



Beth Or Spotlight

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March Worship Schedule

Friday, March 1

Shabbat Vayakhel/Shekalim

5:30 pm Munchkin Minyan

6:30 pm 6th Grade Family Worship
Service in the Gitlin Sanctuary

6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship
in the Haines Chapel

7:45 pm Mishloach Manot — Snack
Bag Packing in the Rosenfeld Social
Hall

Saturday, March 2

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship in the
Haines Chapel

Friday, March 8

Shabbat Pekudei with B'nai Mitzvah of Beth Or Building

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship in the
Gitlin Sanctuary

Saturday, March 9

9:30 am Torah Study

10:45 am Extended Torah Study with
Rabbinic intern, Janine Jankovitz Pastor

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with
the B'nai Mitzvah of Alex and Evan
Vichnin, sons of Michael and Mindy
Vichnin

Friday, March 15

Shabbat Vayikra/Zachor

7:30 pm Shabbat Zimriya Worship
in the Gitlin Sanctuary — Shabbat
Zimriya is a lively participatory
musical Shabbat service with
additional musicians

Saturday, March 16

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the
Bar Mitzvah of Bryan Portney, son
of Kevan and Nancy Portney in the
Gitlin Sanctuary

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship in the
Haines Chapel

Wednesday, March 20

5:30 pm Purim Dinner and Games

6:30 pm Hamilton Purim Schpiel and
Worship Service in the Gitlin Sanctuary

Friday, March 22

Shabbat Tzav

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service in
the Gitlin Sanctuary

Saturday, March 23

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with
the B'not Mitzvah of Lily Gordon,
daughter of Mitchell and Jill Gordon
and Courtney Cohen, daughter of
Mitchell and Tracey Cohen in the
Gitlin Sanctuary

Friday, March 29

Shabbat Shemini/Parah

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship in the
Gitlin Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the
Bat Mitzvah of Anya Rosenbloom,
daughter of Jack and Staci Rosenbloom

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the
Bat Mitzvah of Alexis Koch, daughter
of Robert and Kimberly Koch

April Worship Schedule

Friday, April 5

Shabbat Tazria

6:30 pm 4th Grade Family Worship in
the Gitlin Sanctuary

6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship
in the Haines Chapel

Saturday, April 6

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with
the Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Miller,
daughter of Jon and Sari Miller

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the
Bat Mitzvah of Carly Silver, daughter
of Bruce Silver and Rachel Barry

Friday, April 12

Shabbat Metzora/HaGadol

7:30 pm Shabbat Zimriya with
guest speaker, Jonathan Ornstein,
Executive Director of the Krakow
JCC

Saturday, April 13

9:30 am Torah Study

10:45 am Extended Torah Study with
Rabbinic intern, Janine Jankovitz
Pastor

11:00 am Shabbat Worship in the
Haines Chapel

Friday, April 19

1st Night Seder

No Shabbat Worship Service

Saturday, April 20

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am 1st Day Passover Service
with kosher-for-Passover brunch
to follow

6:00 pm 2nd Night Community
Seder led by Rabbi Marx

Friday, April 26

Shabbat Pesach

9:00 am Passover Service with
Yizkor and kosher-for-Passover
brunch to follow

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship in the
Gitlin Sanctuary

Saturday, April 27

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the
B'nai Mitzvah of Elias Toren, son of
Barry and Jennifer Toren and
Ava Walters, daughter of Sam and
Julie Walters

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Standing up to BDS

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

I want to talk to you about a critical issue facing the Jewish community and the State of Israel. Sadly, this issue is not on the radar of many caring and well-informed Jews. I am referring to the BDS movement... BOYCOTT, DIVEST and SANCTION.

BDS leaders argue that they will not end efforts of an economic, political and intellectual boycott of Israel until three goals are achieved: Israel ends its occupation, creates a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and allows for all Palestinian refugees (numbering over 5 million) to return to Israel within its 1967 borders.

The goal of BDS is not just to cripple Israel's economy. The goal is to miseducate an entire generation of young people, to create a generation of future haters of Israel. We are already seeing the fruits of these efforts: "Apartheid" walls on college campuses condemning

Israel's security fence, Jewish students rejecting Birthright trips, and the intersectionality of Israel bashing with many worthwhile social justice causes.



Rabbi Gregory S. Marx

From the Rabbi's Desk

Here are seven reasons to fight BDS:

1. BDS does not seek to integrate Palestinians into Israeli society the way anti-apartheid leaders tried to assimilate into South African society in the 1970s. The goal of BDS is to destroy Israel and create a Palestinian state "from the River to the Sea." Marc Lamont Hill of Temple University uttered these very lines calling for one State of Palestine.
2. BDS places all the blame for the current stalemate on Israel. The reality is that much of the blame for a lack of a state is on Palestinians. Palestinians were offered a state by the Peel commission in 1937, by the U.N. in 1947, by Israel's Prime ministers, Ehud Barak and Ehud Olmert and each time they were rejected by the Palestinians. Ehud Barak even offered 95% of the West Bank with parts of Jerusalem for the Palestinian capital.
3. The BDS demands a "right of return", which would allow 5 million Palestinians to return to Israel. BTW, only 700,000 Arabs were exiled from Israel during Israel's defensive war of independence in 1948, but the United Nations has classified the descendants of the original refugees also to be counted as a refugee. This classification has only been applied to Palestinians.
4. BDS will not bring about a negotiated settlement. In fact, it will lead to greater unemployment, often of Palestinians working in the territories and it will only embolden the hard line in Israel to not negotiate with those who seek their destruction.
5. BDS singularly attacks Israel and ignores the human rights violations around the world. Israel is one the best countries to protect the rights of minorities including Arab citizens in Israel and the rights of women, minorities and the LGBTQ communities. The world has hundreds of places where the rights of minorities are oppressed yet BDS only focuses on Israel. This is anti-Semitism at its worst.
6. By singularly focusing on Israel, others who suffer around the world are ignored. The women's March, Black Lives matter and LGBTQ movements have all been hijacked by the BDS movement, and as a consequence well-meaning people are abandoning these causes.
7. BDS is the newest form of Anti-Semitism, because it portrays Israel as the worst offender in the world. It portrays caricatures of Israelis as Nazis, murderers and worse, and Israel's security fence, which has saved hundreds of lives as an Apartheid Wall of separation. Furthermore, it stifles anyone who wants to support Israel, refusing in many cases to even debate the topic on college campuses.

What can we do? Buy Israeli products whenever you can. Invest in Israel by purchasing Israel bonds, and learn about this issue and share these facts with all of your children and friends, especially those of college age.

