



Beth Or Spotlight

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September Worship Schedule

Saturday, September 1 Shabbat Ki-Tavo & Selichot

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa Weinstein, daughter of Kenneth and Miriam Weinstein

6:30 pm Selichot congregational dinner & presentation of movie, "3 Billboards Outside of Ebbing, Missouri"

8:30 pm Selichot Worship Service

Friday, September 7 – Shabbat Nitzavim

6:30 pm Family Shabbat Worship Service in the Gitlin Sanctuary

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

Both services will be followed by a Dessert Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, September 8

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Leah Sirota, daughter of Mark and Michelle Sirota

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Remie Clibanoff, daughter of Jim Clibanoff and Felice Tucker

Sunday, September 9 Erev Rosh Hashanah

8:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Worship Service

9:30 pm Dessert Reception

Monday, September 10 Rosh Hashanah

9:00 am Early Worship Service

9:00 am Worship Service for Youth (K-4)

11:30 am Tashlich Service

12:30 pm Late Worship Service

3:00 pm Tashlich Service

3:30 pm Family & Tot Worship Service

4:30 pm Tashlich Service

Tuesday, September 11 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

10:00 am 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Worship Service

Friday, September 14 Shabbat Vayelech

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service followed by a Dessert Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, September 15

11:00 am Shabbat Worship Service

Tuesday, September 18 – Kol Nidre

8:00 pm Kol Nidre Worship Service

Wednesday, September 19 Yom Kippur

9:00 am Early Worship Service

9:00 am Worship Service for Youth (K-4)

11:30 am Yom Kippur Study Session #1

12:00 pm Late Worship Service

1:00 pm Yom Kippur Study Session #2

2:45 pm Family & Tot Worship Service

2:45 pm Yom Kippur Study Session #3

4:00 pm Afternoon, Yizkor & Neilah

Worship

6:15 pm Break the Fast

Friday, September 21 – Shabbat Ha'azinu

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service followed by a Dessert Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, September 22

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Ashley Klein, daughter of Stuart and Jamie Klein

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Carter Forman, son of Benjamin and Lorine Forman

Sunday, September 23 – Erev Sukkot

5:30 pm Dinner in the Goldstein Sukkah

6:30 pm Welcome To Our Tent in the Goldstein Sukkah with Lulav, Etrog & Song

Monday, September 24 – Sukkot

9:00 am Sukkot Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary with brunch to follow

10:30 am CECE Family Festival of Fun

Friday, September 28 – Shabbat

5:45 pm Sushi, Sake & Sukkah

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship with guest speaker, Blair Dawson followed by a Dessert Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, September 29

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Colin Enck, son of Bob and Debbie Enck

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Ellee Segal, daughter of Robert and Cindy Segal

Sunday, September 30 Erev Simchat Torah

6:30 pm Erev Simchat Torah Worship & Consecration followed by a Dessert Oneg Shabbat with Israeli Dancing with RAK-DAN

October Worship Schedule

Monday, October 1 – Simchat Torah

9:00 am Simchat Torah Worship & Yizkor with brunch to follow

Friday, October 5 – Shabbat Bereshit

6:30 pm Family Shabbat Worship Service in the Gitlin Sanctuary

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

Both services followed by a Dessert Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, October 6

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of William Kollmar, son of Jim and Linda Kollmar

9:30 am Torah Study

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

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Katz, daughter of Craig and Kristen Katz

Friday, October 12 – Shabbat Noach

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship with Guest Speaker, Michael Goldfarb followed by a Dessert Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, October 13

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Micah Margolis, son of Jonathan and Francine Margolis

Friday, October 19 Shabbat Lech-Lecha

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service with the Installation of Rabbi Bonder followed by a Dessert Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, October 20

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Cole Jordan, son of Steven and Pamela Jordan

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Holly Wiener, daughter of Stewart Wiener and Kathy Kersul-Wiener

Friday, October 26 Shabbat Vayera

5:45 pm Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner

7:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service Honoring Sisterhood followed by a Dessert Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, October 27

9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Devyn Baron, daughter of Josh and Lauren Baron

9:30 am Torah Study

11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Haley Wallach, daughter of Todd and Lisa Wallach

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Rabbi Gregory S. Marx

From the Rabbi's Desk

We need to take a moment and think about our spiritual destiny, our priorities and our life's goals.

Our Individual Journey From and To

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

Rabbi Jonathan Sachs observes that the books of Exodus and Numbers have some striking similarities. They are both about journeys. They both portray the Israelites as quarrelsome and ungrateful. Both contain stories about the people complaining about food and water. In both, the Israelites commit a major sin: in Exodus, the golden calf; in Numbers, the episode of the spies. In both, God threatens to destroy them and begin again with Moses. Both times, Moses' passionate appeal persuades God to forgive the people. It is easy when reading Numbers, to feel a sense of *déjà vu*. We have been here before.

But there is a huge difference between each book. **Exodus is about a journey from. Numbers is about a journey to.** Exodus is the story of an escape from slavery. By contrast, in Numbers the people have already left Egypt far behind. They have spent a prolonged period in the Sinai desert. They have received the Torah and built the Sanctuary. Now they are ready to move on. This time they are looking forward, not back. They are thinking not of the danger from which they are fleeing, but of the destination to which they are travelling, the Promised Land.

As we enter into the holiest time of the year, I think we have a great deal in common with these two books of the Bible. As the new Jewish year is upon us, we look both backward and forward. We are leaving one stage of our lives and the sins we have committed and hopefully moving forward with renewed hope, forgiveness and promise. T.S. Elliot once wrote, "Only by acceptance of our past, can we alter it." In other words, looking forward requires a healthy look at from where we came.

But, Judaism is not only about memory. It is also about vision. We need to take a moment and think about our spiritual destiny, our priorities and our life's goals. Every job interview always entails this question, "where do you see yourself in five years?" Well, the High Holy Days asks us the same question, as does the Book of Numbers. To where are we travelling?

The mood of Numbers is intensely darker than it is in Exodus. The rebellions are more serious. Moses' leadership is more hesitant. We see him giving way, at times, to anger and despair. The Torah, with great realism, is telling us something counterintuitive and of great significance.

The journey from is always easier than the journey to.

We see this in politics. It's easy to overthrow a tyrant, but much more difficult to create a genuinely free society with the rule of law and respect for human rights. We see it in life. Our kids yearn to leave home and begin a new life but often find the road to independence fraught with dangers and setbacks.

One of my favorite old movies is the Hitchcock film, *The Man Who Knew Too Much*. In it Doris Day sings the popular song, *Que Será, Será* (Whatever Will Be, Will Be). But waiting for whatever will turn up, doesn't work out too well for the leads in the movie, Jimmy Stewart and Doris Day. Likewise, in the Torah, whenever you find the Jewish word for *Que Sera Sera*, which is *Vayechi*, "and it came to pass," said the Talmudic sages, "it is always the prelude to pain." Just letting things happen to us is a recipe for disaster.

May this New Year be one in which we journey from sin and disappointment and voyage forward with hope, vision, faith and a true yearning for peace. *Shana Tova*.

