



THE SHOFAR



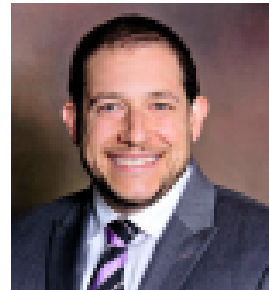
FROM OUR RABBI...

Over these next two months, we will enter the darkest phase of our year. Each day will become shorter and shorter until we reach the winter solstice and start turning the corner. Yet, as we approach those darkest of times, we will have an invitation to bring light, since this year, Chanukah leads us right up to that shortest day.

Our tradition has a lovely way of inspiring hope in our hearts throughout the year. During our winter season, we have our festival of lights, the holiday in which we light extra

"We must stand in the deepest shadow
To see the clearest light;
And often through wrong's own darkness
Comes the welcome strength of right."

John Henry Newman from the poem "Life Lessons"



candles and allow them to brighten our homes. While spinning dreidels, eating latkes, exchanging gifts and singing songs, this season can have a way of lifting our spirits and lighting up our hearts. Despite the rising challenges that COVID continues to bring and the uncertainties that surround us, Chanukah offers us something to look forward to and celebrate and share with loved ones.

The holiday of Chanukah tells a story of rededication. The Maccabees rededicated themselves to their Jewish faith after being forbidden to openly practice their Judaism, and they brought about the miracle of a military victory of a small group of freedom-fighters over the Roman army. Upon winning the battle, they rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem,

lighting the eternal flame and creating the miracle of the oil that lasted for eight nights when it should have only been enough for one.

This year, our Chanukah time will offer us new ways to rededicate ourselves. After $\frac{3}{4}$ of a year in which we have had to make massive shifts in our lives, dealing with the pandemic, to what might we wish to be rededicated once we are able to escape these dark times? Knowing that we have all made incredible adjustments to how we do things in these times, what have we learned about ourselves or our priorities to which we want to rededicate ourselves, so that we keep them central to our lives even after things “go back to normal”?

Perhaps, this year, our Chanukah narrative serves as a metaphor for this time period in which we are living. I wish I had a timeline for when we will all be able to say we have come past this, but perhaps as we stand in the deepest shadows this year, we can also take a few moments to seek out the clearest light. If we can afford ourselves a few moments to step back and reflect on what is filling us up through these challenging times, perhaps we can find the inspiration and hope that can be so lacking in such uncertainty. Know that your Or Shalom family is here for you and with you, as well, if you are having trouble finding that hope. May we open our eyes and hearts to the lights that still shine for us through the darkness, and may they help us find the welcome strength that will guide us through this season and into the brighter days that will come.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

Shabbat Service **Friday,
November 6 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,
November 7 @ 10:00AM**

Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Michaels

Shabbat Service **Friday,
November 13 @ 5:45PM**
Shabbat Sha-Gather

7:00PM Traditional Service

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,
November 14 @ 10:00AM**

Shabbat Service **Friday,
November 20 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,
November 21 @ 10:00AM**

Bar Mitzvah of
Hayden Bresler-Livingston

Shabbat Service **Friday,
November 27 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,
November 28 @ 10:00AM**

Shabbat Service **Friday,
December 4 @ 5:45PM**
Shabbat Sha-Gather

7:00PM Traditional Service

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,
December 3 @ 10:00AM**

Shabbat Service **Friday,
December 11 @ 5:45PM PJ Library &
Young Children's Service**

6:30PM Shabbat Hannukah Service

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,
December 12 @10:00**

Shabbat Service **Friday,
December 18 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,
December 19 @10:00**

Shabbat Service **Friday,
December 25 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday
December 26 @10:00**

PEACE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 @7pm

Spend time with one another to lift our hearts in prayers of peace, reconciliation, and hope regardless of the outcome of the election.

Via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 875 4215 9652

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WOMEN'S PROGRAMMING

OR SHALOM 2020/2021

Hannukah Match Jar Crafting
Tuesday, 12/8 @7:00pm
via Zoom



Notorious RBG Virtual Tour
Sunday, 1/10 @2:00pm
via Zoom



The Story of Esther & Vashti
Thursday, 2/18 @7:30pm
via Zoom



Or Shalom Women's Seder
Tuesday, 3/16 @7:00pm
via Zoom



Interfaith Program
Thursday, 5/20 @7:00pm
via Zoom



Or Shalom Holiday Cooking
TBD
via Zoom



Parking Lot Social
Thursday, 8/20 @7:00pm
at Or Shalom



Information on each event will be distributed closer to event date.
Any Questions? Call the office at 847-362-1948



INVITE YOU TO JOIN US
FOR ENGAGING
DISCUSSIONS LED BY

Rachel Kamin

JUDAICA LIBRARIAN AND
BOOK CLUB FACILITATOR

THE IMPERFECTS
BY AMY MEYERSON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
@7 PM

