November Worship Schedule

Friday, November 4 – Shabbat Noah
5:30 pm – Munchkin Minyan for 3’s
6 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – 5th Grade Family Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary
6:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Memorial Chapel

Saturday, November 5
9 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Ava Herring, daughter of Nathan Benjamin Herring and Marla Corey Herring
11 am – Shabbat Worship with the B’hai Mitzvah of Lindsey and Julia Horowitz, children of Michael and Sheri Horowitz

Friday, November 11 – Shabbat Lech-Lecha
6 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship honoring our Veterans and Active-Service Personnel

Saturday, November 12
11 am – Shabbat Worship with the B’nai Mitzvah of Dylan and Zoe Hersh, children of Jason and Jaime Hersh

Friday, November 18 – Shabbat Vayera
6 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship with a presentation by Nelly Toll in commemoration of Kristallnacht. Adult Choir will sing at this service.

Saturday, November 19
9 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Maddy Shapiro, daughter of Hal and Michelle Shapiro
11 am – Shabbat Worship with the B’nai Mitzvah of Rachel Levinson, daughter of Marc Levinson and Jodie Levinson and Emmi Gordon, daughter of Mitch and Jill Gordon

Friday, November 25 – Shabbat Hayei-Sarah
6 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, November 26
9 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Maddyn Shapiro, daughter of Hal and Michelle Shapiro
11 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Schapiro, son of Robert and Donna Schapiro

December Worship Schedule

Friday, December 2 – Shabbat Toledot
6 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – 4th Grade Family Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary
6:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Memorial Chapel

Saturday, December 3
9 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Landon Kratchman, son of Adam and Steffany Kratchman
11 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Ashley Berman, daughter of Daniel and Staci Berman

Friday, December 9 – Shabbat Vayetzei
6 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship with guest speaker, Dr. Natalie Dohrmann

Friday, December 16 – Shabbat Va’ayshlah
6 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Zimriah

Saturday, December 17
11 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Robbins, son of Holly Janine Wright and Seth Mitchell Robbins in the Haines Memorial Chapel

Friday, December 23 – Shabbat Va’aysev
6 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Glow Stick Family Shabbat/ Chanukah Service
Pot Latke Dinner immediately following service

Saturday, December 24
11 am – Shabbat Worship

Friday, December 30 – Shabbat Miketz
6 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship

November/December Candle Lighting Times

Friday, Nov. 4 • 5:36 pm
Friday, Nov. 11 • 4:29 pm
Friday, Nov. 18 • 4:24 pm
Friday, Nov. 25 • 4:20 pm
Friday, Dec. 2 • 4:18 pm
Friday, Dec. 9 • 4:17 pm
Friday, Dec. 16 • 4:19 pm
Friday, Dec. 23 • 4:22 pm
Friday, Dec. 30 • 4:27 pm
Back in 2005, Ben Stein wrote a beautiful essay in the New York Times about gratitude:

“My father came to Williams College with no money, no financial reserves, and no social connections. He told me of many jobs that he had while he was at Williams, but one stays in my memory. My father had a job, thanks to a kindly man named Taylor Ostrander, who managed a fraternity house called Sigma Psi. My father’s job was to wash the dishes after every meal, three times a day, in the basement of the fraternity house. After the boys finished their meals, it was his job to carry their dishes down to the basement and wash and dry them. He worked at a huge sink, with steam rising, and with detergent getting on his unimaginably soft hands. He wore a stocking cap in order to keep his curly hair from getting caught in the water or the soap.

It was the 1930s, and Jews were not allowed in any of the fraternities at Williams College. Many years later, by which time my father had become a famous economist and a major figure in Washington society, I asked him if he felt angry about having to wash dishes in order to pay his way through school in a fraternity that didn’t admit Jews. I still remember his answer. He said to me: "Are you kidding? Not at all! I couldn’t afford the luxury of being angry. I was just grateful to have a job so that I could go to one of the best schools in the country."

“I think that that was the secret ingredient, aside from astonishing intelligence and creativity, in my father’s success and in his happiness. He did not feel that he had the luxury of feeling aggrieved. He was just grateful to have a chance. Or, as I like to say, he was just grateful for the opportunities he had been given. He saw no reason to waste energy feeling aggrieved. What would that ever accomplish?"

Ben Stein says that many times in his own life, he thinks about the lesson that he learned from his father: It is better to feel grateful for the opportunities that you get than it is to feel aggrieved for the things that you don’t get.

He continues about himself:

“Now, I have found that I cannot predict the stock market except over very long periods. I cannot tell you when the housing bubble will burst -- only that it will burst. I cannot tell you when the dollar will stop rallying -- only that it will stop. So I cannot tell you anything that, in a few minutes, will tell you how to be rich. But I can tell you how to feel rich, which is far better, let me tell you firsthand, than being rich. Be grateful.”

Thanksgiving is a time, first and foremost to be grateful. I know it sounds trite, but the best way to feel rich is to count your blessings instead of your regrets and grudges. As you sit around the festive table, try as hard as you can, not to pick on your relatives’ disturbing behavior. Try, as much as you can to be grateful that you have a family that annoys you. Be grateful you have a job, even if it’s not perfect. Be grateful that you have food on the table. Be grateful that this election cycle will soon be over. Be grateful you have a community that needs you. Just be grateful. Gratitude makes the poor rich and the disgruntled grateful. It is the key to happiness.
Reform Judaism and Shabbat

Ira Secouler, Beth Or President

Congregation Beth Or is a reform synagogue that is part of the greater reform movement, under the umbrella organization of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). The URJ defines the role of the reform movement synagogues as follows:

“The organizations of the Reform Movement exist for the purpose of bringing the teachings of Judaism to the world. In partnership with one another, these organizations hope to realize the many lessons contained in those teachings by nurturing individual Jews, by sustaining congregations and groups that foster authentic and innovative community, and by shaping a shared destiny for Reform Jews with fellow Jews in Israel and around the world.”

So, how do we at Congregation Beth Or nurture our congregants? We constantly seek opportunities that allow our members to maintain a Jewish way of life and connection with God. We affirm personal autonomy in our ritual observance, but we do seek to educate our members in our rich traditions. We encourage our members to worship frequently, not only during the Holy days, but every Shabbat!

President’s Corner

Our lay leadership and clergy are focusing on efforts to renew and modernize our Shabbat worship experience. Shabbat is the centerpiece of Jewish life. We are determined to enhance that experience for all our members. It is our goal to increase Shabbat observance by our congregants. One of the first changes has been with the service time itself. Our Friday night Shabbat services all begin at 6:30 pm, but that is not the important change. Although now shorter, our services have been reorganized to be more meaningful and spiritual. We have scheduled more educational speakers and added musical services to our calendar. As always, our clergy are prepared to bring you spiritual and thought provoking Torah commentary and insightful discussion on many topics. And to allow for the earlier starting time, we offer a light fare before services. It is our hope that these changes will create a more significant Shabbat experience. In addition, the change in service time will allow more members improved access to our services.

This new Shabbat experience has been going on since early summer. Many of our congregants are thrilled with the changes, they enjoy the light fare and conversation before services, and benefit from the changes our clergy have made. The implementation of a blessing for our children, at the beginning of the service, has been a meaningful addition to many of our congregants.

