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September Worship Schedule

Friday, September 1 Shabbat Ki-Tetze

6:00 pm	Pre-Neg
6:30 pm	Family Shabbat Worship
6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Saturday, September 2

11:00 am Shabbat Worship Service

Friday, September 8 Shabbat Ki-Tavo

6:00 pm Pre-Neg 6:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service

Saturday, September 9

- 9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Gibbs, son of David & Jami Gibbs
- **11:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Drew Gottlieb, son of Edward & Renee Gottlieb & Adam Silver, son of Deborah Silver

Friday, September 15 Nitzavim-Vayelech

6:00 pm Pre-Neg

6:30 pm Shabbat Worship with Social Justice Guest Speaker

Saturday, September 16

- 9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Platt, son of Christopher & Jenny Platt
- 11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B'not Mitzvah of Haley Drossner, daughter of Eric & Samantha Drossner & Amanda Lane, daughter of Corey & Karen Lane
- 7:30 pm Selichot Dinner 8:30 pm Selichot Service

Wednesday, September 20 Erev Rosh Hashanah

8:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Worship Service

9:30 pm Dessert Reception

Thursday, September 21 Rosh Hashanah

9:00 am	Early Worship Service
9:00 am	Worship Service for Youth (K-4)
11:30 pm	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

Friday, September 22 – 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Ha'azinu

10:00 am 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Worship Service
6:00 pm Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Shabbat Shuvah Worship Service

Saturday, September 23

11:00 am Shabbat Worship Service

Friday, September 29 – Kol Nidre

8:00 pm Kol Nidre Worship Service

Saturday, September 30 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

October Worship Schedule

Wednesday, October 4 - Erev Sukkot

5:00 pm Dinner in the Goldstein Sukkah
 6:30 pm Welcome To Our Tent in the Goldstein Sukkah with Lulav, Etrog & Song

Thursday, October 5 – Sukkot

- 9:00 am Sukkot Worship with Brunch to Follow
- **10:30 am** Family Festival of Fun for CECE Families

Friday, October 6 – Shabbat

- 6:00 pm Pre-Neg
- **6:30 pm** Family Shabbat Worship
- 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship
- 7:45 pm New Member Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, October 7

- 9:00 am Shabbat Worship with Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Baratz, son of Todd & Ellyn Baratz
- **11:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Elizabeth Fronstin, daughter of Michael & Stacey Fronstin & Joshua Wiesel, son of Ron & Gloria Wiesel

Wednesday, October 11 Erev Simchat Torah

- **6:30 pm** Erev Simchat Torah Worship & Consecration
- 7:45 pm Israeli Dancing with RAK-DAN

Thursday, October 12 Simchat Torah

9:00 am Simchat Torah Worship & Yizkor, with Brunch to Follow

Friday, October 13 Shabbat Bereshit

6:00 pm Pre-Neg6:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service

Saturday, October 14

- 9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Slovin, son of Michael & Hillary Slovin
- **11:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Paige Mandel, daughter of Richard Mandel & stepdaughter of Lauren Mandel & Dylan Rotkin, son of Pam Rotkin & Jason Rotkin

Friday, October 20 – Shabbat Noah

6:00 pm	Pre-Neg
6:30 pm	Shabbat Worship with the
Adult (hoir

Saturday, October 21

- 9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Crayder, son of Scott & Cindy Crayder
- **11:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Jordan Boymel, son of Steve & Heather Boymel & Brett Darnell, son of Jason & Rachel Darnell

Friday, October 27 Shabbat Lech Lecha

6:00 pm Pre-Neg

- **6:30 pm** Shabbat Worship Honoring Sisterhood
- 7:45 pm Shabbat Dinner Honoring Sisterhood & Sisterhood Woman of the Year

Saturday, October 28

- **9:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Anita & Mark Farrell, children of John & Penni Farrell
- **11:00 am** Shabbat Worship with the B'nai Mitzvah of Gavin Myers, son of Bill & Mandy Myers & Jacob Schwartz, son of Geoffrey & Heather Schwartz

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Rabbi Gregory S. Marx

From the Rabbi's Desk

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Society's Three Mistakes

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

In his amazing book, <u>The Road to Character</u>, David Brooks argues that our society has in its development made three fundamental mistakes. He writes, "we have chosen Jeremy Bentham over Victor Frankl, Descartes over Augustin and Hobbes over Buber".

Bentham was an English philosopher who died in the 19th century. He essentially argued that happiness should be our ultimate goal in life and that all our choices were to be considered good if they work for the largest number of people. His philosophy was called *Utilitarianism*. He wrote, "it is the greatest happiness of the greatest number that is the measure of right and wrong." In other words good and evil have nothing to do with right and wrong.

Victor Frankl, was a neurologist, psychiatrist and philosopher who was deported

to the Nazi Theresienstadt Ghetto on September 25, 1942, along with his wife and his parents. He argued that happiness lies in finding a purpose to our existence. He found that inmates of the camps had a better chance of enduring their ordeal if they knew why they were suffering and

what they were living for. Today, we have erred as a culture by telling people that life's contentment lies in the greatest good for the largest numbers. But that rings hollow. In the end, it is purpose and service that leads to contentment. Goodness is a Godly virtue, not what works for the majority.

Second mistake is that America has chosen Descartes over Augustin. Descartes argued that we are essentially rational beings. "I think therefore I am". Augustin believed that we are fundamentally non-rational. Unknown emotional forces of faith, courage and hope make life purposeful and motivate us. Thinking about my favorite TV show of the 60's, <u>Star Trek</u>. There was Mr. Spock and Captain Kirk. Descartes believed that life was a rational Spokian enterprise, while Augustin maintained that Kirk had it right.

We as a society have erred when we teach our children about the technical aspects of survival and fail to teach them about the power of belief, love, hope and courage. Life without our hearts (Captain Kirk) is an empty one. Too many of our children are raised in schools that cannot teach about faith, the power of family or the bonds of love. But that is where true joy can be found. If I had to choose between looking at life as a machine or as a miracle, I would choose the miracle.

Finally, our culture has erred in choosing Hobbes over Buber. The English philosopher Thomas Hobbes taught about radical individualism and the ultimate rights of each person over the rule of law. Martin Buber taught in <u>Land Thou</u> that all of life is in the meeting of another person. Life is relational. Hobbes argued that we are each of us an island with our own sovereignty. Today, we affirm Hobbes everywhere. Marriage rates are declining. Communities are disintegrating. Religious institutions of all denominations are struggling. This is the generation of the "Selfie," where it's too difficult even to ask someone to take a picture of ourselves.

As we approach the High Holy Days, may we correct not only our own sins, but the sins of our society. May we find happiness in goodness and service. May we celebrate things of the heart that truly can bring us joy. And may we build a just and cohesive society that supports one another in times of happiness and travail. Let us right not only ourselves but our communal values.

