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Chag Sameach!

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March Worship Schedule

Friday, March 4

Shabbat Vayakhel/Shekalim

5:45 pm – Munchkin Minyan

6 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Memorial Chapel

7 pm – 6th Grade Family Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary

8:30 pm – Mishloach Manot – Snack Bag Packing in the Rosenfeld Social Hall

Saturday, March 5

9 am – Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Kollmar, son of Jim and Linda Kollmar

11 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Rosen, daughter of Joel Rosen and Nancy Rosen

Friday, March 11 – Shabbat Pekudei

7 pm – Celebrations Shabbat Worship

8 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, March 12

9 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Hallen, daughter of Jodi Hallen and Shane Hallen

11 am – Shabbat Worship with B'nai Mitzvah of Rebecca and Michael Laing, children of Dale Laing and Mike Laing

Friday, March 18 Shabbat Vayikra/Zachor

8 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, March 19

9 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Levy, daughter of Adam and Julia Levy

11 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Jordyn Miller, daughter of Jarret and Lisa Miller

Wednesday, March 23 – Erev Purim

7 pm – Purim Shpiel, Megillah Reading, Parade and Vodka Tasting

Friday, March 25 – Shabbat Tzav

8 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, March 26

9 am – Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Rosenbloom, son of Jack and Staci Rosenbloom

11 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Jamie Marks, daughter of Jonathan and Leah Marks

8 pm – Shabbat Worship honoring our Chai members with the Robert and Molly Apter Memorial Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Andrea L. Weiss, Ph.D

Saturday, April 16

9 am – Shabbat Worship with Bat Mitzvah of Jill Halpern, daughter of Andrew Halpern and Wendy Halpern

9:30 am – Torah Study and service with the Robert and Molly Apter Memorial Scholar-in-Residence. Lunch will follow the service.

11 am – Shabbat Worship with B'nai Mitzvah of Matthew Headley, son of Steve and Beth Headley and Joshua Ciliberti, son of Dino and Tammy Ciliberti

Friday, April 22 – 1st Night Seder

No Shabbat Worship service

Saturday, April 23

11 am – Shabbat and Passover Service with kosher for Passover brunch to follow

6 pm – 2nd Night Community Passover Seder led by Rabbi Marx

Friday, April 29

9 am – Passover Worship and Yizkor Service with kosher for Passover brunch to follow

6 pm – Shabbat Worship service

Saturday, April 30

11 am – Shabbat Worship in the Haines Memorial Chapel

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April Worship Schedule

Friday, April 1

Shabbat Shemini/Parah

5:45 pm – Munchkin Minyan

6 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Memorial Chapel

7 pm – 3rd Grade Family Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary

7 pm – Rabbi's Tish and Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, April 2

9 am – Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Sirota, son of Mark and Michelle Sirota

11 am – Shabbat Worship with B'nai Mitzvah of Ellie Goldberg, daughter of Stacey Goldberg and Joshua Goldberg and Maxwell Leonard, son of Marc and Melissa Leonard

Friday, April 8 – Shabbat Tazria

7 pm – Celebrations Shabbat Worship

8 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, April 9

11 am – Shabbat Worship with B'nai Mitzvah of Paige Klein, daughter of Michael and Cheryl Klein and Justin Ratner, son of Eric and Kim Ratner

Friday, April 15

Shabbat Metzora/HaGadol

6 pm – Chai Member Shabbat Dinner

March/April Candle Lighting Times

Friday, March 4 • 5:38 pm

Friday, March 11 • 5:46 pm

Friday, March 18 • 6:53 pm

Friday, March 25 • 7 pm

Friday, April 1 • 7:07 pm

Friday, April 8 • 7:14 pm

Friday, April 15 • 7:21 pm

Friday, April 22 • 7:28 pm

Friday, April 29 • 7:35 pm





Rabbi Gregory S. Marx

From the Rabbi's Desk

Chai Mitzvah spans the spectrum of Jewish practice and is for anyone who wishes to learn and do more Jewishly.

Chai-Mitzvah: A New Adult Learning Initiative

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

I am writing to introduce a new learning initiative at Beth Or. I hope that you will get as excited about it, as I am. The program is called **Chai Mitzvah** and it is designed to build and deepen Jewish learning and connections within the congregation and community. Chai Mitzvah spans the spectrum of Jewish practice and is for anyone who wishes to learn and do more Jewishly.

I like this new initiative because it blends both study and action. The Talmud asks, "Which is greater, study or action? Chai Mitzvah offers a brilliant response to this famous Talmudic debate---both. Participants are learning, doing, connecting with each other, engaging in Jewish spiritual practice, *tikkun olam* and communal life in ways that I could never have imagined. It is a Jewish educational game changer.

This new initiative has five easy components, all done in the convenience of your own home. Focusing on key topics such as Judaism and the environment, Gratitude, Mindfulness, Philanthropy and Israel, participants engage in:

- **Group Study** — meeting monthly with a set curriculum
- **Independent Study** — to deepen one's expertise on any given topic, be it Jewish life, history, literature, culture, etc.
- **Ritual** — choosing a ritual or spiritual practice to incorporate into one's life based on that month's topic
- **Social Action** — choosing either individually, or as a group, to commit to volunteering in the community

In short, I am looking for participants and leaders. The course of study is already prepared. All you have to do is follow the learning modules that can be tailor made to your needs. Many of you have told me that you want to meet on your own schedule and learn from each other. Some prefer to learn not from the "Sage on the Stage," but rather from the "Guide by my Side." This provides the framework to do just that. Please go to www.chaimitzvah.org to learn more and contact me if you would like me to form a group for you.

Change is happening: Are we fighting it or embracing it?

Ira Secouler, Beth Or President

As springtime approaches and winter fades, we draw near to the holiday of Pesach. During our Passover Seder, many of us read about the four children; the wise, wicked, simple, and the one who does not know how to ask. The wicked child asks, "What does this service mean to you?" The "you" can infer that the wicked child no longer identifies with the Jewish people. Perhaps the wicked child no longer feels a connection to the Seder, but he is still seated around the table trying to understand the relevance and meaning for himself and for others.

The latest Pew study finds that 22% of the American Jewish community today identify as Jews of no religion or affiliation. The study goes on to state that they are not only less

religious but also much less connected to Jewish organizations and much less likely to raise their children as Jews..

President's Corner

At Congregation Beth Or, we recognize that changes are happening throughout the Jewish world and we wish to remain a relevant, vibrant, and forward thinking Jewish community. In that regard, some changes have been made and will be made to enhance our congregation.