This year, try our new Shabbat experience, make it part of your family’s weekend ritual. Come to services and then share a Shabbat meal at home with your family and friends. Find your spiritual center and begin Friday evening at Beth Or. Help us kindle the lights of Shabbat and allow the glow of the candles to fill this house of light that is Congregation Beth Or.

Wishing you a de-light full Chanukah!
One of my fondest recollections from my days in the financial industry is the way my colleagues supported one another during religious holidays. My non-Jewish peers would pick up extra hours to allow us to observe the High Holy Days and we would do the same come Christmas time. Back to this in a moment...

I read a study once that indicated that Passover is the most widely observed Jewish holiday, followed closely by Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah. Sitting at the Seder table going through the Haggadah may be the religious moment that most Jews identify with most. But if there were a survey about the most widely observed in the non-holiday, non-religious category, the top result would most likely be the activity that all Jews take part in on December 25: Chinese food and a movie.

While at times we Jews might feel lost in December amid the lights, sounds, and music of a holiday celebrated by the vast majority of Americans, this one day of the year brings us together in a most unique way. Some of us might catch a matinee of a winter blockbuster and head out for some chicken fried rice. Others may opt for the orange beef followed by an independent film to which you can gently fall asleep.

Yes, these are the only places open on Christmas Day, but if they weren’t, I think most Jews would choose them anyway. They have become part of our minchag — our custom.

This year it is my hope that we add a third element to our minchag.

In my finance days, it was considerably easier for the non-Jews to cover for us than it was for us to cover for them (though the gesture was equally appreciated). This is because there were roughly 3 Jews and over 150 non-Jews. Things got very quiet in our office as December 25 approached. Things get very quiet in a lot of places on Christmas day including food pantries, soup kitchens, and other charitable organizations. Yet the need to provide for our community remains the same.

This year, under the leadership of Susy Krimker and Margie Chachkin, our Social Action Committee Chairs, Beth Or will provide opportunities for our members to do a mitzvah on December 25. Our plan is to go out and serve our community during the day, and then meet up for Chinese food and a movie a little later. I know we have a congregation that is highly dedicated to social action, so I am sure many congregants will love the opportunity to help out on a day when it is most needed.

If you are interested in learning about our activities planned for this day, please e-mail Susy, Margie, or me to learn more! Let’s take this already fine custom and add an element of mitzvah to it. I hope to see you there!
Aaron Nielsenshultz, Director of Religious School

If you are ever in the building on a Monday or Tuesday afternoon, I’d love it if you’d join me in the Spain Lobby to witness a heart-warming sight. Starting at about 4:10, our Hebrew school students start to arrive. At first they come in ones and twos, and pretty soon there is a positive torrent of children coming in the doors. And most of them are smiling as they come in: they are happy to see their friends and they are excited for their studies. Sometimes children come in wearing their sports uniforms so they can head right off to practice or games, and sometimes I end up with a forest of lacrosse sticks piled in my office.

A big part of the joy of Hebrew school for our students comes in the form of Hebrew Technology. Every other week, students spend 25 minutes in our iPad lab, working on their Hebrew fluency through games and apps, supervised by their teachers and the Hebrew Tech team. What an image this is, when you stop to think about it! Here are our students in 2016, sitting in a synagogue in Maple Glen, PA, learning Hebrew on iPads — the same language that our people have spoken for 4000 years. Our students are directly connected to their fellow students of 2000 years ago studying in the shadow of the Temple in Jerusalem; or of 900 years ago, learning in the shuks of Egypt; or 600 years ago, chanting together in the Pale of Settlement; or even 100 years ago, crammed into cheders in tiny shtetls.

While we might be delivering Hebrew in a new way, it's the same prayers and language that our students learn, and here are some of the ways we are continuing to help them learn:

- All 4th-6th grade students receive a copy of Mishkan T'filah, the Journal Edition. Students will take this beautiful and sturdy book with them through their religious school education, and it will be the book that they take on to the bima with them for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. 3rd grade students receive their copy of the prayer book in the spring of their 3rd grade year in a Chag Siddur ceremony.

- Students participate in our in-school tutoring program. High school students work one-on-one with our 3rd-5th graders throughout the year, supporting and enriching their abilities to decode and to read.

- All students are assessed on letter recognition and decoding early in the year, and the same assessment will be administered at the end of the year to chart their progress.

- And of course, our Hebrew Technology program, where students in 3rd through 5th grade spend 25 minutes every two weeks in our iPad lab where they play games designed to increase their Hebrew vocabulary and their Hebrew sight-reading ability.

So if you are in the building, stop by so I can show you around. Our Hebrew school is a pleasure to see in action!
Eight Fun Ways to Make Chanukah Family Memories

Dale Laing, Early Childhood Director

Getting ready for the holidays with young children can be a lot of fun! Check out this list of 8 things you can do with your young family to celebrate Chanukah with Ruach (spirit!)

1. Make Homemade Cards for Family Members. Making cards is a lost art. Immediate and extended family members would love to receive a homemade card. Kids can glue cut outs or stamp the cards with holiday prints and grownups can help write the text.

2. Listen to Jewish Chanukah Music. There are some great bands and using YouTube to watch videos is FUN! Have a dance party in your kitchen as you hear these great songs. You can search for artists like the Maccabeats, Mama Doni, and Matisyahu.

3. Donate Books. Donating books to local places like the Mitzvah Circle Foundation can be rewarding, especially if you bring your children to the donation center. This activity is a great way to give back to the community.

4. Make Candy Dreidels. What is more fun than creating a project with candy? Use frosting to apply a marshmallow, pretzel and Kiss candy to look like a dreidel. Use frosting to apply the Hebrew letters: Gimmel, Hay, Nun and Shin.

5. Host a Family Dinner. Inviting family or friends over for a Chanukah themed dinner can be such fun! Ask guests to bring one gift for a Chanukah grab bag and exchange.

6. Play a Game of Dreidel. Bring out the coins and dreidel for a family game night. Invite friends for a Dreidel “play off” for some added fun. Playing dreidel is oh so fun!

7. Celebrate the Miracle of Oil. Enjoy Chanukah treats fried in oil such as latkes and jelly sufganiyot (donuts).

8. Light the Menorah! Light the Menorah each night and watch the flames flicker. Your children can help you light each candle.

Create new family traditions that can be carried from generation to generation. L’Dor V’Dor!

SAVE THE DATE!

Spotlight on Cantor David Green:

A Tribute Weekend

Friday, March 24 & Saturday, March 25, 2017

Join in the celebration! We are honoring Cantor Green’s 21st year at Beth Or with a special weekend of music and fun! Look for details coming soon!
An Awesome Year for the Junior Choir!

Cantor Jaime Murley,  
Junior Choir Director

The Junior Choir has gotten off to a great start this year! Participants led beautiful Shabbat services and used their voices to masterfully enrich the High Holy Day Family services. Yasher Koach to every voice in the Junior Choir!