Get to Know Our Trustees

David Simon, Beth Or President

One of the definitions of a trustee detailed in the Merriam-Webster dictionary is simply "one occupying a position of trust..." Over its history, Beth Or has been fortunate to have had so many of its members agree to serve as trusted partners on its Board. These trustees give freely of their time and talents — without much recognition — to help shape the future of our Beth Or community.

As background, the bylaws of Beth Or provide that the Board shall be comprised of the elected officers, up to 36 Trustees, the past presidents of the congregation and the presidents of Brotherhood, Sisterhood and BOFTY. Currently there are 27 serving trustees. Unfortunately, unlike our officers — who are recognized on the back of this publication, on the weekly order of service and on synagogue letterhead — unless you go searching



David Simon

President's Corner

on our website for the trustees' names, you probably don't know who makes up this very important group. So in this issue of Spotlight, I aim to correct that. You can find a list of the current trustees on the next page.

Feel free to let these dedicated fellow congregants know what you like about Beth Or, or even what you don't. After all, they represent you.

To gain some personal insight into our trustees and the Board as a whole, I recently asked the Board to complete a survey that contained various questions about their personal histories, their Beth Or history, and other miscellaneous trivia. Here are the results — along with side commentary — for your reading pleasure.

- The average numbers of years as a Beth Or member is just short of chai at 17.8 years. Seven of these years have been spent on the Board in some capacity. So the Board has lots of Beth Or experience and prior Board experience.
- The Board currently has 21 children in our religious school, has celebrated over 40 b'nai mitzvah and 50 confirmations at Beth Or, and has ten kids in college. A nice mix of Beth Or parental experience.
- The Board has 23 pets: 14 dogs and 9 cats (9 too many cats if you ask me).
- The Board is 75% democrat and 17% republican. The missing 8% are either neither or both (I don't understand what "both" means either).
- 77% of the Board has taken at least one trip to Israel. Much higher than the national average for reform Jews that Rabbi Marx cited in a recent sermon.
- Including Beth Or, the Board has been members of over 65 synagogues. Thankfully they have settled at Beth Or, but they've been around.
- 27% are left handed. The national average is 10%. I have no idea what this means.
- Strangely enough to me, the favorite food of the Board is sushi. For those of you scoring at home, the correct response was chocolate.
- The favorite sports team of most Board member is the Eagles. I knew we had a knowledgeable group.
- 70% were born in Pennsylvania. New Jersey, New York and Michigan round out the birth places.
- All of the Board has college degrees, just not enough of them were obtained from Lehigh University.
- And as far as movies preferences go, it appears the Board likes action movies and dramas over comedies (romantic or otherwise), science fiction, or something else. I am not sure what this means either, other than to say I hope not to have any "drama" in the coming months.

All in all, a pretty diverse group. And I look forward to working with them over the next two years.

Finally, on behalf of the officers and Board of Trustees of Beth Or, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year to you and your families. L'shanah tovah!

2017/2018 Board of Trustees

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Coming in 2017/2018!

All new look and feel for Beth Or's Communications

- New Logo
- New Tagline
- Beth Or's "Why" Statement
- Updated Website
- Updated Digital and Print Materials

Details to be unveiled during High Holy Days!



Rabbi David Gerber

The Blessing of Food

Rabbi David Gerber, Associate Rabbi

WARNING: Do not read this article if you are in the process of fasting for Yom Kippur!

As we are all preparing our menus for our *Rosh Hashanah* dinners and our break fasts for *Yom Kippur*, we can almost smell the brisket before we even start cooking. We can taste the bagels and lox as they serve as a fitting reward for a long day's fast. Our grandmother's kugel, our father's potato latkes, our sister's matzo ball soup. The Jewish holidays are synonymous with the wonderful foods we grew up with.

I'm sure you've heard the old joke. Every Jewish holiday can be summarized

the same way: they tried to kill us. We won. Let's eat.

From the Rabbi's Desk

This means that if we eat three meals a day, we have six opportunities to thank God, fulfill a *mitzvah*, and express our faith. While it may seem that we are always just looking for an excuse to get together over a meal, the truth is that these occasions are far more sacred.

The inherent sacredness of every meal comes from the Torah's description of the *Mishkan* (the portable sanctuary that we used while wandering through the desert). Among the many ritual objects needed for the *Mishkan*, we were required to keep a separate table for the showbread. This table must never be empty and the bread must be continually replenished.

The Zohar explains, "The table stood in the Tabernacle, and there rested upon it a blessing from Above, and from it issued nourishment to the whole world. Not for a moment was that table to remain empty, since blessing does not rest upon an empty place. Therefore the showbread had always to be renewed upon it each Sabbath, in order that the blessing from Above might always rest upon it, and that food and blessing, because of it, might emanate from that table to all the tables of the world. So too should every man's table [have bread on it]: in order that the blessing from Above should rest upon it, it must not be empty."

Jewish law states that if there is food on the table, we must give thanks to God before and after the meal. This means that if we eat three meals a day, we have six opportunities to thank God, fulfill a *mitzvah*, and express our faith.

Our meals also offer us the opportunity to keep kosher laws, engage in the discussion of Torah, welcome guests into our home, and fulfill countless other *mitzvot*. In short, if we want to regularly have the opportunity to fulfill an abundance of Jewish commandments and rituals... let's eat!

Important School Dates

Sunday, September 10 First Day of Sunday School/ Meet the Teacher

Monday, September 11 First Day of Monday School

Tuesday, September 12 First Day of Tuesday School

Sunday, October 1 No school: Yom Kippur Break

Wednesday, October 11 Consecration



Religious School NEWS

Aaron Nielsenshultz, Director of Religious School

Every year for the Religious School, we have a theme of the year, an idea that we use to focus our thoughts and projects. This year, our theme is What's Your Mitzvah? Mitzvah is a word we use a lot, and it can have two meanings. In Hebrew and in the Torah, mitzvah (and the plural *mitzvot*) means "Commandment," and it refers to the tasks God assigns to us; in Yiddish and in Jewish culture, mitzvah (and the plural mitzvahs) means "good deed," and it refers to all the things we do to make the world a better place. For our purposes, we're looking at the good deed meaning, and all year, we'll be looking at different ways to do mitzvahs in the world.



Aaron Nielsenshultz

We'll have opportunities in each class during the year, and we'll have some whole-school opportunities, too. And if your family, friends, or social group take part in a mitzvah, we'd love to hear about it and share that information. As an example, two of last year's 3rd graders, Ava and Brooke, ran a weekend lemonade stand and donated the proceeds to their class *tzedakah*.

Let's have a year of mitzvahs, fun, and learning!

CONSECRATION

Make a note that Consecration takes place on Wednesday, October 11 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.

