### January Worship Schedule

**Friday, January 4**  
**Shabbat Vaera**  
- 5:30 pm  Munchkin Minyan  
- 6:30 pm  Family Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary  
- 6:30 pm  Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel  

**Saturday, January 5**  
- 9:30 am  Torah Study  
- 11:00 am  Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

**Friday, January 11**  
**Shabbat Bo**  
- 7:30 pm  Shabbat Worship  

**Saturday, January 12**  
- 9:30 am  Torah Study  
- 10:45 am  Extended Torah Study with rabbinic intern, Janine Jankovitz Pastor  
- 11:00 am  Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Adah Kaplan, daughter of Andrew and Susan Kaplan in the Gitlin Sanctuary  
- 12:00 pm  Celebrations Shabbat Program

**Friday, January 18**  
**Shabbat Beshalah**  
- 7:30 pm  Music Shabbat Worship with Cantor Jamie Marx in the Gitlin Sanctuary

**Saturday, January 19**  
- 9:30 am  Torah Study  
- 11:00 am  Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Josephine Grosser, daughter of Jonathan and Dana Grosser in the Gitlin Sanctuary

**Friday, January 25**  
**Shabbat Yitro**  
- 5:45 pm  Tu B’Shevat Happy Hour  
- 7:30 pm  Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary

**Saturday, January 26**  
- 9:30 am  Torah Study  
- 11:00 am  Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

### February Worship Schedule

**Friday, February 1**  
**Shabbat Mishpatim**  
- 6:30 pm  K, 1 & 2 Family Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary  
- 6:30 pm  Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

**Saturday, February 2**  
- 9:30 am  Torah Study  
- 11:00 am  Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

**Friday, February 8**  
**Shabbat Terumah**  
- 7:30 pm  Shabbat Worship Honoring Brotherhood in the Gitlin Sanctuary

**Saturday, February 9**  
- 9:30 am  Torah Study  
- 10:45 am  Extended Torah Study with rabbinic intern, Janine Jankovitz Pastor  
- 11:00 am  Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Yahav, son of Ricki Lang Yahav and Eric Kfir Yahav  
- 12:00 pm  Celebrations Shabbat Program

**Friday, February 15**  
**Shabbat Tetzaveh**  
- 7:30 pm  Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary

**Saturday, February 16**  
- 9:30 am  Torah Study  
- 11:00 am  Worship Service in the Haines Chapel

**Friday, February 22**  
**Shabbat Ki-Tissa**  
- 7:30 pm  Shabbat Worship with the Adult Choir in the Gitlin Sanctuary

**Saturday, February 23**  
- 9:30 am  Torah Study  
- 11:00 am  Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

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**January/February Candle Lighting**

- Friday, January 4 • 4:31 pm  
- Friday, January 11 • 4:37 pm  
- Friday, January 18 • 4:45 pm  
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- Friday, February 8 • 5:10 pm  
- Friday, February 15 • 5:18 pm  
- Friday, February 22 • 5:26 pm
This month’s column may seem a little scattered, as there is so much I want to share with you.

First, I want to make sure that you know that I will be on Sabbatical for the months of January, February and March. This time off represents a time for me to recharge and refresh so that I can continue to lead this congregation in the important work we do for you and the community. I leave the religious needs of the congregation in the very capable hands of Rabbi Bonder, who has proven that he is capable, knowledgeable and passionate about his position. He will be there for you in times of joy and sorrow.

Second, following the tragedy in Pittsburgh at the Tree of Life Synagogue, I have been touched/inspired by the outpouring of love and support we have received from the non-Jewish community. Pastor Quann and the Bethlehem Baptist Church not only attended our service of mourning one day later, but he joined County Commissioner Val Arkoosh, Senator Casey and me on the steps of the Norristown Courthouse, and with ringing clarity, condemned hate and anti-Semitism. Then on November 4, he invited our members to join his community at the church “to be lifted up in prayer.” Many have told me they are scared and nervous about their future. I would be foolish to minimize the risks we are facing, but at the same time, WE ARE NOT ALONE. Blacks, Whites, Jews, Christians and Muslims stand shoulder to shoulder in denouncing hate and we will not be silenced.

Third, I want the community to know about our efforts to support the victims of disaster around the world. A few years ago, we established a Disaster Relief Fund, which offers relief to those suffering from natural disaster and poverty. Last year, we donated food, clothing and personal care items worth $36,000 for the families left homeless by the hurricanes in Puerto Rico and Texas. I am so proud of our Social Action Chairs, Margie Chachkin and Susy Krimker, and all of our members who support this charitable effort. One of our young Bat Mitzvah students, Lily Gordon chose to raise funds to alleviate hunger as part of her Bat Mitzvah service project. She joined us as we delivered turkeys and side dishes to Manna on Main Street just before Thanksgiving. Our distributions (in the name of the Jewish community) are as follows:

**Manna on Main: $2000** – We have personally delivered $1000 worth of frozen turkey breasts and $1000 for the purchase of side dishes to be made available at the Manna on Main ‘marketplace.’