Register at:
bit.ly/OSPOTBnov20

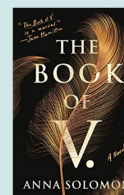


THE COLOR OF LOVE
BY MARRA B. GAD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19
@7 PM

Register at:
<https://www.orshalomlc.org/event/OSPOTBjan21>

THE BOOK OF V: A NOVEL
BY ANNA SOLOMON
THURSDAY, MARCH 4
@7 PM

Register at:
<https://www.orshalomlc.org/event/OSPOTBmarch21>



THE LOST SHTETL
BY MAX GROSS
THURSDAY, MAY 6
@7 PM

Register at:
<https://www.orshalomlc.org/event/OSPOTBmay21>

Book descriptions can be found on registration pages

Questions? Contact Chuck or Debbie Colodny at sefersogood@aol.com

LETTER FROM THE President

Laura S. Goodman



The High Holy Days mark the beginning of the new year, the time to atone for our sins and start with a clean slate, and the time to start reading the Torah from the beginning. But our High Holy Days last month also began with the death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Justice Ginsburg (or RBG) was not only a strong, wise, dedicated Justice, but she was a trailblazer in the ongoing evolution of gender equality. She will be remembered in Jewish history as a leader with unwavering tenacity. However, her life is also a reminder about the importance of friendship and community. Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin Scalia could not have been more polarly opposite on their views and they opposed each other on issues that were argued in the Supreme Court. But they also shared a love for opera and were very close personal friends. This willingness to accept differences in others can be practiced by all – especially in a time when our country feels divided and many feel isolated.

Our Or Shalom High Holy Days services were shared by our community over livestream to provide a safe experience for all in this pandemic time. Our Clergy, staff, and Religion & Ritual Committee worked tirelessly to ensure that the services would be meaningful for all. There were some minor hiccups due to bandwidth and other technical blips, but we knew that was a risk when we decided to be one of few congregations to stream a live service instead of a pre-taped production. The feedback has been extremely positive so far. My personal experience was that my family felt it was very intimate and, since my father was watching from his home in Florida, I truly felt that we were enjoying services together. I hope that you also felt that you were together with both family and our Or Shalom community while praying from the comfort and safety of your own homes.

We all listened to the honest, raw, and heart-warming words that Jeffrey Metz shared with us during Rosh Hashanah services. Jeff's love for his family, friends, and our temple were palpable. We can all benefit from Jeff's example of living, loving, and laughing more often and more strongly. Our Or Shalom family came together again to grieve and to support Jeff's family only a couple of weeks ago. His family has received an overwhelming amount of support from the Or Shalom community – and this is what makes our temple community a very special spiritual home. Although we are physically separated to keep safe from the Covid-19 virus, we can feel like we are all together when it matters.

My hope for all of us is to soon be able to physically share holidays, Shabbat services, and life-cycle events with our temple family. We should be able to share programming, book clubs, social action events, and hold the first Jeffrey Metz Memorial Poker Tournament, once it is safe to do so. But until then we can enjoy being together as one community in whatever ways we can – supporting each other, laughing together, and learning together.

L'Shalom,
Laura

I am happy to share that teachers and students have “settled in” to this semester’s online Jewish learning journey. If you haven’t had the opportunity to “sit in” on one of your child’s classes, you may be surprised to learn how many different strategies and learning modalities our teachers have been using in the one-hour sessions they have together:

Our Hebrew through Movement Team led by Morah Ricki Wovsaniker and her teen madrichot Olivia Graham and Nora Kogan, visit each kdg-5th grade class for ten minutes weekly and have children on their feet walking, running and spinning. Students are learning names for body parts and respond to commands utilizing the new Hebrew vocabulary.

Hebrew through Movement is fostering an appreciation for the sounds of the Hebrew language and building Hebrew vocabulary – in addition to getting students out of their seats and moving around!

Part of each 4th-6th grade class includes small group Hebrew, as students are moved to breakout rooms to practice Hebrew with a tutor. This helps build community as students support each other’s learning, in addition to improving their own Hebrew skills.

Cantorial Soloist Laurie Akers and song leader Jon Gordon visit our K-6th grade classes on Sunday mornings to share Jewish music and prayer. Laurie shares melodies and the meaning of prayers with our students on Wednesday afternoons as well.

Each week we introduce a new Hebrew letter of the week, and corresponding words of the week. We hope that you will build a “Jewish Life Vocabulary” along with your children. Each week ask them to share the Letter of the week and to teach you the new Hebrew words they’ve learned. We would love to share this vocabulary throughout congregation!

