Happy Chanukah!

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Saturday, November 7
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11 am – Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Bobby Lynam, son of Bob and Laura Lynam

Friday, November 13 • Shabbat Toledot
7 pm – Celebrations Shabbat Worship in the Herzfeld Library
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Saturday, November 14
9 am – Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Elias Kilshaw, son of Graham and Rebecca Kilshaw
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Friday, November 27 • Shabbat Vayishlah
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Saturday, December 4 • Shabbat Vayeshev
6 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Memorial Chapel
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Saturday, December 5
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Friday, December 18 • Shabbat Vayigash
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Friday, December 25 • Shabbat Vayehi
8 pm – Shabbat Worship in the Haines Memorial Chapel

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Schlepping Our Luggage For Thanksgiving

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

Many Americans travel over the month of November. In fact, more people travel by air for Thanksgiving than any other holiday. Did you know nine out of ten Thanksgiving holiday travelers (about 91 percent) use their cars to get where they are going? Here’s an interesting factoid: For those traveling between 50 and 99 miles (44 percent of personal vehicle trips), more travel on Thursday than Wednesday, and more return on Saturday than Sunday. For those traveling at least 100 miles (56 percent of personal vehicle trips), trips are spread almost equally throughout the Wednesday-through-Sunday travel period. If you’re going to travel by air, the heavy travel day is Wednesday, not Thursday.

Speaking of air travel, I’ve noticed there is a serious conflict being waged between the airlines. Some airlines charge their coach passengers for each checked bag. Others let you check a bag for free. On one particular flight, I was charged to bring on a carry on. As a result of these new fees, more people are not checking their bags in favor of putting them in the overhead compartments. This has created tension and competition, the likes of which can be quite disconcerting. Now, we jostle to get in the “A” group or “Boarding Group #1,” in order to stake out our territory in the overheads. It’s quite an experience. The days of Pan Am and BOAC are long gone and there is no sign that they are coming back.

This baggage issue got me thinking. Have you ever noticed that some people do in fact, bring along a great amount of psychological baggage when they visit their families for the holidays? And what’s worse, they pay a heavy price, not levied by the airlines, but in their hearts. Others bring the same amount of baggage, but don’t have to pay the fine, at all.

We all lug around baggage. If you get to a certain age, you really can’t help it. We schlep through life our disappointments, our angers, our frustrations and our sadness. Much of that comes out during holiday times. This, of course, leads to a great deal of stress.

A few things to remember for your holiday gatherings: 1] Try to be grateful for your blessings. It’s so much easier to focus on your losses, but try not to. Think about what you’ve got, not what you’ve lost. 2] Behave yourself. Just because you feel antagonism towards a member of your family, doesn’t mean you have to express it. Sometimes, it’s best just to act like an adult and let the hurt roll off your back. 3] Remember that you’re only there for a while. Family gatherings often bring to consciousness our painful baggage, but we don’t have to unpack it in public. We can wait for a more opportune time, say with your spouse, your rabbi, or your therapist. 4] True refinement, like true and good manners in the deepest sense, begins in the home and with the members of your own family. 5] Remember that our behavior in front of our children today, will come back to us, when our kids and grandkids visit us down the road.

My final piece of advice for your holiday is to travel light. Go with a joyous heart. You’ll be surprised at the power of optimism, laughter and hope to transform a family gathering. Our attitudes, or how we carry our baggage can make the trip so much more meaningful and enjoyable.

Happy Thanksgiving.
Are We Healthy Enough?

*Ira Secouler, Beth Or President*

As part of my communication at Rosh Hashanah services, I spoke about the need for engagement of our congregants and the value Congregation Beth Or brings to us. Noted author, Ron Wolfson, has written an article titled “The 7 Signs of a Healthy Congregation.” The following are excerpts from this article and our progress as a healthy congregation.

- **A Welcoming Website:** “It conveys a congregation with people learning, worshipping, and doing God’s work in a vibrant and energized atmosphere.” *When was the last time you looked at our website ([www.bethor.org](http://www.bethor.org))?* It details not only our mission statement, core values, clergy and staff information, it highlights our auxiliaries, our calendar, new events, and general information about what is happening in our congregation. It’s a treasure trove of information about the congregation.

- **A Happy People:** “I usually know within five minutes whether the congregation is a happy place or not, because I either hear all about the exciting happenings or all about the problems.” Are you excited to come into our building? Do you give and receive an enthusiastic welcome to those around you? **Don’t be a guest in your own building — engage your fellow congregants.** You are part of a wonderful congregation that cares for one another.

- **Signage:** When you enter our building do you look at our video message board? Do you feel welcomed by our Shabbat greeters on Friday nights? Do you read the Beth Or Spotlight? Do you receive our email blasts? Do you feel welcomed and a part of the congregation or are you feeling left out? **Get connected!**

- **Tenure of Service:** “The professionals have had time to get to know people well, enabling them to build the kind of relationships that are at the core of a healthy congregation.” Rabbi Marx has been our spiritual leader for over 25 years, Cantor Green has been our cantor for over 20 years, we have many staff members with extended experience at Beth Or. We are a stable Jewish community. If you have not meet the clergy, or need their assistance in any way, **please reach out to them**, they are one of our most valuable resources. Join us for a Rabbi’s Tish event, an adult education course, or one of our many services. Get to know the religious leaders of your congregation.

