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May Worship Schedule

Friday, May 3 Shabbat Aharei Mot

7:00 pm Shabbat Worship Service honoring Rabbi Gregory & Laurie Marx followed by a special Dessert Oneg

Saturday, May 4

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Hailey Alt, daughter of Jonathan Alt and Debbie Marshall

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Chase Baratz, son of Todd and Ellyn Baratz

7:00 pm Gala Dinner honoring Rabbi Gregory & Laurie Marx (Tickets required.)

Sunday, May 5

9:00 am Religious School Israel Carnival. Celebrate Yom H'atzmaut with Rabbi Gregory & Laurie Marx and their love of Israel. All are welcome.

Friday, May 10 Shabbat Kedoshim

7:30 pm Shabbat Zimriyah Worship, a more musical Shabbat Service with additional songs & musicians.

Saturday, May 11

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Burnstine, son of Lawrence Ira Burnstine and Faith Perri Burnstine

9:30 am Torah Study

10:45 am Extended Torah Study with rabbinic intern, Julia Jankovitz Pastor

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B'not Mitzvah of Aviva Kutznits, daughter of Tamir and Jennifer Kuznits and Carlie Nydick, daughter of Mindy Adis and Corey Nydick

Friday, May 17 Shabbat Emor

6:00 pm Shabbat Dinner Honoring Chai members

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship Honoring Chai Members

Saturday, May 18

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Josh Wagner, son of Rob and Amy Wagner

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Jaclyn Lieberman, daughter of Adam and Mary Lieberman

Friday, May 24 Shabbat Behar

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship

Saturday, May 25

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Levy, son of Adam and Julia Levy

Friday, May 31 Shabbat B'hukotai

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship

June Worship Schedule

Saturday, June 1

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Seth Boas, son of Michael and Michael Boas

Friday, June 7 Shabbat B'midbar

6:30 pm Family Shabbat Worship honoring BOFTY in the Gitlin Sanctuary

6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Memorial Chapel

Saturday, June 8

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 Memorial Chapel

12:00 pm Celebrations Shabbat Program

Sunday, June 9 Shavuot

11:00 am Shavuot Worship and Confirmation followed by a Special Luncheon

12:45 pm Yizkor Service

Friday, June 14 Shabbat Naso

6:00 pm Volunteer Shabbat Dinner7:30 pm Shabbat Worship with the Installation of the Officers & Board of Trustees

Saturday, June 15

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Rayla Kratchman, daughter of Adam and Steffany Kratchman

Friday, June 21 Shabbat B'haalot'cha

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship

Friday, June 28 Shabbat Shelah Lecha

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship



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A Time to Reflect on 30 Years at Beth Or

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

Remembering when Moses spoke the following words to the congregation: "Lift up the lamps. Let seven lamps give light at the front of the community." Moses was referring to the seven-branched menorah, which was to become the symbol of the Jewish people. Our congregation's logo has changed from a 1950s style to a more contemporary one, but it remains fundamentally, a menorah, a symbol of light, community and joy.

During the past 30 years, I have tried to instill six Jewish values, which can illuminate the menorah as it did in the time of Moses.



Rabbi Gregory S. Marx

in life and to remember that we are created "B'tzelem Elohim," in the

Sanctify life and time. Life is holy and profane, ordinary and extraordinary. As

Reform Jews we can be as traditional as we yearn to be and as modern as we want to be. Being Reform must mean more than "I am Reform...I don't have to...." Our traditions are a means to encourage us to see the holiness

image of God.

From the Rabbi's Desk

As Reform Jews, we must...

Build bridges with other communities. "If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? If I am only for myself, then what am I?" The ancient Rabbi Hillel reminds us that we need to balance self-care with connection to others. Our Disaster Relief fund is but one profound example of our sincere desire to reach beyond ourselves. Love, compassion and *tzedakah* must be a two way street.

Stand with Israel. We as a Reform Jewish community must never abandon Israel. More and more liberals are having trouble reconciling their values with Israel. I would hate to see Zionism become an Orthodox phenomenon. I am a proud REFORM ZIONIST, as I hope you are. I still believe that with all her deficiencies, Israel is still a vibrant democracy with a free press, a dynamic parliament, a robust court system and religious pluralism. Israel is the best hope for the Middle East and the fulfillment of our prophet mission for justice, strength and peace.

Educate all of our community. We have a magnificent religious and early childhood center. Hundreds of children come through our doors every day, but learning is not just for the young. I will continue to work tirelessly to increase our commitment to learn, discuss, debate and grow intellectually. The Talmud sees the Torah as black fire written upon white fire that lights up our hearts, minds and souls.

Be a part of a caring and nurturing community. We are at times in our lives in need of support, caring and love. We can be so powerful, yet often very vulnerable. But facing the challenges of life together can help us navigate those troubled waters. How wonderful it is that we cook for each other, visit with each other, lead and attend shiva minyans and build a caring community. Together, we are so much stronger.

Finally, Beth Or is our sanctuary, where we **wrestle with things divine**. We have the safety to question our assumptions, search for meaning and connect with that, which is our ultimate concern. Beth Or values spiritual pursuits, thank God.

In the end, Beth Or is a menorah that upholds eternal veracities. What lights the menorah? It is the *Shamash*, which is in the center of the menorah. In my mind, you, the Beth Or community are that which brings these hallowed truths to light. Thank you for lighting the menorah with me. Thank you for BEING the light. Thank you for affording me the privilege of being your rabbi. I am humbled by and grateful for the opportunity to serve and to hopefully have had an impact on our HOUSE OF LIGHT.