It has been part of our mission to open the doors of our synagogue as wide as possible, to allow all those who wish to partake to enter. This year, our clergy helped change our interfaith marriage policy. Our new policy allows for one of our clergy to perform such a ceremony in our building. This is a dynamic change to the past, but a change that looks to expand our community. **Change is happening around us.**

In order to seek wider participation in Shabbat services, we are exploring a change in Friday night service times beginning in September 2016. A number of years ago, we added a Kabbalat service at 6 pm on the first Friday night of the month. Perhaps it is time to change our service times as well. The Board of Trustees has developed a task force to investigate this idea and would welcome your feedback. Please send me your thoughts about your attendance at an earlier service time. **Change is happening around us.**

Our current High Holiday machzors are from the mid 1970's. The Central Conference of American Rabbis in conjunction with the Union for Reform Judaism have developed new prayer books with outstanding alternative readings, commentary, and layout. Our rituals and practices committee has investigated these new books and recommended to the Board of Trustees that we adopt them. So, this High Holiday season in the fall of 2016 will not only be a new year, but a new development in our religious experience. **Change is happening around us.**

Our building is also undergoing changes. We have been at our Maple Glen location for ten years. As in your home, after ten years, things happen. We have learned from a flood in the Rabbi's wing that proper insulation is missing and needs replacing or improvement. A complete study of insulation was completed and we are moving forward in a project to repair, improve, and protect our home. In addition, we found that our sprinkler system is in need of repair. We have had unpleasant leaks throughout the school and office areas. After investigation and study, it has been determined that additional filters and equipment are needed to remedy the problem. Lastly, our audio/video system is ten years old. How many of you have purchased new TV equipment or audio equipment in the last year or two? Our equipment is out of date with today's technology and not always functioning properly. So, as with other matters at Beth Or, **change is happening around us.**

The world around us is changing rapidly. The Pew study shows us that our Jewish world is changing. If our community seeks to change, we need to find ways to answer the question of the "wicked child," to make a connection to those around us, that allows for meaning, love, and understanding of our faith. We embrace the challenge, we do not hide from it. We are seeking ways to engage those unaffiliated, to make relevant Reform Judaism to all our members, and to bring Beth Or into the future in a warm and welcoming manner.

Change is happening; let's make it a change for the better. I wish all our congregants a sweet Pesach.



Ira Secouler



Rabbi David Gerber

From the Rabbi's Desk

At its best, technology can bring communities together. At its worst, technology can allow people an excuse to disengage from real human interaction.

Robo-Scribe and the Sofer

Rabbi David Gerber, Associate Rabbi

The Berlin Jewish Museum is currently featuring something I never thought I would see: a robot that can write a Torah scroll. A traditional sofer (scribe) will sit and handwrite a Torah scroll over the course of a year. Using all kosher materials, the sofer will work roughly five hours per day and pay meticulous attention to detail ensuring every letter is perfect.

The Torah robot (which from here on out I will refer to as Robo-Scribe) can complete the task in only a couple of months. Robo-Scribe was programmed by Israeli scientists to compose a flawless Torah scroll.

When both the sofer and Robo-Scribe finish their scrolls, they may be identical. They would be made of the same material and could be indistinguishable from one another. There is, however, one key difference: the sofer's scroll may be read in a synagogue whereas Robo-Scribe's may not.

An examination of the reason why Robo-Scribe's Torah scroll is not kosher gives us a glimpse into how Judaism adapts to all of the technological advancements of our time.

In my final year of rabbinical school, I chose to write my thesis on effective use of technology in Judaism. While it may seem like a given that we must adapt with the times, consider this: we still read our Torah from handwritten scrolls of parchment. When is it ok to engage with technology and when does it take away from our tradition?

At its best, technology can bring communities together. For college students away from home or homebound individuals, technology can allow access to people who cannot attend a service. At its worst, technology can allow people an excuse to disengage from real human interaction.

Walk through the halls of our religious school and you will find iPads, projectors, virtual reality, augmented reality... etc. All of these innovations have been implemented by asking the same questions: will this bring our students closer to Torah?

This year for Passover, Beth Or will distribute an interactive Seder plate to our congregation. Through an app on your mobile device or tablet, you will be able to engage with this Seder plate and learn the values and traditions of Passover. It is our hope that this Seder plate will bring a deeper understanding of Passover to our members.

This brings us back to Robo-Scribe. A traditional sofer will compose a Torah scroll while meditating upon mitzvot, saying prayers, and considering the utmost importance of the Torah to the community. The sofer understands the unparalleled sacredness of his or her work. A robot simply cannot compare.

While an iPad can teach us to recognize the Hebrew alphabet, nothing can replace the experience of reading the signs on the storefronts in Jerusalem. While an augmented reality Seder plate can teach us the ins and outs of Passover, there is no substitute for sitting across the table from our families as we recite the four questions.

Our ancestors have always believed in innovation. From the inscription on the Tablets at Sinai to the writing of our Talmud, we have always embraced more effective ways to engage with our sacred texts. But our end game has always been very clear: to bring Jews together in a meaningful way.



Important School Dates

Sunday, March 6:

Confirmation Class L'Taken Trip

Sunday, March 13:

3rd Grade Family Education

Sunday, March 20:

5th Grade Family Education
(Tentative date)

Monday, March 21:

No School. Spring Break

Tuesday, March 22:

No School. Spring Break

Sunday, March 27:

No School. Spring Break

Friday, April 1:

3rd Grade Family Shabbat

Sunday, April 3:

Pre-K/K Family Education

Sunday, April 10:

K, 1, and 2 Model Seder

Religious School NEWS

Aaron Nienshultz, Director of Religious School

If you stand in the lobby of Congregation Beth Or on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, as I do, you get to experience the great parade of our students arriving for school. They come in smiling or sleepy; dressed up or dressed casually; wearing their sports uniforms or wearing regular clothes — but no matter what they look like, they're here and they're ready to learn. Their presence speaks volumes about their families' dedication to Jewish learning; even when a student lets me know they have to leave early for a game, match, or activity, I am always sure to let them know how much the fact that they showed up means to me.



Aaron Nienshultz

By being here, even if it is for a shortened amount of time, the students are still engaging with their Jewish learning, and that's wonderful.

In fact, in an interview with the New York Times, Woody Allen said, "80 percent of success is showing up." All of our students are bound to succeed, and indeed, if that's the case, then the students whose names follow are well on their way to success since they succeeded in earning perfect attendance at Sunday or Hebrew School during the first semester of this school year. Their dedication — and their parents' fantastic support — have given them a great step up in their Jewish education.

Jackson Amerstein, Josephine Barbash, Ryder Baum, Madden Benjamin, Avery Blatstein, Seth Boas, Reed Bram, Ben Broker, Emmy Brownstein, Lily Brownstein, Joshua Burnstine, Alexa Burstein, Gavin Byruch, Ben Carp, Leah Cass, Gabriel Cass, Elias Chernoff, Courtney Cohen*, Brynn Copman, Skye Desjardins, Colin Enck*, Mark Farrell, Anita Farrell, Olivia Feldgus*, Morgan Fletcher, Madison Frezel, Jake Friedman, Samantha Fuchs, Alexis Fuchs, Marly Gartside, Sari Gartside, Daniel Gass, Sophia Gerson, Alli Gerson, Noah Gibbs, Josh Gladstone, Drew Gottlieb, Benjamin Green, Sarah Green, Hannah Greenfield, Josephine Grosser, Annabel Hellman, Ava Herring, Samuel Hoffman, Nathaniel Jackson, Cole Jordan, Ella Kanaplue, Willow Kaplan, Sophia Katz, Macy Katzman*, Evan Keitz, Ethan Kennedy, Ryan Klein, Jacob Klein, Jason Kosmin, Noah Lambersky, Juliana Lehrer, Alex Lessick, Jaclyn Lieberman, David Lotman, Morgen Lubinski, Paige Mandel, Lyvia Marcus, Aaron Margolis, Micah Margolis, Dylan Marks, Armon Meinstein, Jonah Mensoff, Gabrielle Miller, Benjamin Moskovitz, Joshua Nydick, Alexa Piro, Joshua Platt, Jaclyn Porter, Bryan Portney, Jordan Rotkin, Abigail Rucker, Samantha Salin, Maya Schulz, Jenna Seidman, Jason Selsley, Ruth Shigon, Carly Silver, Lauren Silverman, Leah Sirota, Justin Smilowitz*, Aidan Tau, Sophia Trice, Madigan Wallach, Haley Wallach*, Ava Walters, Jordan Weiss, Jake Wiener, Holly Wiener, Alana Willner, Jacob Yahav, Jessie Young, Devon Young, Charlie Zislis, and Evan Zislis*

If I missed your name, let me know so I can correct the record.