It's Time to Re-Charge for 5779

David Simon, Beth Or President

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a nice, enjoyable and safe summer. But it's reality time and the season to start anew. Depending on when this issue "hits the stands," we will be approaching Rosh Hashanah or will have just celebrated it. Rosh Hashanah is that holiday when we recharge ourselves spiritually, mentally, and maybe even emotionally. To quote Rabbi Michael Strassfeld, "*Rosh Hashanah is about possibilities and births, new beginnings.*" (my apologies to Abigail Pogrebin, as I borrowed one of her many quotes from "*My Jewish Year*", the book that I mentioned in my last Spotlight article). And from my perspective, it's the beginning of my last year as president (but who's counting) and a new year for the Board of Trustees.



David Simon

The year 5779 brings a new rabbi into the fold as we welcome Rabbi Jason Bonder, his wife Rina, and their two children to Beth Or. Rabbi Bonder will be formally installed on October 19. Please join us for this

special service — which as we all know now — will begin at 7:30 pm. This is my friendly reminder that all Friday Shabbat Services, except of course Family and Kabbalat Shabbat Services on the first Friday of each

President's Corner

month, now begin at 7:30 pm. I want to formally thank my brother Bob and Jody Pascal for chairing the Rituals & Practices Committee. They also led the process in which the congregation was surveyed, and based on the results, decided to move Friday Shabbat services to the new 7:30 pm start time.

One of the many highlights of the upcoming year will be the gala celebration on the first weekend in May in honor of Rabbi and Laurie Marx's 30th anniversary at Beth Or. Please mark your calendars to spend Friday's Shabbat service and the Saturday night gala party at Beth Or on May 3 and 4. More information will follow in the months leading up to this event. I want to thank Leslie and Evan Weiss for chairing the organizing committee.

As always, the year 5779 at Beth Or is slated to be full of prayer, inspiration, education, and of course, joy. I look forward to sharing this new year with you.

L'shanah tovah.



New Shabbat Worship Time starts Friday, September 14

As previously announced, based on the results of our congregational survey, Friday evening Shabbat worship services will take place as follows:

First Friday of the month:

Family Service in the Gitlin Sanctuary
• 6:30 pm

Kabbalat Service in the Jayne Haines Memorial Chapel • 6:30 pm

All other Fridays of the month:

Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary • 7:30 pm

A dessert oneg follows all services, no matter the start time. We look forward to you joining us!



Rabbi Jason Bonder

Through New Eyes

Rabbi Jason Bonder, Associate Rabbi

So much of the joy of raising children, or simply being around children, is that we get to see the world to which we've grown accustomed, through a brand new perspective. On Sukkot, we are commanded to be happy. Daily our children show us how to fulfill this mitzvah. Look at that which is in front of you in a way that you've never seen it before.

A sukkah is a temporary and unsteady dwelling that we often find a bit more worn down from another full year of sitting in the shed. In a Sukkah, we are at risk of seeing the same old thing. To access the joy of Sukkot, we can ask ourselves, "How can I look at this sukkah in a way that I never have before?"

This year, at our "Sushi, Sake, Sukkah... and Sweetness!" event, while we eat and drink and rejoice, we will try to see our Sukkah in a different way. We will

remember that in our communities and in our world, there are those who do not have the comfort of a permanent home. In the midst of our celebration, we will have a special opportunity to help those experiencing homelessness. I hope that our improving the situation of others will bring them, and us, more joy.

While Sukkot will come to an end a week after it begins, we are going to keep our theme of seeing things through new eyes all year long in our "Introduction to Judaism" course. This class meets every Tuesday evening at 7 pm and runs for 16 weeks beginning on October 9. If you have been around the Jewish community all your life, but you want to see Judaism through a new lens, this course may be for you! If you are new to Judaism all together, then this class may be for you, too! I look forward to being your guide through this course and I hope that, with your help, we will see Judaism through a brand new lens.

From the Rabbi's Desk

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Introducing an *ALL NEW* Beth Or Website

Judy Trias, Director of Marketing and Communications

If you have recently visited the Beth Or website, www.bethor.org, you may have noticed it looks much different. Based on your feedback, the site has been completely redesigned and the content has been overhauled, too. We hope you can now easily find the information you are looking for — whether viewing on a desktop computer, tablet or mobile device.

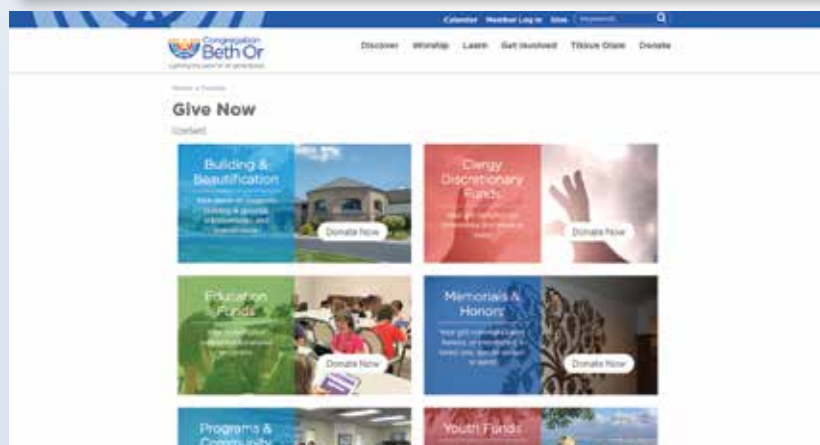
A few key features:

You can access nearly everything you may want to know about Beth Or from the website home page or the drop down menu tabs at the top of the page — organized by **Discover**, **Worship**, **Learn**, **Get Involved**, **Tikkun Olam** and **Donate**.

- **Calendar:** Access several ways: (1) top blue bar on all pages, (2) scroll to the featured events section about 2/3 way down on the home page, (3) bottom of all pages, (4) right sidebar of all pages.
- **Member Log In:** Access your Chaverweb account and membership directory from the top blue bar on all pages.
- **Event RSVP:** Use the RSVP Portal on the homepage to easily register for upcoming events/programs.
- **Donations:** We've made it easier to give to Beth Or! Access 3 ways: (1) top blue bar on all pages, (2) scroll to the Giving feature section on the home page, (3) use the Donate drop down tab. Find an explanation of the different ways to give. Also, Funds are now organized by category and include descriptions. You can donate online using a credit card or use the fillable forms and submit directly, and mail a check to the Beth Or office.