Time Passages

David Simon, Beth Or President

Time flies. We all know that to be true. We see it every day in our lives. One minute you become a parent, close your eyes, and the next minute you are celebrating a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Close your eyes again and you are celebrating a college graduation. That's life. It's also Beth Or's life. That is certainly evident by two events that are happening early this year. First, in March, our Beth Or home in Maple Glen will celebrate its 13-year anniversary, or rather its B'nai Mitzvah. Hard to believe, isn't it? It seems like only yesterday that we marched with our Torahs from Dager Road to the intersection of Butler Pike and Welsh Road. So, it only seems fitting that on Friday, March 8, we will recognize and celebrate the passage of our first thirteen years at our new home with a special Shabbat service. If you marched, or helped in the creation of this building in any way, please join us. At the Oneg following the service, a video of the de-consecration of the Dager Road building, the Torah march and the consecration of our new building will be shown (this video will also be available for viewing on our website).



David Simon

President's Corner



The second event evidencing our flight through time is the special Shabbat service, gala party and religious school celebration on May 3-5 in honor of Rabbi & Laurie Marx's Thirty-Year Anniversary at Beth Or. Imagine that, thirty years. How many of us have done anything for thirty years (other than living of course) or stayed at the same job for that amount of time? It is so rare an event that, as you may remember from my speech at Rosh Hashanah, of the more than 900 rabbis serving URJ congregations, only 21 have been in their current positions for 30 years or more. Thirty years. Imagine the number of lives that have been touched, the number of lessons given to children or adults, the number of families consoled. George Bailey has nothing on Rabbi & Laurie Marx (extra credit to those of you who understand that reference). I hope that you can join the congregation in recognizing and celebrating this milestone in our history by attending the Shabbat service on Friday, May 3, the Gala Dinner on the following Saturday night or the special events on Sunday. It is sure to be a weekend to remember.

Finally, I want to make one last reminder to my faithful readers to send me a note (to my attention at Beth Or) or to my email, dasimon@comcast.net, as to why Beth Or matters to you. All submissions will be kept confidential and I will report on the responses in my next article for Spotlight.

Honor and thank Rabbi & Laurie Marx for three decades of dedicated service to our community.

Last chance to RSVP for the Gala Dinner and reserve/submit an ad in the tribute book! **Deadline: March 29**

(Space is limited. Early RSVP with payment is recommended.)

Visit <https://www.bethor.org/marx30> for complete weekend details and to print out an RSVP form.





Rabbi Jason Bonder

From the Rabbi's Desk

Living in both
Jewish and American
civilizations is not
only possible,
but it's encouraged.

The Blessing of Two Civilizations

Rabbi Jason Bonder, Associate Rabbi

There's an old saying that almost every Jewish holiday follows the same script: ***"They tried to kill us. We won. Let's eat."***

The holidays of Purim and Passover certainly fit this description. At Purim we read of the wicked Haman (*booooo!*) who tried to kill us. At Passover we read of Pharaoh and his decree to kill every male Hebrew baby. The Jewish People survived the threat of these two wicked men. Our survival is nothing short of remarkable. It is worthy of celebration. It is good cause for a feast.

Haman (*booooo!*) and Pharaoh, however, are not the only dangers that the Jews faced in the Purim and Passover stories. There was another danger — the danger of disappearing into the majority culture.

Before the Passover story really began, Joseph had been living in Egypt for many years. When Jacob, Joseph's father, came to Egypt, Joseph introduced Jacob's grandchildren, Ephraim and Menasheh, to Jacob for the very first time. When Jacob sees his grandkids, he asks, "Who are they?" Traditional commentators interpret this to mean that Jacob did not recognize them because they looked like Egyptians. Later on, in the beginning of the Passover story, we see that Moses is named not by his parents but by a daughter of Pharaoh. She gives him a name that is an Egyptian name, not a Hebrew one.

At Purim, we encounter two Jewish heroes. Both of them are not known by their Jewish names. Esther is her Persian name that is often associated with the Babylonian god Ishtar. The text tells us that her Hebrew name was Hadassah meaning myrtle. Mordechai is a Persian name that is often associated with the Babylonian god Marduk.

We can learn a great deal from all these heroes as Jews living in America. These heroes who bore non-Jewish names and dressed like their neighbors still managed to have strong Jewish identities and play essential roles in miraculous events that benefitted the Jews. Even though these Jews might have been seen as completely assimilated, they found a way to live in both cultures. We learn that partaking in one civilization does not exclude us from the other. Living in both Jewish and American civilizations is not only possible, but it's encouraged.

Many Jews over many centuries saw, and see, assimilation as a threat to Judaism. On these upcoming holidays of Purim and Passover, let's celebrate that assimilation didn't kill us in ancient Egypt or in ancient Persia. With care and dedication, we can live and thrive as fully American and fully Jewish. Partaking in American culture won't kill the Jewish part of us if we are careful to cultivate our Jewish identity. Immersing ourselves in American and Jewish values is a big win for us. So let's eat.

Have a happy Purim and a wonderful Passover!

How Do We Teach Our Children About Israel in 2019?

Cantor David Green



Cantor David Green

As a teenager, after the Six Day War in 1967, I was taught this “sugar coated” view that Israel can do “no wrong.” Israel was always correct, moral and above reproach. Today, in 2019, I have teens, who come home from college and ask me: “How do I deal with BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanction) on my campus and why didn’t you tell me the truth about Israel?” Social media and the college campuses espouse a very different view of Israel than what we taught our children in synagogue Jewish education forty years ago.

The iCenter, a think tank on modern Israel educational pedagogy, has spent ten years addressing this issue. They encourage Jewish educators to “educate” and not indoctrinate, stress “heart” as well as “intellect” and most importantly: “Engage diverse narratives.” We must discuss with our students the conflicts of the settlements, the “green line,” the suffering of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, as well as Hamas firing rockets into Israel and Israel suffering under terrorist attacks. What is emphasized in this approach is to allow for dialogue, genuine exchange of conflicting views and creating opportunities to really listen to other views. Yossi Klein Halevi, in his book, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*

states: “We are intruders in each other’s dreams, violators of each other’s sense of home. We are living incarnations of each other’s worst historical nightmares.”

Does this mean there is a solution to the conflict? Not yet, but the first step is to share and listen to divergent narratives. Parker Palmer, the top universally respected secular educator says it best:

“Holding the tension of paradox so that our students can learn at deeper levels is among the most difficult demands of good teaching. We will not be able to teach in the power of paradox until we are willing to suffer the tension of opposites, until we understand that such suffering is neither to be avoided nor merely survived but must be actively embraced for the way it expands our hearts.”

Yes, continue to teach the passion of Zionism, but also discuss with our students the conflicting and divergent narratives that comprise this complex Middle East conflict.

