



THE SHOFAR

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CONGREGATION OR SHALOM PRESENTS

SHABBAT LIVE!

JANUARY 10
MARCH 13
APRIL 3 | 7:30 pm

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN RABBI ARI AND LAURIE AKERS FOR A SHABBAT EXPERIENCE IN-THE-ROUND WITH A LIVE BAND!

Israel Trip June 2021

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JAN 16 @ 7 PM



02.21.20 - 02.23.20

Or Shalom Congregational Retreat 2020



Friday, Feb 21 at 6 pm - Sunday, Feb 23 at 11 am
Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute in Oconomowoc, WI

Please join your Or Shalom family for the off-site event of the year! We'll meet up at OSRUI in Wisconsin for a relaxing and meaningful break from the hustle of our daily lives to live and worship in community with one another.

We'll spend Shabbat together experiencing singing, games, sledding, crafts, worship, as well as gaga, basketball, and volleyball. In addition to our Family Track, there is an Adult Track with learning, cooking, worship and craft activities and you may choose to participate in any of those activities as well.

3rd grade families participate in a special Track led by Rabbi Ari. 3rd graders are free of charge thanks to a generous gift from OSRUI and Or Shalom.

\$190 per adult | \$90 per child

- 10% discount for first time families
- All third grade children attend for free
- Max payment cap of \$560 per family
- Single room supplement available for \$70

Scholarships are available thanks to generous donations to the Zena Singer Retreat Scholarship Fund.

Register at bit.ly/OSRetreat2020
by January 31 for a swag bag

From our rabbi...

Wow! 2020 sounds like an unbelievably futuristic year. The good news is that our world has not slipped into any of the post-apocalyptic movies that have been part of many of our cultural upbringings in which machines have taken over and people are living underground after a nuclear war. . . at least not at the time of the writing of this Shofar.



However, there are many of us who are experiencing darkness in our world. Whether we look at the news and feel depressed, whether we are overwhelmed by the pressures of work and getting everyone where they need to be, whether we are ensnared by the mobile devices that take us away from the moment and sometimes get in the way of our relationships, the world is not yet perfect. And I am sharing in more and more stories within our own Or Shalom family of those who need extra support to find a sense of mental and emotional well-being in these overwhelming times.

This is why we need this time of year and our festival of lights. Chanukah is the time to bring light to our lives and inspire us to bring it to others, as well.

If you are feeling that darkness creeping up, know that you can be a part of that light, the light of inspiration, the light of hope, the light of peace. In the following pages, you'll see many opportunities to bring light - you can join a fun, cooking experience or come to an uplifting musical service. You can join us for our congregational retreat or even start planning to come on the next congregational trip to Israel in 2021. You can help support Reform Judaism in having a stronger voice in Israel by voting for ARZA in the upcoming World Zionist Congress elections (and you can get a reminder to vote at <https://arza.org>).

Our actions can bring light to those around us! Many of you brought light to me when I traveled with an interfaith team of clergy to Brownsville, TX to volunteer with the refugees camped along the border of our country. It was heartbreaking for me to see all of the families and children and hear their stories of why they had to leave their homes. On a personal level, my heart was darkened to speak with people who had escaped being kidnapped or whose children had been targeted for sex trafficking or who were threatened and beaten for their sexual orientation. Seeing that so many of you donated to help individuals who are stuck in this quagmire of human need, my Or Shalom family helped me to cope with the experience. So, I thank you all who supported this effort with gifts of supplies, money and kind words. My heart has been inspired by some of our Or Shalom volunteers who now are starting to plan to go down to Brownsville to work with a charitable organization called Team Brownsville that distributes food to over 1,500 people a day, twice a day, to make sure that people do not die of starvation. This organization has a wonderful network of donors but is lacking the people-power of buying the food, preparing it and schlepping it across the border to distribute it.

If you want to be part of this group who has decided to go down in late March to volunteer with Team Brownsville, or you wish to support those who are going, please contact Art Shriberg - shriberg.art@gmail.com

There are many ways to live our Chanukah message at this time of year, to bring light to ourselves, to one another and to our world. Let's enter 2020 with light in our hearts and in our hands, and let's make this next decade shine with the light of peace that we can offer, together.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICES



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| Friday, January 3 | |
| Shabbat Evening Service | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday, January 4 | |
| Minyanaires' Minyan at Brookdale Hawthorn Lakes | 10:00 am |
| Friday, January 10 | |
| Shabbat Live! | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday, January 11 | |
| Bat Mitzvah of Jori Ellen | 10:00 am |
| Friday, January 17 | |
| Shabbat Evening Service | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday, January 18 | |
| B'nai Mitzvah of Grace Coughlin and Jordan Coughlin | 10:00 am |
| Friday, January 24 ~ Simchat Shabbat | |
| <i>Anniversary & Birthday Blessings-Jan and Feb</i> | |
| Preschool & PJ Library Shabbat | 6:00 pm |
| Adult Evening Service | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday, January 25 | |
| B'nai Mitzvah of Brandon Grunfeld and Olivia Kaufman | 7:30 pm |
| Friday, January 31 | |
| Shabbat Evening Service | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday, February 1 | |
| Bar Mitzvah of Griffin Nichols | 10:00 am |
| Friday, February 7 | |
| Shabbat Shira & 4th Grade Service | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday, February 8 | |
| B'nai Mitzvah of Daniel Berke and Leo Magnifico | 10:00 am |
| Friday, February 14 | |
| Shabbat Evening Service | 7:30 pm |
| Friday, February 21 | |
| Shabbat Evening Service | 7:30 pm |
| Friday, February 28 | |
| Shabbat Across America and Men's Club Shabbat | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday, February 29 | |
| Minyanaires' Minyan | 10:00 am |
| Shabbat Across America Havdalah | 6:00 pm |

Message from our president . . .

Hanukkah is awesome (unless of course you are unable to eat fried carbohydrates). Our kids are all looking forward to getting presents. As far as I can recall, it's the only holiday that encourages gambling (shameless plug here for our upcoming Poker Tournament). Most importantly, it gives us opportunities to have sacred moments in our homes, and the homes of our family and friends, for eight consecutive nights. This season I have thought a lot about the story of Hanukkah. Like so much of our history, Hanukkah is a tale of our resilience.

The Israelites fought for and won their freedom. That was only their start. Now they had to restore everything, especially the Holy Temple. Imagine if they had a board of trustees and what that meeting would have looked like? I have to think that when it came time for the rededication, many looked at their only drop of oil and thought; "Why bother. We should just wait to get more, as this flame will extinguish soon enough. We cannot literally burn away one of our few remaining commodities." Perhaps others said that some light, if even for a brief time, was better than none. That glimmer would be their hope. As we know, they took that leap of faith, likely with reluctance. Those droplets were able to provide light for the necessary eight nights, until they were able to secure a reserve supply. That is the miracle we know today.