In May, we'll have an assembly where we give out certificates to our Perfect Attendees for first semester and second semester. I can't wait to see how many of my school friends can achieve both!

Mazal tov to all of these students!

** Indicates perfect attendance at BOTH Sunday AND Hebrew School.*

We Have A Star-Studded Early Childhood Center!

Dale Laing, Early Childhood Director

I am excited to announce that our Early Childhood Center received our STAR 3 from Keystone STARS! Thank you to our amazing staff for their continued pursuit to be the very best!

What does receiving more STARS mean?

- **Staff Education** — Our early childhood teachers have better and deeper training and knowledge for working with young children. We now complete 18 hours of professional development annually.
- **Learning Environment** — We have enhanced our program and purchased a variety of new materials and activities for each age level which makes it possible for children to learn something new every day. Our classroom environments are more child-centered and reflect student learning.
- **Leadership and Management** — As Early Childhood Director, I earned my Director's Credential. Completing this credential ensures a quality program that has sound business practices to certify that our children's safety and early learning experiences are the best.
- **Family and Community Partnerships** — Our parent community is encouraged to become part of our children's learning experience through creative programming.

And...we are not done yet! Our staff has agreed to pursue a 4th STAR! We will keep you posted about our progress and continued success.



*Dale Laing,
Early Childhood Director*

My Beth Or and Biennial Experience

Beth Or Youth Chair & Board Member, Allison Levin

"Do what you love, love what you do." A framed version of this quote, given to me by a former student, sits on my high school classroom desk. It is the motto I live by and encourages me each and every day to promote a classroom filled with collaboration, trust, unity, and a family-like environment. Likewise, my dedication and love for Beth Or is as strong. These same qualities are what brought me to become such an active volunteer. From helping plan events for the Early Childhood Education Center to serving as a board member and the current Youth Chair, Beth Or has become an integral part of my life. My kids are five and seven and they feel such a strong connection to their Jewish identity and their Beth Or family.



In November, I attended the UJR Biennial conference in Orlando, Florida, where I spent four days with clergy, staff, and other Beth Or volunteers. I served on a panel with Rabbi Gerber, Aaron Niesenshultz, and Jillian Glick and spoke about how Beth Or engages youth in programming and with technology. It was a weekend filled with amazing learning sessions, ruach, prayer, and bonding. From a volunteer perspective, it was incredible to see so many Reform Jews (5,000+) come together to learn, share, teach, and cultivate a love of Judaism, a passion for prayer, and a connection to one another like no other.

However, the most incredible feature was the care and support Beth Or provided to send me on this journey. In the hustle of life, work, kids, errands and tasks, I was touched by the generosity and support I felt from the Beth Or community. I felt embraced, valued, encouraged, and inspired.

My message to you is to get involved. Beth Or is a big community and it is easy to just show up at a service or send your kids to Sunday School. Make connections with others, come to social events, eat breakfast in the café, come to a Friday night service, or volunteer on a committee. Beth Or may be large in size, but the feeling of love, collaboration, and community is strong. I am thankful for my amazing friendships, my kids' connection to Judaism, and the bonds to my synagogue that I didn't realize were possible. Thank you, Beth Or, for all you have done to cultivate this for my family and for the incredible Biennial experience that I hope to embark on again in the future.

YOUTH *Activities*

Giving the Gift of Joy

Jillian Glick, Director of Youth and Camp Engagement

“Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.”

— Eleanor Roosevelt

The joyful sounds of excited children could be heard from the multipurpose room this January when the students returned to Hebrew School after winter vacation. Earlier this year BOFTY received a generous donation of a gaga pit for our children to enjoy. It is portable and can be used indoors and out.

Thanks to the generosity of Matt and Rachel Steinberg and the Ray Pinto Outdoor Fund (funded by Cereda Selzer) we are able to provide our youngest congregants with an outlet for play, exercise, competition and general fun all year long. When the kids arrived to Hebrew School that first week and heard the news of a gaga pit, they threw down their snacks and ran. This substantial donation to our youth is literally joyful.

During the cold winter months it has been so nice to open the gaga pit to Hebrew School students from 4-4:30 pm before school starts. When the weather gets nicer, we hope to move it out to the back patio. We look forward to having it out for play during school functions, community gatherings and with our youngest kids at Camp Chaverim starting this summer.

There are many ways to give back here at Beth Or. Whether volunteering with social action, the youth committee or Meals that Matter, making a donation to our annual appeal or ushering during Friday night services are all special gifts to give. I think I speak for our whole community when I say THANK YOU for the generosity of all of our congregants who use their time, talents and resources to give back in whatever way they can.!



Jillian Glick



Please join BOFTY at our March/ April Events!

Purim Carnival!

Sunday, March 13 from 10am-2pm!

All proceeds benefit the youth group! Please contact Jillian Glick at jglick@bethor.org if you'd like to volunteer!

Bitty BOFTY (K-2)

Sunday, April 3 • Messy Science Party — Details TBD
(All ECE Grades Pre-K invited!)

Mini BOFTY (3-5)

Sunday, April 10 • Freddy Hill Farm for Mini Golf and Ice Cream

Junior BOFTY (6-7)

Sunday, April 10 • NFTY Grades 6-7-8 Event TBD

Senior BOFTY (8-12)

Friday-Sunday, April 8-10 • NFTY PAR Spring Kallah at Camp Harlam

Sunday, April 17 • BOFTY Car Wash and Shredder Event (weather dependent)

Events

PURIM AND PASSOVER HOLIDAY FUN

Can I Eat This For Passover?



Hamantashen Recipe

This is a simple Hamantashen recipe which you can make with your children for Purim. Baking holiday treats with your kids is a great way to create special holiday memories which they will carry on with them.

Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup margarine, room temperature
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 cup all-purpose white flour
- pie filling (blueberry, cherry, apricot, etc.)
- egg, beaten
- sugar for garnish

Preparation:

1. Blend butter and sugar thoroughly.
2. Add flour and orange juice, alternating.
3. Refrigerate batter for a few hours.
4. Roll out dough as thin as you can.
5. Cut out 3-4 inch circles.
6. Put a tablespoon of filling in the middle of each circle.
7. Pinch 3 sides to form a triangle (Overlap the sides so only a little filling shows through the middle).
8. Bake at 375 degrees for about 10-15 minutes (bake until golden brown, but take out before the filling boils over).

A Fun Season with Junior Choir

Another busy few months for the Jr. Choir! The Jr. Staffers spent a few days of their winter break hanging out at Lisa Ashery's house, laughing, eating and creating the music and script for this year's Purim Shpiel — our most adventurous endeavor yet!! (More about Purim Shpiel below.)

The New Year started with two AWESOME events — the Jr. Staffers enjoyed dinner and a movie on Saturday night, January 9, and the next day, the whole Jr. Choir came together at Ultrazone for some pizza and laser tag. What an amazing way to beat the winter blues!!

On February 5, the Jr. Choir helped lead the K-2 Family Shabbat Service, and the Jr. Staffers had a BLAST at their own sleepover at the Choir Director's house, where they did their first full walk-through of the completed Purim Shpiel script.