March/April Candle Lighting

Friday, March 1 • 5:34 pm

Friday, March 8 • 5:42 pm

Friday, March 15 • 6:49 pm

Friday, March 22 • 6:56 pm

Friday, March 29 • 7:03 pm

Friday, April 5 • 7:11 pm

Friday, April 12 • 7:18 pm

Friday, April 19 • 7:25 pm

Friday, April 26 • 7:32 pm

An Update on Security

Amy S. Abrams, Executive Director

At the end of October, I shared an update with you on our security measures and our plans for continued upgrades. Below is a brief summary of what has occurred at Beth Or since then.

January

- We added portable radios (walkie-talkies) to each of our classrooms for use by our teachers to communicate in an emergency situation.
- We added 6 additional video cameras to our surveillance system for the building and the areas around it to enhance our coverage and to serve as an increased deterrent.
- We held an Active Intruder drill with all of our CECE teachers and congregation staff simulating a real event. This allowed us to put into action what we have learned in prior training sessions.



Amy S. Abrams

February

- We added window shades to each classroom door to allow for increased protection in lockdown situations.
- We added door alarms to each of our exterior doors to notify us should a door be propped open or not shut securely.

Still to Come

- When the weather permits we will add additional security barriers to better protect the lower level of the playground and the school entrance.

We take the matter of security seriously. We monitor what is happening in the local community and more broadly in the Jewish community across the nation through daily updates from the Secure Community Network and episodic reports from US Security Care, our security provider. We have in place leading edge safety and security systems and emergency procedures/protocols and we run drills to practice them.

New Request – Congregant Headshot Photos

Help us keep our building secure by sending us a photo of yourself and a separate headshot photo for each member of your family. These photos will be uploaded to our member database and used to confirm your identity if you don't have your key card and request permission to enter the building. Please email scanned photos to Genevieve, gyanity@bethor.org, or drop off photos to her attention in the Beth Or office.

What else can you do to help?

1. Always use your key card to enter the building.
2. Don't let others into the building unless you know them.
3. Don't prop open any doors, even the loading dock/kitchen doors.
4. Be mindful and observant of the surroundings of the building and report any suspicious activity or vehicles.
5. Do not park your vehicle in the circles at the entrances of the building.
6. As you do in any public/large space, be aware of your surroundings and identify how you would exit in case of emergency.

Together we can make our sacred space and community a safe place to worship and learn. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me



Important School Dates

Friday, March 1

6th Grade Family Shabbat

Sunday, March 3

2nd Grade Family Ed

Sunday, March 31

5th Grade Family Ed

Friday, April 5

4th Grade Family Shabbat

Sunday, April 7:

K, 1, 2 Model Seder

Sunday, April 14

No School — Spring Break

Monday, April 15

No School — Spring Break

Tuesday, April 16

No School — Spring Break

Sunday, April 21

No School — Passover

Sunday, April 28

4th Grade Naming Ceremony

Religious School NEWS

School registration is open!

Aaron Nienshultz, Director of Religious School

To tell the truth, we opened enrollment in February in order to create the most efficient and effective way to handle student registration. You can enroll your student for the 2019-2020 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 to 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.



Aaron Nienshultz

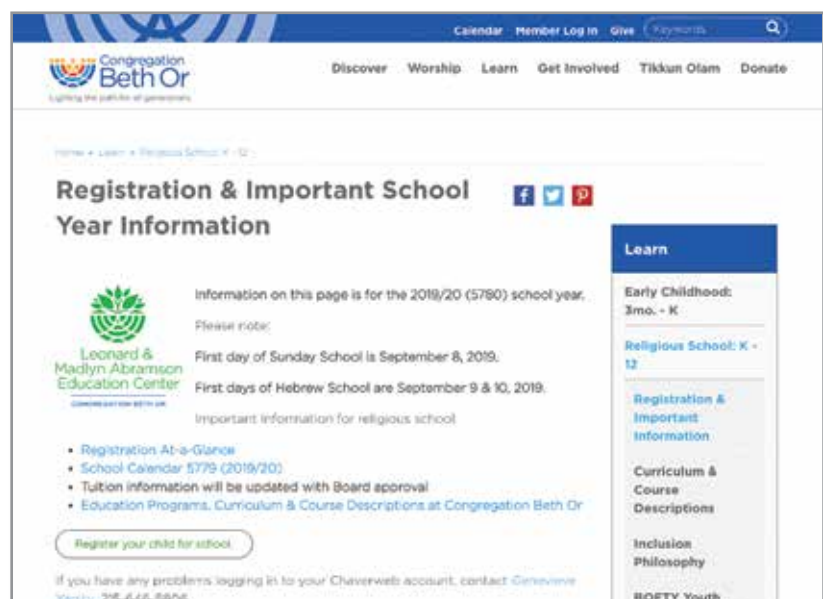


Leonard & Madlyn Abramson Education Center

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Early-bird registration is open until March 31. Everyone who enrolls before March 31 will be entered into a drawing for a free main-lot parking spot for the High Holy Days. Regular registration runs from April 1 through May 31, and all students not enrolled by June 1 will be automatically enrolled with a late fee.

You can find more resources within the Beth Or website Religious School page, <https://www.bethor.org/learn/religious-school-k-12/registration-important-school-year-information>. There you'll find the school calendar, information about our educational programs, our parent handbook, and more. And of course, if you have any questions, you should let me know.



The Importance of Being Little

Lisa Yoskowitz, Early Childhood Director

To a three-year-old running on the playground or feeding animals at a farm, the world is filled with possibilities. They question everything they see. This newness and innocence serves to restore my faith in humanity and helps all of us adults acclimate to the “real world” so much easier. That’s a part of what makes the preschool years so important, because children bring such a marvelous perspective to events that many of us take for granted.

Children get excited about life in general. They see everything with fresh eyes, knowing they will find something new and different every time they look. Adults, on the other hand, look for things they know and expect. Imagine what we grown-ups are missing. So why not “pretend to be a child.” So how does one do this? First, become more curious. Kids can ask a million questions. You think they’re through and they’ve got another million. Children use their curiosity to learn. Have you ever noticed that while adults are stepping on ants, children are studying them? A child’s curiosity is what sets them apart from adults.

Next, learn to get excited like a child — so excited you hate to go to bed at night and can’t wait to get up in the morning. That perspective reminds me of a story about my Aunt Betty. At holiday dinners she would always say “Put me at the kids’ table,” because “Kids are so much more interesting than adults.” Children also say what they mean. They’re honest to a fault. They’ll tell you if they don’t like the food you’re serving or if the book you’re reading is boring. As adults, we can be honest by addressing the tough stuff head-on. And last, being a child means having no inhibitions. It’s clear if you have ever watched a child sing or dance in public that they do it with carefree abandon. Lowering these barriers and letting yourself seize the moment – in other words approaching a task more like an unencumbered child is the way to go.

