

THE SHOFAR



FROM OUR RABBI...

This month, we will reach an unbelievable milestone: one full year in which we have been living with the restrictions of COVID-19 in our lives. Purim was the last major holiday that we gathered together to celebrate last year. Now that we have just experienced our first digital Purim, we prepare ourselves for a second virtual Passover.

It could be very easy to interpret this previous paragraph as a melancholy reflection on a year filled with loss of so many kinds, lamenting the "Groundhog's Day" nature of the past year in which each day has seemed so similar to the others. However, this was not my intention. This year has been filled with remarkable, unbelievable resilience, creativity, connection and experimentation in our lives that have come out of the disruptions thrust upon us. Our longstanding Jewish tradition of interpretation has given us the tools to look at this year and choose the lens we wish to use in looking at our journeys.

While we do not have to love the burden COVID-19 has put upon us, if you are

reading this, it means that you have found a way, to date, to remain safe and alive through a global pandemic. Our Modeh Ani prayer is the first blessing we are supposed to say upon waking up, in which we declare, "My soul was restored to me as I woke up this morning!" It is a blessing to acknowledge that when we went to sleep, it was not a given that we should wake up in the morning. For some of us, we have never been as aware of this fact as we have this year. This blessing is intended to shape our mindset to embrace the fact of being alive as a gift. Each. Day. Our Nissim b'chol Yom blessings, the blessings for daily miracles, proclaim the mindset of appreciation for the small, but amazing miracles that we experience all the time, making sure we do not take them for granted. As tired as some of us may be of zoom and facetime, imagine this current crisis without these tools! I give thanks each day for this incredible Or Shalom family in which I've seen so many incredible examples of people supporting one another. If you are struggling to find the blessings of these times, please let us help



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and more!

- reach out to me, let's talk it through and see how we might be able to connect you with others here who can partner with you to find new interpretations of these times.

It will soon be an entire year in which we have been living through a global pandemic. Somehow, we have maintained relationships with loved ones. Though it has been difficult, we have managed to still connect with community, even if it has been in different ways. We have found ways to celebrate special moments in life when we have been creative and chosen to do so. In the true moments of loss that too many of us have experienced, we have found ways to comfort one another and to find comfort in others in spite of the challenges these times have brought. Does life look like everything we wanted it to look like? Probably not. Has it ever? . . .

We have never been able to fully control the world around us. All we have ever held within our full power has been the ability to choose how we respond to that world. As we prepare ourselves once again for a Zeder (Zoom Seder) for Passover this year, let us not dwell on the aspect of our upcoming holiday that emphasizes the oppression of slavery. The purpose of this story is to transcend the victimhood of the Israelites and use our collective awareness of the experience of narrowness to empower one another to build a better and brighter future for all. Similarly, when we allow ourselves to embrace the blessings that have accompanied us throughout this past year and interpret the gifts we can take with us into the future, then even this year can be a rich and verdant chapter of life, in spite of it all.

Spiritual Resilience

7-Part Series Taught by Rabbi Margolis

For many of us, it feels like our world is becoming more and more uncertain as we cope with the rapid pace of changes around us and the challenges of our times. During Rosh Hashanah, we spoke about the need to build spiritual resilience for such moments in order to stay true to who we want to be and to navigate such times while still finding and creating meaning. Many of our Jewish traditions and teachings offer us the tools to do so. Join Rabbi Ari in exploring ways to strengthen our resolve, our adaptability, our empathy, our ability to let go and our openness to insights and different perspectives, as we hone the tools to find and make meaning even in difficult times. Each month, we will explore another aspect of how we can build spiritual resilience.

Remaining classes will be offered at two different times each month: Tues., 7:30 – 8:30pm: 3/30, 5/4, 6/1

Wed., 10:30 – 11:30am: 4/7, 5/5, 6/2

The class is accessible for all learners and the sessions are free of charge for members. If you are interested in attending any of the seven sessions, please register at the link below:

Tues. Sessions: bit.ly/ResilienceTues
Wed. Sessions: bit.ly/ResilienceWed

MARCH/APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, March 5

@ 7:00PM Traditional Service

Saturday, March 6

@10:00AM Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Jacobson@3:00PM Bar Mitzvah of Hunter Blumenthal

Friday, March 12 - SIMCHAT SHABBAT

@6:00pm Young Children's Service@7:00PM Traditional Service w/Bet Class

Saturday, March 13

@10:00AM Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Goldstein@3:00PM Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Fischoff

Friday, March 19

@5:45PM Shabbat Sha-Gather
@7:00PM Traditional Service

Saturday, March 20

@10:00AM Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Brown

Friday, March 26

@7:00PM Traditional Service

Saturday, March 27

@10:00AM Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, April 2

@7:00PM Traditional Service

Saturday, April 3

@10:00AM Yizkor & Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, April 9 SIMCHAT SHABBAT

@5:45PM Shabbat Sha-Gather
@7:00PM Traditional Service

Saturday, April 10

@10:00AM Bar Mitzvah of Mason Marder

Friday, April 16

@7:00PM Traditional Service w/Alef Class

Saturday, April 17

@10:00AM Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Suby@3:00PM Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Golden