**Diaper Bank of North Carolina: $7500** – We purchased diapers and formula for the North Carolina Diaper bank to help young families living in temporary shelters due to Hurricane Florence. [www.ncdiaperbank.org](http://www.ncdiaperbank.org)

**The RELIEF Foundation: $3600** – Two Beth Or members, Peter Groverman and Charla Wolfe work tirelessly in providing medical assistance to the ill of Puerto Rico. We are pleased to support their efforts to connect isolated communities with quality medical care. [www.gofundme.com/therelieffoundation](http://www.gofundme.com/therelieffoundation)

**Shelter Boxes: $5000** – We are delighted to make a donation to provide shelter for those who are homeless as a result of natural disaster. Each shelter, supplied by Rotary International, can house up to ten people and can last for years. [www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org)

**Nechama: $4100** – We purchased building supplies to be used by Nechama’s volunteers as they help families rebuild or repair their homes in Florida that were destroyed by Hurricane Michael. [www.nechama.org](http://www.nechama.org)

Ecclesiastes in the Bible wrote, “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Together we are stronger, and more resilient. Whatever challenge may come, we will be there to support others, while welcoming the vigor of others in our own time of need.
Helping the Hungry

David Simon, Beth Or President

Have you ever been hungry? Of course you have. But I am not talking about the hunger you may feel when you work past lunch or get home late for dinner. I am referring to the hunger you feel when you are hungry and don’t know when or from where your next meal will come. I hope and doubt that any members of Beth Or have ever felt that way. The euphemism used for this these days is “food insecurity”.

In my first Yom Kippur speech, I spoke about hunger (ok, maybe not the best timing) and how hard it must be to live with it, or even worse, to be a parent with children and not be able to feed them regularly. Allow me to repeat a portion of my speech from back then. “As unbelievable as it may seem, this kind of hunger takes place daily in our own country, our state and our community. According to MAZON, the Jewish hunger relief organization, 1 in 8 Americans, or over 42 million people struggle with hunger, including 13 million children. Over 11% of Pennsylvanians, or 500,000 households, are faced with this struggle as well.”

Unfortunately, these statistics haven’t gotten any better in the past year and a half. So I thought that this would be as good a time as any to renew my appeal for you to contribute to either a local food drive or any hunger relief effort. By the time you read this Mitzvah Month at Beth Or will have passed, but there will always be opportunities to help others in need. As a matter of fact, Beth Or makes it easy for you. There are several funds to which you can contribute whose purpose is to address hunger relief and food insecurity in our community. They include Meals That Matter and the Berman Family Caring Community Endowment. Simply log on to our website to investigate these and other opportunities to help our local community.

Thank you for your consideration.
I want to encourage you to pick your goals courageously.

There has been a revolution in the bicycling world, or at least in my awareness of that world, over the past decade or so with the arrival of the Strider bike. The Strider bike is a bicycle for toddlers but unlike in previous generations when we would fasten training wheels onto the bike, the Strider is a true two-wheeled apparatus. The only difference from the adult bike is that on this one, the pedals are removed. To ride the bike, the toddler simply strides forward, walking the bike around in order to move the wheels.

Until something incredible happens.

Without any prompting or coaching, but rather as a function of boredom, the children don’t want to simply walk around with the bike anymore. So instead of taking single steps, they begin to push forward with both feet, moving the bike forward at a faster pace and slowly learning how to balance themselves. Before you know it, the child is zooming on two wheels, balanced, and has mastered the skill of riding the bike. After acquiring that skill, sticking the pedals on is easy stuff. What an amazing shift in teaching someone how to ride.

In this season of New Year’s resolutions, goals should be approached sensibly. But inspired by this new way of bicycling, I want to encourage you to pick your goals courageously. If you’re handed a bicycle with training wheels, it automatically implies that the two-wheeler is something you can’t master yet. But if you’re given a two-wheeler, the bar is raised from the beginning. A more audacious goal implies that, yes, you can do this.

Theodor Herzl once said, “If you will it, it is no dream.” Whatever goals you are chasing down in 2019, don’t start with a training wheels goal. Make it a two-wheeler.
The Role of the Organ for High Holy Days

Cantor David Green

The question has come up as to how much the organ should be used for future High Holy Day services at Congregation Beth Or. As we begin to explore this topic, a little background may be informative.

Currently, less than a handful of all Reform synagogues in North America use an organ. In traditional Judaism, musical instruments, including the organ, were not permitted since the destruction of the Second Temple in 70CE. In the Middle Ages, the organ became the mainstay for Christian liturgical music and was not reintroduced into Judaism until the development of the Reform Jewish Movement in Germany in the early 19th Century. The pioneer of Jewish Musicology, A.Z. Idelsohn (1882-1938) “sought to remodel Jewish music in the synagogue to be observed as easily as in Christianity.” Idelsohn, along with other composers of the time like Sulzer, Naumbourg and Lewandowski created very majestic, “Christian style” music for the new American Reform Jewish movement in the mid to late 19th century.

This style of music, with heavy emphasis on the organ, prevailed in the Reform movement until the 1970’s. Beginning in the 1980’s and 90’s, the contemporary melodies of such composers as Debbie Friedman and Craig Taubman, followed by Nelson, Nichols and many others in the 21st century completely altered the style of Jewish music for the Reform liturgical service.

The typical Friday evening service at the URJ Biennial service attended by 5,000 Reform Jews, features almost all contemporary Jewish compositions accompanied by piano, guitar and percussion, but no organ at all. While traditional nusach (correct Jewish melodies) and some 19th century Reform melodies are still used, it makes up only a small part of almost all Reform Jewish services across the U.S. and Canada.

The classic question often comes up at Beth Or: “Why can’t we sing ‘traditional’ music here at Beth Or?” If you grew up in the Reform movement in the 1950’s and 60’s, that meant choirs and organs as the mainstay. If you grew up in the late 20th and early 21st centuries at Beth Or, that meant guitar, piano and a decreasing role of the organ and choir.