And with that, take some time this spring to participate in all that Beth Or has to offer to bring out that inner child in all of us. Please join us on **Wednesday, March 20** for the Purim Schpiel and Worship Service beginning at 6:30 pm and again on **Friday, March 22** at the CECE for the Purim Parade and Schpiel that begin at 9:30 am. Come dressed in costume to both and bring that inner child you’ve been hiding within you! Then in April, please join us in helping out with the Passover Seders in which our two’s, three’s and four-year-olds will be participating. This is yet another time that our inner child can come into play — from the wonder of the story of Passover itself to the ability to be “completely honest” about some of the foods you’d rather not try at the Seders!

So, I am encouraging all adults to take a closer look at their world and take in the details that they have been missing from their lives. Curiosity, excitement, honesty and freedom... what a powerful combination to bring back into our lives!

Grow up and think like a child again.



Lisa Yoskowitz



**Zipporah S. Abramson
Center for Early
Childhood Education**

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Purim Carnival: More than Just Fun & Games

Jillian Peskin, Director of Member & Youth Engagement

Every year the youth committee and the youth group put on our wonderful Purim carnival. At our last youth committee meeting we brainstormed to try to figure out some new activities (get excited!) as well as how we could promote giving back as a fun activity!

Rabbi Bonder suggested an awesome idea — Mac & Cheese Groggers!! As you may or may not know, the center area of our carnival is devoted to crafts, nail painting, face painting, tattoos and more. This year we will have a special station for grogger making!

We are asking school families to donate a box of Kraft (or similar) Mac and Cheese that we will wrap and decorate for use at our Megillah reading so we can “BOO HAMAN”! After Purim has passed we will unwrap the boxes and make what we hope to be a generous donation to local food pantries.

In addition to this special project we will have our usual array of awesome games and things to do as well as a few new ones. A sampling of the fun includes: Moon Bounces, Hamentaschen Baking with Sisterhood, Tattoos, Nail Painting, Sand Art, Carnival Games, Food, Prizes and new this year — Air Brush Personalizer!!

Please mark your calendars to celebrate Purim with Beth Or!

- Sunday, March 17 — 10 am - 2 pm Youth Group Purim Carnival
- Wednesday, March 20 — 5:30 pm Purim Family Dinner, Megillah Reading and Shpiel



Jillian Peskin



Esther: A Persian Musical



Jaime Murley



Cantor Jaime Murley, Junior Choir Director

For those of you who are new to the world of Purim Schpiels, it is a comic dramatization of the Book of Esther that describes what transpired in Shushan and why the Jewish people celebrate Purim. Every year the Beth Or Junior Choir works hard to put on a themed production. For years, the kids have been walking around singing the lyrics to the Broadway hit musical, *Hamilton*. If you have seen the show, you know that the music and lyrics are catchy, but complicated. If you haven't seen the show, it is coming to Philadelphia this fall and you should get tickets to see it! However, fall is a long way off and tickets can be quite expensive!

Luckily for you, the choir has been working

hard to put on an amazing adaptation of *Hamilton* for the congregation called, "Esther: A Persian Musical." It is the hilarious, timely and authentic Purim Schpiel you've been looking for, written by Cantor Jamie Marx who visited our congregation for Music Shabbat in January. This year's Purim Schpiel will offer the timeless story of Esther, Mordechai, King Ahashverosh, and Haman (boo!) through the lens of one of the most relevant and inspiring musicals of our time... for free!!

Our Junior Choir will perform the Purim Schpiel twice for the students of the religious school on Sunday, March 17, and for the full congregation on Wednesday, March 20. For the first time ever, they will also take the Purim Schpiel on the road for the residents of the Abramson Center on Sunday, March 31.

Don't take my word for it! Mark your calendars and attend this year's Purim Schpiel. You'll be glad you did!

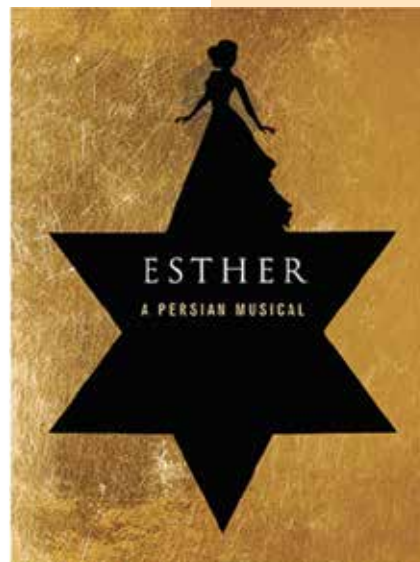
Junior Choir March/April Calendar

Friday, March 1

Family Service and Staffer
Movie Night

Friday, April 5

Family Service and Ice Cream
Social/Elections



Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah Students

Alex and Evan Vichnin March 9

For our B'nai Mitzvah project, we collected gently used books to donate to **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Reach Out and Read program**. The books are used so healthcare staff can promote literacy to children and their families. Some books are also used in the exam rooms and waiting rooms for kids to read while waiting for their appointments. We chose this project because we both enjoy reading, and we always liked when there were good books at CHOP to distract us during our appointments. If you would like to donate books to this program, look for the Read Cycle box at CHOP locations.



pantry and soup kitchen in which I volunteer. Around Thanksgiving Rabbi Bonder and I went to Manna on Main to present them with a check from Beth Or, which also included money I raised. With this money, they were able to provide Thanksgiving dinner for many underprivileged people. I chose Manna on Main as my mitzvah project, because I enjoy helping those less fortunate than I am and get pleasure out of seeing them happy. If you would like to donate or volunteer your time at Manna on Main please go online at www.mannaonmain.org.

Courtney Cohen March 23

For my Mitzvah project, I chose the **Tim Stokes Foundation**, which provides individualized financial support to widows and widowers with young, dependent children. The foundation provides financial assistance for living expenses as well as individual and/or group therapy for the surviving spouse and children. This foundation is special to me because this has had an effect on our neighbors, the Stokes family. The children lost their father at a young age and I would like to help them in any way possible. This past fall I arranged an online fundraiser through Facebook that raised close to \$500. On Tuesday, March 5, we will be having a Dine and Donate for the foundation at Fireside Bar and Grill between 11:30 am-10 pm. Twenty percent of all food sales will go to the foundation if you tell them you are there to support this great cause. If you are interested in helping me support this worthwhile cause, please support our Dine and Donate or go to the website at www.timstokesfoundation.com.