Friday, April 23

@6:00PM Preschool Shabbat@ 7:00PM Environmental Shabbat

Saturday, April 24

@10:00AM Bar Mitzvah of Rafael Goldman @3:00PM Bar Mitzvah of Evan Polen

Friday, April 30

@ 7:00PM Traditional Service with Lag B'Omer Celebration

Saturday, May 1

@10:00AM Bat Mitzvah of Macie Atleson

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I write this note, it is 60 degrees outside, yet there is still snow and ice on my driveway and I am fascinated by the tension between those two extremes. We in Chicago are in this liminal moment, a time between winter and spring that feels like neither and both at the same time. Often this is a brief period of time, but this year it feels like we have been in some sort of *in between space* for almost a year.

So what does that mean to us at Or Shalom? I hear people talking about the "new normal" but I don't feel that is necessarily the right terminology, especially as it relates to the synagogue. What is the new space and time going to look like? What do you want it to look like? I realize that we won't completely go back to what was, and also that there will be some pieces of the

covid reality that we take forward. I don't necessarily know what the right questions are to ask about the future.

So I turn to you, the Or Shalom family. To plan for what will be, we need to know more about how this time through the pandemic has shifted you. I am wondering things like what has worked well in this past year for you, what are you going to take with you into the new reality, and what didn't you like about changes you had to make? Are you interested in having those conversations? Are you willing to share your voice with us in this work? I would like to engage a task force of staff, board and members that examines the past year and plans for the future. If you want to participate in these conversations, please email me at

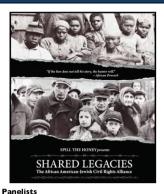
lzygman@orshalomlc.com.



FILM SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION TUESDAY, MARCH 9 AT 7:00 PM

Join us for a special program featuring Rev. Dr. Janette Wilson, Sherry Frank, Chris Riehlmann, Rudy Garrett and Shari Rogers moderated by Nancy Burrows.

The film will be available to view on your own between March 7 and March 9. There is no cost to attend but advanced registration at http://bit.ly/3tKZJ75 is required. Your registration for the Panel Discussion includes your screening registration.



Shared Legacies explores the often forgotten story of the coalition and friendship between the Jewish and African-American communities from the founding of the NAACP through the Civil Rights Era to the present.

Directed by Shari Rogers, Shared Legacies features an impressive array of storytellers and archival footage as it explores the normalized bigotry of the Jim Crow South, the North's rampant bias in the areas of housing, education and employment, and the civil rights era initiatives that brought Black and Jewish leaders together to support Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision for a more just and equitable world.

Featuring

Dr. Shari Rogers, Director and Writer of Shared Legacies

Moderator

Nancy Burrows, NCJW South Cook

This program is sponsored by the following organizations:

Rev. Dr. Janette C. Wilson, Rainbow PUSH Coalition



Chris Riehlmann, Open Communities Sherry Frank, NCJW Atlanta

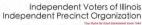
Rudy Garrett, Chicago Votes

























The Ten Commandments: A Second Session led by Or Shalom member Bill McNulty



Tuesday, March 23rd 7:00 - 8:00 pm

RSVP at <u>bit.ly/10commandments2-Bill</u> for zoom link



The Ten Commandments that Moses shared with us were from an era of 3500 years ago. How well does the wording work in today's world? Join the discussion...for a review of the Ten Commandments and share your thoughts.

JOIN US FOR A

PASSOVER WINE TASTING THE TASTING

Sunday, March 21 @ 6pm on Zoom Led by Binny's Wine Manager, Matt Wittman

Purchase your bottles online. Pick up at Or Shalom.

Order for the tasting and get extras for your seder table!

Choose reds and whites from Israel & Italy.

PURCHASE WINE BY 3/15: TINYURL.COM/OSWINE21 CONTACT MICHAEL WITH QUESTIONS: MSCHNEIDER@ORSHALOMLC.COM







Women's Programming presents



Celebrating the Women of the Exodus

Tuesday, March 16th @7pm

A female perspective of the Haggadah: Learn about the heroic & visionary women of the Passover story

Led by Laurie Akers

Register by 3/15 to receive zoom link:

bit.ly/PassoverOSWP316

Submit your favorite Passover recipe to: sfriedman@orshalomlc.com by 3/9 to be shared in booklet form at the virtual event

2021 PASSOVER BOOTCAMP



Join Or Shalom for some Passover preparedness! Leading up to Passover (March 21st-26th) we will be offering a variety of drop in classes/videos on how to enhance your holiday this year.

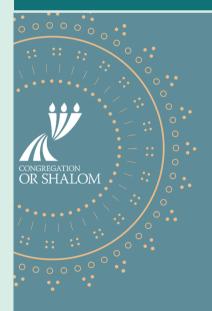
- PASSOVER SEDER CRASH COURSE WITH RABBI ARI & LAURIE AKERS 3/21 @5PM
- BINNY'S OF SKOKIE PASSOVER WINE TASTING ON 3/21 @6PM
- SEPHARDIC COOKING CLASS/TRADITIONS OF PASSOVER WITH AVI ALLALI
- CHAROSET MAKING WITH RACHEL MARGOLIS
- RAC-IL PROGRAM ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM
- AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

CHECK THE PASSOVER BOOTCAMP PAGE FOR DETAILS!

