



BETH OR Spotlight

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Celebrate Cantor Green and his 20 years of service to Beth Or!

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January Worship Schedule

Friday, January 1 Shabbat Shemot

6 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

Saturday, January 2

11 am – Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

Friday, January 8 Shabbat Vaera

7 pm – Celebration Shabbat Worship in the Herzfeld Library

8 pm – Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary

Saturday, January 9

11 am – Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

Friday, January 15 Shabbat Bo

8 pm – Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary

Saturday, January 16

11 am – Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

Friday, January 22 Shabbat Shira/Beshalah

8 pm – Music Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary featuring new High Holiday music composed by the American Conference of Cantors as performed by our own Beth Or Choir, Cantor Green and Cantor Murley

Saturday, January 23

11 am – Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

Friday, January 29 Shabbat Yitro

8 pm – Shabbat Worship Honoring Beth Or Brotherhood

Saturday, January 30

9 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Grosser, daughter of Jonathan and Dana Grosser

11 am – Shabbat Worship with B'nai Mitzvah of Seth Faberman, son of Austin Faberman and Heather Rossman and Alexander Solomon, son of Bob and Julia Solomon

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February Worship Schedule

Friday, February 5 Shabbat Mishpatim

6 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

7 pm – K, 1st & 2nd Grade Family Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary

Saturday, February 6

9 am – Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Heck, son of Brian and Hope Heck

11 am – Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Idan Jaffe, son of Jamison and Roni Jaffe

Friday, February 12 Shabbat Terumah

7 pm – Celebrations Shabbat Worship in the Herzfeld Library

8 pm – Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary

Saturday, February 13

11 am – Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

Friday, February 19 Shabbat Tetzaveh

8 pm – Shabbat Worship with guest speaker, Ralph Nurnberger

Saturday, February 20

9 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Sara Sugerman, daughter of Rob Sugerman and Rachel Sugerman

11 am – Shabbat Worship with B'nai Mitzvah of Griffin Toren, son of Barry and Jennifer Toren and Justin Weiss, son of Larry Weiss and Stephanie Sweet

Friday, February 26 Shabbat Ki-Tissa

8 pm – Please join us on for a special Shabbat service as we honor Cantor David Green for his 20 years of service.

Saturday, February 27

11 am – Shabbat Worship with B'nai Mitzvah of Ava Knopping, daughter of Eric and Kristin Knopping and Zachary Marcus, son of Lee and Jennifer Marcus

January/February Candle Lighting Times

Friday, January 1 • 4:28 pm

Friday, January 8 • 4:34 pm

Friday, January 15 • 4:41 pm

Friday, January 22 • 4:49 pm

Friday, January 29 • 4:58 pm

Friday, February 5 • 5:06 pm

Friday, February 12 • 5:14 pm

Friday, February 19 • 5:23 pm

Friday, February 26 • 5:30 pm





Rabbi Gregory S. Marx

Prayer in the Form of a Deed

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

One of our favorite stories in all of Jewish literature tells of a debate among the Rabbis of the Talmud: Should a religious person attend the gladiator games of Rome? After noting that the point of these games was to witness the murder of the loser, the overwhelming answer is **no**, for it is the antithesis of Torah. Only Rabbi Nathan disagrees, stating that one should certainly attend the games, for when the crowd shouts for the death of the slave, the Jew should stand up and shout to save him. Perhaps the emperor will hear and spare the slave's life.

At times, our tradition mandates that we go where we should not, in order to lift up the moral values of the community. Going to the Colosseum, could in some cases, actually be a mitzvah.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., was a powerful orator who has always inspired me, for he practiced what he preached, often in the darkest of places. Sitting in a Birmingham jail cell in 1966, he wrote: *I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about [discrimination] in Birmingham.*

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.

One of Dr. King's heroes and spiritual mentors was Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, perhaps the foremost Jewish thinker of the 20th century. Rabbi Heschel understood that philosophy separated from the real world is like a breath without a body.

In 1965, Rabbi Heschel flew from New York to Selma, Alabama. There, he greeted Martin Luther King with a handshake and a hug and then marched with him in the historic demonstration now documented by the famous photo of the two teachers walking arm-in-arm. After the march, a journalist asked Heschel how he felt about participating in the march. He responded, *"I felt as though my feet were praying!"*

These two great men of conscience teach us that our highest goal is to wed our good intentions with good action; to, in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *replace IS-ness with OUGHT-ness.*

As I'm sure you know, our nation commemorates on Monday, January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Together with our friends at Bethlehem Baptist Church we celebrate his life and his vision at a special service on Sunday afternoon, **January 17 at 4 pm**. Please join me, for what will be a moving and uplifting service, at Pastor Quann's church, (the old Beth Or).

I am also delighted to tell you that the Social Action committee, headed by Susy Krimker is working on a mission trip to Mexico, to assist the Nashua community. This indigenous group is descended from the Aztecs and have maintained their customs and language. We will be led by a trained and experienced team leader from Global Citizens Network (globalcitizens.org) and work side-by-side with local Nahua people to build classrooms and other school projects. Together we seek to be heroes of conscience who translate our prayers into mitzvot. If you are interested in this October 2016 trip, please contact either Susy at susykrimker@gmail.com or me at gmarx@bethor.org.

Our faith is not just practiced in the sanctuary. It is lived everywhere there is a cry for justice and mercy. In the words of Rabbi Heschel, *"A mitzvah is a prayer in the form of a deed: one cannot pray without taking action."*

From the Rabbi's Desk

"A mitzvah is a prayer in the form of a deed: one cannot pray without taking action."

— Rabbi Heschel

As a community, do we demonstrate our Jewish values?

Ira Secouler, Beth Or President

What do Esther, the Megillah, a grogger, and hamantaschen have in common? If you didn't say PURIM, the Jewish festival celebrated March 23-24 or the 14th day of the month of Adar, then you need to brush up on your Jewish history.

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 have a scotch tasting - all during the reading of 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!



Ira Secouler

President's Corner

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.

This year, as a congregation, we will undertake a lofty goal – a massive food drive to feed the hungry. We will collect non-perishable food items throughout the month of February and March, leading up to a collection date of Sunday, March 20. This effort will enable us to help those in our community through the Ambler Community Cupboard and Philabundance. All aspects of the congregation will be involved, the Center for Early Childhood Education (CECE), the religious school, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, APEX, 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 and youth,
preschool families, and families of religious school,
to combine our energy as a holy community to feed the hungry.**

Please 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 the Early Childhood Center. 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 20.

On Sunday, March 20, we will have a giant sort and pack effort led 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 demonstrate our congregation's commitment to Jewish values. We will be showing the community and ourselves that we truly are Congregation Beth Or, the "House of Light."



