



BETH OR Spotlight

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L'shana Tova Tikatevu!
Happy New Year — 5776



September Worship Schedule

Friday, September 4 • Shabbat Ki Tavo

6 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

7 pm – Family Shabbat Worship

Saturday, September 5 • S'lichot

9:30 pm – Dessert Reception and music by Sarah Rubinstein

10:45 pm – S'lichot Service with the Adult Choir

Friday, September 11 • Shabbat Nitzavim

8 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, September 12

9 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Jared Delfiner, son of Greg and Marna Delfiner

11 am – Shabbat Worship with the B'not Mitzvah of Ava Fuchs, daughter of Daniel and Julie Fuchs and Janie Hershman, daughter of Gary and Harra Hershman

Sunday, September 13 • Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 pm – Rosh Hashanah Experience: Creative Worship Through Prayer and Song

8 pm – Erev Rosh Hashanah Worship

Monday, September 14 • 1st Day of Rosh Hashanah

9 am – Early Worship Service and Youth Worship Service

11:30 am – Tashlich Service

12:30 pm – Late Worship Service

3 pm – Tashlich Service

3:30 pm – Family and Tot Worship Services

4:30 pm – Tashlich Service

Tuesday, September 15 • 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah

10 am – Worship Service

Friday, September 18 • Shabbat Vayelech • Shabbat Shuvah

8 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, September 19

11 am – Shabbat Worship

Tuesday, September 22 • Kol Nidre

8 pm – Worship Service

Wednesday, September 23 • Yom Kippur

9 am – Early Worship Service and Youth Worship Service

12 pm – Yom Kippur Study Session

12 pm – Late Worship Service

12:30 pm – Yom Kippur Experience — Celebrating the Holiday Through Study and Song

2 pm – Yom Kippur Study Session

2:45 pm – Family and Tot Shabbat Worship Services

4 pm – Ne'ilah and Yizkor Services

6:15 pm – Break the Fast

Friday, September 25 • Shabbat Ha'azinu

8 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, September 26

9 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Adriana Jones, daughter of Ron Jones and Gail Dizengoff-Jones

11 am – Shabbat Worship with the B'not Mitzvah of Rachel Rubins, daughter of Dan and Rita Rubins and Georgia Fiori, daughter of Rachel Ann Sutton and Jeff Sutton

Sunday, September 27 • Erev Sukkot

5 pm – Welcome To Our Tent Sukkot Service for CECE families

5:45 pm – Dinner and Song Session

Monday, September 28 • Sukkot

9 am – Sukkot Worship with Brunch

10:30 am – Family Festival Fun

October Worship Schedule

Friday, October 2 • Chol Hamoed Sukkot

5:45 pm – Munchkin Minyan

6 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

7 pm – Family Shabbat Worship

7 pm – Rabbi's Tish and Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, October 3

11 am – Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Colin and Julia Post, children of Stacy Post and Tjerk Post

Sunday, October 4 • Erev Simchat Torah

7 pm – Worship and Consecration Service

8 pm – Israeli Dancing with RAK-DAN

Monday, October 5 • Simchat Torah

9 am – Simchat Torah Worship and Yizkor Service with Brunch

Friday, October 9 • Shabbat Bereshit

7 pm – Celebrations Shabbat

8 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, October 10

9 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Sam Fortunato, son of Kevin and Alicia Fortunato

11 am – Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Jacob and Joshua Tillman, sons of Walt and Brynne Tillman

Friday, October 16 • Shabbat Noach

8 pm – Shabbat Worship

Saturday, October 17

10 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Avery Miller, daughter of Mike and Cori Miller

Friday, October 23 • Shabbat Lech Lecha

8 pm – Shabbat Worship Service Honoring Sisterhood

Saturday, October 24

9 am – Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Nadell, son of Jordan Nadell and Amy Corson-Nadell

11 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Rachael Kisver, daughter of Joshua and Stacie Kisver

Friday, October 30 • Shabbat Vayera

8 pm – Shabbat Worship with guest speaker, Rabbi Elliot Strom

Saturday, October 31

9 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Grant Geisler, son of Drew and Tracy Geisler

11 am – Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Ari Silver, son of Jackie Diamond and Joel Silver



Rabbi Gregory S. Marx

A Change In Our Interfaith Marriage Policy

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

During my sabbatical, which was a time for Laurie and me to travel and be with our family, I was fortunate enough to find some serious time to study and to reflect on the unique family that is Beth Or. We have come so far over our sixty years. In the 1950s, our founding families struggled to make ends meet, find a place to worship, and engage dynamic clergy. I have heard so many stories about members pitching in and painting buildings, laying carpeting and taking up collections at the last minute to keep the electricity on. Those were wondrous and uncertain days.

Look at us now. We are successfully meeting our needs with a state of the art facility, an ever-growing endowment and a committed clergy, staff and membership. How blessed we all are.

From the Rabbi's Desk

**I hope that we will be
even more welcoming
and affirming of
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make their home
within our home.**

Congregation Beth Or has strived to be a warm and welcoming community. Over the years, we have acted to be more inclusive.

We have strived to include the interfaith families, the LGBT families, and those families with special needs children. We have become an open community of Jews from all types of backgrounds. Sixty years ago, the average Jewish reform family was very different. Our Congregation has evolved and changed with the changes in our community.

Rabbi Gerber, Cantor Green and I are truly fortunate to be present for you at your sacred moments. We have danced with you, prayed with you and yes, mourned with you. It has been an honor to try to bring holiness into those tender moments in your lives.

As we seek to welcome all who wish to enter our "tent," I'm pleased to announce a change in our marriage policy. This policy change will allow the Congregation to continue its efforts to change and evolve with our community. It is our hope that this change will allow us to sanctify more unions and to welcome more couples into the Beth Or family. Rabbi Gerber, in consultation with me, will officiate at interfaith marriages for Beth Or members, provided the couple meets specific parameters. Rabbi Gerber will perform all of the ritual aspects of the ceremony. I will be available, as in the past, to speak personally and intimately about my relationship with the couple and offer a blessing of their union. Love is such a powerful force and we, as your Rabbis, yearn to celebrate in your most joyous moments.

While many couples may prefer to get married at various venues, such as hotels and retreat centers, we still believe that it is extra special to be married on the same bima from which you were Consecrated, celebrated your Bar/Bat Mitzvah and were Confirmed. Our spiritual home can be a place for all sacred moments.

Ecclesiastes said it best, "There is a time and a season for all things." As Beth Or embraces its next stages of life, I hope that we will be even more welcoming and affirming of those who desire to make their home within our home.

It's All About the Value

Ira Secouler, Beth Or President

Since my first board meeting in June, many congregants have asked me the age old question... No not that question, "Why do you want to be President," but the other question... "Why are dues so expensive?"

First, the word "dues" is not the most accurate term. We are not a health club or country club; we are a synagogue, a holy community. A more precise term would be "congregational commitment." And as such, would these payments not be an expression of philanthropy?

