July Worship Schedule

Friday, July 7
Shabbat Balak
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship Service

Friday, July 14
Shabbat Pinhas
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship Service

Friday, July 21
Shabbat Matot-Masei
5:45 pm – Munchkin Minyan – Camp
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship Service

Friday, July 28
Shabbat Devarim/Hazon
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship Service

August Worship Schedule

Friday, August 4
Shabbat Va’etchanan/Nahamu
5:00 pm – Shabbat In Our Park Picnic
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship Service – Lakeside Terrace
(weather permitting)

Friday, August 11
Shabbat Ekev
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship Service

Friday, August 18
Shabbat Re’eh
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship Service

Friday, August 25
Shabbat Shoftim
6:00 pm – Pre-Neg
6:30 pm – Shabbat Worship Service

July/August Candle Lighting Times

July 7 • 8:14 pm
July 14 • 8:11 pm
July 21 • 8:07 pm
July 28 • 8:01 pm
August 4 • 7:54 pm
August 11 • 7:45 pm
August 18 • 7:34 pm
August 25 • 7:24 pm

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What is your “Why” Statement?

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx, Senior Rabbi

Recently our Board of Trustees, under the leadership of Ira Secouler, began a fascinating discussion on the purpose of Beth Or. Ira argued that Beth Or must have a “Why” statement that identifies our mission. He reasoned that without a clear and definitive “Why,” Beth Or will be less attractive to our members. He said, “To remain relevant, it is important to articulate our raison d’etre. We need to articulate the reason Beth Or exists and why people should invest their precious time and energy in our community.” Our leadership came up with some fascinating thoughts. Here is a sampling of our brainstorming sessions:

- We nurture our Jewish connection to God, heritage and one another
- Inspire strong Jewish identity
- Make a difference/leave a legacy
  - Keep Judaism alive
  - Keep Judaism relevant
  - Nurture, engage, educate our community
- Inspire lives of meaning and purpose
- Connect to a lifelong Jewish community
- Inspire our lives with Jewish meaning, purpose and practice
- Change the world for the better
- Educate/encourage/engage
- Find purpose and change the world
- Connect people to themselves, each other and Judaism
- Engage and inspire lives of Jewish meaning, purpose and practice

I will not be the spoiler and tell you the adopted phrase, but it got me thinking, about my personal life. Why do I exist? Personally, I need to know why I get up in the morning. We all do. In my studies, I found some fascinating insights on the topic:

- The purpose of life is not to be happy — but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you lived at all. — Leo Rosten
- Live your life so well, that even the undertaker is sorry when you die. — Mark Twain
- Man should not ask himself; what is the meaning of my life? He should realize, instead, that it is he who is questioned, questioned by life. It is he who has to answer — by answering for life. — Viktor E. Frankl
- And this our life; exempt from public haunt, finds tongues in trees, books in running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything. — William Shakespeare
- Religion is an ultimate concern about the meaning of our existence and the destiny of humankind. — Paul Tillich

Why do I live? I live so that I might take my natural gifts and develop them to the highest degree possible. One of my life’s goals is to develop my character. Secondly, I live so that I might make a positive difference in the world, whether it be by contributing a new idea, fighting for a noble cause, bringing a smile to a sad face or bringing new life and hope into this world. Finally, I live so that I might find enjoyment with another. The Talmud teaches us that when we die, God will ask why we failed to enjoy all the blessings of existence when we could.

We can tolerate any “How” as long as we have a “Why.”

Have an insightful summer.
Get To Know Our New Board President

David Simon, Beth Or President

It is an honor and privilege to serve as president of Beth Or for the next two years. Since I began serving as a volunteer in leadership positions I have had the good fortune to serve with several passionate and dedicated presidents. I want to thank them for their past service and I hope to continue their good work.

For those who may not know, I have been a member of the Beth Or family my entire life. My parents were two of the earliest members of Beth Or — joining in the late 50’s. My two brothers and I celebrated our B’nai Mitzvah and confirmations at Beth Or when it was located in Mt. Airy. My wife, Stephanie, and I were married by Rabbi Marx in Spring House, and my two now “twenty-something” daughters, Alexandra and Hannah, celebrated their B’not Mitzvah and confirmations in our current Maple Glen location.

President’s Corner

Over the past eight years I have served as Treasurer of the Beth Or Brotherhood, Assistant Treasurer of Beth Or, and as one of the Vice Presidents for the past four years. My biggest take-away from these years of involvement is that our congregation is made up of many loyal, smart, enthusiastic and committed members who give of their time, share their talents and inject their energy into our community to make Beth Or a Kehillah Kedoshah — the holy community that it is.