Getting Involved is Rewarding

David Simon, Beth Or President

In my last Spotlight article I wrote about how time flies. Certainly with the Shabbat service on March 8 recognizing our building's B'nai Mitzvah and our celebration of Rabbi and Laurie Marx's 30th anniversary this month, I think I proved the point. But time has also flown for me. This is my last article for Spotlight as my two year term as president is ending in June. It may have been the fastest two years of my life (and quite possibly the slowest for some of the members of the Board of Trustees)! One question that I have been asked lately is "Has it been fun?" The answer is actually no, I would not describe being President as fun. The words I would use are worthwhile, rewarding, fulfilling, educational, inspirational and a lot of other positive attributes. I certainly do not have any regrets about saying "yes" six years ago. I think that with most charitable organizations, once you get



David Simon

involved you really begin to appreciate what the charity does and how much work it takes to achieve its goals. Well, Beth Or is no different. I would encourage all of our members to do just that - get involved. Join a committee, join Brotherhood or

President's Corner

Sisterhood, become a trustee, attend a lifelong learning class, or simply come to one of the many events that occur each year. I guarantee that you will be glad you did.

And in that vein, over the past two years I have written in several Spotlight articles or spoken from the *bimah* about how and why Beth Or matters. Some time ago I asked our members to email me their answer to the question "why does Beth Or matter to you"? I want to share with you some of the responses that I have received. Beth Or matters to me because:

- It is a wonderful community that cares about its fellow congregants
- It provides knowledge, personal and spiritual enrichment, joy and laughter
- It is my second home
- I appreciate the clergy and all that they do
- I love being part of the community of Beth Or
- It is part of my Jewish history
- I know I will never be alone

These seven are just a sample of the responses that I received. My guess is that these seven individuals have gotten involved with Beth Or in one way or another over the years. The depth of their responses as to why Beth Or matters is a testament to that.

Finally, since is my last opportunity to formally do so, I want to thank the many staff and fellow congregants who made the past two years such a positive experience in my life. Thank you to Rabbis Marx, Gerber and Bonder, Cantors Green and Murley for the inspiration and education you provide day in and day out. Thank you Amy, Suzanne, Genevieve, Ellen and Jill for all you do behind the scenes that keeps Beth Or going and operating like a well-oiled machine. Thank you to Aaron and Lisa and the teachers for all you do for our students and children in your care. Thank you to Josh, Gwen, Leslie, Jon, Jeff, Matt, Gary, Allan and Jodye for your service as officers and your help and advice the past two years. Thank you to the congregation's trustees who demonstrate their care and concern for Beth Or at every meeting and throughout the year. Thank you to Ira, Jennie, Amy (again), Steve, Art and the other past presidents who provided much needed advice and counsel. Thank you to all of the committee chairs and committee members who donate their time and energy to make Beth Or work for all of its members and the community at large. Thank you all.



Rabbi Jason Bonder

From the Rabbi's Desk

The Torah is not simply revealed. It must be earned.

Torah: Revealed and Earned

Rabbi Jason Bonder, Associate Rabbi

There is deep meaning in the coincidence of our 5779 Religious School year and Adult Torah Study year ending in the season of *Shavuot* — the celebration of the giving of Torah at Mount Sinai. The intertwining of these two events reminds me that Torah is not simply revealed. It must be earned.

We think of Moses as teacher par excellence, a prophet, a judge, as a leader. But here's a few that we don't often add to the list: mountain climber (Mount Sinai), mud run expert (think of what must have been underneath that sea) and even champion boxer (when he kills the Egyptian taskmaster). Yes, God gave Torah to Moses, but Moses had to brave the elements and endure physical feats so that he could get the Torah and teach it to Israel.

Families of Religious School students and Torah Study attendees, you were

like Moses this year. Hopefully you did not get into any boxing matches, but your feats were equally challenging. You schlepped your students week after week and brought them back home. You juggled schedules and you planned car pools. You made time for

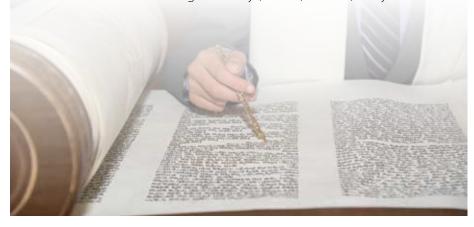
study amidst limitless other choices in our world.

From watching these students grow this year and seeing the wonderful learning that happens in our classrooms with students of all ages, I know that your efforts were not in vain. We were immersed in the words and ideas of Torah.

Of the Torah, Moses says in Deuteronomy: "It is not in the heavens that you should say 'Who among us can go up to the heavens and get it for us and impart it to us, that we may observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who among us can cross to the other side of the sea and get it for us and impart it to us, that we may observe it?"" (Deuteronomy 30:12-13)

Yes, Torah was near and dear to the Israelites, but let's remember that Moses did have to cross the sea and climb a mountain towards the heavens to get that Torah.

Torah was given to Moses at Mount Sinai, but our ancient tradition is reminding us that we all have to work very hard to acquire the revelation. Mazal tov to us all on completing another cycle of learning. May we enjoy what has been revealed to us through our hard work and dedication, and may we move towards more learning in the days, weeks, months, and years to come.



Jewish Bucket List

Cantor David Green



Cantor David Green

Many years ago, I asked my 91 year old grandmother, of blessed memory, what did she want to do from her bucket list. She told me she wanted to ride an elephant. So we went to the zoo and she rode an elephant. Not only did she have the time of her life, but we did as well, as we watched her.

Our sages teach us this is one of the seven questions we are asked when arriving at *Olam Habah* (the world to come). Our faith encourages us to enjoy the pleasures of life and try to cross off our bucket list items.

A 19th century Rabbi stated: "When I meet my Maker, God will ask: Why did you not visit the Alps?" God does not want us to delay the pleasures of life

until it is too late. For all of us, there is *Cheshbon ha-Nefesh*, an accounting of the soul. In our busy lifestyles, we all face a lot, but it is not very often that we face ourselves, as the Rabbis have suggested. May we all take the time to face ourselves and check off a bucket list item or two, even if it is an elephant ride at age 91.





Our Survey Said!

David Simon, President Josh Gottlieb, Incoming President

Last year you will remember that Beth Or conducted a congregational survey to understand how our members view Beth Or. The survey was part of an overall URJ Benchmarking project which involved over 90 congregations. In February, the



Board of Trustees met with our URJ mentor, Martin Dodd, who presented the results of the survey and assisted the Board in understanding the data, both our areas of strength and improvement. We wanted to share with you a summary of the survey results as well as the areas that we will work to improve.

