May Worship Schedule
Friday, May 4 – Shabbat Emor
6:00 pm Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Family Shabbat Worship in the Gitlin Sanctuary
6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

Friday, May 5
9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Justin Cartagenova, son of Joshua and Stacey Cartagenova
9:30 am Torah Study
10:45 am Extended Torah Study with rabbinic intern, Janine Jankovitz Pastor
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Fechter, son of Gary and Debbie Fechter

Friday, May 11
Shabbat Behar-Behukotai
7:30 pm Shabbat Worship with Confirmation. Dessert reception to follow

Saturday, May 12
9:30 am Torah Study
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B’not Mitzvah of Alexa Burstein, daughter of Evan and Randi Burstein and Reesa Frost, daughter of Ryan and Jennifer Frost
12:00 pm Celebrations Shabbat Worship

Friday, May 18 – Shabbat B’Midbar
6:00 pm Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship with the Adult B’nai Mitzvah of: Cindy Au-Kramer, Stuart Briefer, Christin Glassman, Mona Gold, Marcy Robbins Kaiser, Amanda Perry and Stephen Perry

Saturday, May 19
9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Lauryn Nadell, daughter of Jordan and Amy Nadell
9:30 am Torah Study with Tikun Leil Shavuot
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Weiss, daughter of Lawrence Weiss and Stephanie Sweet

Sunday, May 20 – Shavuot
9:00 am Shavuot Worship with Yizkor. Brunch to follow.

Friday, May 25 – Shabbat Naso
6:00 pm Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship. The Adult Choir will sing at this Service

Saturday, May 26
9:30 am Torah Study
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Salin, daughter of Michael and Donna Salin

June Worship Schedule
Friday, June 1
Shabbat Beha’alotecha
6:00 pm Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Family Shabbat Worship honoring BOFTY Board Members in the Gitlin Sanctuary
6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship in the Haines Chapel

Saturday, June 2
9:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bat Mitzvah of Jaclyn Porter, daughter of Scott and Jennifer Porter
9:30 am Torah Study
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Armon Meinstein, son of Adam Meinstein and Odile Gelinard

Friday, June 8
Shabbat Shelah-Lecha
6:00 pm Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship with the Adult Confirmation of: Susan Bellos, Porter Robinson, Mark Markoff, Randall Royfe
9:30 am Torah Study
10:45 am Extended Torah Study with rabbinic intern, Janine Jankovitz Pastor
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B’nai Mitzvah of Luke Rosenthal, son of Chad and Jessica Rosenthal and Brynn Copman, daughter of Scott and Randi Copman
12:00 pm Celebrations Shabbat Worship

Saturday, June 9
9:00 am Shabbat Worship with Charlotte Zager, daughter of Warren and Katherine Zager
9:30 am Torah Study
10:45 am Extended Torah Study with rabbinic intern, Janine Jankovitz Pastor
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the B’nai Mitzvah of Luke Rosenthal, son of Chad and Jessica Rosenthal and Brynn Copman, daughter of Scott and Randi Copman
12:00 pm Celebrations Shabbat Worship

Friday, June 15 – Shabbat Korah
6:00 pm Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship with the Installation of the Board of Trustees & Officers. The Adult Choir will sing at this service.
7:45 pm Volunteer Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, June 16
9:30 am Torah Study
11:00 am Shabbat Worship with the Bar Mitzvah of Shane Faberman, son of Austin Faberman and Heather Rossman

Friday, June 22 – Shabbat Hukat
6:00 pm Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship

Friday, June 29 – Shabbat Balak
6:00 pm Pre-Neg
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship

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I need to talk about a difficult topic; Anti-Semitism. We, who make up less than 1% of the world’s population, are accused of being at the center of so many conflicts in the world. According to the ADL, white supremacists are attempting to exploit the tragic mass shooting in Parkland and the ensuing debate over gun control to push an anti-Semitic agenda. Many are publicly framing the battle over gun control as a struggle between beleaguered whites who want to preserve their traditions in the face of a Jewish onslaught. White supremacists’ anti-Semitic attacks began soon after the shooting in Parkland, and intensified in the wake of National Rifle Association (NRA) head Wayne LaPierre’s February 22 speech to the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). LaPierre used buzzwords that white supremacists associate with Jews, such as “European-style socialists,” saying, “A tidal wave of new European-style socialists [has seized] control of the Democratic party.” He also mentioned two Jewish businessmen and philanthropists, Michael Bloomberg and George Soros, as examples of people using “social engineering” to try to take away the guns and freedoms of Americans.

Neo-Nazis like Andrew Anglin of The Daily Stormer, argue that we Jews are not “white.” Anglin states that while whites have “lost” on most issues, including immigration, racial integration, feminism, and homosexuality, the NRA is winning on guns. He writes, “And that winning is due almost exclusive to the National Rifle Association, a pro-white and anti-Jewish organization intent on protecting our GUNS from the gun-grabbing kikes….It’s time to put your money where your mouth is and join up with the country’s single effective pro-white organization intent on fully SMASHING THE JEW.”

In March, Vladimir Putin deflected attention away from him by accusing the Jews of having meddled in the U.S. elections. What’s more he said that Jews, along with Tartars and Ukrainians are not really Russian, raising the old canard from Czarist times that Jews don’t really belong in Russia. Much of that alienating propaganda led to the denying of citizenship of Jews across Europe, and the Holocaust.

Tamika Mallory, the co-leader of the Women’s March “proudly and joyfully” attended the Nation of Islam rally, where Louis Farrakhan railed against Jews for being “the mother and father of apartheid.” He declared, “The Jews have control over those agencies of government,” and surmised that Jews have chemically induced homosexuality in black men through marijuana. The Nation continues to produce volumes of propaganda blaming Jews for the world’s ills. Mallory refuses to renounce Farrakhan. Now many Jewish women and men for that matter, are caught in a bind, wanting to support the movement, while needing to condemn Mallory’s support of Farrakhan.