To help us keep track of all of our programs, schedules, emails and zoom links we are fortunate to have Michael Schneider recently join our staff (on a part-time basis) as Or Shalom’s Education Coordinator. Prior to the COVID shelter-in-place, Michael was a program specialist at JCYS in Buffalo Grove where



he added Jewish enrichment to the early childhood center. His previous experience was at Makom Solel Lakeside in Highland Park as director of youth engagement and associate executive director. Michael has a Master of Arts degree in Jewish Studies and has taught at many suburban and city synagogues over the past decade. He lives in Buffalo Grove with his wife Danielle, and their adorable children Judah (5) and Ezra (3). (shown in photo)

Marcia Cohen

Upcoming Special Programs:

Shabbat Sha-Gather - November
Friday, November 13 @5:45-6:45pm

2nd grade Shabbat Friday, November 20 6:00pm

Shabbat Sha-Gather – December
Friday, December 4 @5:45-6:45pm

6th grade B’nai Mitzvah Workshop
Sunday, December 6th @8:45-10:15am

Hanukkah Shabbat Service
Friday, December 11 @6:30pm



news from the school

Marcia Cohen,
Education Director

Mazel Tov to 8th grader **Eden Block** who was recently selected to the Illinois' Holocaust Museum's Teen Advisory Board. More than 100 teens applied for 35 spots on the Board. The Teen Advisory Board will reinforce the Museum's mission through involvement in family programs, events, and teen docent programs. Eden is also currently participating in an initial cohort of 3 teens who have chosen to be part of Or Shalom's new partnership program with the Holocaust Museum which meets on Sunday mornings.

Eden is joined by Reece Larson and Julianna Pinder and Or Shalom congregant Mort Blieberg, who serves in the dual role as Museum docent and class teacher.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
DURING 10AM TEFILLAH

**OSRUI REPS
WILL SHARE
INFORMATION
ABOUT
SUMMER 2021!**

#ThisYearInOconomowoc

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN!](#)

Meeting ID: 831 2531 2916 Passcode: 307366



Parents who want to learn more about OSRUI are invited to join their children on zoom!

Or Shalom's Smiling Consecration Faces



Mazel tov to our new Religious school students on their Consecration during Simchat Torah services. The students were so excited to receive their own little Torah to mark this special event!



UPDATE

Our COVID Task Force continues to meet on a regular basis to ensure we are maintaining safety protocols in accordance with the recommended guidelines. Our staff continues to work in the office and plexiglass has been installed in all areas that aren't private offices. We are asking that members call to make appointments to come in to the temple building, and masks are required. Our B'nai Mitzvah protocols have changed as the COVID metrics continue to change. Families are allowed to have limited numbers of mask-wearing

guests who are required to pre-register to allow for potential contact-tracing and other social distancing precautions in place. In the meantime, we continue to stream the services over Zoom. We will continue to stream our Shabbat services over Zoom and Facebook Live until it is safe to be together again in person. We will be monitoring and updating our safety protocols as this pandemic continues to evolve. The health and safety of our Clergy, staff, and congregants is always our priority.



As we approach the season of gift giving, we want to reduce the stress of going shopping and staying safe. At the same time you can add a few shekels to our fund-raising efforts at Or Shalom.

If you use Amazon to shop already, use **Amazon Smile** and our congregation benefits from your purchase and there is no extra cost to you.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

(Select: Congregation Or Shalom of Lake County Location: Vernon Hills, IL)

Shopwithscrip is our gift card program. We have gone virtual. There are over 700 gift cards available for your shopping use or to purchase gifts for others.

Use the link below to sign up for: **[Shopwithscrip](#)**.

Verify that our Or Shalom enrollment code **F26D4AEF56643** is on your sign up.

If you shop with Amazon or any of the stores or restaurants that are listed on **Shopwithscrip**, please consider working with us to increase our fund-raising efforts.

Should you have any questions, contact Bill McNulty at **bmcnulty40@gmail.com** or the temple office.



At Or Shalom...

**Thank you to
the generous donor who
sponsored the
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& postage for our
Every Voice Every Vote
Initiative**



WE'RE SO PROUD OF OUR B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS' MITZVAH PROJECTS!

Caden Katz: I have always cared about helping others in need, both humans and animals. It was planned for me to volunteer through JUF to help feed and serve homeless people but because of COVID-19 I was no longer able to do that, I plan to do this once it is safe. Despite that, I ended up doing two other mitzvah projects. I built a Sukkah with the help of my friends and family from scratch using fallen, found wood from my neighborhood. It is now a permanent structure in our yard and in the summer we used it as our vegetable garden. We donated some of the harvest to local food pantries as well. Second, for 4 months my dad and I nurtured the nests of a threatened native bird species called Purple Martins. We cleaned the nests and made sure no parasites were there so the babies could thrive until safe.

