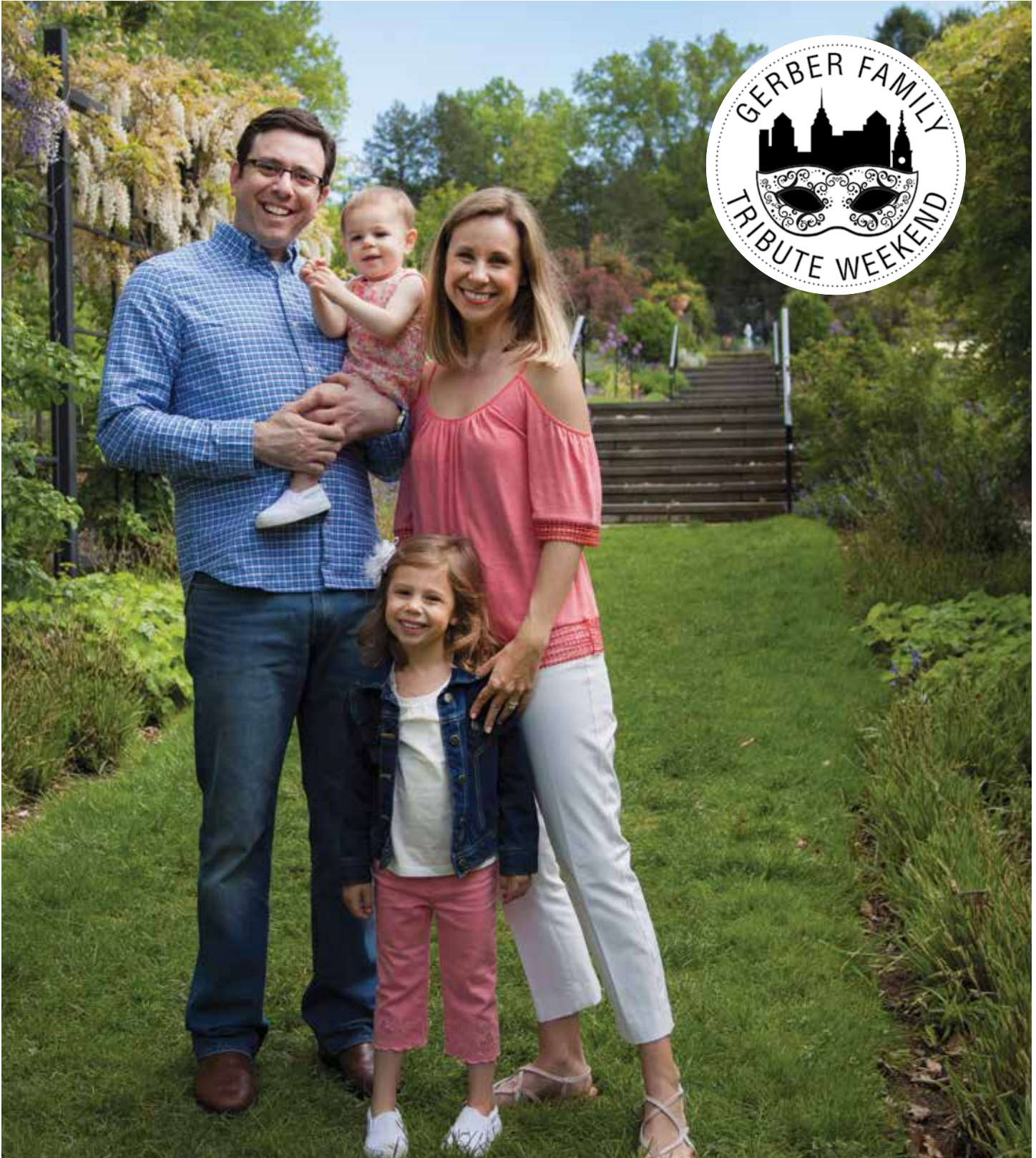




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March Worship Schedule

Friday, March 2 – Shabbat Ki-Tissa

- 5:30 pm** Purim Munchkin Minyan for 2 year olds
6:00 pm Pre-Neg
6:30 pm 6th Grade Family Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary
6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel
7:30 pm Mishloach Manot – Snack Bag Packing in the Rosenfeld Social Hall

Saturday, March 3

- 9:30 am** Torah Study
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B'not Mitzvah of Sammy and Lexi Fuchs, daughters of Daniel and Julie Fuchs

Friday, March 9

Shabbat Vayakhel-Pekudei

- 6:00 pm** Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship with the Artist in Residence, Mordechai Rosenstein whose D'var will be about how "Torah Paints a Picture"

Saturday, March 10

- 9:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Kylie Orenstein, daughter of Shawn and Lori Orenstein
9:30 am Torah Study with the Artist in Residence, Mordechai Rosenstein
10:45 am Extended Torah Study with rabbinic intern, Janine Jankovitz Pastor
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Cornbluth, son of Darrin and Sue Cornbluth
12:00 pm Celebrations Shabbat Worship

Friday, March 16 – Shabbat Vayikra

- 6:00 pm** Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary

Saturday, March 17

- 9:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Devon Young, daughter of Michael and Sherri Young
9:30 am Torah Study
11:00 am Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

Sunday, March 18

- 2:00 pm** Women's Unity Seder

Friday, March 23

Shabbat Tzav/HaGadol

- 6:00 pm** Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary

Saturday, March 24

- 9:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Macy Katzman, daughter of Marc and Donna Katzman

- 9:30 am** Torah Study

- 11:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Justin Sheerr, son of David and Alice Sheerr and Rylie Slobotkin, daughter of Scott and Tracey Slobotkin

Friday, March 30 – 1st Night Seder – No Shabbat Worship Service

Saturday, March 31

- 9:30 am** Torah Study
11:00 am 1st Day Passover Service with Brunch to follow
6:00 pm 2nd Night Community Seder led by Cantor Green

April Worship Schedule

Friday, April 6 – Shabbat Pesach

- 9:00 am** Passover Service with Yizkor & brunch to follow
6:00 pm Pre-Neg
6:30 pm 4th Grade Family Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary
6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel
7:45 pm 4th Grade Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, April 7

- 9:30 am** Torah Study
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Broker, son of Bradley Broker and Lisa Ellen Miller in the Gitlin Sanctuary

Friday, April 13 – Shabbat Shemini

- 6:00 pm** Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship with guest speaker Rear Admiral Dr. David Titley who will speak on Climate Change in the Gitlin Sanctuary

Saturday, April 14

- 9:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Cohen, son of Jonathan and Amanda Cohen in the Gitlin Sanctuary
9:30 am Torah Study

- 10:45 am** Extended Torah Study with rabbinic intern, Janine Jankovitz Pastor

- 11:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the B'not Mitzvah of Hali and Tobi Seligman, daughters of Daniel and Judy Seligman in the Gitlin Sanctuary

- 12:00 pm** Celebrations Shabbat Worship

Friday, April 20

Shabbat Tazria-Metzora

- 6:30 pm** Shabbat Worship honoring Rabbi David and Lauren Gerber in the Gitlin Sanctuary
7:45 pm Oneg/Dessert Reception

Saturday, April 21

- 9:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Jones, daughter of Ron Jones and Gail Dizengoff Jones in the Gitlin Sanctuary
9:30 am Torah Study
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Berger, son of James and Michelle Berger

Friday, April 27

Shabbat Aharei Mot-Kedoshim

- 6:00 pm** Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship honoring Chai Members in the Gitlin Sanctuary. The Adult Choir will sing.
7:45 pm – Shabbat Dinner honoring our Chai Members

Saturday, April 28

- 9:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Weinstein, son of Steven Weinstein and Kimberly Brock-Weinstein in the Gitlin Sanctuary
9:30 am Torah Study
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Raphael Yanoff, son of Neal Robert Yanoff and Jessica Lauren Kleinerman and Ethan Kennedy, son of Shaun and Leslie Kennedy in the Gitlin Sanctuary

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Rabbi Gregory S. Marx

From the Rabbi's Desk

We can think of no finer way to celebrate their call to Torah than by embodying the values of Torah and giving to others.