While I have been an active member of the congregation for many years, I will admit I have not had the pleasure of meeting many of our current members. In actuality, I probably know a very small percentage of our congregation. I do hope that over the next two years I will get to know many, many more of you. And I ask that you make it easier for me. If you see me at Shabbat services, a Beth Or event or even on the train (the Lansdale/Doylestown line to and from Philadelphia), introduce yourself. Let’s talk.

I wish you all a happy and safe 4th of July and a relaxing and rejuvenating summer.
Jewish Guilt Stands the Test of Time

Rabbi David Gerber, Associate Rabbi

I will begin this article with some breaking news: Jewish people, over the years, have become masters of the guilt trip. Jewish guilt is a much-celebrated, centuries-old, time-honored tradition that our parents have mastered and passed on to us.

It’s fine, don’t worry about me… Our ancestors didn’t spend 40 years in the desert so you could throw away perfectly good brisket… No, don’t pick me up; I’ll walk in the rain…

If you or someone you know is exceptionally skilled at Jewish guilt, you should be comforted in knowing that Moses is perhaps the foremost authority on the subject. In the Torah portion Ekev, which we read in August, Moses gives the Jewish people one of the all-time great guilt trips.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the Israelites of their failings in the wilderness. He brings up past discrepancies such as the golden calf, Korach’s rebellion, the sin of the spies, and the lack of trust at Meribah. Each of these sins was potentially devastating to the Jews, yet Moses feels the need to bring them up one more time.

To understand Moses’ reasoning for this guilt trip, it is important to understand the context. Moses, as you may know, was forbidden from entering the Promised Land. At this point in the Torah, he is offering an extended farewell address to his people. It will be the first time the Jewish people as a whole will have to continue without the only leader they have ever known.

The sins that Moses brings up were forgiven by God while Judaism was in its infancy, but had they occurred after our people had mastered the Torah, they could lead to the downfall of our people. These were the sins of idolatry, lack of faith, and distrust. Moses, by rehashing these difficult moments, was doing his part to insure that these mistakes weren’t repeated.

So if you are a guilt-tripper, please know that there is a precedent that indicates that you are paving the way for a stronger Jewish future. For the guilt-trippees out there, keep in mind that someone cares enough to strengthen your resolve!
Join us for Selichot — Dinner and Service

It only occurs once a year... don't miss the beauty of Selichot.

On Saturday, September 16, you will have an opportunity to attend Selichot at Beth Or. Just about an hour long, Selichot is one of the most inspirational services we hold in our sanctuary. It is not just another High Holy Day Service. Selichot gives us the opportunity to mentally prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Selichot itself means, “forgiveness”, which is at the heart of this worship. We feel a closeness to God and Selichot allows us time to think about a new year and a fresh start. Come and experience this very meaningful evening and begin your High Holy Day journey with your Beth Or family. Enjoy dinner, and a lovely service with Rabbis Marx and Gerber and the music of Cantors Green and Murley, along with Roland Woehr. In the precious moments of Selichot we have our first opportunity to sing Avinu Malkeinu, while worshipping as a community. At the conclusion of Selichot, we observe a beautiful ritual, where the Torah mantles are changed from the everyday covers to the pristine, white covers, signifying that the Days of Awe are upon us.

Previously, we held this service at 11 pm, as it is thought that on Selichot, the gates of heaven open widest at midnight for God to hear our prayers. This year, in an attempt to make this service more time accessible for everyone, we will begin with dinner at 7:30 pm followed by Havdalah and Selichot at 8:30 pm. It is our hope that our Congregational prayers will open the gates of heaven just as wide at an earlier hour, and that Adonai will hear us loud and clear. Please join us, as we look forward to sharing the Selichot experience with all of you.

May you be blessed in the coming year.

Jody Pascal and Bob Simon, Rituals and Practices Co-Chairs

Dinner is complimentary, but an advanced RSVP is required by Friday, September 8. Please contact Barb Murtha at 215 646-5806, ext. 220, or RSVP online by clicking the link on the website RSVP portal or calendar.