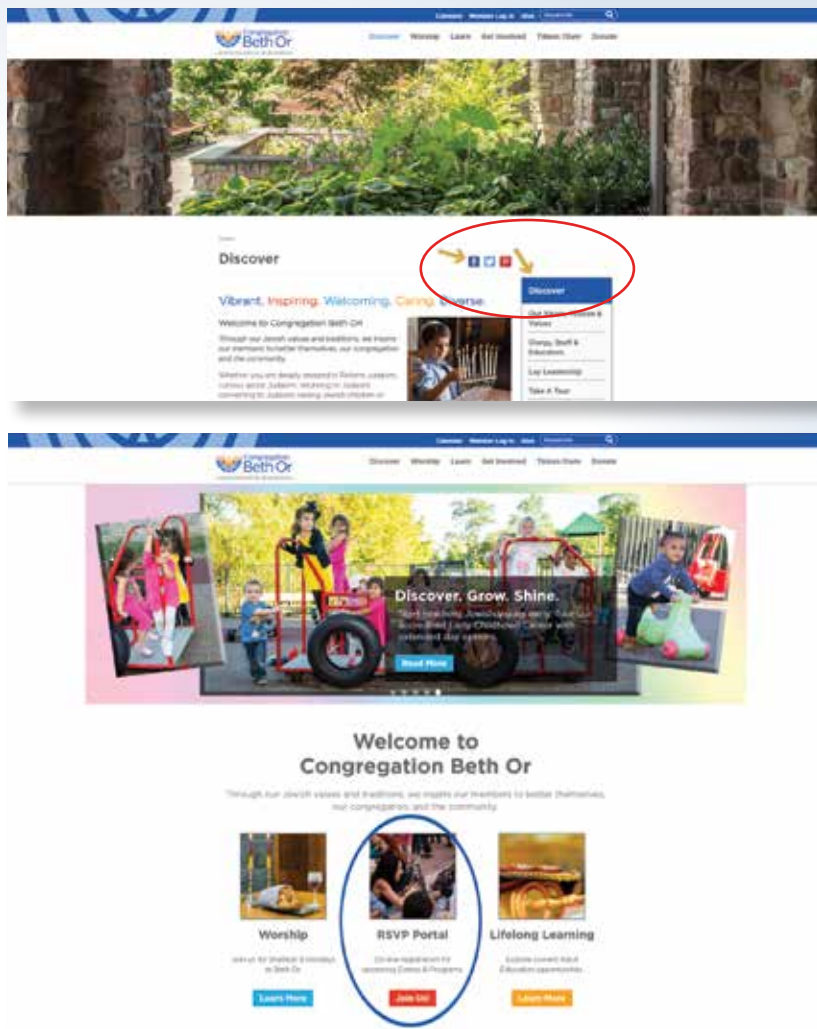


Judy Trias



- **Worship:** Find descriptions, times and locations for the different worship services and holiday programs available to Beth Or members. Learn about how Beth Or supports you or celebrates with you during key Life Cycle Events.
- **B'nai Mitzvah Headquarters:** Thanks to the input of our Religious School committee chairs, there is now an entire Life Cycle Events page dedicated to the B'nai Mitzvah experience including process and time lines, scheduling appointments, on-line prayers tutorials, and much more.
- **FAQs:** We've come up with the most popular FAQs for several topics — membership, interfaith families, the CECE, and B'nai Mitzvah.

- **Learn:** Find important information, resources and forms for our Early Childhood, Religious School and Lifelong Learning programs.
- **Get Involved/Tikkun Olam:** Find descriptions of all of the ways you can get involved in Beth Or auxiliaries, programs, committees and causes that match your interest, expertise and/or stage of life. You can directly contact committee chairs and program leaders from these pages too.
- **Photo Gallery:** View photo albums of recent events & programs — right from the home page!
- **Share:** Do you want to share the information you are reading throughout the website? Each page features social sharing buttons at the top to share on your personal social media accounts.
- **Search:** If you can't quickly find the information you are seeking, type a few keywords into the search button on the top blue bar on each page.





September/October Candle Lighting

Friday, September 7 • 7:04 pm	Friday, October 5 • 6:18 pm
Friday, September 14 • 6:53 pm	Friday, October 12 • 6:07 pm
Friday, September 21 • 6:41 pm	Friday, October 19 • 5:57 pm
Friday, September 28 • 6:30 pm	Friday, October 26 • 5:48 pm



Important School Dates

Sunday, September 23

First Day of Sunday School/Meet the Teachers

Sunday, September 30

Consecration, 6:30 pm

Monday, October 8

First Day of Monday Hebrew/Academy

Tuesday, October 9

First Day of Tuesday Hebrew

Sunday, October 21

3rd Grade to Abramson Center
10-11:30 am (Class TBD)

Sunday, October 28

3rd Grade to Abramson Center
10-11:30 am (Class TBD)

Religious School NEWS

Look for the Good

Aaron Nienshultz, Director of Religious School

We're getting off to a late start with Religious School this year — our first day of Sunday school is Sunday, September 23, and Monday/Tuesday classes don't start until October 8 and 9. This delay occurs every few years when Rosh Hashanah falls on Sunday/Monday early in September, and it's just one of those details we just have to live with. Still, as always, remind your children that if they find and greet me during Rosh Hashanah, I'll have Jolly Ranchers to share with them to start a sweet New Year.



Aaron Nienshultz

For our theme this year, I want to ask everyone to Look for the Good: as I'll detail during our opening session on Sunday, September 23. To Look for the Good helps us all find ways to think good, do good, and feel good (both in our bodies and in our souls), and if we work on it all year long, we can make a habit out of the Good that is easy to keep running all year round!

Let me start off by making "good" on an omission from the spring: When I announced our Derech Eretz award winners, those students whose behavior and spirit are absolutely top-notch, I left off Samantha Segal, a soon-to-be 3rd grader. Samantha, we are so grateful for you — I'm sorry for my oversight!

When I say that I'm looking forward to a Good year, you know that I mean several different things. I can't wait to see you all soon!

- **Consecration** — Make a note that Consecration takes place on Sunday, September 30 during our Simchat Torah worship. This ceremony is open to all new students in kindergarten through 3rd grade, and it marks the formal beginning of Jewish education. It's a lovely ceremony, and we hope your students will take part. Contact Sharon Carlin to let us know if you're coming.
- **Opening Day Information** — Join us for our Opening Day Kick Off on Sunday, September 23!
- **Welcome Back Breakfast** sponsored by Brotherhood and Sisterhood begins at 8:30 am and runs throughout the morning in the Spain Lobby.
- **Early Session all-school Kick Off**, for students and parents, 9 am in the Gitlin Sanctuary. Students are then dismissed to class with their teachers, and parents are dismissed.
 Early Session all-school sing-along for students, 10:30 - 10:45 am in the Gitlin Sanctuary.
 Early Session meet-the-teachers for parents, 10:30 - 10:34 am in each class.
- **Late Session all-school Kick Off**, for students and parents, 11:15 am in the Gitlin Sanctuary. Students are then dismissed to class with their teachers, and parents are dismissed.
 Late Session all-school sing-along for students, 12:45 - 1:00 pm in the Gitlin Sanctuary.
 Late Session meet-the-teachers for parents, 12:45 - 1:00 pm in each class.



**Leonard &
Madlyn Abramson
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CONGREGATION BETH OR

So Many Holidays, So Little Time...

Lisa Yoskowitz, Early Childhood Director

The High Holy Days are almost here, which means life is about to get very, very busy — if it hasn't already. This time of year, brings a special kind of panic upon Jewish families across the globe, and this holds true even more so this year as the holidays are sandwiched in between Labor Day (September 3) and the first day of school (September 12). And just when you thought the rhythm and flow of the new school year "should" begin, it's Yom Kippur. And a week later, (September 24) it's Sukkot and the following Monday, (October 1) it's Simchat Torah. Capturing the beautiful meaning of the holidays can be a challenging task for young families. So here's your guide to helping the holidays go smoothly. I can't promise seamless, but there's no shame in wishing and hoping!



Lisa Yoskowitz

Mark your calendar

This one sounds simple, but it's all too easy to forget. Put the holidays into your calendar now and your busy life just might be transformed! And please take a moment to pencil in some fun activities and important meetings that are already on the calendar here at the CECE:

- **Wednesday, September 12** — In conjunction with the first day of school, our "Boo-Hoo Breakfast" at 8:15 am
- **Wednesday, September 12** — CECE Parent Committee meeting at 9 am
- **Monday, September 24** — Sukkot Family Festival of Fun at 10:30 am
- **Wednesday, September 26** — Back to School Night at 7 pm



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

CONGREGATION BETH OR

Attending Services

Services are something that many families approach with mixed emotions. The "obligation" of having to attend versus "wanting" to attend. The gift of going to services here at Beth Or is that there is truly something for everyone. But what does it take to have a meaningful service? You need to do your "spiritual homework" to prepare for this. Why not assign spiritual self-care homework to yourself? Reflect upon who you are, who you could be, and who you should be. Whether you are Jewish, or part of a Jewish family, opening yourself up to some self-reflection, can only enhance the services that you choose to attend.