Rabbi Jason Rosenberg states: “There’s nothing wrong with having our preferences, or with having those preferences grounded in what we find familiar. But, let’s not make the mistake of elevating those preferences to objective fact.”

The fact is the organ in the Reform movement has a rich and long history. But another fact is, the vast majority of members here at Beth Or and in most other Reform synagogues across North America identify with the contemporary styles of music without the organ and prefer the use of piano and guitar.

The real question is how much organ do we want to hear on the High Holy Day services? I would love for you to share your opinion and feedback on this subject. Please send me an email at dgreen@bethor.org. All emails will be reviewed and an open forum meeting will be held this spring to discuss the role of the organ in our High Holy Day services. I look forward to hearing your views on this important topic.
Interfaith Unity Service of Healing

Sunday, October 28, 2018

In response to the October 27, 2018 massacre at Tree of Life synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, where 11 were killed while attending Shabbat services, Rabbi Marx and Beth Or leadership quickly organized an interfaith service to help our community join together to reflect, pray, and show support for Pittsburgh and one another.

Over 700 attended the service, and 200 watched it remotely via live stream. Rabbis Marx and Bonder, Cantors Green and Murley, along with about one dozen local clergy and leaders representing all religions in the area, spoke from their hearts — each in their own style, but with the same message: We are all in this together. We are united and #StrongerThanHate.

Respect + Understanding + Tolerance + Kindness + Action > Hate

Sampling of messages on the Beth Or Facebook Page following the service:

“Thank you Beth Or for bringing our community together for such a positive, moving event. May faith and action overcome fear and hatred.” - Susan Asch

“Definitely was a moving experience being together and the support from the Christian and Muslim congregations in the area was appreciated and warmly received. My family was touched and we were glad to be a part of last night’s service.” – Ben Barbash

“The message was powerful - we are One, inclusive of All. So very proud to be a member of this community. A big thanks to everyone!!” – Linda Judd

“The service was healing and inspiring. Thank you to all who attended and the representatives of the faith communities in our area. Thank you to rabbis Marx and Bonder, cantors Green and Murley for coordinating the service. I am proud to be a member of Beth Or.” – Jan Volin

“We are thankful for the love and support for Pittsburgh. Beth Or was the most welcoming community to me when I was a member/employee. My family has worshipped at Tree of Life for 3 generations and my heart is breaking for everyone. Thank you for sending your prayers. I will be joining you from across the state.” – Carrie Nardini
Teaching Tefillin

Aaron Nielsenshultz, Director of Religious School

This month, I thought I’d give you a taste of what we’re doing in the classroom. And I mean a taste quite literally.

At first glance, what do tefillin and Betty Crocker’s Fruit by the Foot have in common? For reference:

I’m sure we could come up with midrashim that explain a connection — the sweetness of the treat mimics the sweet reward of completing mitzvot, or the stripes in Fruit by the Foot remind us of the stripes in our prayer shawls — but in the religious school, we used Fruit by the Foot in 6th grade in order to experience what putting on tefillin is like. We used the long strips of sugary treats to learn how to wrap the straps down our arm, like so:

Suffice it to say that this hands-on experience with a mitzvah mentioned in the V’ahavta was an unforgettable—if sticky—way to study the values of Judaism.

And along the way, we discussed that the mitzvah of tefillin is not just about the Torah commandment alone: “You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand as a totafot between your eyes” (Deut 6.8), the Torah teaches, and we explored how we also use our eyes and our hands to look for ways to make the world around us a better place. So we moved from a 2500 year-old rabbinic interpretation to a 20th / 21st century snack, to an eternal teaching for the Jewish people—all in about 45 minutes!

6th Grade Art Show in the Olitsky Gallery in February

6th grade students have been studying the meaning of prayers, and they’re learning about different ways that artists have presented their thoughts about prayer. Our students have learned about color, symbols, layout, and other artistic ideas and have identified a prayer that has special significance for them. Then using writing, drawing, collage, photography, found-art, or other techniques, student have created meaningful expressions of their own connections to prayer, complete with a written explanation for why they made the choices that they did. Come see their art exhibition in the Olitsky Gallery in February!
Celebrating Shabbat in Winter

Lisa Yoskowitz, Early Childhood Director

Poor Winter… It gets a bad rap. Right after the holidays all that is left are dark mornings, darker evenings and chilly gray days. And with the coldest of seasons comes the “winter blues.” There is no clinical diagnosis for it, but experts say the so-called “winter blues” are fairly common and are marked by feeling more down than usual, sad or less energized. But there are things that you can do with your family to beat the winter blues. In fact, celebrating Shabbat together on a cold Friday night is one way to bring warmth back to season. Here are a few ways to make your Shabbat experience joyful:

Tech Shabbat

When I celebrate Shabbat, I try to incorporate some version of Tech Shabbat. I choose to turn off and unplug some (or all!) of our technology. Sometimes I unplug for the entire Shabbat, from sundown on Friday until sundown on Saturday, and others just during Friday evening. A “full” Tech Shabbat includes turning off cell phones, computers, iPads and televisions from Friday night to Saturday night. A “light” Tech Shabbat means that we turn off our cell phones on Friday evenings, but still use our laptop for music or Skype, for example. Whether you choose to turn off all of your devices, or just your cell phone and computer, it is a great way to help focus on family time and to make Shabbat feel special.

