March Worship Schedule

Friday, March 3 – Shabbat Terumah
5:30 pm – Munchkin Minyan for 2’s
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – 6th Grade Family Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary
6:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Memorial Chapel

Saturday, March 4
9:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Dorsey, son of Bruce Dorsey and Jennie Nerenberg
11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Silver, daughter of Bruce and Rachel Silver

Friday, March 10
Shabbat Tetzaveh/Zachor
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, March 11
9:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Ashley Rosenberg, daughter of Marc and Samara Rosenberg
11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with B’nai Mitzvah of Emma Ziff, daughter of Harry Joshua Ziff and Andrea Ziff and Benjamin Leavitt, son of Douglas Leavitt and Nina Amster
6:30 pm – Purim Shpiel, Service and Festivities

Friday, March 17
Shabbat Ki-Tissa/Parah
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Zimriah – Enhanced musical experience with additional musicians & upbeat melodies. Guest speaker Pastor Charles Quann.

Saturday, March 18
9:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Charles London, son of Larry London and Carol Meyers
11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Cohen, daughter of Ellen Spivack and Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Pohl, son of Neil Pohl and Liz Roth Pohl

Friday, March 24
Shabbat Vayakhel-Pekudei
7:00 pm – Shabbat Worship Honoring Cantor Green followed by a special Oneg in his honor

Saturday, March 25
9:00 am – Shabbat Worship with B’not Mitzvah of Anna and Isabella May, daughters of Eric and Mindy May
11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Emmy Rutberg, daughter of Erik and Fern Rutberg

Friday, March 31 – Shabbat Vayikra
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship

April Worship Schedule

Saturday, April 1
9:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Jason Selsley, son of Elliot and Elizabeth Selsley
11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with B’nai Mitzvah of Max Segal, son of Marc and Tracy Segal and Lainey Goldoor, daughter of Brad and Lisa Goldoor

Friday, April 7 – Shabbat Tzav/HaGadol
5:30 pm – Munchkin Minyan for Infants, Tots & First Steppers in the Multi-Purpose Room
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – 3rd Grade Family Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary
6:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Memorial Chapel

Saturday, April 8
10:00 am – Celebrations Worship
11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with B’nai Mitzvah of Alex, Shawn and Madison Gindea, children of Scott and Tracy Gindea

Tuesday, April 11
9:00 am – 1st Day of Passover Worship with Passover brunch to follow
6:00 pm – 2nd Night Community Seder led by Rabbi Gerber

Friday, April 14 – Shabbat Maftir
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Zimriah – Enhanced musical experience with additional musicians & upbeat melodies

Saturday, April 15
11:00 am – Shabbat Worship

Monday, April 17
9:00 am – Last Day of Passover Service with Yizkor and kosher for Passover brunch to follow

Friday, April 21 – Shabbat Shemini
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship

Sunday, April 24
8:00 pm – Yom Hashoah Service

Friday, April 28
Shabbat Tazria-Metzora
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship Honoring Chai Members with the Robert and Molly Apter Scholar in Residence, Dr. Ralph Nurnberger. The Adult Choir will sing at this service.

Saturday, April 29
9:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Talia Newman, daughter of Scott and Ellen Newman in the Gitlin Sanctuary
11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with B’nai Mitzvah of Griffin Pestrack, son of Eric and Jamie Pestrack and Amanda Brecher, daughter of Andrew and Dana Brecher in the Gitlin Sanctuary

11:00 am – Shabbat Worship with Scholar in Residence in the Haines Memorial Chapel followed by a luncheon

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Does My Dog Have A Soul?

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

I love my dog. Anyone who has an animal in their life knows that dogs love unconditionally and respond to us emotionally in ways that often our fellow humans cannot. My kids love our dog, Orli, my Greyhound and Boarder-Collie mix and they look forward to seeing her every time they return home to visit.

A few years ago, Pope Francis told a little boy, upset about the death of his dog, that his dog’s soul was now in heaven. When I lost my first dog, Becky, I remember reading a lovely poem called, “The Rainbow Bridge.” Anyone who has lost an animal should read this. Believing that our dog is waiting for us, with her wagging tail gives me tremendous comfort.

Over the years, I have been asked to say Kaddish for a deceased dog at Shabbat services. Recently, Rabbi Gerber was requested to host a “bark mitzvah.” In the end, he hosted a wonderful program that taught about Judaism’s lessons about caring for our four-legged friends. So we came with our dogs and cats and learned about the mitzvah Baalei Tzar Chaim, the obligation to care for animals.

Judaism teaches that there is an ontological gap between animals and human beings. Humans have essential qualities that make us fundamentally different from animals. Humans have both a good and evil inclination; animals have only one inclination, their basic instincts. Humans can morally choose between right and wrong. Animals cannot. Humans cannot be property; animals can. That is why the Torah speaks of “their flocks and herds and all that is theirs.” Humans own their animals and their pets; they do not own their children.

Some organizations are arguing that we should award the status of personhood to animals. This move would mean that animals and humans would be treated the same in the eyes of the law. Eating meat would be illegal, as would animal experimentation and the use of animals for entertainment.

Even if the passage of such a law is unlikely, the influence of extreme animal rights proponents is very strong. Philosopher Peter Singer wrote a very well received book on animal liberation where he introduced the term speciesism, the favoring of humans over animals. He compares this to racism, the favoring of one race over another. Singer’s ideas have influenced groups like P.E.T.A. (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), who have called the killing of six billion chickens a Holocaust. One sees the danger of going down this path.

Certainly any kind of cruelty to animals is wrong. I ache when I see an animal mistreated. But if we see animals as equal to humans there can be unintended consequences. Rather than lifting up the rights of animals, we could be devaluing the status and expectations of humans. If we are the same as animals, then any animalistic behavior that we display is warranted and accepted. Rather than lifting up animals, we would be debasing humanity.

Judaism teaches that humans have a neshama, literally “the breath of God.” We are capable of acting like God. Animals have a nefesh, a soul, in which holiness can rest. They are conscious, but not morally so. We should expect more from each other than from our pets.

So should a dog walk down the aisle as one of the attendants at a wedding? Should we say Kaddish or put up a memorial plaque in our alcove for a pet? For now, I would say, “no.” There is a difference. We should resist the temptation to equalize our status, no matter how much we may love and care for them.
Bar and Bat Mitzvah Lessons Our Children Teach Us

Ira Secouler, Beth Or President

A duty of a Board of Trustee member is to present the congregational gifts at the B’nai Mitzvah service. Most board members take on this challenge with a reluctant joy. Sometimes they don’t know the family or student, and feel a bit out of place on the bimah. Most board members love this task; they enjoy the connection to our families and reach out to the parents weeks before the service. They introduce themselves, talk about the student’s mitzvah project, the B’nai mitzvah experience, and congratulate the family on the upcoming day.

When the day comes, the families are excited, the moms usually nervous, clutching a Kleenex for the eventual tears. The grandparents smile, walking slowly up to the bimah for the honor of an Aliyah, and most often during the service an elderly relative nods off, the head bobbing now and then.

The highlights for the families are the chanting of the Torah portion, the student’s speech, the famous Beth Or “huddle” at the open Ark. The Cantor’s rendition of “L’chi Lach — and you shall be a blessing” is the final highlight of every service.

As a board member for over ten years, I can assure you that I have completed this task numerous times. I have seen children so nervous they look like they are going to faint, others are relaxed and smiling, some speed through their parts, others talk in a whisper, some sing with gusto, others chant slowly and clearly. Our clergy and staff do a wonderful job of preparing our children for this special day. In fact, they bring out the best in them!

This past December, I witnessed perhaps the most beautiful, spiritual, and meaningful Bar Mitzvah service (other than my own children). The young person had experienced physical issues for several years and still has some disabilities today. With added hospitalizations, he missed the original Bar Mitzvah date. The service was held in the Chapel, with a smaller than usual crowd, mostly family, some friends and congregants. The Chapel on this Saturday was filled with love; you could just feel it in the air. The clergy were all in attendance, and the student led the service, speaking clearly and slowly in measured tones. The Aliyah’s were a festival, with friends, cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents coming up to chant. The front of the Chapel was filled with people. His sister and parents were smiling and hugging the Bar Mitzvah student and his demeanor was just enchanting. He was living the moment, taking it all in and enjoying every minute.