After many years on the budget committee, as a past Treasurer of the congregation, and as a CPA in my professional life, I can give you an answer, but, as they say in Torah study, a Jew answers a question with another question. So, I ask, is it really about the cost?



Ira Secouler

President's Corner

As any large institution, we have a large budget — \$2.9 million dollars. This excludes the Center for Early Childhood Education (preschool) which covers its budget through tuition income. As your home budget would, this covers our annual expenses for all utilities, maintenance, mortgage payments and payments to our national organization, the Union for Reform Judaism. It covers our clergy and staff costs for office, maintenance and school. It includes the cost of educating our 550+ students in our religious school. For budget purposes, we have estimated our congregation at 1023 families. However, because of financial hardship, about 20-25% of our congregants remit payments under a reduced structure. That means the remaining 750+ families need to cover the difference between our collections and expenses. If you do the math, the remaining families would need to contribute approximately \$3,700 per to cover our cost of operations.

The cost of being part of the community is neither expensive nor inexpensive; we cover our costs the best way we can, fair and balanced, monitoring our expenses closely and asking those that can afford to contribute more to do so. For those who say "I pay full dues, is that not enough?" the answer is clear. We have an Annual Appeal to help the community as a whole. Sometimes, we help those who cannot help themselves, and by doing so, we help ourselves. "This includes the cost of educating our religious school students; they are the future of the Jewish people. As a community, we share the financial burden of educating our Jewish youth.

The real question is not "why is the cost of being a congregant so expensive?" The real question is "am I getting value for my commitment to this congregation?" That can only be answered by each of us. How do you perceive Beth Or? Is it a place for shopping; I pay you X you give me Y? Is it a community of reform Jews who seek T'shuva, Tefillah, and Tzedakah — repentance, prayer and charity?

The answer is our mission statement:

Congregation Beth Or is a Reform Jewish synagogue inspiring our members and striving for excellence as a *Kehillah Kedoshah*, or a sacred community. We care for one another, welcome those who seek to join us, work to repair the world, foster lifelong Jewish learning, support Israel and the Jewish people everywhere, and continually reach for that which is holy.

So, the value is in the belonging, the active participation in your religion. It is in the blessing of being a member of a holy reform congregation that cares about you and your family. A congregation that is here for you in celebration and sorrow. Here to support you, guide you, and educate you and your children and or grandchildren towards a path of blessings and righteousness. We do not sell a product or service, we nurture and care for your soul. What is that worth to you? What is that worth to your family and to the future of the Jewish people?

Please think about the value the next time your daily life involves Beth Or. Think about the value when you are contributing to the Annual Appeal or when you take the telephone call from a volunteer on the Ner Tamid Endowment Campaign. It's not about the cost; it's all about the VALUE.



Rabbi David Gerber

From the Rabbi's Desk

The Anti-Israel sentiment that is constantly growing on college campuses is clearly rooted in Anti-Semitism.

What Can We Do About Anti-Semitism on College Campuses?

Rabbi David Gerber, Associate Rabbi

Last year, filmmaker Ami Horowitz did an experiment at the University of California, Berkeley. He stood on the steps of this prestigious university and waved an ISIS flag while shouting, "ISIS is misunderstood." At no point was Horowitz questioned or criticized and at times he was praised and encouraged. Moments later, he began to wave an Israeli flag and within moments he was challenged and verbally abused. The video is shocking to watch and you can see it for yourself by scanning the QR code at the end of this article.

During the summer of 2014, as Operation Protective Edge was defending the state of Israel from Hamas, the lines began to blur between Anti-Zionism and Anti-Semitism. A year later there can be no mistake: the Anti-Israel sentiment that is constantly growing on college campuses is clearly rooted in Anti-Semitism.

Consider the actions of the Anti-Israel demonstrators on college campuses and throughout our country. Students wearing yarmulkes were accosted on their way to class; some have been attacked. Jewish fraternities were vandalized with Nazi symbols. There have been attacks on synagogues and Jewish community centers all around the world.

These demonstrators pretend to be concerned with the actions of the State of Israel and the welfare of the Palestinian people, but their activities target Jews. An Israeli soldier gave me a great analogy. He pointed out that if people had an issue with Italy, for example, they would direct their protests to the Italian embassy, not a Catholic church.

People are allowed to advocate for the Palestinian people. But if the criticism begins and ends with the State of Israel, we have to question their motive. Palestinian refugees are treated as lower class citizens in almost every other Arab country. They are massacred by the thousands in Syria. The border that the Gaza Strip shares with Egypt is closely monitored by the Egyptians. Egypt, by the way, has demolished Palestinian homes and forced hundreds to flee their towns.

Perhaps the greatest injustice to the Palestinian people is their treatment by their own elected leaders. In the West Bank, leaders of the Palestinian Authority enjoy palatial estates while their citizens live in poverty. In the Gaza Strip, aid shipments meant to build hospitals and schools are redirected to the construction of terror tunnels.

Ami Horowitz chose a prestigious college campus to conduct his experiment because he wanted to assess the quality of education in our country and the social awareness of our youth. The reactions he received are not only indicative of the quality of education, but also the effectiveness of the Palestinian effort to delegitimize the state of Israel.

Though Operation Protective Edge has been over for a year, it is clear that we are still fighting a battle. The students on college campuses now represent the next generation of leadership in our country. We simply cannot allow enemies

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of Israel to inundate them with false, biased, and hateful claims that seek to demonize and delegitimize the Jewish state.

If you are a college student or the parent of a college student, there are places to find the necessary information to defend Israel. I recommend:

- Stand With Us — <http://www.standwithus.com/>
- IDF Facebook page — <https://www.facebook.com/idfonline>
- BIG – Buy Israeli Goods — <http://www.buyisraelgoods.org/>

Our tradition holds that every Jew is responsible for one another. Our brothers and sisters in Israel need us to spread the word about the real Israel — the only democracy in the Middle East. The only place in the Middle East with complete freedom of speech and press. The only place where everyone, regardless of their race, religion, and sexual orientation shares the same rights. The enemies of Israel have been launching an attack on social media and on our college campuses, and we must raise our voice to create our own protective edge.

Scan here to watch Ami Horowitz's shocking video from the University of California, Berkeley campus



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100 Gifts in 100 Days

In the 100 days leading up to Yom Kippur on September 23, Beth Or's Ner Tamid Endowment Campaign is striving to secure "100 Gifts in 100 Days."

The success of this endowment campaign is vital to us all. By establishing a firm financial footing, it will allow the congregation to sustain its mission and values for future generations. A more robust endowment fund will allow us to contain the annual financial obligations of our congregants, holding the cost of membership down and helping us to maintain programs, hire and retain talented clergy and staff, and control our costs.

Our goal is to enter the New Year with a greater participation by all of our congregants. The more congregants who pledge, the stronger our community's future becomes. All gifts are appreciated and every gift matters. And to make your gift more manageable, a pledge may be paid over as many as five years.



We are grateful to all of you for your immediate participation. Our success will be aided by your willingness to step up and join those who have already participated. So, please be part of the "100 Gifts in 100 Days." If you would like more information about the campaign, please contact Amy Abrams at 215-646-5806.