Last Week and Upcoming Week Review

I borrowed this tradition from my grandparents. When I was young, at every Shabbat dinner, we would go around the table, and each person shared two things: 1) their favorite part of the last week, and 2) something they are excited about in the coming week. It’s a great way to stay informed of what’s on everyone’s minds and is also a helpful exercise for language development in young children.

Skype Shabbat

Skype Shabbat is a fun way to stay connected with family members who live far away. In our case, we are based in Canton, Ohio, Toronto, Canada and New York City, and I have family in Israel. This past summer, we chose a Shabbat evening to do a “Skype” Shabbat. At my house, my daughters and I gathered for our Shabbat dinner, and in Toronto, Canada my cousins gathered for their Shabbat dinner. We put our laptops on the table and set up a Skype video call for the entire dinner. We said the Shabbat blessings together, sang songs and talked about our upcoming weeks. I wish we could always celebrate Shabbat together in person, but “Skype Shabbat” is a close second!

Take-Out Shabbat

This is a favorite in our house. While we love a home-cooked Shabbat dinner, sometimes—okay, a lot of times—it’s just not possible with our schedules! On these nights, we order in from our favorite Italian restaurant and sing Shabbat songs while eating baked ziti!

And don’t forget that your community here at Beth Or has many activities to help take away the winter blues:

1. Munchkin Minyan – January 4 at 5:30 pm followed by a potluck dinner in the MPR (Multi-Purpose Room).
2. Family Shabbat – Friday, January 4 at 6:30 pm
3. Tu B’shevat Program – Friday, January 25 at 5:45 pm
4. Family Shabbat – Friday, February 1 at 6:30 pm

So, take time to appreciate winter as a time of “hibernation” with family and friends, because “hunkering down” together is to be celebrated whatever season it may be!
Election Day Isn’t Just For Voters

Jillian Peskin, Director of Member & Youth Engagement

Every November, midterm elections roll around and as a result, many of our schools are closed because they are polling places. Many of our students are home with a babysitter or relative, or sit at home alone watching TV.

This past Election Day, Beth Or partnered with Temple Sinai for our K - 6th graders and had an awesome event at High Point Sports Club in Chalfont. We had 80 kids come to swim, play laser tag, dodgeball, hip hop dance and have lunch. Many of these kids are together in school or know each other from camp.

We are blessed to have such special friends and neighbors like the ones we have at Temple Sinai and we look forward to partnering for more events like this one. In fact, we have already booked Election Day 2019! Next year this program will run from 9 am – 3 pm and be open to all K – 6th graders.

For more information about youth programs at Beth Or visit www.bethor.org/get-involved/youth-engagement.

Upcoming Events:

- NFTY PAR Winter Social Action Kallah for 9th – 12th graders – January 18- 20
- BOFTY at The Franklin Institute for K – 12th graders – Sunday, January 27
- BOFTY Laser Tag / Bowling for 3rd – 6th graders – Sunday, February 24
- BOFTY Laser Tag / Bowling for K – 2nd graders – Sunday, March 3
To Sing Or Not To Sing, That Is The Question!

Cantor Jaime Murley,  
Junior Choir Director

Once a year, the Jewish community celebrates a very special moment in the Torah when we read about Moses and Miriam leading the Israelites across the Sea of Reeds and out of Egypt. This celebration is called Shabbat Shirah (meaning “Sabbath of Singing”) because the Torah passage from Exodus, Chapter 15 (Parshat Beshalach) contains so many beautiful and important songs, including Mi Chamocha and Ozi V’Zimrat Yah.

To commemorate the event this year at Beth Or, our Friday night Shabbat service will be led by songwriter Cantor Jamie Marx, along with Cantors Green and Murley and the Junior Choir.

Cantor Jamie Marx serves as the cantor of Temple Sholom in Broomall, PA. He is passionate about worship music in all its forms, utilizing pop and folk styles, art music, niggunim (wordless melodies), choral settings, and chazanut (traditional Jewish chant) in services.

A composer and songwriter, Cantor Marx has written, recorded, and published numerous pieces, including an EP of Jewish hard rock titled In Pursuit, two singles of Jewish pop, and various settings of Jewish liturgical texts.

His setting of Yih’yu L’ratzon was chosen from among more than 400 entries for inclusion in Shabbat Anthology Vol. 8, published by Transcontinental Music Publications.

He was selected as an Emerging Artist by Jewish Rock Radio in October 2017, and in December 2017 he performed on the Jewish Rock Radio stage at the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial Convention in Boston, MA.

In addition to his numerous talents listed above, Cantor Marx is also a prolific writer of Purim Schpiels. He arranged a Hamilton Purim Schpiel which will be performed by the Junior Choir in March!!

On January 18, along with the Junior Choir, Cantor Marx will perform some of his original music as a sermon in song. Please join us in welcoming Cantor Marx for this very special Shabbat service you will not want to miss!
Meet Our B’nai Mitzvah Students

**Adah Kaplan**
January 12
For my Bat Mitzvah project, I was sure that I wanted to help kids with music, particularly to help them practice and learn how to practice correctly. Because I spent so many years in the Thomas Fitzwater School Orchestra, I decided to help this program, as it has helped me, by working one-on-one with students in the orchestra. I am mentoring two 4th grade students and meet with them once each week, where we work through their school orchestra music, etudes, and solo repertoire. I chose this as my mitzvah project because I enjoy teaching and watching kids improve. My goal with my mitzvah project is to get more kids interested in the arts and make music more exciting.