Celebrating the Wedding of Dan and Tyi

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

Having served this congregation for almost thirty years, I have been privileged to officiate at almost 3,000 Beth Or Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremonies, over 500 weddings and sadly, countless funerals. You have been kind enough to allow me access into the most intimate moments in your lives. Being your rabbi has been one of the most precious gifts of my life.

It gives me now great joy to share an intimate moment in the lives of the Marx family. My family, which is my greatest gift, will soon celebrate the marriage of our oldest son, Daniel to his fiancée, Tyi Gardener. Laurie and I are delighted to let you know that they will stand under a chuppah at Beth Or in early March. Tyi, who Dan met at college, converted to Judaism and is eagerly and faithfully embracing our traditions. She teaches our children on Sunday morning at our Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Religious School and can regularly be seen at services with Laurie (I'm on the bima). Their love, courage and faith are an inspiration to Laurie and me. Rabbi Hanna Yerushalmi, Beth Or's former Associate Rabbi and our dear friend will officiate at the ceremony.

While the wedding is for immediate family only, Laurie and I would be thrilled if you could join us at Friday night services on March 2 to be followed by an Oneg that will include our traditional *Mishloach Manot* food packing for the Boys and Girls Club of Lansdale. We can think of no finer way to celebrate their call to Torah than by embodying the values of Torah and giving to others.

While I know that they may or may not listen to any fatherly advice, I share with you one of my favorite wedding readings by Wilfred Peterson. I may have even recited it under the chuppah with our larger Beth Or family:

In Marriage, The little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.

It is never going to sleep angry.

*It is at no time taking the other for granted;
the courtship should not end with the honeymoon,
it should continue through all the years.*

It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.

It is standing together facing the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.

It is doing things for each other, not in the attitude of duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy.

It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is not expecting the husband to wear a halo or the wife to have wings of an angel.

It is not looking for perfection in each other.

It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding and a sense of humor.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

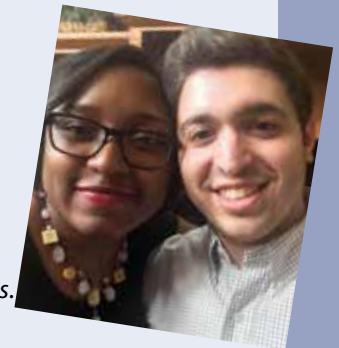
It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.

It is finding room for the things of the spirit.

It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is establishing a relationship in which the independence is equal, dependence is mutual and the obligation is reciprocal.

It is not only marrying the right partner, it is being the right partner.



A Busy, Fulfilling Year at Beth Or

David Simon, Beth Or President

We have all heard or read a reference to the term — the Beth Or community. It could have been from one of our rabbis, in a Spotlight article, or even from a High Holy Day speech from the congregation president, past or present. What is the Beth Or “community”? Well, according to dictionary.com, one of the definitions of community is “a social, religious, occupational, or other group sharing common characteristics or interests...” That certainly seems to apply to Beth Or. We are certainly religious — as a synagogue should be; we’re social – we have some great events that bring our members together socially, and maybe to some degree; we are even occupational — after all, we do have over 100 employees. But what it is not is a singular community. Beth Or is really a community of communities. Think about it. We have Brotherhood and Sisterhood, APEX, junior choir, adult choir, religious school families, BOFTY, CECE families, Saturday Torah study, various adult learning classes, travel groups, and many, many, more distinct communities within Beth Or, including some homegrown *mishpachah*. Many of these



David Simon

President's Corner

communities are small, some are large, and some are somewhere in between. They are not all separate and distinct either, as there is cross over between groups, and when that occurs, Beth Or is stronger as a result.

But there is another community within Beth Or that I want to talk about and “publicize”, and that group is the *b’nai mitzvah* families. As you may know, Beth Or has over 500 children in the religious school, who upon entering 4th grade, receive the date of their bar or bat mitzvah. And for the next 3 or 4 years, as the kids learn the liturgy and their torah portions, the excitement and nervousness builds, culminating during the 7th grade year on that special Saturday morning when the student leads Shabbat morning services. The officers of Beth Or have the responsibility, and honor, to participate in these services, primarily to present the *b’nai mitzvah* student with presents from Brotherhood and Sisterhood (a Kiddush cup — I still have mine, and a set of Shabbos candle sticks). The gift presentation might be the primary “job”, but the benefit is in listening to one of our thirteen year old members lead services, give a d’var and describe his or her mitzvah project with obvious pride. However, the real pleasure, for me anyway, is when the *b’nai mitzvah* student receives the torah from the rabbi and turns to face the congregation. The pride on the faces of the parents, and any relatives seated in the pews, is palpable. And occasionally, just occasionally, you are treated to a performance like that given by Jacqueline and Julia

Germer, whose service ending rendition of *ADON OLAM* at their own bat mitzvah service brought the house down (those of you who experienced their encore performance at the February 9 Shabbat service, will know what I am talking about). So, if for some reason you can’t attend Friday night services, come on Saturday morning and pray, learn and support the community of *b’nai mitzvah* families. To paraphrase that sage scholar, Forest Gump, “*b’nai mitzvah services are like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re going to get.*” Hope to see you on Saturday morning sometime.





Rabbi David Gerber

Miriam's Cup

Rabbi David Gerber, Associate Rabbi

In recent years, many families have taken up the custom of adding a “*Miriam's Cup*” to accompany Elijah's Cup to the Passover Seder. There are many reasons to do so, including the idea of gender equality, but one reason should outweigh them all.

A close study of the story of the Exodus from Egypt reveals that none of it would have been possible without Miriam. Moses wouldn't have found the burning bush. The sea wouldn't have parted. And our ancestors would not have been rescued from slavery.

The turning point of Moses' life comes when he chooses to intervene when an Egyptian is beating a Hebrew slave. The Torah says that Moses sees one of his “*kinsfolk*” suffering. How did Moses know that the Hebrews were his kin?

Various movies and retellings of the Passover story depict Moses growing up as a prince in Egypt. When he becomes a young adult, he comes to learn the truth about his true origin.

The Torah tells a different story. When Moses' mother puts him in the basket and sends him down the river, Miriam, his sister, follows him. When Moses is discovered by the Pharaoh's daughter, Miriam offers the suggestion that since he is a Hebrew child, he should be suckled by a Hebrew woman. Pharaoh's daughter agrees, and Miriam fetches Moses' own mother for the job.

Miriam arranges a situation where Moses is raised by his own Mother! She raised him until he grew up, according to the Torah. It is then that he comes across the Hebrew slave being beaten. Clearly his mother had instilled in him the understanding that the Hebrew slaves were his kin. Moses' transition to being a leader of our people is dependent upon his empathy for that particular slave, and we have Miriam to thank for that.