As I presented the congregational gifts, I was overwhelmed with this face, his smile was radiant, and his eyes glistened — as I said “with the light of Torah”. He taught us this day was not only about Torah and Haftarah, not just about our religion and prayer, but about determination, perseverance, hard work and study. Most of all, he taught us the joy of our heritage, the happiness of Torah, the dedication to tradition, and the meaning behind the smile of a Bar Mitzvah!

As many of our families join our congregation, they look forward to this day. But the B’nai Mitzvah service is not the end of the journey, it is merely a significant moment; to be relished, enjoyed, and celebrated. With the help of this congregation and its clergy and staff, we ask you to help your child continue the journey to Confirmation and beyond. This Congregation is committed to offering education for all levels and ages. We take pride in designing and presenting numerous opportunities for young and old to enhance their Jewish knowledge and spiritual growth.

We ask that you have your family join our family, celebrate Shabbat with us, come to an adult education class, bring your children to youth events, and make Beth Or part of your family’s life.
Why the Grogger?

Rabbi David Gerber, Associate Rabbi

As a child, I used to wonder the same thing about Purim every year. *What is the point of the grogger?* I paid enough attention in Sunday school to know that we are supposed to shake the grogger and make noise every time we hear the name of Haman mentioned in the *Megillah*. Haman was so wicked that our tradition commands us to make so much noise that we can’t even hear his name.

My question, however, was whether or not the grogger really served its purpose? If we are intending to blot out Haman’s name, why not just remove it from the story? Or keep it in the story, but do not read it out loud?

In fact, the tradition of the grogger ensures that we will hear Haman’s name. We have to hear the name in order to know when to make the noise, so if the grogger is supposed to blot out Haman’s name; it is not serving its purpose.

To understand the mitzvah of blotting out Haman’s name, we must first understand how significant names are to Jews. In our tradition, our name is representative of our souls. It speaks of the essence of who we are. This is why we place such importance on using our Hebrew names for sacred occasions and blessings.

For Haman, he was wicked to his core. He was a violent anti-Semite with no regard for humanity. It would certainly take a lot more than a noise-maker to cancel out such evil.

Like the *shofar* on Rosh Hashanah, we should think of the grogger as a wakeup call. It should be a reminder to us of the anti-Semitism that exists in the world and that we, like Esther, cannot allow it to go unchecked.

It is essential for Jews to ensure that the most painful parts of our history remain embedded in our sacred texts and traditions. This allows us to learn from our history and avoid repeating mistakes. As we shake the grogger this year at Purim, let it serve as a reminder that we must always be vigilant in case another Haman arises.
Aaron Nielsenshultz, Director of Religious School

We have exciting days ahead in our Sunday School program! After that breathless opening, let me back up and bring you up to speed. When I first came to Congregation Beth Or, Rabbi Gerber described the school in a great way, saying, “The school is like a nice car that needs a tune-up.” Isn’t that a lovely image? It perfectly described our dedicated teachers, our involved parents, and our beautiful classrooms. By working with these strengths, I saw that we could bring some enhancements to our curriculum that would result in even more positive energy and student learning in our school.

Over the last year and a half, I’ve been working with your feedback, our faculty, a committee of parents, and Board of Trustees input to bring these enhancements to life, and I’m excited to share with you the KEY Program. The acronym KEY comes from three Hebrew words that guide what our students will be learning in each phase of their Jewish education at Congregation Beth Or:

**Keren (K-3rd grades)**
Keren means a foundation, and our youngest students will study the WHAT of Judaism, the foundational knowledge that goes into being educated Jews.

**Eych (4th-6th grades)**
Eych is Hebrew for HOW, and students put their knowledge into action to learn how we are Jewish, through topics like Torah, Israel, Jewish Values, Prayer/Worship, and God.

**Yedah (7th-12th grades)**
Yedah means knowledge, and these students examine the WHY of Judaism in classes on Jewish living for maturing, young adult Jews.

Classes all focus on hands-on learning, where students discover the information they need with the guidance and expertise of their teachers. Each class culminates in a project of some kind, a durable representation that encompasses student learning. With this program, Congregation Beth Or becomes the KEY to your child’s Jewish education!

We’ve been piloting our Yedah program in 7th-12th grade over the last two years. We’ll start the enhancements in full in the fall of 2017 for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students, and our Keren classes will be introduced in the fall of 2018. In the last week of February, our 4th and 6th grade students started a taste of their new classes. We’ll use our experience in this last trimester of the year to fine-tune our teaching, and we’ll use what we learn to go from strength to strength.

Don’t forget to check our website www.bethor.org for more information, and you can join our school’s closed Facebook page by sending me a request on Facebook. There, you’ll see lots of pictures of our students in action.
My favorite Jewish holidays...

Cantor Jaime Murley,
Junior Choir Director

We are entering the season of two of my favorite Jewish holidays... Purim and Passover! If you love drama, these two holidays are full of it. During Purim we put on a theatrical interpretation of The Book of Esther and during Passover we retell one of the most dramatic stories of all time, that of Moses and the Israelites. However, it is the simple musical “ditties” of both holidays that makes each one so much FUN! Whereas the music of the High Holy Days sounds majestic and holy and inspires people to reflect and listen, the folksy melodies of Purim and Passover are meant to sing around a table or at a party TOGETHER. When I think of Jewish music in my youth, I have very clear memories of singing Purim’s “Oh, Once There Was A Wicked, Wicked Man” and “Chag Purim (RASH, RASH, RASH!)”, and Passover’s “Frog Song” and “Dayeinu.” It’s always fun for me to see how much joy these songs STILL bring to the young children I teach on Sundays. I especially like envisioning the kids going home and singing these songs WITH (not for) their parents and grandparents.

In March, the Junior Choir will prepare and perform our annual Purim Shpiel! The Junior Staffers did a fantastic job writing the script and arranging the music for the shpiel! Rehearsals for the Purimshpiel will take place on Sundays, February 26 and March 5 at 2 pm. Purim Shpiel performances will take place on March 11 and 12. So, be sure NOT to miss out on all the fun!

The Junior Choir will take its amazing music of this holiday season to the Abramson Center on Sunday, April 23. I know the residents there will be moved by the voices of our young people. It is my hope that the choir and the residents will enjoy singing a few songs together in order to capture the spirit of the holidays. It is when we join together in song that we feel closer as a community.

I wish all a wonderful spring full of the joy of Purim and the strength and determination of Passover.

Camp Registration is now open!
Enroll for a 2017 fun-filled summer

Camp Chaverim at Congregation Beth Or

Thematic programming, Swimming, Arts and Crafts, Nature, Sports and more!
Full-day and part-day options available.
www.bethor.org/camp-cheverim
Hava Narisha, Rash Rash Rash!

Jillian Glick, Director of Member & Youth Engagement

I recently read an article on the URJ’s website, www.reformjudaism.org entitled, How Did the Custom of the Purim Carnival Develop? It talked about how, according to the scroll of Esther 9:22, “we are to observe Purim as a time of feasting and gladness.” Traditions consisted of wild, loud megillah readings, Purim shpiels, and costume wearing. All of these activities include merriment and drinking. To be able to incorporate children into the celebration — the rise of carnivals in congregations came about. In Israel, Purim isn’t just observed with carnivals, but parades of people of all ages rejoicing in costume.

For as long as I can remember, BOFTY has coordinated our Purim Carnival. With the help of the youth committee, they do a wonderful job of engaging the youth of our community. Kids help us run our carnival games and our teens run amazing craft tables. Sisterhood and Brotherhood both play roles and our parent volunteers help with the food and prizes. Did you know that all this hard work is more than just a day of fun? All the proceeds go to BOFTY. Supporting BOFTY means helping with youth scholarships for leadership programs and events, subsidizing snacks for our youth lounge and contributing to sending kids to NFTY programs.