What can we make of all this? First, anti-Semites can be found on both the right and left. They use us to manipulate their followers, as a symbol for all that is wrong with the world. We are an easy scapegoat. Second, we cannot sit back and be silent. We must continue to speak out and criticize those who would demonize us. We must hold the haters accountable and respond to their absurd accusations. Third, we must not shrink back from taking a stand, because we fear that our adversaries will pull out the “Jew hating” card. Fourth, we need to discuss this rising hatred in our social circles and start to have serious discussions about our own security. We are living in troubling times, and we cannot remain indifferent.

I truly am sorry to write in such pessimistic tones. I realize that you may not want to hear of such things. But, the time has come for us as a community to start the discussions and to engage our members to be more engaged in fighting hate in our world. I will be partnering with our Social Justice Committee on this. Let me know if you want to join the fight.
Exploring Barcelona

David Simon, Beth Or President

This issue’s article is going to be something a little different. Stephanie and I recently had the pleasure of visiting our daughter Hannah in Barcelona, Spain, where she is spending her spring semester (in reality Hannah is actually on a three month vacation in Europe that is interrupted by classes, but that is another matter), so I figured that I would write about it.

Barcelona is a city with a population of about 1.6 million within its city limits. The population of the city and surrounding metropolitan areas is about 4.7 million, making it one of the largest urban areas in the EU.

We arrived early morning, and since we could not check into our rented apartment, we passed the time in one of the many small cafes. After chocolate croissants and an extremely small café americanos we headed out to see the town via a bus tour. The first thing that we noticed in Barcelona is the architecture. The city is loaded with diverse buildings, most with balconies at each window decorated with wrought iron railings. Many of the most unusual, if not architecturally different buildings, were designed by Antonio Gaudi, principal architect of Barcelona’s signature structure, the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia or Church of the Sacred Family. Construction started in 1882 and is scheduled to be completed in 2026, the 100th anniversary of Gaudi’s death. The Sagrada is really something to be seen, but I couldn’t help but think about what their buildings and grounds committee has been doing for the past 136 years (yes, I know, I have issues).

Our second day included a trip with a local guide to the medieval towns of Besalu and Girona. Besalu is a very small town built in the 12th century. Walking the narrow alleys we came across the original Jewish quarter which included a mikveh. Girona is much larger city with its medieval old city surrounded by modern Spain.

We traveled with another guide to Montserrat, the monastery located 4,000 feet above the adjacent valley. It was during the cable car ride to the top and the subsequent walk around the grounds that I discovered my newly found fear of heights, or actually my fear of falling from heights. Hanging over the various railings and looking straight down is for the younger crowd. Montserrat is one of those places where the pictures you take do not do the views justice.

We spent a lot of time walking around Barcelona, enjoying the sights, food and just being with our daughter. In the gothic quarter of Barcelona, adjacent to the La Rambla — the long pedestrian walkway that is famous in the city (also the location of the terrorist attack in 2017) — we discovered the old synagogue in the Jewish quarter. The synagogue itself is not much larger than Rabbi Marx’s office. According to the docent, that was due to the medieval law that stated that the size of any non-catholic religious institution could not be larger than the smallest church. As with most cities in Spain, the Jewish population in Barcelona is small. For example, if the entire population of Beth Or moved to Barcelona, the Jewish population would almost double.

Finally, we spent a few days in Valencia during the Las Fallas (pronounced fayas) festival. This event is hard to describe and really has to be experienced to be understood. Suffice it so say, if you can imagine a festival in Philadelphia that extends from Penn’s campus to the Delaware and from Temple to the stadiums in south Philly, you would get an understanding for a small Las Fallas festival. I would like to describe it more, but as they say, what happens at Las Fallas, stays in Las Fallas.

Stephanie and I would highly recommend a visit to Barcelona, whether you have a child studying there or not.
“Since the moment we decided to become part of the Beth Or family we have been welcomed with open arms and open hearts. Though it was only a few short months ago that we were strangers, we already feel like this is our home.”

— An excerpt from my first newsletter article I wrote for Beth Or

In the summer of 2012 I was just getting started — not only as your rabbi, but as a rabbi. I began my first newsletter article with the above statement about how welcoming this congregation is, and I’ll begin my last article by talking about…romaine lettuce.

As I write this article, we are about a week shy of Passover, and I just got done teaching about why romaine lettuce is sometimes used as a bitter herb. Romaine lettuce is not bitter at all on the outside. As you get closer to the core of romaine lettuce, it gets increasingly bitter. This is meant to symbolize Egypt. On the surface, it looked like a great place, but at its heart, it was bitter.

I’m sure every person who comes to every new community feels the way I did when I wrote my first article. It is easy to present a warm and welcoming front to a newcomer. I am sure the Beth Or community was putting its best foot forward for the new rabbi and his family.

Six years later, I can unequivocally state that it was more than a “best foot.” Kindness, warmth, and compassion live at the soul of our congregation. Beth Or opened its arms to us and never closed them. You have been family to us and welcomed us into your lives and hearts.

In fact, I have learned that at Congregation Beth Or, the only time you can expect to feel bitterness is when you have to leave.

Beth Or has been a series of incredible firsts. This is where my wife and I bought our first home. This is where we had our first (and second) child. This was my first pulpit (it’s heartbreaking to write about Beth Or in the past tense) where I officiated my first life cycles. And sadly, we have reached the point where I have to say my first goodbye to a congregation I have served.

I cannot begin to thank you — all of you — for what you have given me. Six years ago I wrote that I feel blessed to have this opportunity. I didn’t even know the half of it. You gave me the opportunity to serve you as your rabbi. To celebrate with you at your simchas. To mourn with you at your losses. You have helped me grow as a rabbi and as a man.

I like the Hebrew way of saying goodbye. In Hebrew, we say L’hitraot — I’ll see you again. I hope you will visit me in New Orleans (Beignets are on me!). I will be persistently trying to talk your kids into going to Tulane. And I am sure I will be back to visit from time to time.