**Josie Grosser**
January 19
For my Mitzvah project, I am working to raise money and awareness for Home At Last Dog Rescue. Home At Last is a volunteer group committed to saving the lives of homeless dogs suffering in high kill shelters. This organization is close to my heart because three years ago my family adopted our dog, Bodhi, through Home At Last. This fall, I was a volunteer at their annual Howl-O-Ween 5K Run, which is the group’s biggest fundraiser of the year. It was really cold and pouring rain, but we got up early to set up tables, helped people register, and cheered on the runners. I’m also planning a puppy food drive later in the winter. If you’d like to donate money or cans of puppy food, please email danasgроссer@gmail.com. Thank you.

**Jacob Yahav**
February 9
I am running a donation drive and raising money to help people in need who do not have the privilege of having food on a consistent basis. This drive was inspired by my Torah portion which asks us, “What is the most important thing to you?” The most important thing to me is family and food. If we don’t have food, we cannot survive. This money will help buy food to benefit people in need. The Penn Hillel group at University of Pennsylvania runs a soup kitchen every Sunday. The less fortunate come in and talk with students and volunteers while they eat warm food. It is a heartwarming experience. All donations are being sent to Penn Hillel Soup Kitchen. You can learn more about the cause: https://www.pennhillel.org/soup-kitchen-hillel.
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Learn more about our banquet facilities.

Please call 215-646-5806 or contact Genevieve Yanity at gyanity@bethor.org.
Congregation Beth Or invites you to join us for this year’s annual fundraiser honoring Rabbi Gregory & Laurie Marx

May 3 – 5

Friday, May 3 | 7 pm • Worship Service and Dessert Reception
Saturday, May 4 | 7 pm • Gala Dinner
Sunday, May 5 | 9 am – 10:45 am • Religious School Israel Carnival

Please join us for a weekend of festivities celebrating Rabbi Gregory and Laurie Marx’s 30th anniversary with Congregation Beth Or. We hope you can attend the events we have planned to honor and thank them for their three decades of service to our community. Look for an invitation/RSVP card to arrive in your home mailbox by mid January.

Visit www.bethor.org/marx30 for complete details.
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Sapphire | $2,500
- Includes: Full page ad in the Sapphire section of the Tribute Book • 2 Tickets to the Saturday evening Gala • Recognition on the days of the event

Sponsorship Commitment Deadline: February 28.
Contact Amy Abrams, aabrams@bethor.org or Jennie Nerenberg, brucenjen@verizon.net for details.

TRIBUTE BOOK ADS

Gold Full Page | $1,800 (Full color, 7.5” wide x 7.5” high image area)
- Includes: 2 Tickets to the Saturday Gala Dinner

Silver Full Page | $1,000 (full color, 7.5” wide x 7.5” high image area)

Half Page | $500 (full color, 7.5” wide x 3.75” high image area)

Quarter Page | $250 (full color, 4.5” wide x 4” high image area)

Eighth Page | $118 (black & white, 4.5” wide x 2” high, text only, no photos)

Sixteenth Page | $54 (black & white, 2 1/8” wide x 2” high, text only, 140 character limit, no photos)

Tribute Book Ad Commitment Deadline: February 28
Tribute Book Ad Submission Deadline: March 29
Submit ads as high resolution jpeg or PDF to samanthadrossner@gmail.com.

SATURDAY GALA DINNER | $118/person
Sit down dinner with entertainment and dancing. Cocktail attire.
Please note, early RSVP with payment is recommended for the Gala, as seating capacity is limited to 400.
RSVP Deadline: March 29

2 Options for Sponsorship/Tribute Book Ad Reservations and Gala RSVP!
1. Complete the insert card in your invitation and return with payment by check.
2. Download the reservation/RSVP form on www.bethor.org/marx30 and return with payment. Checks should be made payable to Congregation Beth Or and sent to the Beth Or office.

YOUR PHOTOS NEEDED!
Do you have photos of Rabbi and Laurie Marx over the years? Please scan them and email to info@bethor.org by March 29 so they can be included in our video tribute!
One of the benefits of participating in our Social Action efforts is getting to know other members of the Beth Or community. If you had an opportunity to take a look at the Mitzvah Months brochure which included Social Action projects for the months of November and December, you saw the smiling faces of about 50 Beth Or members as they joined with others in making a difference for the less fortunate in our area: Collecting school supplies, cooking meals, hosting an Alex’s Lemonade Stand, sorting a clothing collection, donating to Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, boxing up food, creating fleece-tie blankets, and baking cookies for the local police. This is just a glimpse of our activities.

The Beth Or mission states that the Congregation “inspires members to strive for excellence as a Kehillah Kedoshah, or a sacred community. We care for one another, welcome those who seek to join us, work to repair the world, foster lifelong Jewish learning, support Israel and the Jewish people everywhere, and continually reach for that which is holy.”

We thank the Beth Or clergy and leadership who pave the way in making Beth Or the Kehillah Kedoshah that it is.

The goal of the Social Action Committee is: Striving, Caring, Making a Difference. All who want to take part are invited and we are only a phone call or email away. We’d love to hear from you!