Bryan Portney March 16

For my Bar Mitzvah project, I am collecting gently-used sports equipment and I am also having a bake sale at Beth Or so that I can donate equipment and money to the **Abington Police Athletic League**. The Abington PAL offers a combination of athletic activities and team sports for Abington's kids who might not have ever participated in such sports activities. Although the Abington Police Department sponsors PAL, no tax dollars are used, so the Abington PAL depends solely on contributions to provide its services. I chose to work with this organization, because I strongly believe in the power of sports to provide great opportunities for development, through teamwork and positive shared experiences. I wanted to help to make more opportunities possible by donating to this very worthwhile organization. To donate to Abington PAL, visit <http://abingtonpal.org/product/donation/>.



Anya Rosenbloom March 30

I love to sing and act in musical theater, so for my Bat Mitzvah project, I chose to support **Harmony Theater, Inc.** Harmony Theater is a non-profit organization that provides developmentally disabled adults with opportunities to pursue the arts, through a fall concert and a spring musical. I volunteer once a week, on Saturdays, to help the actors prepare for their May musical. This spring they will perform in Disney's "101 Dalmatians." In addition to volunteering my time, I am hoping



Lily Gordon March 23

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I raised money and volunteered at **Manna on Main**. Manna on Main is a place that is committed to ending hunger, building communities and transforming lives. They provide food through a food



to organize a collection drive to help them collect any props or supplies they might need. For more information on Harmony Theater, or to purchase tickets for one of the May 17, 18 or 19 performances, please visit <https://www.harmonytheaterinc.com>.

Lexi Koch

March 30

For my Mitzvah project I collected many gently-used children's books for people who may need them or do not have access to them. I gave them to **CHOP, Beth Or** and **Reading Recycled**.



Gabrielle Miller

April 6

A few years ago, a friend of mine and her family were dealing with a difficult situation and needed help from local charities to get basic necessities. After volunteering at **Mitzvah Circle** with my religious school class, I wanted to do more with them so they could continue helping others like my friend.

Mitzvah Circle is a local organization that collects and distributes personalized packages of clothes, toiletries, and toys to families in need. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am volunteering at Mitzvah Circle by sorting donations and packing boxes. I am also selling handmade earrings and necklaces to raise money so that I can donate even more supplies to them. Anyone who wants to learn more about Mitzvah Circle or donate can go to their web site <https://mitzvahcircle.org>.



Carly Silver

April 6

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 assist over 3,000 low income households each month. They serve a wide variety of people. These include families with young children, the unemployed, people with mental or physical disabilities, and elderly people living on a fixed income. While 85% of JRA's clients are Jewish, JRA will provide food to anyone in need who asks for assistance. 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.

Elias Toren

April 27

For my Bar Mitzvah project I am helping at the **YMCA** by volunteering in a class called **GATORS**. It is a class held every Tuesday to help special education children improve everyday skills. GATOR stands for Gym Art, Team Building, Observation (Science,) Relax (Yoga,) and Swim. I am helping to set up the activities and guiding the participants through the activities. This experience has taught me that there can be troubles in life, but if you try your hardest, there is always a way to better the situation. I enjoy helping these kids because it makes me feel like I am a better person. I enjoy helping people and making them happy along the way.



Ava Walters

April 27

People are in need 365 days per year. For my Mitzvah Project, I will be collecting items most needed for the **Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard** in Ambler, which offers a once-a-month food supplement to families who fall below the Montgomery County poverty level.

The Cupboard serves one-person-households to large families, most of whom do not have enough income to purchase needed food supplies. The Cupboard currently helps over 3,000 families per year with food, clothing & other services. Items most in need are: kid's snacks, juice boxes, diapers (sizes 3-5), diaper wipes/cream, toilet paper, paper towels, bar soap and dish liquid. Please drop off donations in the bin marked with Ava Walters' Mitzvah Project located in the school lobby by April 30. Thank you for donating whatever you can!



SOCIAL *Action*

Every Picture Tells A Story

Thank you for bringing the Beth Or 2018 Mitzvah Months and Mitzvas Day story to life! You brought joy and comfort to those in need by cooking, crocheting, knitting, knotting, collecting, sorting, delivering, visiting the sick, supporting cancer research, bringing school supplies for our Adopt-A-School, donating to the Red Cross Blood Drive, and dropping off cookies with thank you cards to our local police.

The Social Action Committee invites you to participate in our current programs and share your ideas for the 2019 calendar year.

Thank you for your involvement and support!

Susy Krimker, Social Action Chair, susykrimker@gmail.com

Margie Chachkin, Social Action Vice-Chair, chachkin@aol.com



Mitzvas Day 2019



Mitzvas Day photo credit: Hannah Cutler

Beth Or Brotherhood

About the Commitments

Allan Posner, Brotherhood President



Allan Posner



While we are still in winter, spring is peeking around the corner. Brotherhood members have been very busy these past few months as we met with Aaron Nielsenshultz for a dinner talk and celebrated Tu B'Shevat at our Beer Garden festival. Many thanks to Bob Simon for leading us at our annual Brotherhood Shabbat as well.

It's about the Commitments! Impact is not about what we do, how many people we help, how long Brotherhood has been active here at Beth Or, or how far our reach can be within the community. It is about the positive changes we can achieve and whether or not Brotherhood will last into the future.

We cannot achieve our impact simply by accident but instead through dedication of volunteerism, innovation of new ideas, and listening to our members' needs as well as those in the greater Beth Or community. We must adapt to a new community and its desires and shed the old templates of how we program.

Just how best can we achieve that commitment?

- We must lead with vision.
- We must program for the future.
- We must be strategic in programming.
- We must invest our resources both human and monetary by taking risks and trying new programs or ideas.
- We must align our programming in order to grow as an organization and achieve our goal of an expanded group.

Just how can we sustain our mission of Fellowship-Community-Service -Support now and for the future?

Simple! By engaging all the voices around us. How? By listening to what our congregants or Brotherhood members want and need. The future is not just the present. The future is allowing newer members and those younger within these walls of our synagogue access to Brotherhood and allow them to participate in programming while at the same time supporting those ideas.

If you are not a member, I encourage you to join. If you are a member but not active, start now! If you are a member, bring a new member. While many Brotherhoods and Men's Clubs have closed, our organization will not. We have made the Commitment! Have you?

Important dates to remember:

Boardroom Spirits Social (space is limited) • March 14
Brotherhood Meeting • March 17
Red Cross Blood Drive • March 24

Passover Wine Sales begin • March 24
Rabbi Marx/Brotherhood Meeting • April 17
Art & Brunch Experience • April 28

KOSHER WINE SALES

Now you can purchase kosher wine all year long and benefit Beth Or! Use the Beth Or affiliate link on [kosherwine.com](http://bit.ly/BethOrBrotherhood): <http://bit.ly/BethOrBrotherhood> or click the KosherWine symbol on the bottom right side of the Beth Or website home page, "Connect With Us" section.