DO YOU NEED A 1ST SEDER CONNECTION?

Or Shalom wants to make sure that you have "family" to spend the evening with via ZOOM...

Register at: https://forms.gle/FQNTixXAKG2DUXZt9
Contact Michelle Levine at: vine1836@aol.com with questions.



2021 SECOND "Z"EDER

Sunday, March 28, 2021 | 5:30 PM

Join your Or Shalom family at our virtual communal table for an inspirational "Z"eder led by Rabbi Ari and Laurie Akers

To receive the zoom link - please register at http://bit.ly/OS2ndZeder
by Thursday, March 25





Marcia Cohen, Education Director

At our monthly professional learning sessions with teachers and madrichim (teen helpers) we spend a few minutes reflecting on the "silver linings" of the pandemic and what we have learned and are grateful about. One of the areas that has expanded and grown in a positive way during the pandemic has been our students' participation in class Shabbat services.

This year a major goal of our *Tefillah* (worship) experience has been understanding the prayers, and how they relate to our students' lives, in addition to familiarity with the Hebrew words. While previously our class Shabbat services included students coming on the bimah and reading a Hebrew or English prayer out of the *siddur* (prayerbook), this year our student participation is very different. Participating in a *tefillah* experience on Zoom has allowed our students the opportunity to share their creativity: Students have drawn pictures of what a prayer means to them, created digital images, made videos, played instruments, sang, and written interpretations of prayers. The service has become much more personal as students take the traditional words of our prayer service and express them in ways to relate to their lives. An example is the words of the *Mi Chamocha* prayer which are taken from the Torah after the Israelites escape slavery in Egypt and cross the Sea of Reeds to become a free people. Our students have interpreted the theme of freedom to dream of times post-COVID when they can come and go freely, be with their friends and relatives, attend school and participate in their favorite activities.

Upcoming Special Events in the School:

Friday, March 12 Bet (4th grade) Shabbat service, 7:00pm

Sunday, March 14 3rd-6th grade Model Seder during 10am *Tefillah* Time

Friday, March 19 Shabbat Sha-Gather, 5:45pm Week of March 20-28 Spring Break, No School

Tuesday, April 6 Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Commemoration) led by 7th grade students

Friday, April 9 Shabbat Sha-Gather, 5:45pm
Friday, April 16 Alef (3rd grade) Shabbat, 7:00pm
Friday, April 23 Preschool Shabbat Service, 6:00pm



A few examples of slides created by our Gimmel Students (5th grade) for their Shabbat service are shown. If you have not had the opportunity to join Or Shalom for a class service this year, we invite you to join our Bet Students (4th grade) on Friday, March 12 at 7:00pm.

Sam Rubenstein

Prayer for Peace - Shalom Rav



This is what peace means to me!



What Peace Means To Me
It means happiness, helpfulness, calm, and people having fun. In
Hebrew it means Shalom. An example is when COVID-19 ends.
Another example is when two countries become (or are) allies.

G'vurot - Lilly Solomon

The בבורות (g'vurot) reminds me of the birth of new life in the spring. After a long cold winter and some more below freezing days new life springs. Roses of all colors pop out showing a splash of color. Lilies, tulips, and so many more flowers make their debuts in the spring.

Elly Goldberg



Mi Chamocha was first sung by Moses and the Israelites right after they crossed the Red Sea, right after the waters of the sea parted. It reminds us that God can do awesome things. I think of this and how it relates to our world today. It reminds us that even when things seem sad or difficult, God is there for us.

When I say
the Mourner's Kaddish
I think about my
Bubbi who passed away.
I think about how she
lived a lot of happy
years. I will think about
how God created a place
for her and still creates a
place for me.



Thank you to Or Shalom high school student, **Harrison Levy**, for completing his Boy Scout Eagle Project at Or Shalom. Harrison built shelving for the School Supply room, as well as a center island with storage space underneath. We look forward to in-person classes next year with teachers and madrichim using this beautifully designed space to create projects which enhance our students' Jewish learning journeys!



2021 "re" Treat Wrap Up

Or Shalom first virtual retreat was a huge success with participants ranging in age from 3-85 years old. In preparation for Shabbat, many of us made challah dough for the very first time, while others perfected their challah braiding (and color) techniques under the awesome guidance of Rachel Margolis. Shabbat started with the creation of "pillow forts" which became our "Shelters of Peace" as we sang the Hashkiveinu prayer during Shabbat worship and welcomed our special Retreat Shabbat. Although the pandemic didn't allow us to gather at OSRUI camp this year, we were able to emulate the sense of sharing and exploring together in community even from our Zoom boxes. After Shabbat Worship adults learned how to make four alcoholic beverages from bartender, Eric Leventhal and played icebreaker games.