First, an overview of the survey. The survey encompassed 23,381 responses from 90 congregations, 11 of which are considered "large" by URJ standards (Beth Or is one of these). Beth Or had 580 individual responses for a response rate of 51%, 13% higher than the average for all large congregations (thank you for your participation). Of those respondents, 52% were between the ages of 45-64 and almost half said they attended Shabbat services monthly or quarterly.

And now our areas of strength:

- 95% of respondents said that they would recommend Beth Or to a friend
- **73%** consider our **programming stronger** than other Jewish organizations
- 80% said that Beth Or has helped their spiritual growth
- **76%** said that Beth Or provided a **sense of community**
- 71% said that they have developed meaningful relationships with others at Beth Or
- 60% said that Beth Or has inspired more engagement with Israel
- 95% of respondents said that the professional staff (clergy and employees) made them feel welcome, while
 78% said that the volunteer leadership made them feel welcome.

The results in each of these areas were higher than the average for all other large congregations that participated. That's the good news. Now for the areas where we can do better:

- Only 40% considered themselves active in the synagogue
- Only **56%** thought that they get a **good value** for their dues
- All else being equal, only 49% said that they would make a contribution (annual appeal etc.) to Beth Or
- Less than 10% said that they would provide for Beth Or with a bequest in their estate planning
- Only **57%** said that Beth Or **thoroughly explains it's budget** to the congregation
- And finally, only 43% thought that they can influence any decisions of the synagogue

As you can see, we seem to be doing some things really well, but despite that, many members are not motivated to participate or become active, nor do they provide for Beth Or with their philanthropic decisions.

As the leaders of the congregation, we realize that we can do better in these areas. Do you want to help by getting involved? We want to make Beth Or a place where more congregants want to be active; where more feel their dues are a good value; where more donate annually and/or via a bequest; where more have a thorough understanding of the budget; and where more feel like their voices are truly heard.

If you want to play a role in how we address all of these concerns, please contact either President David Simon, dsimon@EBL-S.com, or incoming President Josh Gottlieb, joshualeegotlieb@gmail.com, or any member of the Board of Trustees. With your help, we can use this survey as a springboard for real and positive change. THANK YOU!!



Important School Dates

Sunday, May 5

One session, Israel Carnival

Tuesday, May 7

Israel Games

Sunday, May 12

No School--Mother's Day

Monday, May 13

Last Monday

Monday, May 13

Academy BBQ

Tuesday, May 14

Last Tuesday

Sunday, May 19

Last Sunday

Religious School **NEWS**

Thank you for a great year!

Aaron Nielsenshultz, Director of Religious School

Just like that, another Religious School year comes to a close! Our last Monday/Tuesday days are May 13 and 14, with May 19 being our last Sunday. We have three amazing events still to come in May, so mark your calendars:

May 5: Celebrating Israel in Honor of Rabbi and Laurie Marx

Rabbi and Laurie Marx have been champions of Israel for their entire careers, so we're combining our *Yom*

Ha'atzmaut celebration with the Rabbi and Laurie Marx's tribute weekend. All students will come to early session for an Israel fair, with programs, events, and fun for everyone.



Aaron Nielsenshultz



May 7: Israel Games

Beth Or is thrilled to host the 2nd Annual Israel Games, where Hebrew schools from our area will all come to Beth Or for an afternoon of Israel/Hebrew-themed field-day style games. This event was enormously popular and fun last year, and we're thrilled to repeat it this year! Students should arrive by 4:30 pm to get started.

May 19: Last Day of School for 5779!

As usual, we'll have an ice cream truck sponsored by Brotherhood and sing-alongs as well as our awards and end-of-year slide show, all from 9 am – 10:30 am





Confirmation Service Sunday, June 9, 2019/6 Sivan 5779 at 11 am

Beth Or Confirmation Class Of 2019 - 5779

We congratulate our confirmands on their achievement in reaching their spiritual goal and recognize their passion and dedication to living a vibrant and committed Jewish life.

Julia Danielle Boas

Michael & Michelle Boas

Samantha Burstein

Evan & Randi Burstein

Sammy Caplan

Jimmy & Alyson Caplan

Seth Faberman

Austin Faberman & Heather Rossman

Noah Sam Fechter

Gary & Debbie Fechter

Madeline Eden Gamburg

Donald & Amy Gamburg

Grant Parker Geisler

Drew & Tracy Geisler

Scott Gilman

Jill & Howard Altman & David Gilman

Michelle Gladstone

Adam & Marne Gladstone

Alyssa Lauren Guziewicz

Richard & Shani Guziewicz

Lindsey Horowitz

Michael & Sheri Horowitz

Ryan Scott Kempner

Larry & Sue Kempner

Elias G. Kilshaw

Graham & Rebecca Kilshaw

Rachael Kisver

Joshua & Stacie Kisver

Paige Klein

Michael & Cheryl Klein

Max Lasdon

Alan & Cari Lasdon

Bobby Lynam

Bob & Laura Lynam

Dylan M. Mandel

Rick & Lauren Mandel & Jennifer & Ryan Copenhaver

Jamie Lynn Marks

Jonathan & Leah Marks

Avery Miller

Mike & Cori Miller

Jordyn Elana Miller

Jarret & Lisa Miller

Melissa Miller

Jonathan & Sari Miller

Aidan Nadell

Jordan & Amy Nadell

Lauren Madison Naselsky

Michael & Suzanne Naselsky

Sara Shorr

Scott & Jennifer Shorr

Benjamin Sirota

Mark & Michelle Sirota

Emma Nicole Solnick

Mindy C. Levin & Jay Solnick

Lily Solomon

Don & Karyn Solomon

Justin Louis Weiss

Lawrence Weiss & Stephanie Sweet

Kira Faith Wiener

Stewart Wiener & Kathy Kersul-Wiener

Jessica Sloan Wolfe

Richard & Charla Wolfe

Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi Jason Bonder, Associate Rabbi David Green, Cantor David Simon, President Amy S. Abrams, Executive Director Aaron Nielsenshultz, Director of Religious School