They had the foresight to try, to experiment, to know that sometimes we have to take a chance and hope for the best even when our resources can be limited. I think about this in the context of our community and all the work our staff is doing to make our congregation thrive. With our transitions and turnover this year, they have especially stepped up, along with our board and many volunteers; to ensure the daily work of our congregation gets done. I personally want to thank all of our Clergy, Staff, and volunteers for your efforts these past several months in our time of rebuilding.

More importantly, I would like to thank everyone in our congregation. Your patience and *kavod*, have enabled us to work together, not only through this transition, but also as we move forward to more experimentation in the time to come. Even the release of this publication is part of how our staff and board are always looking at ways to progress. This electronic distribution alone, will not only reduce waste through our community, but will also save us both time and money in publication and mailing. We are even experimenting with the ways we are conducting our board meetings to better live and work towards our mission.

At URJ Biennial, so many of us had the opportunity to learn new ways we can transform with a mindset of abundance. We can only grow together when we focus on opportunities and what we have, rather than what we risk losing. May we all see abundance and miracles in our daily lives and may all our *dreidels* land on *gimel*.

- Jeff Kruger

From our Executive Director

I don't like clutter. And to me, December is all about clutter. There is so much to get done, things to buy, lists to make, food, drink, celebrations, holidays, vacations. It feels like time is racing.

To get through the clutter, I must remind myself to practice self-care and to self-reflect. In the frenzy to buy stuff and do stuff, I can easily forget to think about all the amazing people I have in my life. Because really, what matters is who is in our lives. As humans, I think we have an innate desire for connection. We wish to feel that we are part of a group, a community, a family.

So that's what I am thinking about as I set off for some much-needed vacation time. How will I help connect people in 2020? What can I do in my role as your Executive Director to help each one of you feel a part of our community, and, how do we bring others in? Nothing feels better than being with people we love, who know us (and love us anyway!). It is that feeling that I would like to propagate.

I challenge you to think about what we can do as a community to grow together, to welcome others, and to spread good wherever we go. I think that's what the world needs.

Happy holidays my friends. And a healthy new year to you and yours.

- Lora Zygmant



RELIGION & RITUAL

Minyanaires' Minyanim

Lay-led Saturday morning Shabbat services, at 10 a.m.
Open to all members. Potluck Kiddush follows.

Upcoming dates:

January 4—Brookdale Hawthorn Lakes

February 29—Shabbat Across America

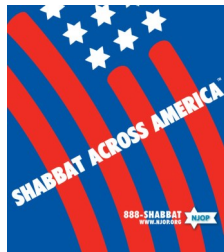
April 4—Brookdale Hawthorn Lakes

May 2 • June 20



Shabbat Across America

24th annual Shabbat Across America.



Join with Jews around the United States and Canada to celebrate Shabbat together.

Friday February 28 -Potluck dinner at **6pm** followed by services at **7:30 pm** and an oneg sponsored by the men's club.

Saturday February 29— Join the Minyanaires Minyan service at **10:00 am** which will be followed by a potluck kiddush.

We will be concluding Shabbat Across America with **Havdalah services at 6 pm.**

Does Ritual Matter to You?

We're looking for new leadership to join us on our Religion and Ritual committee to help plan holiday and religious celebrations.

If you are interested in getting involved, email Lora Zygman at lzygman@orshalomlc.com.

PJ LIBRARY SHABBAT

PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY
Jewish United Fund  TOGETHER for GOOD

JAN 24, 2020

5:15 PM Pizza Picnic

6:00 PM Shabbat Service

Bring a blanket & wear your pajamas!
Free pizza will be served.

RSVP at bit.ly/pjlibraryshabbat

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Potluck Dinner

Main dish, challah, wine and juice provided

Bring your "favorite" salad, side dish or dessert to share



6 PM DINNER, 7:30 PM SERVICE
FEBRUARY 28
CONGREGATION OR SHALOM

\$8 PER ADULT / \$4 PER CHILD

RSVP AT BIT.LY/SHABBATACROSSAMERICA20

PLEASE RSVP BY **MONDAY, FEB 24**

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Or Shalom Men's Club presents

RETRO GAME NIGHT

Join us for a decidedly low tech evening of board and card games such as Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, Yahtzee, Life, Cards Against Humanity, and the highly competitive Risk game.

Snacks and adult beverages provided.
Open to all members.

**Saturday, January 11
7 PM**

RSVP at bit.ly/retrogamenight20



OR SHALOM'S WOMEN'S
PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE PRESENTS

ROLL INTO TU B'SHVAT WITH BUNCO

JAN 23 • 7 PM
CONGREGATION OR SHALOM

Laurie Akers will join us to share about the meaning behind the holiday.
Tu B'shvat snacks will be served.

Prizes Prizes Prizes!

**21+ EVENT
\$10 per person**

RSVP at bit.ly/bunco2020

Volunteers are needed to bring a card table in good condition



55+ PRESENTS

HOW TO COOK LIKE THE PROS

Modern Cooking with Dick Navarre, Cooking Enthusiast

Join us for an up close and personal demonstration and sampling of brisket sliders, deviled eggs and more using some of the latest in modern cooking tools!

February 5 at 7:00 pm

\$5; Limited to 24 participants

RSVP at bit.ly/cooking2020



The Men's Club presents

THE GREAT OR SHALOM COOK-OFF

Sunday, Feb 16, 2020

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Test your culinary skills against fellow congregants. Chili, Soup, Kugel. Beverages and Pepto Bismol for sale. Winners determined by people's choice.

\$18 to enter | \$5 to taste

RSVP at bit.ly/cook-off2020



2020 Mah Jongg Cards for Sale!



Standard Cards at \$8.00 each.

Enlarged Cards at \$9.00 each.

Deadline to order Mah Jongg Cards is
Friday, January 17, 2020.

Proceeds from sales will benefit women's programming at Or Shalom.

Please visit bit.ly/mahjongg2020 for the order form.

ADULT PROGRAMMING



SPONSORED BY 55+
WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM

JANUARY 22
FEBRUARY 26

Our congregants, Leon Stein, Bill Greenfield and Larry Feldman, will host a Current Events discussion on timely news of local, state, national, world or Israel interest.

Please let us know if you have interest in taking part or have a topic to consider, by emailing 55plus@orshalomlc.org.

Or Shalom Dinner Club

The Dinner Club *chavurah* is an adult group of singles and couples that gathers six to eight times a year at congregants' homes (or at a restaurant) for a themed-based shared meal. We welcome all Or Shalom members to reach out and join our group. For more information, and to be added to our email list, please email Bret Zacher at: dinnerclub@orshalomlc.org.

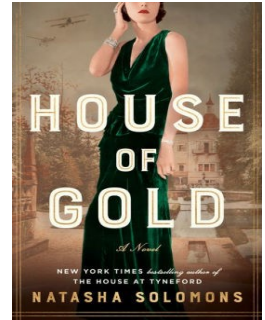


"People of the Book" Club *House of Gold* by Natasha Solomons

Wednesday, January 22 at 7 pm at the temple

The outbreak of World War I forces headstrong Austrian heiress Greta Goldbaum to choose between the family she built in her new life in England and the family she left behind in Vienna.