Megan Bernheim: For my mitzvah project, I made cards of encouragement for Rabbi Ari to give people who are struggling with illness or depression. This began when I decided to create uplifting notes for people in need during my free time. I've always loved to doodle and write – so this was fun for me. Once the pandemic hit, I was stuck at home all day during quarantine and chose to make the best of it. I had already made around 30 cards when Rabbi Ari suggested making this my mitzvah project. I agreed because I knew that I could put a smile on tons of people's faces all day every day. I was able to create so many cards given the circumstances during the time of my bat mitzvah and loved the feeling of making people happy.

Emma Zivin: Becoming a Jewish adult, especially during COVID-19, has taught me to be grateful, even in times of uncertainty and crisis. I am thankful that the worst thing that has happened to my family and me during this time has been having my service over Zoom and canceling my bat mitzvah party. I dealt with the pandemic in my own way by sewing and donating masks to Masks Now Illinois. I also sewed masks for family friends, for a small fee, and donated the profits to the family of my school's assistant principal, who died unexpectedly at the beginning of quarantine. Mask-making and my donations became my mitzvah projects, when that wasn't even my plan. It felt good to help others and to do something to help "flatten the curve."

Reece Larson: For my Bar Mitzvah project I collected items for two different military units. The first is a unit stationed in Kuwait. The second unit was stationed at an air base in Turkey. My cousin is the first officer of the unit. I sent ten boxes of items to both units. The boxes were filled with things such as Chicago Blackhawks cups and scarves, food items like Mac and Cheese, holiday decorations, and personal hygiene items they can't get while deployed. The soldiers are far away from their family and friends serving our country and I wanted them to have a little piece of home and to let them know we support them. I also spent time helping with Lake County Honor Flight. They send Veterans on an all expenses paid trip to Washington DC to visit the war memorials. I am proud to give back to them in appreciation of all they did for us.

Isabella Silverman: For my Bat Mitzvah project, I raised money for March of Dimes. March of Dimes is an important organization to my family because my older brother died when he was born prematurely in 2006. The March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Although the walk was cancelled, I walked around Del Webb in Mundelein with my family and grandfather on a beautiful day last May. I hope to be able to participate in more walks in the future and to continue to raise money for March of Dimes.

Ethan Michaels: For my mitzvah project, I collected books for Bernie's Book Bank, toiletries for PADS homeless shelter and school supplies for a local school in need. I selected these items because they mean a lot to me. I think knowledge is power and every kid should be able to learn with books and school supplies. I chose PADS because homelessness is a horrible situation. It hurts me to think about it, but I know there are so many things we could do to help. It was challenging to collect items during the pandemic. I had to bike around the neighborhood and send letters. I even helped clean out 100's of books from a neighbor's basement who could not physically move them to donate. It made me happy to perform a mitzvah. I collected so many children's books that Bernie's Book Bank sent a truck to pick them up.



RACIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Our Racial Justice Task Force is growing, and members continue to speak one-to-one with each of the 61 congregants who responded to our survey. We are learning so much about our community's yearning to connect with others over the inequity that we know is so deeply embedded in our society.

We have begun planning educational programs and discussion groups that will raise our awareness and form the foundation for moving forward toward dialogue and partnerships outside of Or Shalom. Please join us for any or all of these deeply meaningful and worthwhile activities. Here is a compelling upcoming educational program:

Nov. 9, 6 – 7:00 p.m. – An Evening with Ibram X. Kendi. In this online event sponsored by Skokie Public Library, Professor Kendi “will discuss his book *How to Be an Antiracist*, which asks us to think about what an antiracist society might look like and how we can play an active role in building it.”

To register:

<https://skokiellibrary.info/events/13380/an-evening-with-ibram-x-kendi-online-event>

B'NAI MITZVAH PROJECTS CONTINUED

Dara April: My mitzvah project was to make port pillows and donate them to Lutheran General Hospital. When someone needs chemo, they have a port placed to accept the chemo. This can be uncomfortable rubbing against the seat belt. The port pillow helps to make it more comfortable. Recently my Grammie had cancer. She found the port pillow to be very helpful. She and I made them together to give back to where she had her care.

Elijah Herbst: For my Mitzvah project, I will be volunteering virtually with seniors at the Barrington Area Council on Aging. I will be working with the director of programming to help lead virtual groups, which will provide conversation with the seniors and help them feel less isolated during this time of the coronavirus. I hope to also help the seniors with any technology questions that they may have. As I spoke of in my D'Var Torah, I feel that during this time of the coronavirus, once you are healthy and safe, it is important to reach out to others to see if they may need any assistance.