Rabbi David Gerber

***Ugh!* Rooting for the Patriots**

Rabbi David Gerber, Associate Rabbi

My dislike for the New England Patriots began in 2001 when they defeated my St. Louis Rams in the Super Bowl. It grew several years later when the “Spygate” incident shed light on the possibility they may have cheated to win that game. Add to that years of unparalleled success and a “deflate-gate,” and it is easy to look upon this franchise with disdain.

As I write this article, the Patriots have just clinched their 10th win of the season (in 10 games). I have no rabbinical insight into whether or not they will still be playing when this article is printed, but the odds are favorable they will still be in the playoffs. Against all odds, however, I find myself rooting for this team--the same team that has caused me (and I’m sure Eagles fans) a decade and a half of heartache.

From the Rabbi’s Desk

I hope more prominent individuals will lead by Robert Kraft’s example and stand proudly with Israel.

The seeds of respect were planted in 2006. I had the opportunity to play football for the illustrious Hebrew Union College flag football team in Jerusalem (we were about as good as you’d expect a team of future rabbis to be). Upon arriving at the football field, I noticed a large New England Patriots logo on the turf. The field was known as Kraft Stadium, named for the owner of the Patriots, Robert Kraft.

Kraft has shown his love for Israel by contributing to its athletic community. Additionally, he has consistently flown his players to Israel to show them first hand its beauty and diversity. He has been a strong supporter of the Jewish communities in Israel and Boston including: American Friends of Beit Hatfutsot, the Diaspora museum in Tel Aviv; the America-Israel Friendship League; the Anti-Defamation League; the Middle East Media Research Institute; the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, and the UJA-Federation of New York.

My respect for the Patriots hit full bloom this evening, November 23, 2015. Last week, an American student was killed in Israel by a Palestinian terrorist. I have spent the past several days waiting for the world media to decry this act of terrorism to no avail.

But on one of football’s biggest stages, Monday Night Football, Robert Kraft and the Patriots honored the slain student with a moment of silence. In a time when so many news outlets, corporations, and universities are shying away from their support for Israel, Kraft stepped up for the Jewish people and our brothers and sisters in Israel.

So, it is with great reluctance I must admit I am rooting for the New England Patriots. I hope more prominent individuals will lead by Robert Kraft’s example and stand proudly with Israel. And as much as I would cringe at another trip to the Super Bowl for the Patriots, we Jews can at least take pride in the success of a fellow Jew, and a dedicated supporter of Israel.



Religious School NEWS

Important School Dates

Sunday, January 3:

No Sunday School: Winter Break

Monday, January 4:

No Sunday School or Academy:
Winter Break

Tuesday, January 5:

No Hebrew School: Winter Break

Sunday, January 10:

1st Grade Family Education

Sunday, January 17:

No Sunday School or Academy:
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 18:

No Hebrew School or Academy:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 19:

No Hebrew School:
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Sunday, January 24:

Pre-K Family Program

Sunday, January 31:

6th Grade Family Education

Friday, February 5:

K-2nd Grade Shabbat

Sunday, February 7:

Pre-K Family Program

Sunday, February 14:

No Sunday School or Academy:
Presidents' Day

Monday, February 15:

No Hebrew School or Academy:
Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 16:

No Hebrew School:
Presidents' Day

Sunday, February 21:

2nd Grade Family Education

Aaron Nienshultz, Director of Religious School

How do you keep up with what's going on in the world? It used to be that I could sit around on Sunday mornings with the paper and find out what was going on in town and all over; I'd read news and literary magazines during the week, listen to news radio, and even watch the news on television. The variety of avenues I turned to would help keep me informed, providing different ways to interact with and understand the world around me. These days, many of the options I turned to are either unavailable or available in greatly truncated forms, and my work has made it so that I don't often sit around on Sunday mornings anymore.



Aaron Nienshultz

Even more challenging than my Sunday schedule is the fact that we have even more information available to us than ever before, and we have access to it in much different ways. There are websites, blogs, Facebook, videos, animations, images, and so on, all providing us with ways to understand and interact with the world around us. Each of these venues provides a way for us to manage our own information intake. On social media, we follow sources that we trust or enjoy, and we allow them to bring information to us in a way that we like. If you like short and snappy, turn to Twitter. If you like image-based communication, Instagram is your friend. If you like to keep up in-depth with friends, family, and news, Facebook will get you there.

So why should Beth Or be different? Every week, I send out an email to parents letting them know what's going on in the Religious School, and I'm excited to say that we're beginning to branch out more into social media to share our information. We've started a closed Facebook group to share information, ideas, and images, and you can request access by searching for Congregation Beth Or Religious School in Facebook. We'll start offering other ways to connect in the future, too, such as Twitter and Instagram, but you'll be able to read more on our Facebook page.



URJ Biennial Is More Than Just A Conference

Gwen Silverstein, 3rd Vice-President, Congregation Beth Or

Wikipedia may define URJ Biennial as an event held every 2 years for Reform Jews around the world to come together to learn, pray, share ideas, dance and sing, hear from inspiring speakers and leaders; reunite with old friends from URJ camps, create new connections, and make decisions about the policies of the Reform Movement.

Let me tell you what 2015 Biennial is...

- To be inspired, enlightened, and energized
- To be a part of something greater than myself
- It is about being the creative change agent for our congregation.
- It's about learning to live an intentional, relational approach to Jewish life.
- It's about hearing how audacious hospitality, strengthening congregations, transforming texts, and tikkun olam can enrich my Jewish life and my community.
- It is about creating and transforming congregants into forming relationships versus counting heads.
- It is about rekindling friendships from my the start of my Jewish journey.
- It's about feeling the joy of my sweetest camp summers where the seeds of Reform Judaism were planted within me.
- It is about 5000 Reform Jews celebrating Shabbat together as one whole unit.
- It's about celebrating Israel.
- It's about our past, present and future leaders in all of our URJ congregations and camps.
- It's about establishing bonds with fellow congregants.



Gwen Silverstein

So how was Biennial this year?

It was amazing, outstanding, inspiring and so much more. For me traveling and forming bonds with fellow congregants, investing 4+ days away from my day job and family to be fully immersed in the endless learning sessions was the awesomeness of Biennial 2015.

Want to join me at the Biennial in Boston in 2017? Ask me how you can get involved with Beth Or and let's go together!