Bringing spirituality to the forefront by reflecting on the past year is the key to taking the holidays to the next level. So share your reflections with your children and partner. Ask them for their input, as well. What they say may surprise you! Dedicate time to speak to each member of your family (from the youngest to the oldest) about the year that has passed and the year that lies ahead. Share ways you have missed the mark, say you're sorry, and make time for them to do the same. Offer and receive hugs.

May the High Holy Days bring you peace and contentment and may the sweetness of the New Year be with you always.



Welcome Back to Beth Or Youth!

Jillian Glick, Director of Member & Youth Engagement

It's been a long and hot summer and I cannot wait to see many smiling faces return for the 5779 school year! We have been working hard to get ready for this year's youth programming and I am excited to share a few new things with you:

We are excited to announce a new initiative for our teens — The Beth Or Teen Leadership Institute is for students in grades 9 through 12 who are looking to gain leadership skills, plan events and make an impact in our community. Is this something your teen might be interested in? Classes will be held once per month at 1 pm on a Sunday and will begin at the end of September. Please contact me directly with questions!

I would like to welcome Fran Margolis as our new Youth Committee co-chair, joining Allison Levin this year. Fran & Allison look forward to leading our Youth Committee in planning FUNraisers such as the Spaghetti Dinner (11/2) and the Purim Carnival (3/17/19). Our Youth Committee meets about 4 times a year. Interested in helping out with Beth Or youth programs? Contact Allison (allisonlaurenlevin@gmail.com) or Fran (franmargolis@gmail.com).

Last year we expanded our partnership with Brotherhood. Thanks to Brotherhood, our kids had an amazing game truck event — everyone had a blast! This year, we are bringing that event back and we cannot wait to party with them again!

I look forward to seeing your children at our upcoming youth events. Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions!



Jillian Glick



SAVE THE DATES:

- **October 7:** Grades K thru 6 at Freddy Hill Farm (weather permitting)
- **October 21:** Grades 2 thru 6 Game Changerz Game Truck sponsored by Brotherhood — Dads are encouraged to participate!
- **November 2:** BOFTY Spaghetti Dinner



Ten Shul Commandments



Jaime Murley



*Cantor Jaime Murley,
Junior Choir Director*

Shalom! This promises to be an amazing year for the Junior Choir! With after service socials, laser tag, performances at Paul's Run and Abramson, and Shabbat Shirah with Cantor Jamie Marx, the junior choir has a full and exciting year ahead!

The most exciting event however, will be a Hamilton based Purim Schpiel! If you're still on the fence about joining Junior Choir maybe the little Hamilton parody below will get you in the door! Anyone in 2nd grade and up is welcome to join the choir. Rehearsals take place between Sunday School sessions from 10:45-11:15 am. Don't throw away your shot!!! If you're interested please contact Cantor Murley at jmurley@bethor.org.

Ten Shul Commandments

(a parody on "Ten Duel Commandments" from Hamilton)

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine

It's the Ten Shul Commandments

Number one — Join choir for extreme satisfaction! When you show up, you will jump right into action.

Number two — If you're shy, grab a friend, that's your second Singing with a buddy makes it more fun, I will reckon!

Number three — Know that choir meets face to face Singing songs of peace.
Yo — Beth Or Shabbat's the time and place! Jewish identity, that's our ultimate pursuit Purim Schpiel rock, and they're really cute!

Number four — If you can't make it all, that's alright. Time to let the Cantor know that everything's alright! You tell her in advance, she treats you with civility Songs are really easy so there's lots of singability!

Number five — Prayers begin with three stars in the sky Sing up on the bima with the Cantors and Rabbi.

Number six — Sing some notes, make your parents grin.
They'll know where you been, When you sing as services begin.

Number seven — Confess your sins, ready for the time when Yom Kippur begins
When you finally start your atonement.

Number eight — Laser tag and the parties are great.
Hang out with your buddies and at times prepare to stay up late!

Number nine — Look 'em in the eye, and no higher Summon all the courage you require, then sing!
One two three four five six seven eight nine.

Number ten — Junior Choir!

Junior Choir September/October Calendar

Friday, September 7

Family Service, 6:30 pm

Monday, September 10

Rosh Hashanah Family Service,
3:30 pm

Wednesday, September 19

Yom Kippur Family Service,
2:45 pm

Sunday, September 23

Erev Sukkot service, 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 30

Simchat Torah/Consecration/
Rak-Dan, 6:30 pm

Friday, October 5

Family Service and activity
(TBD), 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 14

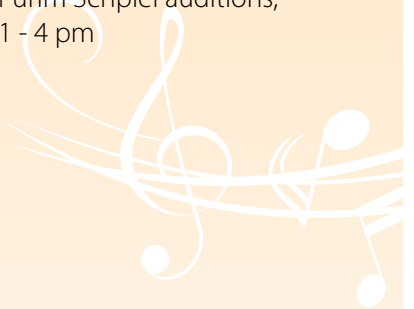
Welcome back DJ party,
parent's meeting, 1 pm

Sunday, October 21

Game Truck (2nd-6th grade)

Sunday, October 28

Purim Schpiel auditions,
1 - 4 pm



Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah Students

Leah Sirota September 8

My school, **Sandy Run Middle School**, is about to be rebuilt. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am the student representative on a committee of teachers and administrators who are raising money and support from the community in order to help ensure that the new building will have a **planetarium**. I personally have spread the word to gather support from the students and their families in Upper Dublin School District. So far, the committee has been successful, as the current plans for the new middle school include a planetarium. I chose this project because I care about education and I believe that the planetarium is a helpful and fun way for kids to learn.



Ashley Klein September 22

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I wanted to choose something for which I have a passion. One of my main passions is soccer, so I chose an organization called **Top Soccer**. Top Soccer is a community-based training program for young athletes with disabilities and is organized by volunteers. The program is designed to give children with mental or physical challenges the opportunity to play soccer in addition to companionship. I dedicated my Saturday mornings to this program in the spring time. We worked on developing core skills including dribbling, shooting, and passing. I enjoyed volunteering there and it makes me feel good to know I helped other people.



Carter Forman September 22

My Bar Mitzvah project is raising money for **Fox Chase Cancer Center**. My grandmother, "Mommo" was one of my very favorite people in the world. She bravely fought ovarian cancer for 14 years, until losing her battle in December 2015. Her treatments all took place at Fox Chase Cancer Center, and through their amazing care she beat all the odds and survived well beyond what was initially expected. In honor of her memory, I am raising money for Fox Chase. Please send all contributions to:

Fox Chase Cancer Center
Office of Institutional Advancement
333 Cottman Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19111



Ellee Segal September 29

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am supporting both the **Friends of the Israel Defense Force (FIDF)** and the **BREM Foundation**. I plan to attend the FIDF annual Philadelphia dinner on September 5, and raise money for the Lone Soldier program that helps young men and women with no immediate family in Israel with housing, visits to their families abroad, Shabbat meals, and much more. The BREM Foundation is an organization dedicated to stopping breast cancer by early detection and prevention. The Philadelphia Chapter was started by my Mom, Cindy Segal, and her friends, Tracy Gindea and Donna Salin. My mom, is a breast cancer survivor who was lucky to catch it early. Please join me at Beth Or on November 4, for a BREM event focusing on prevention and testing for breast cancer risk.