- **Households vs. Human Beings:** “How do you respond when asked, How many members do you have? If the answer is member units, you are signaling that the congregation’s values are in numbers not people.” It is not about the number of members, it is about the individual people. One of my main goals is to achieve a **warm and welcoming atmosphere** that makes us a congregation that values people! We want our congregants to be engaged with each other, care about each other, and become a holy community together. The answer should be we are a large congregation with an even larger heart — there is always room for more — so come join our community!

- **Quality of the Coffee:** *(No Joke)* “If the congregation puts it best food forward, it demonstrates that hospitality is a priority.” This is one of my favorite hot buttons. **Take the step!** Come out to join us for a Family Shabbat service, Kabbalat service, or just a regular Friday night Shabbat service. Be moved by the music, listen to an emotional sermon, pray with us, and then enjoy the wonderful Oneg — we just changed the coffee!

- **A Clear Vision:** “Congregational leadership should be able to articulate a clear vision of what the congregation is in business to do.” The leadership of the congregation has worked tirelessly to create a mission statement, vision statement and set of core values. Most importantly, the leadership keeps this information in our **hearts and minds** whenever we consider decisions, policies, or procedures about the congregation.

I ask that our congregants help us achieve a “Healthy Congregation” by creating meaningful relationships with each other through Judaism. Each of us should be seeking the value that Beth Or provides.

We welcome your involvement, we seek your participation, we pray that you become a bigger part of this congregation and that we in turn become a bigger part of your life.
A Mitzvah for Mitzvah’s Sake

Rabbi David Gerber, Associate Rabbi

Mark Twain once pondered, “What is the secret to [the Jews’] immortality?” How have we been able to withstand the rise and fall of empires and the repeated attempts at our destruction? The answer lies in one simple sentence from the Talmud: One must not count money by Chanukah light.

Amid the laws and customs of the Chanukah celebration, the Talmud offers this warning. Our Rabbis seem to be telling us that the Chanukah lights can be used for one reason only: to commemorate the miracle of Chanukah. If one were to count money, light a fire, or rely on the Chanukah menorah for heat, one could be questioned as to the reason he or she lit the candles. The Talmud clarifies that we may not derive any benefit from either the light or the warmth of the Chanukah menorah.

Further rabbinic commentary applies this principle to all of the commandments in Judaism. We do not perform a commandment (or mitzvah) in order to reap the benefits. Though some of our commandments have their perks, we should not consider them when performing the mitzvah.

In a Talmudic discussion, Rabbi Shimon ben Gamliel considered whether keeping kosher had any benefits, or if any of our prohibited food carried any risks. He said, “A person should not say, ‘I do not like pork’...rather he should say, ‘I would like it, but God has decreed me not to partake.”

Not only are we forbidden from considering the rewards of our commandments, there are hundreds of mitzvot (like the kindling of Chanukah lights) that by definition may not provide any benefit. It is natural for us to want to pray when we feel faithful, give when we are feeling charitable, and study when we are feeling inquisitive. But what happens if we don’t feel faithful today...should we not pray? What if our faith remains in question for years?

Conversely, if we only light our Chanukah candles because of their beauty, what happens when the beauty of the menorah fades? What happens when after several days of lighting candles, we tire of the process of lighting the Chanukah lights? Nothing but our sense of obligation can ensure that our tradition will continue. If someone ever asks why we keep kosher, speak Hebrew, fast on Yom Kippur...etc, the answer should always be the same: because we are commanded to.

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We can thank the foresight of our ancestors for understanding the true value of tradition. But we should follow their lead as well. They believed that the performance of mitzvot will lead to a deep appreciation of our texts and traditions. Our prayers become more meaningful, our texts become more enlightening, and our faith becomes stronger.

What is the secret to our immortality? We trust in the wisdom of our ancestors and adhere to our tradition under any circumstance. This year, as we light the Chanukah candles, let us not be distracted by the beauty of the lights. Let us instead perform this mitzvah for its own sake; for we are Jews, and we are commanded to fulfill an obligation.
The new school year is thoroughly underway now and it is so wonderful to see the halls filled with children. From kindergarten to high school seniors, we have all age groups represented in the school and it creates a fantastic sense of community to have us all together.

I wanted to share with you a new addition we’ve made to our Hebrew program. Starting this year, all of our Hebrew school students have received their own copy of the Reform Movement’s prayerbook, *Mishkan T’filah*. They received a special copy called the journal edition. In addition to the standard services in the prayerbook, this hardback version also offers space for students to make notes, record service cues, and create their own interpretations of prayers. It’s a beautiful book that students will take with them through their religious school education. It will also be the book they take onto the bima with them for their bar or bat mitzvah.

Students spent the first day of Hebrew school covering and personalizing their books in order to help foster a sense of personal connection to the siddur. By extension, I see this move to a hardcover, personalized siddur as a way we encourage our children to connect with their Judaism in an every-day, practical sort of way. I hope you have a chance to see these new siddurim. If you have a student in your family who has one, I invite you to explore it together.

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**Making Chanukah Memorable For Young Families**

*Dale Laing, Early Childhood Director*

Chanukah is always a fun holiday for young children. It is exciting to light the menorah each night and open presents. Often times, families ask me what we can do for others during this holiday.