Zachary Stinson: For my mitzvah project I decided to raise money for the Beber Camp Scholarship Fund. Beber Camp gives every kid a chance to enhance their Jewish background while also having a great time doing fun activities like water skiing, Rock Band and Ultimate Frisbee. Beber has been my home away from home for many summers. My brother and sister and I are 2nd generation Beber Campers and I have made so many fun memories there. It was really important to me to help other kids make memories just like we do.

Aaron Stinson: Almost a year before I went to Beber Camp for my first summer away, I was extremely nervous. When I got there, there were many campers and counselors that helped me find my group and my cabin. After a while, I started to have so much fun. That's why I wanted to raise money for the Beber Camp Scholarship Fund. I wanted to help others be able to come to camp that may not have been able to without assistance. I also wanted other kids to be able to have some of the same experiences that I have had and have just as much fun as I do every summer.



GREEN TEAM GAINS RECOGNITION

Inspiring our Or Shalom family to demonstrate environmental responsibility and act boldly to create a sustainable world.

Our Green Team was recently awarded an Honorable Mention for all of Lake County from Faith in Place at its Green Team Summit. Not bad after starting only a little over one year ago!

Despite the virtual world in which so many of us have been living, the Green Team has stayed on the job. We started our native garden; we brought you Environmental Shabbat; we've enhanced Or Shalom's recycling and composting efforts; we advocated for responsible regulation of coal ash pollution in Waukegan; we raised funds through our Plant Sale in order to have waste-free ones when the time finally comes; we installed a bike rack on temple grounds; we published our Green Team Tips of the Week; and more.

Join us in 5781! We will be offering important environmental movies to watch and discuss; advocacy opportunities to get local government to act more responsibly; educational programs; and come next spring, another Environmental Shabbat, as well as a second Plant Sale and plenty of support to help all of us boldly create a sustainable world.



NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB SELECTION
DON'T MISS ALL THIS!

THE IMPERFECTS

BY AMY MEYERSON

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @7 PM

Join us for a book discussion
& visit with Author Amy Meyerson

Via Zoom led by Rachel Kamin

Register at:
[**bit.ly/OSPOTBnov20**](https://bit.ly/OSPOTBnov20)

Click below for book synopsis
Zoom link will be forwarded
closer to event date

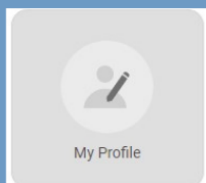


For those interested, there is a documentary featuring one of the characters in the book. The documentary can be viewed on HBO (any time)

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Any questions? Contact the
Or Shalom Office at
847.362.1948



Join us for a
Young Children's Service
celebrating Hannukah!

Friday, December 11th
@5:45pm via Zoom



Details coming
in December



JOIN OR SHALOM WOMEN'S
PROGRAMMING FOR

Hannukah Match Jar Crafting

Tuesday, December 8th @7:00pm

Cost: \$15 per match jar kit

Join Or Shalom's Women's Programming for a fun crafting evening.
Make a special Hannukah Match Jar for yourself, your family or a friend.

All decorating materials & a 'nosh' will be provided and can be picked up at Or Shalom
between 10am and 4pm on December 3rd, 4th & 7th (only 40 kits available)

RSVP by December 1st at:

<https://www.orshalomlc.org/event/OSWPMatchJar>



JOIN OR SHALOM WOMEN'S
PROGRAMMING FOR

A Virtual Tour of Notorious RBG

at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

Sunday, January 10 @2:00-3:00pm

Cost: \$10 per household

The virtual Notorious RBG is a video presentation of our Curator, Arielle Weininger discussing the history of RBG and the exhibition, complete with embedded audio, video, and photographs of artifacts as seen in the exhibition.
After the video is a live Q&A session with a docent.

RSVP by January 6th at:

<https://www.orshalomlc.org/event/NotoriousRBGTour>



OR SHALOM JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
6TH - 8TH GRADE

HAVDALAH & KARATE

Shotokan Karate session led by Sensei Marla Cohen,
Owner of Pride Dojo and 1985 Maccabiah Gold Medalist



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
6:00PM - 7:00PM
ZOOM LINK PROVIDED TO
REGISTERED STUDENTS.
NO COST TO ATTEND.

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFO,
CONTACT MICHAEL BY 11/15 AT
MSCHNEIDER@ORSHALOMLC.COM



JEW CREW CANVAS PAINTING ZOOM EVENT!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020 3:30-5:00PM

COST IS \$15

PAINTING KITS (REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE) WITH CANVAS, PAINT, &
BRUSHES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT OR SHALOM FROM
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH - 13TH DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

RSVP by Sunday, November 8, 2020 at:

https://www.orshalomlc.org/event/JEWCREWHAMSA_PAINT

ROBYN FROM PAINTED PENGUIN WILL BE LEADING US IN
A GROUP HAMSA MAKING ZOOM "SOCIAL" CLASS.