Since the moment we became part of the Beth Or family, we have been blessed by the embrace of this community. Though it was only a few short years ago that we were strangers, we have made this place our home. Thank you for all of the love and support you have given the Gerber family, and on behalf of Lauren, Paige, and Tessa…L’hitraot.
The People You Meet

Aaron Nielsenthalz, Director of Religious School

In the three school years I’ve been here so far, I’ve met so many people and made so many friends, both personally and professionally, and I’m looking forward to many more years of doing so at Beth Or. Our traffic control director, Bob Harris and I spend a fair amount of time discussing the school, our events, and the building schedule. We share duties in greeting the students, too: Bob sees them outside on school days, and I see them when they come in the doors. He’s a great colleague with a great sense of humor — which is why we dressed up as each other for Purim this year!

If you can’t tell, that’s Bob on the left and me on the right.

But the true stars of our school are our faculty, the people who teach our students every weekend and work with me to create an educational experience that is both positive and Jewishly meaningful. Without their efforts every week to help the students feel welcomed, safe, and educated, our school would only be a theoretical concept. For that matter, I want to salute our teachers and thank them for their extraordinary work. Your 2017-2018 Leonard & Madlyn Abramson Education Center faculty:

Jill Bascove
Melanie Beifel
Faye Benshetler
Marna Delfiner
Yael Freiman
Tyi Gardener
Rabbi David Gerber
Cantor David Green
Stacey Gutman
Ricki Herman
Bekah Jacobson
Miriam Jacobson
Susan Levey
Rabbi Greg Marx
Cantor Jaime Murley
Liam Nielsenthalz
Susan Novick
Rachel Older
Jill Rucker
Mindy Shusterman
Susan Silverman
Rozi Snyder
Sherry Spector
Jenna Steinbrink
Hillary Wagner
Loryn Whitman
Lori Zislis

To each and every one of these wonderful educators: Thank you! May we know many more years of success and joy.
We congratulate our confirmands their achievement in reaching their spiritual goal and recognize their passion and dedication to living a vibrant and committed Jewish life.

**Confirmation Class**  
**Friday, May 11, 2018**  
27 Iyar 5778  
7:30 pm - Service followed by Dessert Reception

- Chloe Anne Borislow  
  Kenneth & Deborah Borislow
- Jeremy Brecher  
  Andrew & Dara Brecher
- Sarah Burtnick  
  Doug Burtnick & April Brasher
- Brina Paige Cartagenova  
  Joshua & Stacey Cartagenova
- Jared Scott Delfiner  
  Greg & Marna Delfiner
- Matthew Diamond  
  Mitch & Suzanne Diamond
- Caleigh E. Fink  
  Robert & Lorie Fink
- Sam Frezel  
  Ronald & Stacey Frezel
- Ava Fuchs  
  Dan & Julie Fuchs
- Cobi Goldberg  
  Bob & Sara Goldberg
- Maci Gordon  
  Mitch & Jill Gordon
- Allison Paige Hershman  
  Jeffrey & Brooke Hershman
- Tyler Jacobson  
  Marty & Dawn Jacobson
- Adriana Jones  
  Ron Jones & Gail Dizengoff-Jones
- Sophia Renee Klevit  
  Shari Klevit & Nathan Klevit
- Rebecca K. Laing  
  Dale Laing & Mike Laing
- Ali Meltzer  
  Joe & Wendi Meltzer
- Sally Meyers  
  Leroy & Merryl Meyers
- Aisling Nielsenshultz  
  Aaron & Yara Nielsenshultz
- Sydney L. Platt  
  Christopher & Jenny Platt
- Sarah Heather Polesuk  
  Brian & Hedy Polesuk
- Seth Jacob Polesuk  
  Brian & Hedy Polesuk
- Jessica Sarah Rabinowitz  
  Mark & Sue Rabinowitz
- Nathan A. Robbins  
  Holly Wright & Seth Robbins
- Rachel Rubins  
  Dan & Rita Rubins
- Erica Samantha Selsley  
  Elliot & Beth Selsley
- Samuel A. Stein  
  Joshua & April Stein
- Kyle Voron  
  Neal & Barbarann Voron
- Bethany Yagoda  
  Alan & Denise Yagoda
- Caroline Shifra Zager  
  Warren & Katherine Zager

**Adult B’nai Mitzvah**  
**May 18, 2018**  
4 Sivan 5778  
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service

- Cindy Au-Kramer  
  Stuart Briefer  
  Christin Marie Glassman
- Mona Gold  
  Marcy Robbins Kaiser  
  Amanda Ann Perry
- Stephen Martin Perry

**Adult Confirmation**  
**June 8, 2018**  
25 Sivan 5778  
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service

- Susan Ellen Bellos  
  Stuart Briefer  
  Deborah Cohen
- Lester D. Duman  
  Lawrence Gold
- Mona Gold
- Eddi Gorman
- Ellyn Klein
- Bonnie Kousen
- Mark Markoff
- Randall David Royfe
Celebrating Israel’s Birthday!

Cantor Jaime Murley,
Junior Choir Director

On Sunday, May 6, there will be a celebration of Israel’s 70th birthday all day long at the Event Center at the Valley Forge Casino Resort in King of Prussia!

Family-friendly festivities will fill the afternoon, with delicious food, a special kids’ area, a vendor section filled with fine crafts and Judaica, multiple performers, and so much more. Our very own Beth Or Junior Choir has been asked to perform that afternoon. You will also have the opportunity to enjoy the popular Israeli cover band, Capaim. A ceremonial lighting of candles representing the 12 tribes of Israel and a communal Hatikvah sing-along will conclude the afternoon.

This will be a birthday party packed with revelry and joy for the whole family. Be sure to mark your calendars and come out to support the Junior Choir at this exciting community event!

Junior Choir
May/June Calendar

May 4
Family Service, 6:30 pm followed by Junior Choir Banquet

May 6
Israel 70 Celebration, Junior Choir sings at 1 pm

June 1
Family Service, 6:30 pm

Is your child attending URJ Camp Harlam this summer?