Here are 8 easy and practical suggestions for your family to try.

**Day 1 • Jewish Identity:** Bring some Chanukah spirit and Jewish pride to the elderly. Visit a nursing home to play dreidel and sing songs or help them light the Chanukiah.

**Day 2 • Family:** Connect with Israeli soldiers by making Chanukah cards. Bring them to the Center office and we will make sure they get mailed.

**Day 3 • Dedication:** Organizing your room does not compare to the work the Maccabees had to do to clean the temple in Jerusalem. Take an inventory of your toys at home. Collect things you have outgrown and donate them to Cradles to Crayons located at 30 Clipper Road, W. Conshohocken, PA 19428.

**Day 4 • Oil:** The Maccabees needed oil for the Temple menorah. Oil is also an essential ingredient in cake mixes. Bake a cake with your child for someone special. You’ll need a bowl, spoon, cake mix, eggs and of course oil!
What is the Difference between the Annual Appeal and the Ner Tamid Campaign?

Our Annual Appeal helps cover the costs of being a part of the community. The dues and fees we all pay only offset part of our costs. For example, we are proud that we provide approximately 20 percent of our congregants' financial assistance due to hardship. Sometimes this is only a temporary setback; but for some families, our assistance is the only way they could participate in our community and provide a Jewish education for their children. We are able to continue to do this because of the generosity of our community during our Annual Appeal. We count on the support of those who can donate more so that we can continue to make membership at Beth Or possible for everyone, regardless of their financial situation. We have an Annual Appeal to help the community as a whole — for today.

The Ner Tamid Endowment Campaign will help us build upon what we have for tomorrow. By establishing a more firm financial footing, we will be able to sustain our mission and values not just for us, but also for future generations. An endowment is a permanent fund — the earnings from these donations will continue to benefit the congregation in perpetuity. A more robust endowment will allow us to hold down the total cost of belonging to Beth Or, to innovate and be creative with our offerings, and to continue to hire and retain the most talented clergy and staff. The Ner Tamid campaign helps us build a legacy both as individuals and as a community. Through it, we ensure a strong future for Beth Or and for Reform Judaism in our local community.

For more information about either campaign, please contact Amy Abrams at 215-646-5806 x208.

Day 5 • It’s a Miracle: While most of the focus is on the children during this time, parents and teachers like to take part in the fun as well. Fill a plastic dreidel full of treats for a friend or teacher.

Day 6 • Jerusalem: Show your children a dreidel. Explain to them that a dreidel is a four-sided spinning top with a Hebrew letter on each side. Outside of Israel, the letters stand for the phrase, “A great miracle happened there — Nes Gadol Haya Sham. In Israel, the last word — which means “there” — is replaced with the Hebrew word “here” which is Po. Your children will know the Hebrew word Po as they practice it in school every day. Ask them!

Day 7 • Festival of Lights: The Maccabees were lucky to find a small clay container filled with oil and they guarded it carefully. With your children, share how we can save our precious resources. Teach your children to turn off lights in the house when you are not using them. Reuse plastic bags and show them how you recycle your containers. Give your children a chance to place items in the recycle bin.

Day 8 • Eight: The number 8 is significant during Chanukah. Count your Chanukiah with your young child. Bring 8 items of non-perishable food to a local food bank such as the Ambler Food Pantry. The address is 150 N. Main Street Ambler, PA 19002.
We Care About Your HEART
Amy Abrams, Executive Director

Congregation Beth Or takes heart health and emergency medical situation management seriously. Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. Over 350,000 people will suffer from sudden cardiac arrest this year. It can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere and at any age. An AED (see below) is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest and is an easy to operate tool for someone with no medical background.

Time is of the essence:
- The average response time for first responders once 911 is called is 8-12 minutes.
- For each minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival is reduced approximately 10%.

Where in the building are our AED machines? They are mounted on the wall and placed in a box:
- Near the elevator in the Spain Lobby
- Outside the Herzfeld Library on the lower level
- In the School Lobby

Through generous donors, Linda Rosenthal, who gave a gift in memory of her husband, Dr. Mark Rosenthal and joined by Dr. David and Ellen Eskin, Congregation Beth Or was able to hire Cardiac Sciences to update our AED equipment and train our clergy and professional staff to provide CPR and AED support should the need arise. Our teachers in the Zipporah S. Abramson Center for Early Childhood Education are CPR and AED certified as well.

What is an AED?
An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

With simple audio and visual commands, AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layperson, and the use of AEDs is taught in many first aid, certified first responder, and basic life support (BLS) level cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes.
BETH OR MITZVAH DAY
Sunday, November 1
Striving — Caring — Making a Difference

Mitzvah Day is a synagogue-wide event that has something for everyone.
There will be on-site and off-site activities which may be found on the Social Action page on the Beth Or website (www.bethor.org), and collections for the organizations listed below. If you have men’s and women’s clothing, children’s clothing, books, toys, sporting goods, arts and crafts, or anything infant-appropriate, such as disposable diapers, pacifiers, strollers, etc. Please bring them to the synagogue on Mitzvah Day.