Saturday morning brought Shabbat worship and an opportunity for those studying Torah Trop with Laurie Akers this year to chant our Torah portion. After service we baked hamantashen, children made snowmen (both outside and indoors) while adults studied Torah with Rabbi Ari. Our fun and learning continued all afternoon with chocolate dipping, making STEM snowflakes, a short story discussion with the author, painting Miriam's cups, baking cookie bars, and ending with Havdallah. Saturday evening began with a racial justice discussion, folk night and a trivia game. Thank you to all of the facilitators who led our activities and the Retreat planning committee.

Snowman Contest Winners:



2021 "re" Treat Photos











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(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.



MAY BOOK CLUB SELECTION DON'T MISS THIS!

The Lost Shtetl

by Max Gross

THURSDAY, May 6 @7 PM

Join us for a book discussion Via Zoom led by Rachel Kamin & a Q & A Session with the Author, Max Gross

Register at:

https://www.orshalomlc.org/event/OSPOTBmay21



What if there was a town that Hitler missed? For over fifty years the tiny Jewish shtetl of Kreskol has existed virtually untouched and unchanged. Spared of the Holocaust and Cold War, Kreskol has enjoyed an isolated peace...until now. Written with the fearless imagination of Michael Chabon and the piercing humor of Gary Shteyngart.



Meghan Powell-Fille

Board Chairs Juliann Abderholden

Congregation Or Shalom 21 W Hawthorn Pkwy Vernon Hills, IL 60061-1445

December 31, 2021

Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for your recent gift to PADS Lake County. During this time of great uncertainty, we have been comforted, encouraged, and humbled by the outpouring of generosity and support from community members like you.

Here at PADS, our services have had to adjust to meet the ever-changing needs brought on by COVID-19, but our purpose remains the same: to make sure that no individual or family in our community ever goes without a warm place to sleep, food to eat, or the resources and programs they need to get back on their feet when facing a housing crisis.

Your generous donation of \$1,602.00 will go long way in helping this mission continue. Thank you for helping us meet the challenges of this moment, so we can continue to provide the highest level of care and support for the clients we serve.

If you want to know more about our work, find new ways to get involved, or just keep up with events within the PADS Community, please visit our website at padslakecounty.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

Please accept my warmest and most sincere thank you for making our work possible. We truly could not do it without you.

With deep gratitude,
William Palat Rill C

Meghan Powell-Filler Executive Director

In compliance with the Internal Revenue Service Code, Section 170(f)(8), this letter also serves as verification that no goods or services were received from PADS Lake County, Inc. in exchange for your gift. Unless stated otherwise above your gift will be used for general operating support for PADS Lake County, Inc.



PADS Lake County is a community-based organization that provides trauma-informed support, resources, and shelter to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis.

padslakecounty.org



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

Session II

Date: Fridays March 26-April 30, 2021

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

Cost: \$50.00 (1 child), \$75 (2 children)
To Register: www.juf.org/totsandtunes



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RACIAL JUSTICE CORNER

RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

Among the several ways that the Racial Justice Task Force (RJTF) is pursuing its work is through small group study. These are the cohorts who have been reading and discussing the Racial Healing Handbook. Cohort members share their observations and experiences of racial inequity, and they develop greater understanding about their own racial identity development.

Here are some cohort members reflecting on their experience:

"My experience in the cohort was wonderful. I made new and profound connections with others I had never spoken to before and came to understand what it means to be 'in it together'."

"We shared our personal lives freely, learned much about racism and white privilege from the book and each other, and cherished our connection with each other."

"I learned more about myself and my unconscious biases. I also learned that I cannot do this work alone and that I will make missteps along the way."

"I have learned so much about myself and what I value. It has been a great experience."

"Working through the handbook with our cohort enriched my life in lasting ways—from making close connections to congregants I had not previously met, to understanding nuances of race, to seeing my role in racial justice across a variety of settings."

Racial inequity has been so widely prevalent in our lives and yet so little discussed amongst ourselves. Honest dialogue holds transformative power personally and for the world. The RJTF encourages you join a cohort. Please reach out to: Racial-Justice@orshalomlc.com to find out how.



GREEN TEAM TIP OF THE MONTH

ENVIRONMENTAL SHABBAT COMING FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd!

Join us for Or Shalom's Second Annual **Environmental Shabbat Service** Hear and feel the connections between Judaism and environmental justice!

GREEN TEAM MOVIE NIGHT WRAPUP! "Ben...just one word...plastics...There's a great future in plastics."

The Green Team Movie Night's showing of Plastic Wars—not The Graduate—led to a compelling counter argument to that famous line. There is NOT a great future in plastics! Plastics industries (mostly oil companies) have enabled themselves to continue to make plastics and dominate markets by promoting recycling. Why? So that consumers would accept plastic as a fact of modern life AND would also have to be responsible for managing this nonbiodegradable trash.