Will Kollmar October 6

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



Sophia Katz October 6

For my Bat Mitzvah project I chose to help the **Mitzvah Circle Foundation**. This foundation helps to support people going through difficult times or illness. They deliver boxes of essentials to people who are in need of items such as clothing, toiletries, baby supplies, shoes, and more. I reached out to friends, family, and my skating community to help me to collect donations. I volunteered at the warehouse by packing boxes for people and organizing the donations we collected. We are also planning a bake sale to raise money for Mitzvah Circle. I have enjoyed helping others at Mitzvah Circle and plan to continue to volunteer. You can help and donate too at www.MitzvahCircle.org.



Micah Margolis

October 13

My Bar Mitzvah project is to raise money for the **World Wildlife Fund** and **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**. For more than 50 years, WWF has been protecting the future of nature, and they are the world's leading conservation organization. I chose WWF because of my lifelong love of animals.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is at the forefront of the fight to cure cancer, and they are the largest nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a world without blood cancers. I chose that charity to honor my late grandfather who died of Lymphoma. I asked my friends and family to sponsor me as I ran two 5K races and participated in a triathlon. This combined my love of running and a passion for helping others. To learn more visit <https://www.worldwildlife.org/> and <http://www.lls.org/>.



Holly Wiener

October 20

I chose to work with the **Women's Humane Society** for my Bat Mitzvah project. Founded in 1869, the WHS was the first animal shelter in America. In celebration of the Chinese Year of the Dog, I hosted a party where my friends made dog toys to donate. I also collected supplies for the shelter through Beth Or and Girl Scouts. I read to the animals every month. I would be thrilled if others helped the WHS; their website is <https://www.womenshumanesociety.org/>.



Cole Jordan

October 20

For my Mitzvah project I volunteered with the **Challenger Baseball Program**. The Challenger programs are sports programs that are designed for mentally and physically disabled youth to enjoy the full benefits of little league participation in an athletic environment structured to their individual abilities. As a buddy, I helped the players in the field, also ran the bases with them and assisted with their batting. I met many great kids and dedicated volunteers. I hope to stay involved in this charitable organization long after my Bar Mitzvah.



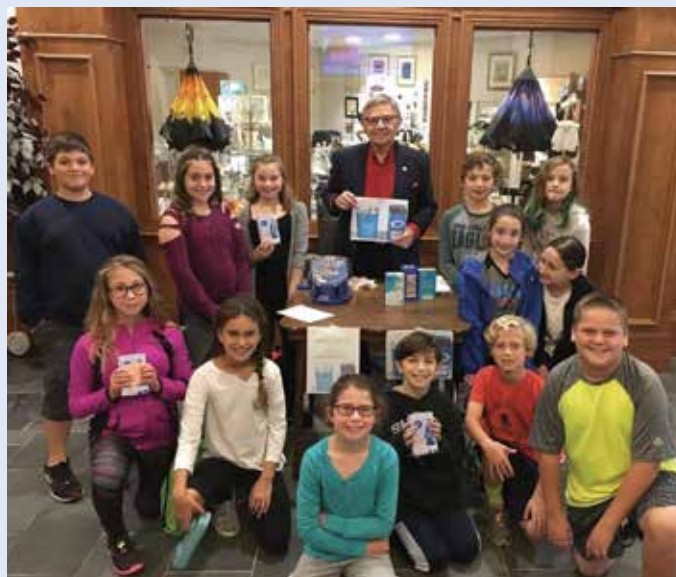
Put Your JNF Tzedakah Box into Action!

Every Jewish household has a JNF Tzedakah box.

Does this sound familiar? On Shabbat, we teach our children to make a deposit in the JNF tin container because learning to be charitable is a mitzvah. Coins are added to the box throughout the week too. But, then, the box of coins tends to sit on the shelf.

Brotherhood is here to help!

On the last Sunday of each month during the school year, Brotherhood's Bob Rosin brings his coin counter and



the Brotherhood tax receipts to the Spain Lobby during Sunday School from 10 am to 1 pm and counts your coins. The family gets a tax receipt and selects the charity they wish to benefit. In the past, Children's Hospital, St Jude's Hospital, Jewish National Fund, Cancer and Heart funds and others have been the charitable recipients. You select, Brotherhood sends! It's one of Brotherhood's community projects.

Please contact Bob Rosin for additional information, 215-641-0505.

Laurie Marx, Randi Copman & Stephanie Webb Shmear Café Volunteers

I have volunteered in various ways during my life; as a teenager in my synagogue in Minnesota, as a young woman in my synagogue in Florida, and in different ways here in our synagogue. Involvement made me feel part of the community. I remember walking into Beth Or several years after my last child became a Bat Mitzvah, on a Sunday morning, into a familiar scene—with unfamiliar faces. I realized that I had become one of those “older parents” and needed an upgrade. In 2013 I began volunteering in the Shmear Café on Sunday mornings and found a niche in my life that I hadn’t realized needed to be filled until that moment. When Beth Or was in Spring House I remember dropping off my kids at nursery school and then suggesting to Greg that we should put a little coffee shop in the gallery as a place for parents to hang out. I was so pleased that this idea came to fruition in Maple Glen and am happier still to be part of the noise in the Café every Sunday School morning. Volunteering in the café has allowed me to get to know members of the congregation who are not usually in my orbit while at the same time deepening friendships with my two co-volunteers Randi and Stephanie. — *Laurie Marx*



Beth Or is definitely our second home! We have been a part of the Beth Or family for almost 13 years now. While Melanie started Sunday School in Kindergarten, Brynn and I went to the Mommy and Me classes. Then, when Brynn was 2 years old, she started at the CECE and attended Camp Chaverim in the summertime. Now, both girls have become a Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation is just around the corner.

I started substitute teaching for the pre-school in 2008 and volunteering at the Shmear Cafe when it first opened in 2011. I am also on the Youth Committee, which plans fun activities for Beth Or children and teens.

Now, because of the close, wonderful friends I have made and the awesome patrons of the cafe, I can't see me not being at the cafe every Sunday morning when Sunday School is in session.

It's true, I have to get up pretty early to make the bagels, oops, I mean pick up the bagels, but they are the tastiest around and I want only the best for the café! — *Randi Copman*

I first came to Beth Or as a Hebrew teacher/tutor when its home was still on Dager Road. I really enjoyed working there and looked forward to my hang out sessions with my fellow teachers as well as the rapport I had with the clergy and office staff.

My second experience with Beth Or was when my youngest was starting preschool. He was in the first steppers and continued through kindergarten, attending camp as well. My daughter became a Bat Mitzvah last year and we've already received my son's date for his Bar Mitzvah. We're definitely at home at Beth Or.

I love the sense of community and I actually look forward to getting up on Sundays and seeing my girls (Laurie and Randi) at The Shmear. — *Stephanie Webb*

What Is BOTC?

Beth Or Troop Connections (BOTC)

BOTC is a Social Action Committee project that sends holiday packages to U.S. Jewish soldiers serving overseas. We began in 2006 and have focused on Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Passover. The goal is to let the soldiers know that we are thinking of them and to brighten their holidays when they are so far from home.

