

Congregation Ohr Hatorah



SHAVUOT

CELEBRATION & AWARDS CEREMONY

SHABBAT, MAY 27, 2023 · 5:30PM

Keter Shem Tov



MIRIAM SHAPIRO

Miriam served on the Board of Ohr HaTorah for 6 years, with a passion for membership. Over her tenure, Miriam helped approximately 75 families find their spiritual home with us. To ensure a smooth entrance, Miriam started a buddy program for new congregants, reinforced our Welcoming Committee activities, and provided catered "Shabbat in a Box" to new families during Covid. All of these efforts helped propel our congregation to where we are today!

Behind The Scenes



DAVID CHASEN

Neither humidity, rain, heat, nor gloom of night would keep **David** from ensuring our daily minyan! Since 1995, David has worked to maintain our minyan. He's made sure that both Ohr HaTorah and shiva homes have a minyan, a Gabbai, and someone to daven — even if that was himself. As our congregation grew, David took on the Baal Tokeiah role to be sure every minyan heard shofar on Rosh Hashanah. The safety of our minyanim is also of paramount importance to David. As a part of our small but powerful Security Committee, you can often see him greeting folks "in the vest" on Shabbat morning, as well as working behind the scenes to ensure we always have shomrim. David's efforts provide the foundation for our community to thrive.

Rabbi Meltzer Torah & Scholarship



ELLIE SCHANKER

Ellie has been a beacon for Torah learning at Ohr HaTorah for over 11 years. Ellie has led so many educational programs, both large and small, from Limmud Shabbat learning programs, to the Esther Goldman Bat Mitzvah program. Ellie led the 929 Program, an unprecedented effort where she helped participants to complete a study of Tanach in a tremendous 3-year journey. Over the last seven years, Ellie, along with many others, has championed the Women's Torah and Tefilla program, which has given women in the community the opportunity to read from the Torah, lead Mincha, and participate in women's tefillah. Ellie has been the Gabbai and organized Women's Megillah readings throughout the year. Additionally, Ellie has strengthened our community by ensuring that women needing to say Kaddish will have a support network with them through their Yahrzeit. Ellie has lit a bright path of Torah study for so many in our community.