The discussion will be led by Rachel Kamin, librarian and professional book group leader. Please start reading, as the book has 433 pages, but it is highly recommended and is very engaging.



Quilting for Tzedakah

Have fun making quilts for adults and children who could use a little extra comfort. Quilting or sewing skills helpful, but not necessary.

Mondays, 10 a.m.-12:30 pm

January 13 • February 10 • March 9
April 13 • May 11 • June 8

Caring Needles Club

New and experienced needle workers welcome. Knitting and crocheting lessons and supplies will be available for newbies.

Projects will include:

- Project Linus
- Winter scarves and hats for PADS
- Chemo caps
- Baby hats



Thursdays at 7 pm:

January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21 & June 18

Please visit: bit.ly/caringneedles1920 to sign up!

****Save the date****

ADULT LEARNING WITH RABBI ARI

March 5, 12, 26 and April 2, 16, 23, 30
Thursdays from 7:30 - 8:15 pm

FUNDRAISING



CONGREGATION OR SHALOM PRESENTS

The 4th Annual
No-Limit Hold 'Em

CHARITY POKER TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 1
6 PM - MIDNIGHT

Purchase tickets
before January 17
& receive 1,000
extra chips

5,000 CHIP BUY-IN: \$110
10,000 CHIP ADD-ON: \$65

RE-BUYS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT
SUPER BOWL SQUARE RAFFLE



Register at
bit.ly/PokerTourney20

Bar food and drinks will be served.
Players must be 18+ .
All proceeds benefit Congregation Or Shalom.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BUFFALO TRACE 6 MILLIONTH BARREL RAFFLE WINNER!!



Omar Ortiz was
thrilled to win the
raffle with his \$25
donation.

We raised \$4,500!

Thank you **Jeff
Kruger** for submitting
the Or Shalom
application and
scoring this collectors'
item!



SAVE THE DATE

(57)80'S ADULT KARAOKE NIGHT

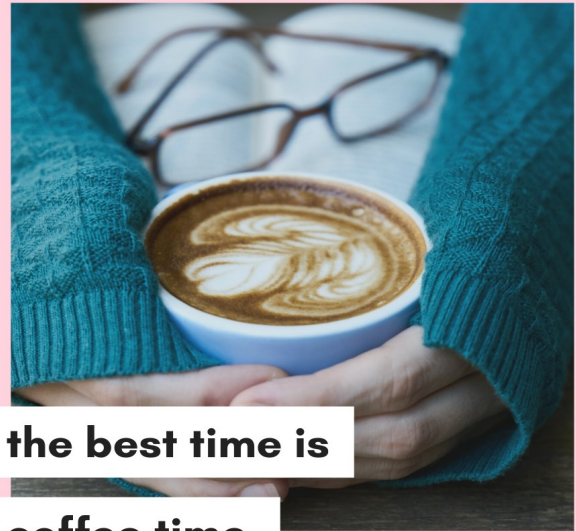
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020
7:00 - 10:00 PM
OR SHALOM



If you are concerned about the environment, come join us! Please keep your eyes on the weekly e-mail blasts for updates and meeting times. You can also message greenteam@orshalomlc.com with your ideas.

John Katz-Mariani

JOIN US IN THE LOBBY FOR A CUP OF COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE, AND A CHANCE TO CATCH UP



**the best time is
coffee time**

Save the Date

**Religious Action Center
(RAC) - IL
Campaign Launch Event**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020
7:30 - 9:00 pm**

Temple Jeremiah in Northfield



Mitzvah Meals!

Is your child in search of a mitzvah project for their Bat/Bar Mitzvah?

We have a project for them! Kids helping kids. With a little help from the whole family, your child can help shop (or ask for donations,) pack and deliver meals for children at John Power's Center. Or Shalom congregants provide weekend meals for these children during the whole school year. To learn more about this rewarding experience, please contact:

mitzvahmeals@orshalomlc.org.



ON-GOING ACTS OF KINDNESS

- Kosher food for **The ARK Food Pantry.**
- Pop tabs from cans for **Ronald McDonald House.**
- New travel-size toiletry items for local shelters.
- Old cell phones for **SHALVA.**
- Tzedakah Box donations for the **Team Brownsville**

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Turning 18, Recently Moved, Have Been Crazy Busy?

We can help you Register to Vote here in Lake County. The process is easy. If you need to update your record or register to vote for the first time, voter registration is open to all (except for the 27 days preceding an election).

How can I register?

Online: Online voter registration is available at the Illinois State Board of Election's website: ova.elections.il.gov. You will need a valid Illinois drivers license or Illinois State ID number, the last four digits of your Social Security number and the date the license or ID was issued. You will also need to provide your birth date.

You may also register in person at:

- The County Clerk's office (18 N County St. in Waukegan)
- The Illinois Department of Motor Vehicle facility
- The Library
- Municipal and township office

Don't give up your voice! Elections are decided by the people who go out and vote. Voting gives each of us a chance to support the candidates that you feel can help our community, state and country.

Have questions or need help please feel free to call:
Betty Levenfeld at (847) 650-8512

THE NEXT GENERATION OF BOX TOPS IS HERE.

Box Tops for Education is going digital*! You will still find many products with the traditional logo, with an expiration date. Those can still be turned in to the Or Shalom office. Additionally, many of your favorite items have logos that tell you to "scan" them. Just go to BTFE.com and find out how to download the BoxTops app for your phone. Sign up as a member of Congregation Or Shalom in Illinois, and then you scan your grocery receipt, and it will automatically be included in our Box Tops tally, with 10¢ per item scanned going to Or Shalom. If you need help learning how to scan your receipts, please call Beverley Seaver, our Box Tops Coordinator, at (219) 613-8173.

THE OLD
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THE NEW
BOX TOPS LABEL



VOTING IS A PRIVILEGE AND DUTY

Shalom, my name is Eva Tolub and I am founding member of our congregation. I would like to talk to you about voting.

I grew up in Romania, Transylvania, in the town of Bistrita. I am a daughter of Holocaust survivors. I grew up when Romania was part of the Russian Communist Regime. It was very hard and at times perilous, especially if you were Jewish. I remember my parents and relatives listening to Radio Free Europe in the root cellar, out of prying eyes, while I, a mere child was the look-out. I also remember that starting at the age of six I could not go to our synagogue any longer, for fear that I would be kicked out of school, and the principal taking special attendance on those days. If you were out you had to bring in three doctors excuses, none of them could be Jewish.

That is what is meant by no religious freedom.

Then, there was no freedom of expression or speech. You could not talk negatively about the government, its leaders, or its implementations. Not on the street or anywhere else. Not in front of friends, acquaintances, or relatives, for fear that somebody would rat you out. And if they did as I have witnessed one of my friends' father was, he was put in jail for a year. Her family had no income for that time and survived by donations from the Jewish community. Obviously, you could not print anything either. So, ergo no freedom of the press. Everything printed in newspapers, school articles, etc., was gone over, and if not satisfactory was censored. The same with letters sent out of the country or received. I remember my parents receiving letters from relatives that had whole portions of them blocked out. These are just a few examples of repression.