This year, as in many of these wonderful years past, we will feature bounce houses, carnival games, face painting, prizes, hamentashen baking, social action, a 50/50 raffle, a visit from Camp Harlam, a costume contest and many, many laughs! Join us on Sunday, March 12 from 10 am to 2 pm for all the fun!

I went on a search for some photos of Purim past. They weren’t all the best quality, but they all included the same thing — smiles, laughter and merriment. Just as the scroll of Esther tells us, don’t forget to observe Purim as a time of gladness!

Chag Purim Sameach!

BOFTY Events

Saturday, March 11 – Megillah Reading, Service, Shpiel followed by an Adult Party with a program for our kids in K-5.

Sunday, March 12 – PURIM CARNIVAL from 10 am-2 pm

Saturday, April 2 – Bitty BOFTY and Pre K Party from 1 pm-2:30 pm

Friday, April 7 – Sunday, April 9 – NFTY PAR Spring Kallah

Sunday, April 23 – Mini BOFTY Party from 1 pm-2:30 pm
Striving — Caring — Making a Difference

The Social Action Committee thanks the Beth Or community for supporting various programs and collections throughout the year. Your involvement makes all the difference for the people on the receiving end of our mitzvah projects.

Below is a list of some of our upcoming 2017 programs/projects. Please check the Beth Or website, monthly events mailer or Spotlight Events for specifics dates and details.

We invite you to join our Committee and/or get involved in one of our projects. We meet a few times throughout the year to collaborate in small groups on specific activities. Please share your ideas or interest with Social Action Chair Susy Krimker (215-572-8325, susykrimker@gmail.com) or Vice-Chair Margie Chachkin (215-540-0444, chachkin@aol.com).

ANNUAL

**Purim Mishloach Manot** – snack packing for organizations such as Manna on Main and Boys & Girls Club.

**Red Cross Blood Drives** – Brotherhood Blood Drive Chair Bill Wanger leads this ‘lifesaving’ event in the Spring and Fall.

**Beth Or Troop Connections (BOTC)** – collections are announced before Passover, Rosh Hashana and Chanukkah in time to send to Jewish members of the U.S. armed forces.

**Mitzvah Day** – a variety of community-wide outreach activities off-site and at Beth Or take place each year on a Sunday in the late Fall. Please let Susy or Margie know if you would like to participate in the pre-planning for the 2017 event. We would love to have your input!

**Mitzvass Day** – spread cheer and goodwill among our neighbors with something special that will make their day brighter on Christmas day.

MONTHLY & SEASONAL

**Knitting Circle** – congregants meet one Wednesday night per month from 7 - 8 pm in the Library to knit afghans, hats and scarves for patients at Karnell Cancer Center, CHOP, Abington Hospital, Fox Chase Cancer Center, and more. Home knitters are also welcome to join the Circle. Contact Chair Faye Benshetler, febx@comcast.net, to participate in this Knitzvah!

**Meals that Matter (MTM)** – volunteers meet in the Beth Or kitchen each month to cook meals for senior and home bound clients of KleinLife. Dates alternate between Sundays (1 pm - 3 pm) and Mondays (10 am - 12 noon). Contact Chair Caren Gutman, carengutman@gmail.com, for information about this fun mitzvah.

**Corner of the Land** – the plot of land at Beth Or facing Welsh Road has produced vegetables over the past seven years, from late Spring to early Fall for residents of Hope Gardens in Ambler. To get your hands dirty by tilling, planting, or harvesting, contact Chairs Bruce Dorsey, bdorse@arbutusbio.com or Mitch Diamond, mdiamond@atkore.com.

ONGOING

**Just One Project** – if every congregant donates ‘just one’ toiletry per month, a plentiful supply of soap, toothbrushes, shampoo and other such products can be distributed among several organizations, including KleinLife, HIAS, Inter-faith Housing Alliance, and Silver Springs Martin Luther School. Drop-offs can be made in the Religious School lobby.

**Cradles to Crayons (C2C)** – children’s clothing, books, toys and sporting goods are collected at Beth Or year-round and brought to the C2C warehouse on a weekly basis by Chair Theresa Knee. For further details about the organization, please visit www.cradlestocrayons.org.

**Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)** – as refugees settle in the Philadelphia area, HIAS puts a call out for household items such as beds, linens, small appliances, dishes and silverware. All items may be dropped off in the Religious School lobby for weekly pickup or contact Chair Theresa Knee, tknee@comcast.net. More information about HIAS may be found at www.hiaspa.org.

Caring Congregants Offers New Taxi Service

Caring Congregants is an outreach committee at Beth Or that supports congregants during critical times or periods of transition. Along with meals, visits or Shiva set-up, volunteers have been recruited when possible to drive a congregant in need to a doctor visit or to a rehab session.

Because of a generous Benefactor, we can now guarantee a ride for a congregant in need through the services of a local taxi company. When the 2-way ride has been paid for, the congregant will be reimbursed once the receipt is mailed or brought to the temple office.

Any trip request will be handled by Ellen Werther who will also inform the individual in need of all details concerning transportation. To reach Ellen, kindly call 215-266-5905 or email: ekwfarm@comcast.net.
What Is The Beth Or Heritage Society?

Beth Or created the Heritage Society to recognize congregants who have made legacy gifts to Beth Or, mainly through bequests in their wills. It is a group within the Beth Or Community that feels the congregation has played a significant role in their lives and has committed to giving back to Beth Or as part of their estate planning.

Joining the Beth Or Heritage Society can simply entail including Congregation Beth Or among your bequests and letting us know that you have done so.

Members of the Beth Or Heritage Society, should they choose to be publicly recognized, are acknowledged on the wall in the Roberts Rotunda. We would love to speak with you about adding your name to those who have committed their legacy gift to our congregation.

Why Should My Family Join The Beth Or Heritage Society?

In these early decades of the 21st century, we are undergoing a significant transformation in the American Jewish community. Now, more than ever, Jews who make the conscious choice to engage in Judaism and the Jewish community do so on their own terms. These new realities bring us new opportunities but also new challenges. Congregation Beth Or is committed to being an open, inspiring, fulfilling and relevant Jewish community in our region for all generations. Your legacy gift ensures Beth Or will remain a vibrant Jewish influence in our religious community, an active presence in our surrounding community, and a light to the nations not only during our lifetimes but will continue to illuminate lives long into the future.

How Can One Contribute To The Beth Or Heritage Society?

- Make a current donation as part of your overall estate planning
- Leave Congregation Beth Or a cash bequest in your will
- Make Congregation Beth Or a beneficiary of a life insurance policy
- Make Congregation Beth Or a beneficiary of your retirement funds
- Make Congregation Beth Or the remainder beneficiary of a Charitable Remainder Trust that makes payments to you during your lifetime
- Most importantly, please let us know that you’ve made a bequest, a change to beneficiary status or created a Trust. Contact Amy Abrams at aabrams@bethor.org.
Cantor Green Tribute Weekend

Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25

Congregation Beth Or

21 years with Cantor Green

Shabbat Shira honoring Cantor Green

Friday, March 24 · Service at 7 pm followed by a dessert reception

Our community will join together in song, music and prayer to pay tribute to our one and only Cantor Green.

A Note from our Cantor Green Tribute Weekend Chairs

When Jeff and I were asked to chair a celebration weekend for Cantor Green, we were absolutely delighted! We joked that it was the Greens for Cantor Green (Jeff and I are siblings). But truly, in our opinion, Cantor Green is the quiet giant of Beth Or.

Yes, the majestic voice he brings to our prayers is the instrument for which he is best known. But, the depth of our beloved Cantor is boundless. He brings hundreds of B’nai Mitzvah students through their preparation; patiently guiding and supporting them (and their parents) the entire way. He prays with us at our life cycle events, leads our adult choir in the beautiful music they share with us, he counsels and supports us in times of need, he teaches us, he shares his experiences with us, he leads us in spiritual journeys to learn about our history, and he always gives us a warm smile and hello when he sees us in the halls of our shul. His warmth and grace have been a gift to us for 21 years, and we want to thank him.