From the Rabbi's Desk

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Important School Dates

Friday, March 2

6th Grade Family Shabbat

Sunday, March 4

2nd Grade Family Ed

Sunday, March 11

Rosh Chodesh/Brodesch USHMM trip

Sunday, March 18

K, 1, and 2 Model Seder

Monday, March 26

No School: Spring Break

Tuesday, March 27

No School: Spring Break

Sunday, April 1

No School: Spring Break

Monday, April 2

No School: Spring Break

Tuesday, April 3

No School: Spring Break

Friday, April 6

4th Grade Family Shabbat and B'Nai Mitzvah Journey kick-off

Sunday, April 8

6th Grade Family Ed

Sunday, April 15

4th Grade Naming Ceremony

Monday, April 23

Last Day of Monday Hebrew

Monday, April 23

Academy BBQ

Tuesday, April 24

Last Day of Tuesday Hebrew

Sunday, April 29

Last Day of Sunday School

Religious School NEWS

Aaron Niensenshultz, Director of Religious School

School registration is open! You can enroll your student for the 2018-2019 religious school year now. Why register now? As you know, we are committed to creating a high-quality, meaningful Jewish educational experience for your child — a goal we know you share! Registering your child early helps us achieve that goal by helping us bring together the best educators we can find with the best material we can create, in classrooms with an appropriate number of children.

This year we're undertaking some improvements to keep the flexibility we usually offer while making the registration process more predictable.

Among other improvements:

- **Registration will open earlier.** You can begin to register your children on March 1 to give you more time in the spring to get enrolled.
- **Online registration has been simplified** in order to make the process easier and quicker.
- During March and April, Lisa Goldoor and Michelle Boas, our Religious School committee chairs, will be available in the Spain Lobby on Sundays with iPads to **help you enroll.**
- **Early-Bird registration** will go from March 1 to April 30 and will enter you in a drawing for a free main lot parking spot for the High Holy Days. **Normal registration** will go from May 1 to June 30.

These improvements will help us accommodate your schedules, create meaningful educational experiences for your children, arrange classes to ensure a great social experience, and engage the high-quality teachers that you expect. So register today!



Aaron Niensenshultz



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In The Depth Of Winter...

Lisa Yoskowitz, Early Childhood Director

We all have our favorite Jewish holiday. For some, it is Rosh Hashanah — the sounding of the shofar, the start of a fresh new year and a time of self-reflection. For others, it is Chanukah — the dreidel game, presents and of course, latkes. For me, it's all about Passover. From the cleaning of my house to opening the door for Elijah. From the first taste of *Shmurah* matzah to the moment that I "*break*" Passover with (you guessed it) pizza! I am fortunate to be able to set a Seder table that is steeped in tradition, with the 65 year old Haggadahs that belonged to my parents and the matzah covers that both of my now grown-up daughters made when they were in preschool. I also (secretly) love Passover for its opportunity to "*deny*" or "*challenge*" my family from a dietary perspective. The truth is that the "old-school version" of Passover foods are filled with enough heavy ingredients to make us wonder how the Israelites could actually trek out of Egypt with their bellies full of all that "*Kosher for Passover*" food! I enjoy taking Passover foods back to their roots — offering my family healthy choices like fruits, vegetables, chicken and fish. There are so many options for creativity — from *Charoses* Cupcakes to Kosher for Passover Banana Bread. From Homemade Mango Fruit Roll-ups to Traditional Passover Matzo Pizza. The choices are endless and the best part is getting your little ones involved in the process.



Lisa Yoskowitz



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Childhood Education

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Another way to involve your little ones is to get creative:

1. **Make a special Seder plate** to use throughout the holiday with your kids. Get them more involved by explaining to them what each part of the plate symbolizes.
2. Kids at every age can beautifully **decorate Elijah's cup** with just a little colorful string, a few rhinestones and some glue.
3. Often the most memorable part of the *Pesach* Seder for children (and parents!) is how the family reenacts the ten plagues. Have your little ones **make these fun and simple place cards** for each family member to get silly with during this part of the celebration.

And let's not forget the singing during the Seder!

"Take Us Out of Egypt"

(Tune of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game")

Take us all out of Egypt
Free us from Slavery
Bake us some matzah in a haste
Don't worry about flavor--
Give no thought to taste.
Oh, it's rush, rush, rush to the Red Sea
If we don't cross, it's a shame
For it's ten plagues,
Down and you're out
At the Pesach history game!

"Matzah Man"

(Tune of "Macho Man")

Matzah, wanna eat some matzah, Matzah, wanna
eat some matzah,
Hey, hey, oy, oy, vey!
Matzah, Matzah man, I want to be a Matzah Man
Matzah, Matzah man, I want to eat a matzah
Matzah, Matzah man, I want to be a Matzah Man
Matzah, Matzah man, I want to eat a matzah

But, in my opinion, the best way to participate is through your community here at Beth Or and joining us in your children's classrooms during our Passover Seders that will be held March 19, 20 and 21. This is a great time to share the excitement and beauty of the holiday and see it through your child's eyes. If you are searching for another option within this wonderful community, then please attend the Women's Unity Seder on Sunday, March 18 at 2pm. This Seder will heighten your awareness of the contributions that women made both biblically and in modern day. And lastly, there is Beth Or's Community Seder that will be held on Saturday, March 31.

So while our journey out of Egypt has long been completed, we can still journey into discovery of where we came from and where we are still going. A "*zissen*" *Pesach* to you all!



Jaime Murley



Cantor Jaime Murley, Junior Choir Director

The Junior Choir has had a wonderful season! With a beautiful performance at Barnes and Noble, a spirit filled Shabbat with Dan Nichols, a dynamic Purimspiel production, and joyful Shabbat services throughout the year, the choir has stepped up to every task with confidence. In March and April, the choir will perform for the residents of the Abramson Center and Paul's Run Assisted Living Facility. Whereas the usual choir performance requires the children to stand up and sing their memorized parts, the visits to these residences gives them the opportunity to give back to the community through voice AND service. At the Abramson Center, the children will receive instruction on proper wheelchair technique so that they can

assist the residents in getting to the main floor where the choir will perform. They will each have an opportunity, before and after the concert, to speak with the residents and spread a little Beth Or joy to the people who live there. Not only is this wonderful for the residents, who enjoy being in the company of young, energetic children, but it's a fantastic opportunity for the children to connect with the older generation. As many of the residents are Jewish, it gives them nachus ("pride") to know that the Jewish people will live on through these young people who obviously get SO much joy out of Jewish music. In turn, our children see that they come from a long tradition of Judaism, and that they are the link in the chain to the next generation.... a true moment of L'Dor Va Dor ("from generation to generation") for everyone involved!



Junior Choir January/February Calendar

March 2

Family Service, 6:30 pm
followed by choir movie night!

April 6

Family worship, 6:30 pm
followed by choir ice cream
social and staffer elections!

April 8

Abramson Concert, 2:30 pm

Spring Youth Events

Sunday, March 4

7th-12th Grade BOFTY & KIFTY
(K.I.)-Ice Skating at Penns
Landing!

Sunday, March 11

2nd-7th Grade BOFTY &
Brotherhood Gamechangerz
Game Truck (Dads are welcome!)

Sunday, April 15

All BOFTY Trip to the Franklin
Institute Featuring the History
of Video Games Exhibit

Sunday, April 29

Last Day of Religious School Trip
to Dorney Park! All are invited!

****K-3rd Graders must be
accompanied by a parent.**



Energy Conservation at Beth Or

Alan Kober, Building Committee

Climate Change, Fossil Fuels, Energy Conservation, Green Energy- these are phrases that we've all seen in the media recently. How does Beth Or relate to these terms? The Building and Grounds Committee monitors the synagogue's usage of electricity and natural gas and takes steps to reduce our consumption and minimize our carbon footprint. Our building is 65,000 square feet, the size of 21 average suburban homes and we spend \$65,000/yr. in gas and electricity costs. In 2007, our first full year in our current location, we spent \$145,000/yr. for the same utilities, over twice what we now spend. A small portion of the reduction was due to the reduced rates for utilities but most was due to our conservation efforts. We've invested about \$150,000 to save \$80,000/yr., a 2-yr. payback. What have we done?