I have so very much enjoyed getting to know this amazing group of young people over the past few months. Not only are its members talented, but through the parties, dinners, and our interactions in and outside of Religious School, I have been touched by their connection to Judaism through prayer and song. These kids value community, friendship, and Torah. They bring joy and enthusiasm to everything they do. I have already learned so much from them and can’t wait to learn more!

November and December will be busy months for the Junior Choir! The choir will lead Family Shabbat services on November 4 and December 2. On December 23, the Choir will also help to lead our beautiful and “glowing” Chanukah/Shabbat service. Stay tuned for additional information on other exciting singing opportunities, the Chanukah party, and a laser tag outing!

I can’t wait to see what else the year has in store for the Junior Choir. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to sing with your children! If you know someone in grades 2 - 12 who would like to join the choir, it is not too late! Contact me at any time to learn more at jmurley@bethor.org.

Senior Choir November/December Calendar

Friday, November 4  
Family Service at 6:30 pm

Friday, December 2  
Family Service at 6:30 pm

Friday, December 23  
Chanukah Service at 6:30 pm

Junior Choir members: Please arrive at 5:45 for rehearsal before all services begin.
BOFTY Board Broadens Outreach

Jillian Glick, Director of Member & Youth Engagement

Earlier this year our BOFTY Board members had a day long retreat to discuss “Oys and Joys” (Good and Welfare) as I like to call them, about themselves, their roles as board members and BOFTY in general. They worked together to create goals for the year. Some of these goals were personal — to do well in school, get into college, get their drivers’ licenses, among other achievements. Other goals were for our board — to work better together, to agree to disagree, to create a general board and to value the opinions of their peers. They then strategized goals for 5777 BOFTY. There was a recurring theme: Get More Members! BOFTY President, Alex Green, challenged this “get more members” theme with the question of how?

I am so excited for the hows they came up with — Here is a sampling:

- We’ve created a BOFTY snapchat — @bethorbofty — Have your children follow program updates and chances to win prizes!
- BOFTY Swag Bags – Get your BOFTY string bags filled with a variety of fun prizes, all while donating to help subsidize BOFTY programs.
- BOFTY members at Family Shabbat – Say hello to board members while you mingle at the Pre-Neg.
- BOFTY and Junior Choir Partnerships – Putting Jr. Choir and BOFTY under one youth umbrella creates a kehillah kedosha (holy community) for all youth in our community to have fun and engage with one another.
- NFTY – The reform movement’s regional youth programs are excellent opportunities for our youth to expand their Jewish friend network as well as having awesome experiences! (Check them out at www.nfty.org/par)

These are just a few of the hows that our youth leaders came up with. I am beyond proud to spend time with these amazing young leaders, as well as all of our youth at Beth Or!

November/December Youth Dates

November 14 and 15 – MINI BOFTY Pizza Dinners
November 18 to 20 – NFTY PAR Fall Kallah
November 20 – BITTY BOFTY
December 2 – BOFTY Spaghetti Dinner
December 9 to 11 – NFTY PAR Jr. Youth Kallah Grades 6-8 (Scholarships Available!)
Zumba-Thon for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Jump into a 20-minute Zumba class with Lauren Gerber at 10 am or 12:15 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Religious School students will also take part at different times during the day. Fundraising goal per participant is $18 ($18 = Chai = Life).

First Aid Kits for KleinLife Seniors
Join us as we assemble first aid kits that include the usual items (bandages and antibiotic ointment), but also small flashlights and 3x5 cards designed for listing medicines and emergency numbers for doctors and family.

- Nor’wester Therapy Dogs — earn how a therapy dog can offer emotional support to students in the “Reading to Rover Program.”
- Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue — meet an adoptee who was happily matched with a Beth Or Family and learn about adopting.
- Providence Animal Center — dog-walking and facility clean-up at this Delaware County facility, led by Beth Or’s Young Adult group.

Collection and Sorting Central
A central collection station will accept toiletries, children/teen dress wear and coats, clothing for men and women, household/laundry cleaners, linens, kitchen utensils/dishes/ pans, K-6 books, band-aids, antiseptic wipes, and more. Sign up to help sort for CHOP (for patients’ families staying overnight), Yad Leah (for Israeli tweens and teens in need), Our Closet (for adults in transition, locally), and HIAS (for newly settled refugees, locally).

Supporting Cancer Research
Alex’s Lemonade Stand and Fox Chase Cancer Center Bake Sale

And much more ...
- Blood pressure and blood sugar testing.
- Red Cross Blood Drive.
- Assist seniors living alone by preparing meals or helping with household tasks (e.g.: change light bulbs and smoke detector batteries).
- Turn over Beth Or’s Corner of the Land at the end of the season.
- Help the environment through a restoration project on the Wissahickon Trail.
- Stop by our Information Tables: NAMI, CeaseFirePA, Bone Marrow Registry and Volunteer for Israel.

For further information, please visit https://bethor.org/2016-mitzvah-day-brochure


Todah Rabah!
Susy Krimker, Social Action Chair, susykrimker@gmail.com
Margie Chachkin, Social Action Vice-Chair, chachkin@aol.com
Social Action At Work

Hope Forest Apartments

Hope Forest is part of Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). In April, First Presbyterian Church of Ambler gifted IHN $300,000, raised through a special initiative, to purchase this family home in Ambler in order to provide an affordable housing option for two families in need. Multiple groups have provided financial support, in-kind donations, and hands-on-help to make Hope Forest move-in-ready by the fall. We were one of these groups.

On July 17, a very hot Sunday this summer, a group of Beth Or volunteers spent the morning helping to transform the house. Some patched the walls, while others painted, removed weeds, cut the shrubs or scrubbed the porch. Everyone worked hard in helping to get the house ready!

We are very proud to be part of this project to help families have a fresh, more stable beginning. We would like to thank: Carole Chasen, Marlene and Bob Cohen, Herb Cohen, Beth and Bernie Johl, Kim Kaffey, David Kohn, Karen Liebman, Jerry Magill, Michelle Naps and Family, Allan Posner, and Eric Vogel for helping us with this great Mitzvah.

The availability of affordable housing for low-income families is limited in Montgomery County. To address this issue, IHN created a new Supportive Housing Program that includes Hope Forest.

Once again, we are looking forward to hosting families at Beth Or in February, 2017. Please sign up on the website when the request for volunteers is posted in the coming weeks. Thank you for continuing to help those in need in our community.

Susy Krimker and Marv Schwartz

Caren Gutman, Committee Chair
Meals That Matter

Meals That Matter is a Beth Or program which meets monthly to prepare meals for Kleinlife’s “Cook For a Friend”. We join over fifty cooking groups across the region to make meals according to Jewish dietary customs. Our group alone made about 1800 meals last year to contribute to the almost 60,000 meals delivered by Kleinlife to homebound seniors throughout Philadelphia and the suburbs.

According to Kleinlife, Cook For a Friend meals help their clients “feel safer at home, and frees up their income so they can afford their prescriptions and other vital expenses. They are most grateful for this service.”