When I arrived in the US, at the age of seventeen I couldn't wait to become a citizen. We were accepted as political refugees and had to wait for two years to obtain our "green card". After three more years we received our citizenship. I have been voting ever since and not once did I miss the opportunity to vote. So, I am a citizen by choice, not birth. Only by exercising our voting rights can we change the status quo. THAT IS WHY THIS IS A PRIVILEGE AND SACRED DUTY!

It is easy to register You can do it three ways:

- In person
- Online
- By mail

All you have to do is go to your computer and look up: Voting options in Lake County, Il.

Please make sure you register, and as the playwright of HAMILTON, Lin Manuel Miranda said: "don't ever give away your shot!"

B'shalom,
Eva Tolub

jBabyChicago



TOTS & TUNES

A music class with a taste of Shabbat for toddlers
12-24 months and their parent/caregiver.

Fridays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Next Session Dates: January 10, 17, 24, 31, &
February 7 & 14

*45-minute class followed by snacks &
schmoozing.*

Celebrate Shabbat with a mini-challah to take home.
\$50 for the six-week session. (\$25 additional child)



To register, please go to bit.ly/jbabywinter2020



**Welcome to our
Or Shalom
Family!**

- Aimee Adams
- Michael & Debbie Daniels
- Tom & Olga Reif



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**CALLING ALL NEW MEMBERS
FROM THE LAST 3 YEARS**

Or Shalom's Membership Committee
and B'rit Olam invite you to

**FIND YOUR
CONNECTION**

Join us for an engaging conversation about what
matters most to you in your Jewish life and build
connections with others across the synagogue.

January 9, 2020 | 7 - 8:30 pm

RSVP at bit.ly/findyourconnection20



IN CONCERT

**CRAIG TAUBMAN
AND BAND**

singing with Laurie Akers

a musical event for
the whole community

"If it's possible to credit one performer
as the originator of modern Jewish American
rock 'n roll it would have to go to Taubman."

~ Washington Post

Save the Date

**MARCH 19
THURSDAY
7 - 9 PM**

Congregation Or Shalom
21 Hawthorn Parkway
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

More information
to come

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ~ A JEWISH JOURNEY UPDATE

Marcia Cohen, Education Director

The mission statement of Or Shalom's Religious School promotes a lifelong commitment to Jewish values: *mitzvot*, *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam*. Over the last few weeks there have been wonderful examples of these activities in our school that we can all be proud of. In mid-November Mrs. Mizock's preschool class made beautiful silk flower and leaf centerpieces which they brought to the Brookdale assisted living building across the street, and placed on each table in their dining room. It was our young families' way of sharing the joy of Thanksgiving across generations with our neighbors.

Our 8th grade students under teacher Judy Jury's leadership, decided that they wanted to do a meaningful mitzvah project as a class. They chose to participate in Or Shalom's Mitzvah Meal Program, where bags of non-perishable food are prepared each week and placed in the backpacks of needy children at a local elementary school, who otherwise would not have food to eat over the weekend.

The 8th graders planned out the project from beginning to end: In order to buy the food for the bags, they needed to raise money and chose to hold a Sunday bake sale. The class spent part of two class sessions baking, and making signs to promote the Bake sale. The bake sale was held in mid-December and brought in \$173! It was awesome to see the pride on our students' faces as they saw their project coming to fruition. It was also powerful to see the response of our Congregation upon learning that the proceeds were going to the 8th grade Mitzvah Meals project. People generously made donations in excess of the cost of the baked goods. 8th grader Sarah Pinto and her mom shopped for the food, and at the final Tuesday night class prior to Winter Break our 8th graders prepared 20 bags for delivery.

Coming up in late January, our 6th graders and their parents will spend a Sunday morning doing mitzvah projects at multiple locations in the Northwest suburbs as part of the B'nai Mitzvah Workshop retreat. Activities include dog visits with Seniors at ElevateCare in Riverwoods, setting up a PADS shelter in Grayslake, making crafts with senior residents at Winchester House, stocking a food pantry in Libertyville, and volunteering at Chesed's warehouse in Rogers Park. These small group projects will allow our 6th grade families the chance to develop ideas for their own b'nai mitzvah projects and to witness how working in a group as community we can accomplish so much good.

We hope that 2020 brings in a secular new year filled with the light of *mitzvot* and *tikkun olam* (repairing the earth) for you and your family.

Upcoming School Special Events:

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| January 9 | Education Committee, 7:00pm (open to all) |
| January 17 | 5 th grade Shabbat service, 7:30pm |
| January 24 | Preschool Shabbat service 6:00pm (optional free pizza dinner at 5:15pm) |
| January 25-26 | 6 th grade B'nai Mitzvah Retreat |
| February 7 | 4 th grade Shabbat service |
| February 21-23 | Congregational Retreat at OSRUI camp (Special 3 rd grade track) |

YOUTH GROUP

Club Or Shalom (4th & 5th grade Youth group)

Club Or Shalom presents an **Escape Room** experience here at Or Shalom on Sunday, January 26 from 5:15-7:15pm. The event includes dinner, Escape room activity and dessert. The fee is \$20.

JYG - Junior Youth Group (6th-8th graders)

The NFTY Junior Youth Group Retreat for 6th-8th graders throughout Chicagoland is at OSRUI the weekend of February 28-March 1. Early bird registration ends after Wednesday, January 8th (early bird price is \$260). After that, the price is \$285. If this is any middle schoolers first weekend NFTY event, they will receive \$75 off the cost of the event after they register (thanks to a generous grant from the Chicago Jewish Federation). For more information and to register for the Retreat, click here: <http://bit.ly/JYGRetreat2020>

Jew Crew (9th - 12th Grade) News

- **NFTY Winter Kallah** is Friday, January 17th - Sunday January 19th at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield. For more information and to register, go to: <http://bit.ly/NFTYWinterKallah2020>
- Jew Crew is joining forces in a combined event with the youth groups from Temple Chai and Beth Am (Champy) on Saturday, February 1st. Details coming soon.
- **Chili & Chihuahua** is a brand-new event for the Jew Crew. Join us Sunday, February 16th as we support the Men's Club Chili cookoff for our lunch and then make cat and dog toys to bring to Save-a-Pet in Grayslake. We will tour the Save-a-Pet facility, play with some of the animals, and learn how to further support their mission. Specific details will be emailed to all teens.