5% of all sales given back to Brotherhood to benefit Beth Or programming!

Questions? Contact info@bethorbrotherhood.org.



Beth Or Sisterhood

Spelling Out the Meaning of Sisterhood

Jodye Green, Sisterhood President

The word Sisterhood means many different things to many different people. If I was asked to explain my passion for this active auxiliary organization, I would simply state that my involvement connects me to others who share my commitment to Jewish values and traditions, and offers me a safe and supportive space to learn and grow.

Our Sisterhood is truly an alphabet soup of opportunities for women to engage with and enhance the lives of others.

The ABCs of Sisterhood Involvement

- S**upporting social action initiatives that give hope to people at risk
- I**mpacting issues of concern to us as women and as Jews
- S**ecuring our Jewish future through scholarship assistance to rabbinic and cantorial students
- T**aking actions that benefit our congregation, our community, and the world
- E**ngaging with others across generational, religious and racial lines
- R**einventing ourselves as Jewish women
- H**elping our youth strengthen their identity through support of religious school, youth groups, and summer camp programs.
- O**pening our hearts to new experiences, adventures and relationships
- O**pposing anti-Semitism and bigotry.
- D**edicating ourselves to making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Experience all that Sisterhood has to offer. Please join us for one (or more) of the many programs and events we offer throughout the year.



Jodye Green



Sisterhood

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

Hours:

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

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

Beth Or Events

ADULT PROGRAMS

APEX Brunch: Estate Planning with Bob Cohen

Sunday, March 10 • 10 am – 12 pm

Join APEX and Bob Cohen for brunch and a discussion about the top issues everyone should know (and do) for estate planning, including an overview of basic documents, understanding new tax laws, dollar-saving tax & planning tips, how to handle digital assets, and what every family should do before sending a child off to college. Bob is a long time Beth Or member, who is an attorney and CPA with a practice focused on business, tax and estate matters. This event is free with advance RSVP to Barbara Murtha by Wednesday, March 6. (\$5 at the door)

AARP Safe Driving Classes

Refresher Class – Tuesday, March 26 • 10 am - 2 pm

Basic Class – Tuesday & Wednesday, April 2 & 3 • 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 Peskin. Checks should be made payable to AARP. Contact Jillian with any questions, jpeskin@bethor.org.

APEX Brunch with Fred Dugan

Sunday, May 19 • 11 am - 1 pm

Fred Dugan is back by popular demand for brunch and a stimulating discussion. Fred will speak about three brief fascinating vignettes: George Washington's secret love; the truth vs the stereotype about Henry VIII; and, the most interesting character who commanded the most crucial area of the most crucial battle in the Civil War. Although APEX events are typically geared to those 55+, all congregants are invited to attend.

There is no charge for Beth Or members with advance RSVP to Barbara Murtha, bmurtha@bethor.org, by Wednesday, May 15. (\$5 at the door.) Contact event chairs, Alan and Joan Kober, 215-628-2426 with any questions.

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

Artists – Barry Simon and Priscilla Bohlen

Opening Reception: Friday, March 8 following Shabbat Worship Service

Exhibiting through April 10

The Olitsky Gallery presents the work of Barry Simon and Priscilla, two friends who paint together, though their work is very different!

Photo Display — Celebrating Israel: Snapshots of the People Behind a Young State

Opening Reception: Friday, April 12 following Shabbat Worship Service

Exhibiting through May 8

The Olitsky Gallery is thrilled to present, in conjunction with Yom Ha'Atzmaut, a unique photo display, honoring Israel's 70th anniversary. This exhibit showcases a selection of historical moments that embody the great endeavor that was the establishment of the State of Israel, as seen through the eyes of its people. Highlighted are the experiences of Jews from around the world who escaped hatred and fear to live freely in a Jewish state.

BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD EVENTS

Game Day: Play Something Old. Try Something New!

Sunday, March 10 • 1 pm – 3 pm

Come to the Social Hall for an afternoon of throwing dice and tinkering with tiles. A series of games will be offered including Bunco, Scrabble, Dominos and Rumi Cube. All levels of players are welcome and rules will be taught or reviewed as needed.

\$5 cash payable at the door for all participants. Snacks, drinks and prizes included. Feel free to bring a friend or two. RSVP by Wednesday, March 6 to Ellen Mirbach, semirbach@gmail.com. Questions? Contact Melisa Lubinski, mbmjmom@comcast.net.



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.

Men's Night Out at Boardroom Spirits

Thursday, March 14 • 7 pm - 9 pm

Join Beth Or Brotherhood for a night out at Boardroom Spirits, Lansdale's unique and innovative distillery, focused on precision-crafting the best spirits in a sustainable manner. This event is open to Beth Or gentlemen 21+. Current Brotherhood membership is not required to attend — new members are encouraged to join us!

Cost: \$25/person — includes distillery tour, 1 full drink, 3 spirits tastes, plus heavy hors d'oeuvres. Advanced RSVP is required as venue is limited to 50 guests:

<https://bob-boardroom2019.eventbrite.com>.

Brotherhood Passover Wine Sale

Sunday, March 24, 31 & April 7 • 9 am - 1 pm

Come to the Spain Lobby and pick up kosher-for-Passover wine for your Seder table. You can also order from over 700 varieties of wine throughout the year by using the link <http://bit.ly/BethOrBrotherhood>. When ordering online, wines are shipped directly to your home. Proceeds benefit Beth Or Brotherhood and support Beth Or programming.



3rd Annual Women's Unity Seder

Sunday, April 7 • 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 April 2 to Ellen Mirbach, semirbach@gmail.com. Contact Lori Motis at lorimotis@aol.com with any questions.

Brotherhood Meeting with Discussion Leader Rabbi Marx

Wednesday, April 17 • 6 pm

Rabbi Marx will join us prior to the monthly meeting for a stimulating discussion of current topics. All Beth Or men are invited to participate.

Brotherhood & Sisterhood Brunch

Sunday, April 28 • Time TBD

We are finalizing plans for an exciting out-of-building event. Look for more details to come soon in your weekly Chai-Lights email.

UPCOMING MAY EVENTS!!

Sisterhood One Book One Jewish Community Book Discussion

Wednesday, May 1 • 7:30 pm

Read the book "The Last Watchman of Old Cairo," by Michael David Lucas and participate in a lively discussion led by Aaron Nielsenshultz. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. RSVP in advance to Patty Bassman, patty6@aol.com.

Israeli Movie Night at the Ambler Theater

Thursday, May 9 • 7:30pm

The Israel Committee and Sisterhood invite you to watch a movie at the Ambler Theater, followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Marx. Movie to be announced soon! Tickets are \$15/person and may be purchased at Beth Or (see Genevieve) or at the Ambler Theater box office. This event is open to all.