Those of us who cook at Beth Or have enjoyed getting to know one another while volunteering for such a special mitzvah. Last year we had over fifty volunteers who came when it fit into their busy schedules. I personally was drawn to this project as cooking for family and friends, especially during Jewish holidays, has always been important to me. I invite many to my home to share love, laughter, good food and wonderful memories. It is important to me that everyone feels that someone cares about them. Hopefully those who receive these meals enjoy the food and know that we care.

Here at Beth Or, we welcome anyone who would like to join us.
Meet Our B’nai Mitzvah Students

Jessica & Dean Wolfe
October 22
On Sunday November 13, 2016 from 1-4 p.m., in connection with their B’nai Mitzvah Project, congregants Jessica and Dean Wolfe are hosting the 5-4-4 5k Race and Food Truck Festival at Wissahickon Middle School in an effort to raise funds and awareness for Four Diamonds at Penn State Children’s Hospital. 100% of the race proceeds will be donated to Four Diamonds’ fight to conquer childhood cancer. Anyone interested in sponsorship or volunteering please contact Richard Wolfe at rich@twlegal.net. Online registration for runners can be found at runtheday.com.

https://www.runtheday.com/registration/race_info/5-4-4

Dylan and Zoe Hersh
November 12
Our B’Nai Mitzvah project was to help raise money for PMBL, Philadelphia Mans Basketball League. PMBL is a charity basketball camp in Treasure Beach, Jamaica for underserved Jamaican youths. The camp provides individual and group clinics, shooting and skills competitions, team practices and games. Most of the kids who attend the basketball camp come the first day in flip flos, sandals or sometimes without any shoes at all. On June 20, 2016 we held an event at Maple Glen Elementary School to help give back to the kids in Treasure beach. We invited kids in our own community to come out to play basketball. Everyone donated $10 and a pair of gently worn sneakers. We raised over $1000 and collected 75 pairs of sneakers for the kids. If you are interested in learning more about PMBL Jamaica you can find more information at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nYR8CpC36o.

Ava Herring
November 5
For my Mitzvah Project we are having a magic show at Beth Or on October 9 and all of the proceeds will go to a foundation called Spread The Magic. The proceeds go towards pediatric cancer. We went to a magic show with the magician, Chad Juros. He explained his foundation and my Mom and I went up to him at the end of the show. We asked if we could do anything for my Mitzvah Project and he said sure! So, if you would like to help this foundation, you can attend the show or you can place your donation in the donation boxes which I have put in Beth Or and Sandy Run Middle School. You can also check out spreadthemagic.org for more information. Thanks!

Lindsey & Julia Horowitz
November 5
Lindsey & Julia’s B’Not Mitzvah project is Cradles to Crayons. Cradles to Crayons is a fantastic organization with the goal of providing children ages 0 to 12 with basic items such as clothing, school supplies, and other items to help them be safe, protected from the elements and ready to learn. In addition to volunteering at the warehouse on many occasions, Lindsey & Julia held several clothing drives and collected hundreds of items to help the children feel valued.

Maddyn Shapiro
November 19
For my Bat Mitzvah project I wanted to tie in my Torah Portion theme which teaches about Hospitality. I decided to work at the Tabas House in the Northeast with Marna Delfiner. I helped with the elderly by serving them lunch, playing games with them, keeping them company and making them smile. I did this every Thursday for eight weeks. I really enjoyed it. I also worked at Beth Or Camp Chaverim with Jillian Glick. I worked with the two year olds three days a week. I really enjoyed my time this summer and felt like I really made a difference in their lives as well as mine.

Emmi Gordon
November 19
For my Bat Mitzvah project, I volunteered at the Mitzvah Circle Foundation. The Mitzvah Circle is a volunteer-based organization that collects and packs essential items for families going through a crisis, serious illness, homelessness or loss of job. I collected and donated a lot of clothes, books, school supplies and shoes. I also volunteered by sorting donations and packing some boxes with my family members. What made this mitzvah project even more meaningful to me, was when I got to hear each family’s story and I personally selected and packed a box full of essential items that they needed. I hope to continue to donate and volunteer my time at the Mitzvah Circle, since I truly feel as though I am helping to bring some sort of happiness to these families in need.
Zoe Green
November 26

For my Bar Mitzvah project I chose to volunteer at the Beth Or preschool and the Mitzvah Circle. I love being with children at Beth Or Preschool and enjoy helping others. I also spent time volunteering at the Mitzvah Circle packing boxes for families in need. I am currently collecting pajamas for children so they are comfortable and warm this winter. If you would like to donate pajamas, please drop them off in the Beth Or School lobby in a bin labeled “Pajamas for the Mitzvah Circle”. Thank you.

Isaac Schapiro
November 26

Next to sleeping in late, your family can’t find a better “feel good” activity Sunday mornings than volunteering at the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA). It’s the largest provider of food assistance to Jewish families in need in the Greater Philadelphia Region. We gather once a month to unpack huge pallets of food items and then create an assembly line to box up individual care packages, all while enjoying Top 40 dance tunes that really keep you moving! The JRA makes it fun to do the physical labor and leaves you feeling so good about making a contribution to help those in need...people with physical disabilities, the elderly living on fixed incomes or anyone — non-Jews, as well — going through difficulties. They proudly assist over 3000 low income households each month. We also make deliveries to several neighborhoods. I especially like meeting the people when we make deliveries, some trying to hand out treats as a thank you; some who make me feel sad thinking about their living circumstances. Come join us this Fall: October 9, November 13, December 11. Go to www.jewishrelief.org for more information and directions.

Ashley Berman
December 3

For Ashley’s Bat Mitzvah Project, she is raising money to purchase Sleep Sacks for premature babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Abington Hospital-Jefferson Health. There are about 15 million premature babies born each year. That is one out of every ten babies. Ashley was one of those babies, brought into the world seven weeks before her expected due date. She spent two weeks in the NICU where she received superior care from the doctors and nurses. Now, she would like to give back to the hospital that gave her such a great start. For each monetary donation, a Sleep Sack will be purchased and labeled with the families name in honor of Ashley’s Bat Mitzvah. Donations can be sent directly to Ashley Berman at 817 Firethorn Circle, Dresher PA, 19025. Ashley will deliver the Sleep Sacks to the hospital.

Landon Kratchman
December 3

For my Bar Mitzvah project I decided to help the Horsham Challenger Baseball League, which is a baseball league for players with disabilities. On Saturdays we would meet at the field and I spent time helping the players improve their baseball skills during practice and in games. Also, I am helping them build a Miracle Baseball Field just for the participants by raising money from selling lemonade and pretzels. I am thinking of other ways to help donate to their league such as creating a “Fund Me” account. Just because this is my Bar Mitzvah project does not mean I am going to stop helping and donating after my Bar Mitzvah. I really enjoyed the time I spent helping and playing with the kids and I will continue to help the Horsham Challenger Baseball league and all of the players associated with it.

Seth Spector
December 10

For my Bar Mitzvah project, I am collecting any form of baseball equipment to donate to the non-profit organization, Pitch In For Baseball. Pitch In For Baseball is an organization that provides baseball equipment to children in the United States and around the world, that want to play baseball but do not have the equipment to do so. The equipment they collect is directly sent to leagues, schools, and organizations around the world. This year they are donating equipment to teams in Texas, West Virginia and Louisiana who lost everything due to floods. Overall, they have donated more than five million dollars worth of equipment to five hundred thousand children, in nearly every state in the U.S. and eighty different countries internationally. I have been playing baseball since I was five years old and I love playing the sport. I want every child who wants to play baseball to have the opportunity to play. It makes me feel good that I am helping other children enjoy the sport of baseball.