Religious School NEWS

Important School Dates

Sunday, September 27:

First day of Sunday School and Sunday Academy

Sunday, October 4:

Consecration Service for New Religious School Students (K-3), 7 pm

Monday, October 12:

First day of Monday Hebrew School and Monday Academy

Tuesday, October 13:

First day of Tuesday Hebrew School

Sunday, October 18:

Pre-K PJ Library program, 11:15 am

Sunday, October 18:

5th Grade Family Ed

Sunday, October 18:

First night of Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 25: No school

Sunday, November 1:

Mitzvah Day! (see page 7 for details).

Aaron Nienshultz, Director of Religious School

It seems to me that a moment comes at some point during the summer — somewhere around the middle of August, when camp is over, vacations are done, people return from the shore — when the first inklings of summer burn-out occur. Children begin to get bored and parents begin to eye the calendar looking for when school will start back up. Suddenly, it's time for back-to-school shopping, and before we know it, we're in the thick of the new school year.

I love this time of year: the year opens with possibility and excitement; we make new friends and reconnect with old ones; and there is so much going on to get us engaged. Although, truth be told, sometimes in these exciting days at the end of summer, it's easy to lose track of just how fleeting these moments are. After all, there are only so many new school years to be experienced for students and parents. At a certain point, the whole routine will be a thing of the past, something for the next generation to step into. If you can, take a moment to stop and think about what you love the most about back-to-school time, and when you think of it, share it with me. Introduce yourself, and tell me what your favorite thing is about the new school year; that way, I can get to know you, and you can create a fond, lasting memory of what you enjoy.

And do we have a lot to enjoy in the next year! Take a look to see important dates for the fall, and be sure to join us for our Opening Day fun on **Sunday, September 27**. I can't wait to see you all for the beginning of the year.



Aaron Nienshultz

Opening Day Information

EARLY SESSION SCHEDULE:

All-school kick off, for students and parents, 9 am in the Gitlin sanctuary

All-school sing-along for students, 10:35-10:45 am in the Gitlin sanctuary

Parents meet-the-teachers, 10:35-10:45 am in each class

LATE SESSION SCHEDULE:

All-school kick off, for students and parents, 11:15 am in the Gitlin sanctuary

All-school sing-along for students, 12:50-1 pm in the Gitlin sanctuary

Parents meet-the-teachers, 12:50-1 pm in each class



The Brotherhood and Sisterhood are hosting a **Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast** which begins at 8:30 am in the Rosenfeld Social Hall.

SOCIAL Action

Nike Reuse-a-Shoe

As a member of the Social Action Committee, I have taken on the project of collecting old worn out sneakers that are no longer usable. Rather than fill up landfills, the sneakers are part of an environmentally friendly project. They will make their way from the local Nike outlet to a Nike facility that grinds up rubber soles and recycles them to create rubber padding and protective surfaces for children's playgrounds and running tracks.

As of early summer, I collected more than 10 over-sized trash bags of sneakers which filled my trunk and the back seat of my car. I had originally planned to count every pair, but given the weight of the overstuffed trash bags, I decided a bag total would more manageable.

I want to thank everyone who has contributed so far to this worthy project to help our environment. If the collection continues at its current pace, I will make additional trips to the recycling center prior to Beth Or's November 1 Mitzvah Day, which will be our final collection day.

If you plan to drop off your non-usable sneakers or have any questions, please call me before delivering them to Beth Or, so that arrangements can be made for me to pick them up.

Thank you for making a difference for the environment. The next time we pass a playground or running track, let's think about the materials that make up their surfaces!

Marlene S. Cohen • Collection Drive Chair •
msckidsot@aol.com



Documentary on Safe Gun Laws Now Available In Our Library

"Living For 32" is a 45-minute documentary that tells the story of Colin Goddard, a victim of the Virginia Tech shootings that left 32 dead and 17 injured. Last year, a film screening was organized by Beth Or and other area synagogues and churches, in conjunction with CeaseFirePA whose goal is to ensure safe gun laws and decrease gun violence.

The DVD has been added to Beth Or's Herzfeld Library and can be checked out to share at small group gatherings. A representative from CeaseFirePA can be requested to attend, as well.

Please contact Beth Or Social Action Committee members, **Nora Saragovi** (noraksaragovi@gmail.com) or **Carole Chasen** (carole.chasen@yahoo.com), if you are interested in having a CeaseFirePA staff member join you for a home screening.

Do A "Knitzvah"

Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? Would you like to create items that keep others warm and lift their spirits? Please join us!!

The Beth Or Knitters meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Herzfeld Library. We represent a variety of ages and skill levels, but one thing that we have in common is that we take joy knowing that our handiwork helps keep people warm and comfy.

We are currently donating hats, scarves and lap afghans. Since September 2014, we have donated 40 hats to CHOP, 24 hats, 4 scarves and 15 afghans to Karnell Cancer Center, 16 hats to Cradles to Crayons, and 25 caps to Abington Hospital's preemie unit.

When Rabbi Marx led a trip to Israel in 2012, he brought hats and afghans to the new wing of the Hadassah Hospital. When he led a trip to Morocco in 2014, he brought 10 afghans to a nursing home.

Not everyone is able to come to our knitting sessions. Some congregants leave finished items in the synagogue office. Some help by dropping off donations at the hospitals. Others donate yarn to be used in projects. Everyone's contributions are appreciated! Come join us. We're "close knit" friends. Please check the Social Action page of the Beth Or website for knitting instructions.

For more information, please contact **Faye Benshetler** at febxc@comcast.net.



BETH OR MITZVAH DAY

Sunday, November 1

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Mitzvah Day event. Come out with your family and friends for a kick off in the Gitlin Sanctuary at 9 am and start your day with a little spiritual nourishment and snacks.

Please register for an activity with the chairperson indicated below. Religious school students should register with their classroom teachers.

On-site activities

Corner of the Land, 10 am-12 noon

Garden enthusiasts are invited to clean up our Corner of the Land Garden at the close of another fruitful season.

Chairs: Mitch Diamond and Bruce Dorsey •
mdiamond@atkore.com, brucedorsey11@gmail.com

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Appointments available every 15 minutes from 9 am to 2 pm.

Register to be a donor and save a life. You can register on-line at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/pennjersey> or contact our chairperson.

Chair: Bill Wanger • *wwanger@foxrothschild.com*

Bone Marrow Registry, 9 am-1 pm

Become a bone marrow donor. Information and kits will be available.

Chair: Susy Krimker • *susykrimker@gmail.com*

Meals that Matter, 1-3 pm

Cook meals for hundreds of JCC Klein's elderly/homebound clients.

Chair: Caren Gutman • *carengutman@gmail.com*

Picture Perfect, 9 am-11 am

Create and decorate picture frames for seniors.

Chair: Beth Or Religious School Kindergarten Faculty

Beautiful Blossoms, 9 am-11 am

Bring joy to seniors at Beth Or and at Abramson Center by decorating pots and tissue boxes and planting potted flowers.