Sisterhood NYC Bus Trip & "Tootsie" Matinee

Wednesday, May 15 • 8:30 am - 8 pm

Note: RSVP deadline extended to March 13!

Spend the day in New York City! Stroll around the theater district, enjoy lunch on your own and then watch the exciting new musical comedy



"Tootsie" from front mezzanine seats at the Marquis Theater. Cost: \$175/person for Beth Or members, \$200/person for non-members. Payment plan available with \$50 non-refundable deposit. RSVP to Ellen Mirbach, semirbach@gmail.com. Send check payable to Beth Or Sisterhood, to the Beth Or office, attn: Ellen Mirbach. Contact Melisa Lubinski, mbmjmom@comcast.net with any questions.

Sisterhood Dinner & Night Out at Act II Playhouse

Thursday, May 30 • Dinner - 5:30 pm; Play - 8 pm

Join Sisterhood for a fun night out with friends! Start with dinner at Fireside Bar and Grill in Ambler and then go to Act II Playhouse to see "Café Puttanesca," a riotous musical comedy. Cost for both — \$60/person; Dinner only — \$22/person; Play Ticket only — \$38/person. RSVP in advance to Ellen Mirbach, semirbach@gmail.com. Contact Patty Bassman with any questions, patty6@aol.com.

Beth Or Events

HOLIDAYS AND SHABBAT EVENTS

Shabbat Worship Celebrating B'nai Mitzvah of Beth Or Building

Friday, March 8 • 7:30 pm

Our beautiful building is turning 13! Help us celebrate during worship service and Oneg as we acknowledge this milestone with a few special surprises.

PURIM

Mishloach Manot

Friday, March 1 • 7:45 pm

All are invited to join us after Family and Kabbalat Shabbat services to perform a mitzvah by filling bags and boxes with essentials for the needy. This is a wonderful project for the entire family.

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 17 • 10 am – 1 pm

Support Beth Or Youth by attending this family friendly day of fun! Highlights include food, moon bounces, face painting, carnival games, hamentashen baking, Camp Harlam visitor table and prizes! All proceeds benefit the youth group and help with scholarships for our teens to attend NFTY events! Costumes are encouraged!

If you or your teen would like to volunteer, please contact Jillian Peskin at jpeskin@bethor.org.

Purim

Wednesday, March 20

Family Dinner & Game Night, 5:30 pm

Schpiel & Megillah Reading, 6:30 pm

Join us for a family-friendly pizza dinner, board games, carnival games, sports games and more! This event is free, but advanced RSVP via the website RSVP portal is required. Purim schpiel, costume parade, megillah reading follow dinner, along with special beverages for the adults to celebrate the holiday.

The Megillah reading will have an international twist — congregants will read portions in multiple languages.



Shabbat Zimriya with Guest Speaker Jonathan Ornstein

Friday, April 12, 7:30 pm

Join us for a musically enhanced Shabbat worship service. Our Guest Speaker is Jonathan Ornstein, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Centre of Krakow, who will discuss "The Rebirth of Jewish Life in Poland." See the website calendar listing for Jonathan's bio.

PASSOVER



1st Day Worship Service & Shabbat

Saturday, April 20 • 11 am

2nd Night Community Passover Seder

Saturday, April 20 • 6 pm – 8:30 pm

Join us for our annual Seder with your Beth Or family, catered by Izzie's. This year's Seder will be led by Rabbi Marx. Cost: \$36/adult, \$18/child 6 – 12, Free/child 5 and under. Look for menu and RSVP form on the website calendar listing and RSVP portal, or pick up a flyer in the Spain Lobby. RSVP Deadline: April 12.

Passover Service, Yizkor and Brunch

Friday, April 26 • 9 am

Soft Pretzel Oneg to break Passover

Friday, April 26 • Following 7:30 pm Worship Service

Celebrate the end of Passover with soft pretzels and cookies!

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 Early Detection Program

Sunday, March 3 • 9 am

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. RSVP suggested via the RSVP Portal. Walk-ins welcome.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, March 24 •

9 am - 2 pm

The Red Cross is in urgent need of all blood types. Please donate blood and help save a life. Thanks to our generous congregants, Beth Or is consistently one of the top donation locations in the area. Register online via the website RSVP Portal for the time slot of your choice, or contact Stu Briefer at smbriefer@gmail.com or 215-661-9990 and he will register you. This event is sponsored by Brotherhood.

Social Justice Movie Night – Quest

Tuesday, April 2 • 6:45 pm – 9 pm

The Social Justice Committee invites you to a screening of the provocative film, *Quest*, which chronicles the life of a Philadelphia family who struggle with financial issues and violence. Participants will have time to reflect and share their personal stories during a discussion following the movie. Refreshments provided. The event is open to the public. No RSVP necessary.



11th Annual CECE Ladies Bingo Night!

Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 pm – 10 pm

One of our most popular fundraisers has returned! Support the CECE and you could win big! Two ticket options: \$40 VIP Pass sponsored by Carrabba's Italian Grill includes dinner, complementary wine and 10 raffle tickets. Doors open at 6 pm for VIP pass holders to enjoy dinner and early access to the raffle baskets. Standard \$20 Ticket purchased by March 13 includes 5 raffle tickets and you are welcome to bring your own food/drink. (Standard ticket price increases to \$25 after March 13 and does not include raffle tickets.) Standard ticket holders admitted at 6:30 pm. Pick up an RSVP form at Sharon Carlin's desk in the CECE office.

Questions? Contact bethorbingo@gmail.com.



Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue

Sunday, April 28 • 3 pm – 5 pm

Hear from a panel offering different perspectives based on research and experiences with gun violence and the impacts on public health. Topics include gun policy, psychologist viewpoints, trauma surgeon experiences, and personal experiences. A group Q&A and discussion will follow. Refreshments provided. This non-partisan event has been organized by the Social Justice Committee and is open to all congregants. No RSVP necessary.

SUPPORT GROUPS

If you or someone you know is struggling with a challenging life moment or transition, support is available. Cantor David Green coordinates counseling and support groups for a variety of issues, depending on the interest level in forming and sustaining a group. You may join at any time.

We are currently running a **Bereavement Support Group**. We have also had some interest in forming a support group for those dealing with **Physical Disabilities/Challenges**. For more information about these topics or another support group idea, contact Cantor Green, dgreen@bethor.org or 215-646-5806, ext. 218.

Beth Or Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Celebrate 30 Years with Rabbi Gregory and Laurie Marx

Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5

Go to www.bethor.org/marx30 for complete details and to download and print an RSVP form, or pick up a flyer and RSVP form in the Spain Lobby. Please note March 29 is the deadline to RSVP for all events and to submit Tribute Book Ads.