Nathan Robbins
December 17

Hi. My name is Nathan Robbins. I will become a Bar Mitzvah on December 17, 2016. I am excited to become a Bar Mitzvah because I will be teaching you about Vayishlach in the book of Genesis which can be found on page 217, chapter 32, verses 7-9. For my Bar Mitzvah project I will be raising awareness for C.L.O.V.E.S Syndrome. C.L.O.V.E.S Syndrome is something you are born with. There are a variety symptoms not covered in the C.L.O.V.E.S acronym. If you want to know more, please come to my info table.
I was thinking of writing a hysterically funny column for this issue of Spotlight. However, the bros told me that if I did not pitch this year’s Brotherhood Annual Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2016, it would not end well for me.

Attending the Annual Dinner is a great “gig.” You show up, eat delicious hors d’oeuvres, drink beer with other men from the shul and their guests, and have a dinner that your cardiologist need not be told about. The best part is that most of the “heavy lifting” happens before the dinner. So the night is pure enjoyment.

Breaking development: In an effort to change up the entertainment for this year’s dinner, the Brotherhood is bringing in the improv comedy troupe “Screwdrivers” from NYC. Be prepared to laugh uncontrollably.

You might be asking “What about the auction?” New for this year, we are going with Bidding Owl. So bring your smartphone to get in on the action. Bidding Owl will make it easier for us to get out what is available for you to bid upon ahead of the dinner. Beats getting to the dinner and having to call your partner to ask “should I bid on this?” You will able to check the bidding on your smartphone and jump in if your prize is getting away. There may be a learning curve for all of us but I hope Bidding Owl will speed up the paying process for your winning bids.

So besides attending this year’s dinner, what can you do to help? Solicit or donate auction items. It is easy. You go to merchants that you visit anyway and tell them that a donation would help them build their business. What merchant doesn’t want that? We have a form to help you with the “ask”.

See you at the dinner.
Maintaining an Attitude of Gratitude

*Marilyn Ackerman and Ellen Mirbach, Sisterhood Co-Presidents*

It is hard to believe that it is November and Thanksgiving is right around the corner. While not a Jewish holiday, it celebrates our tradition’s values of appreciating the many blessings that we enjoy—plentiful food, family and friends to share our bounty—as well as an admonition to provide for others not similarly blessed.

Think about donating the non-perishable elements of your Turkey Day feast—unopened bags of stuffing, cans of sweet potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, gravy and other staples—to the Ambler Food Cupboard, Manna on Main Street, Jewish Relief Agency or Federation’s Mitzvah Food Project so that their clients are able to create a holiday meal for their loved ones.

Perhaps this is the year that you create a new Thanksgiving tradition, helping to serve a holiday meal, with a side of fellowship, to homeless men and women at a local shelter. The experience will make your own celebration all the more meaningful.

We are thankful for our amazing congregation, its clergy, board and the countless volunteers who make Beth Or a caring, compassionate spiritual home. We look forward to seeing you at our Chanukah Bazaar on December 4, at our January 29 lunch with Rabbi Marx followed by a performance of Neil Simon’s “Laughter on the 23rd Floor” at Philadelphia’s Walnut Street Theater, and at other Sisterhood and synagogue events throughout the year.

Please Support the Tarshis Gift Shop

Proceeds Benefit Beth Or Sisterhood Programs

Stop in for these items and more:

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

Hours:

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

Discounts available for Sisterhood Members and Beth Or Staff I Great Monthly Sales and New Arrivals
Adult Programs

APEX Brunch
Sunday, December 11 from 10 am to 12 noon

No charge to Beth Or members if you RSVP by Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Otherwise pay $5 at the door.

Fred Dugan, a Beth Or Congregant, will present a talk on “An Appreciation of Lincoln”, not a biography. Fred will discuss some of the recent texts about Lincoln, a few anecdotal stories on his role as a leader, how he viewed the Constitution and his country, and a brief examination of his two great speeches.

Fred has a Master’s from Villanova and has taught for 34 years. He has spoken on this and other historical topics throughout the area for the past nine years.

Contact Barb Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org to RSVP.

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.

AARP Safe Driving Class
Refresher Class – Tuesday, November 1 at 10 am
Basic Class – Tuesday/Wednesday, November 15-16 at 10 am

Take a class and get a significant discount on your car insurance. Both courses are open to both AARP members and non-members over 50 years of age. AARP membership card will be required to register for the lower participant fee. Please bring your driver’s license to class. Course fee is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-AARP members. Please RSVP with payment to Beth Or, attention Jillian Glick. Checks should be made payable to AARP.

Art Gallery

MMX – Mixed Media – Ten Artists
Opening Reception: Friday, November 11

The Olitsky Gallery is pleased to present the work of MMX, an assembly of mixed media artists who work in an eclectic mix of media, including encaustic, acrylic, pastel, collage, fabric and ceramics.

Please stop by to meet the artists at the opening reception on Friday, November 11 at the Pre-Neg from 6 to 6:30 pm.

The mission of MMX is to promote mixed media as a fine art form, and to educate the public about the joys of creating. MMX has conducted 13 free collage workshops in the Philadelphia area for a diverse population including military veterans, teenagers recovering from addictions, and Alzheimer’s patients. They continue to offer these workshops as well as talks about mixed media.

Their work has been shown at many area venues, has won many awards, and is in many private collections. MMX artists include Priscilla Bohlen, Angela Breese, Ann Breining, Martha Bryans, Candace Stoudt, Virginia Conover, Linnie Kerrigan-Greenberg, Maxine Rosen and Arlene Solomon.

Artist – Teresa McWilliams Farina
Opening Reception: Friday, December 9

The Olitsky Gallery presents the work of Teresa McWilliams Farina. Please join us to meet the artist at the Pre-Neg on Friday, December 9 from 6 to 6:30 pm.

Teresa is a painter of life. Her passion is to capture the dynamics and energy of her surroundings. Teresa’s work varies from realism to abstraction, or someplace in-between. Her paintings reflect a personal journey, to create an image that engages the imagination and pleasure of the viewer.

Her approach to painting is “build-and-destroy”. She “builds” using many techniques, from underpainting, to wet-in-wet and/or glazing techniques, plus palette knives and other tools to move the paint around and create a satisfying design. The “destroy” process is to remove paint and begin building/destroying again until she satisfied with the image, emotionally and intellectually.

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Events

Sisterhood Cooking Program
Sunday, November 13 at 2 pm

Enjoy Leah Koenig’s Modern Jewish Cooking Demonstration. This event is free for paid up Sisterhood members and also for our new congregants! Non-member cost is $25. Leah is a leading voice of the new generation of young Jewish cooks who are reworking traditional recipes. RSVP and pay on line by clicking this event on the calendar on the Beth Or website or contact Arlene Slobozian at abswvs125@gmail.com. Babysitting may be available upon request. Check out Leah’s website at http://www.leahkoenig.com/
Brotherhood Eagles Football Party  
**Sunday, November 13 at 1 pm**

Get your game-face on when we host the men of Bethlehem Baptist Church and their families as they join us to watch the Eagles take on the Atlanta Falcons. This informal get-together will be in the Multi-Purpose room. Food, fun and games will be provided. All are invited to attend.