We would love to visit them! Aaron Nielsenshultz, our Director of Education, will be on faculty the 2nd half of 1st session. Jillian Glick, our Director of Member & Youth Engagement visits once or twice each session. Look for pictures of your child and Beth Or staff on our Beth Or Facebook page!
L’Taken — Dreaming With Our Future Leaders

Jillian Glick, Director of Member & Youth Engagement

One of my greatest joys as the youth director is accompanying our 10th, 11th & 12th grade students to Washington D.C. with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism for the L’Taken Social Justice Seminar. Our teens, along with 200+ of their peers travel to our nation’s capital to learn social justice and how to become change makers in their communities.

Students start the weekend celebrating Shabbat, sharing dinner and learning about what it means to be homeless in America. On Saturday they begin learning about a variety of topics from Israel, the environment, reproductive rights, LGBTQ issues, international relations, disability rights and more! On Sunday the students begin to prepare speeches for their big Monday on Capitol Hill — lobbying their own representatives! All of this learning is interspersed with fun and other activities. We visit the National Mall museums, have a night out in Georgetown and visit the Holocaust Museum.

Sunday is when our teens start to inspire me! They begin writing speeches and sharing their opinions on how the world could be a better place. This year was a little more special. Along with Aaron Nielsenshultz & Rabbi Marx, we lobbied each office we visited to help with a new bill for America’s Dreamers. We were able to teach our teens a lesson on democracy as well as Gimilut Chassidim — Acts of Loving Kindness. I am fortunate to see the world through their eyes!

Consider sending your teen next year – we are going February 22 to 25! Questions? Contact me, jglick@bethor.org or 215-646-5806 ext 234.
The months of May and June are a time to celebrate all the achievements that have taken place in your children's lives this past year. So many beautiful memories intertwined through the preschool years. And whether you were a nervous new parent, bringing your precious baby to the infant room or a “seasoned professional” with a few years of parenting under your belt, the time spent here at the CECE is time that is precious and meant to be treasured. And if this is your child’s final year here at the CECE, we know how bittersweet this must feel! So, what are the ways we can hold on to these memories so down the road we can look back and not only smile, but have something tangible? When my daughters were between the ages of 2-12, I created a scrapbook for each year of school completed. Not only did I fill this book with pictures, I filled it with artwork, schoolwork (the good, the bad and the ugly) and I also took the time to jot down funny and meaningful things that they said through their younger years. Now at almost 28 and 22 respectively, we love to occasionally sit down together and relive the past. Here are some other ways to capture the moment and hold onto the memories:

- Write a letter to your child now, but mark it “Do Not Open Till High School Graduation.”
- Purchase a hardback book with their name in the title.
- Take pictures and actually “do something” with them — a collage, enlarge them!
- Create a time capsule of memorable items — a newspaper, a People Magazine, a popular toy trend, etc. Place all the items in a shoebox and seal it. Open this box 10 years from now.

And there is still time to create even more memories right here at Beth Or. Even though the school year is winding down, there are still an abundant amount of activities to enjoy. Here is a list of a few:

- **Family Shabbat** – Friday, May 4 at 6:30 pm
- **Bike Day** – Wednesday, May 16 at 9 am
- **Bubbies and Bagels** – Wednesday, May 30 at 8:15 am
- **Family Shabbat** – Friday, June 1 at 6:30 pm
- **CECE Kindergarten Graduation** – Tuesday, June 5 at 11 am
- **Move up Day** – Friday, June 8 at 11 am

“There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning.”

Throughout your children’s lives, there will be memories that you want to capture and hold onto forever. All these moments seem to happen in the “blink of an eye.” They are priceless, precious gifts that help get us through the tough times and solidify our commitment to our children even further. It is what makes the early childhood years so very important. So as you look into the eyes of your beautiful children, whatever milestone they are achieving at the end of this school year, remember we too at the CECE are celebrating their unique individuality, and along with you, we’re “kvelling with pride” and love.
Must Always Have Hope

Cantor David Green

Dr. Ben Kron, a leading radiological oncologist, tells this story about a terminally ill patient he is treating:

He sits on the edge of the patient’s bed, not as a doctor, but as one human being talking to another. He asks her:

“How would you like to spend your remaining days?”

She responds: “I have been a ballet dancer all my life and I want to have one more dance recital and dance at my daughter’s wedding.”

The next week she danced at her daughter’s wedding and the following day she performed a dance for the entire ICU staff on the roof of the hospital before passing away the next day.

The Rabbis tell us we should live each day as if it were our last. This patient certainly did that. She lived life to the fullest for as long as she could. Pirkei Avot 4:21 states: “Better is one hour of repentance and good work in this world than all of life in the world to come.”

We all go through difficult times in our lives. Also, we all need to reach out to kehillah (community) to help us through these difficult times. “Hope” is at the core of our Jewish community here at Beth Or. Our synagogue is there for us when we are in need. Dr. Ben Kron gives a wonderful definition of hope. He states:

“My future will be better than my present”
“I have the power to make my future better”
“I am excited about at least one thing in my future”
“I spread hope through modeling or support of others”
“I spread hope through the way I live my life”

Rebbe Nachman of Breslov states: “Never despair! Never! It is forbidden to give up hope.”

We as Jews, generate and support hope through “healing,” by doing mitzvot (commandments). G’milut Chasadim (Acts of loving kindness) are central to these mitzvot.

Micah 6:8 states: “To walk humbly with God” means to help our fellow human beings who are suffering. Beth Or does this in so many ways including housing and feeding the homeless, speaking out against social injustice, visiting the sick and home bound and comforting the bereaved.

Another way to be a supportive community is to provide support groups. Beth Or currently has monthly support groups for bereavement, adult caregivers and parenting of young teens. All are invited to attend these monthly sessions.