The Voices of Our Donors

"A gift to the Ner Tamid campaign assures that programmatic and educational offerings will not only maintain their current level of excellence, but will continue to expand and improve." — **Norman Bartwink, member since 1994**

"The Ner Tamid Endowment Campaign will empower Beth Or to innovate and make Jewish tradition and wisdom more accessible and relevant." — **Bob and Randi Windheim, members since 1987**

"The warmth of our congregants has been wonderful and has reassured me of just how great our Beth Or family can be. I take classes, go on trips, volunteer and use the synagogue as a resource for gaining a deeper understanding of Judaism." — **Carol Chasen, member since 1973**



"We feel incredibly blessed to be part of the Beth Or community. We are committed to Beth Or and the Reform Movement and want to help ensure that our congregation has a strong future." — **Matthew and Rachel Steinberg, members since 2011**

For more information about the Ner Tamid Campaign, please contact Amy Abrams at 215-646-5806 x208.

Thank you, Cantor Green for your

As you sit at services during the High Holidays, you close your eyes and hear that booming, deep voice of a Cantor singing Kol Nidre. You hear the chanting and you feel in your soul that you are in the right place, in the right moment, for prayer and reflection. That voice belongs to our Cantor, David Green. He has provided Congregation Beth Or with outstanding dedication, service, and song for the past twenty years.

David Green has served as a cantor since 1977 in Reform and Conservative synagogues. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland. He has four Masters Degrees in the fields of Social Work, Jewish Studies, Jewish Education, and History. He completed his Doctorate of Ministry in Congregational Studies at Hartford Seminary. He completed his Certificate of Jewish Music at Gratz College. Cantor Green is a member of the Guild of Temple Musicians and the National Association of Jewish Chaplains. In 1995, he came to Congregation Beth Or, then in Springhouse, to serve as our Cantor, moving to Upper Dublin with his wife Lori, and their two children, Michael and Adina.

Cantor Green has played a significant part in our congregation's history. He passionately educates our children through their B'nai Mitzvah training. Over 1,000 of our students have been trained by Cantor Green for this special day in their lives. His thoughtfulness and teaching brings out the best in our children. It is with pride and affection for our children, that he sings to them at their service — "you will be a blessing."

In addition to teaching our children, the Cantor has been an integral part of adult education programs, through classes and Adult Confirmation. He has helped many of us understand our individual Jewish journeys and connection to Judaism. As an educator, guide, and facilitator, Cantor Green has helped us tell our stories. It is not uncommon that tears flow around the room, as adults share their life history with each other.

Cantor Green is not just an outstanding Cantor and educator. He has performed countless congregational pastoral duties. These consist of Shiva calls, hospital visits, telephone calls to those in distress, funerals, and as a facilitator for a community bereavement group. His guidance and support have been critical to many of our families in challenging times in their lives. His caring concern is most genuine and heartfelt among congregants. For him it is not a career, it is a calling, a sacred task.



Celebrate

February 27 at 7:30 pm

Join us on Saturday evening with an extended cocktail hour, light fare, desserts and a live dance band.

Enjoy music from Sally Mitlas and the 747 Dance Band who will combine the best of Motown, Rock, Pop, R&B and with today's hottest hits.

20 years of outstanding service!



On February 26 and 27, 2016, Congregation Beth Or will honor Cantor David Green for his 20 years of outstanding service. Friday night is a special Shabbat service; featuring prayer, music and song in his honor. Saturday night we will celebrate with an extended cocktail hour, light fare, desserts and Sally Mitlas and her 747 Dance Band. Please look for RSVP details in this Beth Or Spotlight. We hope you can attend both of these special events. In addition, if you so desire, celebrate with us and show your thanks with a commemorative ad in our tribute book to Cantor Green.

We are thankful for these many years of service to our congregation and look forward to many more. Cantor David Green has shown true dedication and compassion for his congregation. That is why many of us know him not only as a great Cantor, but as a real "mensch."

Fondly yours,
Ira Secouler, President
Congregation Beth Or

Cantor David Green

\$59 per person • \$118 per couple

RSVP and pay on-line at
<http://bit.ly/cantorgreenevent> or
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Congregation Beth Or,
239 Welsh Road, Maple Glen,
PA 19002.
Attention: Cantor Green Tribute Event

TRIBUTE BOOK INFORMATION

We are preparing a special keepsake tribute book for the Cantor David and Lori Green to commemorate this special anniversary. We invite you to place a tribute ad with a special memory, a note of congratulations or an ad for your business. !

Options	Price
Back Cover – <i>Sold</i>	
Inside Front/Back Covers.....	\$750
Center Pages	\$700
Full Page.....	\$360
Half Page.....	\$180
Quarter Page.....	\$72
Thank You Message	\$36

Tribute book ads must be submitted by **January 15** to Elisa Heisman at ehisman@bethor.org. High resolution PDF or JPEG files preferred.

Celebrate

Beth Or BROTHERHOOD

What Scares You?