All along the companies knew the recycling system was set up to fail. Less than 10% of plastics ever made have been recycled! The pollution to air, water, land and sea is devastating! While we discussed ways of holding companies accountable, we also discussed plastic alternatives:

- Big culprits: plastic bags, plastic water bottles, plastic utensils, plastic straws, plastic baggies, plastic toys, plastic wrap.
- Reusable replacements: cloth bags, metal water bottles, bamboo straws, wooden toys, reusable silicone food bags, beeswax wraps...and more!

Let us all do what we can to repair the world for all people and all time.



LAKE COUNTY UNITED

ESSENTIAL HOUSING FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS: ATTEND THE LAKE COUNTY UNITED VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY MARCH 21ST @3:00-4:15PM

Or Shalom and the fellow organizations of Lake County United are combining their efforts to repurpose two properties – Winchester House in Libertyville and Lake Behavioral Hospital in Waukegan – to meet the much needed Lake County demand for attainable housing.

We are expecting, with your support, 500 people to attend the assembly to show municipal leaders and county officials the power that Lake County residents have to create change that is not just affordable but also will enhance our communities through social change, economic growth and environmental sustainability. Through this assembly, we show our officials the commitment, strength and power that we, as a community, all have.

You can register for the assembly at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpcuprDwpHtTMJXKC YtlrM628z7oRc4P

If you have any questions, contact: Art Noparstak,

artnoparstak@gmail.com

RAC-IL 2021 CAMPAIGN KICKOFF



Join Reform clergy, lay, and youth leaders to launch this year's RAC-IL legislative agenda:

- Racial Justice: The Mind Strong Act (HB 2944/SB 0347) will build alternatives to law enforcement involvement during mental health or substance use crises.
- Immigrant Rights: The Illinois Way Forward Act (SB 667) will ensure that ICE and law enforcement remain separate and protect access to legal protections for all Illinoisans, regardless of status.

Featuring remarks by Senator Robert Peters, lead sponsor of both this year's racial justice bill (Mind Strong), and last year's successful campaign victory on Pretrial Fairness Act to make IL the first state in country to completely end money bond.



THURSDAY, MARCH 11 | 6:30-7:45 PM CENTRAL

REGISTER:

tps://urj.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErf-2qpz8oHNE9/U4gpm3eH7nmC7IvPsg

For more information, contact Lead Organizer Julie Webb - jwebb@rac.org

APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



YOM HASHOAH

Holocaust Memorial Service

Tuesday, April 6th 7:00pm

Join Or Shalom's
7th & 8th grade students
as they lead us in a moving
service in commemoration
of those whose lives were
upended by the Holocaust.

Or Shalom congregant, Matthew Truding will share his grandparents' story of narrowly escaping Austria shortly after Kristallnacht, and their harrowing journey to the United States.



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH





JOIN US FOR

ENVIRONMENTAL SHABBAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD @7:00PM

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH
DETAILS COMING SOON

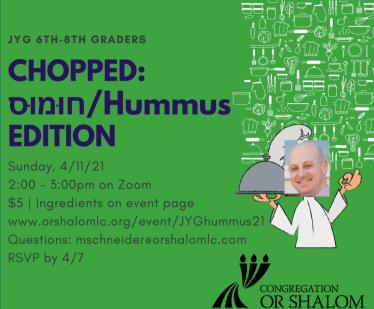
Have a question or an idea? Contact John Katz-Mariani at: jk-m@comcast.net

Wednesday, April 14th @7pm - Details to Follow **JEWISH ROCK RADIO PRESENTS**



Club Or Shalom: 4th & 5th Graders / JYG: 6th - 8th Graders







Jew Crew: 9th-12th Graders

The Jew Crew is excited for its upcoming events:

We hope Or Shalom 9th – 12th graders will join us! Are you ready to face the sharks in our social action SHARK TANK zoom on Sunday, March 14th at 3 pm?

We are hoping to see everyone in the Or Shalom parking lot for our first live event of 2021.

Join us on Sunday, April 18th at 3 pm for a parking lot scavenger hunt!

More details to follow.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact youth directors Kevin & Allisa Horwitz at KevinandAllisa@orshalomlc.com.







MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY ZOOM SOCIALS @7:30pm

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

nyone 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.





Monthly Restaurant Fundraisers

Grab a meal at one of these great places and help Or Shalom! 20% of your order comes back to us



MARCH 16TH PANDA EXPRESS

LOCATION: 252 E TOWNLINE RD, VERNON HILLS

APRIL 21ST CITY BBQ

LOCATIONS: HIGHLAND PARK & VERNON HILLS





MAY 5TH LOU MALNATI'S

LOCATIONS: BUFFALO GROVE, LIBERTYVILLE & NORTHBROOK



Birthdays



MARCH

Danielle Becker Eden Block Mason Ceisel Leah Cleek Vivienne Collins Parker Davis Jack Dorf Kyla Emery Micah Emery Hayden Freer
Ethan Glen
Joshua Glen
Elly Goldberg
Abigail Golden
Eli Goldman
Rafael Goldman
Alexander Goldstein
Caden Katz
Mackenzie Katz

Jacob Leventhal
Jadyn Marder
Henry Marion
Samuel Reuter
Sophia Sherman
Lillian Solomon
James Vergo
Jemma Waters
Daniel Wolfe

APRIL

Joshua Bate
Patrick Bernstein
Sophia Brown
Hailey Davis
Braeden Fischoff
Harrison Fischoff
Alivia Goldberg
Ryan Jacobson
Reece Larson
Asher Levine
Filiana Melamed

Evan Miller
Samuel Minsley
Landon Olbur
Blake Schwalb
Alexa Schwartz
Jacob Senescu
Tyler Steres
Aaron Stinson
Zachary Stinson
Brayden Waitzman







MARCH 2021

always check your email and our website for the most up-to-date program information.