Chair: Riss Bencan • *cbencan@yaoo.com*

Cradles to Crayons, 9 am-1 pm

Sort and pack toys, sporting equipment and clothing to deliver to Cradles to Crayons.

Chair: Theresa Knee • *tknee@comcast.net*

Alex's Lemonade Stand, 9 am-1 pm

Support our lemonade stand and raise funds for pediatric cancer research.

Chair: Fred Dugan • *fgdugan@comcast.net*

Packing Lunches for School Children, 9 am-11 am

Pack 500 lunch bags for Mitzvah Circle and write friendly messages for those living in nearby shelters.

Chair: Sue Dessner • *sdess2014@gmail.com*

Fox Chase Cancer Center Bake Sale, 9 am-1 pm

Support research at FCCC through their Post-Doc Program

Chair: Judy Bernstein • *judybernstein@verizon.net* and students of Torah Study

Off-Site Activities

Beth Or Junior Choir Concert at Abramson Center, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Share the joy of hearing the young voices of Beth Or's Junior Choir as they put on a concert for the residents. Volunteers are asked to accompany children and assist residents from their rooms to the concert.

Chairs: Cantor Green • *dgreen@bethor.org*, Lisa Ashery • *lahla@comcast.net*

Wissahickon Cleanup, 10 am-12 noon

Join the Friends of the Wissahickon on a restoration project in the scenic Wissahickon Valley. Gloves and tools will be provided.

Chairs: Marv Schwartz • *marvdebschwartz@verizon.net*, Marlene Cohen • *msckidsot@aol.com*

Hope Gardens Outing, 1-3 pm

Take residents of Hope Gardens on an outing. Volunteers will host parents and help chaperone children during the outing.

Chair: Debbie Schwartz • *marvdebschwartz@aol.com*

Mitzvah Circle Warehouse, 9 am-1 pm

Sort through donated clothing and food at the Mitzvah Circle Warehouse and complete small projects.

Chair: 4th Grade faculty

For more information about Mitzvah Day activities, please contact: Susy Krimker, Social Action Chair, *susykrimker@gmail.com* or Margie Chachkin, Social Action Vice-Chair, *chachkin@aol.com*.

Collections

We are holding collections for the following items: infants, children, women, non-perishable food and cleaning items, household/kitchen items, prescription glasses, toiletries, bedding and towels, worn out sneakers, gift cards and Chanukah candles. These items will benefit a number of local charities. Please make sure that all items are new or gently used and laundered.

Beth Or BROTHERHOOD

New Year and New Goals

Michael Davis, Brotherhood President



Michael Davis

Greetings from the incoming president of Brotherhood. I have been a member of Congregation Beth Or for a decade. I joined when my late wife, Carol, and I moved from North Haven, Connecticut to Lower Gwynedd. If you travel along Tennis Avenue, you may spot my 54 foot amateur radio tower peeking over the roof (I am licensed as KB1JEY).

There is at least one theme that runs in common among radio clubs, the Men's Club at my previous shul, and our Beth Or Brotherhood: How do we draw in younger men and future leaders? Should we fail, those institutions' continuity will be in peril. I plan for Beth Or Brotherhood to succeed in achieving this goal!

I think we need to build on successful programs such as our Annual Dinner. We must add programs which will be attractive to younger men. An example could be programs on financing college costs and finding scholarship aid. Brotherhood should be an organization that entices fathers to linger after dropping their children off at religious school and youth activities. Let us build a stronger community of Beth Or fathers.

Another item on my agenda is that we pay annual dues to Men of Reform Judaism yet fail to tap into their resources. This will change. Perhaps the men of Beth Or will become a model for men in other shuls.

I have witnessed good leaders at Beth Or and elsewhere. My favorite role models start by digging in and working directly. However, they then find ways to infuse others with the vision of what could be accomplished and the route to achieve the goals.

This style dovetails with my philosophy that every day reveals what our maker planned for us and to learn what lies in our souls. As I have painfully learned in the last 18 months, the future arrives, ready or not.

"Brotherhood" means in part that we work in fellowship for the good of our community. As Brotherhood president, I am personally asking for your help to realize this vision. Please help me to better our shul.



Are you and your friends into football? Are you ready to enhance the experience! Join the **Beth Or Brotherhood — Fantasy Football League.**

The Brotherhood will be running a fantasy football league this fall with 12 teams.

Your donation for the buy-in will support the charitable activities of the Brotherhood.

Reserve your team today. \$200 per team is the suggested donation with the winning team receiving 50% of the pot. The season starts Thursday, September 10. All teams must be submitted at the Draft Party to be held on Wednesday, September 2 at Beth Or.

For details, contact the league commissioner **Eric Wolf • 215-740-2205.**



Beth Or SISTERHOOD

Creating a Community Through Good Works, Spirituality and Fun!

Marilyn Ackerman and Ellen Mirbach, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

On behalf of Beth Or Sisterhood, we welcome all women of Beth Or to join us in creating a place where each of you can find a sense of community and connection in an increasingly disconnected world.

We joined Sisterhood at different times in our lives but for similar reasons. We needed to find a place apart from the secular world where we could forge new friendships and breathe new life into our Judaism. For Ellen, the embracing of her spirituality happened when she attended and participated in her first Sisterhood Shabbat. Sisterhood members led the service by reading prayers in English or Hebrew and added their beautiful voices as members of the Shabbatoners. For Marilyn, it happened when attending her first Women's Seder. As the Seder concluded, all attendees stood arm in arm and sang. At that moment, she felt a sense of being a Jewish woman connected to all other Jewish women and wanted to replicate that feeling again and again.

As we are looking to revitalize Sisterhood, we would like to start our new beginnings with you. If you want to attain and sustain that sense of connection, come join Sisterhood at an event or come to a meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.



Marilyn Ackerman and Ellen Mirbach



Please Support the

Tarshis Gift Shop

Proceeds Benefit Beth Or Sisterhood Programs

Stop in for these items and more:

- Judaica of all types
- Holiday Items
- Shabbat Candlesticks, Candles, Kiddush Cups
- Mezuzahs
- Hamsas and other Wall Art
- Tallit and Kippot
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Gifts
- Wedding Smash Glasses and Gifts
- Jewelry
- AHAVA Skin Care Products
- Home Giftware
- Books for Adults and Children
- Children's Toys and Games
- Baby Gifts
- Occasion Cards

Hours:

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

Discounts available for Sisterhood Members and Beth Or Staff

Great Monthly Sales and New Arrivals

Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah Students

Jared Delfiner September 12

For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at the **Klein JCC Senior Center** where I helped serve lunch to the members and assisted with the activities program. I also baked soft pretzels and sold them to the participants at the center to raise money for **Alex's Lemonade Stand**. My Aunt Julie, an oncologist at CHOP, has a patient who is battling cancer. She is also raising money for Alex's Lemonade Stand and the money I collect will go towards her total. When I was volunteering, I asked the members of the senior center to write the patients at CHOP get well cards and they were happy to help! I enjoyed being at the senior center and I plan on going back and volunteering again.