Susy Krimker, Social Action Chair, susykrimker@gmail.com
Margie Chachkin, Social Action Vice-Chair, chachkin@aol.com, 215-540-0444
Resolve To Make It A Great New Year for Montco Families Who Need Emergency Housing

Volunteer Now With The Interfaith Hospitality Network

Happy New Year! February is right around the corner—a time when Beth Or opens its doors to three families in need of emergency housing. Our synagogue is proud to be one of 19 Montgomery County churches, synagogues, and mosques that participate in this emergency shelter program run by The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN).

Thanks to this compassionate coalition of faith communities, families in transition have a safe space to stay for up to 90 days while participating in programs that help enhance their life skills, improve their decision-making abilities, and develop the resources they need to become self-sufficient.

We have begun the process of transforming several lower-level classrooms into studio apartments for participating families.

Volunteers from our congregation are now signing up to prepare and share meals, help with transportation needs, and serve as overnight chaperones for our guests, many of whom are single-parent families with young children. We need more help!

2019 marks our 20th year of involvement in this stellar program that uplifts and transforms the lives of others. Last year, more than 100 caring congregants performed this major mitzvah, logging more than 1000 volunteer hours.

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

Please use our online scheduling calendar, http://www.carecalendar.org/logon/224429, security code 1111, to access more information, and to sign up on the days convenient for you to make and share a meal, drive families to and from the synagogue, and/or camp “in” overnight on one of our deluxe air mattresses to chaperone our February guests.

For more information, contact Lynn Edelman, 215-280-3841 or Nancy Shaffer-End, 215-266-1055.

Sign up today!

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

Security Code: 1111

Advance Calendar to February
Results Are In —
Candidate Forum and Civic Engagement Fair were a Success!

The Candidate Forum and Civic Engagement Fair held on October 21, 2018, were a vote for civility and Tikkun Olam. In attendance, there were over 300 members of the community gathered in the Beth Or sanctuary and more than 1,000 online viewers.

A positive tone was set at the start of the event with a beautiful performance from the Beth Or Junior Choir led by Cantor Murley. The forum then continued with U.S. Congressional candidates Madeleine Dean and Dan David. The candidates covered a range of topics and answered questions covering education, gun safety, the economy, Israel and more.

Following the candidate forum, participants engaged with numerous non-profit, civic-oriented organizations to learn more about their causes and how to get involved. Organizations present included the National Council of Jewish Women, Fair Districts PA, HIAS PA, Common Cause, Democratic and Republican Committees representing Upper Dublin and Montgomery County, March on Harrisburg, Democratic Jewish Outreach PA, ACLU, ADL, Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement, and others. This portion of the event was complemented by a collage formed by Beth Or Religious School children based on what they felt would make our country a better place.

Thank you to those who participated. The Beth Or Social Justice Committee looks forward to continuing this tradition and is already thinking about our 3rd Civic Engagement Fair.

Noah Fischer
Social Justice Committee Chair
noahfischer25@yahoo.com
Stu Briefer

To save a life is to save the world. To feel the joy of helping one person, to see a smile on their face, hear the excitement in their voice with a phone call or to listen when they are in need… is a tremendous feeling.

Why do I volunteer? My wife and I have been members of Beth Or for 26 years. My children went through the Beth Or education system, and we, as a family, have celebrated each milestone in our lives from baby naming, Bar/Bat Mitzvah and confirmation with our congregational family. As a busy father and husband, I knew I wanted to do something, but couldn’t do too much. Eleven years ago I took over as the leader of the greeters/ticket takers at the High Holy Days. My next step was to attend a Mitzvah Day presentation by Cantor Green where he taught how to lead a Shiva service. I started to assist with Shiva/Minyan coordination and leading services.

Next, Bill Wanger and I met to discuss my taking over his role as the coordinator of the Blood Drive. Bill did an awesome job at this for over 20 years and I hope I can live up to his standards and results. The drive on Sunday, November 4 was outstanding. With sixty spots to fill, we signed up people for every spot. On the day of the drive, two people did not show, two people were sick and one texted me to cancel due to a work conflict. Like the airlines, I had people on reserve and called them. Our educators came in at a moment’s notice and the drive collected 59 pints of blood which will save 177 lives!

Why do I volunteer? To know that we helped cancer patients, burn victims, emergency patients etc. is an awesome feeling. I volunteer because I love my congregational family and feel, even with small actions, I can help make the day a little better for at least one more person. Thank you to the leaders and clergy of Beth Or for creating an environment where even a small act can help and make a difference.
Now that winter is here, I hope the memory of our best Brotherhood Annual Dinner ever, is keeping you nice and warm. Mr. Invincible, Vince Papale of the EAGLES, was inspirational and dynamic. He had the right stuff to make it to the EAGLES and become an NFL star. Thank you to our Dinner chair, Eric Vogel, and all of our volunteers who helped make our Dinner event such a success.

Speaking of having the right stuff... Gentlemen do you have the right stuff? During Brotherhood Shabbat, held each winter, we bestow the Brotherhood Man of The Year Award. This past fall, Brotherhood established a new process to evaluate the qualifications for this award and to develop a transparent system for future use in evaluating worthy candidates. The goal was to establish a process by which, candidates through a body of work, have demonstrated the core values of Brotherhood: Fellowship-Community-Service-Support.

A committee using this new criteria will be composed of a Past recipient, Past President of Brotherhood, current Vice President, as well as a current board member of Brotherhood. All male members of the congregation are considered. This committee seeks input from our Brotherhood board, clergy, and the Board of Trustees at Beth Or.