On March 4, the entire Jr. Choir will hang out at Beth Or for the night following the 6th grade Family Shabbat Service. This event is one of the highlights of the whole year with movies, ice cream sundaes, lots of camaraderie, but very little sleeping for the Choir Director and the parent chaperones!!

Purim Shpiel Auditions — Don't miss this opportunity on Sunday, March 6 from 1-3 pm. Only the Jr. Staffers need to audition for the main roles. All Jr. Choir members are invited to participate in the ensemble, without auditioning.

Purim Shpiel Rehearsals — Rehearsals for all participants will take place the following two Sundays, March 13 & 20 from 1-4 pm, and the dress rehearsal will be on Wednesday, March 23 from 5-7 pm.

The Purim Shpiel — Wednesday, March 23, following the service at 7 pm. Bet you don't hear THIS every day — BE SURE TO wear a costume

and BRING YOUR CELL PHONE to the SYNAGOGUE for a special surprise!

April promises be another EXCITING month. In addition to leading the 3rd grade Family Shabbat Service on April 1 (no joke!), the Jr. Choir will get to have dinner and sing with the guys from the YouTube sensation acapella group SIX13 on Sunday April 17. Be sure to check out their YouTube videos before coming to the concert. The Jr. Choir will help the congregation end Passover with a Carb-a-lot Shabbat Pizza Fest and Service on Friday night, April 29.

Looking ahead to May, be sure to SAVE THE DATE — Friday May 6 — for the Jr. Choir Banquet and Awards Dinner, before the May Family Shabbat Service.

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

Junior Choir March/April Calendar

Friday, March 4 at 7 pm

Family & 6th Grade Shabbat Service
Jr. Choir Sleepover Party

Sunday, March 6 at 1-3 pm

Purim Shpiel Auditions

Sunday, March 13 & 20 at 1-4 pm

Purim Shpiel Rehearsals

Wednesday, March 23 at 5 pm

Purim Shpiel Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 23 at 7 pm

Bring Your CELL PHONE to
Purim Shpiel!!!

Friday, April 1 at 7 pm

Family & 3rd Grade Shabbat Service

Sunday, April 17 at 7 pm

Six13 Concert

Friday, April 29 at 6 pm

Carb-a-lot Shabbat & End of
Passover Pizza Fest

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, May 6 at 5 pm

Jr. Choir Banquet & Awards Dinner
& Family Service

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



A Visit to Our Beth Or Past

David Simon, Beth Or 1st Vice-President

Every so often during your life, you get a chance to travel back in time. It could be when you attend a high school or college reunion, or maybe pay a visit to your childhood neighborhood. I recently had the opportunity to go back in time when a group of current and future leaders of Beth Or went on the first Shabbat Synagogue Tour. The purpose of the tour was to provide the leaders of Beth Or's future with a sense of its past, all while celebrating Shabbat. I went because it gave me the opportunity to go back to my Jewish roots, so to speak. The first building on the tour, the original Beth Or building in Mt. Airy, was where I went to Sunday school (that's what we called religious school back in the day) and where my brothers and I celebrated our bar mitzvahs and confirmations. I also wanted to hear my mom's speech, as she was asked to address the group about Beth Or's Mt. Airy history.

The day started with presentations by Amy Abrams and Alan Kober about Beth Or's culture and its history. As we all know, Beth Or celebrated its 60th birthday last year. But there is more to Beth Or's history than an anniversary. To summarize Alan's presentation, seven families, somewhat dissatisfied with their current Jewish experience, decided to found their own synagogue. Initially holding congregant led services in rented space, it wasn't long before they purchased an old mansion in West Mt. Airy. The new congregation wanted to establish a culture of a welcoming and participatory organization. It wasn't hard to foster that mentality, since the members all had to pitch in to clean and repair the building. The members also led services, taught religious school, and kept the books. The welcoming culture saw the membership grow to over 350 families within 10 years. It was during these early years that my parents joined Beth Or looking for a religious school for my older brother, who was five years old at the time.



Unfortunately, it wasn't long before the suburban migration from Philadelphia resulted in a membership loss and significant financial pressures. Something had to be done, so in 1974 the congregation decided to move to the suburbs as well. Another old mansion was purchased, this time in Spring House, PA. Once again, the congregants pitched in to paint, clean, install lighting and do whatever needed to be done to make the new building a Jewish home. The move was the right one and the congregation continued to grow. By 2004, Beth Or had outgrown Spring House and it was on to our current home in Maple Glen.

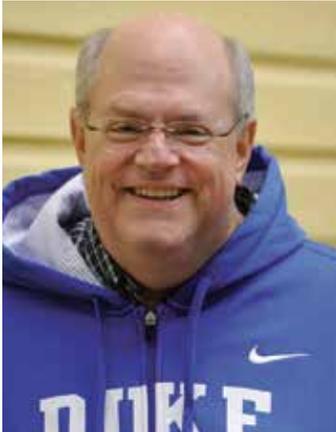
After the history lesson, we all boarded the "way-back machine" (also known as the bus) and headed to Mt. Pleasant Ave. in Mt. Airy, which is the current home of a Lutheran Church. The outside of the building looked the same; with the two rock sculptures inscribed with Beth Or in Hebrew letters decorating the exterior. The interior hadn't changed much either. The two inch thick slate steps leading up to the main floor, the sanctuary with its six huge oak beams crisscrossing the ceiling, the stone masonry eastern wall and the oak pews, with individual padded seats. They certainly don't make them like they used to, this building was made to last! The sanctuary seemed smaller to me now, but so was I when I was here last. It brought back lots of memories for me. In all honesty, I can't say that they were all good memories. After all, I was a kid who didn't really want to go to Sunday school or services.

After a short morning service, we moved on to our former synagogue in Spring House. Stephanie and I were married in this building, and both of our daughters were named and started their religious school journey here. So for me, this building has nothing but good memories. After a tour of the facility by Reverend Quann, and another short service, we headed back to Maple Glen. Although members of the congregation did not have to paint or make repairs to our current synagogue after we moved, I was reminded of the dedication and collaboration and the vast number of volunteer hours it took to bring our current home to fruition. And that doesn't include the hundreds of members who participated in carrying the Torah scrolls from Spring House to Maple Glen.

The tour was not only a nice trip down memory lane for me, but it also reinforced how much can be accomplished when dedicated and hardworking people work together. I look forward to continuing that tradition for Beth Or in the coming months and years.

The Brotherhood Paradox

Michael Davis, Brotherhood President



Michael Davis

Earlier this week, I mentioned to some members of the Beth Or leadership that while one needed to pay dues to become a formal member of Brotherhood, all Beth Or men were welcome to join in our activities regardless of their dues status. Recently, I requested that Beth Or staff denote our regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month on the calendar and on lobby monitor as the "Brotherhood Monthly Meeting" since we do not have an elected board of directors. This begs the question "If male Beth Or members can enjoy Brotherhood activities without paying dues, why would anyone join?"

I think that our name is the answer: Brotherhood. We enjoy each other's company, care about each other's well-being, and are deeply concerned with bettering Beth Or. The better question for me is, "Why would any Beth Or male not want to be a part of this fraternity?"