BOTC is an inter-generational effort: Congregants donate items that the soldiers want and need, our students create colorful cards, Brotherhood and Sisterhood contribute money for purchases and postage, and the Beth Or Knitting Circle donates afghans for the Chanukah Bazaar Raffle to help with shipping expenses. Also included in BOTC packages are letters from Rabbi Marx and Rabbi Bonder with their meaningful messages.

In the last few years, we have been sending holiday boxes to U.S. AFRICOM, responsible for Department of Defense operations, exercises, and security cooperation on the African continent. AFRICOM has approximately 2,000 assigned personnel, including U.S. military, federal civilian employees, and contractor employees.

In an effort to touch the lives of servicemen and women connected to the Beth Or community, we are asking you to tell us about your friends and family who are serving so that BOTC can send them a Chanukah holiday package this year. Please send names, addresses and how long each individual will be serving by October 31 to Susy Krimker, susykrimker@gmail.com, or call 215-572-8325. We will post the items needed as Chanukah approaches.

There are many ways you can participate: write a letter or a note, knit a scarf or a hat, donate items to include in the box, or assist with filling the box and assembling it for shipping. These are ways you can help to show the soldiers your gratitude for their service. Just let Susy know!

Thank you for being a part of BOTC!

Susy Krimker
Social Action Chair

VOTING really MATTERS

September 17 - October 30, 2018 — Days to apply for civilian absentee ballot

October 9, 2018 — Voter Registration Deadline

November 6, 2018 — General Election Deadlines

What's on the November 6 Ballot?

State Offices

U.S. Senator • Representative in Congress • Governor •
Lieutenant Governor

General Assembly

PA House Representative • PA Senator

This important information is brought to you by the Beth Or Social Justice Committee. Chair: Noah Fischer

Beth Or Brotherhood

A New Year...A New Look

Allan Posner, Brotherhood President



Allan Posner



I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and enjoyed quality time with family and friends. While summer is a time of rest and relaxation, it is also a time for Brotherhood to take a look at the past year and reflect upon ideas and events that succeeded and those that didn't. Along with that discussion inevitably sprouts new ideas and possible changes.

During one of my outings to an Asian restaurant I cracked open a fortune cookie and Confucius said, "Change is not merely necessary to life. It is life." Brotherhood has adopted that philosophy and in this upcoming year there will be some new ideas and features.

Most importantly is our new ability to communicate in a variety of ways with our members. Brotherhood will be using Constant Contact to reach all our members just like the synagogue has for many years. Our new page will be called **Brotherhood Notes** and we may be contacted at: info@bethorbrotherhood.org. You will also notice Beth Or has a new website and Brotherhood's page on that site has been updated to reflect these changes.

Need wine for the holidays? Passover isn't the only time of year to enjoy the fruit of the vine. Brotherhood is now selling our wines through KosherWine.com. With almost 700 wines to choose, the entire synagogue will be able to purchase product throughout the year. Our choices will be far greater than the local State store.

We will sponsor several Beer Garden events with the help of Jillian during a few holidays. Our advertising of all Brotherhood events will be better, bigger, and bolder using color event flyers that will be available on Beth Or's new web site too!

And of course, this year's Brotherhood Annual Dinner will be **Bigger** and **Bolder** as we welcome former EAGLES star and cancer survivor, Mr. Invincible... Vince Papale. On December 4 please join us at 5:45 pm to welcome, meet, and greet Vince as he shares his incredible journey from being an everyday Joe to walk on star of an NFL team and then find out what it's like to have your life made into a movie by Disney Studios. We welcome men and please bring your sons too!

Lastly, Brotherhood would like to wish everyone *L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu* and an easy fast this holiday season.

Upcoming Events: **September 23** • Welcome Back Breakfast **September 28** • Beer Garden
October 7 • Car Show **October 28** • Special Brotherhood/Sisterhood Holocaust Brunch

KOSHER WINE SALES

Now you can purchase kosher wine all year long and benefit Beth Or!

Use the Beth Or affiliate link on kosherwine.com: <http://bit.ly/2K6vuQa> or click the KosherWine symbol on the bottom right side of the Beth Or website home page, "Connect With Us" section.

- Over 700 Varieties
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5% of all sales given back to Brotherhood to benefit Beth Or programming!

Questions? Contact info@bethorbrotherhood.org.



Beth Or Sisterhood

Come Connect with Us

Jodye Green, Sisterhood President

On behalf of Beth Or Sisterhood, I'd like to welcome all women of Beth Or to join us; whether you're a new member, a second or third generation member, or a returning member...we have something for everyone! It seems like we're all running in many different directions but let's not forget to take care of ourselves. Make time in your schedule for YOU and come spend some time with US!

Join us for our Board meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Come for dinner, stay for the meeting. Our September 5 meeting will be followed by Game Night. Come mingle, play games, make some new friends and have a few laughs! Stop by and introduce yourself at the **Welcome Back Breakfast** on Sunday, September 23. Come celebrate **Sisterhood Shabbat** with us on Friday, October 26, when we honor our **Woman of the Year**. The Woman of the Year must have demonstrated support of and contribution to Sisterhood, Beth Or, the community; and, if applicable, her chosen profession. All members of the congregation may nominate a woman for this honor and I encourage everyone to submit a nominee. Please contact Marian Wolfert (610-825-1620 or wolfertmarian@yahoo.com) for further information and to submit your nominee.

Have an idea or suggestion for a future event? Let's hear it; we'd love to hear your ideas!

Please contact me with any questions about Sisterhood events, or with a suggestion for a future event. I hope to see you soon!



Jodye Green



Sisterhood

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

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

FALL FESTIVALS

SUKKOT

Sukkot events will take place in the Goldstein Sukkah (weather permitting), unless otherwise noted.

Welcome to our Tent Dinner in the Goldstein Sukkah

Sunday, September 23 • Dinner at 5:30 pm followed by Service at 6:30 pm

This family event includes dinner and a Jr. Choir performance during our Erev Sukkot Service. All members and CECE families are invited. The event is free, but RSVP is required by September 17 using the website RSVP portal.

Sukkot Worship & Brunch

Monday, September 24 • Service at 9 am followed by Brunch at 10:30 am

Service takes place in the Gitlin Sanctuary with brunch in the Rosenfeld Social Hall.

CECE Family Festival of Fun

Monday, September 24 • 10:30 am

Enjoy songs, crafts, and activities in the Sukkah for young families. RSVP to Sharon Carlin at scarlin@beth.org.

Lunch & Learn in the Sukkah

Tuesday, September 25 • 12 Noon

Join Rabbi Bonder for a discussion about the holiday of Sukkot. Please bring a bag lunch. RSVP to Barbara Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org by September 20. Sponsored by APEX.





NEW! Yoga in the Sukkah

Tuesday, September 25 • 5:30 pm

Join us for a Sunset Yoga class with longtime yogi and congregant, Ed Kron. Experience this fall festival holiday in a new and exciting way! This event is shine only and is free with advance RSVP on the RSVP portal. Questions? Contact Alyson Caplan, alysoncaplan@gmail.com.

Sushi, Sake, Sukkah... and Sweetness!