Just as Moses chose hope by listening to Jethro and making a better quality of life for the Israelites, we here at Beth Or have the opportunity to listen, really listen and then help and support members of our community. This will ultimately renew our hopes and improve our lives.
On the evening of August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Houston and the Gulf Coast. Thousands of people lost their homes and belongings. Less than one month later on the morning of September 20, Hurricane Maria brought 155 mph winds to Puerto Rico that knocked out the island’s electrical grid and destroyed homes leaving vast devastation. Between these two Hurricanes came Irma which started on September 6 in the Caribbean Islands and continued in Florida and other states.

Members of the Beth Or community didn’t sit back during these weeks but instead voiced a deep commitment to Tikkun Olam. The result: the Beth Or Disaster Relief Fund was born. Social Action Committee Chairs joined a Steering Committee led and guided by Rabbi Marx, Amy Abrams, and David Simon, and started their research. With an additional generous gift from The Gitlin Foundation, outreach efforts began.

Items lost in the Houston floods that included strollers, car seats, hygiene products, clothing, shoes, and socks, were purchased and distributed to children and families through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Necessities such as solar-powered lanterns, water purifiers, tarps, and medical supplies were made available to residents of Puerto Rico through a donation to El Concilio. And during the winter holiday week, Carole Chasen participated in a Beth Or funded trip to Houston to volunteer with Nechama: A Jewish Response to Disaster.

The focus of the Beth Or Disaster Relief Fund is to alleviate suffering and adversity brought on by occurrences like wildfires, earthquakes, extreme weather-related events, and other catastrophic circumstances. The work we did in the aftermath of the 2017 Hurricanes set the stage for what none of us can plan for in the future, but want to respond to when the time comes.

To remain prepared, the Disaster Relief Fund has been set up to accept ongoing donations. The Social Action Committee will keep the congregation apprised of Fund activity.

Because of you, the Beth Or community is making a difference.

_Todah Rabah!_

_SUSy Krimker, Social Action Chair_
_Margie Chachkin, Social Action Vice-Chair_
Twelve enlightening, inspiring and exhausting hours!

Forty intrepid activists departed from Congregation Beth Or on Saturday, March 24, to journey to Washington, D.C. to participate in March for Our Lives.

Our day started at 7:15 am after a spiritual blessing for a safe trip by Rabbi Marx and other clergy from the interfaith community. The morning was crisp and cool, the sun was shining and the energy was vibrant. We made use of the time on the bus by making our posters for the march, thanks to the donation of the CECE markers! Of course, what’s a trip without food? We all enjoyed some fresh bagels and other yummy nosh.

March for Our Lives was spearheaded by the students impacted by the mass shooting at their school in Parkland, Florida on February 14 of this year. The three-hour event included passionate speeches given by students ages 11-18 from around the country who have been victims of gun violence. Each speaker captivated the audience with their stories, bravery and composure. Imagine being so young and speaking in front of a million people with a broadcast around the world! There were tears and cheers from young and old.

As we boarded the bus for our travel back north, the 40 activists shared their experiences before a well-deserved nap. We ended our memorable journey with a prayer by Pastor Mary Eller.

I’d like to extend a special thank you to our partner CeaseFirePA and the Beth Or Social Justice committee for helping to make this happen.

Event Captain Leslie Weiss
I would like to thank all the Brotherhood volunteers who helped make our Annual Passover Wine sales event a success again this year and thank YOU, our congregants who supported our efforts. Also, thank you to everyone who attended the Sisterhood/Brotherhood Brunch in April. I hope all of you had a zissen Pesach with your family and friends.

Have you ever wondered? Have you ever wondered just what does Brotherhood do with the funds we raise and how we support both our synagogue and the greater community? The core beliefs of Brotherhood are Fellowship, Community, Service and Support. Our group sponsors many initiatives throughout the year both within our synagogue walls and in the greater community. Our primary fundraiser is the Annual Dinner which is held every Fall. Our group then decides how best to help the causes which embrace our principles.

Our members efforts fund the Ner Tamid Campaign, Camp Harlem Scholarships, Beth Or Troop Connections, Oneg/Preneeg, Passover packages as well as the Purim carnival. Youth Group initiatives are one of Brotherhood’s key areas and we meet throughout the year with Jillian Glick to see how best we can be of service. This year Brotherhood has helped with NFTY-PAR, Rosh Brodesh/Rosh Hodesh, Gamechangerz, Ice Cream Day and much more.

Let’s not forget the religious school under the direction of Aaron Nielsenschultz. This year Brotherhood will sponsor our Annual Essay Contest, Yom HaShoah Education Awareness program, gifts to the Bar and Bat Mitzvah students as well as the Confirmation class. Our tzedakah coin counting is led by Bob Rosin. Finally, our group will now be gifting all third-grade students their own personal prayer book during Chag Siddur.

Within the community we are a proud sponsor of the Inter-Faith Housing Network’s Golf Outing along with our members volunteering to drive and feed families each February under the direction of Marv Schwartz. Brotherhood is the driving force behind the many Red Cross Blood Drives held each year at Beth Or under the direction of Stu Briefer too!

Finally, Brotherhood has for many years welcomed students back each September with a breakfast and smiles. YOU, the members of Beth Or are the reason Brotherhood exists. To serve your needs as well as your children’s along with the greater community. Brotherhood is a busy group performing a service to all. Please help us to help you! Join today!

Finally, Brotherhood would like say Happy 100th to Manny Kohn!!! Mazel Tov!!

Save The Dates: The Brotherhood BBQ & Beer Bash 2018 by Infinity Caterers will be held June 6. Mission style BBQ, fun and laughs. Register now!!! • June 12 – Phillies Family Night
National Acclaim For Beth Or Sisterhood

Jodye Green, Sisterhood President

I can’t believe that my first year as Sisterhood president is coming to a close. As I look back on our achievements and accomplishments, I realize that so many of our members are truly extraordinary. And our national umbrella organization — Women of Reform Judaism — concurs with my humble opinion, recognizing two of our Sisterhood superstars for their commitment and creativity during its annual Fried Leadership Conference in early March. I am extremely proud to be affiliated with an organization that counts Lori Motis and Abby Gilbert as valued members.