Ava Fuchs September 12

For my mitzvah projects, I interviewed Alex Redner, a Holocaust survivor, in order to keep alive the memory of that terrible time so it does not happen again. I also participated in the **Challenger program** where my "buddies" and I play baseball with disabled children. No one keeps score and it is all about having fun. In addition to these mitzvah projects, I am donating a portion of my Bat Mitzvah money to the **CHARGE Foundation**, and more specifically to the Ethan Wolfe Recreational Assistance Program. CHARGE Syndrome is a genetic birth defect that occurs in about 1 in every 10,000 births. The word CHARGE is an acronym and the letters stand for recognizable features of CHARGE kids, such as 'H' for heart defects.



Janie Hershman September 12

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I volunteered at a program called **Tennis Buddies Squad**. While I was there, I was able to combine my love of tennis and my love of helping others. I played and taught tennis to kids and adults with special needs. I played tennis games with some of the older kids and adults and taught the younger ones how to swing and hit the tennis balls correctly. It was a rewarding experience to watch the kids and adults faces light up with happiness when they hit the ball over the net and see their sense of accomplishment. It was even more rewarding to see their excitement when they beat me! Overall, I feel that I really made a difference in their lives by showing them that they can do anything that anybody else can do.



Adriana Jones September 26

For my mitzvah project, I interviewed a Holocaust survivor whom I connected with through the **Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center**. I found her story very interesting, and learned about how she survived and what she did to stay alive. I hope to share her story with others, so that we will never forget what happened to the Jewish people in that period of our history. I feel by sharing stories about our past we can ensure that this never happens again.



Aidan Nadell October 24

Aiden is honoring his grandfather, Barry Corson, for his Bar Mitzvah project. His grandfather passed away in February from Lewy Body Dementia, a type of Parkinson's. Aidan ordered brochures from the **Lewy Body Dementia Association** and wrote a letter to bring awareness to area physicians. He also held a fundraiser at the China Garden Inn.



Rachel Rubins

September 26

I worked on two mitzvah projects. My first project raised money for **Tikvah Family Camp at Ramah Poconos**. Tikvah is a Jewish camp for special needs families. We went there for two summers and loved it. I sold candy bars and raised \$750!

For my other project, I am working to raise awareness of a wonderful program right here at Beth Or — Celebrations! Celebrations is a special needs family Shabbat Service run by our rabbinic intern, Janine Jankovitz Pastor. It is a nice way for siblings and families to support each other emotionally and spiritually. This year, we will be meeting once a month on Friday nights and sharing Shabbat dinner together. Check Beth Or's website for the dates!



Georgia Fiori

September 26

For my mitzvah project, I baked cupcakes and brownies to sell and raise money to for **Saint Baldrick's charity for children with cancer**. I also raised money to donate to needy families for the Ambler YMCA Annual Campaign. In addition to this, I also volunteered my time at the YMCA helping younger kids learn to read.



Joshua and Jacob Tillman

October 10

For our mitzvah project, we are raising money to purchase a **Shelterbox** in Nepal which will help families who were displaced by the 7.8 earthquake in April of 2015. A Shelterbox is a kit for families who lost their homes in the wreckage and fits up to 10 people. It also comes with thermal blankets, sheets, water purification, cooking supplies, practical tools, and games and puzzles for children. To make a donation, visit <http://jsquared.club>.



Avery Miller

October 17

For my Mitzvah project, I wanted to do something that would help make life easier for people with struggles. I decided to do something at **Camp Harlam** where I have gone for the past four summers. Sometimes, something that makes life easier for everyone can especially affect people with disabilities. At camp, I helped to hang signs in all of the bunks which stated directions for certain times of the day. These posters didn't bother anyone and were a little reminder, and really helped people with certain difficulties. All of the visual signs I posted helped camp to be more inclusive. Not only did signs state directions, but they also show visuals about what is fair and helped everyone to understand that fair isn't always about being equal, but giving everyone what they need to be successful.



Rachael Kisver

October 24

For my mitzvah project, I volunteered as a "buddy" for the **Challenger Baseball League in Horsham**. This is a division of Little League for players with intellectual or physical disabilities. Buddies are matched up with players to assist with the game and provide a social connection, too. I felt good knowing I was helping kids take part in a fun activity that would otherwise be difficult. I also participated in a bake sale, helping to raise money for the league to build a Miracle Field, one that would better accommodate the walkers and wheelchairs that some players use. I plan on continuing to volunteer for this wonderful program next season.



Ari Silver

October 31

My name is Ari Silver. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I decided to start a letter-writing campaign for the U.S. troops who are serving our country. I'm asking my friends and family to write letters to thank our troops for their service and give them encouragement. These letters will be sent in care packages to the military through **Operation Gratitude**. Supporting the troops is important to me because my great grandfather and grandfather were in the military (Army and Air Force).



YOUTH *Activities*

The Meaning of BOFTY

Jillian Glick, Director of Youth and Camp Engagement

People often ask me, “What does BOFTY mean?” My first response is to tell them that it stands for the Beth Or Federation of Temple Youth, also known as Beth Or’s youth program. Then, I explain that BOFTY is a part of a bigger organization called NFTY (National Federation of Temple Youth), which is the Union for Reform Judaism’s national youth program.

Really though, none of these responses do BOFTY justice. What does all of that even mean?! Ask any BOFTY member and they will tell you...BOFTY means so much more.

BOFTY means friendship, community, Jewish values, fun, leadership, and making connections. Children who participate in our youth programs gain all of these values and skills without even realizing it.

Our younger “bitty” and “mini” BOFTYites continue to grow their love for Beth Or, by connecting with their friends during monthly events. Our events range from pizza parties after Hebrew School to gymnastics or mini golf at Freddie Hill Farm. And these kids will learn and grow spiritually when they attend a Senior BOFTY led high holy day service.

Junior BOFTY’s 6th and 7th graders get a taste of what it’s like to be a part of Senior BOFTY. They begin to have events on Saturday nights with Havdallah programs. Parents see their children start to create their own place at Beth Or and grow into young leaders.

Senior BOFTY is for our 8th through 12th graders. Here is where we see Jewish friendships flourish! Monday night pizza dinners are spent hanging in the lounge, playing air hockey and chatting about their weekends. Opportunities to make new friends at NFTY regional events at Camp Harlam allow Jewish teens in our area to come together and gain valuable leadership skills. Senior BOFTYites also lead our younger children in services at religious school and during the High Holy Days. This is where L’Dor V’Dor becomes real for me as their advisor.

I am privileged to facilitate all of these occasions through BOFTY. I’m thankful that I grew up in this holy and welcoming community that is Beth Or. I began my journey as a Jewish educator working at our own religious school, helping younger kids find their way through positive Jewish experiences. Beth Or gave me a foundation for the person I am today. It also gave me an amazing job — Director of Youth and Camp Engagement. It even feels funny to call it a job because I wake up each day loving what I do which never seems like work!