Summertime is Always the Best of What Might Be

Lisa Yoskowitz, Early Childhood Director

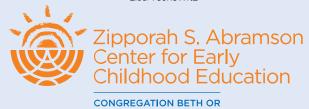
We are a society with a "season forward" mentality. So for that reason alone, it's certainly not too soon to ask the burning question: "What are your children doing this summer?" Parents of young children seem to wrestle with the idea of summer camp. But camp is not just for the older sect. There are so many benefits to going to day camp during the preschool years. Here are just a few:

Structure

The transition from laid-back, flexible days at home with a parent or caretaker to the relative structure of a classroom environment can be challenging. Summer camp can introduce kids to concepts like following a schedule, learning group rules, taking responsibility for their belongings (backpack and lunchbox), and getting along with other children in a group setting.



Lisa Yoskowitz



Independence

Summer camp can also be a great "practice run" for kids who don't have a lot of experience being away from Mom and Dad. After all, being dropped off for a day full of fun and friends might seem a little less daunting for kids (and their parents) than going to the first day of school.

Skills

Camp is a great way to introduce your preschooler to new activities and skills. Many day camps include water play. Other camps may focus on specific sports, like soccer or dance. Your children will have fun while practicing important skills like teamwork, coordination, self-confidence and learning and following rules. They might even enjoy the new activity enough to continue it beyond summer camp.

Social

Camp is also a wonderful opportunity to introduce your child to a whole new group of friends. Young kids sometimes have limited peer group exposure—their social circle may only include a handful of friends from daycare, a play group or their neighborhood. Summer camp, like school, allows children to practice making friends and it also gives children the freedom to make friends independently, instead of just making friends based on convenience or proximity.

Unplug From Technology

It is easy for television, video games, and social media to consume a child's day. At summer camp, kids "unplug", tuning back into nature, friends, and the world around them.

And with all those great reasons to enroll in camp, why not choose the camp that is right here at Beth Or! Camp Chaverim is the place to be this summer! This summer's theme is "Travel the World" and we are looking forward to "visiting" all seven continents and experiencing different themed events each week. So please stop by the CECE office to sign up for a great summer camp experience for your child.



Register Now for Summer 2019! Summer fun for kids 3 months – 5 years starts June 24th!

Theme Weeks In-ground Wading Pool Music Nature Crafts Sports
Community Gardening Shabbat And More!

Pick up a registration form and camp calendar in the Early Childhood Center office or visit www.bethor.org/learn/early-childhood-3mo-k/camp-chaverim.

For additional information contact Lisa Yoskowitz, *lyoskowitz@bethor.org*, 215-646-8869.



Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah Students

Hailey AltMay 4

For my Mitzvah project I will be supporting the **Home At Last Dog Rescue**, a non-profit, all-volunteer rescue organization whose goal is to help save the lives of homeless dogs from high-kill shelters, and takes in owner-surrender dogs that need new homes. Home At Last provides



foster homes for homeless dogs until they are adopted, striving to match each dog with the right family. Home At Last has helped over 10,348 dogs find new homes. I chose to support this organization because I love animals, especially dogs, and I can't bear the thought of dogs being mistreated or abandoned. There are several ways to donate to this worthy cause. First, you can adopt an adorable dog or volunteer to be a foster family. Second, you can make a financial donation on the Home At Last website at https://www.homeatlastdogrescue.com/ or send an email to HomeAtLastDogRescue@yahoo.com.

Chase Baratz May 4

For my Bar Mitzvah project I decided to work on cleaning up the environment. I worked with the **Warrington Township Environmental Advisory Council** on Earth Day. The reason I picked this event is because I feel that our environment is currently undergoing



many changes as a result of global warming. There are more storms, hurricanes, and tornadoes than in the past and the storms are more violent and destructive. We all need to do our part to help reduce the impact of global warming on our society. So, last April I worked with my Dad and I went to IPW Park and Lower Nike Park to help with planting trees, picking up trash and removing rocks. I also helped build a bird house to feed the birds during the winter when food is scarce.

Joshua Burnstine May 11

For my Mitzvah Project I'm raising money and collecting much-needed supplies to support the

Bucks County SPCA.

While I'm only one 12 year old kid, I have been working on my



Mitzvah Project for years now. I spend time during summer vacations on the beach raising money selling Lemonade for the SPCA. I feel strongly that just one person can make a difference. "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not!" SO with that in mind....

A few ways you can help this amazing cause: Visit www.bcspca.org to make a monetary donation. You can drop off donations to Joshua Burnstine's Mitzvah Project in a box in the CECE Lobby. Items needed are: gift cards to Pet Smart, Purina Dog or Cat food in wet or dry, doggie waste disposable bags, Tidy Cat unscented non-clumping clay litter, collars, laundry detergent, Windex, Lysol Floor Cleaner, liquid hand soap and dish soap, paper towels, blankets, Dog and Cat toys. I would like to leave you with this thought, "Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple".

Carlie Nydick May 11

I am raising awareness for **ALS** in honor of my softball pitching coach. ALS is a debilitating disease and I hope that there will be a cure one day. To raise awareness and tie it to my love of softball and pitching, I am enlisting people to make a donation per



strikeout to ALS for the 2019 season. I look forward to making a big donation to ALS in honor of my inspirational coach, Greg. If you would like to support me in my goal of helping ALS research, please email *cfnydick@verizon.net* to make a pledge per strikeout for the 2019 season.

Josh Wagner

May 18

For my Bar Mitzvah project I am raising money for **Home at Last Dog Rescue**. There are many dogs that are homeless, suffering in high-kill shelters, as well as owner-surrender dogs that need a new home. Home at Last pulls dogs from various shelters and provides foster homes until the



dogs can be adopted. Home at Last needs donations to help pay for medical expenses and to foster the dogs. I had a bake sale to raise money for the dogs at Home at Last Dog Rescue. Anyone who wishes to learn more or wants to donate can go to homeatlastdogrescue.com.