Michael Davis, Brotherhood President



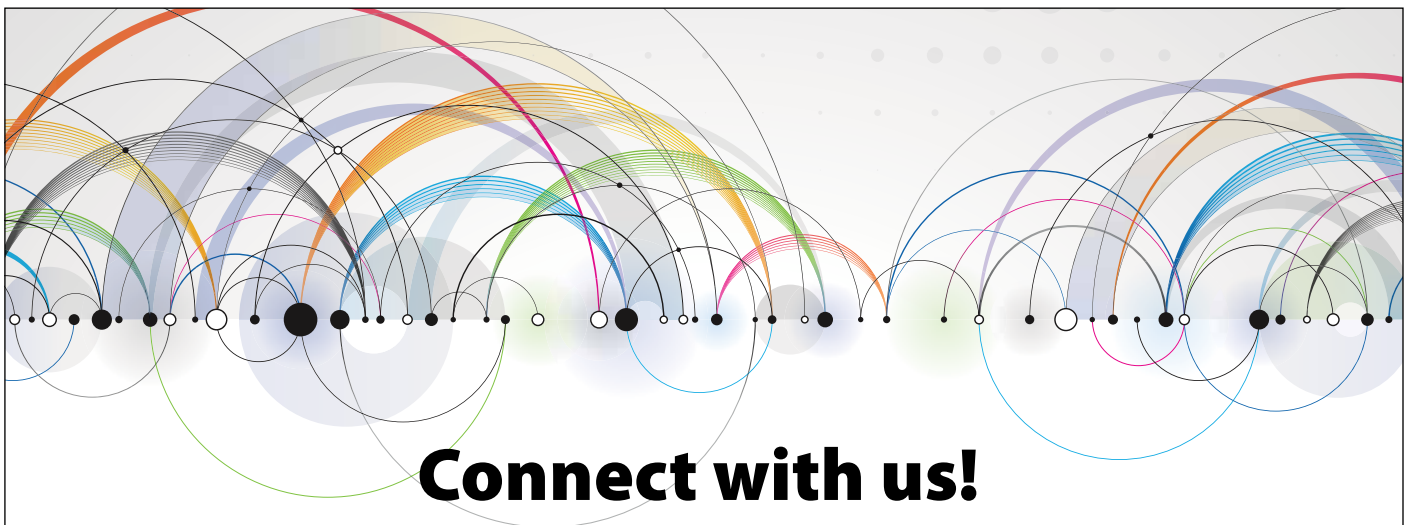
Michael Davis

Earlier today, while greeting friends at the Chanukah Bazaar, I showed a couple of photos of myself taken yesterday while climbing a ham radio tower to hook up some cables 40 feet above the ground. Did I ever mention that I am mildly acrophobic? Why would I be doing this? While my own radio tower cranks down to the ground for servicing, most of my ham friends have towers that must be climbed to attach cables and antennas. Often my friends are often unable to climb towers. So I purchased some OSHA-approved climbing gear, obtained safety training, and now climb towers. It might appear risky but the truth is that I am safer hooked to a tower by my safety lanyards at 40 feet than you are on a 6 foot step ladder.

Why mention this in connection with Brotherhood and Beth Or? When I agreed to be Brotherhood President, I was scared. What if I forgot something important or was posed to make a bad decision? The truth here is that with so many experienced brothers nearby, I would have to work pretty hard to stray from the correct path. So, please let me take a moment to thank all of the folks in the

Brotherhood and elsewhere at Beth Or who have made me look good so far.

Perhaps I can return the favor. What scares you? Are you afraid of running something? Some aspect of ritual practice scares you? With all the talent we have in the Brotherhood and throughout Beth Or, I bet we can help you overcome common fears and become a more complete person I would have to believe that our community would also be strengthened by more confident congregants at the same time.



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www.bethor.org

Beth Or SISTERHOOD

The Pause that Refreshes!

Marilyn Ackerman and Ellen Mirbach, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Make time for yourself on Saturday March 5

Our ancestors worked night and day to build a Mishkan, a holy tabernacle in the wilderness, to show their devotion to God. In the midst of their labors, Moses called an emergency town meeting to convey a very important message from the Creator — "Cease and desist from your labors and enjoy Shabbat." This is a rather loose interpretation of the Torah portion Vayak'heil/P'Kudei that will guide us during Sisterhood Shabbaton on Saturday, March 5 beginning at 8:30 am.



God's mandate to rest, reflect and renew our mind, body and spirit is timeless and essential to us as modern women. Day after day, we do holy work as we raise our families, manage careers and/or volunteer in our congregation and our community. It's difficult to find a few precious hours to take care of our own personal and spiritual needs. Yet we MUST set aside time to focus on our spiritual well-being because, through spirituality, we find meaning, hope and inner peace. Shabbat gives us this gift of time — 24 hours to take a break from controlling and shaping the world — to celebrate the fruits of our labors. During our Shabbaton, we will explore how our spiritual health affects our physical and mental well-being.

We invite you to spend six of these hours with us, your "spiritual sisters," women who yearn to learn, grow and rejoice in their roles as God's partners.

Our spiritual guide for the afternoon portion of our program will be Rabbi Elisa Goldberg, the interim rabbi of Kol Tzedek, a Reconstructionist congregation in West Philadelphia. Rabbi Goldberg served as director of Chaplaincy Services at Jewish Family and Children's Service for the past 14 years and was the first woman to serve as president of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia. Readers of the *Jewish Exponent* enjoy her monthly D'Var Torah.

On March 5, we will sing, create and creatively worship together. We will explore ways to live richer, fuller and more joyful lives. There will be food to sustain our bodies and innovative programming to make our spirits soar.

Please join us for Sisterhood Shabbaton, the pause that refreshes, on Saturday, March 5. The cost is \$25 per person if you RSVP by February 19. The cost will go up to \$35 per person after this date. RSVP to Arlene Slobodzian at abswws125@gmail.com or on-line at <https://ipn.intuit.com/pay/BethOrSisterhood>.



Marilyn Ackerman and Ellen Mirbach

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- Books for Adults and Children
- Children's Toys and Games
- Baby Gifts
- Occasion Cards

Hours:

- Sunday: 9 am-12 noon • Monday: 9 am-12 noon, 4:30-6 pm, and 7-8:30 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

SOCIAL Action

Beth Or Hosts Families in Transition Again

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Ambler is a program that assists families in crisis, in the Central Montgomery County area, to get back on their feet. It provides emergency shelter, food, and other help in local churches and synagogues. Congregation Beth Or has been involved in this program for the last 18 years, initially volunteering at other churches. For the past 9 years, we have been hosting up to three families staying overnight at Beth Or during the entire month of February. We need a large number of volunteers to run this program successfully. Volunteers are needed for the following activities:

- 1. Dinner:** Two Beth Or volunteers/families prepare dinner each night, bring the dinner to Beth Or and enjoy the meal with our guest families.
- 2. Transportation:** Volunteers, as needed, transport the families to/from the day center in Ambler
- 3. Overnight Chaperone:** Volunteers stay overnight, each night, at Beth Or. Families are welcome.

This is a great mitzvah activity and an opportunity for our children to learn compassion for others less fortunate.

To volunteer, log onto the following website: [www.http://carecalendar.org/logon/224429](http://carecalendar.org/logon/224429). Enter security code 1111 and advance the month to February, 2016. Just select the date and activities (driver/dinner/overnight) you wish to volunteer for. Enter your email and cell phone # to receive necessary guest family information as it becomes available. Only program coordinators have access to your contact information. We greatly appreciate our past and future volunteers.

For more information:

Marv Schwartz at marvdebschwartz@verizon.net or Susy Krimker at susykrimer@gmail.com

Overnight Coordinator:

Leslie Weiss at lweiss@its.jnj.com

Transportation Coordinator:

Allen Male at ammathiker@gmail.com

Snack Packing for North Penn Boys & Girls Club

Friday, March 4

In the spirit of Purim and tradition of Mishloach Manot — giving gifts of food to friends and those in need — we invite you to help package 3000 snack bags for the North Penn Boys and Girls Club immediately following Shabbat services.

Have some fun! Engage with the Beth Or community and help collect and assemble healthy snacks! In 2014 and 2015, we reached our goal of collecting 375 pounds of food and look forward to having you participate this year to help us achieve this goal again.

Three ways to help!

- 1.** Drop off snacks in the school lobby bins (beginning Sunday, January 17)
- 2.** Bring 1 or more snacks to the service on March 4
- 3.** Participate!