JANUARY 2020

OR SHALOM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| MON 30 | TUE 31 | WED Jan 1 | THU 2 | FRI 3 | SAT 4 | SUN 5 |
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| Office Closed | | | | | | |
| | No Religious School | No Religious School ● 7:15pm AA Meeting | ● 12pm Soc Hall-Mah Jongg | ● 7:30pm Shabbat Evening Service | ● 10am Minyanaires' Minyan | No Religious School |
| 6 | 7 Religious School Resumes ● 4:30pm 6th Grade Religious School ● 6:30pm 7th & 8th Grade ● 7pm Fundraising Committee Meeting ● 7pm Adult Hebrew II | 8 ● 4:30pm Wednesday Religious School ● 7pm Social Action Meeting ● 7:15pm AA Meeting | 9 ● 8am Exec Board Meeting ● 12pm Soc Hall-Mah Jongg ● 7pm Education Committee Meeting ● 7pm Brit Olam New Member Conversation | 10 ● 9:30am iBaby Tots & Tunes ● 7:30pm Shabbat Live! ● 7:30pm Cookie Walner from Max and Benr | 11 ● 10am Bat Mitzvah of Jori Ellen ● 7pm Men's Club - Retro Board Game Night | 12 Kehillah 3rd Hour Day ● 8:45am Early Religious School/Preschool ● 10:10am Jr. Choir ● 10:45am Late Religious School/Preschool ● 11:15am 9th & 10th Grade |
| 13 ● 10am Quilting for Tzedakah ● 7pm Membership Meeting | 14 ● 8am Finance Committee Meeting ● 4:30pm 6th Grade Religious School ● 6:30pm Men's Club - Off-site event ● 6:30pm 7th & 8th Grade ● 6:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting ● 7pm Adult Hebrew II | 15 ● 4:30pm Wednesday Religious School ● 7pm Board Meeting ● 7:15pm AA Meeting | 16 ● 12pm Soc Hall-Mah Jongg ● 7pm Caring Needles ● 7pm Sanc-Israel Meeting for potential part | 17 NETV Winter Kallah ● 9:30am iBaby Tots & Tunes ● 7:30pm Shabbat Evening Service ● 7:30pm 5th Grade Shabbat | 18 ● 10am B'nai Mitzvah of Grace & Jordan Co ● 12pm Coughlin Luncheon | 19 Kehillah 3rd Hour Day ● 8:45am Early Religious School/Family Sch ● 10:45am Late Religious School/Family Sch |
| 20 | 21 ● 4:30pm 6th Grade Religious School ● 6:30pm 7th & 8th Grade | 22 ● 1pm Current Events ● 4:30pm Wednesday Religious School ● 7pm Book Club - House of Gold ● 7:15pm AA Meeting | 23 ● 12pm Soc Hall-Mah Jongg ● 7pm Women's Programming - Bunco | 24 ● 9:30am iBaby Tots & Tunes ● 5:15pm PJ in your PJ's Pizza Picnic ● 6pm Young Children's/Preschool Shabbat ● 7:30pm 5th Grade Shabbat Evening Service | 25 ● 10am B'nai Mitzvah of Brandon Grunfeld & ● 1:30pm 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Retreat | 26 Club OS - Escape Room @OS ● 8:45am Early Religious School ● 10:10am Jr. Choir ● 10:45am Late Religious School ● 11:15am 9th & 10th Grade |
| 27 | 28 ● 4:30pm 6th Grade Religious School ● 6:30pm 7th & 8th Grade ● 6:45pm Poker Planning Meeting | 29 ● 4:30pm Wednesday Religious School ● 7:15pm AA Meeting | 30 ● 12pm Soc Hall-Mah Jongg | 31 ● 9:30am iBaby Tots & Tunes ● 6pm Founders' Dinner ● 7:30pm Learner's Shabbat Service | Feb 1 Jew Crew Event w/CHAMPY - TBA? ● 10am Bar Mitzvah of Griffin Nichols ● 12pm Nichols Luncheon ● 4pm Poker Set-Up ● 6pm Poker Tournament | 2 Kehillah 3rd Hour Day ● 8:45am Early Religious School/Family Sch ● 10:45am Late Religious School/Family Sch |

FEBRUARY 2020

OR SHALOM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| MON 27 | TUE 28 | WED 29 | THU 30 | FRI 31 | SAT Feb 1 | SUN 2 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm 6th Grade Religious School 6:30pm 7th & 8th Grade 6:45pm Poker Planning Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Wednesday Religious School 7:15pm AA Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Soc Hall-Mah Jongg | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am iBaby Tots & Tunes 6pm Founders' Dinner 7:30pm Learner's Shabbat Service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jew Crew Event w/CHAMPY - TBA? 10am Bar Mitzvah of Griffin Nichols 12pm Nichols Luncheon 4pm Poker Set-Up 6pm Poker Tournament | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenillah 3rd Hour Day 8-45am Early Religious School/Family Sch 10-45am Late Religious School/Family Sch |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm 6th Grade Religious School 6:30pm 7th & 8th Grade 7pm Fundraising Committee Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Wednesday Religious School 7pm 55+ - Cooking w/Dick Navarre 7pm Social Action Meeting 7:15pm AA Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Soc Hall-Mah Jongg 6pm Sanc-Magnifico pictures 7pm Post Confirmation (11th & 12th Grade) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am iBaby Tots & Tunes 7:30pm 5th Grade Shabbat Evening Service 7:30pm Shabbat Shira & 4th Grade Service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Bnai Mitzvah of Daniel Berke & Leo 12pm Ext Social Hall - Berke and Magnifico | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8-45am Early Religious School/Preschool 9am 7th Grade Holocaust Museum Field T 10am Health and Safety Fair 10:10am Jr Choir 10:45am Late Religious School/Preschool 4 more |
| 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Quilting for Tzedakah 7pm Membership Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Finance Committee Meeting 4:30pm 6th Grade Religious School 6:30pm 7th & 8th Grade 6:30pm Men's Club - Off-Site Event 6:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Exec Board Meeting 12pm Soc Hall-Mah Jongg | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am iBaby Tots & Tunes 7:30pm 5th Grade Shabbat Evening Service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake County United affiliated leadership training JYG - Tilt Studio | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jew Crew - Chili & Chihuahua (Save-a-Pep) 8-45am Early Religious School 10:30am Great Or Shalom Cook-off 10:45am Late Religious School 11:15am 9th & 10th Grade |
| 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm 6th Grade Religious School 6:30pm 7th & 8th Grade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Wednesday Religious School 7pm Board Meeting 7:15pm AA Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Soc Hall-Mah Jongg 7pm Caring Needles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congregational Retreat Congregational Retreat 7:30pm 5th Grade Shabbat Evening Service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8-45am Early Religious School 10:45am Late Religious School |
| 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm 6th Grade Religious School 6:30pm 7th & 8th Grade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm Current Events 4:30pm Wednesday Religious School 6:30pm Club OS - Practice Purim Carnival 7:15pm AA Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Soc Hall-Mah Jongg | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 1 |
| | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NFTY678 Kalliah @OSRUI Ari's bday 6pm Shabbat Across America Dinner - Pot 7:30pm Men's Club Service 7:30pm 5th Grade Shabbat Evening Service |
| | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Minyanaires' Minyan (Shabbat Across America) 5pm Shabbat Across America - Havdalah 8-45am Early Religious School 10am 7th Grade ARK Fieldtrip 10:10am Jr. Choir 2 more |

FROM KARL LARSON CO-CHAIR OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Shalom,

For those of you who do not know me I am Karl Larson Co-Chair of the Safety Committee, along with Bruce Kahn. Over the past year plus the Safety Committee has been hard at work improving Or-Shalom's security by making infrastructure enhancements, policy/procedure updates, and training for temple staff and the Board of Directors. I have lent my twenty two years of Law Enforcement experience and training along with the experience and technical knowledge of the other Safety Committee members to try and make Or-Shalom a safe place for our families to grow, learn, and worship while keeping it an open and inviting community.

