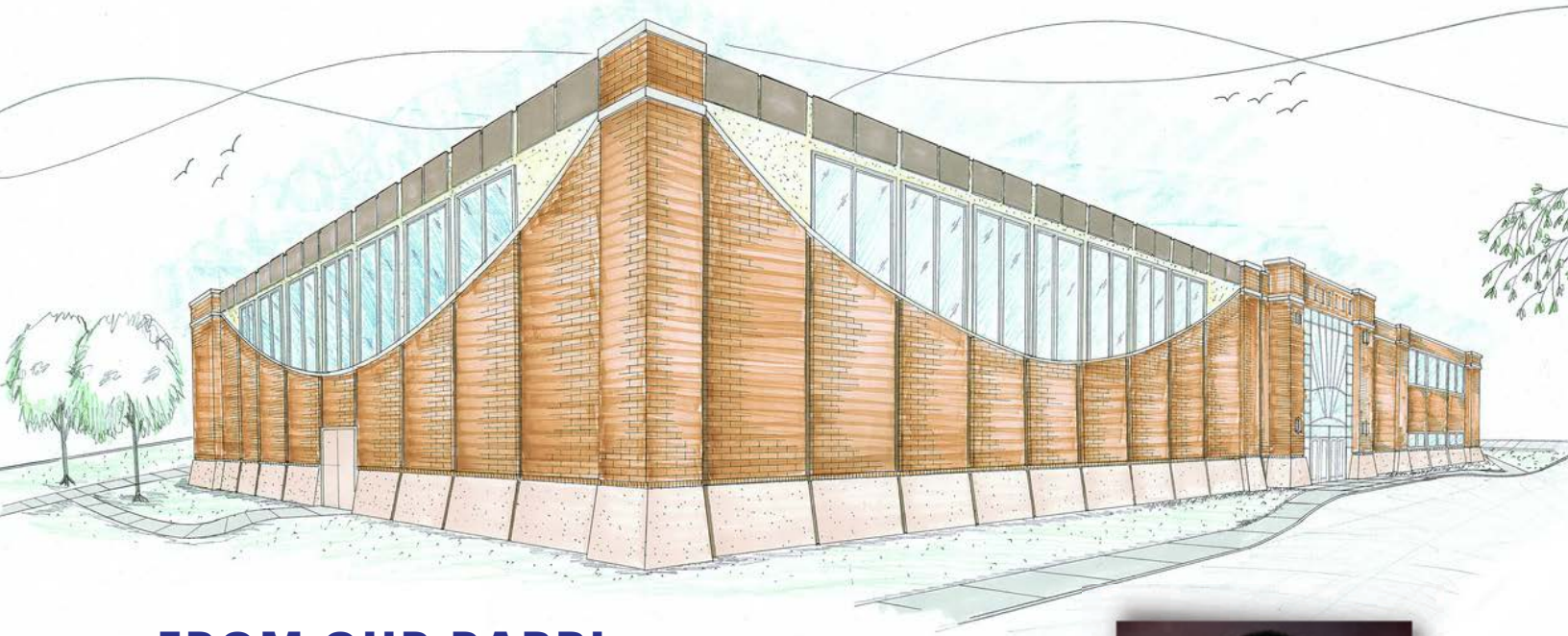




THE SHOFAR



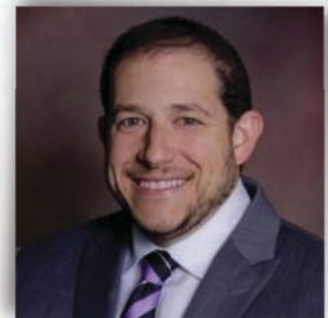
FROM OUR RABBI...

RABBI ARI MARGOLIS

"Let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." — Exodus 25:8

Recently, we have read in our Torah the section called *Terumah*, which focuses on how we build community. While we can read the verse above as the guidance to our ancestors to build the ancient tabernacle as the center of the Israelite community, when I read this verse, I think it speaks to us throughout time. No, I'm not suggesting that we build a tabernacle in our parking lot. Rather, the sanctuary that God is asking us to build, still today, is the sense of community that we create when we orient ourselves with generosity towards one another, when we share experiences together, and when we share purpose and achievement and celebration with one another. In this way, our sanctuary is always being built and rebuilt, shifting with our experiences, strengthening when we include new people within it.

As you'll see in this Shofar, we want to continue creating this ongoing sanctuary with you by inviting you to share in our community in the coming weeks. Our dedication to keeping one another safe has kept us at a distance over the last two years, and now we are finding ways to safely gather together again, so we can all feel that sense of being more than we can be alone when we come together in community.