Israel Bonds Tribute Reception at TBI

Tuesday, June 11 • 6 pm

Look for more details and RSVP to come soon!



Beth Or Building & Grounds Committee *Needs You!*

Are you looking to give back to the Beth Or Community?

Do you have technical skills: Engineering, Science, Building Management, etc.?

Put your expertise to good use by joining the Building & Grounds Committee. We meet every 3 months and work on a number of projects on-going at any one time. We also advise on maintenance issues and help lead some of the more complicated technical projects.

Contact committee chair, Alan Kober, sportyalan@comcast.net for more information.



LIFELONG LEARNING

Beit Sefer Café

Tuesday, April 9 • 6:30 pm – 9 pm

Join us for a stimulating evening of interactive learning, thought-provoking topics, and hands-on activities featuring noteworthy scholars and historians from across the country and within our community. Select the topics that interest you most. Enjoy light dinner and socialize in the Shmeor Café between classes. Advance RSVP required. Use the website RSVP Portal to register now before the classes fill up! Visit www.bethor.org/learn/lifelong-learning for class descriptions. This program is sponsored by the Allen Apter Memorial Endowment for Lifelong Learning Fund.



Session 1 • 6:30 pm

- ☐ Cooking with Gass: Don't Pass Over These New Recipes with Alyson Gass
- ☐ For You Were Once Slaves: Chocolate & Food Justice for the Passover Seder with Rabbi Janine Jankovitz
- ☐ Getting Ready for Passover with a Tour of Historical Haggadahs and the Secrets They Contain with Rabbi Gregory Marx
- ☐ How to Lead a Seder with Rabbi Jason Bonder
- ☐ Jewish Genealogy — Using Internet Resources to Research Your Jewish Heritage and Family History with Benjamin Picker
- ☐ Sing Your Way through the Seder with Cantor David Green

Break • 7:30 pm

Socialize while enjoying a light dinner and refreshments in the Shmeor Café.

Session 2 • 8 pm

- ☐ Cooking with Gass: Don't Pass Over These New Recipes with Alyson Gass
- ☐ Passover in the Confederacy with Rabbi Gregory Marx
- ☐ The Time Travel Trip to the Story of the Exodus with Cantor David Green
- ☐ The Song of the Sea with Rabbi Jason Bonder
- ☐ Women and the Liberation from Egypt with Rabbi Janine Jankovitz Pastor





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Michele Kamens, congregant & mother
of Stephanie, Jennifer & Lindsay
Rhea Engelmyer, aunt of Ted Itzkowitz
Lawrence Driban, father of Carly Driban
Freda Jachniuk, grandmother of
Jeff Klein

Phyllis Polin, wife of Charles Sol Polin
Corinne Eskin, Mother of David Eskin
and Grandmother of Mark Eskin
Harry Hamburg, Father of Aren Rice
Cynthia Razon, mother of Eric Razon

Mazel Tov

Wedding of Kim Marks and Phil
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Wedding of Lauren Resnick, daughter of
Michael & Nancy Resnick to Steven
Cohan
Birth of Mara Ruth Gutman,
granddaughter of David & Caren
Gutman
Birth of Olivia Charlotte Hanzman,
granddaughter of Ted Itzkowitz &
Barbara Cohen Itzkowitz
Baby Naming of Suri Eliana Stone,
daughter of Joshua & Reshma Stone
& granddaughter of Steven Stone &
Terry Stone

Baby Naming of Addison Lily Curry,
granddaughter of Richard & Toby
Sterling
Engagement of Ryan Carlin, son of Jim
& Sharon Carlin, to Logan Leeds
B'nai Mitzvah of Evan & Alex Vichnin
Bar Mitzvah of Bryan Portney
Bat Mitzvah of Lily Gordon

Bat Mitzvah of Courtney Cohen
Bat Mitzvah of Anya Rosenbloom
Bat Mitzvah of Alexis Koch
Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Miller
Bat Mitzvah of Carly Silver
Bat Mitzvah of Aviva Kuznits

Oneg and Flower Donations

Additional December Donations:

Oneg:

December 14 • Marc Meketon, Rachel Meketon, Dan Kamen and Sam Meketon in
honor of Naomi Sussman's, z'l Quilt Exhibition

Additional February Donation:

Special Oneg:

February 8 • The Beth Or Brotherhood

March Donations:

Oneg & Flowers:

March 9 • Michael and Mindy Vichnin in honor of Evan and Alex Vichnin's B'nai Mitzvah

March 16 • Kevan and Nancy Portney in honor of Bryan Portney's Bar Mitzvah

March 23 • Mitchell and Jill Gordon in honor of Lily Gordon's Bat Mitzvah
Mitchell and Tracey Cohen in honor of Courtney Cohen's Bat Mitzvah

March 30 • Jack and Staci Rosenbloom in honor of Anya Rosenbloom's Bat Mitzvah
Robert and Kimberly Koch in honor of Alexis Koch's Bat Mitzvah

April Donations:

Oneg & Flowers:

April 6 • Jon and Sari Miller in honor of Gabrielle Miller's Bat Mitzvah
Bruce Silver and Rachel Barry in honor of Carly Silver's Bat Mitzvah

April 27 • Barry and Jennifer Toren in honor of Elias Toren's Bar Mitzvah
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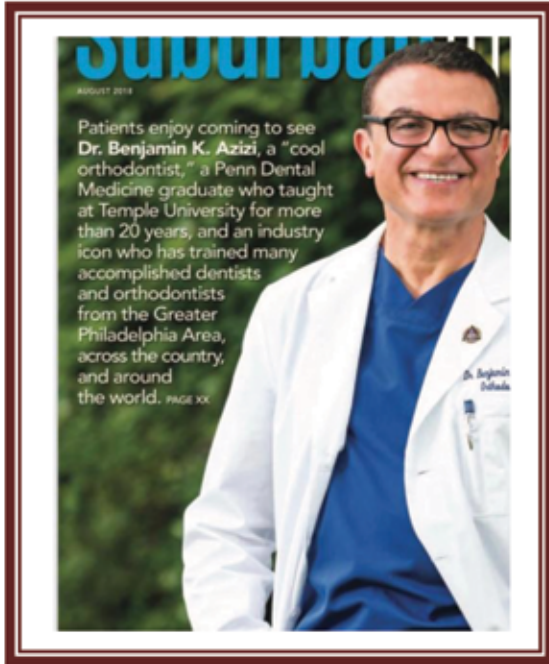
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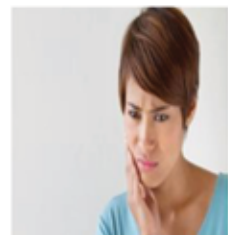


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