OPENING DAY INFORMATION

Join us for our **Opening Day Kick Off** on Sunday, September 10!

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.

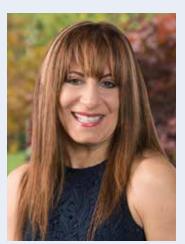
Late Session all-school Kick Off, for students and parents, 11:15 am in the Gitlin Sanctuary. Students are then dismissed to class with their teachers, and parents are dismissed.

Late Session all-school sing-along for students, 12:45-1 pm in the Gitlin Sanctuary. Late Session meet-the-teachers for parents, 12:45-1 pm in each class.

Every Moment Is A Fresh Beginning

Lisa Yoskowitz, Early Childhood Director

I love fresh starts. Clean slates. Like the start of the New Year, which will be upon us before the leaves begin to change color. Another of my favorite "beginnings" is the start of the school year. Everything feels brand new. There are endless possibilities! The opportunity to get up every morning with a "fresh chance" to "start over" is what I love the most and is what I, as the Early Childhood Director, use as a "pearl of wisdom" to pass onto parents. Each new day in your child's life is an opportunity to try again. The beginning of the school year can be both exciting and stressful for young children. The educators here at Beth Or have a wealth of information and years of experience to lean on to help your child not only feel comfortable but to make them feel like the Early Learning Center is their second home. For many, the stress is harder on the parents than on the children themselves. So, I've come up with a list of helpful hints to make those first few days leading up to the start of school as well as those first few weeks somewhat easier.



Lisa Yoskowitz

1. Read books about going to school and saying goodbye:

- The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
- Will I Have a Friend? by Miriam Cohen
- When I Miss You by Cornelia Maude Spelman
- It's Time for Preschool by Esme Raj Codell
- David Goes to School by David Shannon
- First Day of School by Anne Rockwell
- Take a Kiss to School by Angela McAllister
- A Pocketful of Kisses by Audrey Penn
- 2. Take a picture on the first day and every first day of school after that. Eventually, you will be able to "view the years gone by" through those photographs!
- 3. Develop a good-bye ritual. This could be anything you and your child decide on, such as a special hug or handshake followed by a "See you later, alligator!" Once you've said your goodbyes, it's best to skedaddle so that your child doesn't become preoccupied by your presence. Seeing him/her involved in an activity is a good cue that it's time for you to go.
- 4. Remember that separation is a process. Expect that your child (or yourself) will need time to ease into this new routine and feel comfortable. Know that you have your Beth Or family of teachers and staff ready to help you and your children through this exciting time in yours (and your children's) lives.

So take a deep breath, enjoy and embrace the beginning

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Charla Stein

We started our journey at Beth Or when my first son, lan was just an infant and he started at the CECE. His teacher Ms. Dotty, took him in her arms and told us everything would be okay. As I walked away from my 4 month old for the first time, with all the anxiety of a first time mom leaving her baby looming over me, I truly did feel okay. From day one, my husband and I felt a sense of family and community in our school. And now as my second son, Drew is finishing his last year in Pre K, we as a family have truly found our second home at Beth Or. Other classroom parents have become lifelong friends. The teachers have become a support to lean on as parents, and a hug and hand to hold for my children. We are so grateful for the experience our boys have had over the past 8 years.

I volunteered as a committee chair for the early childhood center this year because I want to help other families new to Beth Or learn about and experience our wonderful community. I want to help bring new and exciting ideas to our school. I want to be able to give back to a place that has given so much to my family.

We hope you can join us in our Beth Or endeavors!

Heather Fischer

Five years ago my family and I moved into a community not knowing anyone. That all changed the minute we walked through the doors at Beth Or. We were immediately welcomed with open arms and Alex had a place to call home when he wasn't with us. Over the past few years Alex has not only made lifelong friends, but so have my husband and I. Through volunteering and a lot of Moms nights out, I have met so many amazing women. Even though Alex has moved onto elementary school, I am happy to say that Abigail still has a few years ahead of her at CECE.

I choose to volunteer at Beth Or not only for my family's future at CECE, but I also want to help other families through their journey as well. As a parent I always want to make sure my kids are getting the best experience possible. To volunteer and be a part of that experience gives me so much joy.

We hope to bring many exciting events to our school this year. Here are just a few:

- Dine and Donate throughout the year
- Mitzvah Projects for Children and Parents
- Denim and Diamonds Cocktail Fundraiser
- Tot Mitzvah

We hope you can join us in our Beth Or endeavors!



The Fun Continues in 5778... Youth at Beth Or





Jillian Glick

Jaime Murley

Jillian Glick, Director of Member & Youth Engagement Cantor Jaime Murley, Junior Choir Director

Beth Or Youth Programs offer a variety of fun for kids in grades K-12. In addition to all the fun we offer during religious school, we have Youth Groups and Junior Choir. **Here are the top 10 reasons to join in on the fun!**

- **10:** Cantor Murley brings her joy and guitar skills to helping lead a choir for all 2nd through 12th graders who want to spread *ruach* through song in our congregation.
- **9:** Every month there are fun programs planned, ranging from laser tag to bowling to swim parties to gymnastics; all ending with a community trip to Dorney Park on the last day of Sunday School!
- 8: Youth Group programs are broken down by grade. K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12! This means fun with old friends and new!
- 7: The Junior Choir performs the annual Purim Schpiel! (What will be the theme this year?!)
- **6:** Beth Or Youth Groups coordinate the annual Purim Carnival and proceeds go to Youth Group scholarships!
- **5:** The Youth Group has a delicious Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. The servers are Youth Group members and the chefs are Youth Group moms! (Save the Date 12/1/17!)
- 4: Dan Nichols is coming to perform at Beth Or this January! (http://www.dannicholsmusic.com/)
- **3:** Our Youth Lounge is open every Monday and Tuesday before Hebrew school from 4-4:30, with snacks, games, homework help and fun every week during the school year!
- 2: Beth Or is hosting NFTY's Leadership Training Institute for 9th-12th graders on September 9. (*www.nfty.org/par*) NFTY also has two Beth Or members on their regional board.

September/October Events

Friday, September 1

Family Shabbat Service at 6:30 pm. Jr. Choir Rehearsal at 5:45 pm

Sunday, September 10

- All youth kickoff 9 am to 1 pm. The Youth Lounge will be open with event flyers, snacks, games and more to start the year off with lots of fun!
- Jr. Choir High Holy Days Rehearsal 10 am – 12 pm
- Jr. Choir Kickoff Party and Parent Meeting 1pm – 3 pm with a DJ, pizza and fun!

Sunday, September 17

• Jr. Choir High Holy Days Rehearsal 10 am – 12 pm

Thursday, September 21

Rosh Hashanah Family Service 3:30 pm. Jr. Choir Rehearsal at 2:30 pm

Sunday, September 24

K-5 Grade trip to Freddy Hill Farm 1pm – 4:30pm

Saturday, September 30

Yom Kippur Family Service 2:45 pm. Jr. Choir Rehearsal at 2 pm.