Congregation	Or Shalom		March 2021			Printed Mar 8, 2021 02:48pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1(17 Adar)	2(18 Adar)	3(19 Adar)	4(20 Adar)	5(21 Adar)	6_(22 Adar) Ki Tisa
		Membership Comm Mtg. 6:00p Fundraising Comm Mtg. 6:30p 7th/8th Grade Class 7:00p Spiritual Resilience 7:30p	Current Events 1:00p Hebrew School 4:30p	The Book of V 7:00p	Candle Lighting 5:28p Shabbat Evening Svc 7:00p	Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Jacobson 10:00a Bar Mitzvah of Hunter Blumenfeld 3:00p
7(23 Adar)	8(24 Adar)	9(25 Adar)	10 (26 Adar)	11 (27 Adar)	12 (28 Adar)	13 (29 Adar)
Religious School 8:45a Preschool 8:45a High School 10:30a	January Men's Club Zoom Social 7:30p	Religion & Ritual Mtg. 6:30p Shared Legacies 7:00p 7th/8th Grade Class 7:00p		Exec Board Meeting 8:00a	Candle Lighting 5:37p Young Children's Svc 6:00p Shabbat Evening Svc 7:00p w/Bet Class	Vayak'heil-P'kudei Bar Mitzvah Alexander Goldstein 10:00a Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Fischoff 3:00p
14_(1 Nisan)	15 (2 Nisan)	16_(3 Nisan)	17(4 Nisan)	18_(5 Nisan)	19(6 Nisan)	20(7 Nisan) Vayikra
Religious School 8:45a Model Seder for 3rd-6th Grade Post-Confirm. Class 10:30a COS Candy Seder 1:00p JYG Candy Seder 2:30p		March Restaurant Fundraiser Panda Express 7th/8th Grade Class 7:00p Women's Prom Celebrating Women of the Exodus 7:00p	Current Events 1:00p Hebrew School 4:30p Board Meeting 7:00p		Shabbat Sha- <u>Gather</u> 5:45p Candle Lighting 6:45p Shabbat Evening Svc 7:00p	Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Brown 10:00a
21_(8 Nisan)	22_(9 Nisan)	23_(10 Nisan)	24_(11 Nisan)	25_(12 Nisan)	26(13 Nisan)	27(14 Nisan) Tzav
NO Religious School Seder Crash Course w/Rabbi Ari & Laurie A. 5:00p Passover Wine Tasting 6:00p		Ten Commandments:2 nd Session w/Bill McNulty 7:00p	Current Events 1:00p	Green Team Mtg. 6:30p	jBaby Tune & Tots. 9:00a Candle Lighting 6:53p Shabbat Evening Svc 7:00p	Erev Passover Shabbat Morning . 10:00a Candle Lighting 7:54p
28(15 Nisan)	29(16 Nisan)	30(17 Nisan)	31(18 Nisan)			
Passover NO Religious School 2021 SECOND "Z"EDER 5:30p	Chol <u>Hamoed</u> Passover	Chol Hamoed Passover 7th/8th Grade Class 7:00p Spiritual Resilience 7:30p	Chol Hamoed Passover Current Events 1:00p Hebrew School 4:30p			