The committee seeks candidates who have as many of the following characteristics as possible: Membership in Brotherhood, leadership within our group, service to the congregation, and support to our Brotherhood and Beth Or. In addition, attendance at events, volunteering, and demonstrating a role in the Greater Jewish community are factors in the decision process.

It isn’t about wealth or status, but a willingness to give time and effort. It’s about character, making a difference in the Beth Or Brotherhood and congregation through giving of one’s self for the benefit of others.

This year our Annual Brotherhood Shabbat will be held on February 8 at 7:30 pm and led by long-time member, Bob Simon. While no candidate has met our criteria of having the right stuff this season, we hope next year to find our next Man of The Year superstar. Please join us and worship as we celebrate the men of Brotherhood followed by an Oneg Shabbat in the Rosenfeld Social hall.

Important dates to remember: Passover Wine Sales – begin March 24 featuring KosherWines.com with over 700 choices
Red Cross Blood Drive – March 24, 9 am to 2 pm

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Cultivating An Attitude of Gratitude

Jodye Green, Sisterhood President

“If you concentrate on finding whatever is good in every situation, you will discover that suddenly your life will be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nourishes the soul.”

This quote by famed author and theologian Rabbi Harold Kushner has always resonated with me, but has taken on new meaning in the aftermath of the horrific and senseless slaughter at the Tree of Life synagogue. When I first heard the news of 11 people killed while celebrating Shabbat for the “crime” of being Jewish, I felt despondent and very much alone.

I needed comfort from friends, family and other loved ones, and gratefully responded to Rabbi Marx’s invitation to attend an interfaith memorial service at my spiritual home, Beth Or. I was overwhelmed by the tremendous community response, marveling as the doors of our sanctuary were opened wide to an overflow crowd of people representing diverse faiths, creeds, and colors.

Clergy from Temple Sinai and numerous churches and mosques offered heartfelt words and songs of prayer and solidarity.

All of the speakers eloquently expressed their shared commitment to honoring the memory of these innocents by pledging to keep alive the flame of religious and racial liberty that is the cornerstone of our American democracy. I was deeply moved and uplifted by their support and by the special blessing (and numerous hugs) conferred upon Beth Or congregants at a solidarity service organized by Pastor Charles Quann of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

During my Thanksgiving meal, I expressed my gratitude to be part of a community that truly cared about one another. Memories of these interfaith gatherings truly “nourished my soul”.

In the New Year that dawns, I want to express my profound gratitude to everyone who has enabled our Sisterhood to continue its efforts to make our congregation and our community a place where people feel comforted, accepted and inspired.

A Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous 2019 to us all.
ADULT PROGRAMS

APEX Brunch: Estate Planning with Bob Cohen
Sunday, March 10 • 10 am – 12 pm

Join APEX and our own Bob Cohen for brunch and a stimulating discussion. Bob is an attorney and CPA whose practice is focused on business, tax and estate matters. He will discuss the top issues everyone should know (and do) for estate planning, including an overview of basic documents, understanding new tax laws, dollar-saving tax and planning tips, how to handle digital assets, and what every family should do before sending a child off to college. No charge to Beth Or members if you RSVP to Barbara Murtha, bmurtha@bethor.org by Wednesday, March 6. $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 Meeting with Discussion Leader Aaron Nielsenschultz
Wednesday, January 16 • 6 pm – 7 pm, followed by Brotherhood Meeting & Dinner

All Beth Or men are invited to gather before the Brotherhood monthly meeting for an invigorating conversation led by Aaron Nielsenschultz. Non-brotherhood members encouraged to join in the discussion and stay for dinner and the meeting. RSVP to info@bethorbrotherhood.org.

Annual Brotherhood Shabbat
Friday, February 8 • 7:30 pm

Brotherhood is honored and participates in this Shabbat worship. An enhanced Oneg, catered by Infinity Caterers, immediately follows the service. Contact Bob Simon at YobobSimon@gmail.com or 610-547-0943 with any questions.

Sisterhood NYC Bus Trip & “Tootsie” Matinee
Wednesday, May 15 • 8:30 am – 8 pm

Note Early RSVP Deadline: January 29

Join Sisterhood for a day in New York City! Stroll around the theater district, enjoy lunch on your own and then watch the exciting new musical comedy “Tootsie” from front mezzanine seats at the Marquis Theater. Cost: $175/person for Beth Or members, $200/person for non-members. Contact Melissa Lubinski, mbmjmom@comcast.net with any questions. RSVP by January 29 to Ellen Mirbach, semirbach@gmail.com. Send check payable to Beth Or Sisterhood, to the Beth Or office, attn: Ellen Mirbach.

HOLIDAYS AND SHABBAT EVENTS

Music Shabbat featuring Cantor Jamie Marx
Friday, January 18 • 7:30pm

See Junior Choir article, page 9 for details.

Tu B’Shevat Happy Hour
Friday, January 25 • Program, 5:45 pm – 7:15 pm; Shabbat Worship Service, 7:30 pm

Tu B’Shevat has arrived! It’s time to celebrate the things in your life that give you life — or at least oxygen anyway — TREES and all things that grow in the Land of Israel. Come join us before Shabbat services for a Tu B’Shevat Happy Hour. Cocktails will be inspired by the 7 species mentioned in the Torah that grow in the land of Israel. Extra credit for those who can name all 7!
Celebrations Shabbat Program
Saturday, January 12, 12 pm
Saturday, February 9, 12 pm
Celebrations is tailored for families with special needs children. The program provides an informal opportunity to socialize while learning about Shabbat. We start with a very brief worship service which includes a few songs and prayers, led by our Rabbinic Intern Janine Jankovitz, followed by a social activity and brunch.