Lori is a past Sisterhood President who currently serves as chaplain. Last year, she took it upon herself to write a Passover Haggadah that reflects the eternal saga of the exodus through the lens of women who still struggle to free themselves from the bonds of racial and religious oppression, sexism, and discrimination based on sexual orientation and identity. Her initiative gave birth to the Unity Seder.

Last year’s event attracted a wonderful mix of women from Beth Or, Bethlehem Baptist Church and the North Penn Mosque. This year, our Seder Participant numbers increased and more religious affiliations were represented.

For her extraordinary efforts, Lori was awarded the WRJ Or Ami “Light of My People” award. This esteemed honor recognizes exemplary social justice, community service and educational programming that serve as a model for other WRJ sisterhoods.

Like Lori, Abby is a past president of Sisterhood and an active member of our Board. She also is a former program director of Beth Or! During the Fried Leadership Conference, Abby was installed as a new Board member of Women of Reform Judaism. During her three-year term, she will create policy, advocate for and promote progressive Jewish values and contribute to the voice of women worldwide to empower them to create caring communities.

Yasher Koach to both Lori and Abby, Beth Or Sisterhood is lucky to have you as leaders, and I am proud to call each of you my friend.

Please join us for one or more of our Upcoming Sisterhood Events:

May 2 – One Book One Jewish Community — And After The Fire by Lauren Belfer
May 10 – Trunk Show at Pinecrest Country Club ($50 per person, RSVP online)
May 22 – WFCA Ecumenical Luncheon
June 7 – Dinner and Camelot at ACT II Playhouse

Have an idea for a program/event, please contact me at jodyegreen@gmail.com

Please Support the Tarshis Gift Shop

Proceeds Benefit Beth Or Sisterhood Programs

Summer Hours:
Monday through Friday: 9 am-12 noon
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Meet Our B’nai Mitzvah Students

**Nathan Fechter**
**May 5**
For my Bar Mitzvah project, I am raising money for **Save a Child’s Heart**, an organization in Israel that provides children across the world with life-saving cardiac care and heart surgeries. Since 1995, they have performed 4,400 heart surgeries, which saved so many children’s lives. I chose this organization because I was born with a small Atrial Septal Defect which means that the blood flow through my heart was not correct. Luckily, my heart healed itself within 6 months, but there are many children around the world who suffer from defects like mine or worse. If these children live in a place without adequate medical care, their heart conditions can be fatal. My fundraising efforts will be ongoing as I am hoping to host a screening of the documentary film “A Heartbeat Away” at Beth Or to raise awareness of this wonderful organization.

**Alexa Burstein**
**May 12**
For my Bat Mitzvah project I am raising money to **build a well in Togo, Africa**. Many people around the world take clean water for granted. Access to clean water is a luxury for most people in Togo; their limited water sources are often contaminated, leaving villagers open to water-borne diseases from bacteria and parasites. 3.4 million people, mostly children, die annually from water-related diseases every year. Finding reliable water sources is difficult. The women and young girls search as many as 6 hours a day, walking miles in the extreme heat, under dangerous conditions to bring water back to their families. To raise money we have created bath products that we will be selling in the synagogue lobby or you can donate at www.wishthemwelltogo.com.

**Lauryn Nadell**
**May 19**
My Bat Mitzvah project was assisting in the **Jump for Joy** program at Jane Lopotens’s School of Dance. Several dozen children with Down’s Syndrome received the benefit of dance instruction through this wonderful fully-funded opportunity. I was able to work with different age groups and was able to see the progression of the kid’s abilities. I compiled a CD of circle songs for Jane to use. I was able to form a special bond with the participants and enjoyed integrating my love of dance and children.

**Taylor Weiss**
**May 19**
I am completing my Mitzvah project through the **Jewish Relief Agency (JRA)**. With this group, I volunteer at scheduled food distributions which culminate in delivery of food boxes to needy individuals at their homes. Assembling of the boxes, packing the food and choosing delivery routes happens at their Northeast Philadelphia warehouse. In the photo shown, I am packing apples as part of the cycle for the food distribution. JRA also offers volunteer opportunities to perform home services for the Jewish elderly as well as helping to facilitate donation drives. For more information on this charity, please go to www.jewishrelief.org.

**Samantha Salin**
**May 26**
For my Bat Mitzvah project I am going to be raising money for an organization called **The Brem Foundation** which is dedicated to stopping breast cancer by early prevention. This is important because breast cancer is over 95% curable when caught early. I chose this organization because my grandmother had breast cancer and I would like my Bat Mitzvah project to be in honor of her. To raise money, since I love to bake, I’m selling a dessert cookbook that I created, that is filled with lots of yummy dessert recipes. I have already had a bake sale where I sold baked goods from the cookbook as well as many of the cookbooks. If you would like to learn more about and donate to this organization, go to www.bremfoundation.org. To buy my cookbook, please go to http://bit.ly/samanthacookbook.

**Jaclyn Porter**
**June 2**
For my Mitzvah project, I am volunteering at the **Hospitality Center** in Norristown. The Center provides meals, showers and a place to gather daily. In addition, I am collecting personal hygiene items for Blessing Bags to distribute to those in need.
**Armon Meinstein**  
**June 2**

I feel passionately about the mission of **Legacy Youth Tennis and Education** ([www.legacyyte.org](http://www.legacyyte.org)), which was formerly Arthur Ashe Youth Tennis. I want to give back to an organization that has given me confidence, tennis skills, leadership opportunities and a diverse group of friends. Legacy provides high-quality tennis instruction, educational programming, and positive opportunities to more than 3,500 children annually around Philadelphia and Camden, most of whom participate at little or no cost through indoor after-school and community programs and an outdoor summer program. Using tennis as the primary motivator, its programs deliver life-skills, nutrition and fitness. In 2015, the organization was recognized by the U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) as its National Junior Tennis and Learning chapter of the year, distinguishing it from among more than 500 community-based tennis organizations in the nation.