JOIN JEW CREW
FOR

*A Virtual
Hanukkah Party*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
3:00-4:00PM

RSVP TO
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to receive Zoom details!

HANNUKAH TOY & WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



For Whom? The Chicago Chesed Fund, an organization that provides immediate assistance to Jewish families in times of crisis throughout metropolitan Chicago.
(www.ChicagoChesedFund.org for more info).



What? Unwrapped donations of new toys, dolls, games, puzzles, jewelry, hair accessories, craft sets, etc. Especially needed are presents for boys and girls over 9 years old.

Also-- new or gently used coats, sweaters, boots, hats, gloves and scarves, for children and adults. Please, only clean items in good condition.



When? Where? Large collection boxes will be set up inside the front doors of the temple from November 5 through December 11.



Questions? Contact Adele Ennis at socialaction@orshalomlc.org



Got large items you'd like to give away?? Chicago Chesed Fund will send a truck to people's homes to make pickups of larger items (furniture, appliances, etc.) Just call them at 847-679-7799 x 110.

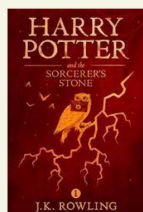
CONGREGATION OR SHALOM PRESENTS

HARRY POTTER AND THE SACRED TEXT

HOSTED BY
JENNIE KRUSE

FALL 2020 SESSION
SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 4TH - NOVEMBER 22ND

Book 2: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.



SUNDAYS @ 7PM ON ZOOM-
CHECK MEMBERS PAGE
FOR ZOOM DETAILS OR EMAIL
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Men's Club



MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY ZOOM SOCIALS @7:00pm

Monday, November 9th
Monday, December 7th
Monday, January 11th
Monday, February 8th

Monday, March 8th
Monday, April 12th
Monday, May 10th
Monday, June 7th

Check the Members Only Page for zoom details

Eric Katzman, Steve Leventhal, Co-presidents
mensclub@orshalomlc.com

Anyone interested in participating more actively in Men's Club should contact us. We do not have a formal leadership team. Instead, we have a group of active members who help shape the direction and focus of our events.



MITZVAH MEALS

are back!



We are up and running. Mitzvah Meals will again be providing meals for 17 students each week. We are looking for volunteers to shop and pack weekend meals.

We will be happy to provide you with the updated, approved shopping list.

Please contact either of us with any questions and your preferred dates:

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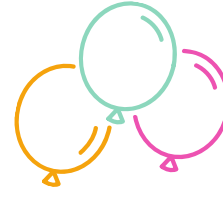
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Birthdays



NOVEMBER

Shai Argentar
Elijah Herbst
Shane Kovalsky
Gemma VanOven
Olivia Sternfield
Kelsey Kozlov

Ryan Glassman
Ashley Stern
Eliona Margolis
Ethan Michaels
Brendan Poders
Connor Coleman

Laila Margolis
Jonah Sattler
Blake Weingardt
Levi Akers
Caden Steres

DECEMBER

Scott Wolfe
Jake Pechter
Ari Fohlen
Ryder Goldkind
Makayla Ceisel
Ryder Kim
Avery Schwalb

Brayden Dechter
Derrick Brown
Leo Magnifico
Hayden Bresler-Livingston
Hayden Silverberg
Ruth Larson
Taylor Grady

COME TOGETHER FOR OUR
MONTHLY FAMILY
LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Shabbat Sha-Gather

Friday, November 13th
Friday, December 4th
5:45-6:45pm

Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 843 8568 3686 Passcode: 642450

November Theme is: Empathy

December Theme is: Adaptability & Flexibility

If you'd like to lead our Shabbat blessings in November or December please
email Rachel (rachelamargolis@gmail.com)

**Each Shabbat Sha-Gather will close with a family-oriented
Shabbat service to nurture our souls.**

Questions: Email Rachel Margolis, RJE (rachelAmargolis@gmail.com)

Welcome to New Or Shalom Members

Jerrold & Terri Behn

Mariana Isakovan & Alexander Buchman

Tracy & Michael Canter

Greg & Marcy Diamond

Larry & Arlene Dribin

Gary & Lynn Edelheit

Martin & Shelley Freed

Lisa & Todd Freer

Howard Futterman

Jonathan Gordon

Tamara Green

Richard Haffner

Marilyn Brodsky & Arnold Lederman

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Laura Fogel-Nisenholz & Brett Nisenholz

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Harriet Salzberg

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VIRTUAL JBABY TOTS & TUNES CLASS

Experience a musical morning with songs & movement
from the comfort of your own home!