Jaclyn Lieberman May 18

What does the phrase giving back mean? I have heard this phrase many times. So for my Bat Mitzvah project, I decided to give back by donating my time every Sunday at the **Abramson Center** during the Shema Services. During this time, I was able to speak and listen to the residents about



events in their lives. We would play games and do arts and crafts together. They were happy to share their Bar and Bat Mitzvah memories with me. I will also be donating Bat Mitzvah money to "One Hope" to help feed hungry children in the United States.

Nathan Levy May 25

For my Mitzvah project, I volunteered for an amazing organization called **Manna on Main Street** located in Lansdale, PA. Manna is a food pantry and soup kitchen that provides educational opportunities by serving those in need. Manna's mission is committed to ending hunger in



the North Penn region by providing food, fulfilling social service and educational needs and conducting community outreach. During my time volunteering at Manna I worked in their stock room, in their soup kitchen and at their market. I sorted and packed food items and baby diapers. I also helped serve a meal and helped shoppers select food items in their market. What I enjoyed the most was serving adults and kids a meal in the soup kitchen. Many different people enjoy the benefits of

Manna's services. Please consider donating your time or resources to this wonderful organization. More details can be found at: https://mannaonmain.org/. Manna is helping many families and individuals in need and they do this with kindness, compassion and respect. It is with hope "that everyone might be fed."

Seth Boas

June 1

For my Mitzvah Project I decided to help the people who put their lives in danger by protecting us every day. I very much appreciate the **Upper Dublin Volunteer Fire Department** and **Upper Dublin Police Department** for their bravery, selflessness and heart. I wanted to do my part in trying to



give a little back to them. So, twice a month I have been baking goods and delivering them to the stations. My favorite thing was sharing the treats and getting to know the firefighters and police officers. In this small way, I'm able to show them how much I appreciate their service.

Rayla Kratchman June 15

For my Mitzvah project I chose the **Mitzvah Circle Foundation**. The reason I chose the Mitzvah Circle is because I am able I help a lot of different people of different religions with the basic needs for survival to get them through the rough times of their lives. As



a Junior Ambassador, I am in charge of packing bags with items that people need. I organize the boxes and I write a letter to let the recipients know that special care was taken when picking out these items. Each month I focused on a specific item that was lacking. For the month of February I collected coats and for the month of March I collected shoes. Currently, for the month of April, I'm asking for school supplies. My Mom also did a fundraiser for her birthday to raise money to help the Foundation. In addition to items, money can be donated to mitzvahcircle.org. I've donated over 10 hours this year and plan on doing many more. I really enjoyed being in charge of picking out and gathering the items that are needed

The Joy of Jewish Camp

Jillian Peskin, Director of Member & Youth Engagement

As you may know, things (sort of) slow down here in the summer, giving me the great opportunity to visit our Beth Or kids and staff at URJ Camp Harlam in the Poconos! We are sending over 30 of our members to be campers and staff at Harlam this summer. I take 2 – 4 day trips to have lunch and pal around with all of our camp people. Last summer Aaron Nielsenshultz & I also visited Pinemere Camp down the road from Harlam. Pinemere is a JCC Camp and we have 6 Beth Or kids who call it their summer home!

This summer, Rabbi Bonder and his family will spend the first two weeks of first session at camp. Aaron will also be there on faculty during the second half of first session. We are so lucky to have such a rich community partnership with Camp Harlam!

Many of our camp families are second or even third generation Camp Harlam families. Jewish camp is such a meaningful gift to give your children. Did you know that at Beth Or we give out many scholarships specifically for Jewish camping? The next time you make a donation to Beth Or, consider gifting the sacred tradition of Jewish camp through our Jewish Camp Scholarship Fund in Memory of Elsie & Herb Axler. Your gift will help ensure the livelihood of the Jewish people and Jewish traditions!



Jillian Peskin



Are you considering sending your child to camp? Contact our own Rachel Steinberg — Assistant Director at URJ Camp Harlam, *rsteinberg@urj.org*, with any questions you may have or to schedule a tour while camp is in session!

If your child or staff member will be there this summer — please look for photos on our Beth Or Facebook page.

L'shalom and see you at Camp!









SONGLEADING 101



Jaime Murley



Cantor Jaime Murley, Junior Choir Director

So, here's a fun fact: Singing in front of people is not my favorite thing to do. You are probably thinking: What a crazy thing for a cantor to say! But let me explain....Singing in front of people is not my favorite thing to do, however I LOVE inspiring others to connect to Judaism through music, and encouraging them to sing WITH me! To me, that is the greatest gift I receive from being a cantor. Our sanctuary is a beautiful space, but there's nothing like everyone joining together in song in our beautiful cozy chapel. The closeness of the space and the acoustics of the room are very forgiving, giving even the shyest of singers enough anonymity to let it all out. When everyone "lets it all out," I can honestly say it is the most beautiful sound in the whole world! It's especially fun when I bring in a new melody and everyone latches on, as if they've been singing the song their entire lives! It's times like those when I just know I have the best job!

Thank you Beth Or for bringing me so much joy!

This year I had the pleasure of training some young musicians in the art of songleading, as I described in the paragraph above. It requires a love of Judaism, some knowledge of Hebrew, a bit of musicianship, and lots of eye contact. Growing up, I never knew about songleading because I never went to Jewish camps. In fact, I never led songs until I

accidentally started teaching Jewish music at a synagogue in my early 20's. Once I started, I knew I didn't want to stop. In the beginning, I had some help, but most of what I learned was due to trial and error in front of a classroom. Fast forward twenty years, and now I have lots of little successful tricks up my sleeve that I am so excited to share!

My hope in teaching this class was to teach the skills one needs to be a successful songleader so that they too, could know the true joy of songleading. I had three students — Sammy Salin, Ellee Segal, and Micah Margolis. They shadowed me in Religious School music classes, first watching me teach a few classes, and then trying to teach the same songs themselves, using the teaching techniques they saw me use. It was great for the kindergarten through sixth graders to see other students loving and teaching Jewish music, and it was great for our songleaders to have a safe spot to try out their new skills. It has been amazing to watch these young people develop over the year. I have definitely seen the joy flash across their faces when they saw that they too, could encourage others to sing along.