Jillian Glick



I encourage you to bring your children to a BOFTY event, or any of the other wonderful programs Beth Or offers our youth. Junior Choir, Rosh Chodesh, alternative Academy programs and BOFTY are just a few of the things your kids can participate in to help develop their Jewish souls!

I hope to see you all during the first day of Sunday School on September 27 to check out what’s going on in BOFTY at our All Youth Kick off!

Come Join Our Awesome Junior Choir!

You may have seen the Junior Choir sing at a recent service and wondered — so, what's the Junior Choir all about? We are a diverse and interesting group of 2nd-12th graders that sing together, but we are so much more than that!

***We sing, socialize,
gain responsibility,
develop comfort on the Bima.***

***We have parties,
community performances,
sleepovers.***

We have fun!

NO prior singing experience is required!! Our practices with our Junior Choir Director, Lisa Ashery, are conveniently held between early and late sessions on Sunday mornings from 10:45 am to 11:15 am. We also have a rehearsal for a half hour prior to Family Shabbat Services.

If you would like to check us out, please contact Junior Choir Parent Coordinator, Nancy Portney (nportney@sbrslaw.com) for more information!

Sign Up For Junior Choir Online when you register for religious school or at the September 27 parents meeting (computer and on-line assistance will be available at the meeting)!



Junior Choir September/October Calendar

Friday, September 4 at 7 pm
Family Shabbat Service

Monday, September 14 at 3:30 pm
Rosh Hashanah Family Service

Wednesday, September 23 at 2:45 pm
Yom Kippur Family Service

Sunday, September 27 at 10:45 am
First Junior Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 27 at 1 pm
Welcome Back Pizza and DJ Dance Party and Parents Meeting!
Parents — Please come to the Haines Memorial Chapel with your child and bring your checkbook for the shirt order, which is separate from the registration cost.

Friday, October 2 at 7 pm
Family Shabbat Service

Sunday, October 4 at 7 pm
Simchat Torah Family Service

Saturday, October 10 at 7 pm
Junior Staffer Ice Cream Social

Please check the Junior Choir page on the Beth Or website at www.bethor.org for rehearsal times prior to all September/October worship.



Beth Or EVENTS

Adult Programs

APEX Brunch

"Life Choices We All Must Consider" —

Sunday, October 11 at 10 am

Dr. David Gerstman, a retired physician currently doing research on end of life issues joins Cantor Green and an attorney in a panel discussion concerning the medical, Jewish/Halachic and legal points of view around end of life decisions. This program is free of charge if you RSVP by October 6 to Barb Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org. Walk-ins will be charged \$5 at door.

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

AARP Safe Driving Class

Basic Class — Tuesday/Wednesday,

October 27-28 at 10 am

Refresher Class — Wednesday, November 4 at 10 am

Take a class and get a significant discount on your car insurance. Both courses are open to 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 Elisa Heisman. Checks should be made out to AARP.

Art Gallery

Artist-Marge Feldman

Opening Reception: Friday, September 11

The Olitsky Gallery is pleased to present an exhibit featuring the exciting work of Marge Feldman, starting September 11 through October 8.



Much of Marge's art focuses on the contradictions and contrasts of the natural environment compared with what she calls the "contrived" environment. She says, "sometimes we work in concert with nature; other times we destroy it. Sometimes it overpowers us."

Marge attended the Philadelphia Museum School, Moore Institute, Syracuse University, and the Philadelphia Art Institute, among others. She has traveled extensively, and

those travels have influenced her work. She has been a strong force on the Philadelphia art scene. She taught art in public and private schools, at the Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers, and the Tyme Gallery in Havertown, PA, and has exhibited extensively in juried and group shows, as well as invitational and solo exhibits. Since her retirement, she is still teaching and taking classes.

The DGLM Gallery of Philadelphia

Opening Reception: Friday, October 9



Treat yourself to an art date! Take a few moments to stop in the art gallery at Beth Or and view this fine exhibit of Israeli art. Come and see this fabulous array of work by Israel's most popular artists, at reasonable prices. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and own an exciting piece of Israeli

art by artists such as: Slava Brodinski, Jacob Chayat, Romaya Puchman, Michael Kachan, Ben Simhon, Orlando Quevedo, Sami Briss, Michael Milkin and others.

The exhibit continues through November 12.

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Events

Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 27 at 8:30 am to 12 noon

Kick off a brand new school year with a pancake breakfast in the Rosenfeld Social Hall sponsored by Beth Or Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Reunite with old friends and make some new ones!

Impact Collection Day

Sunday, October 11 from 8:30 am-1:30 pm

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

Sisterhood Philly Trivia Night

Thursday, October 15 at 7 pm

Ladies! Join us for another Girls Night Out at a local restaurant. Enjoy one complimentary drink and then a cash bar. Philly themed snacks served followed by a trivia contest. Prizes will be awarded. The cost is \$18 per person. RSVP by Oct. 5 to Arlene Slobodzian at abswws125@gmail.com. You can also RSVP on-line at <https://ipn.intuit.com/pay/BethOrSisterhood> or send a check payable to "Beth Or Sisterhood" at Beth Or.

Sisterhood Shabbat and Woman of the Year Dinner

Friday, October 23 at 6 pm

Join us for our annual Shabbat dinner and honor our Woman of the Year. Nominations for Woman of the Year can be submitted to Marion Wolfert until Sept. 4. Our speaker will be Jeri Zimmerman, the Director of Jewish Federation of Philadelphia's Center for Israel and Overseas. The Center connects greater Philadelphia area Jews with Jews in Israel and around the globe.

Dinner is \$25 for Sisterhood members and \$28 for non-Sisterhood members. RSVP by Oct. 12 to Arlene Slobodzian at abswws125@gmail.com. Pay online at <https://ipn.intuit/pay/BethOrSisterhood> or by sending a check payable to "Beth Or Sisterhood" to Arlene's attention at Beth Or.

Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar

Sunday, November 15 at 10 am

Save the Date! For vendor information or to volunteer, please contact Sherry Spector at sherryspector@yahoo.com or Debby Borislow at debbiborislow@gmail.com. Shop until you drop at our annual Chanukah Bazaar!

Holidays and Shabbat Events

Sushi Sake Sukkah

Saturday, October 3 at 5:45 pm

Save the Date for our 3rd annual Sukkot event. Sushi and Sake for the adults and activities for the kids. Wave the lulav and etrog in the Goldstein Sukkah. Contact Rabbi Gerber for details. More information to come.

Shabbat Guest Speaker Rabbi Elliot Strom

Friday, October 30 at 8 pm

Rabbi Elliot Strom, founding rabbi and now Rabbi Emeritus of Shir Ami Congregation of Newtown, PA will speak to our congregation. Rabbi Strom is the author of the recently released novel, *Rabbi, Run* and will read from his book and speak about some issues it raises about rabbi-congregation relationships.

Veterans Shabbat and Dinner

Friday, November 13 at 6 pm — Save the Date

If you are an active member of the military or a veteran, you are invited to attend a special Shabbat dinner in your honor. Invitations will be mailed to veterans and active duty personnel. Contact Elsa-Lu Berkowitz at berktaxpa@aol.com for details.