Please join us in celebrating Cantor Green on March 24 and 25. Come to a musical Shabbat service Friday night. Come to the cocktail party on Saturday night. Enjoy some great music, dancing, food and drink. Bring your friends and make it a night. These are the ways we all can show our appreciation and love for Cantor Green, and we hope to see the many congregants whom he has touched over the years participate.

Thank you!

Staci Warsaw and Jeff Green

Dance and Cocktail Party

Saturday, March 25 at 7 pm – Register now!

Kick up your heels and celebrate with a not-to-be-missed Motown-themed cocktail and dance party. Dance the night away to a mix of live music and DJ provided by EBE entertainment. Enjoy cocktail style hors d’oeuvres and fun desserts served throughout the evening, along with an open bar.

Tickets: $60/person. RSVP online by clicking on the link of the website home page banner or calendar. Deadline: March 18.
Purim And Passover Celebrations

**Purim**

**Mishloach Manot – Snack Bag Packing**

**Friday, March 3 • Shabbat Service at 6:30 pm • Packing at 7:30 pm**

In the spirit of Purim and tradition of Mishloach Manot — giving gifts of food to friends and those in need, help us package 3000 snack bags for distribution to the Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard in Ambler.

Healthy snacks requested such as granola bars, pudding, cheese crackers, apple sauce and boxed raisins and mini water bottles. Please no peanuts, food with peanut ingredients, candy, potato chips or cheese doodles. Snacks should be in their original packages. Drop off snacks in the school lobby bins before March 3 and/or bring them to the service on March 3.

**Purim Shpiel, Megillah Reading and Party of the Decade**

**Saturday, March 11 • Shpiel and Megillah Reading at 6:30 pm followed by a party at 7:30 pm**

Grab your legwarmers and celebrate Purim ´80s style! After our regularly scheduled program we will celebrate Purim with live ´80s music, food and drink, PAC MAN and so much more. Be sure to wear your best ´80s costume — popped collars and big hair required! This event is FREE for our members.

Kids program and babysitting is available during the ´80s party. Visit https://bethor.org/purim-2017 to RSVP!

**BOFTY Purim Carnival**

**Sunday, March 12 from 10 am - 2 pm**

Support BOFTY by joining us for our annual Purim Carnival!

Highlights include: Moon Bounces, Face Painting, Lunch, Prizes, Crafts, Carnival Games, Hamentashen Baking, Camp Harlam Visitor Table, and 50/50 Raffle.

All proceeds benefit the Beth Or Youth Group. If you or your teen would like to volunteer, please contact Jillian Glick at jglick@bethor.org.
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**Passover**

**1st Day Worship Service**
Tuesday, April 11 at 9 am

**2nd Night Community Seder**
Tuesday, April 11 at 6 pm

Join us for the annual Seder and catered meal with your Beth Or family. Seder will be led by Rabbi Gerber. Look for details and RSVP on the Beth Or website homepage.

**Passover/Yizkor Service and Brunch**
Monday, April 17 at 9 am
Meet Our B’nai Mitzvah Students

**Ben Dorsey**  
March 4  
For my Bar Mitzvah project I helped 2 organizations. The first is the **Jewish Relief Agency**, or the JRA. Every month, the JRA donates food to people without the resources to obtain enough food, or the ability to go out and get enough food. I have been attending the JRA since I was a little kid. I normally distribute a certain food into boxes, or load the boxes in cars with the help of college students. JRA is always a fun experience as well as contributing to the community.  
The second organization I assisted is the **Mitzvah Circle Foundation** which has a huge warehouse of donated items for families in need. The Mitzvah Circle reaches out to families in need and provides them with the right size clothing and other items for their families. I donated games, clothes, books, and toys from my family. I also donated my time to help sort the donated items in order to keep it all organized.

**Samantha Silver**  
March 4  
For my Bat Mitzvah project I delivered food for the **Jewish Relief Agency**, JRA Philadelphia is the largest provider of food assistance to Jewish families in need in the Greater Philadelphia region and is the third largest direct-service food pantry in our area. Their monthly food distributions, which began in 2000, now assists over 3,000 low income households each month. They serve a wide variety of people who find themselves in need of JRA’s assistance. These include families with young children, the unemployed, people living with mental or physical disabilities, and elderly people living on a fixed income while struggling to make ends meet. While 85% of JRA’s clients are Jewish, JRA will provide food to anyone in need who asks for their help.  
This was a great way to give back to my community for everything it has done for me. It’s a short amount of time to take out of one’s day to do a good mitzvah for someone. You can sign up to volunteer on their website at www.jewishrelief.org.

**Ashley Rosenberg**  
March 11  
I, along with my friend Olivia Cohen worked at **PAWS (Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society) Animal Rescue**. There are 3 locations: Olde City, Grays Ferry and Northeast Philadelphia. We handled some office work such as sending out the Animal Calendars, addressing envelopes and stuffing them. We also had a Yard Sale filled with items that the organization collects for resale to bring in more money for the animals. And, of course, we got to play with the animals. We are huge animal lovers and have tremendous hearts for animals. We both have several “Rescue” pets!

**Emma Ziff**  
March 11  
For my Bat Mitzvah project I volunteered at **The Abramson Center**, a place that provides care for Jewish elders. I transported the residents to their activities and spent time getting to know them. I was able to help lead some of the activities and participate in some of them like bingo, a Chanukah celebration and pet therapy. I was interested in volunteering at the Abramson Center because I spent a lot of time there visiting with two of my great great aunts when I was younger. I wanted to continue spending time there since I know how much a visit from another generation can make in a resident’s day. I hope that the residents at The Abramson Center have been able to learn as much from me as I have learned from them.

**Ben Leavitt**  
March 11  
For my Bar Mitzvah project, I wrote a newsletter called **The Daily Drop**. I researched how Israel, which is mostly desert, has developed some of the most widely-used inventions for water shortages. Basically, my project is about water problems around the world and how Israel is helping. For example, people in Israel invented drip irrigation, desalination, and reclamation of sewage water, and Israel is helping many other countries, including the United States, to implement some of these innovations. Also, because I feel very strongly about this issue, I will donate 5% of all the money I receive from my Bar Mitzvah to the Jewish National Fund Water Solutions project. I am also planning to leave a few copies of my newsletter at the synagogue so that other people can read it and learn about these issues.
Charlie London
March 18

For my Bar Mitzvah project I am raising money for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). This group helps to save animals from extinction, protect ecosystems, and preserve wildlife. I chose this organization because I have always loved animals and the WWF is a way that I can help protect them. Animal populations are disappearing at an alarming rate. Even in the face of threats such as poaching, habitat loss and overuse of natural resources, WWF is creating a better future for wildlife every day. Every Chanukah my family gives me money to donate and I choose WWF. I always enjoyed getting a toy and helping animals by doing so. If you want to contribute to this organization for my Bar-Mitzvah project, please visit wwf.WorldWildlife.org/goto/charlie-london, or you can also go to the official website wwf.org to learn more. I believe that the WWF can make a difference and I hope you do too.

Olivia Cohen
March 18

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I volunteered at PAWS with my friend Ashley Rosenberg. I have always loved animals so I chose PAWS Animal Rescue as my way to show how important it is to be kind to animals. PAWS is Philadelphia’s largest no-kill shelter and operates two high-volume, low-cost clinics serving pet owners and rescue organizations that lack access to affordable basic veterinary care. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving Philadelphia’s homeless, abandoned and unwanted animals. Through its adoption locations, special events and foster care network, PAWS finds loving homes for thousands of animals each year. I volunteered at two of the locations helping them sell dog and cat toys to raise money for the shelter. I also helped in the office preparing hundreds of envelopes in order to mail items such as their calendars. The greatest part of my experience at PAWS was when I adopted another rescue dog named Holly!