We will also collect household items for kitchen and bath, toiletries, non-perishable food, paper and cleaning goods, drink mixes such as lemonade, gift cards (e.g.: Walmart, Target, CVS, Giant), Chanukah candles, and prescription eyeglasses. The Nike-Reuse-A-Shoe collection that has been ‘running’ for a few months, will culminate on Mitzvah Day, so bring those old, worn-out sneakers too!

Here are the wonderful organizations these items will be donated to:

OUR CLOSET provides free clothing for vulnerable men and women living in the Greater Philadelphia area. They accept career and casual attire, shoes, ties, belts and scarves. For further info, please visit www.ourclosetpa.org or contact Chair, Jodi Pascal jodyp2005@verizon.net.

CRADLES TO CRAYONS provides infants and youth living in homeless or low-income situations, with essential items needed to thrive at home, school and at play. For further info, please visit www.cradlestocrayons.org or contact Chair, Theresa Knee tknee@comcast.net.

VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE provides a first line of defense for troubled youth. Their mission is to provide prevention and intervention services, counseling and behavioral health services to the abused, neglected, vulnerable and homeless. For further info, please visit www.valleyyouthhouse.org or contact Chair, Margie Chachkin chachkin@aol.com.

NIKE-REUSE-A-SHOE will grind down worn out athletic shoes and turn them into playground surfaces. For further info, please visit www.nikegrind.com or contact Chair, Marlene Cohen msckidsot@aol.com.

LAUREL HOUSE is a domestic violence agency in Montgomery County that provides a 24-hour hotline and shelter, transitional housing, medical and legal advocacy, counseling, support groups, children’s programs, law enforcement collaboration, and community education. For further info, please visit www.laurel-house.org or contact Chair, Marilyn Ackerman tsolmack@verizon.net.

The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s (CHOP) mission is to care for a patient and their entire family. Providing toiletries to parents and siblings who are ‘based’ at CHOP during a child’s treatment is very much appreciated. For further info, please contact Chair, Lynn Levy hannahsmom4ever@comcast.net.

Jewish Adoption & Foster Care Options (JAFCO) provides services and programs for at-risk children. This includes emergency shelter, foster care, and a mentoring program. For further info, please visit www.jafco.org or contact Chair, Faye Benshetler, febx@comcast.net.

Information Tables for the following charities will also be set up on Mitzvah Day. Please stop by to learn about what these organizations offer the community:

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) For further info, please visit www.nami.org or contact Chair, Dawn Hogan dawn8336@verizon.net.

CEASEFIREPA For further info, please visit www.CeaseFirePa.org or contact Chair, Nora Saragovi, noraksaragovi@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL Work side-by-side with Israelis on bases and in hospitals. For further info, please visit www.vfi-usa.org or contact Chair, Carole Chasen carole.chasen@yahoo.com.

BONE MARROW REGISTRY Information and kits will be available. For further info, please visit www.giftoflife.org or contact Chair, Dr. Marc Rabinowitz drmarc@215prevent.com.

Make a Difference!
My presentation at the August Brotherhood meeting was about the importance of adult play. Play is a behavior or action that has no goal or end in itself. Among the highlights, the need for adult play continues for happiness, physical well-being, and personal growth. Judaism prescribes play for all of us [e.g., the Sabbath]. If you might think that I am pulling this out of my fertile imagination, visit www.nifplay.org or search for the writings of Stuart Brown, MD.

Why recount last month’s presentation in the Beth Or Spotlight? There were many men in our congregation who missed the August meeting. The women of Beth Or might also benefit from my message to play more. Judging by the range of Sisterhood activities, they may be ahead of Brotherhood in organizing group play activities. I plan to close the “play gap!”

To complement our public service activities, I will work to increase the availability and variety of sponsored group play activities for men.

I am especially interested in play activities that involve physical exercise, but recognize that variations in health and conditioning make it harder to organize homogeneous groups. I am not a card player, but I suspect that organized games could be a great Sunday morning addition to our calendar.

Please play more and let me and the other brothers of Beth Or know what sponsored play activities might work well for you and others.

Beth Or Brotherhood Welcomes Eagles Veteran, Hollis Thomas
Tuesday, December 1 at 5:45 pm

The Brotherhood Annual Dinner and Silent Auction is a chance for men aged 13 and older to break bread, mingle, and enjoy great cocktails, gourmet deli offerings, and dessert.

This year’s dinner will feature guest speaker and 10-year Eagles veteran defensive tackle Hollis Thomas. “Tank,” who is a show host for Sportsradio 94WIP, will have lots of Eagles and NFL talk and will field your questions.

The Annual Dinner includes a silent auction containing sports memorabilia, gift certificates from local restaurants, theaters, and golf courses, and a variety of items from local merchants. The dinner will be catered by Herschel’s of Reading Terminal Market. Dinner attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a grand prize consisting of the winner’s choice of one of the following: a weekend in New York City including tickets to a Broadway show or a $2,000 cash prize.

Dinner is $40 for Brotherhood members & $50 for non-members. Free for Brotherhood Mensch members.