Friday, September 28 • Event at 5:45 pm followed by Shabbat Worship at 7:30 pm

Celebrate the beauty of Sukkot at this annual event – with a twist! Join us on the patio by the Sukkah to shake the lulav & etrog, sip sake & beer (thanks to the Brotherhood Beer Garden), enjoy delicious food, live music and more! This year, as we rejoice in our sukkah, we will also have an opportunity to help the homeless. This event is free for members and CECE families. Babysitting and kids programming also provided for free by the Beth Or Scouts. Check the RSVP portal for details and to register by September 20.

After the festival event, we will move to the Gitlin Sanctuary where our indoor Sukkah will be set up on the bima. Our guest speaker, Blair Dawson, Community Relations Manager for Your Way Home, the Program Office of Housing and Community Development for Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services, will help us learn about those in our community who have no permanent home to call their own.



Sukkot Under the Stars with the Scouts

Friday, September 28 • Starting at 9 pm

Spend the night camping at Beth Or including s'mores making, songs and more! Pancake breakfast included! Don't forget to bring your tent and sleeping bag! This event is hosted by Boy Scout Troop 665, Cub Scout Pack 498 & Girl Scout Troop 71162. Check the website calendar for details and RSVP.

Interfaith Outreach Brunch

Sunday, September 30 • 9 am – 1 pm

Stop by the Shmear Café and meet our Interfaith Outreach Committee chairs, Kim Marks and Julie Spahn. Learn about new programming for our Interfaith families and talk about your ideas for future events and programs.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Erev Simchat Torah Worship, Consecration and Israeli Dancing with RAK-DAN

Sunday, September 30 • Service at 6:30 pm followed by Dancing at 7:45 pm.

Join us for this annual tradition! Erev Simchat Torah worship and consecration is followed by lively Israeli dancing.

Simchat Torah Worship & Yizkor followed by Brunch

Monday, October 1 • Service at 9 am follow by Brunch at 10:30 am.

Service takes place in the Gitlin Sanctuary with brunch in the Rosenfeld Social Hall.

Beth Or Events

ADULT PROGRAMS

APEX Bus Trip to Washington, D.C.

**Sunday, October 14 •
8 am departure, 8 pm
arrival home**

All are invited to join this wonderful and exciting day with Cantor Green and APEX as we travel to Washington, D.C. We will visit the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and tour their new exhibit at the Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide on the war in Syria. We will then visit the historic Sixth & I Synagogue with a guided tour. Our last visit of the day will be to the Veterans Memorial.

Bagel breakfast and boxed dinner will be provided. Lunch will be at the Ronald Reagan Cafeteria and is on your own. Cost: \$50/person all inclusive (except alcohol & lunch). RSVP by October 1 via the RSVP Portal. Please make checks payable to Congregation Beth Or and send to the office, attn: APEX Bus Trip. For more information, contact Renee Cohen, reneecoh944@gmail.com.

APEX is the Adult Programming Experience Committee which presents events geared toward congregational members 55 and over. All Beth Or members are welcome to attend APEX events.

ART GALLERY

Artist – Judy Mandell Delfiner

**Opening Reception:
Friday, September 14
during Oneg Shabbat**

The Olitsky Gallery is thrilled to present the wonderful oil paintings of Judy Mandell Delfiner. Award-winning artist Judy Mandell Delfiner started her career as a portrait artist. Her attention to light and shadow create dramatic lighting patterns in her work. Judy says, "I love to paint; it is something that I do purely for the enjoyment it brings me. With my work, I hope to share this uplifting experience with others." The exhibit continues through October 10.



Artist – Pomegranate Guild

**Opening Reception:
Friday, October 12
during Oneg Shabbat**

The Olitsky Gallery welcomes the amazing Judaic needlework of the Masorot chapter of The Pomegranate Guild. Organized in 1977 by a group of professional Jewish needle artists and educators, the group creates beautiful ceremonial objects for the home, synagogue and community. The Guild meets monthly, sharing knowledge and techniques to create handcrafted items for Jewish ritual and cultural use. They hope to perpetuate our Jewish heritage for generations to come, thereby fulfilling the Talmudic teaching, "As my father [and mother] planted for me, so shall I plant for my children." The exhibit continues through November 7.



BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD EVENTS

Sisterhood Game Night

Wednesday, September 5 • 6:30 pm

Come to this month's Sisterhood meeting. Then, stay and mingle, play a few games, make some new friends, and have a few laughs!

Welcome Back Breakfast

Sunday, September 23 • 8:30 am - 1 pm

Our traditional kick off to the school year takes place in the Spain Lobby! Parents and students are invited to enjoy delicious Shmear Cafe bagels and coffee throughout the morning compliments of Brotherhood & Sisterhood. Meet and greet with Brotherhood and Sisterhood members to find out about upcoming events during the year. Aaron Niensenshultz and the Religious School Committee will be on hand to answer any questions in the Spain Lobby.

Brotherhood 7th Annual Classic Car Show

**Sunday, October 7 • 9 am - 1 pm in the Beth Or
Parking Lot**

Come see GTOs, Vettes, Rolls Royces, Ferraris, antique fire engines, exotic sports cars, one-of-a-kind motorcycles, and other classic/muscle cars and trucks! Enjoy music and giveaways provided by B101 Radio, along with free food and drink. To register your car, contact Bob Cohen at rcohenesquire@aol.com or Allan Posner at info@bethorbrotherhood.com.

Sisterhood Woman of the Year/Woman of Valor Shabbat and Dinner

Friday, October 26 • Dinner at 5:45 pm followed by Worship at 7:30 pm

Join us for our annual Shabbat dinner and honor our Woman of the Year and Woman of Valor. RSVP and more details to come.

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Brunch featuring Holocaust Remembrance Speakers

Sunday, October 28 • 10 am-12 noon

All are welcome! Listen to a fascinating interactive presentation of the Holocaust told by volunteers from the Jewish War Veterans who recall their experiences and offer eye witness accounts. Cost \$10/person. Register in advance using the RSVP portal or contact Allan Posner at info@bethorbrotherhood.org.

Sisterhood Mah Jongg Event

Sunday, October 28 • 1 - 3 pm

Check the website and Chai Lights for more information and RSVP.



SAVE THE DATE for these upcoming Brotherhood/Sisterhood events!

Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar

Sunday, November 18 • 9 am - 2 pm New Time!

For vendor information or to volunteer, contact Sherry Spector at sspector1949@gmail.com or Ricki Herman at rickidana@gmail.com. Shop until you drop at our annual Chanukah Bazaar!

Brotherhood Annual Dinner featuring Vince Papale

Tuesday, December 4 • 5:45 - 9 pm

Spend an evening with Mr. Invincible — Vince Papale of the Philadelphia Eagles! All men and boys are welcome! Join Brotherhood for great food, fun, laughs, auction and a chance to win \$2,000! Cost: Free for Mensch members; \$50 – Brotherhood members; \$60 – non-members. RSVP on the website RSVP portal. Contact Allan Posner, info@bethorbrotherhood.org, for additional information.



HOLIDAYS AND SHABBAT EVENTS

See the Worship Schedule on the inside front cover for a complete list of High Holy Days services. Tickets are required for all services.

See special section on pages 16-17 for all Fall Festival Events and Worship Services.

Shabbat Guest Speaker: Michael Goldfarb **Friday, October 12 • 7:30 pm**

Tonight's Shabbat speaker is a noted international scholar and brother of congregant Lisa Berman. Through his presentation, "Journey back into Ashkenaz; an update on the status of Jewish life, history, and faith in Eastern and Central Europe," Michael will share his insights and experiences while creating a BBC World Service documentary of this region.