Now that Sammy, Ellee, and Micah have done such a great job songleading in front of the classroom, it's time for them to try their skills in front of the congregation at Shabbat services. So, keep an eye out for these fabulous young people at services, and don't forget to sing along!!! Your voices and inviting faces may be inspiring a budding future cantor! If you think you would like to learn how to be a songleader, please reach out to me at <code>jmurley@bethor.org</code> so that you can get involved! In the meantime, don't be shy and keep on singing! There's no such thing as a bad voice when it is supported with RUACH (spirit)!







May is Mental Health Month

In recognition of Mental Health Month, this column is dedicated to the three tenets of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness): Educate, Support and Advocate. We want to help remove the stigma associated with mental illness and familiarize you with the resources that NAMI Montgomery County offers.

Educate – Free programming is provided throughout the community.

- **NAMI Basics** was developed for parents and family caregivers of children with emotional and behavioral difficulties to help them understand the illnesses that are at the root of their children's challenges and to learn the critical role that they play in their treatment.
- NAMI Family-to-Family was designed for family and friends who want to be there for their loved ones with a serious mental illness.
- **NAMI Ending the Silence** gives middle school and high school students a better understanding of mental illness. It teaches the warning signs for themselves and their friends.
- **NAMI In Our Own Voice** provides a personal perspective of mental health conditions, as leaders with lived experience talk openly about what it's like to have a mental health condition.

Support – Peer-led support groups reinforce the message 'you are not alone.'

- NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group
- NAMI Family Support Group

Advocate - NAMI's efforts are driven by the notion that 'nothing about us without us.'

• The website, **www.namimontcopa.org** informs and highlights current public policy issues at the local, state and federal levels that impact mental and behavioral health.

NAMI Montgomery County is located at 100 West Main Street, Suite 204, in Lansdale. Executive Director Abby Grasso may be reached at 215-361-7784 or cell 215-872-0821.

Shabbat – Friday, May 24

Rabbi Bonder will share and inspire us with biblical text as it relates to mental health. NAMI representatives look forward to meeting members of our community on this Shabbat.

Susy Krimker, Social Action Chair, susykrimker@gmail.com Margie Chachkin, Social Action Vice-Chair, chachkin@aol.com

A Message from a NFTY Board Member

My name is Robbie Newman and I serve as the Membership Vice President for NFTY-PAR. I recently had the opportunity to attend the NFTY Convention in Dallas, Texas to represent Congregation Beth Or. The event was an amazing experience filled with teen leadership development opportunities, new friends, traditions, celebrations, singing, dancing, laughing, adventure, social action and prayer. Attendees were able to hear motivational speakers such as David Hogg and participate in programing



throughout the Dallas Fort Worth area. The event was a lot of fun and allowed me to connect with other Jewish teens from all over the country. We also got to pass new legislation on the North American level and elect the next NFTY North American Board. These awesome experiences made NFTY Convention 2019 the ultimate NFTY event!



Dan Fuchs

I am blessed to have grown up in a family that has, for generations, quietly supported its communities.

Among the many things that my grandparents did and supported, was the early championing of interfaith and inter-cultural relations, founding an organization that brought together different religions and races to celebrate our commonalities and understand our differences in order to build a better world.

Too countless are the opportunities that my parents have provided to underprivileged children and families. An organization that they were instrumental in starting is a summer enrichment program for high school students in at-risk communities. The program has provided hundreds of high schoolers with summer programs on college campuses that help them work towards post-secondary education.

In addition to the multiple organizations that his family supports daily, my brother leads a national non-profit that trains and places guide dogs for the blind. His family has raised two dogs currently in the system. His volunteer activities are 24/7.

My uncle's family is in the process of transforming a blighted part of their city. The public/private venture that he started is bringing new housing, a fresh grocery, a new elementary school and jobs to a community that others thought was beyond repair. The Northside is now a model for other towns looking for ways to improve the quality of life for their neighbors with inclusion in a process without displacing them from their homes.



Operation Brotherly Love was started by our cousin, who, along with some friends, wanted to help less fortunate kids get holiday gifts. More than 10 years later, 5,000 volunteers annually greet 650 families and 2,000 kids for a day of fun that also provides winter coats and holiday gifts for the families.

Beth Or, and the greater Jewish community, has provided us with many opportunities to give back. I am in awe of the volunteer work of countless Beth Or members and am appreciative that my family and I can participate in some of those events. In addition, my role as Chair of the Camp Harlam Council allows me to give back to the Harlam community that I have been a part of for over 50 years and to a camp that has provided a safe, inclusive home to nearly 1,000 children each summer.

I also have enjoyed getting to know members of the North Penn Mosque and Bethlehem Baptist Church through our interfaith outreach programs. The recent events that have occurred in places of worship of all three of our religions underscores the value of being part of a greater community that stands together in good times and in bad.

Beth Or **Brotherhood**

Rivers Need Springs

Allan Posner, Brotherhood President



Allan Posner



It is hard to believe that almost two years ago I set out on a nautical course along unchartered waters as President of Brotherhood. There are many people to thank and Brotherhood would not be where we are today without our dedicated volunteers. Many thanks to my First Vice President, Eric Vogel. He was a good listener, offered meaningful advice and spearheaded successful Annual Dinners. Bob Rosin, our Service Vice President, was always there for coin counting, Brotherhood at the Phillies, condolence cards, wine sales and more. Doug Burtnick, our secretary, never missed a beat and recorded all our meetings for future review. Lastly, thanks to Phil Goodman, the best Treasurer a President could have. Brotherhood is stronger because of all of your volunteer efforts.