RSVP to BOBDinner2015@gmail.com. Send a check to the synagogue office made payable to Congregation Beth Or Brotherhood. Or go online to http://bobdinner2015.eventbrite.com.
The High Holiday season is always filled with rejuvenation and hope. Rabbi Marx’s messages are always thought provoking and this year was no exception. Are we “void if detached” from the synagogue, and if so, how can we ensure that we stay attached? In a culture so absorbed in the “I”, whether it be an “I” or “Me” mentality, we need to be more conscious of a shift to a “We” mentality. The Beth Or Sisterhood has made, and is continuing to make, a radical shift in what it means to be a member. We are comprised of women young and old, highly active and once a year eventers, spiritual and cultural Jews, but we come together as a collective WE.

WE can have fun at events like trivia nights, girls’ night out, theater trips and trunk shows. WE can pray together at Sisterhood Shabbat and celebrating our children’s simchas. WE can find our spirituality and charity at the Sisterhood Shabbaton.

But WE still need you! WE want to hear your ideas and help stay attached to one another. After all, without you, WE are one woman short!

Please Support the Tarshis Gift Shop
Proceeds Benefit Beth Or Sisterhood Programs

Stop in for these items and more:
• Judaica of all types
• Holiday Items
• Shabbat Candlesticks, Candles, Kiddush Cups
• Mezuzahs
• Hamsas and other Wall Art
• Tallit and Kippot
• Bar/Bat Mitzvah Gifts
• Wedding Smash Glasses and Gifts
• Jewelry
• AHAVA Skin Care Products
• 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
Meet Our B’nai Mitzvah Students

Alyssa Guziewicz
November 7
For my mitzvah project, I am working with the B-Strong Foundation. This foundation provides meals, gifts, and financial help to families whose children have been diagnosed with cancer. My friends and family are working with me to provide a meal for 60 people, whose children are staying at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). This project allows me to provide a little bit of help to families so they can spend more time with their child during treatment. I was inspired to do this work because one of my good friends was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. If you would like to help with this foundation, you can contact them at www.b-strongfoundation.org

Bobby Lynam
November 7
For my mitzvah project, I ran 5Ks and miles throughout the week to raise money for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. This cause is important to me since I am a football fan and every October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. While watching football when I was seven, I became aware that my grandmother had fought and defeated breast cancer. A year later, one of my favorite teachers was diagnosed with breast cancer and it was at this point I knew I would continue to raise money for a cure for breast cancer for the rest of my life. To support my project, you can go to http://www.stayclassy.org/BobbyMitzvah. In addition to this, I continued to package and deliver food with the Jewish Relief Agency. This cause is important to me because I have always had food on the table available to me and I want everyone to not have to worry about food.

Elias Kilshaw
November 14
Elias’ Bar Mitzvah projects focused on helping the fight against cancer. He was a member of the American Cancer Society organizing committee for the Running for Hope 5K race held in May. Elias’ roles included planning the race over several months through conference calls with other ACS volunteers. He was in charge of marketing the event which included posting signs around the area, putting up flyers in local businesses as well as making contacts through the local schools to distribute flyers. He helped set up and take down the event as well as baked many snacks for the runners to enjoy on the day. In addition, Elias created a web page and raised over $1,000 through the support of family and friends. On the day of the race, Elias ran the 5K with many friends, family and other runners who were there to support him and help fight cancer. In addition to Running for Hope, Elias and his rock band volunteered their time and performed at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event at the Wissahickon High School. Elias lost two grandparents to cancer and this project was a wonderful way for him to honor their memories.

Jake Slackman
November 14

Brody Myers
December 19
On August 30, Jake Slackman, Brody Myers and three of their friends from KI and Temple Sinai hosted a basketball event to help raise money for the Child Life Department at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. The Child Life Department uses education and supportive activities and programs to minimize stress and help children and their families cope positively with their healthcare experience. These 5 kids have all been friends since kindergarten and worked together to plan and run an incredible event. They had prizes for the winners of 5 basketball events, sold raffle tickets to win great gift baskets and had snacks, drinks and baked goods for sale. The event has already raised over $2,000 with more money coming in continuously. And... the kids were featured on the ABC’s Action News. It was truly an incredible day. The kids learned a ton about CHOP and their amazing services. They ran and planned the entire event, felt great about their work, raised money and had a lot of fun making it all happen.

Maddie Gamburg
November 14
For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am selling elastic hair ties and headbands. I am donating the money to the Neonatal Unit at the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, Israel. My family has been involved with this hospital for three generations. The money I donate is going to be used to purchase a new piece of equipment for infants born in the hospital. If you are interested in donating to my Bat Mitzvah project or purchasing hair ties or headbands, please email: acoben0000@aol.com. Please follow this account on Instagram to support this cause: @maddies.mitzvah.project. For more information about Shaare Zedek please visit https://www.acsz.org/israels-largest-nicu-opens-at-shaare-zedek/
Lily Solomon
November 21
For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center. This program works with individuals with physical, social, educational, or psychological challenges through the horse/human connection. I spent time not only caring for the horses, but also working with the riders, trainers and therapists. I was witnessed how the students gained confidence by learning riding skills as well as many other physical, health, and social benefits. I love working with the horses and the riders and volunteering at this wonderful program.

Sami Burstein
November 21
For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at Home At Last Dog Rescue. Home At Last is a group of volunteers, whose goal is to save the lives of dogs in high-kill shelters in the south and here in Philly. I have temporary fostered, picked up from transport, helped at meet-and-greets, and just loved and cared for them. All of the dogs I have helped have found happy, loving homes. I feel great knowing what I have done has saved many lives. If you would like to adopt a dog or a puppy or just to look at the site, you may visit homeatlastdogrescue.com.