Healthy Snacks requested:

Animal Crackers • Mini Rice Cakes • Cereal — Cheerios, Chex — Unsweetened • Packaged Dry Fruit • Pretzels or Mini-Pretzels • Cheez-It Crackers • Raisins • Gold Fish Crackers • Teddy Grahams • Graham Crackers • Whole Wheat Crackers • Granola

Thank you for the following considerations: No peanuts or food with peanut ingredients. No candy, potato chips or cheese doodles. Snacks should be in their packages not individually wrapped. Please tie long hair back.

Sponsor:

This program is sponsored by Congregation Beth Or's, Social Action Committee — Striving, Caring, and Making a Difference — in our community.

For more information:

Susy Krimker at susykrimer@gmail.com or Rich Blumberg at rich.blumberg@comcast.net



Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah Students

Gaby Grosser

January 30

Hello, my name is Gaby Grosser. I am 12 years old and go to Wissahickon Middle School. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I decided to volunteer and donate to **Cradles to Crayons**. Cradles to Crayons is a terrific organization that "provides children from birth to age 12, living in low-income and homeless situations, with the essential items they need to thrive at home, at school and at play. C2C supplies these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities that have with communities that need." I gathered items from our house, including clothes, toys, books and coats and my mom and I brought them to the Cradles to Crayons warehouse. I also volunteered at their warehouse, sorting items and creating "baby baskets" with clothes, hats, booties, and necessities for families with infants.. If you would like to donate or volunteer at C2C, please visit their website at <https://www.cradlestocrayons.org>.



Seth Faberman

January 30

This past spring, Seth organized a team to walk in the **Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) annual Walk Against Hate**. This event is a major fundraiser for the ADL, which uses funds raised to support its programming intended to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure justice and fair treatment for all people. Seth raised \$950 through his efforts, and had a team of 15 walkers to support the cause, including Cantor Green. Seth intends to keep up these efforts each year, building on his success. Anyone interested in joining Seth on his team this coming May, or donating to his team, should contact Seth's father, Austin Faberman, at austin.faberman@gmail.com. Austin will make sure Seth reaches out to those people when the 2016 Walk Against Hate website goes live.



In addition, Seth is currently volunteering his time at the **Abramson Center for Jewish Life**. While there, he interacts with residents, and assists them in making their way to and from activities within the Center.

Idan Jaffe

February 6

Idan Jaffe volunteered at **The Variety Club** for his Bar Mitzvah project. The Variety Club serves children with special needs throughout the Philadelphia region. They have a large campus in Worcester with year-round events. Idan assisted in their sports program. He helped with coaching in both soccer and basketball on a weekly basis. He also volunteered at their tournament this fall. They competed against 2 other clubs on a Sunday afternoon at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School.

He plans to continue to volunteer with the organization throughout the year. If you are interested in donating your time or money, please go to varietyphila.org for more information.



Sara Sugerman

February 20

For my Mitzvah project I am volunteering at **Mitzvah Circle Foundation**. Mitzvah Circle Foundation provides meaningful support to individuals and families during times of crisis, poverty, homelessness and serious illness. I am working at the warehouse to help support people based on their needs by sorting clothing, household items, food, diapers, etc. and making care packages. I chose this as my Mitzvah project because I wanted to do something that was actively hands-on as opposed to just raising money. I enjoy doing this because I like to make a difference in people's lives. For more information about Mitzvah Circle Foundation, visit www.MitzvahCircle.org.

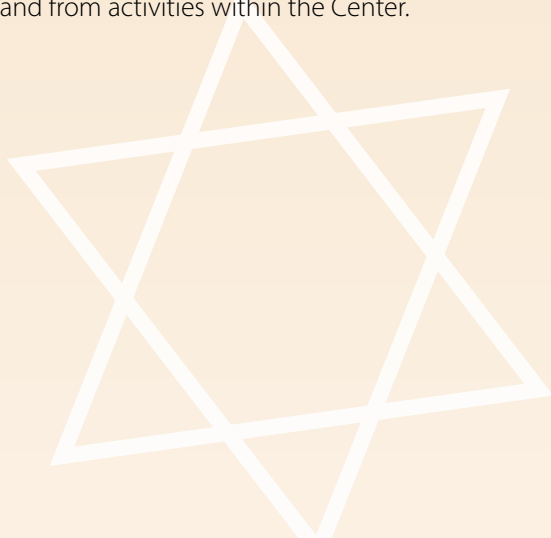


Griffin Toren

February 20

For my Mitzvah project, I organized the **5th annual Chanukah wish collection** to benefit abused, neglected and special needs children served by **JAFCO**, a non-profit agency that provides programs and services for at-risk children and their families. The gifts and gift cards donated went directly to the children of JAFCO both here in the Greater Philadelphia region as well as Florida.

Established in 1992, JAFCO is serving over 500 children and their families in the South Florida and the Greater Philadelphia region. The JAFCO Jewish Children's Village provides a safe and loving home to 50 children and is the only one of its kind in the Jewish community in the nation. If you would like to donate or get involved please contact Rana Bell, JAFCO Director of Northeast Development, at rana@jafco.org.



YOUTH *Activities*

The Importance of Fostering a Love for Judaism

Jillian Glick, Director of Youth and Camp Engagement

This past November, I was fortunate to attend the Union for Reform Judaism's Biennial convention in Orlando, Florida. At the conference, I heard from many amazing speakers who discussed a wide variety of topics. One thing that stuck with me was when URJ President, Rabbi Rick Jacobs reminded us of the importance of ensuring our children love Judaism.

I remembered my years teaching Hebrew and I always told the parents on the first day, "I promise your children will learn Hebrew and be prepared for B'nai Mitzvah, but that's not the most important part of Hebrew School. It is more important that I ensure they love being at Beth Or, being with Jewish friends and associate these experiences with fun and joy."

In my opinion, creating a foundation for our students with opportunities to love their Judaism is the most important part of being a Jewish educator and role model. We at Beth Or are blessed with an amazing religious school. Our kids learn Jewish history, values, hot topics, music and more. I am sure our children will leave knowing some of these important pieces of Jewish life.

How can we create balance when we work to foster this love for Judaism? My answer to that is FUN! Send your kids to youth programs! Let them enjoy being with Jewish kids doing fun activities to help them combine their Beth Or experience and their Judaism with fun, friendship and memories!

In the coming months, we have exciting things happening at BOFTY. Look on Facebook, the Beth Or website, weekly e-mails and check school bags for event flyers with details! Consider signing your child up today!