Wednesday, October 4

Sukkot Service 6:30 pm

Friday, October 6

Family Shabbat Service 6:30 pm. Jr. Choir Rehearsal at 5:45 pm

Wednesday, October 11

Simchat Torah Service 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 15

K-2 Grade Pizza and Movie Day 1-3 pm

Sunday, October 22

3-5 Grade Pizza and Movie Day 1-3 pm

Congratulations to Suzanne Diamond, our new Director of Accounting!

We are happy to announce the promotion of Suzanne Diamond to the position of Director of Accounting. This newly created management position is responsible for all accounting functions for the congregation and reports to Amy Abrams, our Executive Director.

Suzanne, as you may know, has been a member of this congregation for 20 years and has been an employee of Congregation Beth Or since 2006. During her tenure with us, she has worked in the Early Childhood Center as an assistant teacher and for the past 9 years as the Assistant Director/Business Manager for the Center. For the past 3 years, Suzanne has also been performing the Controller duties.

With Suzanne's transition out of the Early Childhood Center, we are in the process of interviewing and hiring a new Assistant Director.

Prior to beginning her career at Beth Or, Suzanne worked as a cost accountant for 6 years. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and her Masters in Business Administration from the Pennsylvania State University.



Suzanne Diamond

Suzanne is a dedicated employee and member of our community and she has done an incredible job in achieving the financial and quality goals of the Center as well as helping to ensure timely and accurate financial reporting and management of the Congregation as a whole.

Suzanne, her husband Mitch and their three children — Kayla, Hannah and Matthew are active members of our congregation and community.

Congratulations to Suzanne on her promotion. We wish her well in her new position.

September/October Candle Lighting

Friday, September 1 • 7:13 pm Friday, September 8 • 7:02 pm Friday, September 15 • 6:51 pm Friday, September 22 • 6:39 pm Friday, October 6 • 6:16 pm Friday, October 13 • 6:06 pm Friday, October 20 • 5:55 pm Friday, October 27 • 5:46 pm



What Has Beth Or Troop Connections Been Up To?

BOTC is a Social Action Committee project that involves sending 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 requested by the soldiers, our young 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 meaningful messages from Rabbi Marx and Rabbi Gerber.

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, its island nations, and surrounding waters. AFRICOM has approximately 2,000 assigned personnel, including U.S. military, federal civilian employees, and contractor employees.

BOTC is here to make a difference throughout the Beth Or community. If any member of your family or circle of friends is serving in the U.S. armed forces, BOTC would like to send them a holiday package in the New Year. Please send names, addresses and how long each individual will be serving to Susy Krimker, *susykrimker@gmail.com*, or call Susy at 215-572-8325.

Thank you for being a part of BOTC!

Susy Krimker, Social Action Chair Margie Chachkin, Social Action Vice-Chair



Beth Or Mitzvah Day is now Mitzvah Month!

The Social Action Committee has planned different mitzvah projects every Sunday in December, concluding on "Mitzvas Day" Monday, December 25. Stay tuned!



A VIBRANT, MEANINGFUL, AND DELICIOUS PLACE

Have you been in the synagogue on a Sunday morning? If so, you have felt the hustle and bustle of a busy building The Shmear Cafe

— young people laughing and running to classes, adults rushing to their kids, reminding them to give tzedakah, or other adults chatting on their way to various meetings. Amid this excitement, the Shmear Café has arisen as an oasis in the heart of the synagogue. Located downstairs, we sell delicious New York style bagels, schmears of whitefish and cream cheese; coffee and tea; along with interesting sweet delights, chips and candy. We are a place to meet a friend, your child, or gather for an informal meeting. Cocoon yourself within the heart of Beth Or and enjoy the calmness of the area.

This year Randi Copman, Stephanie Webb, and Laurie Marx will continue the management and coordination of the Shmear Café. Though the café has become a social hub, it is also a vehicle for tikkun olam, repair of the world. Any profits received are donated to various food-related causes such as Meals that Matter and Soup Squad. The café is also volunteer run — coordinated by Laurie Marx (*lgsmarx@icloud.com*), who is always happy to welcome a new volunteer. Come to see the Shmear Café as a vibrant, meaningful, and delicious place — a place to meet, a place to eat, or a place to volunteer.

Social Justice: Get Active!

Craig Schulz, Social Justice Committee co-chair

As we begin 5778, let us think of it as a year of opportunity. An opportunity to get involved in public life in a way you never have before.

For many of our fellow congregants, the 2016 election ignited a spark. People who never before thought seriously about politics or civic engagement were suddenly compelled to protest. To speak out against hate. Our fellow congregants have turned to our clergy at times when they saw freedom being cinched — perhaps not for them but for others and felt a moral need to act. Our moral compass as Jews teaches us that we must work to make the world a better place. Engage in *tikkun olam*.

It is on this basis that the Beth Or Social Justice Committee was formed last year. And ever since, the committee has been hard at work planning programs and events that help us engage in civic life and, perhaps, empower those among us to more actively engage in public affairs. To exercise our right as citizens.



Craig Schulz

Education – in addition to advocacy and action is a key pillar of social justice work. And it is against this backdrop that the Social Justice Committee is

hosting a series of informal discussions — book clubs — based on the book, "Climate of Hope" by Michael Bloomberg and Carl Pope. Starting in December and with the help of a professional facilitator, the monthly "One Book, One Congregation" events will explore the main theme of the text — how cities, businesses, and citizens can save the planet.

HOW CITIES, BUSINESSES, AND CITIZENS CAN SAVE THE PLANET

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Michael Bloomberg

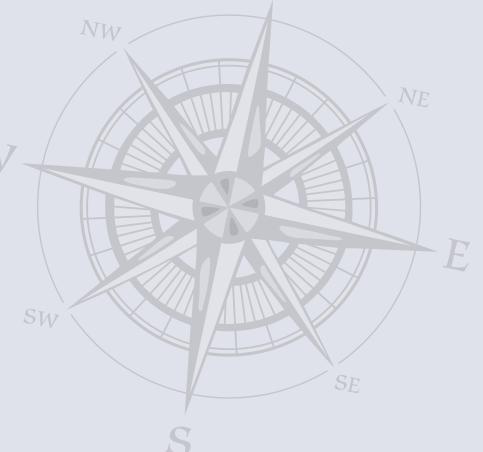
Carl Pope

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Stay tuned for additional, more detailed information about the book club series. And don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like more information about the Social Justice Committee. *(2schulzcraig@gmail.com)* Or stop by one of our events and get involved! All are welcome.

ĽShana Tovah!



Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah Students

Adam Silver September 9

Adam Silver will fundraise throughout the year for the benefit of the

Philadelphia Children's Foundation. This organization collects, repairs, and delivers computers to under-served children at their schools throughout Philadelphia. Adam's interest in this foundation stems



from his strong interest in computers and his firm belief that all kids should have access to functioning, up-to-date computers and the internet. Adam's strongest extracurricular interest is computer gaming and he interacts with other teens all over the world. He realized that not everyone has access to computers and that puts these kids at a significant disadvantage both educationally and socially. He will organize fund raisers throughout the year to raise money to support this excellent organization.

Joshua Platt September 16

For my Mitzvah Project, I registered as an official donor to the **Penn State Dance Marathon**, also known as Thon. Thon is the largest student-run philanthropy in the world and has raised over \$175 million dollars since 1973. I collected contributions from friends and family and went 'canning' at a number of local businesses and was



able to collect \$1300 to donate to the 2017 Thon.

The money I raised goes to support childhood cancer research and the families that are impacted. At the time I was raising money, I didn't know how close cancer would get to my family, so making my contribution to this cause became very meaningful to me. I plan to keep raising money for Thon and maybe one day I'll present my check on main stage!!!! When I get up to University Park for college, I plan on being a Thon volunteer!

Amanda Lane September 16

For my Mitzvah Project, I chose to support the **Brandywine Valley SPCA**. This SPCA is Pennsylvania's first no kill, open admission shelter. It exists to end animal suffering and to involve the entire community in the welfare and well-being of animals. I volunteered at this shelter for 6 months. I walked, bathed, played, trained,



and fed the animals at the shelter to help them become more adoptable.

I also organized a dance & donate at the Institute of Dance Artistry in Fort Washington. The studio held a free hip hop class for a donation to the SPCA. We collected over \$350 to help the animals! To donate or adopt, please visit the shelter's website at *www.bvspca.org*.

Joshua Wiesel October 7

For my Mitzvah Project, I chose to raise money for the degenerative disease, **Progressive Supra Nuclear Palsy**. This disease is similar to Parkinson's; however, it is not as well known, and therefore doesn't receive nearly as much funding for research. The reason I chose to make this the focus of my Mitzvah project, is



because I wanted to honor the memory of a great man, my grandfather, Samuel Spitz. My Papa was a strong man whose entire life was centered around health and fitness. As the disease progressed, he communicated the best he could even though he lost all muscle functions throughout his body. I asked my karate sensei and his wife to volunteer their time and teach some karate classes at Beth Or. If you would like more information or wish to make a donation please visit their website, *www.psp.org.*

Paige Mandel October 14

For my Bat Mitzvah Project, I chose to support the **Brain Tumor Society**. I chose this project because this foundation is very special to me because, sadly, one of my family members passed away from a brain tumor and I never got to meet him. I have participated in the Walk for Hope for the past 9 years and will walk



this October as well. To help raise money for this organization I will host a restaurant night and helping to recruit members to our family team, Team Jerry0905. To help me reach my goal please donate to *events.braintumor.org/join-the-fight/* Thank you!

Brett Darnell October 21

I love music, and I have been playing the piano since I was six years old. I know that music brings joy to others, so I decided for my Bar Mitzvah Project to share my musical gifts with residents at the **Artman Senior Living Center** in Ambler. I designed and organized a set-list of songs that I felt would be



appropriate and enjoyable to residents at The Artman Center. This spring I performed on Sunday afternoons in their coffee lounge and in their atrium, and I plan on performing several more times this fall. I had the opportunity to interact with the residents after each concert, and I enjoyed speaking with them as they expressed their appreciation for the music I played for them.

Beth Or BROTHERHOOD

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Allan Posner, Brotherhood President



I hope everyone had a "funtastic" summer full of fun with family and friends while making memories. Hopefully you also had a chance to say hello at Shabbat in Our Park too! During my summer vacation, I decided to take a break and head to the beach. After working up a big appetite doing nothing but sitting on my tuchus, I reached into the cooler for lunch. I pulled out a peanut butter and jelly sandwich which quite frankly didn't thrill me. I prefer Hebrew National salami on rye with mustard. My wife Andrea, AKA FLOB, the First Lady of Brotherhood reminded me that if you take ten bites of something you will eventually like the taste. Needless to say, she was correct.

So... What's the connection between a sandwich and Beth Or? Peanut butter or jelly alone just isn't as tasty as the paired combination. Brotherhood and Congregation Beth Or together are a great tasting sandwich too and most of us don't even know because we haven't tried eating it yet.

Allan Posner

Brotherhood is called upon by our clergy and staff throughout the year to perform tasks that benefit all

of us. In a few weeks Brothers will be ushering the High Holy Day services, staffing parking lots, keeping *tallit* and book racks stocked, directing congregants to their seats and more.

Imagine a world without peanut butter and jelly? Imagine Beth Or without a Brotherhood? There is a real possibility that could happen within a short period of time. Articles suggest many congregations face the same dilemma as we do. Dwindling participation is a national trend. Without your support, not just by paying dues but



more importantly by joining us and volunteering, that could be a consequence. Without you, Brotherhood will not have the ability to staff family events, perform service within the synagogue and greater community as well as contribute to youth programs. Help us help you... Join!

During the High Holy Days when you see us ushering or in the parking lot say hello. Finally, Brotherhood would like to wish you and your family a Shana Tova!

SAVE THE DATE... WIP'S Man of a Thousand Voices, Joe Conklin will perform live at Beth Or at our Annual Dinner on Tuesday, December 5.

Other upcoming events to remember... September 10 Welcome Back Breakfast, October 8 Annual Classic Car Show and November 12 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Brunch.



Beth Or SISTERHOOD

NOT Your Bubbie's Sisterhood

Jodye Green, Sisterhood President

By the time you sit down to read this, the dog days of summer have become a memory and we are starting to feel the cooler, shorter days of Fall. The start of Fall is the start of many new things, start of the school year (secular and Religious School), carpools and soccer practice, to name a few. While you're filling out all the forms that come with the start of the school year, don't forget to fill out your Sisterhood Membership Form that was included in the July mailing...don't worry, it's never too late to join us!

Make some time in your hectic schedule for YOU and come spend some time with US. I promise that we're more fun than trying to figure out new math! Join us for our Board meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm; come for dinner, stay for the meeting. Stop by and introduce yourself at the Welcome Back Breakfast on Sunday, September 10. Our meeting on October 3 will leave you glowing with our Sip and Sparkle event at 7 pm, featuring Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski. Come celebrate Sisterhood Shabbat with us on Friday, October 27, when we honor our Woman of the Year. The Woman of the Year has demonstrated support of and contributed 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 the name of your nominee.