There will be a donation box at my Bat Mitzvah service for items the animals are in need of dog beds, cat beds, fleece blankets, dog and cat toys, wet canned dog, cat and kitten food, and new or used crates. If you would like to learn more about PAWS or make a donation directly, please go to phillypaws.org.

Tyler Pohl
March 18

The theme of my Mitzvah Project is “Tikkun Olam” — a concept in Judaism that is defined by acts of kindness performed in order to repair the world. I chose three different ways to accomplish this. For the first mitzvah, we volunteered monthly at the Jewish Relief Agency’s (JRA) food distribution center, where we packed food then delivered fresh produce and non-perishable Kosher pantry items. JRA services over 2,500 Jewish households in need. The second mitzvah was volunteering at Beth Or’s “Meals That Matter,” where we cooked and packed 60 to 120 meals that went to the JCC-Klein. The meals are available to the elderly so they can have a healthy, low-cost meal. For the final mitzvah, I volunteered with The Friendship Circle in the Mitzvah Volunteer Program (MVP). Participants learn to practice kindness and respect and how to embrace each others differences. We focused on building relationships with others with special needs. Through fun and interactive experiences, this program helps participants develop into strong, sensitive leaders of tomorrow who envision a world filled with love and respect for everyone.

Anna and Isabella May
March 25

We chose to help an organization called Home at Last. We both absolutely love animals — especially cats and dogs! Home at Last’s philosophy is “Don’t Shop-Adopt!” They work very hard to match a rescue dog with a loving family. We wanted to help out this volunteer-only organization by collecting supplies. We put flyers in mailboxes of our neighbors, asked the Key Club at the high school and got our message through the middle school with our teachers help and, of course, Snapchat! A donation bin in front of our house has been filling up daily! Feel free to email mindymay4@gmail.com if you would like to donate.

Emmy Rutberg
March 25

For my Mitzvah project I have decided to help rescue dogs through an organization called Dog Town Rescue. It is a volunteer-run rescue and adoption center and all money raised goes directly to the medical care, food & supplies of their foster dogs & puppies. While at Dog Town, animals are cared for like they would be in a loving home. Dog Town even has an indoor dog park for the dogs to run around and play while at the rescue. I have decided to help Dog Town for my Mitzvah Project because it is very important.
to me. My family rescued a dog from going into a shelter. When I found out that there is an organization that prevents animals from going into shelters, I wanted to help them right away. That is why I will volunteer there and help raise money. If you want to help support me, please go to https://www.gofundme.com/rx-emmys-bat-mitzvah-project.

**Jason Selsley**  
*April 1*

For my Mitzvah project, I have been volunteering at the Abramson Center for Jewish Living. The Abramson Center needs people to provide extra hands for assisting the residents during activities or for simply sharing a story or two together. I spent time with the residents on weekends, assisting at Shabbat services and helping whenever a need arose. I was drawn to supporting this community service so I could see the people I helped. I like spending time and interacting with others.

**Max Segal**  
*April 1*

My Mitzvah project was to collect books for a group named Philadelphia Reads. Many children in the city don’t have access to books at home or school. Philadelphia Reads runs a book bank from which Philadelphia teachers are able to get up to 350 books at no charge per school year. These books can then be lent to students who can take them home to practice reading. Philadelphia Reads relies on donations from individuals, community groups, and corporations. I was able to collect and deliver close to 2,000 books donated by friends and family. Thank you to everyone here today that donated books for my Mitzvah project. I hope the books I collected can help someone to read.

**Lainey Goldoor**  
*April 1*

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I will be supporting the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA). JRA has been a part of my life for 6 years. My family and I have spent many Sunday mornings packing and delivering boxes of food for needy families. So, it made perfect sense that when it was time to pick a Bat Mitzvah project that I would invite all my friends and family to a JRA distribution. It feels great to know that I am helping people who are going through a hard time and cannot provide food for themselves. JRA is and will always be a part of my life.

Please feel free to join me on March 5 for my Bat Mitzvah distribution or you can always check out JRA’s website for additional upcoming dates. https://www.jewishrelief.org.

**Alex, Shawn & Madison Gindea**  
*April 8*

For our B’nai Mitzvah project we chose to raise money and volunteer at an organization called Jawonio. Jawonio, based in New York, is an incredible organization that provides ongoing services for people who are mentally challenged and require support with behavior and medical challenges.

Our uncle, Paul Tendler, who passed away in 2012, worked for Jawonio his entire career and served as its president. This fall, we held several bake sales in our area as well as at Beth Or. We spent the entire day meeting many of the residents and consumers of Jawonio. We played with the children, spent time with many of the adult residents, and learned about all of the services they provide. This experience truly touched our hearts and is a day we will never forget. Presenting Jawonio with a check from all of our fundraising was a very proud moment. We will continue donating to Jawonio and will certainly go back to visit this special, unique place. For more information, or to donate to Jawonio, visit http://www.jawonio.org.

**Reed Bram**  
*April 22*

For my mitzvah project, I volunteered to be a “Buddy” for the Horsham Challenger Baseball Program. The Challenger Baseball Program, supported by the Horsham Rotary, gives children with disabilities the opportunity to play baseball. This program is run by volunteers who help the players. As a volunteer, I would teach the players how to play baseball and I also created friendships with them. I would help them on the field, but I would also talk with them about all sorts of topics. It was rewarding seeing them have a great time playing baseball. The players have two different teams, which play each other once or twice a week in a friendly game of baseball. We don’t keep score or worry about the strict rules of baseball. The players always seem to be having a great time and they improve a lot. Every single one of the players I asked all said that the program made baseball their favorite sport. It’s a really great program that makes anyone involved feel extremely happy. You can learn more about the Horsham Challenger Baseball Program, and sign up to volunteer at http://horshamlittleleague.com/custom_page?pageid=1153.
Sarah Green
April 22

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I helped an organization called Operation Birthday Box. Operation Birthday Box was started by Christa Nielson in April 2013. This organization collects donations for kids whose parents can’t afford to throw their child a big, full-blown birthday party, like the ones we have.

I have been helping in two ways. The first thing I did was to collect money donations from family and friends. Then my family and I shopped for the children with the donations collected using a list of things the children wanted for their birthday. Another way of helping is to sponsor one particular child, shop for that child, and then hand all of the gifts for this child to Christa to distribute. I’m hoping for the opportunity to deliver the gifts to the children myself.

In helping with Operation Birthday Box, I have learned to not take what we have for granted because other kids might not be as fortunate as we are. If you have any questions, or if you would like to help these children have the best birthday ever, visit https://www.facebook.com/OperationBirthdayBox or contact Christa at obb4kids@gmail.com.

Alex Warsaw
April 22

My Mitzvah project is helping kids with intellectual disabilities to play basketball. I am doing it because I love basketball and I think everyone deserves to play, even people with disabilities. I like seeing all of the kids happy and doing fun activities at the same time. I also like seeing them make a shot and seeing everybody in the gym clapping with lots of enthusiasm. I will most likely do this even after my Bar Mitzvah!

Talia Newman
April 29

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I volunteered at the Mitzvah Circle Foundation. The Mitzvah Circle is a volunteer-based organization that provides material support to local families that are facing a crisis, serious illness, poverty and/or homelessness. Along with my friends and family, I volunteered in the warehouse and assisted with sorting donations and putting together packages specific to the family’s needs. For more information on all the great things that Mitzvah Circle does, visit www.mitzvahcircle.org.

In addition to my visits to Mitzvah Circle, I also spent an evening and overnight at Beth Or with my mom and brother as chaperones so we could spend time with a homeless family in transition through Hope Gardens, part of the Inter-Faith Housing Alliance. Hope Gardens in Ambler provides temporary housing for families and support services that provide the tools needed to become self-sufficient and to assist them in overcoming homelessness. For more information on Hope Gardens, visit www.i-fha.org. After seeing firsthand the basic needs of the families at both Mitzvah Circle and my overnight with the family from Hope Gardens, it gave me a true appreciation for what many of us often take for granted. I look forward to continuing to volunteer with both of these amazing organizations.