Our group traveled along many new waterways these past two years. We enlisted Dave Kravitt to help us get our Constant Contact on line. Better communication and colorful event flyers meant better attendance along with the ability to reach out to as many congregants as possible. Stu Briefer handled our communications and Red Cross Blood Drive events and they were all a sellout. Our new Annual Dinner and Fundraiser led by Eric Vogel saw large crowds as Joe Conklin and Vince Papale wowed us. Bob Simon led Brotherhood Shabbat each year along with a Man of the year Dinner and a new Brotherhood sponsored synagogue Oneg. Marty Tarabar brought a new concept of ordering Passover wine from Kosherwine.com directly to your door. Our Car Show under the direction of Bob Cohen drew a record 70 entrants. Bob Rosin was ever present waiving his USHER paddle every High Holiday along with his minions. Evan Segal, a new member, handled New Member initiatives. We greeted your students with a Welcome Back

Breakfast and said goodbye with our annual Ice Cream Sunday. Our group sponsored countless events such as brunches and holiday Beer Gardens along with our yearend Southern BBQ and Beer Bash open to the entire congregation, youth events, prayer books, essay contest and so much more.

All of these rivers needed springs to feed them. Every member of Brotherhood gave endlessly like springs feeding rivers to make Beth Or a congregation everyone can be proud of. Yasher Koach!

Join us for our final event of the year as we again celebrate on June 5 at our annual Southern BBQ and Beer Bash **2019.** All congregants welcome. Register Now! Please RSVP on the synagogue website RSVP Portal under Brotherhood events.

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Beth Or Sisterhood

A Thank You Note To the Wonderful Women of Beth Or

Jodye Green, Sisterhood President

I can't believe that my term as Sisterhood president will soon come to an end. I look back on the past two years with profound gratitude and appreciation for the assistance, guidance and support given to me by so many in the Beth Or community.

I am lucky to have been surrounded by so many strong leaders in Sisterhood. Thank you to Lori Motis who made the actual phone call, asking me to get involved and become 3rd Vice President during her term as Sisterhood President. I am most appreciative of Marilyn Ackerman and Ellen Mirbach, who, at that time, were 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents. They welcomed me to our Sisterhood Board and have continued to lend guidance and support along the way.

I cannot say enough wonderful things about Lynn Edelman. She is one of the most kindhearted people I know and is an amazing editor. She always takes my writing to the next level and for that I am truly grateful. Abby Gilbert is a true leader. She continues to teach and inspire and I am lucky to call her my friend. All these women are Sisterhood Past Presidents, each of whom has offered support these past two years; I am so fortunate to follow in the footsteps of some of Beth Or's greatest female leaders.

When it comes to leadership and support, there's none better than Amy Abrams. Thank you for always making yourself available; your insight and resourcefulness are invaluable. The Beth Or office staff is second to none. I am thankful for all you do for Sisterhood and for the larger part you play in making Beth Or the amazing place it is. Judy Trias, thank you for everything you do for Sisterhood.



Jodye Green



Many thanks to the current Sisterhood Board. I am proud of the work we have done and appreciate each of you! A special shout out to Sandi Byron. Thank you for always lending an ear. I love our time together! The biggest shout out of all goes to my daughter, Morgan, who is my biggest supporter, my voice of reason and the greatest person I know!

It has been a pleasure to serve as Sisterhood President and I am proud of the work we have accomplished together.

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Beth Or **Events**

ADULT PROGRAMS

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 about three 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

Artist - John Westcott

Opening Reception: Friday, May 10 during Oneg Shabbat

Exhibiting through June 12

The Olitsky Gallery presents an exhibit featuring the work of John Westcott, watercolor artist. John lives in Ambler, and his passion is painting, drawing and photographing old buildings and streetscapes in small towns and urban areas. He is fascinated by old buildings; the things they have seen and the stories they could tell. For additional information, contact Karen Liebman, 215-975-7555.



Artist – Hillary Wagner

Opening Reception: Friday, June 14 during

Oneg Shabbat Exhibiting through September 11

The Olitsky Gallery is thrilled to present the beautiful photography of Beth Or's Hillary Wagner. Hillary's wonderful photography of wildlife and natural beauty will capture your imagination and will be on display throughout the summer!



BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD EVENTS

One Book One Jewish Community Wednesday, May 1 • 7:30 pm – 9 pm

Aaron Nielsenshultz will lead a discussion of the book, The Last Watchman of Old Cairo, by Michael David Lucas. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to all, but RSVP is required to Ellen Mirbach, semirbach@gmail.com.

Ecumenical Luncheon

Thursday, May 23 • 12 pm - 3 pm

Beth Or Sisterhood hosts the Wissahickon Faith Community's 29th Annual Ecumenical Luncheon. Women of all faiths will join together to enjoy a festive buffet lunch and inspiring program featuring Rabbi Marx who will speak about "Non-Jews who helped create the State of Israel". This event is open to all women. RSVP to Ellen Mirbach, semibach@gmail.com by May 16. Contact Lori Motis, lorimotis@aol.com or Janet Katz, boccakatz@aol.com for more information.

Sisterhood Dinner and Theater at Act II Playhouse

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

Join Sisterhood for an entertaining night out in Ambler! Start the evening with dinner at Fireside Bar & Grille and then head to Act II Playhouse to watch Café Puttanesca, a riotous musical comedy. You can sign up for one or both events. Cost: Dinner – \$22/person (special menus will be available); Theater ticket – \$38/person; both - \$60/person. Payment can be made by check, placed in the Sisterhood mailbox or at any Sisterhood meeting. Invite your friends! This event is open to the public. RSVP by May 15 to Ellen Mirbach, semirbach@amail.com.

BBQ & Beer Bash

Wednesday, June 5 • 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

All Beth Or men and women age 21+ are invited to join Brotherhood & Sisterhood as we welcome summer with a fun night on the Café Patio. Taste mouth-watering BBQ delights provided by Infinity Caterers along with a great selection of beer and wine from the Brotherhood Beer Garden! Cost: \$18/members; \$25/non-members.



Advanced reservation required by June 3 using the website RSVP portal or https://bob-bbq2019.eventbrite.com. Or, drop off a check in the Brotherhood mailbox in the Beth Or office.