Veterans Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, November 9 • Dinner, 6 pm followed by Worship, 7:30 pm

Veterans and active duty personnel will be honored at this service and guests at Shabbat dinner courtesy of the Arnold Berkowitz Memorial Fund for Veterans Services. Invitations will be mailed to veterans and active duty personnel. Family, friends and congregants are welcome to attend the dinner for a couvert. Our guest speaker is Beth Or congregant, Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Bob Feldman, a contractor serving as an Africa analyst with the US Army's Foreign Military Studies Office.

RSVP information to come soon. Questions? Contact Elsa-Lu Berkowitz at 215-643-4700

SPECIAL EVENTS

Interfaith Symposium at Gwynedd Mercy University **"Getting to Know You"**

Tuesday, September 25 • 7 - 9 pm

The Wissahickon Faith Community Association (WFCA) presents the first in a three-part seminar on religious pluralism and the challenges of faith in a secular age. Getting to Know You is led by Rabbi Marx, Pastor Charles Quann of Bethlehem Baptist Church, and Shams Hulda of North Penn Mosque and is moderated by Pastor Dyan Lawlor of Upper Dublin Lutheran Church. The fundamentals of each faith will be discussed and then open for dialogue among participants.

Beth Or Events

Social Justice Civil Engagement Fair and Town Hall

Sunday, October 21 • 10 am - 1 pm

Details to come.

JCRC Civil Dialogue for Uncivil Times

Monday, October 29 • 7 pm

This event features J.J. Goldberg, editor-at-large of *The Forward* and Jonathan Tobin, editor-in-chief of the *Jewish News Service* and a contributing writer for *National Review* — two Jewish-American thought leaders — who will debate arguments from the Left and the Right about the complex issue of peace in the Middle East. Join us for an engaging and informative evening full of lively discussion. This event was rescheduled due to the winter snow storm. RSVP using the link on the website RSVP portal.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, November 4 • 9 am - 2 pm

The Red Cross is in urgent need of all blood types. All qualified members over age 17 are encouraged to participate. Register via the link on the website RSVP portal or contact Stu Briefer at smbriefer@gmail.com. The blood drive is sponsored by Brotherhood.

BREM Foundation Breast Cancer Prevention Event

Sunday, November 4 • 9:15 am and 11:15 am

Renowned Breast Cancer Physician, Dr. Rachel Brem, will talk about breast cancer prevention beyond mammograms. Free genetic counseling will be available as well as BRCA and other testing at a reduced rate.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Torah Study

Begins Saturday, October 6 • 9:30 am

Now in its 30th year, our Torah study class offers lively discussion on the Torah portion of the week, using traditional texts and modern commentary. Taught by Rabbi Marx, Rabbi Bonder and Aaron Nienshultz.

Shofar Sounding Class

Mondays, October 8 – December 3 • 6:05 - 6:40 pm

Throughout these classes you will learn the names of the calls and how to sound them on a shofar, along with some history and theology associated with the High Holy Days. This class is taught by our shofar sounder, Becca Jacobson.



Cooking with Gass

Tuesdays October 9, 16 and 23 • 7 pm

Join congregant Alyson Gass for an evening of sharing stories and cooking beloved family recipes. This course began with great success at last spring's Beit Sefer Cafe. Jewish recipes will be shared along with stories of the family members who brought them into our lives and into our dining rooms. A cooking demonstration will follow. Participants will be invited to share their recipes and demonstrate their preparations as well.



Intro to Judaism — taught by Rabbi Bonder

Begins Tuesday, October 9 • 7 pm

This 16-week course is an introduction to the fundamentals of Jewish practice and thought. NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE is required. Just come with a hunger to learn and meet new people. This course is a prerequisite for conversion to Judaism, though many take this class with no intent on conversion. This class is FREE for Beth Or members. Use the code IntroComp when registering at www.reformjudaism.org/intropa or on the website RSVP portal.

Hebrew Prayer Lab

Begins Monday or Tuesday, October 15 or 16 • 5:30 - 6 pm

Are you interested in learning (or relearning) basic Hebrew reading? Join us for a weekly adult Hebrew class — no previous Hebrew knowledge required! Our focus will be on learning to read with a goal of achieving siddur literacy. Cost is \$18 for materials.

Rethinking Gender in the Modern Jewish World — taught by Rabbi Marx

Tuesday, October 30 • 7 pm

Join Rabbi Marx for a ground breaking class on gender models, oppression and new forms of liberation which have profound implications for our world and Beth Or.

For a complete list and description of all Fall/Winter 2018/19 Lifelong Learning courses (both in home and synagogue based), please refer to the brochure that was mailed to your home, or view it on line on the website Lifelong Learning page.

Event details subject to change. Please check the Beth Or website homepage RSVP Portal and/or calendar for the most up-to-date information and on-line RSVP forms.

Never Too Late

Cantor David Green

Many years ago I met a 91 year old woman who wanted to confess a secret to me during the High Holy Days.

She had kept this secret since she was 15. She knew her days on earth were diminishing and she could no longer bear this burden. When she was 15, she witnessed her father taking his own life. Her mother told her she must keep how her father had died a secret forever.

This woman kept this secret until she was 91 years old. Upon telling me what happened, I could see the relief on her face as she let out a tremendous sigh along with many tears. She had been holding this trauma to herself over her lifetime. Look at all the pain this woman endured for all those years. Why did she not relieve herself of this pain years ago? I don't have an answer, and truth be told, I don't think she did either. But I did tell her that it is never too late to face or confront your pain and your suffering.

We all have secrets. We all have regrets. As human beings, we all "second guess" ourselves. Why didn't I take the opportunity to finish this goal, repair this relationship or pursue this dream? The High Holy Days are a perfect time to address these regrets.

Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro responds to these challenges with the following words:

Today we stand before the Mirror of All

To see ourselves as we are.

We stand without defense and wait to be filled.

What will fill us?

Remorse, certainly, So much error and needless pain. And joy: remembered moments of love and right doing.

We are too complex for single-sided emotions.

We are too simple to be excused by our complexity.

Let us be bold enough to see,

Humble enough to feel,

Caring enough to turn and

Embrace the way of justice, mercy and simplicity.

At this time of the High Holy Days, let us take the opportunity to look at ourselves and our relationship with others. For it is never too late to change ourselves or our impact and interactions with others.



Cantor David Green

Relive Your Teen Years! Adult B'nai Mitzvah & Confirmation Classes Now Forming

Did you miss the opportunity to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at age 13 or 16, or would you like the chance to relive the experience, but with the benefit of an adult's perspective? Classes are now forming for both adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Adult Confirmation. You can enroll in one or both programs.

All classes begin in late October or early November. The adult B'nai Mitzvah classes are held every other Tuesday, 7 pm to 8:30 pm, Adult Confirmation classes meet one Sunday per month, from 12 to 2 pm. Classes do not meet during the summer months. Both programs are two years, culminating with a service in May or June, 2020 to celebrate your participation.

You DO NOT have to read Hebrew to participate in either program or the final service.

Topics for the Adult B'nai Mitzvah program include studying the different Jewish perspectives on God and prayer, as well as studying some Torah, Haftarah and Talmudic text.

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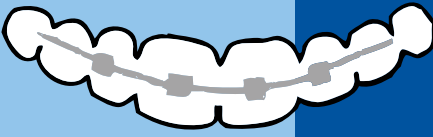
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