There is no fee to participate, and anyone in the community is welcome to join at any time. For additional information, contact Faye Benshetler, Febx@comcast.net.

SPECIAL EVENTS
WFCA Solidarity Walk
Sunday, January 13 • 3 pm
Join Rabbi Bonder and members from the Wissahickon Faith Community Association (WFCA) for this annual unification walk from Wissahickon High School to Bethlehem Baptist Church. Meet in the school parking lot at 2:45 pm. After the walk, all are invited to a 4 pm service at the church in celebration of the teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Are you Kosher for this?
Presented by Yad b’Yad (Beth Or Interfaith Families)
Monday, January 14 • 5 pm – 6 pm
January is not too soon to think about our spring holidays! Join Aaron Nielenshultz for a conversation about kashrut, custom, practice, and making meaningful, inclusive rituals for the whole family.

About Yad b’Yad (Beth Or Interfaith Families)
Yad b’Yad (hand in hand) is Beth Or’s newly re-formed program geared toward our interfaith families. Throughout the year, a variety of workshops and social activities will help you connect and build friendships with similar Beth Or and CECE families, learn about Judaism with guidance from our clergy and educators, share experiences with each other, celebrate Jewish holidays and discuss how to incorporate Judaism into your home.

Yad b’Yad is co-chaired by Kim Marks and Julie Spahn. If you are interested in learning more about the program or would like to join an email list to receive information about upcoming events, contact Julie Spahn, jspahn815@gmail.com.

Beth Or Hosts Families in Transition
February 2019
Beth Or once again supports the Interfaith Housing Network (IHN) by housing 3 families for a month. Volunteers are needed to help every day in February! Please sign up to make a meal, drive families to/from Beth Or and Chaperone overnight.
Schedule your time slot on http://www.carecalendar.org/logon/224429, security code 1111. Find more details on page 15 of this issue.

Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month (JDAIM)
February 2019
Beth Or supports JDAIM each year by incorporating a variety of activities into our worship, education and other programming to showcase how our community opens our arms to all, and how we can all do our part to promote inclusion, compassion and tolerance. Look for more details in weekly Chai Lights and school emails.

SAVE THE DATE!
11th Annual CECE Bingo Night!
Wednesday, April 3 • 6:30 pm – 10 pm
One of the favorite CECE fundraisers is returning. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, email BethOrBingo@gmail.com. More event details to come soon!

Celebrating 30 years with Rabbi Gregory and Laurie Marx!
Friday – Sunday, May 3 – 5
Look for an invitation and RSVP card to be mailed to your home in January. See pages 12 and 13.

LIFELONG LEARNING
Beth Or in Del Ray, FL Torah Study
Wednesday, January 23 • 7 pm – 9 pm
For our Beth Or Florida snow birds and those on vacation in the Del Ray area, join Cantor Green for an interesting study session about the meaning of life. This event takes place at the home of Barry & Marlene Green. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Barbara Murtha, bmurtha@bethor.org, 215-646-5806, ext. 220 by January 15.
Celebrating Your Simcha

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Our catering partners on the Approved Caterer List — shown below and published on our website (www.bethor.org) stand ready to provide delicious food for your event. They can provide menu options at a range of prices designed to meet your specific needs and budget.

We hope that you will consider having your celebrations at Beth Or. To learn more about hosting an event at Beth Or, please contact Amy Abrams or Genevieve Yanity at 215-646-5806.

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Marty Gubernick, uncle of Eric Carp
Ronald Hoyland, uncle of Luke Murley
Bruce Geld, cousin of Aaron Lambersky
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Adrienne Klein, mother of Neil Klein
Herbert Davis, father of Howard Davis
Naomi Finkelstein, great great aunt of Steven Glassman
Edythe Solomon, cousin of Edie Newman

Mazel Tov
Wedding of Howard Freedman, son of Jay & Susan Freedman, to Kate Whalen
Wedding of Lizzy Lipkin, daughter of David & Shelley Lipkin, to Scott Goldfarb
Birth of Moshe Miller, grandson of Bob & Faye Miller

Birth of Olivia Paola Avarbock, granddaughter of Harvey & Mary Avarbock
Baby Naming of Arjun David Kulkarni, grandson of David & Shelley Lipkin
Bat Mitzvah of Adah Kaplan
Bat Mitzvah of Josephine Grosser
Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Yahav

Oneg and Flower Donations

Additional October Donations:
Oneg & Flowers:
October 19 • The Bonder Family and Friends in honor of Rabbi Bonder’s Installation and Welcoming the Bonder Family to Beth Or
October 26 • Sisterhood in honor of Abby Gilbert, Sisterhood’s Woman of Valor, and Arlene Slobodzian, Sisterhood’s Woman of the Year

Additional November Donation:
Oneg & Flowers:
November 16 • Faye Miller’s loving family in honor of her commitment and dedication to the Abramson Center for Early Childhood Education
November 23 • Ruth Castor in honor of the aufruff of Jillian Glick and Wes Peskin
November 30 • Ronald & Barbara Rosenthal in honor of Ron’s special birthday.

January Donations:
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January 12 • Andrew and Susan Kaplan in honor of Adah Kaplan’s Bat Mitzvah
January 19 • Jonathan and Dana Grosser in honor of Josephine Grosser’s Bat Mitzvah

February Donation:
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