I have conducted training for Temple staff and the Board on emergency procedures and CPR/AED to ensure that in case of an emergency within our religious home we have people who know what to do in time of crisis.

A few months ago I attended a **work related conference** where I listened to a presentation by Dr. Keith Murray. Dr. Murray is a trauma surgeon and a member of the Pittsburgh Swat Team. Dr. Murray was among the first Swat teams to enter the Tree of Life Synagogue on October 27th 2018 in search of an active shooter. During his presentation Dr. Murray recalled seeing congregants performing first aid on the injured. He said later he found out that the Synagogue had held classes on a program called "Stop the Bleed" for its members in the weeks prior to the shooting. This got me thinking that the more of our congregational family that know these basic life saving measures, the better off we all are. This knowledge is not only for extreme emergencies such as in Pittsburgh, but could be applied during an accident or workplace injury.

Starting next year, watch for events, classes, and seminars hosted by the Safety Committee in the realm of safety, security, and emergency preparedness. These learning opportunities will be designed for all members of your family and friends to better inform on many levels, not just in case of another tragic event, but for your every day life.

Health & Safety Fair

Sunday,
February 9

9:00 - 10:00 am

Stop the Bleed Training with
Lake Forest Hospital

10:15 am - 1:30 pm

Health & Safety Fair including Krav
Maga, Ayurveda Health Coach,
Blood Pressure Tests and more!



Isabelle Loiben

For my mitzvah project, I raised money for the Special Education District of Lake County, or SEDOL by running a 5k with my dad. As many of you know, I have hearing loss in my left ear and since kindergarten, SEDOL has provided me with so much help including an FM Unit to help me hear my teachers better. I am lucky enough to not need a hearing aid outside of school but there are many kids who do and not everyone is able to afford them. The money I raised will go to families that don't have enough money to afford things like hearing aids.

Jeremy Robin

As a little kid, I was terrified of dogs. My parents wanted to adopt a dog to help me get over my fear. I never would have agreed until I met Oreo. This is why I chose to help out at Orphans of the Storm for my mitzvah project. Each year approximately 1.5 million shelter animals are put down. This statistic makes me upset. Orphans of the Storm is a no-kill shelter so I was really happy to volunteer my time at their adoption events. It made me happy when I heard the dogs I met got adopted by families. Besides volunteering at adoption events, I also helped raise funds for Orphans to purchase cleaning and pet care supplies. In addition to fundraising, I collected old towels, blankets, newspapers and other items to help care for the animals at the shelter.

Daniel Robin

For my mitzvah project, I decided to donate my time to Orphans of The Storm. We adopted our dog Oreo from there a few years ago. This is special to me because we were able to give animals that were neglected a home. I volunteered at adoption events to help get more dogs adopted. It made me happy when I saw a family find the right dog to adopt. Not only does it give the dog a home, but it helps the family reduce stress, stay fit and add purpose to their lives.

It costs a lot for shelters like Orphans to rescue animals and care for them until they get adopted so I also raised funds to buy pet supplies and collected newspapers, old towels and blankets among other items the shelter needs. It made me feel good when I saw the happy smiling faces of the people working at the shelter when we brought in our donations.

Sadie Sutz

For my mitzvah project I decided to give back to animals, in particular dogs, because I have gotten so much love from my own dog Addie and I am so grateful for her. I wish I could adopt them all but since I can't I wanted to give dogs in shelters some happiness and fun. I coordinated with Orphans of The Storm and Save-A-Pet and donated toys that I made by hand, toys and accessories I received from donations from others where I set up donation boxes at places such as Kelly's on 41 where I ride horses and my mom's office where she is a psychotherapist. I am so impressed with how many people have been so generous with what they have given! It continues to inspire me to keep making these gifts for these lovable animals knowing how much they appreciate it. It feels so good to know that I am able to give something back, to make a difference in an animal's life even though I am only 13. Doing this mitzvah project showed me that you don't need to be an adult to make a difference, you can do this anytime at any age, anywhere. If you have things at home that you no longer need like blankets, tennis balls, old sheets and towels, please feel free to reach out to me at sadie1003@icloud.com so I can donate them to these great shelters who care for these animals before they get adopted. Thanks so much!

THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP!

The World Zionist Congress Elections are coming soon, and our congregation's votes are critical to maintaining a large Reform presence! Or Shalom's member, Jeremy Seaver, has been nominated to the Slate List of Delegates for the Reform Movement.

The election is our chance to have the Reform Movement's voice and priorities heard in Israel. It's a powerful way to combat the discrimination the Reform Movement faces from the Israeli government. Voting will take place from January 21 – March 11, 2020, and we will need to engage every single Reform Jew to vote for the Reform slate!

Keep an eye out for the details of how to vote and make your voice and our community count. Only by growing the strength of the Reform Movement's voice in the World Zionist Election can we ultimately make progress on the issues we care about: religious freedom, equality, pluralism and more. By working together, we can achieve amazing things!

Go to ARZA.org to sign up for a reminder to vote! If you're interested in helping with this effort, please email Rabbi Ari at rabbimargolis@orshalomlc.com.

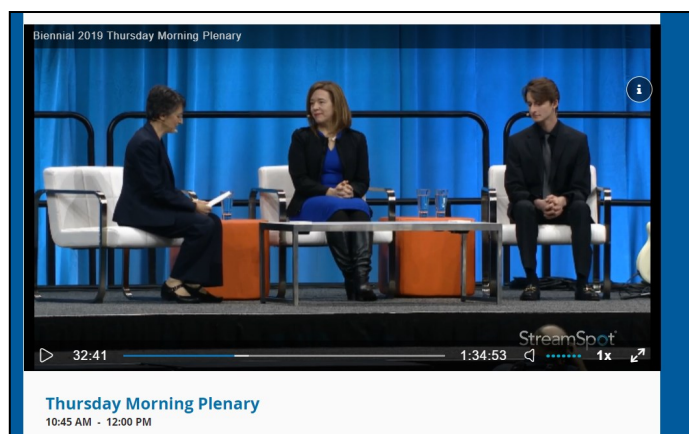


URJ BIENNIAL 2019
DECEMBER 11 - 15 • CHICAGO, IL

OR SHALOM FEATURED AT URJ BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

On Thursday, December 12 at the largest platform for Reform Jewish community, the URJ Biennial conference, during a plenary session for the entire 5,000+ group of attendees from congregations all across North America and the world, our community was pointed to as an example of how congregations should be reaching people in today's day and age.