L'Shalom



Jillian Glick

January and February Youth Events by Grade

Bitty BOFTY (K-2)

January 24 • Sky Zone at 1 pm

February 28 • Power Fit Kids at 1 pm

Mini BOFTY (3-5)

January 11 and 12 • Pizza Dinner at 6 pm

February 21 • Sky Zone at 1 pm

Junior BOFTY (6-7)

January 10 • Bagel Brunch at 10:45 am

January 31 • Sky Zone at 1 pm

February 21 • Bagel Brunch at 10:45 am

February 28 • NFTY 678 Event — TBD

Senior BOFTY (8-12)

January 10 • Bagel Brunch at 10:45 am

January 15-17 • NFTY PAR WINSTY

January 25 • Pizza Dinner at 6 pm

February 8 • Pizza Dinner at 6 pm

February 20 • Sky Zone and Dinner at 1 pm

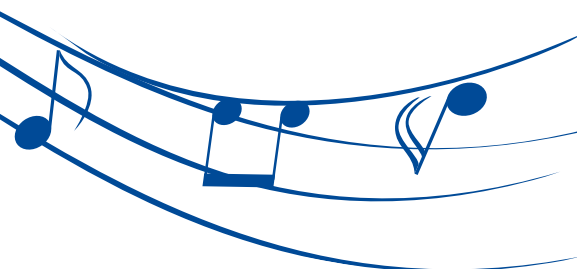
February 21 • Bagel Brunch at 10:45 am

Events

Fun in the Winter with Junior Choir!

What a busy few months for the Jr. Choir! In November, we sang for the residents at the Abramson Center on Mitzvah Day (November 1) and brought a little sunshine to the residents' afternoon! We also led the 5th Grade and Family Shabbat Service on November 6.

In December, the Jr. Staffers had an AWESOME Chanukah Party after the 4th Grade Family Shabbat Services on December 4. Next, we all led the Glow Stick Chanukah Service on December 11 and lit up the Chanukah Hop! The whole Junior Choir and their families partied at our annual Jr. Choir Chanukah Party on December 13...and then we all went to Barnes and Noble in Montgomeryville and knocked the socks off holiday shoppers in the store as we entertained them with our Chanukah songs.



Happy New Year everyone — the first Friday falls on New Year's Day, so the Junior Choir will enjoy an extended Winter Break (no January Family Shabbat Service). After completing the Purim Shpiel script over Winter Break, the Jr. Staffers will review the completed script over dinner together, followed by a movie on Saturday night, January 9! The next day, the whole Junior Choir will have a blast together at our annual Laser Tag Party on Sunday, January 10. February is FANTASTIC for our Jr. Staffers, who will celebrate their annual Junior Staffer Sleepover after the Junior Choir leads the K-2nd Grade Family Shabbat Services on February 5.

Looking ahead to March, the entire Junior Choir will enjoy its yearly sleepover at Beth Or following the 6th Grade Family Shabbat Services on March 4. Don't miss the Purim Shpiel auditions on Sunday, March 6 at 1 pm and rehearsals on Sunday, March 13 and 20 at 1 pm and on Wednesday, March 23 at 5 pm! More details to follow.

Everyone — the Purim Shpiel this year on Wednesday, March 23 at 7 pm is NOT TO BE MISSED!! Please bring your cell phones to participate in our unique and interactive Purim Shpiel!! (Not too often you get asked to bring your cell phone to services!!).

It's never too late to join our 60-person strong fabulous Chaverim (friends) Junior Choir. No prior singing experience is required (but is certainly welcome). Our practices are conveniently held between early and late sessions on Sunday mornings, from 10:45 am to 11:15 am, and we have a half-hour rehearsal immediately before each Family Service. If you're interested in checking us out, please contact Junior Choir Parent Coordinator, Nancy Portney (nportney@sbrslaw.com) for more information about joining the fun!

Junior Choir January/February/March Calendar

Happy New Year – No Family Service
Friday, January 1

Saturday, January 9 at 5 pm
Jr. Staffer Dinner and a Movie

Sunday, January 10 at 2 pm
Full Choir Laser Tag Party

Friday, February 5 at 7 pm
Family and K-2nd Grade
Shabbat Service
Jr. Staffer Sleepover Party

Friday, March 4 at 7 pm
Family and 6th Grade Shabbat
Service
Jr. Choir Sleepover Party

Sunday, March 6 at 1-3 pm
Purim Shpiel Auditions

Sunday, March 13 and 20 at 1-4 pm
Purim Shpiel Rehearsals

Wednesday, March 23 at 5 pm
Purim Shpiel Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 23 at 7 pm
The UNIQUE and INTERACTIVE
Purim Shpiel

Please note that the rehearsal time for the February and March services is 6:30 pm.



Beth Or EVENTS

Adult Programs

APEX Brunch

March 6 at 10 am

Beth Or member, Fred Dugan will present "The Shaping of the Constitution: The American Torah." The presentation includes information about some of our founding fathers and what they were trying to accomplish, where they succeeded and where they failed and why he feels the Constitution has endured for as long as it has and why it will continue to do so. This program is free of charge if you RSVP by March 1 to Barb Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org. Walk-ins will be charged \$5 at door.

APEX is the Adult Programming Experience Committee which presents events geared toward congregational members ages 55 and over.

Art Gallery

Artist in Residence: The Cheltenham Printmakers Guild

January 8 to February 10



This exhibit is composed of a group of professional artists from the Delaware Valley who are skilled in a wide range of printmaking media. Based on a philosophy that artists need not work in isolation, the Printmakers Guild provides an environment for exchanging ideas on printmaking processes and techniques, the aesthetics of art and the creative process. Through the collective exchange of ideas and knowledge, the Guild strives towards enhanced creativity and a future vision.

Artist in Residence: Beth Or Photography Club

February 12 to March 10

The theme of the show is Nature's Beauty. Come meet the photographers at the opening reception Friday, February 12 immediately following Shabbat services.

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Events

Sisterhood Shabbaton

Saturday, March 5 at 8:30 am

Save the date and join us for a day of spirituality and friendship which includes great speakers, workshops and a mitzvah project. See page 9 in this newsletter for all of the details.

Theater Trip

Sunday, April 3 at 1 pm



Beautiful: The Carole King Musical tells the Tony Award winning inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. This show takes place at the Academy of Music. The seats are in Parquet Center and cost \$125 per person. Tickets can be purchased on-line at <https://ipn.intuit.com/pay/BethOrSisterhood> or by sending a check to Arlene Slobodzian at Beth Or. Please indicate the name of the show in the memo line of the check. Checks should be made out to Beth Or Sisterhood.

Sisterhood Trunk Show

Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 pm

Be fashion forward this Spring...