Alex Richman
November 29
For my mitzvah project, I am selling BLOW POPS to Blow away Breast Cancer and wipe out Alzheimer’s. My Bubbie has breast cancer and my aunt Heidi just had breast cancer. My Pop Pop Oscar suffered and died from Alzheimer’s. The money I make from the sales of the POPS will go to fund research in the hopes of finding a cure for these two horrible diseases.

Scott Gilman
November 29
Scott Gilman volunteered at Beth Or Camp Chaverim this summer. He spent his days tending to the children and helping the counselors. Through both modeling and direct instruction, he capitalized on his gift of being a natural mensch to help instill that behavior in the campers. Scott’s project centered around the concept of tzedakah beginning in the home; Beth Or is his home. By giving his time, energy and love to his home — his Jewish home, he is helping to create a community of caring, giving and “menshy” children. A world filled with good people makes for a good world...what could be a greater mitzvah than to contribute to that?

Dylan Mandel
November 29
Dylan’s Bar Mitzvah project is collecting food for Philabundance. He felt this was a good project since his Bar Mitzvah is Thanksgiving weekend and many people will be without food on that holiday. By collecting non-perishable foods for Thanksgiving, less people will go hungry on that day. He has boxes for donations in various places and will bring the donations down to Center City to the Philabundance warehouse.

Melissa Miller
December 5
As part of becoming a Bat Mitzvah this December, I am basing my mitzvah project on my love of animals. I took care of my pets, adopted a sea turtle, attended horse camp, and visited zoos, sea animal rehab centers, and the local SPCA. For my project, I am supporting the Montgomery County SPCA in a few ways. I’ve held bake sales in my neighborhood, at a local pet store, and at Beth Or which will help me raise money to donate to the SPCA. Additionally, in my community I am collecting supplies such as pet food and bedding for dogs, cats, and guinea pigs that will be donated.

Lauren Naselsky
December 5
For my mitzvah project, I baked cookies, brownies and soft pretzels and sold them to raise money for the Spirit of Giving at Fort Washington Elementary School. The Spirit of Giving is a program where families at the school can make confidential requests through the guidance counselor for holiday gifts that their children would like or are in need of, but are unable to afford. Families at the school can sign up anonymously to fulfill these requests for someone. With the money I raised I will be able to help buy several people things on their wishlist. I went to Fort Washington Elementary so the program means a lot to me. I plan on doing this again next year during the holiday season.

Emily Glauser
December 5
For my Bat Mitzvah project, I volunteered at Animal Lifeline of PA. They work with rescued animals throughout the state helping to find humane ways of dealing with them. I worked with the animals, caring for them and feeding them. Many of the animals were strays, but some also came from disaster areas where families have been separated from loved pets during floods or fires. I really enjoyed helping out and seeing the dogs and cats.
At Beth Or, we want to make sure all of our youth are educated about each Chag we celebrate during the year. For our BOFTY participants, we want to make that education fun! Our tradition at BOFTY is to have a Fried Chicken Chanukah Dinner. This year, we are adding a donut brunch for those BOFTY-ites who come to Academy on Sunday mornings. Being able to participate in the custom of eating foods fried in oil and lighting candles together is always better with your friends! For our younger kiddos (K-5), we will have a day of Chanukah fun eating latkes, playing dreidel and making crafts. I hope to see your children at one of our Chanukah events.

Also, the weekend of December 4–6 is NFTY PAR’s Junior Youth Kallah. We invite all of our 6th, 7th and 8th graders to join their peers from the area at Camp Harlam. Your kids will be introduced to a bigger youth group called NFTY (National Federation of Temple Youth). They will have the opportunity to meet new friends, grow Jewishly and learn valuable leadership skills. Please visit www.nfty.org/par for more information.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions regarding youth programs at Beth Or!

Chag Sameach!

Jillian Glick, Director of Youth and Camp Engagement

**Important BOFTY Dates**

**Bitty BOFTY:**
- November 22 • Laser Tag & Bowling party at 1 pm
- December 13 • Chanukah Lunch and Crafts at 1 pm

**Mini BOFTY:**
- November 2 & 3 • Pizza Dinner at 6 pm
- November 15 • Day Glow Dance and Game Party at 1 pm
- December 13 • Chanukah Lunch and Crafts at 1 pm

**Junior BOFTY:**
- November 8 • Bagel Brunch at 10:45 am
- December 4–6 • NFTY PAR Junior Youth Kallah

**Senior BOFTY:**
- November 8 • Bagel Brunch at 10:45 am
- November 14-15 • Mystery Bus Ride & Shul-In at 5 pm
- November 16 • Pizza Dinner at 6 pm
- November 19 • Hunger Games — Mockingjay Part 2 with BBYO and USY
- December 7 • Fried Chicken Chanukah Dinner at 6 pm
- December 13 • Donut Chanukah Brunch at 10:45 am

**All Youth Event**
- December 4 • Spaghetti Dinner at 5:30 pm
It’s Never Too Late To Join Junior Choir!

Have you seen the Junior Choir at any of our recent events? We have been busy singing at the High Holy Day and Simchat Torah Family Services, as well as our “regular” Family Shabbat Services on the first Friday of each month. During the past two months, Junior Choir members learned how to help lead services with some new prayer melodies. Our Junior Staffers, under the leadership of Yoni Gilad, Jason Smith and Scott Schwartz, began honing their leadership skills as well!