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



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Proceeds Benefit Beth Or Sisterhood Programs

Stop in for these items and more:

- Holiday Items
- Mezuzot
- Hamsas and other Wall Art
- Tallit and Kippot

- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Gifts
- Wedding Smash Glasses and Gifts
- Jewelry
- Home Giftware

- Books for Adults and Children
- Children's Toys and Games
- Baby Gifts
- Occasion Cards

Hours:

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

Discounts available for Sisterhood Members and Beth Or Staff | 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

Wednesday, October 4 – Dinner at 5:30 pm followed by Service at 6:30 pm

This family event includes dinner and a Jr. Choir performance during Sukkot service. All members and CECE families are invited. The event is free, but RSVP is required by September 27 using the website RSVP portal.

Sukkot Worship & Brunch

Thursday, October 5 – 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 Thursday, October 5 at 10:30 am

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

Sushi, Sake, Sukkah! Saturday, October 7 at 6 pm

Join us for our annual night of fun in the Sukkah! There will be havdallah, live music, and of course, sushi and sake! This event is free for members and CECE families. Babysitting and kids programming also provided for free. Check the RSVP portal for details and to register by September 29.

Lunch & Learn in the Sukkah Tuesday, October 10 at 12 Noon

Join Rabbi Marx for a discussion about the holiday of Sukkot. Please bring a bag lunch. RSVP to Barbara Murtha at *bmurtha@bethor.org* by October 5. This program is sponsored by APEX.

Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah Worship, Consecration and Israeli Dancing with RAK-DAN Wednesday, October 11 – 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 and Brunch Thursday, October 12 at 9 am followed by Brunch at 10:30 am

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



Purchase your own Iulav & etrog for your sukkah

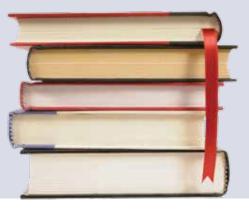
Send a check for \$50 payable to Congregation Beth Or to the office to the attention of Barbara Murtha by September 8.

16. BETH OR SPOTLIGHT

Lifelong Learning Courses — Fall Semester

For all Lifelong Learning courses, you may register online via the website RSVP portal or contact Barbara Murtha at 215-646-5806, ext. 220 or *bmurtha@bethor.org.*

Look in your mail box this September for our Fall/Early Winter 2017/18 Lifelong Learning Course Catalog, which includes a complete list and description of in house and at home classes.



Shabbat Torah Study Every Shabbat Morning at 9:30 am

Join Rabbi Marx and Rabbi Gerber for a Shabbat morning of Torah study. This year we will study the Haftarah portions for each week, bringing wisdom of the prophetic section of the bible to light. No RSVP necessary.

Perceptions of God

in the Tanach, Hebrew Bible taught by Janine Jankovitz Pastor Every third Shabbat Morning at 10:45 am

During this once-a-month extended Torah study, read the poetry of Yehuda Amichai, considered Israel's greatest modern poet. Often categorized as a Zionist, below the surface his work reveals a much more complicated and nuanced relationship with Israel and his Jewish heritage. Together, we will explore these nuances through Amichai's own words. No RSVP necessary.

Mussar: Finding the Path or Humility, Gratitude, Trust Honor and Enthusiasm

taught by Susan Sussman Tuesday, starting September 12 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm

This 13-week course helps you learn how to make more and better informed choices on how you interact with others and the world. Members meet together as a *Va'ad* (group) for 2 weeks in succession and then every other week. In alternating weeks, you meet with a *chavruta* (learning partner).

Note First class is on Tuesday. All other classes are on Monday.

The Jews of Poland taught by Rabbi Marx

Tuesday, October 10 and 17 at 7 pm

Join Rabbi Marx for a fascinating study of the Jews of Poland. Long before the Shtetl (rural poverty) that began in the 18th century, the Jews arrived in Poland at the turn of the 11th century and developed a thriving cultural, faith and social community. We will evaluate the golden age of Polish Jewry, its demise and rebirth.

Adult Confirmation Class taught by Cantor Green

Starting Sunday, October 15 from 12 noon to 2 pm

This class will meet once a month to discuss Jewish choices in theology, history and the essence of our faith, before leading the congregation in prayer. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience where participants can build a sense of community as well as develop an appreciation for the depth and breadth of Jewish thought and practice.

This course is designed for any adult who never had the chance to experience Confirmation. There are NO prerequisites. One does NOT need to have gone through a Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony to participate. For further information and a copy of the syllabus, contact Cantor David Green at 646-5806 ext. 218.

Introduction to Hebrew taught by the Clergy Mondays and Tuesdays, starting October 23 from 5:30 – 6 pm

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

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class taught by Cantor Green Starting Tuesday, October 24 from 7 to 8:30 pm

Did you miss your opportunity to become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah? It is never too late! This two year class will meet on one or two Tuesday evenings a month during the school year. Study topics will include the meaning of prayer, Jewish concepts of God and the history of Jewish music. Students will also learn and refine Hebrew prayer reading skills. The class culminates with the Adult B'nai Mitzvah students leading a Friday evening Shabbat service. Hebrew reading is NOT a prerequisite.

Preparing to Encounter the Unimaginable

taught by Rabbi Marx & Randi Boyette

Tuesday, October 24 at 7 pm

The Holocaust is complicated. There is so much more to this historical event than what we learn from reading *Night* or *The Diary of Anne Frank*. There are more questions than answers. Randi Boyette, Education Director for the Anti-Defamation League joins Rabbi Marx to walk us through this history and prepare us to confront the unimaginable. Randi will provide an overview of the Holocaust, challenge common myths, and through images and words, bring this history to life.

The Unsung Heroes of the Bible taught by Rabbi Gerber

Tuesday, November 7, 14 & 21 at 7 pm

We all know the big guys (and gals): Abraham, Miriam, King David, etc. This class will focus on the most important people in the Bible that you may have never heard of before now. For every Moses, there is a Nachshon. For every Solomon, there is a Hezekiah. For every Noah, there is an Enoch. Come and learn new stories from our tradition that shed light on some not-so-minor characters!

Beth Or EVENTS

Adult Programs

APEX Bus Trip to NYC

Sunday, October 15 • Meet in the Beth Or parking lot at 7:45 am



All are invited to join this wonderful and exciting day with Rabbi Marx and APEX as we travel to New York City. We will visit Park Avenue Synagogue, Kehilath Jeshurun and Temple Emanu-El, enjoy a provided bagged lunch and dinner at the famous Sammy's Roumanan on the Lower East Side before returning home. Cost: \$100/person all inclusive (except alcohol). RSVP by October 1 to Barbara Murtha, 215-646-5806, ext. 220 or *bmurtha@bethor.org*. 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

Artists – Susannah Hart Thomer, AWS and Michael Adams

Opening Reception: Friday, September 8 at 6 pm

Please join us as we present an exhibit featuring the work of award-winning artists Susannah Hart Thomer and Michael Adams. Susan and Michael have been friends and painting partners for many years. Together they have painted mural projects for the town of Collegeville, the Norristown Library and the Braemer Medical Arts Building in Norristown.