If you'd like to hear the session, you can find it at <https://www.urjbiennial.org/livestream-recordings>



While the entire plenary session is enjoyable, if you want to skip to the "Or Shalom" part on the "Thursday Morning Plenary" video:

- 26:45 -- Introduction of Amy Asin, VP of Strengthening Congregations, Union for Reform Judaism (who is sharing the story of how congregations need to change the way we serve people)
- 32:30 -- Story of Sara Knizhnik, talking of her experience at Congregation Or Shalom
- 41:20 -- Amy Asin talks a little bit more about Or Shalom

(And if you enjoyed that video, you can look through all the other big moments at this incredible conference, as well. Second City had a pretty hilarious performance geared to a Jewish conference at the end of the Saturday evening plenary video)

AT SHABBAT, WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES. . .

January 3

Edward Atz
Dorathye Bernstein
May Bierman
Yehuda Leib Bork
Stanley Arthur Bresler
Shirlee Dinell
Hyman Dritz
Henry Ehrenberg
Morris Finer
Arnold T. Fleig
Sherwin Freidin
Beverly Gold
Allen J. Goldberg
Paul Gotfried
Ruth Grabell
Jack Levitan
Phillip Lome
Al Mark
Bob Meeske
Beth Reifman
Jared Rose
Eugene Sadin
Beverly Scott
Barry Ship
Dorothy Tobiansky
Abraham Tovsky
Mary Singer Tuteur
Phineas Ulmishek
Dena Wirklich
Trude Wise
Sid Wittert

January 10

M. Jerome Berman
Suzie Cohen
Gerald Cole
Donald Cole Copeland
Gene Emery
Jennifer Gluckman Feldman
Philip S. Freund
Shirley Ganz
Max Goldberg
Florence Gottfried
Lawrence Greenstein
Carol Rosenberg Kondorusi
Richard Lava
Chuck Lotnick
Michael David Miller
Mae G. Oppenheim
Gertrude Rabin
Jack Roberts
Muriel Sachs
Muriel Schoen
Eva Seidenberg
Rose Sherman
Jerry Silverberg
Jack Spector
Evelyn Anne Stein

January 17

Fred Bernheim
Morris Bierman
Lenard Gardner
Robert Gluckman
Elaine Goldberg
Hyman Greenbaum
Robert Heller
Sylvia Huttas
Richard Katz
David Konstat
Frances Meizlesh
Victor Noparstak
Adelle Perlman

Sylvia Rosenblum Rich
Stanley Rosen
Irving Rosenstock
Harriet Saretsky
Sarah Schultz
Roberta Schwartz
Minnie Semer
Herbert Whitey Siegel
Mae Stein
Patricia Velgos
Arthur Zamost

January 24

Raymond Berg
Irwin Boxer
Donald Cohn
Cerna Cornis
Eugene Dechter
Fred Drucker
Samuel Edison
Jerome I. Ellen
Ralph Gally
Andy Holte
James Kondorusi
Mildred Lambert
Jerry Loebman
Roy Lurie
Morris Moskovitz
Barry Pass
Sherman Rootberg
Harold Rozansky
Sheldon Schrieber
Trude Wise

January 31

Barry Brick
Ryan Alexandre Briere
Helen Chase
William J. DeHoff
Henry Fantus
Dora Feldman
Olga Haring
Ethel Hartstein
Leo Hornstein
Esther Kabak
David Kading
Alice Keide
Marcy Kind
Margaret Lerfelt
Roberta Levitt
Shainey Lipke
Maynard Louis
Ernest Lowy
Ruth Nussbaum
Nathan Pevsner
Sheldon Pevsner
Bernard Roth
Marshall Schrieber
Harry Siegel
Sander Sloan
John Steinheiser
Richard Tessarolo
Jay Werber

February 7

Andrea Bartlett
Lily Brill
Schlomo Brill
Milton Brown
Howard Duberstein
Donald Ennis
Joseph Feldman
Joseph Grossman
Morris Leitman

Bess Levenfeld
Beatrice Lichter
J. C. Lome
Lawrence Mann
Sally Mason
Rebecca Moscovitz
David Plotnick
Betty Reifman
Philip Reifman
Richard Maya Romanoff
George Rudolfsky
Albert Solomon
Jean Stiefel

February 14

Irving Bergman
Harry Berman
Alvin Bernstein
Morris Ferdman
Joel Goldstein
Selma Greengard
David Katz
David Lewis
Irving Melcer
Lila Pine
Susan Powder
Sandra Rose
Robin Seidenberg
Delores Shapiro
Edith Toby Swartz
Mildred Weinstock
Ben Wirklich
Robert Wojtas
Ben Yaffee
Marlene Zukerman
Isadore Zverow

February 21

Seymour Cy Brenner
Abraham Cohen
Margaret Coty
Paul Cramer
Jerry Fell
Robert Fine
Rosemary Fleig
Murray Freeland
Daniel Friedenreich
Beatrice Frifield
Geri Getlin
Earl J. Goldberg
Evelyn Goldman
William Gordon
Paul Gordon
Fanny Greenbaum
Cecilia Grossman
Sidney D. Hirsch
Alvin Holzer
Harry Kirshenbaum
Ben Kohn
Audrey Krawetz
Sidney Kritzler
Cheryl Larson
Helen Levin
Bernard Levine
Bernard Levitan
Margaret Longoria
Lillian Minsky
Morton Minsky
Ethel Neiberg
Jeanette Nisenholz
Bertha Ruttenberg
Joy Sadin
William Schwartz
Leonard Slavin

Elizabeth Sommer
Sara Stein
Alexander Steinhaus
Theodore Vanderwerff
Howard Weisman
B.G. Wharton
Nadine Zurmuhlen

February 28

Norman Ackerman
Gina Alterson
Rose Applebaum
Helen Bergman
Gertrude Berwin
Sylvia Block
Eugene Bookman
Norman Borger
Manny Colodny
Esther Edelman
Lawrence Elegant
Abraham Ellis
Roseann Epner
Ronald Finkle
Leon Gold
Ruth Goldberg
Betty Goldman
Esther Horberg
Lorna Jacobson
Albert Kessler
Martha Fisher Lewis
Ethyl Lome
Ilene Marks
Joe Masaracchia
Michael Minnen
Elizabeth Mishkovsky
Shirley Pittleman
Joseph Rosen
Bernice Rothschild
Jack Rubin
Robert Sacks
Judith Schrieber
Louis Shapiro
Sheldon Sperling
Edna B. Sylvan
Sara Unger
Louis Weinstein
Emanuel Weinstock
Harvey Wexler

IN MEMORIAM



We extend our condolences to the families of:

Carole "Cissie" Silver
mother of Bob Silver

Dennis Minsky
father of Michelle Kolb

Saul Jacobson

Steven Wollack
uncle of Erin Stein



January Birthdays

Children celebrating birthdays in January will receive a special birthday blessing at our Simchat Shabbat services on Friday, January 24

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Sadie Barnes | Gavin Miller |
| Daniel Berke | Eva Monk |
| Hunter Blumenfeld | Evan Polen |
| Chloe Coleman | Ethan Ramsay |
| Mia Feldman | Hannah Roberts |
| Steely Jeffs | Zachary Schatz |
| Eli Freedman | Maxwell Stein |
| Ian Grady | Jordan VanOven |
| Hannah Greenfield | Charlie Williams |
| Brandon Grunfeld | |
| Hudson Hoffman | |
| Talia Rosenblum | |
| Anara Katzman | |
| Ryan Meeske | |

February Birthdays



Due to the congregational retreat, we do not have a Young Children's Service in February. If your child has a February birthday, please join us on **January 24** when January and February blessings will be given.