Celebrate the start of a new season with a look at the latest lines of warm-weather clothing, accessories, jewelry and more from the Philadelphia area's finest shops and boutiques. You are invited to Sisterhood's premiere Trunk Show at the Blue Bell Country Club. Enjoy appetizers, a fabulous buffet dinner and delicious desserts while shopping from the spring/summer collections of Chickie's Daughter;

Frox Boutique; Flirt Boutique; Compliments Handbags and Accessories; Rodan & Fields Skin Care; Zachary's Smile; Stella & Dot and many more. You will see many one of a kind items not available in stores. The cost is \$45 a person. You can pay on line at <https://ipn.intuit.com/pay/BethOrSisterhood> or by sending a check to Arlene Slobodzian at Beth Or.



Holidays and Shabbat Events

Music Shabbat: High Holy Days in January January 22 at 8 pm

This year's Music Shabbat will preview new music composed for the High Holy Days. No, it is not a High Holy Day service on a January Shabbat, but rather a "Sermon in Song" after the Shabbat service that evening. The concert will feature new music of the Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur liturgy composed by such well known artist as Ben Steinberg, Max Janowski, Craig Taubman and Joshua Nelson. These melodies will not replace our old favorites but rather be added as hymns after sermons or parts of the liturgy that are not currently sung.

Special Events

Beth Or Ski Trip January 22-24

The 7th Annual Beth Or Ski Trip weekend is a great time for families to get together and enjoy Shabbat on the slopes. On Friday night, we will meet at a member's home for Shabbat dinner and worship with Rabbi Marx. Saturday morning, there will be Torah study, breakfast and then skiing. Non-skiers may enjoy other activities including spa treatments, winter-hiking and more. Saturday night, we will meet at the Mountain Top Lodge for a Havdalah service, dinner and discussion with Rabbi Marx. On Sunday, there will be time for skiing before we head home.



The cost is \$60 per adult and \$30 per child for 2 nights stay and all meals (except Sunday morning and afternoon). Rooms are available on a first come first served basis. All ages welcome! Contact Stacy Frankel for details at stacyfrankel@comcast.net.



Tu B'Shevat Wine Tasting January 23 at 5:30 pm

In celebration of Tu B'Shevat, Beth Or 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:

There is no cost for this event for Beth Or members (the cost is \$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 that 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 winner's table.

Wine tasting:

After you have checked 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. This is a good time to mention that you must be 21 to participate.

The winners:

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

What about the kids?

While the wine tasting is happening, there will be programming available 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!

**Babysitting is free for Beth Or and CECE members.*

Childcare is not available for those who are not members of Beth Or or the CECE.

Chai-Lights — January-February 2016

New Members

Ken, Miriam, Sarah, Alyssa & Samantha Weinstein
Nolan Kraus, Karen Crispino, Natalie & Rachel Kraus
Neil, Zohav, & Shira Klein
Ryan, Jennifer, Reesa & Logan Frost
David & Lisa Keller
Michael Hofer & Elizabeth Beifel
Samuel Bolstein & Hallie Klocek

Rejoining Members

Sara, Summer & Maxwell Benowitzl

May Their Memory Be a Blessing

Nancy Duretz, mother of Michael Duretz
Lenore Rutman Liner, mother of Robert Rutman
Bonnie Hoffman, mother of Carlee Cohen
Ruth Zamkoff, mother of Arthur Zamkoff
Barbara DeLuca, mother of Meredith Maltin
Steve Schroder, cousin of Marilyn Cohn
Stanley Markovitz, father of Bruce Markovitz
Miriam "Mimi" Kane, cousin of Arnold (Elsa-Lu) Berkowitz
Norman Werther, husband of Ellen Werther
Hayette Sody, aunt of Judy Phipps and great aunt of Andrew Phipps
Owen A. Knopping, father of Eric Knopping
Francine Kleinman, mother of Wendy Spector
Ida Sarah Jaffe, mother of Lisa Cohen
Stan Spilove, husband of Barbara Spilove and long-time member of Beth Or
Judith Schwartz, the beloved mother of Steve (Merle) Schwartz and grandmother of Alena & Scott

Mazel Tov

Engagement of Justin Thomas, son of Elaine Thomas & Rick Thomas, to Carolyn Sallen
Baby Naming of Penelope Jay Wolf, daughter of Eric & Samantha Wolf & granddaughter of Ira & Robin Secouler
Birth of Natanel Marcel, grandson of Nancy and Robert Katof
Wedding of Hallie Klocek, daughter of Stan and Ellen Klocek, to Samuel Bolstein
Wedding of Elizabeth Beifel, daughter of Stephen and Melanie Beifel, to Michael Hofer
Birth of Ariel Roze Bar-Lev, granddaughter of Zvi and Zahava Bar-Nir
Baby Naming of Amelia Isabel Sussmann, granddaughter of Barry & Ellen Sussmann
Wedding of Lisa Resnick, daughter of Michael and Nancy Resnick, to David Keller

Wedding of Zachary Miller, son of Robert and Faye Miller, to Rachel Channon
Baby Naming of Parker Evan Altman, son of Ben and Rebecca Altman
Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Grosser
Bar Mitzvah of Seth Faberman
Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Solomon

Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Heck
Bar Mitzvah of Idan Jaffe
Bat Mitzvah of Sara Sugerman
Bar Mitzvah of Griffin Toren
Bar Mitzvah of Justin Weiss
Bat Mitzvah of Ava Knopping
Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Marcus

Oneg and Flower Donations

September Donations

Oneg:

September 11 • Sam and Edie Newman in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
Greg and Marna Delfiner in honor of Jared Delfiner's Bar Mitzvah
Daniel and Julie Fuchs in honor of Ava Fuchs' Bat Mitzvah
Gary and Harra Hershman in honor of Janie Hershman's Bat Mitzvah
Lois and Aaron Lambersky in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary

September 25 • Ron Jones and Gail Dizengoff-Jones in honor of Adriana Jones' Bat Mitzvah

Flowers:

September 11 • Greg and Marna Delfiner in honor of Jared Delfiner's Bar Mitzvah
September 25 • Dan and Rita Rubins in honor of Rachel Rubins' Bat Mitzvah

October Donations

Oneg:

October 2 • The Post Family in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Colin and Julia Post
October 16 • Mike and Cori Miller in honor of Avery Miller's Bat Mitzvah
October 23 • The Nadell Family in honor of Aidan Nadell's Bar Mitzvah
October 30 • Tracy and Andrew Geisler in honor of Grant Geisler's Bar Mitzvah
Jackie Diamond and Joel Silver in honor of Ari Silver's Bar Mitzvah

Flowers:

October 9 • Kevin and Alicia Fortunato in honor of Sam Fortunato's Bar Mitzvah
Walt and Brynne Tillman in honor of Jacob and Joshua Tillman's B'nai Mitzvah
October 16 • Mike and Cori Miller in honor of Avery Miller's Bat Mitzvah
October 23 • The Nadell Family in honor of Aidan Nadell's Bar Mitzvah
October 30 • Jackie Diamond and Joel Silver in honor of Ari Silver's Bar Mitzvah