- Installed an energy management system that sets the temperature in the various parts of the building based on occupancy. If the social hall won't be occupied on a given day, the 6 thermostats that control the temperature in that area are set to reflect its unoccupied status.
- Reinsulated much of the ceiling of the upper level of the building since the existing insulation had fallen and was ineffective.
- Thanks to the donation of time and materials by a generous congregant, shatter-resistant film was recently installed on many of the windows as a security measure. This film also improves the insulation of the windows and slows the heat loss.
- The maintenance personnel, teachers and other staff have become much more vigilant to turn off the lights and keep doors and windows shut.

Our annual reduction of energy consumption is equal to what 60 typical US homes use each year. What's next? Later this year we'll replace some of our less efficient lights with the newer, much less energy consuming LED bulbs. With your help, we'll continue our efforts of Tikkun Olam, Repair the World, by using less energy and making our environment cleaner and healthier.

March/April Candle Lighting

Friday, March 2 • 5:35 pm

Friday, April 6 • 7:11 pm

Friday, March 9 • 5:42 pm

Friday, April 13 • 7:19 pm

Friday, March 16 • 6:50 pm

Friday, April 20 • 7:26 pm

Friday, March 23 • 6:57 pm

Friday, April 27 • 7:33 pm

Friday, March 30 • 7:04 pm

Have an Idea? Let's Make it Happen!

Jillian Glick, Director of Member & Youth Engagement

Not everyone is as fortunate as I am to LOVE the work they do. I get to engage with likeminded people who want to belong to some place that makes them feel like they're home.

Sometimes, these same people feel passionately about something that they want to bring "home" with them. Maybe they love something we are already doing and want to be included in making it more special.

A few months ago a group of women came to me with an idea in which they were heavily invested. They wanted to bring a breast cancer prevention program to our community. They wanted it to be free and they wanted lots of our congregants to come and learn valuable information with them. We worked together and on March 4, we are hosting this event!

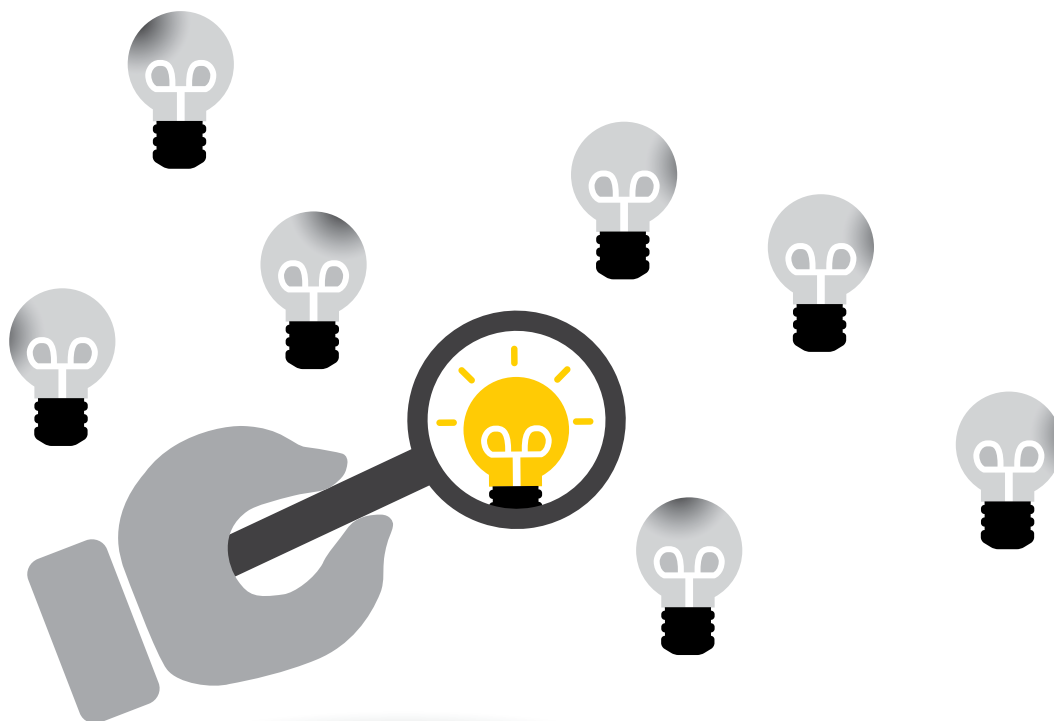
Before that, Alyson Caplan, our Membership Committee chair, came to talk to Rabbi Gerber and me about our *Tu B'Shevat Program*. For the past few years, she has lead the charge (along with her amazing friends) to put on a *Tu B'Shevat* Wine Tasting event that has had great success. This year, Alyson suggested that we shake things up and have a Music Festival for *Tu B'Shevat*. She had a vision, got to work and together we made it happen!

This year, our Youth Committee chair, Allison Levin, had exciting new ideas for the annual Purim Carnival. She brought them to one of our meetings, and off we went. Along with the Youth Committee, she suggested changes and they came to fruition at this year's carnival!

These are just a few examples of people who want to help make our Beth Or home even more special. If you have a program you'd like to see, suggestions for things we are doing, or a committee you would like to join, call me! I look forward to hearing your thoughts!



Jillian Glick



VOLUNTEER

Spotlight

Donna Salin, Tracy Gindea and Cindy Segal

Over the last decade, Donna Salin, Tracy Gindea and I (Cindy Segal) have been volunteering at the Jewish Federation Mitzvah Pantry, Home & School parent events, and Beth Or's Meals that Matter. Our kids were young and life was full. But a few months ago, Donna came to Tracy and me about starting a Brem Phila chapter and all three of us were IN! The Brem Foundation's mission is to defeat breast cancer by educating women on early detection (its more than just a mammogram - know your screening options!)



Donna's mother passed away from breast cancer, I am lucky to be a survivor, and Tracy watched it all, realizing how important awareness is in curing this disease...as anyone can get it, and the chance of a cure is best with early detection. All three of us feel that by getting involved with Brem and organizing our first local Brem event, we will hopefully make an impact. Our first event will be held March 4 at Beth Or. Dr. Rachel Brem, our keynote speaker, who has been on Dr. Oz and the TODAY show is coming up from Washington, DC to present (times are 9:15 am and 11:15 am). Donna, Tracy and I look forward to volunteering to create this new Philadelphia initiative. It has been inspiring to see the enthusiasm and support of our friends, the fabulous assistance of Beth Or (shout out to Jillian Glick!!), and the tremendous love from our families as we proceed forward.

As famous author, Linwood Barclay, once said "...it's hard to make things right for everyone. But if everyone helped one person, lots of people would get helped."

For the three of us, that's what it is all about!!



BREM

DETECT EARLY. SAVE LIVES.

Beth Or Celebrates The Gerber Family

Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Six years ago, Rabbi Gerber and his wife Lauren moved from their home in Cincinnati, OH to Horsham, PA when he accepted the position of Associate Rabbi at Congregation Beth Or. Imagine moving 600 miles across the country, with 3 cats, 1 dog and a baby on the way to serve as a spiritual and religious advisor to over 3,500 strangers. That's exactly what he did and the Beth Or community couldn't be more grateful! Although originally from St. Louis, Rabbi Gerber and his family adopted Philadelphia as their new home town, enthusiastically rooting for the Phillies and Eagles, and finding a love for Philly pretzels and Tastykakes. This July, David, Lauren, along with their daughters Paige, Tessa and all the pets will leave their Philadelphia home to begin a new journey in New Orleans as David becomes the Rabbi at Congregation Gates of Prayer.