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Congregation	or Shalom		April 2021			Printed Mar 8, 2021 01:10pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	-			1(19 Nisan)	2(20 Nisan)	3(21 Nisan)
				Chol <u>Hamoed</u> Passover	Chol Hamoed Passover ¡Baby Tune & Tots. 9:00a Shabbat Evening Svc 7:00p Candle Lighting 7:01p	Passover Yizkor Shabbat Morning Svc 10:00a
4_(22 Nisan)	<u>5 (</u> 23 Nisan)	<u>6 (</u> 24 Nisan)	<u>7(</u> 25 Nisan)	<u>8(</u> 26 Nisan)	<u>9 (</u> 27 Nisan)	10 (28 Nisan) Sh'mini
Preschool 8:45a Religious School 8:45a	Fundraising Comm. Mtg. 7:00p	Yom HaShoah Commemoration Service 7:00p	Spiritual Resilience 10:30a Current Events 1:00p Hebrew School 4:30p Social Action Mtg. 7:00p	Yom HaShoah Exec Board Meeting 8:00a	jBaby Tune & Tots. 9:00a Shabbat Sha-Gather 5:45p Shabbat Evening Svc 7:00p Candle Lighting 7:08p	Bar Mitzvah of Mason Marder 10:00a
<u>11(</u> 29 Nisan)	12 (30 Nisan)	<u>13 (</u> 1 lyar)	14 (2 Iyar)	<u>15 (</u> 3 lyar)	<u>16 (</u> 4 Iyar)	17 (5 Iyar) Tazria-M'tzora
Religious School 8:45a High School 10:30a COS Hummus Making 1:00p JYG Hummus Making 2:00p	January Men's Club Zoom Social 7:30p	Religion & Ritual Mtg 6:30p 7th/8th Grade Class 7:00p Membership Comm Mtg. 7:00p	Current Events 1:00p	Yom <u>HaAtzmaut</u>	iBaby Tune & Tots. 9:00a Shabbat Evening S. 7:00p Candle Lighting 7:16p Alef Class Service 7:30p	Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Suby 10:00a Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Golden 3:00p
18_(6 lyar)	<u>19 (</u> 7 Iyar)	20(8 Iyar)	21(9 Iyar)	22_(10 Iyar)	23(11 Iyar)	24 (12 lyar) Acharei Mot-K'doshim
Religious School 8:45a Post-Confirm. Class 10:30a		7th/8th Grade Class 7:00p	April Restaurant Fundraiser- City BBQ Current Events 1:00p Hebrew School 4:30p Board Meeting 7:00p		iBaby Tune & Tots. 9:00a Preschool Shabbat 6:00p Green Team Shabbat 7:00p Candle Lighting 7:24p	Bar Mitzvah of Rafael Goldman 10:00a Bar Mitzvah of Evan Polen 3:00p
25_(13 Iyar)	<u>26 (</u> 14 Iyar)	27 _(15 lyar)	28_(16 Iyar)	29_(17 Iyar)	30_(18 Iyar)	
Religious School 8:45a High School 10:30a		7th/8th Grade Class 7:00p	Current Events 1:00p Hebrew School 4:30p		Lag BaOmer iBaby Tune & Tots. 9:00a Shabbat Evening S. 7:00p Candle Lighting 7:32p	

At Shabbat, we remember our loved ones

March 5

Bernie Balter Jack Bate Eliot Becker Bruce Bernstein

Michele Brandhandler

Mildred Coe **Ethel Cohen** Carolyn Cohn Florence Feldman Rhea Hartstein

Talia Hollander Jack Jacobson

Sylvia Kaplan Sam Kessler

Sherwin Klein Lillian Kovarsky

Rae Lambert Samuel Logun Elaine Lurie

Sherman Margolis Nick Masaracchia

Walter Narens Lazar Neyman Milton Putlack

Rochelle Schwartz

Ethel Seaver Milton Seaver

Annette Seidenberg

Fern Selan Harvey Stein Scott Sternfield Morris Stiefel

Sarah Yetta Weiss

March 12

Morris Berger Herbert Bistritz Judith Lynn Bork William Bork Phillip Bromberg Stuart Chase Sherman Clapman Abraham Cohen Anne Cohen M. Harvey Field Sam Franklin Samuel Gordon **David Hartstein** Fanny Jacobson Goldie Jacobson William Jacobson Marilyn Kalom Cyd Lash Morris Lasky Leonard Levin Donald Levy Sherman Margolis Sarah Meadows **Donald Neal** Marty Perlman **Edward Pickus** Joseph Poders **Howard Primack** Meyer Rubenstein

Esther Bayla Schwartz

Richard Schwartz

Allan Tarshish

March 19

Barry Axelrod Ilene Berg **Arthur Bogeaus Evelyn Broomfield** Mildred B. Cohen Rachel Dawe Helen Golan Leo Goldstein **Beatrice Gross** Morris Heyman Charlotte Jacobson **Kurt Jacoby Howard Kaplin** Sue Kessler Scottie Kim Julius Kruger Helen Makie Lipton Sylvia Rubenstein Judith Rubin **Ilene Schwartz** Irving Schwartz Warren Sherling Belle Sigman Joan Sylvan

Mordehai Szwec

Solomon Tolub

March 26

Minnie Bercovitz Allen Burdeen **Herbert Dauer** David Fain Ruth Glassenberg Milton Golovan Shavndle Hencel Alvin Jacobson Joanne Jacoby **Bernard Katz** Lillian Katz Sol Laser Alan Loiben Michael Nakashian **Dorothy Newman** Greta Oppenheimer Sharon Reinstein Barbara Riffer Shirley Rodin **Ed Rubin** Jerome Sandler Samuel Shriberg Claire Solomon Grace Anne Swager

Chaya Tolub

At Shabbat, we remember our loved ones

April 2

Elsie Antognoli Rose Bork **Zygmunt Buchsbaum** Charles Buyer Gary Cohn Jeff Epstein Jack Hogan Eva Josephson Gertrude Kaplan Sidney Kavenow **Nora Mines** Faith Minnen Walter Morton Nita Nickow Michael Rosenblum Irving Roth Sam Roth Irvin Salzberg Anne Sedler Samuels Herbert Stein Allison Stiegel **Brad Surprenant** Stanley Weisbrodt