High Holy Days 5778

Selichot · Saturday, September 16

Erev Rosh Hashanah · Wednesday, September 20

Rosh Hashanah · Thursday, September 21

Second Day Rosh Hashanah · Friday, September 22

Kol Nidre · Friday, September 29

Yom Kippur · Saturday, September 30

Your High Holy Days brochure with complete details including worship schedule and ticket reservations/parking information will be in your home mailbox by the end of July, or click the link on the website home page to make your reservation. The first 50 to respond receive a parking pass for the Beth Or parking lot. Please call the Beth Or office with any questions, 215-646-5806.
Paperless Billing Statement Reminder

Amy S. Abrams, Executive Director

We are excited to report that our paperless billing program has been a huge success! Not only is this a fast and convenient way to receive your statement, it also helps us to reach our goal of “going green” with more eco-friendly and cost-effective practices.

As we did last year, everyone will receive the July statement in the mail. Beginning with the August statement, you will receive an e-mail notification with your monthly statement attached and ready to view. You will be able to print it as well.

In addition to the environmental benefits and cost savings, you are able to view your account on-line. The monthly email includes a secure link to ChaverWeb, giving you immediate access to view the status of your account. If you don’t have a ChaverWeb password, no worries: It takes only seconds to register. Please contact us for further instructions.

You will receive your electronic statement via email in August. If you have recently changed your e-mail address(es), please contact us immediately so we can update your account. If at any time you want to return to paper statements, just let us know.

If you currently receive your statement by mail and want to continue to do so, no need to contact us. We will continue to send you paper statements. However, if you change your mind, simply e-mail us at Accounting@bethor.org or call 215-646-5806 ext 211.

Paperless billing provides a secure, cost effective, time efficient and environmentally responsible billing process. Thank you for your support in our efforts to “go green.”
Summer time is always so quiet around Beth Or — at least for me! I miss our students while they are all off at camp or relaxing over the summer. With no students on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, I get to use my time planning the year to come, reflecting on what worked in the previous year, and reimagining the aspects of last year that didn’t go as well as I wanted.

For example, this past year, we implemented a Hebrew assessment for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students; each grade took a version of the assessment on their first day of school and again in the last two weeks of school. While I’m still compiling the data, this instrument offers us a clear look at how well we’re achieving our Hebrew instruction goals, and it allows the faculty and me to target our instruction to achieve even better results. Our focus this year on prayer instruction has helped, as have our push-in/pull-out tutoring and enrichment programs. That’s to say nothing of our Hebrew Tech classes, since these device-centered sessions allowed students to learn Hebrew in their favorite way: on screen!

Speaking of which, our school-year apps are a great way to keep your child practicing Hebrew — and to give them a good reason to be on their devices this summer. I’m more than happy to share instructions on installing and logging into these apps. Just send me an e-mail, and I’ll send you the information.

Also, remember online registration is open for the 2017-2018 school year. All the information you need can be found at https://bethor.org/k-12-religious-school. Early session classes are already filling, so please register as soon as possible. As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback.

Just a reminder: School starts the week of September 10. See you there!
A Warm Welcome to Lisa Yoskowitz, our new Director of Early Childhood Education

“Who is wise? He who learns from everyone.”
~ Jewish Proverb

Shalom! I am so excited and proud to have been selected to be the Director of Early Childhood Education at Beth Or. Everyone I have met so far has demonstrated a sense of community and family. So, since I am about to become part of this extended family, allow me to share a bit about myself.

My professional background is varied and diverse. I began teaching in the early 80’s but left to move closer to NYC. While there, I chose to work outside education. After moving to Bucks County in 1988 and starting to raise a family, I realized that retail was an easy fit for how I wanted to be available for my daughters and yet still have a challenging and fulfilling career. And now 23 years later, I had finally “come full circle” and was utilizing my degree in Early Childhood Education once again — this time as a Center Director for KinderCare.

On a more personal level, I was born in Brooklyn, New York in the early 60’s (before it was “hip” to live there). I spent a good portion of my youth growing up in East Brunswick, New Jersey. I come from a very eclectic Jewish background. Raised by an Orthodox father and a secular, Jewish mother made for an interesting Jewish life. For the past 27 years, I have been a member of Ohev Shalom of Bucks County. Fourteen years ago, I began my own spiritual journey by participating in 18 months of study with the goal of becoming an Adult Bat Mitzvah. It was that journey that laid the groundwork for where I am today. Reading Torah is a passion of mine and I am one of the “regular” Torah readers at Ohev Shalom and hope to share this part of myself with all of you at Beth Or. Combining my love of Judaism with my love of early childhood education is what I have been longing for and what I believe will be the perfect combination as I take on the responsibilities of this position at Beth Or.