Since the age of seven, I have spent 3-5 days a week honing my tennis skills at Legacy. Hard work and my enduring relationship with Legacy and its coaches has landed me a current ranking of #6 in Middle States of the USTA for 12 & under boys.

I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching players in the younger groups, but now I want to do more for an organization that has shown me so much. I am spending the months before my Bar Mitzvah working on special projects for Legacy and its Annual Benefit ([https://donate.legacyyte.org/events/-/e145102](https://donate.legacyyte.org/events/-/e145102)) and providing free weekly coaching for younger players.

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**Charlotte Zager**  
**June 9**

For my Mitzvah project, I will be teaching challah baking classes for the **Challah for Hunger** organization. In doing so, I hope to help their mission in teaching the tradition of making challah while at the same time building community among Jewish youth. I also plan to sell the challah I bake at Beth Or and donate the proceeds to social justice causes.

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**Brynn Copman**  
**June 9**

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I chose to help out at the **Mitzvah Circle Foundation**. The Mitzvah Circle Foundation is a local organization that supports people who are going through crisis and tragedy by supplying them with the basic materials they need to get through the day such as: diapers, toiletries, household items, clothes, shoes and so much more. I decided to volunteer to pack boxes of resources that I gathered for the needs of specific families. From the first day I visited the Mitzvah Circle on a field trip, I realized how enjoyable it is to be involved with the organization. Not only am I helping someone get through one more day, I found that I was having fun, too. The next time you want to throw out an old jacket, think how that jacket could save someone from freezing. Instead, donate it to the Mitzvah Circle.

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**Shane Faberman**  
**June 16**

For my Mitzvah Project, I chose to support the **Kitty Cottage Adoption Center**. Kitty Cottage is a no-kill shelter for rescued and surrendered cats and kittens, housing the cats in a cage-free, home-like environment. I volunteered at the Kitty Cottage house in Norristown, helping to clean up the house, feed the cats, get supplies ready for them, and if there was time, to play with the cats. I have always loved animals, and our family has two cats that were rescued before we adopted them, so it is important to me to help out an organization like this one. I plan to make a donation to Kitty Cottage after my Bar Mitzvah! To donate or adopt, please visit their website at [www.kittycottage.org](http://www.kittycottage.org).

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**Luke Rosenthal**  
**June 9**

For my Bar Mitzvah project I teamed up with my dad, Chad Rosenthal, to support my efforts in raising money to help those struggling with poverty in Philadelphia. My dad is opening a second location of his Ambler-based restaurant, The Lucky Well, in the Spring Arts district of Philadelphia this summer. Within that restaurant my dad decided to add a charitable component, a Commissary where he will hire, train and mentor those struggling with homelessness and poverty.

To help my dad with raising the necessary funds, I teamed up with Rabbi Gerber and his Tuesday Night Minyan group of friends. We hosted a night at The Lucky Well where we explained the project and also talked about the sad statistics of poverty in Philadelphia. As I soon learned, Philadelphia is the largest poorest city in America. From that evening, I was able to assist my dad in adding another $1,500 to the project. The Lucky Well Commissary is still accepting donations at commissary. [theluckywell.com](http://theluckywell.com). All funds will go directly to building this Commissary.
**Adult Programs**

**APEX Brunch**  
**Sunday, May 6 • 10 am - 12 noon**  
In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, enjoy brunch along with a powerful and moving video, *In Our Own Voice*, followed by a discussion led by NAMI representatives.  
This event is sponsored by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of PA Montgomery County, the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. No charge to Beth Or members if you RSVP by Wednesday, May 2 to Barbara Murtha, bmurtha@bethor.org. ($5 at the door.)

**Art Gallery**

**Artist – Rae Chichilnitsky**  
**Opening Reception: Friday, May 11 • 6 pm**  
**Exhibiting from May 11 through June 6**  
The Olitsky Gallery is pleased to present an exhibit featuring the art of Rae Chichilnitsky. Rae emigrated to the US from the former USSR in 1976. As an artist, her work shows the whole gamut of concepts, moods, emotions and fantasies. Rae says, “I see beauty in just about everything and enjoy showing it through my art. My work covers a wide range of subjects from deeply philosophical to humorous, from the ones dedicated to a purpose to the ones with no purpose other than simple decorative pleasure.” Rae always works from her imagination.

**Brotherhood/Sisterhood Events**

**One Book One Jewish Community**  
**Wednesday, May 2 • 7:30 pm – 9 pm**  
Aaron Nielsenhultz will lead a discussion of the book, *After the Fire*, by Lauren Belfer. Refreshments will be served. This event is free, but RSVP is required to Ellen Mirbach, semirbach@gmail.com.

**Sisterhood Trunk Show and Sale**  
**Thursday, May 10 • 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm**  
Join Sisterhood for a ladies night out of shopping, delicious food and cocktails at Pinecrest Country Club! Pick up some of the season’s latest fashions and accessories for yourself, your mom, and your favorite grad. Door prizes and raffles galore. This event is open to the entire community. Cost: $50/person includes dinner. RSVP on the website RSVP Portal or send a check to the Beth Or office c/o Ellen Mirbach.

**WFCA Ecumenical Luncheon**  
**Tuesday, May 22 • 12 noon**  
Beth Or Sisterhood hosts the Wissahickon Faith Community’s 28th Annual Ecumenical Luncheon. Women of all faiths will join together to enjoy a festive buffet lunch and inspiring program. Contact Lori Motis, lorimotis@aol.com or Janet Katz, bocckatz@aol.com for more information.