September was AMAZING! We had our annual Junior Choir Kickoff and Welcome Back/Pizza/DJ/Dance Party, on the first day of Religious School, where we welcomed our returning and many new members. An AWESOME time was had by all as RAK-DAN rocked the house! We also held our annual Parents’ Meeting, during which our Junior Choir Director, Lisa Ashery, provided all of the information about the great calendar of events for the whole year.

In October, our Jr. Staffers had a COOL night out at the Junior Staffer Ice Cream Social, where we picked a theme for this year’s annual Purim Shpiel (musical) and bonded over food and large quantities of ice cream!

We have some FANTASTIC events coming up in November and December! In addition to singing at our monthly Family Shabbat services, we will sing for the residents at the Abramson Center on Mitzvah Day! We will have a chance to PARTY OUT celebrating Chanukah together at our yearly Junior Choir Chanukah Party, before we lead the Glow Stick Chanukah Service. We will also have the opportunity to perform for holiday shoppers at the Barnes & Noble in Montgomeryville at our annual Chanukah Sing, which doubles as a fundraiser for the Junior Choir — so be sure to do some holiday shopping while listening to the Junior Choir ROCK OUT some Chanukah songs! Taking a sneak peek ahead to January, we’ll have a “BLAST” together at our annual Laser Tag Party.

It’s not too late to join our FABULOUS CHAVERIM (friends) Junior 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. We also have a half-hour rehearsal immediately before each Family Service. If you are interested in checking us out, please contact Junior Choir Parent Coordinator, Nancy Portney (nportney@sbrslaw.com) for more information about joining the fun!

Junior Choir November/December Calendar

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Please note that the rehearsal time for all November/December Family Shabbat services is 6:30 pm.
**Adult Programs**

**APEX Brunch**  
**Sunday, December 6 at 10 am**

Burt Siegel, retired Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia, will be here to discuss Anti-Semitism & Islamophobia in the World. This program is free of charge if you RSVP by December 2 to Barb Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org. Walk-ins will be charged $5 at door.

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

**Art Gallery**

**Artist in Residence: Rhoda Ryba**

**Painting the Poetry of TaNaKh**  
**November 13-December 16**

Rhoda Ryba is a lifelong student of Bible, learning and teaching the principles of Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings — the TaNaKh — and the inspiration for living that she finds there.

In recent years, Rhoda has found inspiration for her art in the Hebrew Bible — painting its poetry — and signing her paintings with her Hebrew name, Batya. Ryba says, “My multimedia/collage work imbeds Jewish sayings, Biblical words and phrases, in Hebrew and in English, into symbolic abstract illustrations of the deeply meaningful messages that move my art and my heart.”

**Artist in Residence: Carol Anne Gayman Stein**

**Insights Photography — December 17-January 6**

Carol’s journey with photography began on her travels to Europe and the Middle East, as she responded to the landscapes, the people, and the ordinary activities that spoke of their cultures. Carol documents scenes of people engaging in their daily routines, noting their expressions and gestures as they gossiped with neighbors, capturing moments in time, colors transformed by light and shadow, angles and spaces. With a camera in hand, Carol says, “I’m excited by opportunity. I look for what is not obvious.” It’s like an archaeological dig: the quest for the hidden gem.

**Brotherhood/Sisterhood Events**

**Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar**  
**Sunday, November 15 at 10 am**

Save the Date! For vendor information or to volunteer, please contact Sherry Spector at sherryspector@yahoo.com or Debbi Borislow at debboborislow@gmail.com.

**Brotherhood/Sisterhood Brunch**  
**Sunday, November 22 at 10 am**

Our speaker will be Aaron Nielsenshultz, our new Director of Religious School. Come and hear him speak about the Jewish Perspective on Giving Thanks. Brunch is $10 per person.

**A February “Fun”-raiser!**

**Save the Date**  
**Saturday, February 27**

Join us to honor Cantor David Green and his 20 years of service to Beth Or. We will have a congregation-wide tribute to Cantor Green, a valued and treasured member of our community.

Details coming soon.
**Sisterhood Shabbaton**  
**Saturday, March 5 at 8:30 am**

Save the date and join us for a day of spirituality and friendship which includes great speakers, workshops and a mitzvah project. Details to come.

**Sisterhood Trunk Show**  
**Thursday, April 7 at Blue Bell Country Club**

We will feature the latest fashions from Chickie’s Daughter. Skin products from Rodan & Fields, makeup and much more to sample and purchase! Details to follow.

**Holidays and Shabbat Events**

**Veterans Shabbat and Dinner**  
**Friday, November 13 • Dinner at 6 pm, Service at 8 pm**

If you are an active member of the military or a veteran, you are invited to attend a special Shabbat dinner in your honor. This dinner is free for active military or veterans. Families and friends are welcome to attend at $18 per person. RSVP to Elsa-Lu Berkowitz at 215-643-4700.