Our treasurer, Eric Vogel, recently compiled the following list of groups, events, and items that the Brotherhood contributed to during the past few years:

- Ner Tamid Campaign
- BOFTY Youth Group
- B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation Gifts
- Beth Or Troop Connection
- Rosh Brodesh
- Pars Fore A Purpose Beth Or Golf Outing
- Oy Vey 5K/10K
- Camp Harlam Scholarships
- Interfaith Housing Alliance (Golf Outing)



Brotherhood's support for more items is on the way. The purchase of four new book carts to replace the dilapidated carts used for conveying prayer books is in process. We have identified a couple of other items that the Brotherhood could acquire on behalf of Beth Or to enhance worship. I will be pleased to share details with Spotlight readers when these items have been purchased.

Brotherhood is about more than making financial contributions to Beth Or. During the High Holidays, Bob Rosin marshals Brotherhood members and others as an usher at services. Brotherhood members help direct the parking of cars [often in inclement weather], and volunteer throughout the year in many unheralded ways.

In partnership with Sisterhood, we sponsor Sunday brunches and set up the tables and food. A Brotherhood member, Bill Wanger, has spearheaded our blood drives for as long as I have been at Beth Or (the next one is on April 17!). Another Brotherhood member, Bob Simon, co-chairs the Ritual Practices committee and organizes the Annual Brotherhood Shabbat Service.

I am personally honored to be in the company of such members.

As an aside, I routinely send email messages directly to selected Beth Or men to alert them of meetings and to call them to action. I am careful to not abuse this "bandwidth" and always try to keep my messages both entertaining and informative. If you are reading this Spotlight article and are not receiving messages from "Dah Bro Prez" but would like to, just contact me at Michael.Davis@alumni.duke.edu.

Today's Jewish Women Can Find A Home With Sisterhood

Marilyn Ackerman and Ellen Mirbach, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

As we put this article to bed, winter has just begun to rear its ugly head and meteorologists are forecasting cold and snowy days to come. Therefore, we take great comfort in knowing that readers will be thinking spring when they hold the next edition of the Beth Or Spotlight in their hands.

March and April usher in the holidays of Purim and Passover – dual opportunities to celebrate the survival and continuity of the Jewish people. These festivals introduce us to two of Judaism's greatest heroines – Esther and Miriam. The Megillah reading is replete with examples of Esther stepping forward, taking a risk and making a difference. Through her great gifts of compassion and cunning, she influenced a king to spare the Jewish people from the evils of Haman.



During our family and communal Passover Seders, we relive the exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt. We learn of Miriam's courage and selflessness, she ensured that her baby brother, Moses would survive to one day stand up to Pharaoh and lead the Jewish people out of Egypt.

We, as modern Jewish women, must follow the leadership examples set by Esther, Miriam, and other key women in Jewish history. It is incumbent upon us to realize our personal potential and ensure that our people not merely survive but flourish!

There are many ways to fulfill this role and one of these ways is as easy as becoming involved in Sisterhood. Sisterhood offers avenues for spiritual enrichment through our annual Shabbaton as well as opportunities to perform mitzvot, support our Jewish youth, provide scholarship assistance to rabbinic and cantorial students, and much, much more.

Take the first step by attending a Sisterhood- sponsored event such as the Beth Or Purim carnival or the Sisterhood Trunk Show & Sale (dates and times appear in this edition of Spotlight as well as bulk mailing and the digital billboards in Beth Or's Spain Lobby). We encourage you to bring your friends along!

Afterwards, take the next step and volunteer to help out with an event and/or chair a future program. We guarantee you will have fun and meet new people! As you travel these paths, you will find that you too can make a difference in your life as a Jewish woman and strengthen your family's Jewish identity.



Marilyn Ackerman and Ellen Mirbach

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- Holiday Items
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- Hamsas and other Wall Art
- Tallit and Kippot
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Gifts
- Wedding Smash Glasses and Gifts
- Jewelry
- Home Giftware
- Books for Adults and Children
- Children's Toys and Games
- Baby Gifts
- Occasion Cards

Hours:

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

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

SOCIAL *Action*

Mental Health Resources Represented at Mitzvah Day

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of PA Montgomery County (NAMI) "is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with serious mental illness and their families."

Last year, NAMI had an information table at Beth Or's Mitzvah Day and by all accounts the organization's outreach efforts was a success!

NAMI 1st Vice President and Beth Or member, Dawn Hogan, along with NAMI President Beth Milton, greeted Mitzvah Day attendees as they made their way into the Rosenfeld Social Hall. As Dawn shared, many people stopped by to learn about the services that NAMI makes available throughout the community. There were various informational materials for people to take with them, but the most popular one was, "Improving Lives: Be Part of the Solution," which lists support groups, educational programs, advocacy opportunities and includes a membership application. According to Dawn, anyone who had a specific question received a follow-up call from NAMI.

NAMI appreciated the opportunity to participate in Beth Or's Mitzvah Day and is slated to have a presence at this year's event. "NAMI is always looking for opportunities to tell its story," Dawn said. "We look forward to working with Beth Or again in 2016."

For more information about NAMI of PA Montgomery County and its services, please contact Carol Caruso, Executive Director, at 215-361-7784.



Mission Trip to Mexico

Do you like to travel?

Are you looking for a way to make a difference?



Join Beth Or on our first Mission Trip to Mexico!

Congregation Beth Or is teaming up with Global Citizens Network (GCN) to plan a trip to work with an indigenous community. Teams are sent to different countries to partner with communities to work on initiatives that meet local needs. Teams of short-term volunteers work alongside indigenous community members, in this case the Nahua community of Xiloxochico, Mexico. This community has requested that teams come back to support the needs of bilingual education for their Nahua-Spanish school. Several groups travel to the area per year and in November, Beth Or will be part of this adventure led by Rabbi Gerber.

Every trip is different, but some of the projects the volunteers completed in the past are: painting and finishing up part of the school and health clinic, helping to install lighting for the clinic, mixing cement, digging trenches, repainting the building, interacting and completing activities with the students, planting, etc. There are activities for everyone's level of skill and comfort.

The group will be arriving in Puebla, Mexico on Sunday, November 13; departing from Puebla on Sunday, November 20. The first night, the group will stay in Puebla and take a bus to Cuetzalan the next day. They will check into an eco-hotel run by the Nahua women cooperatives. The group will have an opportunity to complete some side trips to nearby ruins, market, and explore Cuetzalan.

The cost of the trip is around \$1250 which includes all meals and lodging, round-trip transportation from the airport to GCN host community, emergency medical insurance, project donation, team leader's expenses, pre-trip orientation manual, GCN t-shirt and program development. The cost might change slightly depending on the number of people who sign up.

We hope you can join us and help to achieve the mission of the Beth Or Social Action Committee:

Striving — Caring — Making a Difference

For more information contact Susy Krimker at susykrimker@gmail.com.

It's Knitzvah Time at Beth Or

Dear Faye,

I'm sorry that I missed you the other day, but want you to know what a nice surprise the blankets were for me to see, and will also be so nice for our patients. Please let the people who participated in this wonderful project know how touched our patients are when they receive their own personal blanket or cap. Frequently our social workers, chaplain, nurses or volunteers will help them select the cap or blanket that appeals to them. It is a nice break in their time spent here in the infusion department, and they like leaving with their gift. Many of our former patients also become future knitters or volunteers here once they finish their treatment and recover.

Please share my appreciation with your group!

Thanks so much!!!

*Marylou Osterman
Abramson Cancer Center at Pennsylvania Hospital
Cancer Program Coordinator*

If you would like to help knit afghans and hats for children and adults who are healing or being treated in one of 23 participating hospital, join the Beth Or Knitting Circle. We meet one Wednesday each month from 7 pm - 8 pm in the Herzfeld Library. All ages are welcome. Yarn and needles are provided. Please contact Faye Benshetler at feb@comcast.net for further information.

