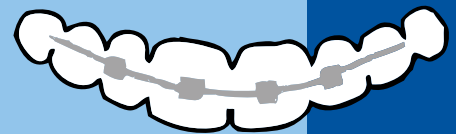


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