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Brunch  
**Sunday November 20 at 10 am**

Join us for brunch and meet Dr. Itzhak Brook as he recounts his experiences serving as a battalion physician during the Yom Kippur War. He is also the author of *In the Sands of the Sinai: A Physician’s Account of the Yom Kippur War*. Advance registration is requested. To register, please send a check in the amount of $10 (incl. brunch) made payable to Beth Or Sisterhood to Arlene Slobodian at Beth Or. A donation to Beit Halochem in Israel, an organization providing aid to Israeli disabled veterans, would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made through their website at [http://beitalochem.ca/our_centres.html](http://beitalochem.ca/our_centres.html).

Brotherhood Annual Dinner and Silent Auction  
**Wednesday, November 30 at 6 pm**

Enjoy cocktails, dinner, dessert and the improv comedy troupe Screwdrivers direct from NYC. The auction will feature sports memorabilia, gift certificates from local restaurants, theaters, golf courses and a variety of items from local merchants. Please check the Beth Or Website for more information.

Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar  
**Sunday, December 4 from 10 am-3 pm**

Shop ’til you drop at our annual Chanukah Bazaar. Great finds — Jewelry, Clothing, Accessories, Fine Art, Candles, Soaps, Stained Glass, Gift Items, Judaica and more! Don’t forget our delicious latkes! For vendor or volunteer information, contact Sherry Spector at sherryspector@yahoo.com.

Sisterhood Seminar  
**Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 pm**

Join Sisterhood after the board meeting for a presentation by Zac Miller & Bruce Sham on the “Social Side of Retirement.” Zac & Bruce will give pointers and answer your questions about financial planning for retirement.

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**Holidays and Shabbat Events**

**Veterans Shabbat and Dinner**  
**Friday, November 11 – Worship at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7:45 pm**

Veterans and active duty personnel are invited guests of the Arnold Berkowitz Memorial Fund. Family, friends and congregants are welcome. For more information, contact Elsa-Lu Berkowitz at 215-643-4700 or berktaxpa@aol.com.

**Shabbat Guest Speaker Dr. Nelly Toll**  
**Friday, November 18 at 6:30 pm**

Nelly was a small child living in Poland when forced into hiding from the Nazis during World War II. She dared to dream, imagining a better world that manifested in her creation of nearly 60 watercolor paintings. Her works have been displayed in Berlin, the U.S. Holocaust Museum and the Yad Vashem Museum in Israel.

**Shabbat Guest Speaker Dr. Natalie Dohrmann**  
**Friday, December 9 at 6:30 pm**

Dr. Dohrmann will speak about, “The Wish for Kings in Rome and Israel” (and today??). Her specialization is rabbinic Judaism, with a special interest in ancient Jewish law and its Greco-Roman context. Dr. Dohrmann is the Associate Director of the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies as well as the Coeditor of the Jewish Quarterly Review.

**Glow Stick Family Shabbat and Chanukah Pot Latke Dinner**  
**Friday, December 23 at 6:30 pm. Dinner to immediately follow service**

Beth Or is aglow with lights as we celebrate Chanukah during this special Family Shabbat service to be followed by a festive dinner and Chanukah games.

**Lifelong Learning**

**Introduction to Hebrew**  
**Mondays and Tuesdays, starting November 7 and 8 at 5:30pm - 6pm**

Join the Beth Or clergy for weekly Hebrew lessons during Hebrew school hours. This class is designed to develop Hebrew literacy so that one can participate more actively in worship.

**The Religious Root to Violence taught by Rabbi Marx**  
**Tuesdays, November 8, November 15 and December 6 at 7 pm**

This 3-part class will explore the roots of violence and their relationship to religion. We will discuss the utility of religion in creating identity, moral direction and social cohesion and see where radicalism distorts these foundations.
Men's Discussion Group
November 16, January 18, March 15
We will meet to discuss topics of the day with Rabbi Marx. Join us for an open and frank conversation about issues that concern men today.

Adult B’nai Mitzvah with Cantor Green
Every other Tuesday starting November 29 at 7pm-9pm
If you never celebrated your Bar/Bat Mitzvah as a child, then this class is for you. Join Cantor Green to learn the prayers, Torah and Haftarah. New two-year class is forming. This class will culminate in a group Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the spring of 2018. (Students have the option to just take the first hour of each class to learn to read Hebrew.) For more information or to register contact Barbara Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org.

News & Nosh with Rabbi Marx
Sunday, January 8 at 10 am – Save the Date
Join Rabbi Marx in the Shmear Café for a lively discussion on today’s current events.

Special Events
Bingo Night
Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 pm – Register Now!
Ladies! Bingo Night it almost here! If you haven’t purchased tickets yet… Join us for a fun night of bingo, raffle baskets, prizes, munchies and beverages. All proceeds will support the Zipporah S. Abramson Center for Early Childhood Education. Purchase your regular Bingo ticket for $20. Attendees are welcome to bring food and beverages. Doors will open at 6:30 pm.

One Book One Jewish Community
Wednesday, December 14 at 7 pm.
Jewish Learning Venture is pleased to announce that One Book One Jewish Community will celebrate its 10th anniversary with:

ZAHAV: A World of Israeli Cooking by Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook
Michael Solomonov, author and chef will be the guest speaker. More information to follow.

Social Action Project, Chinese Food Dinner and Movie
Sunday, December 25
The Social Action Committee is planning a Social Action Project, Chinese Food Dinner and a Movie program. Please contact Susy Krimker (susykrimker@gmail.com) or Margie Chachkin (chachkin@aol.com) if you'd like to participate. More details to come.

Save the Date!
Beth Or Golf Outing
Monday, May 22, 2017 at Meadowlands Country Club
Formal invitation and details to come.

Oy Vey 5K/10K
2017 Committee Volunteers and Local Charity Beneficiary Needed
Beth Or’s 11th annual Oy Vey 5K/10K will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2017. This fun-filled day of community building has raised over $100,000 since 2006! The event, which includes a 5K (3.1 miles) run, 10K (6.2 miles) run and 1-mile family walk, features something for everyone at any age from young children to seniors, fitness enthusiasts to casual walkers who want to have a good time while supporting a good cause.

We are currently seeking new committee members to help plan and organize next year’s Oy Vey 5K/10K. You don’t have to be a runner to be a valuable committee member. Willingness to help is the only qualification required, whether it is organizing volunteers, obtaining and setting up the post-run food, helping with registration and tee shirt distribution, soliciting sponsors, providing marketing and PR, logistics planning, organizing entertainment, etc. Our initial planning meeting will be held shortly. Please contact Jillian Glick in the Beth Or office or Alan Kober at sportyalan@comcast.net if you want to join the committee.