Griffin Pestrack
April 29

My Mitzvah project was based around me wanting to help the people who need it the most, the homeless. First, I held a bake sale at Beth Or with a whole bunch of desserts that I baked myself. I also collected winter clothing in order to get some things for the homeless. I used the money from the bake sale, together with the items collected from the community and I made care packages with everything the homeless need for the winter to stay warm and some snacks so they would be less hungry. I then bagged it all up so I could deliver the supplies to the people living on the street.

Amanda Brecher
April 29

For my Mitzvah project, I chose to meet and interview a Holocaust survivor. There are not many survivors left to tell their stories. I can now pass on their life-changing experiences because it is important to educate others.

Another Mitzvah project that was important to me was to raise funds for the fight against Leukemia and Lymphoma Cancers. Recently, my grandfather was diagnosed with Leukemia. Medicine has come a long way over the past 10 years and he is lucky to be receiving amazing care. I hope to help by raising money so that research will continue to find ways to fight this disease. I had a bake sale to begin raising funds. I plan to continue my fundraising efforts in the fight against cancer. Ways to help are: donating to the Abramson Cancer Center at PENN Medicine or the American Red Cross Blood and Bone Marrow Donor Programs. At this time, I will be designating my donations to Abramson Cancer Center’s Hematologic Cancers at http://www.pennmedicine.org/cancer/giving in honor of my Bat Mitzvah.
At this year’s Brotherhood Shabbat, no man was selected as Brotherhood Man of the Year (BMOY) again. One congregant suggested to me that next year, a long deserving man, not previously honored be selected. Having looked at the display of BMOY plaques recently, I knew that this particular deserving man had been so honored as the BMOY 2001-2002. I also noticed that two women had been selected as BMOY. Also, with the exception of Bruce Miller, no man has been selected twice as BMOY. Ken Moskowitz can explain these curious items to you if asked.

I have few problems with Beth Or Brotherhood traditions, including the general prohibition of being selected as BMOY more than once. But as the “Bro Prez”, I observe that several “bros” may be deserving of re-selection if this rule were ever relaxed. Top on my list would be Bob Cohen. Here is a man who has relatively few hours that he can truly call his own. Bob, when was the last time you found time to fly an RC plane? However, when the bros need a ‘go-to’ man to co-chair the Annual Dinner or any other task that others shy away from, Bob rolls up his sleeves and goes to it, with excellence.

That long deserving man? That would be Bob Rosin. He runs our wine sales, organizes the Phillies outing, coin counting, condolence cards, and other tasks as our Service Vice President. How did he end up as SVP? No one else stepped up so he answered the call.

I’m running out of space but I am grateful that Steve Stone, Ira Secouler, Bob Simon, David Simon, and of course, Ken Moskowitz have remained active and valuable members of Brotherhood, even after their honor as BMOY.
Throughout our history, women have assumed the role of nurturers, bringing together people of disparate cultures and ethnicities to rally for a common cause — elevating the spirit and improving the lives of all who need a hand up. Sisterhood is a cadre of women who are collectively committed to fulfilling this role in our Beth Or community and in the community at large. We lend our voices, our time, our services and our resources to movements, programs and events that impact the lives of others.

On January 21, many Sisterhood members participated in the Women’s March on Washington, and in a similar event in Philadelphia. They stood shoulder to shoulder with all ethnicities — united in their support for such universally urgent issues as: universal access to affordable health care; protection of civil liberties for the LGBTQ community and the preservation of reproductive rights. It was an awesome opportunity to show the new administration that women will not stand silent in the face of oppression, repression or restriction of freedoms that were hard-fought.

During the month of February, many of us participated with our fellow congregants in our Interfaith Home Hospitality project. We provided meals and served as chaperones, staying overnight at Beth Or to provide a reassuring presence to the transitional homeless families who resided with us while participating in programming to help them gain the skills they need to begin new lives.

Some program graduates may find their way to Hope Gardens in Ambler, where Sisterhood maintains a furnished apartment for single parents and their children. Here, families can find a safe haven while they transition towards a better future.

This year’s Women’s Seder, on Sunday, April 2, also celebrates the hope of unity. We have invited women from area Christian, Muslim and Hindu congregations to join us as we tell the universal story of a people’s exodus from slavery to freedom. Please check your bulk mail and the Beth Or digital billboard for more information, or email our Chaplain, Lori Motis. (lorimotis@aol.com)

Then, on May 23, at 12 noon, our Sisterhood spiritual journey continues when we play host to the Wissahickon Faith Community for our 27th annual Ecumenical Luncheon. Congregations of varying backgrounds will gather for a buffet lunch prepared by Sisterhood volunteers, and an inspiring program delivered by one of our fabulous clergy. Participation is free for all Beth Or congregants. Reservations are required to ensure that food and seating are available for all who are interested. Please RSVP as soon as possible to either Lori Motis, lorimotis@aol.com or Janet Katz, bocakatz@aol.com.
Adult Programs

APEX Brunch
Sunday, March 19 – 10 am to 12 noon

No charge to Beth Or members if you RSVP by Wednesday, March 15. ($5 at the door.) Contact Barb Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org to RSVP.

See a demonstration of OrCam, an intuitive wearable device that was developed in Israel for people with low vision. It has a smart camera that sits on your glasses and is designed to assist people who are visually impaired and dyslexic. Beth Or members will help demonstrate the device.

OrCam is easy to use. It can read any printed text including newspapers, books, menus, signs, labels, and text on a computer or smartphone screen as well as identify faces, products and money. Aliza Olenick is a certified OrCam trainer. Aliza looks forward to raising awareness about wearable assistive technology and how it can improve quality of life.

If you would like to participate in the demonstration, please email reneec409@yahoo.com.

AARP Safe Driving Class
Refresher Class – Tuesday, March 28 at 10 am  
Basic Class – Tuesday/Wednesday, April 4-5 at 10 am

Take a class and get a significant discount on your car insurance. Open to AARP members and non-members over age 50. Please bring your driver’s license to class. Course fee is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-AARP members. (AARP membership card will be required to register for the lower fee.) Please RSVP with payment to Beth Or office, attention Jillian Glick. Checks should be made payable to AARP.

SAVE THE DATE!

APEX Brunch and Folk Dancing
Sunday, May 7 – 10 am to 12 noon

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Join APEX for its last event of the season.

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Art Gallery

Artist – Richard Daddario
Opening Reception: Friday, March 10 at 6 pm
Exhibiting from March 10 through April 12

For Dick Daddario, painting has been a lifelong ambition that he has pursued since his retirement in 2006. Dick has studied at Woodmere Art Museum and Wayne Art Center, as well as workshops with artists such as Francis Galante, Paul Dusold, Kassem Amoudi, Stefanie Lieberman, Stanley Bielen and Christine Lafuente. His current interests are both abstract and figurative painting. His work is in private collections in New York, Florida, Pennsylvania and Italy.

Artist – Earl Zipin
Opening Reception: Friday, April 14 at 6 pm
Exhibiting from April 14 through May 10

Beth Or’s own Earl Zipin is a self-taught painter who works in oils. His work varies from abstract to realism, and many of his paintings have a unique story to tell. Earl has exhibited at the Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts and Sciences and he has participated in the Open Studios Tour where his LBI collection was exhibited in his own studio. His work has won many awards and is held in private collections. In family medical practice for many years, he now devotes much of his time to his art.

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Events

Brotherhood Blood Drive
Sunday, March 26 from 9 am to 3 pm

Register to be a donor and save a life. Must be age 17+ (or 16 with parental consent.) Appointments available every 15 minutes. Register on-line at http://www.redcrossblood.org/pennjersey or contact our chairperson, Bill Wanger at wwanger@foxrothschild.com.

Look for the registration form on the Beth Or website calendar. Submit the completed form to the Beth Or office c/o “Blood Drive Chairman”.