It is hard to list all of the ways that David and Lauren have impacted the families of Beth Or in only six short years, but here is a small sampling: Over 300 b'nai mitzvah students, six confirmation classes, virtual Seder plates, Rosh Chodesh & Rosh Brodesch, Tuesday night minyan with the Rabbi, countless Munchkin Minyans, Sushi, Sake, Sukkah, Mitzvas Day, Jewish Professionals of Suburban Philadelphia, Shreddy Potatoman, 80's Purim, Tunes and Torah, Hoops and Hebrew, Machzor Or, stellar centerfield play and much, much more.

Please join us over the weekend of April 20-22, as we celebrate the past six years with the Gerber Family with a special Friday night Shabbat Service, Saturday night New Orleans-style Dueling Pianos Tribute Party, and a Sunday morning Religious School Celebration Song Session. I encourage you to share your memories and thanks for the Gerbers through the purchase of a commemorative ad in our keepsake tribute book.

I hope to see you at the festivities!

David Simon, President



Gerber Family Tribute Party

Saturday, April 21 at 7pm • Tickets: \$72/person

Join us for a New Orleans-style party featuring dueling pianos, food and drink!

RSVP by Monday, April 9 via the website homepage RSVP portal or mail/drop off to the office, payable to Congregation Beth Or.



Keepsake Tribute Book Information

We are preparing a special commemorative book to mark this special occasion. We invite you to show your appreciation for The Gerbers by placing a tribute ad with a special personal memory or an ad for your business!

Options:

- Back Cover Ad • \$1000 - Sold
- Inside Front Cover Ad • \$750 (5.25 x 8.25)
- Inside Back Cover Ad • \$750 (5.25 x 8.25)
- Center Page Spread • \$700 (10.75 x 8.25) - Sold
- Full Page • \$360 (5.25 x 8.25)
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Don't miss these other special events:

Friday, April 20 • 6:30 pm

Shabbat Worship & Dessert Reception honoring the Gerber Family (No Pre-Neg Tonight)

Sunday April 22 • 10:45 am -11:15 am

Religious School Celebration Song Session

Beth Or BROTHERHOOD

Always Remember... Never Forget

Allan Posner, Brotherhood President



Allan Posner



I hope all of you had a chance to gather with us in January at Brotherhood Shabbat as well as attend our Man of the Year Dinner and award given to Beth Or's very own Aaron Nielsenschultz. Thank you to Bob Simon for leading us and all who attended along with clergy, Aaron's family and friends. For those seeking news and events discussions we hope you were able to attend Rabbi Marx's talk during our regular Wednesday evening meeting in February.

Winter will soon cease along with the dark, dreary and cold days it brings. The end of March and mid-April will mark two chapters in Jewish history. We will celebrate Passover along with family Seders and delicious smells of matzoh ball soup, brisket and charoset. Shortly after we have filled our bellies we will revisit a sad period in our Jewish survival. On April 12 our congregation along with Brotherhood will again be reminded of memories that must never be forgotten. We remember the Holocaust as we commemorate Yom HaShoah. Brotherhood, under the direction of Bob Cohen, has for many years spearheaded a program within our building to keep memories alive of those who perished at the hands of the Nazis. Our goal is to educate the religious school students so they never forget that period of history. Brotherhood, along with Aaron Nielsenschultz, Beth Or's religious school director will distribute to each student a Yom HaShoah packet with literature and a memorial candle. Many members of our group have had this tragedy touch them in some way and it is our duty to make sure each student attending religious school learns about the Holocaust.

We hope as parents you sit with your children and discuss this most important time in Jewish history. On Sunday April 8, members of Brotherhood will gather in the Spain Lobby and hand a packet to your child. Teach them to **Always Remember and Never Forget**.

Hosting a Seder? Going to a Seder?... Brotherhood would like to remind all of you that on March 11, 18 and 25 we will again be in the Spain Lobby selling Passover wines under the direction of Bob Rosin. Please stop by early to choose your favorite wines and receive a discount on early bird orders.

Finally, for students in our religious school, Brotherhood will once again host our annual ice cream day April 29 as religious school ends. *"I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!!!"*

Brotherhood would like to wish all of you a happy Passover!

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Sign up for our weekly Chai-Lights and Community Matters e-mail blasts on the Beth Or website homepage, www.bethor.org.

Beth Or SISTERHOOD

Let's Raise Our Cups To Miriam

Jodye Green, Sisterhood President

Get ready for American Jewry's most celebrated holiday — Passover. In just a few short weeks, we will clean our homes, clear our cabinets of Chametz, spend hundreds of dollars in the supermarket on matzah, brisket, honey cake and other festive foods, and prepare to experience the exodus of our ancestors from slavery in Egypt to freedom in Israel.

Sisterhood invites you to welcome Miriam to your Seder table by creating your own Miriam's cup. Join us on March 7 for a hands-on workshop with acclaimed Jewish artist, Mordechai Rosenstein, and learn how to infuse your holiday with the spirit of a woman whose well provided our people with water during their great journey. Your spirits will surely soar on Sunday, March 18 when you attend Sisterhood's Second Annual Unity Seder. Seize this important opportunity to sit down with women from area Christian, Muslim and Hindu congregations and reinterpret the traditional Passover from a universal lens.

Post-Passover, we will bring out the bagels and join with Brotherhood for an April 22 brunch with an exodus theme. Fred Behrend and fellow GWHS alum Larry Hanover (class of '84) will share their personal journeys from oppression to freedom. Larry is the author of "Rebuilt From Broken Glass: A German Jewish Life Remade in America". It relates the riveting saga of Fred's family and their exodus from Germany to Cuba and ultimately their arrival in the United States. The excerpt below will give you a taste of Passover's eternal power to a people who yearn to be free.

"Symbolized by a three-hundred-year-old Seder plate, the religious life of Fred Behrend's family had centered largely around Passover and the tale of the Jewish people's exodus from tyranny."

Mark your calendars now for these and other meaningful and fun Sisterhood events. Go to www.bethor.org and register on-line.

Wednesday, March 7 • Paint Your Own Miriam's Cup
(\$20 per person)

Tuesday, March 13 • Beit Sefer Cooking Lesson
(class size limited, see Beit Sefer info to RSVP)

Sunday, March 18 Women's Unity Seder

Saturday, March 31 • 2nd Night Passover Community Seder

Sunday, April 22 • Sisterhood/Brotherhood Brunch
(\$10 per person)

Wednesday, May 2 • One Book One Jewish Community

Thursday, May 10 • Trunk Show (held at Pinecrest Country Club, \$50 per person)



Jodye Green



Sisterhood

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- Sunday: 9 am-1 pm • Monday & Tuesday : 9 am-12 noon & 4:30 pm-6 pm
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SOCIAL *Action*

Mitzvah Month Benefitted:

KleinLife • Our Closet • Mitzvah Circle • Jewish Relief Agency • Alex's Lemonade Stand • St. Christopher's Hospital
• Fox Chase Cancer Center • John F. McCloskey School • Upper Dublin Police Station • Children's Hospital of
Philadelphia • Silver Springs-Martin Luther School • Interfaith Housing Alliance - Hope Gardens

This past December's Mitzvah Month brought Beth Or congregants of all ages together to help the most vulnerable in our community. The energy and commitment shown by our Mitzvah Month Leaders listed below and the compassion and kindness of every Beth Or member who took part in these worthy efforts serve as a shining example of social action.