Currently they are painting bird murals in John James Audubon's home in Mill Grove and exhibiting paintings at The Changing Gallery in the house.

Susan and Michael have exhibited their work in many juried group and solo exhibits; they have received many awards for their work, and their work is held in many private collections. The exhibit continues through October 11.



Brotherhood/Sisterhood Events

Welcome Back Breakfast Sunday, September 10 from 8:30 am to 12 noon

Our traditional kick off to the school year takes place in the Spain Lobby! Parents and students are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast, coffee and juice throughout the morning compliments of Brotherhood, Sisterhood and the Membership Committee. Aaron Nielsenshultz and the Religious School Committee will be on hand to answer any questions in the Spain Lobby. Pick up membership information, too!

Brotherhood 6th Annual Classic Car Show Sunday, October 8 from 9 am to 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 *bethorbromembership@gmail.com*.



Sisterhood Sip and Sparkle Party Tuesday, October 3 from 7 to 9 pm

Join Sisterhood after the monthly meeting for a wine and cheese party with jewelry shopping from Touchstone Crystal by Swaravski. RSVP by September 28 to Ellen Mirbach at *semirbach@ gmail.com.* Contact Elaine Goldfield at 215-813-9807 with any questions.



Sisterhood Woman of the Year Shabbat and Dinner

Friday, October 27 – Worship at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7:45pm

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



SAVE THE DATE for these exciting upcoming Brotherhood/Sisterhood events!

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Brunch featuring Chuck Darrow

Sunday, November 12 from 10 am to 11:30 am

Chuck Darrow, host of "That's Show Biz with Chuck Darrow" on WWDB-AM is an award-winning entertainment writer, accomplished stand-up comic and creative partner of former SNL star Joe Piscopo. Hear Chuck's stories about some of your favorite A+ Listers, including Jerry Seinfeld, Paul McCartney and Donald Trump. Cost \$10/person. Register in advance using the RSVP portal or contact Allan Posner at *bethorbromembership@gmail.com*.

Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar Sunday, December 3 at 10 am

For vendor information or to volunteer, contact Sherry Spector at sherryspector@yahoo.com

Shop until you drop at our annual Chanukah Bazaar!

Brotherhood Annual Dinner featuring WIP's Joe Conklin Tuesday, December 5 from 5:45 pm to 9 pm

Join Brotherhood for great food, fun, laughs, auction and a chance to win \$2,000. This special evening features popular radio personality Joe Conklin, 94 WIP Sports Radio's "Man of a Thousand Voices". More details and RSVP coming soon.



Brotherhood Tailgate & Latke Party Sunday, December 17 at 12:30 pm

Watch the Philadelphia Eagles take on the New York Giants. Enjoy a tailgate atmosphere complete with beer, table games, wings, deli, latkes and more! More details to come soon.

Holidays and Shabbat Events

Selichot Dinner and Worship Saturday, September 16 – Dinner at 7:30 pm followed by Worship at 8:30 pm

Begin your High Holy Day journey with your Beth Or family. Dinner is complementary, but RSVP is required by Friday, September 8. Contact Barbara Murtha at 215-646-5806, ext. 220 or register online using the website RSVP Portal.

Rosh Hashanah Dessert Reception Wednesday, September 20 at 9:30 pm

Join us for dessert following Erev Rosh Hashanah Worship.

New Member Shabbat Dinner Friday, October 6 at 7:45 pm

Gather in the Goldstein Sukkah (weather pending) and meet other Beth Or members, new and old, as well as our clergy and staff. Enjoy dinner sponsored by the Membership Committee. All family members are welcome! This event is free for new members but advance RSVP to Barbara Murtha at *bmurtha@bethor.org* is required. Contact Jillian Glick with questions.

Veterans Shabbat Service and Dinner Friday, November 10 – Worship at 6:30 pm followed by dinner

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. Look for details In the monthly events booklet. Contact Elsa-Lu Berkowitz at 215-643-4700 with any questions.

Special Events

Social Justice Civic Engagement Fair Sunday, September 17 from 9 am to 1 pm

Details to come.

SAVE THE DATE for these new events!

The Great Challah Bake-Off & Lunch Sunday, November 5 at 11:15 am

Look for more details soon!



CECE Denim & Diamonds Cocktail Gala Saturday, November 18 from 5 pm to 11:30 pm

Join us for CECE's newest "FunRaiser" — our first ever Denim and Diamonds Cocktail Gala! The money raised will help support educational programs, facility and technology upgrades and teacher trainings. E-vites and details coming soon. Contact Charla Stein at *bethorgala@gmail.com* for information.

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.

Chai-Lights — September/October 2017

New Members

Brandon & Debbie Andress Ross, Brooke, Edan & Abby Miller Chad & Allison Curry Matthew Berman & Marisa Rosenthal Berman Jonathan & Kelley Stark Sam, Aviva, Lilah & Sadie Meyrowitz Adam & Susan Wolbransky Todd, Shawn & Emmy Schurr Daniel & Erika Stark Dustin, Jazmin, Reese & Ryder Rochestie Henry & Yvette Goldfine Axel, Leslie & Parker Bergeson

May Their Memory Be a Blessing

- Robert Edelman, brother of Mitchell Edelman
- Lucille Glickman, mother of Robin Markovitz
- Ruth Fineman, grandmother of Robyn Randa
- Patricia Rabinowitz, stepmother of Mark Rabinowitz
- David Liebhaber, brother of Sarah Berman Marshall Freedman, son of Jay & Susan
- Freedman Rachamim Karafin, stillborn grandson of
- Fred & Gail Karafin Evelyn Milgram, grandmother of Michelle Lambersky

John Tabor, husband of Karen Tabor & stepfather of Lori Motis & Kim Kaffey

Herbert Siegel, brother of William Siegel & uncle of Owen Siegel

Gerald Creed, brother of Hali Freeman Leonard Ross, husband of Marjorie Ross Eva Yarom, mother of Zahava Bar-Nir Louis Malissa, father of Phyllis Finkelstein

Mazel Tov

- Engagement of Sarah Simon, daughter of Robert Simon, granddaughter of Mort & Joann Simon & niece of Dave & Stephanie Simon, to Dr. Jarle Stone
- Engagement of Sarah Segal, daughter of Robert & Cindy Segal, to Michael Pappas
- Wedding of Rachel Meketon, daughter of Marc Meketon & Naomi Sussman, to Daniel Kamen
- Wedding of Alexandra Erin Stein, daughter of Melvin & Jane Stein, to Justen Harris Roth
- Wedding of Carley Marion, daughter of Ilene Schneller & sister of Dana Marion, to Thomas Paul
- Baby Naming of Tessa Rose Goldsmith, daughter of Jason & Rachel Goldsmith & granddaughter of Paul & Ann Beaulieu
- Birth of Tyler Brown, daughter of Adam & Marla Brown
- Birth of Mason Andress, son of Brandon & Debbie Andress