Thank you

Thank you to all who enjoyed the bake sale during Mitzvah Day this past fall. Thank you to everyone who provided the goodies for the sale. As a result of the generosity of our community, a check for \$1,000 was donated to the post-doctoral program at Fox Chase Cancer Center. At the sale itself, an amazing \$403 dollars was raised by our congregants. The funds go directly into the coffers of the post docs so the funds they get through grants and from the hospital can be augmented. The money is used for research and conferencing with other scientists. I hope to see all of you next year for another yummy bake sale.

*Judy Bernstein
Bake Sale Coordinator/Mitzvah Day Volunteer*

Bring your food donations to Beth Or by March 20th!



Top 5 Things You Should Know About Beth Or's Congregational Food Drive

Who? Beth Or is hosting a spring food drive for the Ambler Community Cupboard. This is a congregation-wide effort and we would love all of our families to participate to feed the hungry.

What? Please consider donating non-perishable food items such as cereal, juice boxes, pancake mix, coffee, tea, cocoa, and any canned fruit. We are also collecting paper goods such as paper towels and toilet paper.

Where? Drop off your donation in the bins located in the Spain Lobby at Congregation Beth Or. For your convenience, we have provided official Beth Or food drive bags to pack your food in.

When? This food drive ends on **March 20**.

Why? On Purim, we are commanded to give gifts to the poor. As a Jewish community, we are responsible for repair of the world or "tikkun olam." This effort will enable us to help those in our community in need.

DONATE TODAY!

Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah Students

Benjamin Kollmar

March 5

For my Bar Mitzvah project, I volunteered at the **JRA (Jewish Relief Agency)**. JRA helps Jews in Philadelphia by collecting, packaging and delivering boxes of food to individuals and families in need. They serve over 3100 families every month. JRA is the largest hunger relief agency serving our region's Jewish community. Every month, I go with my family to help fill boxes with food and then deliver it to people in the area who need it. Packing the food is really fun. There are hundreds of people all helping at once which allows us to pack thousands of boxes in a few hours. I especially like delivering the boxes of food to the people because they are all really nice and very grateful.

Donations can be sent to JRA through their website (www.jewishrelief.org) or mailed to Jewish Relief Agency, 200 Monument Road, Suite 8, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.



want to help make the camp experience better for those in the North Hills Recreation program. By collecting art supplies I am able to help many kids express themselves in their own unique way.

Rebecca and Michael Laing

March 12

For our B'nai Mitzvah, we worked on a few projects. We volunteered at the **JRA (Jewish Relief Agency)** packing and delivering food for those who are less fortunate. We also baked over 600 cupcakes for **Rubye's Kids**, an organization that helps kids who are less fortunate celebrate birthdays. We really enjoyed helping children and adults who are in need.



Rebecca volunteered for two seasons as a **Challenger Baseball Buddy**. This division of Little League is for those children who have special needs. She was paired with a Buddy and helped her Buddy play baseball on Saturday mornings. This work inspired her and another Buddy to run two bake sales raising \$1,300 to help support the building of the Miracle Field in Horsham. This baseball field will be made of special turf material so people who are in wheelchairs can play ball. These experiences were extremely inspiring and she felt like she made a difference in the lives of those who live in our community.

Rebecca Levy

March 19

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I volunteered for an amazing organization called **The Mitzvah Circle Foundation** located in Harleysville. Their mission is to provide material support (clothing, food, services, diapers, household items, etc.) to individuals and families dealing with crisis, poverty, homelessness or serious illness. During my time volunteering at their warehouse, I packed donated clothing, books, diapers and toiletries for a variety of local families. I really enjoyed selecting baby clothing for families who were in need of these items, as well as putting together outfits for young girls whose families were also part of my packing lists. Please consider donating your time or resources to this wonderful organization. More details can be found at: <http://mitzvahcircle.org/>.



Rachel Rosen

March 5

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am raising money to support the **Israeli Guide Dog Center for the Blind**. Their mission is to improve the quality of life of blind people by providing them with safe mobility, independence and self-confidence through the faithful assistance of guide dogs. All guide dogs are trained and provided to their owners free of charge. I am setting up a webpage to receive donations and will be hosting a bake sale and other events to raise money. It costs approximately \$25,000 to provide each sight challenged individual with a guide dog. Please help me in supporting this wonderful charity.



Alexa Hallen

March 12

The **North Hills Education and Recreation Program** provides enriching experiences throughout the year for many school-age children living in the moderate to low income neighborhood of North Hills in Upper Dublin Township. The program includes an after-school program, a teen mentoring program and a summer day camp. A major goal of the camp is to give underserved kids the opportunity to have the same wholesome summer experiences as their peers.

For my mitzvah project, I collected new and gently used art supplies that will be given to the North Hills Recreation Center. I chose this for my mitzvah project for two reasons. First, art has always been an important part of my life. I feel strongly that kids who enjoy art should have the supplies to create their own art. Also, every summer I get to go to overnight camp. I feel fortunate to be able to go and I



Jordyn Miller

March 19

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am volunteering at **Mitzvah Circle Foundation**. This is a non-profit organization which provides support to individuals and families dealing with crisis, poverty, homelessness and



serious illness. I filled care packages containing clothes and children's books for families in need. We also sent a hand-written personal note to remind the family that they are supported by people who care. I plan to bring others with me when I go again to volunteer.

Jamie Marks

March 26

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I chose to volunteer at **Gilda's Club (Cancer Support Community)**. They provide support and programming to cancer patients and their families, free of charge. Gilda's Club is important to me because my best friend is a cancer survivor and I currently have several family members who had or are living with cancer. My dad is on the board and is very active. Both my brother and Bubby were volunteers. I love keeping up such an important family tradition of helping others. As a volunteer, I help in Noogieland, which is a place for children and teens who have been diagnosed with cancer, or have a parent or loved one who is living with cancer, or are grieving the death of a loved one from cancer. I help out with many activities, like BINGO and movie night. I love working with the children because it makes me happy to spend time with them and try to make them forget about their situation. I will be making a donation to Gilda's Club with some of my Bat Mitzvah money. You can help too!

<https://cancersupportcommunity.nationbuilder.com/donate>



Ben Sirota

April 2

Hi. I'm Ben Sirota. After speaking with Rabbi Gerber, we decided the ideal project for me was out of the ordinary — it was to work with **BOFTY (Beth Or Federation of Temple Youth)** to make a smartphone app! My hope is that I will make it easier for the kids at Beth Or to learn about and keep track of upcoming events, customized for each age group. The app is currently still in progress, but the initial release will hopefully be available on the App Store and Google Play in mid to late 2016.



Ellie Goldberg

April 2

My love of dogs is the reason I chose to volunteer and collect donations for **Home At Last Dog Rescue** located in Montgomery County for my Baty Mitzvah project. Home At Last is a group of volunteers whose goal is to save the lives of homeless dogs suffering in high-kill shelters, as well as owner-surrender dogs who need to find a new home due to unfortunate circumstances. We rescued our dog Barney through this organization and I want to give back and ensure that abandoned dogs have a home, food, love and the care they need. While my family is unable to adopt another dog



at this time, I will be volunteering at a few Meet and Greet adoption events over the next few months. I also will be collecting donations to ensure that dog fosters have the supplies necessary to house, feed and care for the dogs prior to adoption. If you would like to donate or volunteer at Home At Last, please visit their website at <http://www.homeatlastdogrescue.com>.