Thanks to you, an abundance of men's clothing and accessories were donated to Our Closet for men transitioning into employment; 190 meals and 125 breakfast bags were prepared for KleinLife's home bound seniors; hundreds of essential school supplies were provided to the John F. McCloskey School (K-8); the Fox Chase Cancer Center Post-Doc Research Program received proceeds (\$1280) from our bake sale; Alex's Lemonade Stand served more than 130 cups of lemonade raising close to \$400 for pediatric cancer research; car-loads of donated clothing, household items, and packaged food were sorted and driven to the Mitzvah Circle warehouse; 100 toiletry bags were assembled for parents staying with their children at CHOP; and our Religious School 4th-6th graders participated in packing and delivering food for the Jewish Relief Agency. Mitzvah Month wrapped up on December 25. Children at St. Christopher's Hospital and their families were greeted with lunch and holiday sweets; 12 fleece blankets/afghans were made for area hospital patients; 100 containers of soup were cooked and delivered to Hope Gardens; youngsters in the Silver Springs-Martin Luther School residential treatment program were served breakfast with smiles and cheer; and home-made cookies were delivered to the Upper Dublin Police Station in appreciation of their 24/7 service.

Todah Rabah to Beth Or Mitzvah Month Leaders:

Faye Benshetler, Judy Bernstein, Michelle Boas, Marlene Cohen, Fred Dugan, Abby Gilbert-Freedman, Lisa Goldoor, Caren, David and Stacey Gutman, Beth and Bernie Johl, Dale and Rebecca Laing, Lynn Levy, Tom Miller, Ellen Mirbach, Jennie Nerenberg, Jody Pascal, Nora Saragovi, Marv Schwartz, Sherry Spector, Barbara Spilove, Mary Jean Stark, Rachel Steinberg, Liz Stone, and Religious School Director Aaron Niensenshultz

Special Thanks to Rabbi Marx, Rabbi Gerber, Cantor Green, Amy Abrams, Judy Trias, Jillian Glick, Jill Bascove, and our Religious School School Teachers and Staff.

Susy Krimker, Social Action Chair

Margie Chachkin, Social Action Vice-Chair



What I Did On My Winter Break

Carole Chasen

If I were a student and had to write an essay I would have the most phenomenal experience to share.

I flew to Houston on Christmas to volunteer with "NECHAMA: Jewish Response to Disaster" to assist with clean up following Hurricane Harvey. My experience started the next morning with the gutting of a home. I was amazed that four months after the Hurricane there were still piles of debris lining the streets of the city.

My home for the next six days was Christ Church, where they opened their doors to NECHAMA volunteers since September. Everyone slept in sleeping bags and showered outside in a shower box. While the water was heated by turning on the propane tanks, the air in the "boxes" was the same as outside and while I was there it was rather chilly (45 degrees) The days were structured: Up at 7:00 am, make your own breakfast from amongst the pantry food and off to a site, lunch that we had made from what was available in the pantry, back to the home to complete what we had to do and returning to the church at 4:30 pm. I enjoyed a yummy lasagna donated by a nearby reform synagogue and someone donated chicken dinner on Shabbat. People came from Montana, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont with the common goal to help others.

I was taken by the enormity of the effects of the Hurricane in the Houston area. Only one of the homes I was in could be inhabited but they had no heat and had to fill their tub with water in the morning for it to "warm up during the day." It was very sad to see the few belongings these families had been able to salvage crowded into one room in their homes. NECHAMA went into 131 homes to tear down and remove debris, and will return for restoration. I hope to join with NECHAMA again. I believe that by being a part of this experience, that by giving of myself I received more than what I gave. I would encourage others to take advantage of this opportunity.



Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah Students

Dillon Frankel

February 10

For my Bar Mitzvah project I chose to donate time to the **Philly Friendship Circle** which connects local teens and young adults to youths with special needs and their families. I was enrolled in a month-long program in which I was paired off with a 9 year old boy named Aaron. We did challah baking, clay activities, music and played games. It took a little while for us to connect, but over time we started to build trust and a friendship. I looked forward to my time with him. I also participated in classes that were run by Philly Friendship Circle that taught about mitzvot and the importance of creating communities through inclusion. I hope to stay connected with Aaron and Philly Friendship Circle. To learn more, please contact www.phillyfriendship.com or 215-574-1765.



Ava Schrier

February 24

For my Mitzvah project I helped local families receive the necessary items they need to get through the day. I gathered warm winter coats, clothing and shoes from my community to donate to **Mitzvah Circle**. I went to Teen Night, bringing a fully packed minivan, and volunteered for two hours sorting clothes and packing boxes for local families. These families live in our area and are struggling with poverty, illness and sometimes homelessness. These families are facing harsh winters with their children and no heat. It meant a lot to me to personally pack a box for a family with three small children, filled to the brim with clothes and pajamas to keep them warm, toiletries for the mother, diapers and wipes and a book for each child for the holidays.



Lexi & Sammy Fuchs

March 3

For our Mitzvah Project we participated in Beth Or's **Meals that Matter**, which prepares and provides food for the elderly who have difficulty shopping or cooking for themselves and may be homebound. We also helped our grandfather set up a library at Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia where he was the Senior Rabbi. Hundreds of books were donated by our grandfather and the library is organized into sections, including Jewish history, religions of the world, the Jewish traditions, the Holocaust, philosophy, biblical reference volumes and other groupings of books that he has collected. The library is used by Rodeph Shalom congregants and will be a lasting gift to the congregation. We will continue to visit the library to maintain the organization and cataloging of the books. We also look forward to continuing our participation in Meals that Matter.



Jacob Cornbluth

March 10

For my Bar Mitzvah project, I am raising money for **"The American Heart Association"** in honor of my grandfather who passed away in July of 2016. The American Heart Association is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization fighting heart disease today. My project will include raising money to support ongoing research to prevent heart disease. I will be organizing a basketball contest at my house to raise money for this cause and also campaigning for donations throughout my community. To donate to my special cause, please go to my page: http://honor.americanheart.org/site/TR/Events/General?sessionId=00000000.app211a?pg=fund&fr_id=1030&pxfid=288336&NONCE_TOKEN=5B11AD5B8450C54078DA8F9BA4851828... and make a contribution. Thank you for your support.



Devon Young

March 17

For my Mitzvah Project, I raised money for **Lymphoma (Hodgkin and Non-Hodgkin's)**. I selected this cause as this disease has affected several important people in my life. After choosing my charity, I needed to figure out a way to raise money. Being a dancer, I thought that dancing was the best way for me. With this idea in mind, my mother and I organized a Zumba-Thon to raise money for this important cause. We created flyers and spread the word to many family and friends. On Sunday, November 12, 2017 over 50 people gathered at The Dance Place Studio in Chalfont to dance. We raised over \$1,400! The proceeds were donated to Sloan Kettering research in hopes of finding a cure for Hodgkin and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. It was such a wonderful experience. I plan on organizing another event in the future. Thank you to our friends and family who attended and contributed to my Mitzvah project!



Macy Katzman

March 24

For my Mitzvah Project, I will be raising money for the **American Heart Association**. Heart disease is the #1 killer of women, causing 1 in 3 deaths each year. My mom has heart disease and underwent open heart surgery when I was 18 months old. And my Great Aunt Chelle died after a stroke when I was five. In the fall, we will participate in the 2018 Heart Walk at Citizen's Bank Park. It will be our fifth year with our team, "Don't Go Bacon My Heart." Last year at the Heart Walk we raised almost \$2,000 and we got a behind the scenes tour of Citizens Bank Park which was really cool! The money raised is dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke for everyone. To donate, please visit http://www2.heart.org/goto/macy_katzman.