- Birth of Phoebe Evelyn Stark, daughter of Daniel & Erika Stark & granddaughter of Alan & Mary Jean Stark
- Birth of Reid Spencer Berman, son of Zachary & Emily Berman & grandson of Sharyn Berman & Richard Berman, z"l
- Baby Naming of Kyla Grier McEleney, granddaughter of Walter & Arlene Kirszbraun
- Baby Naming of Stephanie Ann Mirbach & Sophie Bella Mirbach, twin granddaughters of Ellen Mirbach & Sol Mirbach, z"I & Barbara Spilove & Stan Spilove, z"I & nieces of Cari & Philip Cantor
- Birth of Benjamin Levi Sussmann, grandson of Barry & Ellen Sussmann

Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Gibbs Bar Mitzvah of Adam Silver Bar Mitzvah of Drew Gottlieb Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Platt Bat Mitzvah of Haley Drossner Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Lane Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Baratz Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Wiesel Bat Mitzvah of Elizabeth Fronstin Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Slovin Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Rotkin Bat Mitzvah of Paige Mandel Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Crayder Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Boymel Bar Mitzvah of Brett Darnell B'nai Mitzvah of Mark & Anita Farrell Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Myers Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Schwartz



Pre-Neg and Flower Donations

Additional May Donations:

Pre-Neg:

May 19 • Faye, Bob, Zac, Rachel, Est, Justin & Sam Miller in memory of their beloved Poppy and Father, Marc Miller

May 26 · Ed & Laurie Appelbaum

September Donations:

Pre-Neg & Flowers:

- September 8 David and Jami Gibbs in honor of Joshua Gibbs' Bar Mitzvah Deborah Silver in honor of Adam Silver's Bar Mitzvah Edward and Renee Gottlieb in honor of Drew Gottlieb's Bar Mitzvah
- September 15 Christopher and Jenny Platt in honor of Joshua Platt's Bar Mitzvah Eric and Samantha Drossner in honor of Haley Drossner's Bat Mitzvah Corey and Karen Lane in honor of Amanda Lane's Bat Mitzvah

October Donations:

- **October 6** Todd and Ellyn Baratz in honor of Ethan Baratz's Bar Mitzvah Ron and Gloria Wiesel in honor of Joshua Wiesel's Bar Mitzvah Michael and Stacey Fronstin in honor of Elizabeth Fronstin's Bat Mitzvah
- October 13 Michael and Hillary Slovin in honor of Matthew Slovin's Bar Mitzvah Pam Rotkin and Jason Rotkin in honor of Dylan Rotkin's Bar Mitzvah Richard and Lauren Mandel in honor of Paige Mandel's Bat Mitzvah
- October 20 Scott and Cindy Crayder in honor of Matthew Crayder's Bar Mitzvah Steve and Heather Boymel in honor of Jordan Boymel's Bar Mitzvah Jason and Rachel Darnell in honor of Brett Darnell's Bar Mitzvah
- October 27 Jack and Penni Farrell in honor of Mark and Anita Farrell's B'nai Mitzvah Bill and Mandy Myers in honor of Gavin Myers Bar Mitzvah Geoffrey and Heather Schwartz in honor of Jacob Schwartz's Bar Mitzvah

Memorials and Contributions

Rabbi Marx's Discretionary Fund

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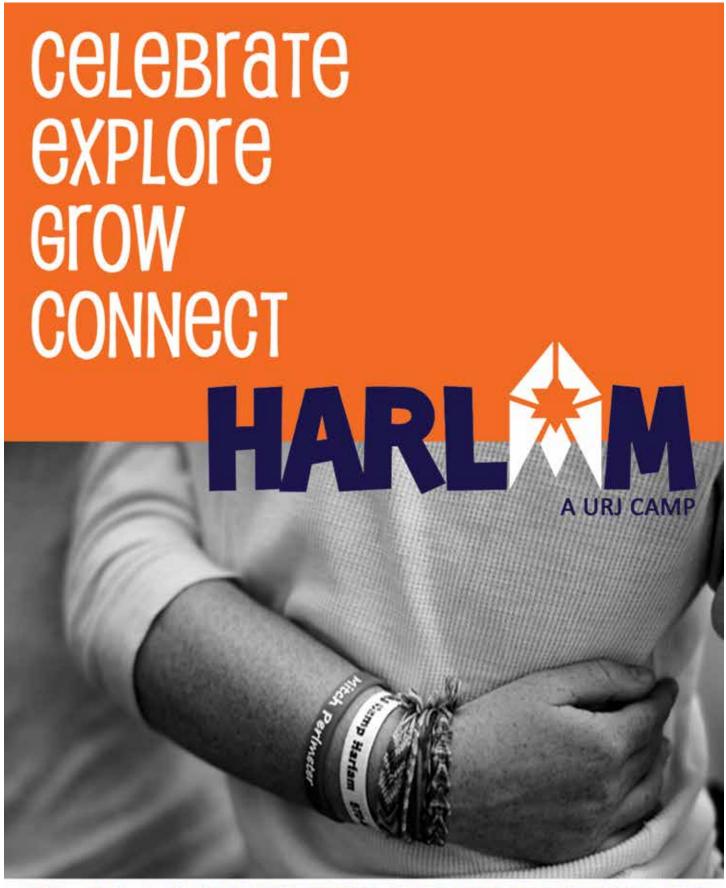
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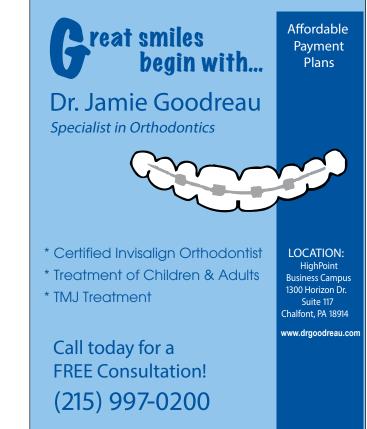
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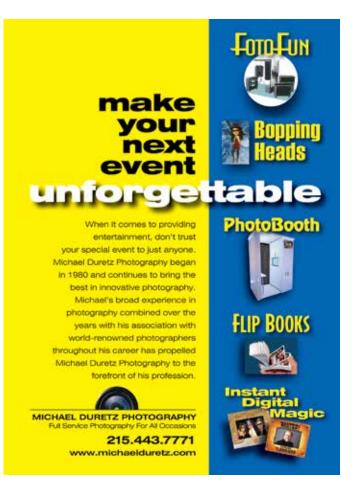
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