Maxwell Leonard

April 2

Maxwell volunteered for the **Being Beautiful project at the Covenant House** in Germantown. It is a homeless shelter for kids 17-20 years old. He spent the day there with his mom and sister. We did activities with the kids for the holiday. We decorated cookies & made picture frames. Then, we had dinner together that night. It was a project to make these kids in the shelter feel special, to let them know that someone cares about them and gave them a fun-filled day of activities. If you would like to donate, visit covenanthousepa.org. The Covenant House is located at 31 E. Armat St. in Philadelphia



Paige Klein

April 9

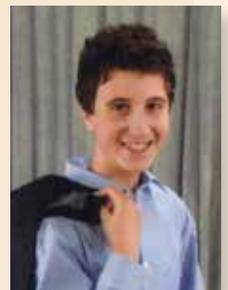
For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am volunteering at the **Jewish Relief Agency**. The Jewish Relief Agency provides Jewish families as well as others in need with food assistance and conducts monthly food distributions. I chose to volunteer at the Jewish Relief Agency because I wanted to work with an organization where I could assist in a hands-on fashion. If you would like to provide assistance at the Jewish Relief Agency, visit www.jewishrelief.org.



Joshua Ciliberti

April 16

For my Bar Mitzvah project, I volunteered at **Manna on Main Street**. Manna on Main Street is committed to ending hunger in the North Penn region by providing food, fulfilling social service and education needs, and conducting community outreach. Manna is hoping to make a difference through a food pantry and soup kitchen, emergency financial aid, counseling and referrals, and educational opportunities. I prepared healthy snack bags for after-school homework clubs held at the North Penn and Indian Valley Boys and Girls Clubs. The program supports young people in the community, providing snacks that offer energy and nutrition. I also helped stock the food pantry and served meals to those in need. If you are interested in donating a food item or your time to Manna on Main Street, please visit manna@mannaonmain.org.



Beth Or EVENTS

Adult Programs

APEX Brunch

March 6 at 10 am

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

AARP Safe Driving Course

Basic Course – April 5 and 6 from 10 am to 2 pm;

Refresher Course – April 12 from 10 am to 2 pm

This course is open to AARP members and non-members. Participants who are 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER may be eligible for an automobile insurance premium discount. Upon successful completion of the AARP SMART DRIVER program, each participant will receive a certificate of completion. Presentation of this certificate to the participant's automobile insurance company MAY result in a premium discount for each of the next three years. Individuals should contact their insurance carrier to inquire about their eligibility for this premium discount. Please note: the refresher course is open to participants who have successfully completed the basic safety program within the last 3 years.

Course fee – \$15 for AARP members \$20 for non-members. Contact Elisa Heisman at ehisman@bethor.org to register.

Deli Man

Sunday, May 1 at 12 noon

Join us for a deli lunch catered by Pumpnick's and watch the award winning movie DELI MAN. Stay for a discussion with the film's producer and director, Erik Greenberg Anjou, brother of Beth Or member, Lori Cagnoli.



Learn the stories of the finest delicatessens in the U.S. such as Katz's, 2nd Avenue Deli, Nate'n Al, Carnegie and the Stage embodies a Jewish cultural tradition indelibly linked to its savory and nostalgic foods.

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

Holidays and Shabbat Events

BOFTY Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 13 from 10 am to 3 pm

Don't miss the moon bounces, face painting, games, prizes and of course hamantashen! Lunch is available for purchase. All day/All access wrist bands — 1 for \$12; 2 for \$22; and 3 for \$33. Come in costume!



Purim Breakfast for Dinner, Shpiel and Vodka Tasting

Wednesday, March 23

Dinner at 5:30 pm; Shpiel & Vodka Tasting at 7 pm

Join us for dinner where your favorite breakfast foods will be served! Stay for the Junior Choir Purim Shpiel and vodka tasting for the adults. Dinner is free but you must **RSVP by March 15** to Elisa at ehisman@bethor.org.



Art Gallery

Priscilla Bohlen

Opening Night – Friday, March 11

The Olitsky Gallery is pleased to present an exhibit featuring the work of Priscilla Bohlen. Please come and meet the artist immediately following Shabbat services. "Prillie" designed fabric for Clarence House and Fieldcrest Cannon for 27



years then studied painting with at C.W. Post College. Prillie's work shows clarity of thought and concept with uncomplicated images. Inspired by the play of light against dark, she depicts mood and emotion by using the interplay of one color against another.



**2nd Night Community Passover Seder
Saturday, April 23 at 6 pm**

Congregation-wide Passover Seder. The Seder will be led by Rabbi Gregory Marx, catered by Shop 'N Bag, and open to the congregation and the community. The cost of the Seder is \$35 for adults, \$15 children 6-12, and children 5 and under are free. This fee includes dinner (all Seder courses), beverages, and dessert. RSVP to Barb Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org by **April 15.**

**Yom Hashoah Service and Program
Friday, May 6 at 6 pm**

Join us for a Kabbalat Shabbat service in the Gitlin Sanctuary. Stay to hear the untold story of the Holocaust from a child of survivors, Beth Or member Walter Kirszbraun. There will also be musical performances by the Junior Choir and the Keystone State Boys Choir.

**Becky Brams
Opening Night – Friday, April 8**

Becky Brams is known for her bold colors in watercolor, acrylics and mixed media. She continues to regularly attend classes as her teachers often inspire a new direction or the next painting. Her paintings have appeared in numerous juried shows, and she has won awards. The exhibit runs until May 11.



Brotherhood/Sisterhood Events

**Sisterhood Murder Mystery Night
Saturday, April 30 at 6 pm**

Who was murdered at Schmaltzy's Malt Shop? Join us for an interactive murder mystery dinner with food catered by Hershel's Deli. 50's style costumes are optional. The cost is \$50 a person. RSVP by sending a check to Arlene Slobodzian at Beth Or or purchase on-line at <https://ipn.intuit.com/pay/BethOrSisterhood>.

**Brotherhood/Sisterhood Brunch
Sunday, April 3 at 9:30 am**

See Israel's Miraculous Invention: The REWALK

DAN WEBB of Warrington, PA, is one of only eight people in the US who owns and wears REWALK, a robotic exoskeleton invented in Israel by a Technion graduate.

Dan became a paraplegic five years ago when he was injured in a fall. He will demonstrate and describe how ingenious Israeli technology has enabled him to walk again.

LINDA RICHMAN, Regional Director of the American Society for Technion, Israel, will discuss the cutting-edge accomplishments of this renowned Israel University. THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!



**Sisterhood Trunk Show and Sale
Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 pm**

Be fashion forward this Spring...

Celebrate the start of a new season with a look at the latest lines of clothing, accessories, jewelry and more from the Philadelphia area's finest shops and boutiques. This event takes place at the Blue Bell Country Club. Enjoy appetizers, a fabulous buffet dinner and delicious desserts while shopping from the spring/summer collections. The cost is \$45 a person. You can send a check to Arlene Slobodzian at Beth Or or pay on-line at <https://ipn.intuit.com/pay/BethOrSisterhood>.

**Brotherhood Blood Drive
Sunday, April 17 – 9 am to 3 pm**

Appointments available every 15 minutes. Register to be a donor and save a life. You can register on-line at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/pennjersey> or contact our chairperson, Bill Wanger at wwanger@foxrothschild.com.