One of the major goals of Oy Vey 5K/10K is giving back to the community — selecting a different local charity each year from congregant suggestions. Do you know of a local charity who can use our support in 2017? The charity should provide services in at least one of the following areas: (a) Jewish programs, (b) children oriented, (c) social services. Applications are now available and due to Jillian or Alan no later than December 10, 2016.
Chai-Lights — November-December 2016

New Members
Tracie, Isla & James Gross
Jon, Mollie, Hailey, David & Audrey Becker
Jim, Judy, Danielle, Alexander & Jason Trias
Eric, Bonnie, Benjamin, Elizabeth & Robert Lewbart
Matthew, Pamela, Benjamin & Alexa Klein
Dan, Jaimee, Ava & Lauryn Richardson
Larry & Bonnie Seidman
Jeffrey, Rena, Rachel & Adina Klein
Eric, Michelle, Dylan & Samuel Brewstein
Jonathan, Alexis & Whitney Fox
Bryan, Lisa, Greyson & Sienna Stein
Nate, Natasha, Blake & Jordyn Hevener
Phil, Jenna, Ari & Evan Nordlinger
Corey & Hannah Miller
Neil, Ashlyn & Max Delson
Reid, Krista, Ainsley, Mallory & Sydney Buergers
Ari, Zinnia, Wren & Fable Sorkin & Lauren Filius
Michael, Jodi, Dylan & Sabrina Schwartz
Zach Van Benthem & Michelle Stella
Adam, Marla, Ryder & Sawyer Brown
Joel, Tonja, Jacob & Rachel Magerman
Nic White-Petruitti & Courtney Baron
Margaret Knopping

Rejoining Members
Elizabeth & Evan Sall

May Their Memory Be a Blessing
Henry Leichter, husband of Linda Leichter & stepfather of Lisa Ashery
Harry Flaxer, cousin of Carla Applebaum
Robert Shapiro
Yvette “Teddy” Stein, grandmother of Josh Stein
Bernice Beck, mother of Jonathan Beck & grandmother of Rachel Darnell
Gertrude Kosowski, grandmother of Roni Berman
Eleanor Weiss Sachs, mother of Don Sachs
Evan Cutler, husband of Helene Warren Cutler and father of Hannah & Alexa
Irina Stein, mother of Amy S. Abrams

Mazel Tov
Wedding of Kari Titcher, daughter of Elliot and Avis Titcher, to Jon Reedy
Wedding of Jennifer Seboek and Jeffrey Gould
Wedding of Michelle Stella, daughter of Larry & Ilene Stella, to Zach Van Benthem
Engagement of Carley Marion, daughter of Ilene Schneller & sister of Dana Marion, to Thomas Paul
Birth of Lucas George Walter, grandson of Arlene and Walter Slobodzian
Birth of Asher Jacob Roig, grandson of Bob and Lana Weinstein
Birth of Kyla Grier McElaney, granddaughter of Walter & Arlene Kirszenbaum
Birth of Ryder Aden Berman, grandson of Steve & Ilene Berman
Bat Mitzvah of Ava Herring
B’nai Mitzvah of Lindsay and Julia Horowitz
B’nai Mitzvah of Dylan and Zoe Hersh
Bat Mitzvah of Maddyn Shapiro
Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Levinson
Bat Mitzvah of Emmi Gordon
Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Green
Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Schapiro
Bar Mitzvah of Landon Kratchman
Bar Mitzvah of Ashley Berman
Bar Mitzvah of Jessica Winegrad
Bar Mitzvah of Seth Spector
Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Robbins

Pre-Neg and Flower Donations

SEPTEMBER
September 2 • Ken and Miriam Weinstein in honor of Sarah Weinstein’s Bat Mitzvah
Jonathan and Pamela Baker in honor of Samuel and Emma Baker’s Bar Mitzvah
September 9 • Zachary Fletcher and Adrienne Tabas in honor of Morgan Tabas’ Bar Mitzvah
Robert and Pamela Adelman in honor of Rachel Adelman’s Bat Mitzvah
September 16 • Scott Kloin and Jamie Dancer Kloin in honor of Taylor Kloin’s Bar Mitzvah
Jeremy and Kristin Poisson in honor of Laili Poisson’s Bat Mitzvah
September 23 • Stuart and Jamie Klein in honor of Margot Klein’s Bat Mitzvah
Lee and Michelle Lambersky in honor of Noah Lambersky’s Bar Mitzvah
Michael and Michelle Boas in honor of Julia Boas’ Bat Mitzvah
Aaron and Lois Lambersky in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Noah Lambersky and in honor of their 70th birthdays and 50th wedding anniversary
Jeffrey and Samantha Stirling in honor of the Hebrew Naming of their daughters, Alexis and Mackenzie
September 30 • Amy Navon and Michael Keitz in honor of Rebecca Keitz’s Bat Mitzvah
Ron and Stacey Frezel in honor of Lily Frezel’s Bat Mitzvah

OCTOBER
October 14 • Steve and Pam Jordan in honor of Sean Jordan’s Bar Mitzvah
Marshall and Judy Shigon in honor of Naomi Shigon’s Bat Mitzvah
Lori and Raymond Schleinkofer in honor of Sarah Schleinkofer’s Bat Mitzvah
October 21 • Richard and Charla Wolfe in honor of Jessica and Dean Wolfe’s B’nai Mitzvah
Scott and Elisa Heisman in honor of Andrew Heisman’s Bar Mitzvah
Ian and Marci Comisky in honor of Ryan Comisky’s Bar Mitzvah
October 28 • Stephen and Lauren Hellman in honor of Annabel Hellman’s Bat Mitzvah
Steven and Heather Mensoff in honor of Bess Mensoff’s Bat Mitzvah
Scott and Jennifer Porter in honor of Zachary Porter’s Bar Mitzvah

NOVEMBER
November 4 • Nathan Herrring and Marla Herring in honor of Ava Herrring’s Bat Mitzvah
Michael and Sheri Horowitz in honor of Julia and Lindsey Horowitz’s B’nai Mitzvah
November 11 • Jason and Jaime Hersh in honor of Dylan and Zoe Hersh’s B’nai Mitzvah
November 18 • Hal and Michelle Shapiro in honor of Maddyn Shapiro’s Bar Mitzvah
Jodie Levinson and Marc Levinson in honor of Rachel Levinson’s Bat Mitzvah
Mitch and Jill Gordon in honor of Emmi Gordon’s Bat Mitzvah
November 25 • Chuck Green and Jennifer Abramson Green in honor of Zoe Green’s Bat Mitzvah
Robert and Donna Schapiro in honor of Isaac Schapiro’s Bar Mitzvah

December
December 2 • Adam and Steffany Kratchman in honor of Landon Kratchman’s Bar Mitzvah
Daniel and Staci Berman in honor of Ashley Berman’s Bat Mitzvah
December 9 • Robert and Stephanie Winegrad in honor of Jessica Winegrad’s Bat Mitzvah
Larry and Wendy Spector in honor of Seth Spector’s Bar Mitzvah
December 16 • Seth Robbins and Holly Wright in honor of Seth Robbins’ Bar Mitzvah
Memorials and Contributions