**Brotherhood BBQ & Beer Bash**  
**Wednesday, June 6 • 6:30 pm – 9 pm**  
All men are invited to join Brotherhood for a fun night out on the Café Patio. Taste mouth-watering delights such as Mission Style BBQ with oak-smoked BBQ pulled brisket and slow smoked hand pulled BBQ chicken sliders, homemade baked beans, corn bread, coleslaw, desserts and of course, beer and wine! Cost: $18/members; $25/non-members. RSVP by June 4 online using the website RSVP portal or https://bob_bbq2018.eventbrite.com. Or, drop off a check in the Brotherhood mailbox in the Beth Or office.
Sisterhood Dinner and Theater at Act II Playhouse

Thursday, June 7 • Dinner – 5:30 pm; Theater – 8 pm

Join Sisterhood for a fun night out! We will start with dinner at Fireside Bar & Grille and then head to Act II Playhouse to watch Camelot, the Broadway classic romantic tale of King Arthur, Guinevere, Lancelot, and the Knights of the Round Table, featuring songs from the composers of My Fair Lady. You can sign up for one or both events. Cost: Dinner — $22/person (special menus will be available); Theater ticket — $38/person; both - $60/person. Payment can be made by check, placed in the Sisterhood mailbox or at any Sisterhood meeting. Invite your friends! This event is open to the public. RSVP to Ellen Mirbach, semirbach@gmail.com.

Brotherhood Night at the Phillies

Tuesday, June 12 • 7:05 pm

Join Brotherhood at Citizen’s Bank ballpark to watch the Philadelphia Phillies take on the Colorado Rockies. Purchase your tickets by June 5: $25/each or 2 for $49. Contact Bob Rosin, 215-641-0505 or rosinroberta@aol.com or look for him at Beth Or on weekend Sundays during coin counting.

Special Events

Film Screening and Discussion: Hollywood Beauty Salon

Tuesday, May 1
7 pm – 9 pm

The Social Action Committee and NAMI of Montgomery County PA present the documentary film, Hollywood Beauty Salon, to kick off Mental Health Awareness month. Watch the film and then meet the director and cast for a Q&A. This film is appropriate for high school age and up. The event is free, but advanced RSVP is requested to Barbara Murtha, bmurtha@bethor.org.

Israel Bonds Tribute Reception

Tuesday, May 8 • 6:30 pm

Israel Bonds, Congregation Beth Or & Tiferet Bet Israel are supporting Israel at this annual event to be held at Beth Or this year. Beth Or honorees are Phil & Pennyhe Goodman. TBI is honoring Keith & Ellen Cohen, and James Walsh & Beverly Cohen. Couvert: $40/person (non-tax deductible) includes entertainment by Sally Mitlas Ensemble, hors d’oeuvres, lite dinner and dessert. Call or email Sharon Richman, Sharon.Richman@IsraelBonds.com, 267-443-2005 at the Development Corporation Office of Israel to RSVP by May 3, or use the website RSVP Portal to register online.

Congregational Notices

The Board of Trustees will meet on May 9 at 7 pm to vote on the 2018-19 Fiscal year budget which includes a 1% increase in membership dues, budgeted receipts of $4,633,075 and budgeted expenses of $4,634,855. In accordance with Article III, Section 4(b) of the Constitution and By-laws of Congregation Beth Or, all congregants have the right to attend and speak at this Board meeting and to participate in the voting along with the Board of Trustees.

The Beth Or Constitution requires written notice to the Congregation of our Annual Meeting which is set for June 13 at 7 pm. All Congregants are invited to attend.

The nominating committee has recommended and the Board has approved the following slate of Officers for the 2018-19 fiscal year:

David Simon – President • Josh Gottlieb – 1st VP • Gwen Silverstein – 2nd VP • Leslie Weiss – 3rd VP
Jeff Green – Secretary • Jon Schwartz – Treasurer • E. Matt Steinberg – Asst. Treasurer

The nominating committee has recommended and the Board has approved the following slate of Trustees to be elected to a three year term (7/1/2018-6/30/2021):

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**Mazel Tov**

Renewal of Wedding Vows of Alan & Wendy Black

Baby Naming of Samantha Brooke Cohen, granddaughter of Bob & Marlene Cohen

Wedding of Daniel Marx, son of Rabbi Gregory & Laurie Marx, to Tyi Gardener

Bar Mitzvah of Justin Cartagenova

Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Fechter

Bar Mitzvah of Ben Broker

Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Burstein

Bat Mitzvah of Reesa Frost

Bat Mitzvah of Lauryn Nadell

Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Weiss

Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Salin

Bat Mitzvah of Jaclyn Porter

Bat Mitzvah of Armon Meinstein

Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Zager

Bar Mitzvah of Luke Rosenthal

Bar Mitzvah of Brynn Copman

Bar Mitzvah of Shane Faberman

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**Pre-Neg and Flower Donations**

**Additional April Donations:**

**Oneg:**

February 16 • Bob and Marlene Cohen in honor of the Baby Naming of their granddaughter, Samantha Brooke Cohen

**Additional April Donation:**

Pre-Neg:

April 6 • Barry and Ellen Sussmann on the occasion of the Baby Naming of their grandson, Benjamin Levi Sussmann

**May Donations:**

Pre-Neg & Flowers:

May 4 • Joshua and Stacey Cartagenova in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Justin Cartagenova

Gary and Debbie Fechter in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Fechter

May 11 • Evan and Randi Burstein in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Burstein

Ryan and Jennifer Frost in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Reesa Frost

May 18 • Jordan and Amy Nadell in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Lauryn Nadell

Lawrence Weiss and Stephanie Sweet in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Weiss

May 25 • Mike and Donna Salin in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Salin

**June Donations:**

Pre-Neg & Flowers:

June 1 • Scott and Jennifer Porter in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jaclyn Porter

Adam Meinstein and Odile Gelinard in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Armon Meinstein

June 8 • Warren and Katherine Zager in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Charlotte Zager

Chad and Jessica Rosenthal in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Luke Rosenthal

Scott and Randi Copman in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Brynn Copman

June 15 • Austin Faberman and Heather Rossman in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Shane Faberman
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