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Sisterhood Unity Seder  
Sunday, April 2 at 2 pm  
This Women’s Seder will be led by Lori Motis, Sisterhood Chaplain. This year, local faith groups have been invited to participate in our Unity Seder, which will include a special Haggadah incorporating Social Justice readings. Light refreshments will be served. Click on the link on the website calendar to RSVP. Contact Lori Motis at lorimotis@aol.com with any questions.

Impact Collection Drive  
Sunday, April 23 from 9 am to 12 Noon  
Time to spring clean! Drop off gently used clothing for men, women and children along with shoes, handbags, costume jewelry, books, linens, CDs, and DVDs. Look for the Impact Truck in the Parking Lot.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SISTERHOOD MAY EVENTS!  

One Book One Jewish Community  
Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30 pm  
Sisterhood will discuss Michael Solomonov’s book *Zahav* with guest speaker Aaron Nielsenshultz.

Joey Vincent Show, Las Vegas Revue and Dinner  
Saturday, May 6 from 7 pm – 11 pm  
Joey Vincent Funny Man with a Horn Show has something for everyone: Music, comedy, and impressions. Joey Vincent will take you on a one-man musical journey from the ’30s to today. Dinner and dancing to follow. Cost: $50/person includes dinner and entertainment.

Night Out at Act II Playhouse  
Thursday, May 25 at 8 pm  
Enjoy and evening with friends and Neil Simon’s play “Brighton Beach Memoirs.” This event is sponsored by Sisterhood and open to the community. Tickets: $37/person. Optional dinner at 5:30 pm — restaurant to be announced soon.

WFCA Ecumenical Luncheon  
Tuesday, May 23 at Noon  
Beth Or Sisterhood hosts the Wissahickon Faith Community’s 27th Annual Ecumenical Luncheon. Women of all faiths will join together to enjoy a festive buffet lunch and inspiring program. Contact Lori Motis, lorimotis@aol.com or Janet Katz, bocca@katz.com for more information.  
Visit the website calendar and click on the event for more details and on-line RSVP for May Sisterhood events.

Holidays and Shabbat Events  

Shabbat Zimriah with Guest Speaker  
Pastor Charles Quann  
Friday, March 17 at 6:30 pm  
Reverend Quann, Senior Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church is our special guest.

Yom Hashoah Program and Service  
Program: Sunday, April 23 from 12 Noon – 1 pm  
Service: Monday, April 24 at 8 pm  
Julie Kohner, founder and CEO of Voices of the Generations, Inc. and a child of Holocaust survivors, will deliver an inspiring talk: “Hanna and Walter, A Love Story.” Survivors of the camps, Hanna and Walter’s story has a happy ending, and Hanna even appeared on This Is Your Life in 1953 in one of the first acknowledgements of the horrors of the Shoah. Kohner shares the lives of her parents in a multimedia presentation as a way to teach about the importance of memory and hope. Also on April 23, our Academy students will take part in the Conversation with a Survivor Program. Students in 7th-12th grades will have the opportunity to meet with a Holocaust Survivor in a smaller group setting and then all groups come together to hear from an inspiring keynote speaker. The program, which includes transportation and a light breakfast, is provided free of charge by Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia’s Jewish Community Relations Council. Please RSVP for your teen to Aaron Nielsenshultz, aaron@bethor.org.

Special Events  
The Movie: *13th*  
Sunday, March 5 from 7 pm to 9 pm  
Join us for a viewing and panel discussion of *13th*. In this thought-provoking documentary, scholars, activists and politicians analyze the criminalization of African Americans and the US prison boom. Sponsored by the Wissahickon Faith Community Association.
**Israel Movie Night at the Ambler Theater**
Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 pm

The Beth Or Israel Committee presents “Rock in the Red Zone,” a film about Sderot, a city on the edge of the Negev Desert, made up of factory workers, rock musicians and the children of refugees from North Africa and the Middle East. The film tells a tale of perseverance through music and romance on the frontline of a never-ending war. A discussion led by Rabbi Marx follows. Tickets: $15/person may be purchased by check or cash in the Beth Or Office or Ambler Theater box office. (10% discount at refreshment stand.) Contact Patty Bassman at pattyy6@aol.com for additional information.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Israel Bond Event**
Tuesday, June 13 from 6 pm to 8 pm

Show your support for Israel and join us as our Board President, Ira Secouler, is honored at this event to be held at TBI. Look for details and email invitation to come soon.

**Lifelong Learning**

**News ‘n Nosh**
Sunday, March 5 at 10 am

Grab a bagel in the Shmear Café and be ready to discuss current events with Rabbi Marx.

**Developing a Spiritual Practice through Psalms taught by Rabbi Marx**
Tuesdays, March 14, 21 and 28 at 7 pm

While it is an integral part of the scriptures of Israel, Psalms possesses certain traits which set it apart from the rest of the Hebrew Bible. The Psalms have the distinction that they contain the words directed to God. We will study the text and explore ways of deepening our own faith through Psalm Chanting. Sign up on the Beth Or homepage — Lifelong Learning link.

**Men’s Discussion Group**
Sunday, March 15 at 6 pm

We will meet to discuss topics of the day with Rabbi Marx. Join us for an open and frank conversation about issues that concern men today.

**The Trefa Banquet taught by Rabbi Gerber**
Tuesdays, April 4, 18 and 25 at 7 pm

In 1983 in Cincinnati, Ohio, Hebrew Union College hosted what is now being known as the Trefa Banquet. It was one of the most influential Jewish dinners in American Jewish history. We will discuss what led to the Trefa Banquet, how Judaism changed in response, and how American Jewry was defined by this period in history. Sign up on the Beth Or homepage — Lifelong Learning link.

**Take Home Lifelong Learning Classes Still Available**

Call Barb Murtha at 215-646-5806, ext. 220 to make your reservation.

**Rabbi Marx:**

“Ethics of Our Fathers — Ethics of Our Times”

“People of the Book” — Jewish tradition contains many books. Learn what they are and how they shape our understanding of just about everything.

“Can Israel Be Both Jewish and Democratic?” — An open discussion

“Power and Powerlessness” — How has Jewish power transformed the modern experience of Israel and lovers of Israel?

**Rabbi Gerber:**

“The Torah of Les Miserables”

“Science and Religion” — Discuss why Jewish tradition embraces scientific advancement as a means for a better understanding of Torah.

“Vinyl Judaism” — Study biblical verses that have inspired some of the most well-known singers and song writers.

**Cantor Green:**

“Do Our Prophets of the Tanach Speak to 21st Century Reform Jews?”

“Does Belief in God and Prayer Have Relevance for 21st Century Jews?”

“Passover” - Conduct your own music workshop with Cantor Green on how to sing the various parts of the Seder.

**REGISTER NOW!**

**Adult Education Retreat at Pearlstone Center**
Friday – Sunday, October 20 – 22
Registration and Deposit Deadline: May 19

Enrich your soul. Spend an educational, invigorating, yet relaxing weekend focusing on Jewish learning, community and nature. Join members of Temple Isaiah from Columbia, MD for Shabbat services and classes led by Rabbi Marx and former Beth Or Associate Rabbi Craig Axler, currently Rabbi for Temple Isaiah. Enjoy accommodations at the beautiful Pearlstone Center (http://pearlstonecenter.org), a lush executive conference center nestled in Maryland’s picturesque countryside, on 160 acres of woods, pastures and farmland. The retreat includes accommodations for 2 nights, all meals and snacks. Please RSVP before May 19 on-line https://bethor.org/adult-education-retreat or contact Barbara Murtha at 215-646-5806, ext. 220. Contact Don Berry at dberry@mac.com with any questions.
Robert & Molly Apter Memorial Scholar-in-Residence

Friday & Saturday, April 28 & 29

Guest Speaker: Ralph Nurnberger

Ralph Nurnberger is a beloved speaker at Beth Or. He is a widely acclaimed scholar who brings humor, current political insights and historical background to his presentations. In addition to speaking nationally, Dr. Nurnberger has appeared on radio and television programs as an analyst on political and international issues, and spoken internationally in Germany, Canada, Poland, Austria, Hungary, France, Greece and the United Kingdom. He also speaks frequently at the Smithsonian Institute on topics related to the Middle East and historical subjects.