On a more intimate note — I am blessed with 2 intelligent, beautiful, kind, funny (I could go on...) daughters. Sara, is 26 years old and is an art teacher with the School District of Philadelphia, where she also lives. Erica, is 21 years old and is a college student, barista and part-time nanny.

I believe now more than ever in the quote that I opened with. All of us have something we can learn from everyone we meet. Nowhere is that more important than in the world of early childhood education.

“Take a moment and hear today, what your children are trying to say. Listen today whatever you do, and they will come back to listen to you.”

Looking forward to meeting, listening and learning from each of you!
The Gift of a Lifetime... Birthright

Jillian Glick, Director of Member & Youth Engagement

Memorial Day weekend of 2008 I boarded a plane and left for Israel. I was a participant on a Birthright trip. Besides the 3 people I was traveling with, I knew none of the other 36 people who would be traveling with me. Little did I know that some of those people would become my closest friends and the experiences I had would transform my Jewish identity.

Birthright was founded in 1999 by a group of committed Jewish philanthropists led by Charles Bronfman and Michael Steinhardt. Their mission was, and still is, to give every Jewish young adult around the world, especially the unaffiliated, the opportunity to travel to Israel. Since the first trip in 1999, over 50,000 Jewish adults, aged 18-26 have traveled to Israel. If you didn't already know, the Birthright Israel Foundation provides these young adults with completely subsidized trips to Israel. Birthright is the largest educational tourism program in the world.

To think that I am one of 50,000+ stories is amazing to me. I went on my Birthright trip excited for a free trip to a cool new place. This trip took me out of my comfort zone, making new friends, eating new things and even hiking! Over the past nine years, many of these friends and I still see each other often, even though some live on the other side of the country — I will be a bridesmaid in one’s wedding in July! We traveled with Mifgash — Soldiers in the army who were our age. They taught many lessons, including a new sense of patriotism that we could never imagine. This ten day experience filled me with a sense of pride for my Judaism, and a desire to get back to this amazing place that is truly my second home.

Since that trip, through my involvement with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, I have been able to give back to Birthright by staffing 3 trips. 120 participants went to Israel with me as one of their staff members — I feel like it’s my mitzvah to bring new people to Israel to experience the gift I was given a few years earlier. Two of those participants are getting married this fall! Others have continued on to spend extended amounts of time in Israel, and some returned to become volunteers in local Jewish institutions in Philadelphia or in their home cities.

I often get calls from kids who need help applying for a Birthright trip, or moms and bubbies who want to help their children join a Birthright trip. If I can help you or someone you know participate — please call me! Registration opens in September for winter trips and February for summer trips. I look forward to helping more people create a connection to Israel and their Judaism.
Beth Or Youth Welcomes a New Board for 5778

In April, our youth group elected a new group of leaders! They were installed on Friday, June 2 at Family Shabbat. As excited as we are to welcome this new group, we are sad to see our outgoing board leave us. Please join me in wishing our new board a great year and saying goodbye to our outgoing board. Please also wish our graduating seniors best wishes for the future! Yasher Koach to everyone!

2016-17 • 5777 Board
Alex Green, President
Alex will attend The University of Massachusetts

Danielle Silver, Programming VP
Dani will attend Temple University

Gracie Silverstein, Social Action VP
Gracie will be a junior at Methacton HS as well as NFTY PAR’s Fundraising VP

Jacob Kaffey, Religious & Cultural VP
Jacob will be a senior at Wissahickon HS

Lindsay Gilbert, Membership VP
Lindsay will be a senior at Upper Dublin HS

Jenna Tessler, Fundraising VP
Jenna will attend The College of Charleston

Jason Pohl, Communication VP
Jason will attend West Virginia University

2017-18 • 5778 Board
Jacob Kaffey, President
Seth Rabinowitz, Programming VP
Brina London, Religious & Cultural VP
Lindsay Gilbert, Membership VP
Cooper Wolff, Fundraising VP
Josh Warsaw, Communications VP

Outgoing Board

Incoming Board
It’s Time to Act: Beth Or Forms Social Justice Committee

Craig Schulz, Social Justice Committee co-chair

“Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may thrive and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you.” — Deuteronomy 16

It is not an understatement to say that we are living through historic times. Regardless of political affiliation, it’s becoming more and more apparent every day that dysfunction and polarization in Washington have reached a level not seen in America for many years. And the sentiment is spreading.

Many are asking ‘how did we get here’ and ‘what can we do about it’?