**Rabbi’s Tish**  
**Friday, December 4 at 7 pm**

Enjoy a Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Gerber and discuss the Torah portion or a topic of his choice. $18 per person. RSVP to Barb Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org

**Pot Latke Dinner and Glow Stick Family Shabbat**  
**Friday, December 11 at 6 pm**

Celebrate Chanukah at Beth Or with a special “Pot Latke” dinner. Families who RSVP are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share that goes with a meat meal (no pork, dairy or shellfish please). After dinner, we will have our annual Glow Stick Shabbat service and holiday activities. RSVP to Elisa at eheisman@bethor.org. Dinner is free if you RSVP by December 7.

**Interfaith Families**

**Learner’s Shabbat Dinner and Service**  
**Friday, November 20 • Dinner at 6 pm, Service at 8 pm**

Join us for a complimentary dinner hosted by Rabbi Marx and geared towards interfaith families and those who want to explore the rituals of Shabbat. Space for dinner is limited. RSVP is a must by November 16. Special priority seating for dinner will be given to interfaith families. Sponsored by the Outreach committee. RSVP to Kim Marks at kimsmarks@gmail.com.

**Special Events**

**Ladies Bingo Night**  
**Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm**

Join us for Bingo, raffle baskets, prizes, munchies and beverages. All proceeds will support the Zipporah S. Abramson Center for Early Childhood Education. Attendees are welcome to bring food and beverages. $25 at the door for general admission.

**11th Annual Oy Vey 5K/10K**  
**Sunday, June 5, 2016**

The committee is starting to plan for next year’s event and needs your help! As you may know, we split the proceeds of the race between Congregation Beth Or and an outside charity. Last year, we donated over $5,000 to the Mitzvah Circle Foundation in Lansdale. If you have a charity for us to consider, please submit it to Elisa Heisman in the Beth Or office. Please note: the charity must have a 501C3 nonprofit status and its mission should be in at least one of the following areas:

- Jewish-oriented
- Social Welfare
- Benefits Children

The committee will contact the nominator and the charity for additional information needed to make the selection. Nominations should be sent to Elisa Heisman by Dec. 15. The final selection will be made the Oy Vey 5K/10K committee in early 2016.

If you have any questions, please call the Beth Or office.

Oy Vey 5K/10K Chair, Alan Kober and Director of Programs and Communications, Elisa Heisman presented the Mitzvah Circle Foundation with a check from last year’s race.
Beth Or Sisterhood’s Chanukah Bazaar is the place to be Sunday, November 15 from 10-3.

Jewelry, clothing, crafts and gifts galore, Try our delicious latkes. You will surely ask for more.

We have raffles, so try your luck, Hope you win after spending your bucks.

So come and join us and don’t delay, Hope to see you on that day!

For more information, contact Debbi Borislow at 215-699-7363 or Sherry Spector at 215-643-5101 or sherryspector@yahoo.com.
New Members

Mike, Lindsay & Liam Maze
Evan, Jessica, Maya & Max Dortheimer
Steve, Missy, Avery & Tristan Blatstein
Adam, Mary & Jaclyn Lieberman
Janice Singer
Stephen, Lauren, Annabel & Zoe Hellman
Michael, Jacqueline, Madison & Ryan Fishman
Jacob Tarabar & Rachel Mintz
Warren, Pamela, Morgan & Ashley Bloom
Todd, Elana, William & Benjamin Eisenberg
Randy Royfe
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Drew, Donna, Skye & Sage Desjardins
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May 15 • Shana & Adam Lebofsky in honor of Max Lebofsky’s Bar Mitzvah

Flowers
May 8 • Warren & Katherine Zager in honor of Caroline Zager’s Bat Mitzvah

Additional June Donations:

Onegs
June 5 • Dawn & Marty Jacobson in honor of Tyler Jacobson’s Bar Mitzvah
June 12 • Cari & Alan Lasdon in honor of Max Lasdon’s Bar Mitzvah; Karen & Ron Wilk in honor of Brett Wilk’s Bar Mitzvah
June 19 • Suzanne & Mitch Diamond in honor of Matthew Diamond’s Bar Mitzvah
June 26 • Merryl & Leroy Meyers in honor of Sally Meyers’ Bat Mitzvah
Roselyn Altman in honor of Sarah & Seth Polesuk’s B’nai Mitzvah
Barry & Vicki Oppenheim in memory of Hyman Oppenheim

Flowers
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June 26 • Hedy & Brian Polesuk in honor of Sarah & Seth Polesuk’s B’nai Mitzvah

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September 11 • Sam & Edie Newman in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
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Welcome to our second edition of the Beth Or Spotlight, a bi-monthly newsletter about our dynamic Reform congregation. The name of this beautiful, new publication is particularly significant and meaningful as Beth Or means “house of light” and the spotlight shines on YOU, the congregants, clergy, board of directors, professional staff and educators who make this synagogue so special.

Elisa Heisman, Director of Programs and Communications, has worked closely with a volunteer committee of marketing and public relations professionals to design a truly interactive publication. Throughout these pages, you will find poignant and personal stories, meaningful lifecycle events, feature stories and news about interesting developments within our congregation and our local and global Jewish community.

If you have an interesting story idea for an upcoming edition, please e-mail our Beth Or Spotlight editor, Ellen Werther at ekwfarm@comcast.net or Elisa Heisman at eheisman@bethor.org. The deadline for the January/February issue is November 15.

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