Rylie Slobotkin

March 24

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I chose to help support the **Mitzvah Circle Foundation**. The Mitzvah Circle Foundation is a local organization that helps families in need in our community as well as nationwide. They provide aid to people who are having trouble getting the resources they need. Items that are needed include: clothing, housewares, baby supplies, toiletries, books, and food. I reached out to family and friends to collect these items along with monetary donations. In addition, I volunteered my time at the warehouse to pack boxes for families and sort through the donations that were collected. I am happy to be able to help others and will continue to support this incredible charity. Please keep Mitzvah Circle in mind when cleaning out your closets and homes. www.MitzvahCircle.org



Ben Broker

April 7

For my Mitzvah Project, I chose to participate in a hands-on building project for **Habitat for Humanity**. Habitat's mission is to build new homes and make necessary home repairs and replacements due to age or disaster. I am very interested in building things and wanted to help with a Habitat project. Habitat for Humanity sponsors several projects for kids under 16 to build and donate to families in need including indoor furniture, benches and bookcases. I designed, cut, built and painted a large, custom, outdoor doghouse, which Habitat identifies as one of the most requested items for families. The Bucks County Habitat for Humanity will donate that doghouse, and other projects I build, to a family in need. For more information or to donate to Habitat, visit www.habitatbucks.org.



Hali & Tobi Seligman

April 14

Our B'Not Mitzvah project focused on helping children experience a little bit of "The Happiest Place on Earth." There is hardly a young girl or boy today who doesn't love a Disney movie star, who symbolizes strength, courage, and true determination for young children everywhere. Working with **The Magic Yarn Project**, we made homespun wigs for little cancer fighters. With or without hair, these kids are strong and beautiful. But having a chance to step into the role of their favorite Disney heroine/hero by simply putting on a wig provides a magical escape for those who find themselves entrenched in the painful and difficult world of cancer. Learning that chemotherapy treatments leave young scalps too sensitive for traditional wigs, we made Disney inspired wigs out of soft, comfy, and warm yarn. We made wigs that looked like Jack Sparrow, Moanna, and Rapunzel. We hope to become official "Magic Makers," and continue making wigs for children around the country.



Gabby Jones

April 21

For my Mitzvah Project, I incorporated my love for tennis and my love for helping people by being a part of the **Tennis Buddies Squad**. Tennis Buddies is a program which meets every Saturday for 7 weeks in the fall. Volunteers spend time playing tennis with special needs children in order to give them the invaluable experience of a team sport. In addition, I volunteer at WissPals which is a club at my school that meets once a month and consists of special needs students and volunteers. Together, we do crafts and cooking as a way of making the special needs students feel included as a part of our school community. I feel good giving my time to these incredible students and plan to continue this every year.



Ryan Berger

April 21

Soccer is a wonderful sport that has taught me so much about teamwork, good sportsmanship, hard work, and friendship. Many children around the world are not fortunate enough to have nice soccer equipment with which to play the game. For my Mitzvah Project, I organized a collection of gently-used soccer cleats on behalf of the organization **1K Cleats For Kids**. 1K Cleats For Kids, which was started by a family in New Jersey, teaches children the gift of giving by helping kids in other countries who do not have the means to get a pair of soccer shoes. This organization collects soccer cleats for needy families in the Trenton, New Jersey area as well as in underdeveloped countries in South America, Africa, and in several Caribbean countries including Haiti. The initial goal of the organization was to collect 1,000 cleats for the children in Haiti. They have surpassed that goal and are now looking to achieve other goals. Please check out their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/1kcleats4kids/> to support and learn more about this organization. Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who contributed cleats from Beth Or and my soccer team at the Penn Fusion Soccer Academy.



Ethan Kennedy

April 28

For my Mitzvah project, I have been volunteering at the **Abramson Center for Jewish Life**. The Abramson Center provides seniors with progressive care, companionship, warm living environments and a connection to their Jewish heritage. My Great Grandmother, Ruth Jochnowitz, lived at the facility for a couple of years when I was younger. I have wonderful memories of how happy it made her when family visited. I wanted to volunteer here because I know how lonely people can be without their family nearby. The residents like to share their stories and talk to someone. I help transport residents to and from Shabbat Services and also participate during Services. I also help out during Bingo and other events. It is fun to have conversations with the residents and bring a smile to their faces. I will continue to volunteer. It has been a great experience.



Beth Or EVENTS

Adult Programs

APEX Brunch with Mordechai Rosenstein

Sunday, March 11 • 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Join APEX and our Artist in Residence for brunch and a morning of "Coffee, Coloring and Kibitzing." Mordechai Rosenstein will give a lesson on the creation of the alphabet and then talk about a few of his pieces. Attendees can then add color and illumination to his templates. No charge to Beth Or members if you RSVP by Wednesday, March 7. (\$10 at the door.) RSVP to Barbara Murtha, bmurtha@bethor.org.

AARP Safe Driving Classes:

Refresher Class – Tuesday, March 27 • 10 am - 2 pm

Basic Class – Tuesday & Wednesday, April 24 & 25 • 10 am - 2 pm

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

APEX Brunch

Sunday, May 6 • 10 am - 12 noon

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, APEX is hosting NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.



Enjoy brunch along with a powerful and moving video, *In Our Own Voices*, followed by a discussion led by NAMI representatives. No charge to Beth Or members if you RSVP by Wednesday, May 2. (\$5 at the door.) RSVP to Barb Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org.

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

Art Gallery

Artist – Jill Tarabar

Opening Reception: Friday, March 9 • 6 pm

Exhibiting from March 9 through April 11

The Olitsky Gallery is thrilled to present the wonderful stained glass creations of Beth Or's own congregant Jill Tarabar. The designs presented here were inspired by Jill's recent trip to Poland and Israel with Rabbi Marx.



Artist – Louise Herring

Opening Reception: Friday, April 13 • 6 pm

Exhibiting from April 13 through May 9

Louise Herring's colorful, abstract paintings are inspired by the rural landscape of PA and travels in Asia. Louise is not interested in duplicating the subject, but is challenged to create a new reality.



Brotherhood/Sisterhood Events

Pinot and Painting with Mordechai Rosenstein

Wednesday, March 7 • 7:30 pm

Join Sisterhood and our Artist in Residence for a special night. Bring out the inner artist in you while painting your own keepsake Miriam's Cup to use at your Seder table. Cost: \$20/person. Register on the website RSVP Portal by March 2.

Brotherhood Wine Sale

Sunday, March 11, 18 and 25 • 9 am - 1 pm

Whether you are hosting or going to a Seder, stop by the Spain Lobby and stock up on a delicious assortment of Kosher for Passover wines. Proceeds benefit Beth Or programming. 5% early bird discount for wine purchased by March 18.

2nd Annual Women's Unity Seder

Sunday, March 18 • 2 pm

Join Sisterhood as we welcome guests from the Interfaith community for a special Seder that includes social justice readings. This Women's Seder will be led by Lori Motis, Sisterhood Chaplain. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by March 14 to Ellen Mirbach, semirbach@gmail.com. Contact Lori Motis at lorimotis@aol.com with any questions.

Brotherhood & Sisterhood Brunch **Sunday, April 22 • 10 am**

Enjoy brunch and a captivating presentation by Larry Hanover and Fred Behrend, authors of *Rebuilt From Broken Glass: A German Jewish Life Remade in America*. Over 7 years, Larry worked with Fred, a Holocaust survivor, to write his memoir. When the Nazis came to power, 12 year old Fred and his family found themselves living a 20th-century version that paralleled the exodus from Egypt, escaping oppression and persecution in Germany for Cuba and ultimately a life of freedom and happiness in the United States. Hear Fred talk about his experiences. Cost: \$10/person. Please RSVP in advance on the website RSVP Portal.



SAVE THE DATE FOR SISTERHOOD MAY & JUNE EVENTS!

One Book One Jewish Community Book Discussion

Wednesday, May 2 • 7:30 pm

Aaron Nielsenshultz will lead a discussion about this year's OBOJC book selection, *After the Fire* by Lauren Belfer. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. RSVP in advance on the website RSVP portal. Contact Patty Bassman with any questions, patty6@aol.com.