The mission of the Social Justice Committee is to “educate, advocate and take action on issues affecting the rights and dignity of all people… to engage and activate our community in tikkun olam — the Jewish responsibility to help make the world a better place.”

As many of you know, Ku Klux Klan recruiting materials were distributed throughout Maple Glen in early May. A few days later swastikas were discovered along the Power Line Trail in Horsham. The Social Justice Committee, working with Beth Or leadership and the Wissahickon Faith Community Association helped organize a candlelight vigil that drew standing-room-only crowds and sent a powerful message that acts of hate and attempts to intimidate will not be tolerated in our community.

The number of hate groups across the country is on the rise and what’s worse is these organizations are becoming more and more comfortable expressing and spreading their divisive, hateful rhetoric in public. Even right here in our community — an alarming indication of the brazenness with which these groups are now operating.

If we’ve learned nothing over the past few months, it is that complacency in the face of hate is not a response. We must act.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events and other opportunities to get involved in this new initiative. You can learn more about the Social Justice Committee at bethor.org/social-justice. And by all means join us at our next meeting — all are welcome!
Helping The Hungry and High Holy Days Food Drive

“And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap all the way to the edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger. I the Eternal am your God.” — Leviticus (23:22)

We thank Beth Or’s Corner of the Land Co-Chairs, Bruce Dorsey and Mitch Diamond and their team of volunteers who help bring forth the gleanings of our harvest starting early Summer and running through the Fall.

Keeping with our tradition during the High Holy Days, the Social Action Committee will collect non-perishable food items at Rosh Hashanah. Drop-offs may be made in the collection bins in the School Lobby and Front Entrance. We welcome contributions of (for example) jelly, spaghetti sauce, juice, low-sugar cereal, tuna, raisins, pudding, jell-o, soups, and packaged snacks such as crackers and apple sauce.

Mitzvah Month

The Beth Or Social Action Committee is redefining Mitzvah Day to Mitzvah Month, starting December 2017. On Sunday, December 3, 10, 17 and Monday, December 25, you will have the opportunity to help heal the world! Stand by for updates.

Beth Or Knitting Circle

Members of our Knitting Circle perform a ‘knitzvah’ every time an afghan, knitted bear, crocheted hat, or twiddle mitts (which help calm agitation in patients with cognitive challenges) are delivered. Recipients of their good work include, Abington Hospital, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Abramson Center, CHOP, and Karnell Cancer Center. Many thanks to our Knitting Circle volunteers! To join the Circle, please contact Chair Faye Benshetler at 215-542-9121 or febx@comcast.net.

Red Cross In Urgent Need of Blood Donations

Sign up to give blood on Friday, August 4, 12 noon to 5 pm. To schedule your appointment, please contact Bill Wanger at wwanger@foxrothschild.com.

Todah Rabah

Because of your commitment to Beth Or’s Social Action efforts, our community is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Whether it is food, shelter, or other life necessities, you are lending a hand and showing that you care. Thank you!

Susy Krimker, Social Action Chair
Margie Chachkin, Social Action Vice-Chair
As incoming President, I would first like to thank Michael Davis for all his hard work, leadership, and humor. Brotherhood is a better place because of Michael. Drake the cat also deserves praise. During those times when Michael needed clarity, it was his cat Drake who provided an unbiased opinion and sage advice.

History, as defined in the dictionary is the study of past events, particularly in human affairs. We all have a history but many store it on a shelf to review at a later date. Several months after my Bar Mitzvah my father unexpectedly passed away. I tried to move forward by resuming my life at school, home, with friends, and at our synagogue. I didn’t really ask too many questions about my dad, instead relying on my memory of the past. As it turns out, my memory wasn’t so good. Upon learning the next president of Brotherhood would be me, I happened to tell my mom. She laughed and said, “just like your father”. After questioning her on the comment she explained the history. My father was president of Men’s Club as it was known in days of old. In his mid-thirties, he assumed the role choosing not to wait for those later years which sadly never arrived. Our group isn’t all work and no play. While it’s true we support the synagogue and religious school as well as community events, we also have laughs, dinners, trips, and EAGLES too!

So…. What’s the point? Don’t put off for tomorrow what you can do today. Tomorrow may never come. Brotherhood isn’t just for older guys looking to write history. We want to make history and involve all ages of men including YOU! Make the time! Begin your history at Beth Or Brotherhood today! Do as my father did and join NOW!