Brotherhood Night at the Phillies

Monday, June 10 • 7:05 pm

Join Brotherhood at Citizen's Bank ballpark to watch the Philadelphia Phillies take on the Arizona Diamondbacks. Ticket cost: \$25/1 seat or \$49/2 seats. Contact Bob Rosin, 215-641-0505 or *rosinroberta@aol.com* to purchase your tickets now before they run out!



SPECIAL EVENTS

Celebrate 30 Years with Rabbi Gregory and Laurie Marx

Shabbat Worship Friday, May 3 • 7 pm

The community is invited for a special Shabbat service and Oneg honoring Rabbi & Laurie with surprise guest speakers. Due to this special occasion, the service time has been moved to 7 pm and there is no Family or Kabbalat service this week.

Gala Dinner Saturday, May 4 • 7 pm

Dine and dance the night away with Rabbi & Laurie during our annual fundraiser. **This** event requires tickets and is sold out.

Religious School Israel Carnival Sunday, May 5 • 9 am – 10:45 am

All families are encouraged to help us celebrate the Marx's love of Israel and Yom Ha'Atzmaut! Enjoy a fun, Israel-themed festival of the five senses, culminating with a commemorative gift presentation from our students to Rabbi & Laurie.



Israel Movie Night at the Ambler Theater

Thursday, May 9 • 7:30 pm

The Israel Committee and Sisterhood invite you to come to the Ambler Theater and watch The Unorthodox, the Philadelphia Israeli Film Festival pick of the year! This film was sold out at the Philly festival. A discussion led by Rabbi Marx follows the movie. Tickets are \$15/person and may be purchased from Genevieve in the Beth Or office, or at the Ambler Theater box office. This event is open to all.



Philadelphia Regional Jewish Adult Choir Concert

Sunday, May 19, 3 pm - 6 pm

Beth Or is hosting a regional concert featuring ten Reform adult choirs performing secular and Jewish music. The Beth Or Adult Choir, under the direction of Roland Woehr, will both host and perform. This program is open to the public. \$5/ person donation is requested. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Israel Bonds Tribute Reception Tuesday, June 11 • 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Israel Bonds, Congregation Beth Or & Tiferet Bet Israel are supporting Israel at this annual event to be held at TBI this year. Honorees are David Simon (Beth Or) and Emily & Howie Cutler (TBI). Guest speaker Nadav Kidron, CEO & President of Oramed Pharmaceuticals, is an international lecturer on Israel's entrepreneurial culture and the country's roots as an oasis of innovative ideas. Couvert: \$40/person (non-tax deductible) includes dinner and dessert. Call or email Sharon Richman at Israel Bonds, Sharon.Richman@IsraelBonds.com, 267-443-2005 to RSVP, or use the website RSVP Portal to register online by June 5.





UPCOMING CONGREGATION MEETINGS

All congregants are invited to the following meetings. Look for an email with details to come to your inbox in advance.

Board of Trustees – Vote on 2019/20 Budget Wednesday, May 8 • 7 pm

Annual Meeting – Vote on Officers and Trustees Wednesday, June 12 • 7 pm



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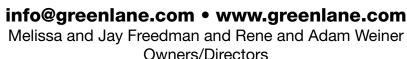






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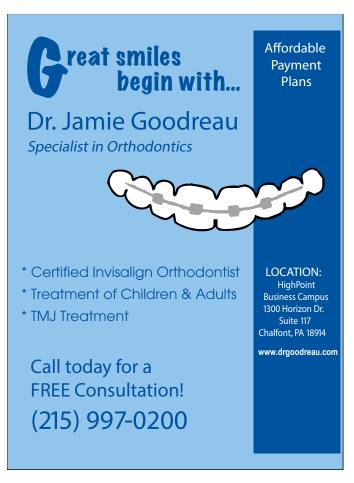


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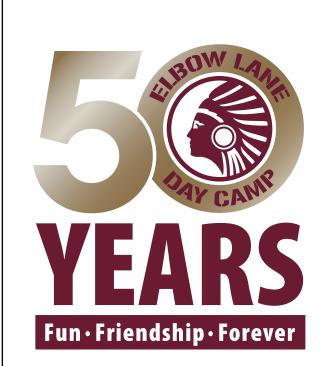
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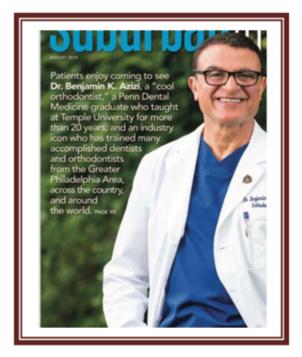
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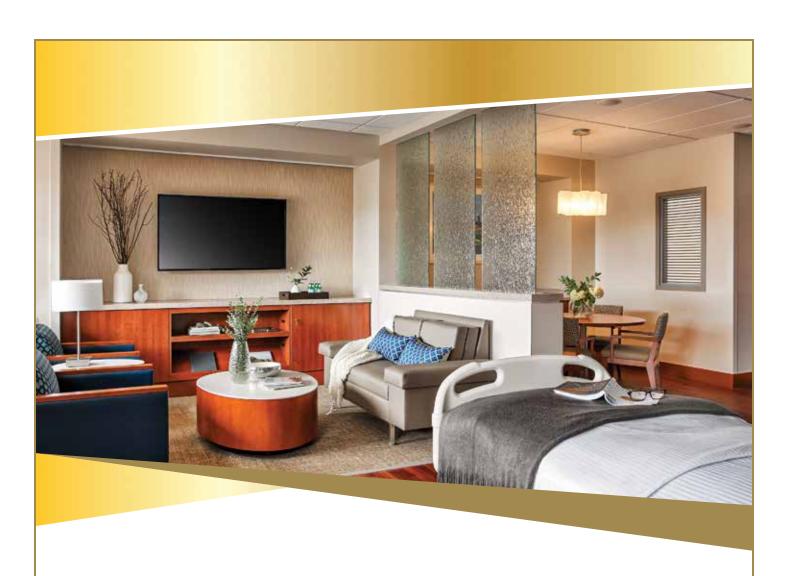
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