April 9

Stuart Baruch Michael Bierman **Nettie Biss** Jeannie Bresler Donna Crow Joseph Daniels Elaine Dauer Mildred Dechter Luther Estridge George Flaris Abe Goldberg **Dorothy Goldberg** Frances Golding Felice Jacobson Wendy Kane Eleanor Yvette Kaye Aaron Kelmer Esther Kirshenbaum Mendel Kirshenbaum Leonard Laden Jennie Lederman Mary Niems Sherrie E. Norris Sevmour Pearlman Goldie Roberts Harry Shadrow Frieda Shapiro Harold Tobiansky Fred Truding John Velgos

April 16

Sam Bernhardt Beverle Bloch Sadelle Blustein Allen R. Cohn Nancy Cooper **Edward Dash** Mary Ferdman Linda Goldblatt **Edward Greenfield** Steve Heckmyer Shmil Kalusetsky Lillian Kaplan Rebecca Kirshenbaum Mary Kohn Robyn Hymen Kreger Marvin Levy Leonard Lipke Mark Schneider Sam Sherman Sam Shipkin Stuart Irwin Silver Irma Spitz Morris Spitz Maribeth Steinheiser Barry Stern **Shirley Tepper** Sarah Traub

April 23

Ruben Applebaum Ruth Bernhardt Julius Brothman Florence Buchsbaum Arnold Cohen **Edward Dorfman** Clara Dubin Florence Feldman Sherry Greenberg Chester Krzesinski Stephen Lehtman Louis Levenfeld Martin Leventhal **Dorothy Lewis** Lena Marcus Marilyn Morton Stuart Alan Niems **Fanny Norris** Joseph Pinsel Samuel Plotnick Leo Propp Gerald Pyster Joseph Schwartz Bertha Schwarz Louis Sherman Pearl Silverman

April 30

Cory Coleman Ira Dauer Isabel Estridge Ann Fealk Robert Fogel Ray Friedlander Arlin Geischen Sidney Glick Harold Goldman Mary Gomberg Matthew David Herman Harry Lapofski Mae Logun Sarvelle Lorsch John McFall Irene Mika Dennis Murnick John Reiss Benjamin Gerald Salasche Jerry Shaffer Marion K. Silver Robert Sommerfeld Debbie Wise Dorothy Yeager Aaron Yesnick Maurice Zivin Hilbert Zukerman

IN MEMORIAM

Jacob Wecker Peter J. Zachar



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Wife of Arnie Glassberg Mother of Heather Fontanetta

Jeff Perlmuter

Uncle of Holly Marder

John Sidwell

Father of Taunya Reback

Beverly Weisbrodt

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Dempsey

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Mother of Jodi Clute

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in honor of Anara "Katzman's Bat Mitzvah. Mazal Tov!!" by Cousins Mashie, Cindy, and Robert Lipka and Sherrie and Danny Lutter

GENERAL FUND

in appreciation of Donna Gaidamak, Scott Brown & Cathy Wolfson for their help in securing a place for me to receive the vaccine by Joann Lichtman in honor of the birth of our grandson, Simon Henry Matrus by Chuck & Deb Colodny
in memory of Ida Glassberg by Helene Stein in memory of Ida Glassberg by Anne & Bill Goldstein in memory of the yahrzheit of Fred Drucker by Larry & Karen Kaplan in memory of your beloved mother by Judy Louis in memory of the yahrzeit of my mother, Masha Flanzer by Sharon Behm in memory of your beloved mother and grandmother by Arthur & Arlene Noparstak
wishing a speedy recovery to Larry Gallas by Karen & Lawrence Kaplan

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in appreciation of Rabbi Ari and Cantorial Soloist Laurie for helping prepare Tessa for her Bat Mitzvah and making her day so special. Thank you so much! By Matt and Debbie Dubin in appreciation of Scott Brown for his help in obtaining Covid 19 vaccine appointments for us! by The Kabaks in appreciation of Rabbi Ari, John Katz Mariani, Betsy Graupe, Laurie Akers & Marcia Cohen by Erin and Bradley Stein in appreciation of Rabbi Margolis' consoling words and for leading the minyan during my mother's shiva by Allen & Barbara Melcer in memory of Thelma Janowitz by Michael & Beverley Seaver in memory of John Sidwell by Mort and Irene Blieberg in memory of Ida Glassberg by Mimi & Terry Wittert in memory of William Fleig by Ellen Grabow in memory of Edward Whitefield by Bob & Dale Truding in memory of David Plotnick by Mark Plotnick and Hope Freeland in memory of Michael Batler & Stephen Schor by Rabbi David & Sue Spitz in memory of Beverly Weisbrodt by Rabbi David & Sue Spitz in memory of Beverly Weisbrodt by William & Barbara Greenfield in memory of Harriet Saretsky by Nan Saretsky

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in appreciation of "Marcia Cohen and all her Retreat Helpers We enjoyed the many activities & the presenters did a great job" by Bret & Amy Zacher in memory of Bill Fleig by Sharon & Marshall Norris in memory of Ella Bersh by Michelle "Shoshi" Tolub

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in memory of Beverly Weisbrot by Jennifer & Steven Leventhal

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