Dr. Nurnberger taught at Georgetown University beginning in 1975. He was named professor of the Year by the Graduate School of Liberal Studies in 2003 and received another award in 2005 for over 20 years of excellence in teaching. His most recent course at Georgetown was a graduate seminar on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He has also advised numerous Congressional, Senatorial and Presidential campaigns on foreign policy issues, especially those related to the Middle East. His experience on Capitol Hill includes serving as Foreign Policy Assistant to former Kansas Senator James B. Pearson (R-KS) and then as a professional staff member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Dr. Nurnberger was the first director of “Builders for Peace”, an organization established in 1993, with the encouragement of then-Vice President Al Gore, to encourage private sector investment. In this capacity, he dealt with international leaders including Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, then-Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yassar Arafat, as well as American and international business and political leaders.

*Please RSVP for the Luncheon to Barb Murtha, 215-646-5806, ext. 220 or bmurtha@bethor.org by Tuesday, April 25.*
Upcoming Beth Or FUNraising Events

3rd Annual Beth Or Pars “FORE” a Purpose Golf Outing
Monday, May 22 at Meadowlands Country Club
Shotgun Start at 12:30 pm
Cocktails, Dinner and Auction at 5:30 pm

Join us for a day of golf, fun and friends! The day starts with lunch for our golfers who will then all tee off together. Once golf is finished, we will enjoy cocktails, dinner and a silent auction. A few of our items will be auctioned off by the world’s greatest auctioneer — Rabbi Marx!

In past years, this event has raised upward of $30,000 for Beth Or, which is used for programs, scholarship and community outreach. Consider sponsoring this event or making a donation to our silent auction.

Have questions? Contact Director of Member and Youth Engagement, Jillian Glick at jglick@bethor.org. More information and on-line registration available on the Beth Or website home page and calendar.

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

JoAnn and Peter Friedman
Golf Outing Chairs

“We have been members of Beth Or for 8 years. Before joining, we “synagogue hopped”, trying out different congregations. When we came to our first service here, our daughters, Bonnie and Stacey’s reactions were simple — “This feels like us.” From the beginning, we have felt a warmth and sense of belonging. Rabbi Marx and Cantor Green have been there for us in the hardest times. Rabbi Marx celebrated with us in joyous times. We made new friends on our trip to Israel with Rabbi Marx. In a world of growing anti-Semitism, we feel it is extremely important to be active members of the Jewish community. This is why we volunteer.”

12th Annual Oy Vey 5K/10K
Sunday, June 4

Ready to Run? The Oy Vey 5k/10k is back! This is one of our most popular community events. This year we are proud to announce we are raising money not only for Beth Or but also for the Women’s Center of Montgomery County. Consider joining our volunteer team! Contact Alan Kober if you are interested — sportyalan@comcast.net. Find more information and on-line registration at https://bethor.org/oyvey5k.
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Evan Harra & Alexandra Kapnek
Kenny, Jessica, Charlotte & Olivia Levine
David, Jaimee, Zachary & Ryan Farrer
Andrew, Eileen & Benjamin Gross
Gary Glaser & Staci Goldman

May Their Memory Be a Blessing
Laxmiben M. Patel, grandmother of Reshma Stone
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Rhoda Moskovitz, cousin of Marilyn Cohn
Beth Hellwig, friend and partner of David Haines
Florence Gaffin, mother of Mark Gaffin
Kenneth Bloom, uncle of Warren Bloom
Juan Gottschalk, stepfather of Josh Gottlieb & grandfather of Jonah Gottlieb & Aaron Gottlieb
Merle Broad, cousin of Elaine Kelbick

Mazel Tov
Wedding of Adam Gutman, son of David & Caren Gutman, to Melanie Fraenkel
Wedding of Gary Glaser, son of Mark & Bernice Glaser, to Staci Goldman
Baby Naming of Olivia Murta Rubin, granddaughter of Laurie Rubin
Baby Naming of Jude Leonardo Adair, grandson of Bobbi & Garry Adair
Birth of Evie Skye Rultenberg, granddaughter of Liz & Lance Rultenberg & niece of Tori Rultenberg
Birth of Jack Davis Hanzman, grandson of Ted Itzkowitz & Barbara Cohen Itzkowitz
Birth of Stephanie Ann Mirbach & Sophie Bella Mirbach, twin granddaughters of Ellen Mirbach & Barbara Spilove and nieces of Cari Cantor.
Engagement of Becca Siegel, daughter of Owen & Mary Lou Siegel and granddaughter of Bill & Sally Siegel, to Dean Brodeur
Engagement of Reid Rosenthal, son of Larry & Rhonda Rosenthal, to Brooke Hartka

Engagement of Mitchell Beer, son of Michael & Irene Beer, to Bo Rains
Engagement of Jodi Hallen to Jonathan Waxman
Engagement of Michael Pierce, son of Scott & Lynne Pierce, to Liz Palumbo
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Dorsey
Bar Mitzvah of Samantha Silver
Bar Mitzvah of Ashley Rosenberg
Bar Mitzvah of Emma Ziff
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Leavitt
Bar Mitzvah of Charles London
Bar Mitzvah of Olivia Cohen
Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Pohl
B’nai Mitzvah of Anna and Isabella May
Bat Mitzvah of Emmy Rutberg
Bar Mitzvah of Jason Selsley
Bar Mitzvah of Max Segal
Bat Mitzvah of Lainey Goldoor
Bar Mitzvah of Alex, Shawn & Madison Gindea
Bar Mitzvah of Reed Bram
Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Green
Bar Mitzvah of Alex Warsaw
Bat Mitzvah of Talia Newman
Bar Mitzvah of Griffin Pestrack
Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Brecher

Pre-Neg and Flower Donations

Additional December Donations
Pre-Neg:
December 16 • Bernice and Mark Glaser and Linda and Noah Goldman in honor of the wedding of Gary Glaser and Staci Goldman

March Donations
Pre-Neg:
March 3 • Bruce Dorsey and Jennie Nerenberg in honor of Benjamin Dorsey’s Bar Mitzvah
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March 10 • Marc and Samara Rosenberg in honor of Ashley Rosenberg’s Bat Mitzvah
Harry and Andrea Ziff in honor of Emma Ziff’s Bar Mitzvah
Douglas Leavitt and Nina Amster in honor of Benjamin Leavitt’s Bar Mitzvah
March 17 • Larry London and Carol Meyers in honor of Charles London’s Bar Mitzvah
Ellen Spivack in honor of Olivia Cohen’s Bat Mitzvah
Neil Pohl and Elizabeth Roth Pohl in honor of Tyler Pohl’s Bar Mitzvah
March 24 • Eric and Mindy May in honor of the Anna and Isabella May’s B’nait Mitzvah
Erik and Fern Rutberg in honor of Emmy Rutberg’s Bat Mitzvah
March 31 • Elliot and Elizabeth Selsley in honor of Jason Selsley’s Bar Mitzvah
Marc and Tracy Segal in honor of Max Segal’s Bar Mitzvah
Brad and Lisa Goldoor in honor of Lainey Goldoor’s Bat Mitzvah

April Donations:
Pre-Neg & Flowers:
April 7 • Scott and Tracy Gindea in honor of Alex, Shawn and Madison Gindea’s B’nait Mitzvah
April 21 • Adam and Margot Bram in honor of Reed Bram’s Bar Mitzvah
David Warsaw, Staci Warsaw and Alan Borthwick in honor of Alex Warsaw’s Bar Mitzvah
Jeffrey and Samantha Green in honor of Sarah Green’s Bat Mitzvah
April 28 • Scott and Ellen Newman in honor of Talia Newman’s Bat Mitzvah
Eric and Jamie Pastrack in honor of Griffin Pestrack’s Bar Mitzvah
Andrew and Dara Brecher in honor of Amanda Brecher’s Bat Mitzvah
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