**Rabbi Marx’s Discretionary Fund**

In Memory of
CAROLE GOLDIN
Larry & Sandy Frankel
MOLLIE LANDER
Lowell & Madeline Lander
JULES PEARLSTINE
Ralph & Thelma Silber
BERNICE BECK
Ronald & Barbara Rosenthal
In Honor of
DR. & MRS. MICHAEL JOCHNOWITZ
Dr. & Mrs. Joel Chanen
Engagement of DANIEL MARX & TYLE GARDNER
Jack & Rosie Elias
Congratualtions to
Marriage of SARAH KRIEGER & EVAN KLONDAR
Stacy Frankel
In Appreciation of
Rabbi Marx
Brad & Debra Pliner
Jane Zeruld
Jeff Gould & Jenifer Seboek
Jonathan & Judy Beck
Ken Moskowitz
Marilyn Levin
**Rabbi Gerber’s Discretionary Fund**

In Memory of
CLARA TANNENBAUM
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Fred & Stacy Frankel
In Honor of
Birth of LEVI SAMSOM CHIRLIN
Harold & Martha Semanoff
In Appreciation of
RABBI GERBER
Bob & Liz Hirsch
Robert & Randi Windheim
Jonathan & Judy Beck
BOB SIMON
Jonathan & Judy Beck

**Cantor Green’s Discretionary Fund**

In Memory of
MADELENE LOEWENSTERN
Gary & Cindy Loewenstern
JULES PEARLSTINE
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ELEANORE SACHS
Phil & Judy Pfeffer
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CANTOR GREEN’S Recovery
Jack & Rosie Elias
The Selsey Family
IRA SECOULER’S Birthday
Lorraine Secouler
CANTOR GREEN’S Good Health!
Phil & Judy Pfeffer
Annual Appeal 2016-17
In Memory of
LOUIS SILVERMAN
Allen & Diane Shapiro
Arnold Berkowitz Memorial Fund for Veteran’s Shabbat
In Memory of
BERNICE BECK
Eli & Jean Aghen
Joseph Berkowitz
ElsaLu Berkowitz
Barbara Goldberg Nursery School Fund
In Memory of
HERMAN HENSCHEN
Faye Miller
BETTY HERMAN
STEPHEN TEMLOCK
Hal & Pearl Tragash
SARAH WEISS
ARTHUR WEISS
The Miller Family
In Honor of
Engagement of SAM MILAKOFSKY to RACHAEL MASSE
Ellen Werther
Barbara & Marvin Goldberg Confirmation Israel Trip Endowment
In Memory of
DYLAN BERNSTEIN
Sam Miller & Family
JACOB SHUSTER
Faye & Bob Miller
Capital Fund
In Memory of
ESTHER SOLOMON
Mark & Elaine Solomon
Caring Congregants Fund
In Memory of
BERNICE BECK
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Robin Zappin
ELEANORE WEISS SACHS
BOB SHAPIRO
HERMAN HENSCHEN
Ellen Werther
In Honor of
Bar Mitzvah of COBI GOLDBERG
The Birth of NOAH BEER
Ellen Werther
Speedy Recovery to
LIZ HIRSCH
Ellen Werther
Eva Sagoskin Memorial Fund for Adults
In Memory of
BERNICE BECK
Herb & Renee Cohen
General Fund
In Memory of
JULES PEARLSTINE
Lynne & Bill Garbose
LINDA CHALFIN
Sylvia Hoffman & Family
In Honor of
MARK GLASER on his Special Birthday
Aunt Phyllis Jacobson
Hannah Miller Youth Library Fund
Congratulations to
WENDY AXELROD & ANDY JOHANSON,
Happy 30th Anniversary
Larry & Ilene Stella
Interfaith Apartment Fund
In Memory of
JOYCE KILSHAW & JOSEPH GOLDBLUM
Rebecca Kilshaw
Israel Emergency Fund
In Memory of
BOB SHAPIRO
HARRY LEICHER
Margie Chachkin
Speedy Recovery to
SUE TARSHIS
Margie Chachkin
Karl & Molly Herzfeld Library Fund
In Memory of
ALBERT ROSENBERG
Phyllis Rosenberg
In Honor of
60th Wedding Anniversary of
JACK & MYRA DORF
Mort & Joann Simon
Kate Svitek Memorial Garden Fund
In Memory of
KATE SVITEK
Bob Clair
LEON GROSSMAN
Carole Chasen
Linda Gerson Memorial Fund for Grounds Beautification
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MARTIN WEINTRAUB
Gerson Family
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Harry & Lila Schultz
NAOMI RICHMAN
STEPHEN R. CANTOR
ELIZABETH (LIBBY) B. OHRENSTEIN
Joe & Elsa Engel
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ALAN KOBER’S Special Birthday
Harry & Lila Schultz
Marriage of Jackie & Jerry Finkelstein’s son - HOWARD to CASEY RAND
Ilene Schneller, Dana Marion & Norman Cohen
In Appreciation of
MERLE & PHILIP ROSENFIELD
Jeffrey & Henny Sternfield
Music Fund
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Drs. Steven & Ruth Ryave
STAN STRAUSS
Ellen Werther
PHYLIS PUNCH, MOTHER OF NORMAN SILVERS
DORIS SCHLACHMAN
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ROSE SCHLACHMAN
Neil & Cheryl Schlackman
BESS SNYDERMAN
ABE SNYDERMAN
Paul & Dale Snyderman
In Honor of

HANNAH DORSEY’S
High School Graduation

Confirmation of APRIL BRASHER & LYNN EDELMAN
CANTOR’S GREEN’S Recovery
Robin Arnold
Confirmation of LYNN EDELMAN
Paul Snyderman
50th Anniversary of
BARBARA & PAUL FRUITMAN
Neil & Cheryl Schlackman
Continued Good Health to
CANTOR GREEN
Pearl & Harold Tragash

In Appreciation of

RABBI MARX
Kenneth Katz

Speedy Recovery to
CANTOR GREEN
Ellen Werther

Natan Luehrmann
C Owen Jr. Choir
Endowment Fund

In Memory of

HENRY LEICHTER
Scott & Elisa Heisman and Family
Scott & Randi Copman
The Gilad Family
EVAN CUTLER
Steve & Merle Schwartz

Congratulations to

MICHELLE STELLA’S marriage to
ZACH VAN BENTHEM
Larry & Ilene Stella

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory of

LILLIAN LUKEN
Allen & Diane Shapiro
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Maxine Greenberg

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Scholastic Excellence

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CLAIRE BUDD LOVE
ELEANORE WEISS SACHS
Marian Wolfert

In Honor of
Birth of LUCAS GEORGE WALTER
Marian Wolfert

Congratulations to
Birth of SHAINA RAE POPPITI
Marian Wolfert

In Appreciation of
RABBI GERBER & CANTOR GREEN
for August Services
Marian Wolfert

Sisterhood Mitzvah Fund

In Memory of
LYNNE KLEINBERG
Gail & Fred Karafin

In Honor of
Birth of JANET & LARRY KATZ’
Granddaughter
Todd Solodar & Marilyn Ackerman
ILENE SCHNEIDER’S daughter
CARLY, on her engagement to
THOMAS
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