November Donations

Oneg:

November 6 • Richard and Shani Guziewicz in honor of Alyssa Guziewicz's Bat Mitzvah
Bob and Laura Lynam in honor of Bobby Lynam's Bar Mitzvah
Ben and Rebecca Altman in honor of the Baby Naming of Parker Evan
November 13 • Graham and Becky Kilshaw in honor of Elias Kilshaw's Bar Mitzvah
Amy and Donald Gamburg in honor of Madeline Gamburg's Bat Mitzvah
November 20 • The Solomon Family in honor of Lily Solomon's Bat Mitzvah
Randi and Evan Burstein in honor of Sami Burstein's Bat Mitzvah
November 27 • Richard and Lauren Mandel in honor of Dylan Mandel's Bar Mitzvah

Flowers:

November 6 • Ben and Rebecca Altman in honor of the Baby Naming of Parker Evan
November 20 • The Solomon Family in honor of Lily Solomon's Bat Mitzvah
Randi and Evan Burstein in honor Sami Burstein's Bat Mitzvah

December Donation

Flowers:

December 4 • Stacey and Alan Glauser in honor of Emily Glauser's Bat Mitzvah

Memorials and Contributions

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In Memory of

RUTH ZAMKOFF

Bruce & Linda Baron

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LENORE LINER

Harry & Lila Schultz

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In Honor of

EDYTHE & SAM NEWMAN'S

Aliyah for their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Edythe & Sam Newman & family

HELEN SCHWARTZ'S Birthday

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Larry & Sandy Frankel

CAROLINE ZAGER being called to the Torah on Yom Kippur

Warren & Katherine Zager

In Appreciation of

RABBI MARX

Alex & Sheryl Gruber

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Stan & Ellen Kloczek

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Congratulations to

RABBI GREGORY MARX, wonderful

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Margie Chachkin

Speedy Recovery to

DAVID GUTMAN

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SUSIE ADELMAN

ALLISON KAPLAN

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Rabbi Gerber's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of

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Linda Platt

In Honor of

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Keith Bobier

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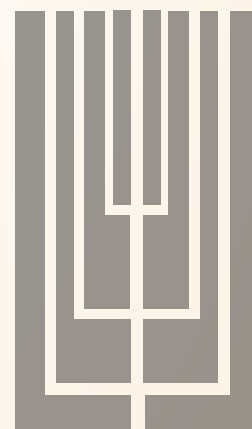
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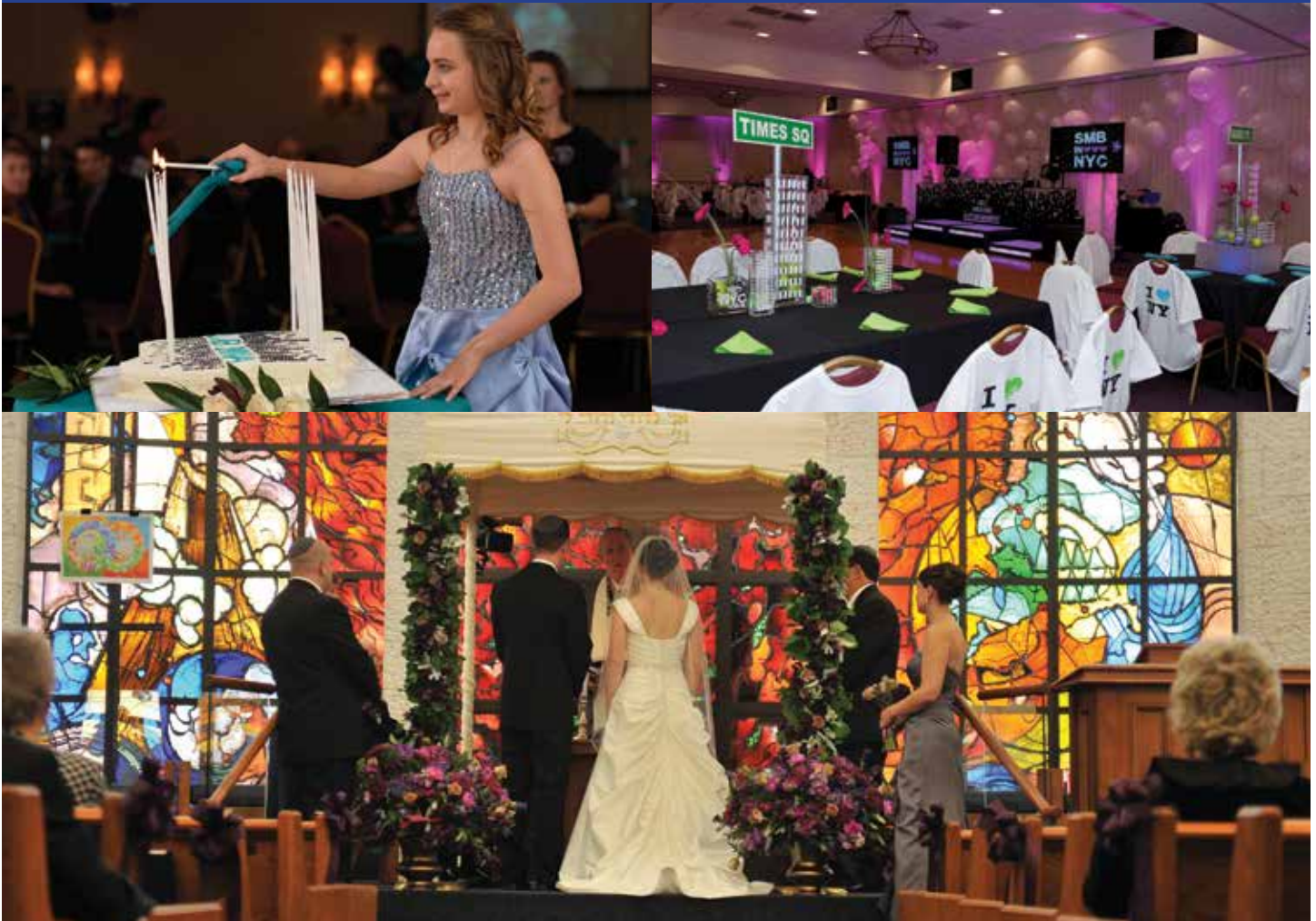
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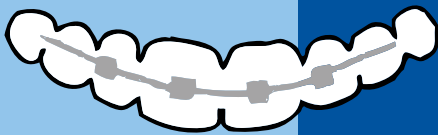
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