Lifelong Learning

Lunch and Learn in the Sukkah

Wednesday, September 30 at 12 noon

Join Cantor Green for a discussion about the holiday of Sukkot. Please bring a bag lunch. RSVP to Barbara Murtha at bmurtha@bethor.org.

Rabbi's Tish and Shabbat Dinner

Friday, October 2 at 7 pm

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

Special Events

Bingo Night

Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm — Save the Date

Ladies, join us for Bingo, raffle baskets, prizes, munchies and beverages. **NEW THIS YEAR** — Purchase a VIP Pass for \$40 which includes 10 extra raffle tickets and wine and food from Carrabba's Italian Grill. This offer is only available until October 19. All proceeds will support the Zipporah S. Abramson Center for Early Childhood Education. Attendees are welcome to bring food and beverages.

Reserve your spot by October 19 and pay \$20 regular admission or \$40 for a VIP Pass. Please make checks payable to Congregation Beth Or and drop off or mail to the synagogue office. RSVP forms can be found in the bulk mail, on the Beth Or website or in the Spain Lobby at the synagogue.



Youth

All Youth Kick Off at 9 am to 1 pm

Sunday, September 27

Join your BOFTY friends, old and new, in the All Youth Open House, during Sunday school for games, snacks, swag and fun!

GREAT SCOTT — It's Back To The Future Night!

Wednesday, October 21 at 6 pm



October 21, 2015 happens to be the day that Doc and Marty went back to the future! Join BOFTY as we

showcase *Back to the Future II* on our outdoor screen. The event is free with dinner and snacks available for purchase.

Chai-Lights — September-October 2015

New Members

Mike, Lindsay & Liam Maze
Evan, Jessica, Maya & Max Dortheimer
Steve, Missy, Avery & Tristan Blatstein
Adam, Mary & Jaclyn Lieberman
Janice Singer
Stephen, Lauren, Annabel & Zoe Hellman
Michael, Jacqueline, Madison & Ryan Fishman
Jacob Tarabar & Rachel Mintz
Warren, Pamela, Morgan & Ashley Bloom
Todd, Elana, William & Benjamin Eisenberg
Randy Royfe
Steven Pastor & Janine Jankovitz-Pastor
Drew, Donna, Skye & Sage Desjardins
Josh, Lauren, Devyn & Saige Baron

Rejoining Members

Jodi, Alexa & Brooke Hallen
Brad, Skylar & Jules Rostolsky & Jennifer Udis
Karen Mandel

May Their Memory Be a Blessing

Robert Wallach, father of Todd Wallach
Linda Dickler, mother of Greg Delfiner
Dave Milke, congregant & husband of Sherry Milke
Lillian Berman, mother of Arlene Slobodzian
Joy Ellis, grandmother of Cara & Becca Hafter
Henry Wessel, congregant & husband of Barbara Wessel
Herbert T. Picus, father of Laine Kaplan
Donald Levinstein, father of Wendy Terrenzio & grandfather of Jill Bascove
Victor Levin, father of Robert Fox
Dennis Abramson, uncle of Jennifer Abramson-Green
Abraham Rosenblatt, father of Stan Rosenblatt
Lester Rosenfeld, congregant & husband of Helene Rosenfeld
Arthur Promish, cousin of Jodye Green
Richard A. Davis, father of Michael Davis
Samuel Kaplan, grandfather of Lori Orenstein
Joseph Levine, father of Brian Levine
Gilbert Abramson, father of Marla Joseph
Sandra Solomon, mother of Robin Lassin
Aaron Wasserman, grandfather of Andrea Kurtz
Dennis Howie, congregant & husband of Jennifer Howie, father of Jacob & Daniel & brother of Patrick Howie

Mazel Tov

Engagement of Lisa Resnick, daughter of Michael & Nancy Resnick, to David Keller
Birth of Isabel Fiona Krepp, granddaughter of Fred & Laine Kaplan
Birth of Charlotte, daughter of Steven & Christin Glassman
Birth of Asa Julian Thomas Wolfe, grandson of Jane Liebman
Engagement of Aaron Gottlieb, son of Josh & Marcie Gottlieb, to Stephanie Tedesco
Engagement of Johanna Davis, daughter of William & Ori Davis, to Eli Zigon
Marriage of Jacob Tarabar, son of Martin & Jill Tarabar, to Rachel Mintz
Marriage of Janine Jankovitz, daughter of Jack & Linda Jankovitz, to Steven Pastor
Engagement of Zachary Miller, son of Robert & Faye Miller, to Rachel Channon
Engagement of Jenifer Seboek to Jeffrey Gould
Baby Naming of Alivia Ella Stone, daughter of Josh & Reshma Stone & granddaughter of Steven Stone & Terry Stone

Baby Naming of Brooke Mia Bernstein, granddaughter of Steven & Nancy Bernstein
Baby Naming of Ava Caroline Bair, daughter of Craig & Lauren Bair
Engagement of Jonathan Stark, son of Alan & Mary Jean Stark, to Kelley Spause
Baby Naming of Seth Eric Santo, grandson of Andrea & Bob Sklenar
Baby Naming of Maya Faye Kaufman, granddaughter of Michelle Kamens
Wedding of Rachel Fiori to Jeff Sutton
Bar Mitzvah of Jared Delfiner
Bat Mitzvah of Ava Fuchs
Bat Mitzvah of Janie Hershman
Bat Mitzvah of Adriana Jones
Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Rubins
Bat Mitzvah of Georgia Fiori
B'nai Mitzvah of Colin & Julia Post
Bar Mitzvah of Sam Fortunato
B'nai Mitzvah of Joshua & Jacob Tillman
Bat Mitzvah of Avery Miller
Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Nadell
Bat Mitzvah of Rachael Kisver
Bar Mitzvah of Grant Geisler
Bar Mitzvah of Ari Silver

Oneg and Flower Donations

Additional May Donations:

Oneg

May 15 • Shana & Adam Lebofsky in honor of Max Lebofsky's Bar Mitzvah

Flowers

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

Additional June Donations:

Onegs

June 5 • Dawn & Marty Jacobson in honor of Tyler Jacobson's Bar Mitzvah

June 12 • Cari & Alan Lasdon in honor of Max Lasdon's Bar Mitzvah;

Karen & Ron Wilk in honor of Brett Wilk's Bar Mitzvah

June 19 • Suzanne & Mitch Diamond in honor of Matthew Diamond's Bar Mitzvah

June 26 • Merryl & Leroy Meyers in honor of Sally Meyers' Bat Mitzvah

Roselyn Altman in honor of Sarah & Seth Polesuk's B'nai Mitzvah

Barry & Vicki Oppenheim in memory of Hyman Oppenheim

Flowers

June 12 • Cari & Alan Lasdon in honor of Max Lasdon's Bar Mitzvah

June 19 • Deborah & Kenneth Borislow in honor of Chloe Borislow's Bat Mitzvah

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

September Donation

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September 11 • Sam & Edie Newman in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary