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Joshua Berke | Hannah Schwartz |
| Mya Brusso | Avi Steinhaus |
| Olivia Chertow | Sasha Steinhaus |
| Sarina Davis | Melissa Strelitz |
| Ryan Dorf | Molly Truding |
| Jori Ellen | Matthew Wilcox |
| Nathan Feldman | Max Williams |
| Braedyn Friedman | |
| Maya Greenfield | |
| Kayla Levy | |
| Milo Magnifico | |
| Zachary Miller | |
| Adeline Mittelman | |
| Griffin Nichols | |
| Rachel Schatz | |

Updating Personal Information

If any of your information needs to be updated, please login to our website at orshalomlc.org or call the temple office, and one of us would be happy to walk you through the steps.

MAKE A DONATION

Or Shalom has a variety of funds to mark special occasions, commemorate life-cycle events, or to show appreciation for acts of kindness. These funds support educational, religious and social action programs. Please designate the specific fund and the acknowledgement information when making your donation.

Florence & Arthur Bogeaus Youth Scholarship Fund:

Donations to this fund will be used to provide Jewish informal educational experiences for children and teenagers.

Cantor's Discretionary Fund: Donations to this fund are used to make scholarships available when needed, to help support special activities and to give to worthy causes at the cantor's discretion.

Caring Committee Fund: Donations to this fund are used to help defray costs of providing items of comfort in times of illness, surgery or loss.

Mitzvah Meals Fund

Donations to this fund go to fight hunger at local schools and in the community.

General Fund: Donations to this fund are used to help defray costs associated with the upkeep and maintenance of the building.

Legacy of Light Fund: Donations are used to pay down our mortgage.

Levenfeld/Kritzler Fund: Donations are used to fund Scholars-in-Residence and adult education.

Library Fund: Donations to this fund are used to purchase books, materials, supplies and equipment for the Library.

Stephen McNulty Youth Fund: The Stephen McNulty Fund shall be used to fund programming and experiences for our temple youth. Clergy, Education Director and Executive Director shall determine programs and experiences and determine youth members that will receive financial benefit from this fund.

Music Fund: Donations to this fund are used to help defray costs of new music, equipment and special music programs.

Prayer Book Fund: Donations to this fund are used to purchase our Reform prayer book, *Mishkan T'filah*.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: Donations to this fund are used to make scholarships available when needed, to help support special activities and to give to worthy causes at the rabbi's discretion.

Religious School Scholarship Fund: Donations to this fund are used to allow all of our children to benefit equally from our educational program by giving scholarships to deserving students, support technology in our school and to purchase special equipment and supplies.

The Ryan Brière Children's Programming Fund

Donations to this fund help underwrite children's programming.

Zena Singer Retreat Scholarship Fund

Donations to this fund help offset the costs of retreats to OSRUI.

Anna & Leon Rudzin Holocaust Education Fund: Donations to this fund will be used to educate the students of Congregation Or Shalom about the Holocaust and its effect on the Jewish people.

Memorial Plaques: The purchase of a Memorial Plaque is a special way to permanently remember a departed loved one. For a \$500 donation, an engraved plaque will be added to the memorial board in the sanctuary. This can be done at any time but is an especially meaningful way to commemorate a *yahrzeit* (anniversary of the date of death).

Tree of Life: The purchase of a leaf on the Tree of Life is a special way to commemorate a family *simcha* such as a birth, a wedding, special anniversary, bar/bat mitzvah or any other special event. For a \$250 donation, an engraved leaf will be added to our Tree of Life. For a \$1,000 donation, a stone will be placed at the bottom of the Tree of Life and can be inscribed in memory of a loved one.

CONTRIBUTIONS

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of:

Abraham Sacks
by Mark Plotnick and Hope Freeland

CARING FUND

In memory of:

Marvin Nussbaum
by Bari Rubenstein & Cathy Wolfson
Grigoriy & Dora Butman
by Slava Butman

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In memory of:

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Saul Jacobson
by Barbara and Martin Winn
Mildred Behm on her yahrzeit
by Burton & Sharon Behm
Gary Saipe
by Marianne Durgavich
Gary Saipe
by James Moss, Anne Offner and Abigail Moss
Gary Saipe
by Bill Fleig
Marvin Nussbaum
by Rabbi Nina J. Mizrachi & David Wagner

LEGACY OF LIGHT FUND

In appreciation of:

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by Tanya Zivin
High Holiday effort of R & R committee
by Bill and Susan McNulty

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Gary Saipe
by The Kritzer Uhrmacher Family
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by Lynn Levy and Alec Hauser
Gary Jacobs
by Lynn Levy and Alec Hauser

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Gary Saipe
by Bette & Julian Hess
Gary Saipe
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Marvin Nussbaum
by Wendy and Jerry Goldstein
Marvin Nussbaum
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Gary Scott Saipe
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LEGACY OF LIGHT FUND

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In memory of:

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LIBRARY FUND

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by Barbara & Bill Greenfield

In memory of:

Doris Zimmerman on her yahrzeit
by John Katz-Mariani

STEPHEN MCNULTY YOUTH FUND

In honor of:

Micah's bar mitzvah
by Susan & Bill McNulty
Leith's bar mitzvah
by Susan & Bill McNulty
Marvin Joule Zacher
by Steve and Jennifer Leventhal
New grandson Marvin
by Bill and Susan McNulty
Our new grandson
by Wendy Copeland & Jon Schwartz
Wishing a speedy recover to:
Eva Tolub
by Karen & Larry Kaplan
Holly Axelrod
by Karen & Larry Kaplan

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In honor of:

The birth of Marvin Zacher
by Bruce and Aleta Kahn

MUSIC FUND

In memory of:

Gary Saipe
by Ruth Farb

RYAN BRIERE CHILDREN'S FUND

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by Tanya Zivin
Lisa Jay
by Tanya Zivin

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In appreciation of:

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by Karen & Larry Kaplan
Rabbi Ari for championing humanitarian causes
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