Beth Or EVENTS



Impact Collection Drive

Sunday, April 24 – 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

The Impact truck will be back in our Beth Or parking lot to collect gently used clothing, linens, shoes, handbags, accessories, costume jewelry, books, CDs and DVDs. They also collect electronics, computers and printers. Please support this Beth Or Sisterhood fundraiser by bringing your donations to the synagogue.

Special Events

Rabbi's Tish and Shabbat Dinner

April 1 at 7 pm

Following Kabbalat Shabbat, join Cantor Green for a Shabbat dinner and discussion based on the Torah portion or a topic of his choice. Dinner is \$18 per person. RSVP to Barb Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org.

Six13 Concert!

April 17 at 7 pm



Six13 is a Jewish A Cappella group and national phenomenon on the internet (with over 5 million views on YouTube) and in traditional media, with numerous appearances on national television and on mainstream radio across the globe. Check out their videos at www.six13.com and then join us for this special event. A suggested \$10 donation per person is appreciated.

Join Our Walk Against Hate Team Today! Sunday, May 15 at 8:30 am at the Philadelphia Navy Yard

The 6th Annual Walk Against Hate is sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). This event is a major fundraiser for the ADL. The funds raised are used to support its programming intended to stop defamation of the Jewish people and secure justice and fair treatment for all people. In addition to the walk, there is a Diversity Expo, live music and food trucks.

For more information about this event, contact Austin Faberman at Austin.faberman@gmail.com. You can register for the event on-line at www.walkagainsthate.org. When you register, look for the Beth Or team and join us!



SAVE THE DATE

11th Annual Oy Vey 5K/10K and 1 Mile Walk Sunday, June 5 at 8:30 am



Our incredibly popular 5K/10K race is back again at Beth Or! This year, we are raising money for Beth Or and STARS After School Program.

Registration will soon be available on www.runtheday.com and the Beth Or website. The 5K and 10K races are both chip-timed on a certified course. There are water stops along the way and t-shirts for everyone who registers by May 16. Limited t-shirts will be available on race day. Medals will be given to the top 3 winners of 10 year age brackets in both races. Finishing awards will be given to everyone! There will also be great food and family activities for all participants and spectators.

Sponsorships are available now. Contact Elisa Heisman in the Beth Or office for details. We look forward to seeing you there!

Robert & Molly Apter Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat

April 15-16

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Andrea L. Weiss, Ph.D.

Shabbat Sermon: "How Is This Night Different Than All Others? Feminist Perspectives on the Exodus"

Each year on Passover, we recite the story of the Exodus. We will explore how women are adding new insights to this ancient tale and, as a result, making the holiday more meaningful for all of us today.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study: "Who Knows Ten? The Evolution of the Ten Plagues"

We will uncover an early tradition of 7 plagues preserved in the Psalms and figure out how these texts relate to the story of the 10 plagues found in the Torah and the Hagaddah.

Shabbat Morning: D'var Torah and Shabbat service in the Jayne Haines Memorial Chapel

Shabbat Lunch: "New Resources to Enrich Your Seder"

Looking for new readings or conversation topics to add to your seder? We will read passages from *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* related to the holiday that you can incorporate into your seder.

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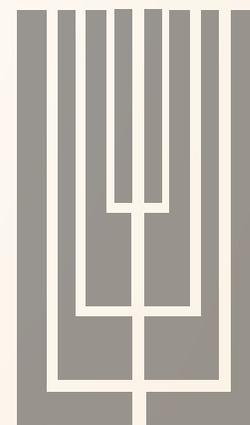
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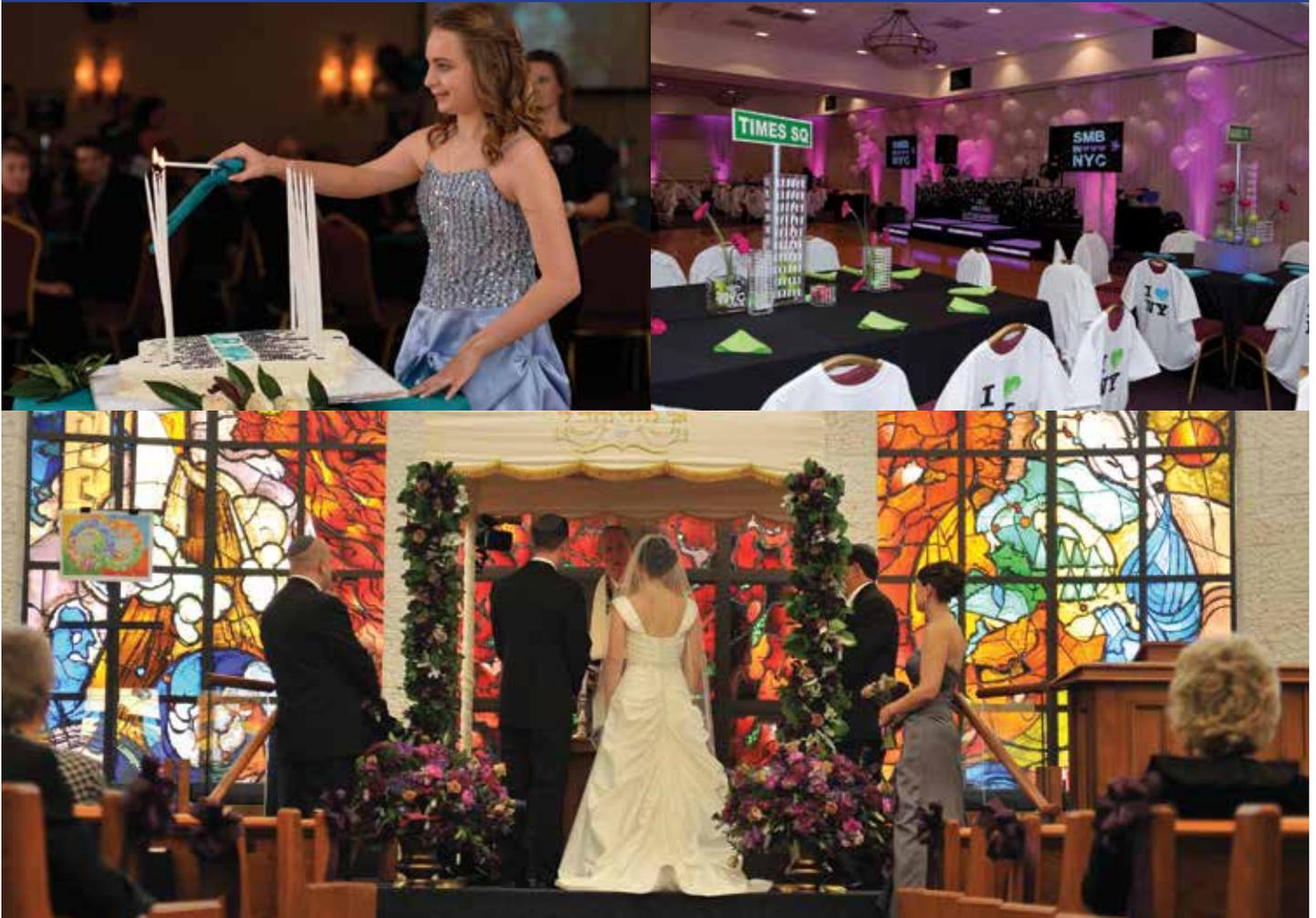
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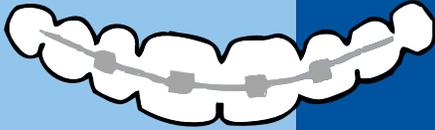
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