Sisterhood Trunk Show & Sale **Thursday, May 10 • 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

Join Sisterhood for a ladies night out of shopping, delicious food and cocktails at Pinecrest Country Club. Pick up some of the season's latest fashions and accessories for yourself, your mom, and your favorite grad. Door prizes and raffles galore. This event is open to the entire community.

Cost: \$50/person includes dinner. RSVP on the website RSVP Portal or send a check to the Beth Or office c/o Ellen Mirbach by May 1.



Night Out in Ambler

**Thursday, June 7 • Dinner at 5:30 pm;
Play (Camelot) at 8 pm**

Join Sisterhood for a fun night out! We will start with dinner at Fireside Bar & Grille and then head to Act II Playhouse to watch *Camelot*, the Broadway classic romantic tale of King Arthur, Guenevere, Lancelot, and the Knights of the Round Table, featuring songs from the composers of *My Fair Lady*. You can sign up for one or both events. Pricing and RSVP to come soon!

Holidays and Shabbat Events

Passover

1st Day Worship Service & Shabbat
Saturday, March 31 • 11 am

2nd Night Community Passover Seder
Saturday, March 31 • 6 pm – 8:30 pm

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

Passover Service, Yizkor and Brunch
Friday, April 6 • 9 am

Shabbat Worship with Guest Speaker
Rear Admiral David W. Titley (Retired)
Friday, April 13 • 6:30 pm

Our guest speaker will discuss his thoughts on "Climate of Hope", the book chosen by the Beth Or Social Justice Committee for this year's One Book, One Congregation series. Dr. David Titley is with the Penn State Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science, a Professor of Practice in Meteorology, Profession at Penn State School of International Affairs, and Director, Penn State Center for Solutions to Weather and Climate Risk. Visit the website calendar to read his extensive bio as a Navy officer related to this topic.



Beth Or EVENTS

Lifelong Learning

Beit Sefer Café sponsored by the Allen Apter Memorial Endowment for Lifelong Learning Fund

Tuesday, March 6 and 13 • 6:30 pm – 9 pm

Two nights of interactive learning, thought-provoking topics, and hands-on activities featuring noteworthy scholars, historians and artists from across the country and within our community. Select the topics that interest you most. Enjoy light dinner and socialize in the Shmear Café between classes. Advance RSVP required. Register now before the classes fill up! (Visit the Beth Or website for class descriptions.)

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BEIT SEFER
Café

MARCH 6 CLASS SCHEDULE:

Session 1 at 6:30 pm

Women of the Wall with Sue Elwell

Men's Health with Eric Vogel

- ☐ A Taste of Mussar with Susan Sussman
- ☐ Discovering the Deep Jewish Wisdom of the Ethical Will with Rabbi David Levin
- ☐ Art Becomes Me with Mordechai Rosenstein

Session 2 at 8 pm

- ☐ "Climate of Hope" Book Discussion with Beverly C. Rosen
- ☐ Another Taste of Mussar with Susan Sussman
- ☐ Men's Health (part 2) with Eric Vogel
- ☐ Starting the Process — Creating your own Ethical Will with Rabbi David Levin

MARCH 13 CLASS SCHEDULE:

Session 1 at 6:30 pm

- ☐ How Abraham Lincoln Changed the Way Jews Live in the U.S. with Ralph Nurnberger
- ☐ Sisterhood Cooking Class with Alyson Gass
- ☐ Talmud Uncensored with Mira Wasserman

Session 2 at 8 pm

- ☐ The Life and Legacy of Yitzhak Rabin with Ralph Nurnberger
- ☐ Sisterhood Cooking Class with Alyson Gass
- ☐ Take a Stand Against Gun Violence with Shira Goodman
- ☐ From the Sublime to the Ridiculous (and Back) with Mira Wasserman



Event details subject to change. Please check the Beth Or website homepage RSVP Portal and/or calendar for the most up-to-date information and on-line RSVP forms.

Special Events

BREM Foundation Breast Cancer Prevention Program

Sunday, March 4 • 9:15 am and 11:15 am

The BREM Foundation presents "Breast Cancer is more than just a Mammogram." Renowned breast cancer physician, Dr. Rachel Brem, as seen on Dr. Oz and the Today Show, will speak about breast cancer prevention and why mammograms are not enough. Participants will also have the opportunity for advanced screenings on-site. This important program is open to the public, so please tell your friends. Light refreshments will be served.



Artist in Residence: Mordechai Rosenstein Tuesday, March 6 – Sunday, March 11

Mordechai Rosenstein, known for his myriad of art utilizing vibrant colors and flowing lines that transform the art of Hebrew calligraphy into a modern day feast for the eyes, will lead a variety of programs inspired by his art. Sign up for the ones that appeal to you! His artwork will be on display and available for sale throughout the week. Stop by the Spain Lobby and watch him create a masterpiece that he will gift to Beth Or!



Events with an asterisk () require advance RSVP on the website RSVP Portal.*

Program Schedule:

Art Becomes Me* • Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 pm • Lifelong Learning Class

Pinot & Painting* • Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 pm • Sisterhood Event (see Sisterhood Events for details)

Life/Blessing/Peace • Friday, March 9, time TBD • Art with CECE Students

Torah Paints A Picture • Friday, March 9, 6:30 pm • D'var Torah during Shabbat Worship

Parsha HaShavuah • Saturday, March 10, 9:30 am • Torah Study

Coffee, Coloring & Kibitzing* • Sunday, March 11, 9:30 am • APEX Brunch (See Adult Events for details)

Secret of the Hebrew Alphabet • Sunday, March 11, 11:15 am • Art with Religious School Students

Youth GameChangerz Event

Sunday, March 11 • 1 pm - 3:30 pm

All 3rd – 7th graders are welcome to join for lunch, games and the GameChangerz, a mobile video game truck, sponsored by Brotherhood. Pizza lunch will be served. This event is \$5 per person, cash at the door. RSVP to Jillian Glick, jglick@bethor.org. Dads are encouraged to join the fun!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, March 25 • 9 am - 2 pm

Due to the harsh winter, The Red Cross is in urgent need of all blood types. Please donate blood and help save a life. Register online via the website RSVP Portal for the time slot of your choice, or contact Stu Briefer at smbriefer@gmail.com and he will register you. This event is sponsored by Brotherhood.

Israel Movie Night at the Ambler Theater

Thursday, April 26 • 7:30 pm

The Beth Or Israel Committee presents an evening at the Ambler Movie Theater. This year's film is An Israel Love Story. Join us for this film, followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Marx. Tickets: \$15/person may be purchased by check or cash after March 25 in the Beth Or Office (see Genevieve) or Ambler Theater (on line or box office). Contact Patty Bassman at patty6@aol.com for additional information.

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Mental Health Awareness Month Kick-Off Event Movie Screening: Hollywood Beauty Salon

Tuesday, May 1 • 7 pm – 9 pm

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, watch a screening of the film documentary "Hollywood Beauty Salon" followed by a discussion with producer Glen Holstein and cast members. This event is sponsored by the Beth Or Social Action Committee.

Israel Bonds Tribute Reception

Tuesday, May 8 • 6:30 pm

Congregation Beth Or & Tiferet Bet Israel are supporting Israel Bonds at this annual event to be held at Beth Or this year. Beth Or honorees are Phil & Pennye Goodman. TBI is honoring Keith & Ellen Cohen, and James Walsh & Beverly Cohen. More details and RSVP to come soon!



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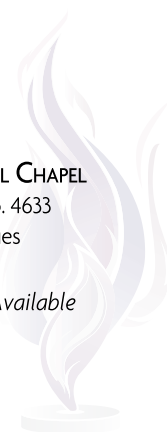
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