There is a seat waiting for you and your friends. Please contact us at: bethorbromembership@gmail.com. We can answer all your questions and our brothers are waiting to say hello. Enjoy your summer, stay cool and remember… History Repeats Itself!

PS: Meet us at Shabbat in our Park this August!
Sisterhood Connects Beth Or Women

Jodye Green, Sisterhood President

On behalf of Beth Or Sisterhood, I’d like to welcome all of the women of Beth Or to join us in creating a community where we offer something for everyone. From theater trips to knitting, wine tasting to trivia night, Unity Seder to Sunday brunch, we offer many opportunities for you to become connected.

Aside from what Sisterhood can do for you, we also contribute to our community by helping to support our students in both pre-school and religious school programs, provide scholarships to rabbinic and cantorial students, maintain an apartment where families can transition from homelessness to independence and support many other acts of tzedakah and tikkun olam.

“Like” us on Facebook…check us out in the Beth Or Spotlight and bulk mailings…follow us to see what we’re up to and where we’re going, join us at our monthly meetings (first Wednesday of each month), become involved, get connected…we’re not your Bubbie’s Sisterhood.

Please Support the Tarshis Gift Shop

Proceeds Benefit Beth Or Sisterhood Programs

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

Summer Hours:
- Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9 am - 12 noon

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

**APEX NYC Bus Trip**
Sunday, October 15

Join Rabbi Marx and APEX as we travel to New York City for the day. We will visit 3 synagogues and have dinner at the famous Sammy’s Roumanan on the Lower East Side before returning home. Don’t miss this wonderful and exciting day. More details coming soon. This trip is sponsored by APEX and open to all.

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

**Art Gallery**

**Artist – Lauren Daddona**
Exhibiting now through September 6

Lauren Daddona received a degree in art from East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Having spent most of her life as an interior designer, she has found her passion in watercolor. She has a strong sense of color and enjoys the spontaneous reactions watercolor creates.

Lauren is a signature member of the Philadelphia Water Color Society, The Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, and The Baltimore Watercolor Society. Her work has been published in Splash 15’ Palette Magazine, and Southwest Art. Lauren teaches watercolor at the Wayne Art Center and The Greater Norristown Art League, and also teaches workshops nationally.

Commissioned works are on exhibit at Einstein Hospital, The University of Virginia, Princeton University, Trenton University, The University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Army National Guard in Norristown, PA, and private collections.

**Holidays and Shabbat Events**

**Camp Chaverim Munchkin Minyan**
Friday, July 21 at 5:45 pm

All young families are welcome. RSVP to Sharon Carlin in the CECE office: scarlin@bethor.org.

**Shabbat in our Park with Brotherhood/Sisterhood Membership Event**
Friday, August 4 at 5 pm

Our annual Shabbat service and outdoor cookout is back! Bring your own lawn chairs and picnic blankets and sit outside on the grass with your family and friends. (Tables/chairs provided for those who need.) Please bring a ready-to-serve side dish that goes with a meat meal. No dairy, pork or shellfish, please!

If it rains or is too hot, we will move our event inside to the Rosenfeld Social Hall. RSVP by July 28 using the RSVP portal on the website home page, or click the link on the calendar.

**Special Events**

**CECE Dessert Picnic**
Wednesday, August 16 from 6 to 7 pm

Come celebrate the new school year with new and old friends!

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.
Consecration

Mishloach Manot Food Packing

CECE Bike Day

Memories 5777: Events for all Generations

Golf Outing Dinner

Cantor Green’s Tribute

Oy Vey 5K/10K

Tu B’Shevat Wine Tasting

Purim Carnival

Mitzvas Day

L’Taken

Chai Dinner
Chai-Lights — July/August 2017

New Members
Ken Horenstein
Jeff & Alyse Miller
Adam & Susan Wolbransky
Eric, Nicole, Drew & Josie Shakespeare
Rosalind Fudell
Paul Dubin
Scott, Stefanie, Reese & Alexis Fredd
Michael, Stephanie, Korbyn & Raisa DeNicola
Brian, Jennifer, Jaxon, Camryn & Gavin Hymowitz

Rejoining Members
Dave, Liz, Paige & Charlie Dratch
Steve, Rebecca, Sarah, Alex & Jackson Walker

May Their Memory Be a Blessing
Beatrice Sussman, mother of Naomi Sussman
Muriel Feldman, aunt of Ilene Stella
Harold Bram, father of Adam Bram
Meyer Simon, father of Stephanie Levinson
Bernice Shifflett, sister of Andy Johanson
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