Best for children 12-24 months & a parent or caregiver

Facilitated by Jennie Kruse

Date: Fridays January 8 - February 12, 2021

Time: 9:00-9:35am Location: Your home via Zoom

Cost: \$50

To Register: call the Or Shalom Office at 847.362.1948



THE OR SHALOM VIRTUAL CALENDAR



Check out the fantastic array of events that Or Shalom is offering our community throughout **November & December 2020**

Sunday, 11/1

7:00pm Lumos Or Meeting

Monday, 11/2

7:00pm Membership Committee Mtg

Wednesday, 11/4

1:00pm Current Events

7:00pm Peace & Reconciliation Service

8:00pm Social Action Meeting

Friday, 11/6

7:00pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, 11/7

**10:00am Shabbat Morning Service &
Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Michaels**

Sunday, 11/8

10:00am OSRUI Rep @Religious School

7:00pm Lumos Or Meeting

Monday, 11/9

7:00pm Men's Club Zoom Social

Tuesday, 11/10

6:30pm Religion & Ritual Meeting

Wednesday, 11/11

1:00pm Current Events

Friday, 11/13

5:45pm Shabbat Sha-Gather

7:00 Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, 11/14

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

Sunday, 11/15

11:30am Teacher Meeting

3:30pm Jew Crew Painting Event

7:00pm Lumos Or Meeting

Tuesday, 11/17

7:00pm People of the Book - The Imperfects - Book Discussion

Wednesday, 11/18

1:00pm Current Events

7:00pm Board Meeting

Friday, 11/20

6:00pm 2nd Grade Service

7:00 Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, 11/21

**10:00am Shabbat Morning Service &
Bar Mitzvah of Hayden Bresler-
Livingston**

**6:00pm Junior Youth Group -
Havdalah & Karate**

Sunday, 11/22

7:00pm Lumos Or Meeting

Wednesday, 11/25

1:00pm Current Events

Thursday, 11/26-Friday, 11/27

Thanksgiving - Office is closed

Friday, 11/27

7:00pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, 11/28

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

Wednesday, 12/2

1:00pm Current Events

7:00pm Trope Class w/Laurie Akers

8:00pm Social Action Meeting

THE OR SHALOM VIRTUAL CALENDAR



Friday, 12/4

5:45pm Shabbat Sha-Gather

7:00pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, 12/5

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

Sunday, 12/6

6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Workshop

3:30pm Jew Crew Hannukah Party

7:00pm Lumos Or Meeting

Monday, 12/7

7:00pm Men's Club Zoom Social

7:00pm Membership Committee Mtg

Tuesday, 12/8

7:00pm Women's Programming

Hannukah Match Jar Crafting

Wednesday, 12/9

1:00pm Current Events

7:00pm Trope Class w/Laurie Akers

Thursday, 12/10 Hannukah Begins

Friday, 12/11

5:45pm PJ Library/Young Children's Service

7:00pm Shabbat Hannukah Service

Saturday, 12/12

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

Sunday, 12/13

9:00am Hannukah Latke Box Delivery

7:00pm Lumos Or Meeting

Tuesday, 12/15

6:30pm Religion & Ritual Meeting

Wednesday, 12/16

1:00pm Current Events

7:00pm Board Meeting

Friday, 12/18

7:00pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, 12/19

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

Sunday, 12/20

7:00pm Lumos Or Meeting

Friday, 12/25

7:00pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, 12/26

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, 12/31

7:00pm Shabbat Evening Service

Or Shalom Offices
will be closed
Thursday,
12/24/20
through
Sunday, 1/3/21

At Shabbat, we remember our loved ones

October 31

Stanley Akers
Ruth Bauman
Marvin Bernberg
Merle Blumberg
Beatrice Boxer
Stephen Dunn
Stella Falk
Scott Gale
Craig Gastwirth
Irving Gottlieb
Jeffrey Hartstein
Heinz (Harry) Hirschel
Saul Jacobson
Rose Mallinger
Martin Nickow
Gloria Olevsky
Herbert Peck
Mariam Roth
Herman Schwarz
Lana Renee Sockel
Faiga Szwec

November 7

Lennard Becker
David Blieberg
Celia Bork
Jerry Brick
Arnold Burke
Max Cohen
Samuel G. Cohen
Al Dubin
Louis Goldberg
Harry Goldstein
Maynard Goldstein
Melvin Gottlieb
Victor Jacobson
Sally Jaffe
Jeanette Kamen
Harriett Lee
Jack Loomstein
Maurice Ludwig
Marvin Meyers
Mamie Meyers
Sam Mizrahi
Harvey Neer
Michael R. Oppenheim
Rosalyn Pearlman
Audrey Rose
Jerome Sidell
Beatrice Silverman
Donna Stein
Mike Steinberg
Hyman Suritz
Judy Zamost
Solomon Zverow