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BETH SCHRAUGER

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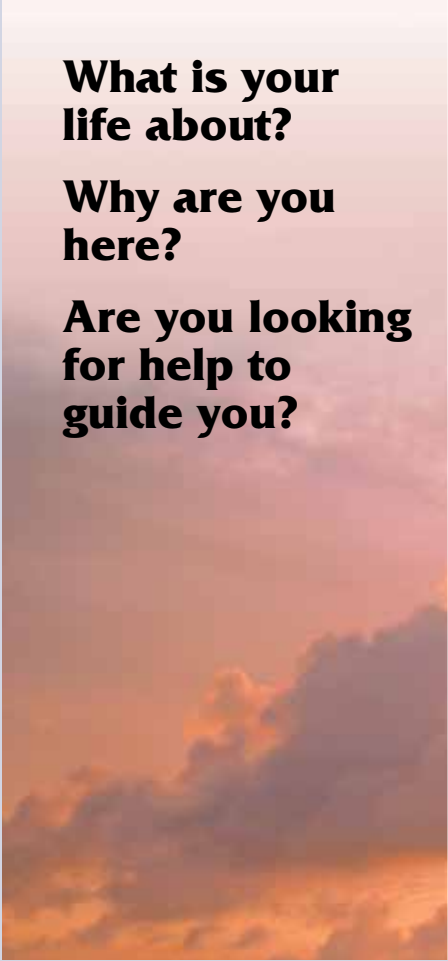
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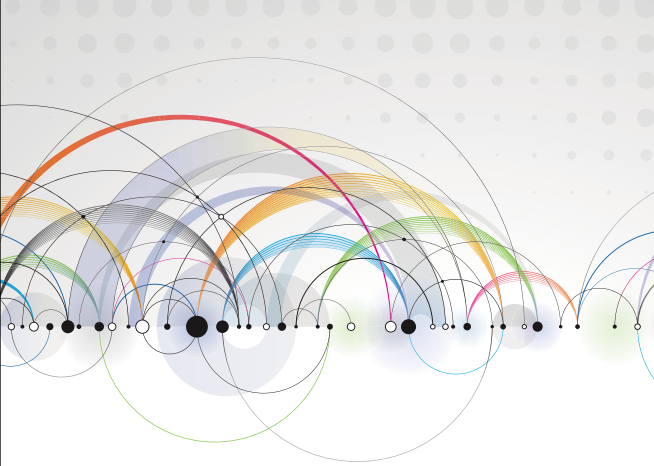



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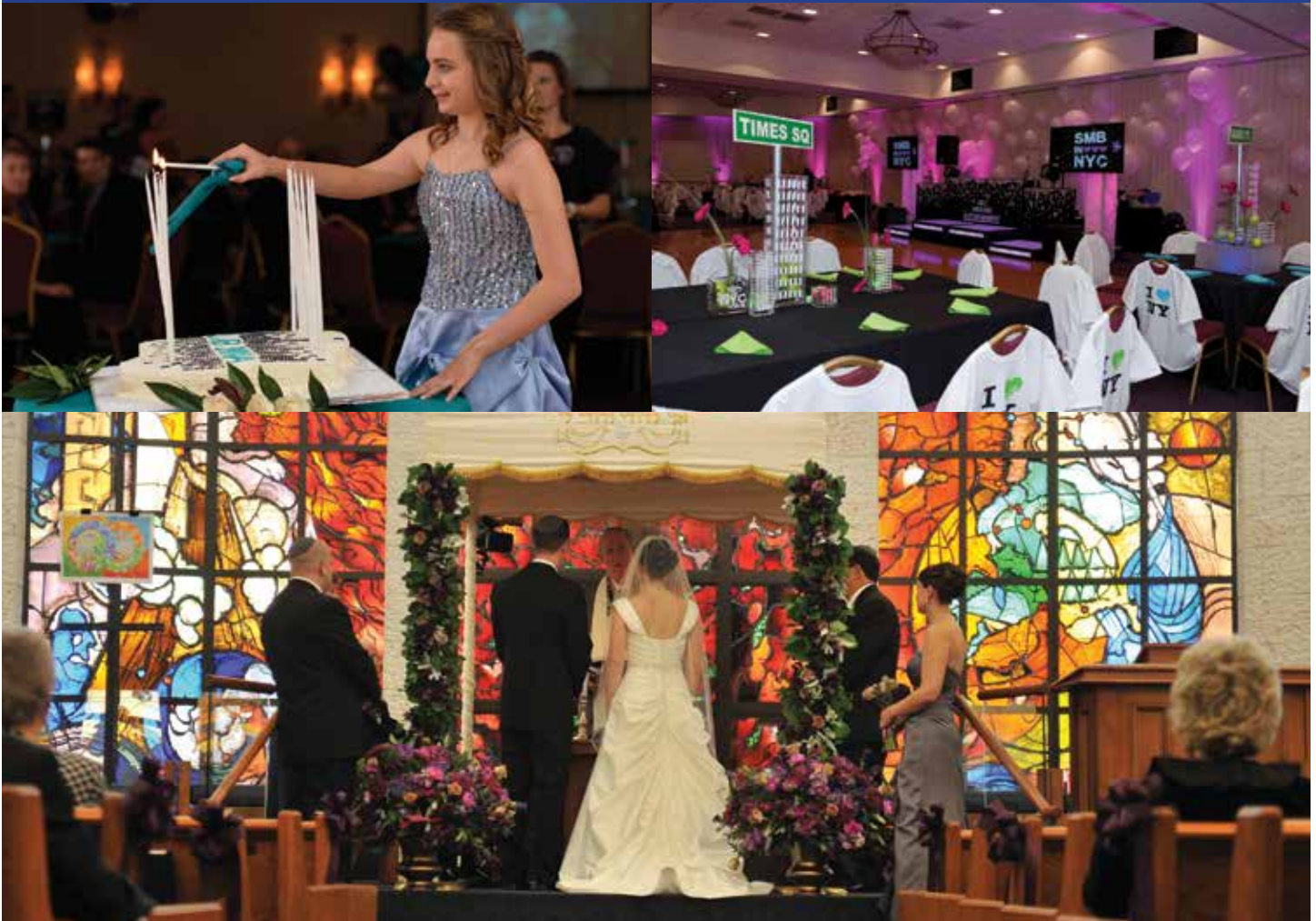


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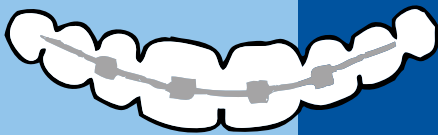
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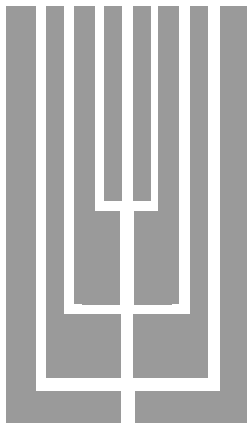
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