November 14

Daniel Berg
Min Bernstein
Harryet Brenner
Ilene Dechter
Gustle Gottlieb Eckhaus
Robert Epner
Eva Franklin
Sara Gallas
Bess Goldstein
Helen Hornstein
Rifka Sharon Hultmark
Carl Kanter
Julius Mines
Ben Schultz
Marvin Sherman
Ruth Spector
Donald Surprenant
Lenore Zimmerman
Frederick Zurmuhlen

November 21

Leonard Altschul
Esther Blieberg
Anna Buxbaum
Helen Copeland
Helen Cywinski
Phyllis Dobrin
Norman Gordon
Pauline Gordon
Harry Grauer
Bess Jacobson
Ida Edith Janowitz
Julius Josephson
Virginia Livingston
Marcia Pevsner
Irving Plotkin
Rae Putlack
Howard Reback
Molly Riffer
Robert Runyan
Arthur Shields
Shirley Ship
Gerald Sideman
Fred Solomon
Alex Steinberg
Pearl Tessler
Richard Wise
Richard Wise
Betty Yaffee

IN MEMORIAM



We extend our
condolences to the
families of:

Helane Hergott

Aunt of Rachel Schwartz

Lester Horwitz

Uncle of Kevin Horwitz

Robert Kaufman

Father of Neil Kaufman

Michael McNulty

Brother of Bill McNulty

Jeffrey Metz

*Husband of Susan Metz &
Father of Sarah Metz*

Howard Silverman

Brother of Susan McNulty

At Shabbat, we remember our loved ones

November 28

December 5

December 12

December 19

December 26

Rosalyn Bennett
Lola Bookman
Richard Bootzin
Charles Buxbaum
Rose Byzek
Elliott Fidlow
Mandel Ganz
George Gillespie
Bernard Gross
Pam Guarino
Irene Heuberger
Esther Heyman
Joseph Hodosh
Murray Jacobson
Minerva Levin
Goldie Lyon
Joseph Miller
Keith Nakashian
Arlene Nelson
Hyman Norris
William Jay Reifman
Ida Rotman
Leon Rudzin
Milton Smith
Leo Strauss
Willard Tuteur
Ted Warshawsky

Louise Berger
S. Bruce Chase
Daniel Coe
Jacqueline Cole
Marylin Goldman Cole
Aileen Counselbaum
Mildred Daniels
Rose Diamond
Dorothy Diamond
Bernice Dubin
Bella Ehrlich
Jack Fidlow
Rebecca Kay Goldblatt
Julian Golding
Judy Heyman
Lynn Kane
Mara Krasilchik
Shirley Leiberman
Shirley Levine
Bert Mann
Stephen McNulty
Janice Miller
Morris Joseph Neiberg
David I. Paley
Mildred Romanoff
Mike Rotman
Kerry Sideman
Louis Skinner
Marva Trainer
Harry Traub
Elsye Wexler
Irene Wittert

Andrew Beck
Ann Bernstein
Albert K. Bersh
Dorothy Blieberg
Shirley Buslik
George Colodny
Sherwin Teddy Dubin
Bea Edison
Bessie Gold
Murray Goldstein
Allen Meier Goodman
Abraham Gottlieb
Jeremy Greenberg
Sally Greenfield
Rollie Gussin
Morris Horberg
Jean Kanter
Louis Katz
Abraham Katz
Jerold H. Lasaine
Max Nisenholz
Max Nisenholz
Ralph Odes
Hennrietta Osherwitz
Max Parsky
Lillian Pickus
Earl Polisky
Sam Razowsky
Esther Roberts
Rochelle Sayre
Sandra Schaefer
Frances Schwartz
Donald Silvertrust
Betty Trachtman
Barbara Wettman
Adrienne Wolff
Lillian Wolosky

Edward Atz
Dorathye Bernstein
May Bierman
Yehuda Leib Bork
Stanley Arthur Bresler
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Morris Finer
Arnold T. Fleig
Sylvia Freier
Beverly Gold
Allen J. Goldberg
Ruth Grabell
Jane Greene
Norma Brenner Harris
Walter Hartman
Michael Scott
Helfand
William Katz
Harry Kurz
Gary Laswitz
Jack Levitan
Fannie Levitan
Phillip Lome
Arthur Pearl
Beth Reifman
Eugene Sadin
Beverly Scott
Joseph Skarbek
Genia Slavina
Charles Stein
Anne Steinberg
Bennett Tarshish
Dorothy Tobiansky
Phineas Ulmishek
Pesia Wecker
Sid Wittert

M. Jerome Berman
Gerald Cole
Donald Copeland
Gene Emery
Jennifer Gluckman
Feldman
Sherwin Freidin
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► **Cantor's Discretionary Fund**

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

► **Generations of Light Fund**

Donations to this fund are used to help defray the expenses of our New Building.

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Donations are used to fund the Scholar-in-Residence program.

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