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FROM OUR RABBI...continued

We have so many reasons to lift one another up and celebrate, including the opportunity to give thanks for our new rabbi and educator of our community, Rabbi Sarah Rosenbaum Jones. **We will be holding an installation ceremony for her on the weekend of April 22-24th**, and we'd like to invite you to be a part of this special time for her and for all of us! Also, **we are excited to celebrate Cantor Laurie Akers and her newly ordained status at our congregational gala on May 7th**. And **our congregational Torah will be completed and ready to celebrate on June 13th** (*if you have not yet written a letter, contact us to find a time to do so!*). We have so many reasons to gather together in celebration - please save the dates!!

In this year of Living Torah, we've had opportunities to learn, to write letters in our new Torah, to celebrate holidays, to live various values, and we hope to continue doing so, together. In March, we will be celebrating the Torah value of *hach'lala*, of including those around us in our community. Throughout April, we'll be lifting up our value of *chofesh*, of freedom. In this time of such discord around us, we can all use more of these values in our lives. We want to invite you to really look through this Shofar and find your opportunities to live our Torah together with your Or Shalom family. Together, we will continue creating our beautiful community, our sanctuary of love and warmth, in which we can all dwell together with God.

March • April

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, MARCH 4 | 7:00PM

Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 | 10:00AM

Bar Mitzvah of Jack Dorf

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 | 7:00PM

Shabbat Service featuring 3rd Grade

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 | 10:00AM

Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Stern

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 | 6:00PM

Shabbat Service featuring Pre-K

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 | 10:00AM

Bar Mitzvah of Mason Ceisel

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 | 7:00PM

Shabbat Service - March Simchat Shabbat

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 | 7:00PM

Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 | 7:00PM

Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 8 | 7:00PM

Shabbat Live!

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 | 9:30AM

Passover Yizkor Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 | 7:00PM

Shabbat Live! & April Simchat Shabbat

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 | 10:00AM

Bat Mitzvah of Hayden Silverberg

FRIDAY, APRIL 29 | 7:00 PM

Shabbat Service & Environmental Shabbat

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 | 10:00AM

B'nai Mitzvah of Braedyn Friedman
& Jayden Goldkind

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

LAURA GOODMAN, *Board President*



We are in the beginning of March, with cold weather, snow on the ground, and extra weeks of winter if you believe the groundhog. But there is a new optimism in the air as more people are vaccinated and boosted, and the scientific guidance seems to be more encouraging each day.

Our Covid Taskforce has been active since the pandemic began. We are meeting regularly to ensure the health and safety of our entire community as we continue to worship, educate, and share our lives as a community. Our task force has now pivoted to focus on re-opening our building and our activities so we can spend more physical time together while still adhering to safety protocols.

I, like many of you, miss spending time in our Or Shalom building. Our religious school students have been back in live classes for much of this school year, and everyone is safe and learning together. We are now ready to re-introduce live programming and events and to even find ways to share Onegs together. Many families were excited to attend our first annual Marcia Cohen Congregational Retreat this past February 25. Please join us for Purim as we will hold our Purim Spiel and carnival on March 13 and Vashti's Banquet on March 16. We will be holding our first annual Jeffrey Metz Memorial Poker Tournament on April 9 and an Or Shalom Second Seder on April 16. And we will be holding an Or Shalom Gala on May 7 at the Doubletree Hotel in Mundelein. We hope you will all join us to celebrate and honor Cantor Laurie Akers. It will be an unbelievable evening of music, food, and fun.

We are in the middle of our Or Shalom Year of Living Torah and have had two incredible visits from the Sofer who is writing our new Torah. I have never been more moved than those moments that my husband and I spent with Rabbi Menachim learning about the letter that we were helping to write. The experience was truly awesome. Anyone who has not yet taken the opportunity to share in the mitzvah of writing a torah, I can only encourage you to sign up for the third Sofer visit in June, when our Torah will be nearly completed. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience that was tremendously impactful for me and my family so I hope you all choose to experience it yourselves. We are very excited to share our new Torah with our congregation when it is completed on June 13 (6/13) to celebrate this 613th mitzvah of writing a torah.

I'm so proud of the way our entire community has continued to thrive in these pandemic times. We will continue to plan and strategize for our safe re-opening, updating protocols as guidelines allow. I'm looking forward to spending more time enjoying our temple building and our Or Shalom community, together, as we head out of winter into brighter times.

L'Shalom,

Laura Goodman

NOTES FROM THE CANTOR

LAURIE AKERS



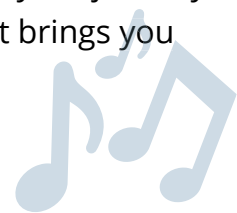
When I transitioned from a career in musical theatre to the pursuit of becoming a Cantor, I was both surprised and grateful for the number of “Broadway to Bimah” concerts that were shared at congregations around the country. For the many Cantors who had prior careers in music, our participation in “Broadway to Bimah” concerts are usually accompanied by questions such as “Do you miss performing on a stage?”



It has been nine years since I began my pursuit towards the Cantorate. It's been thirty years since I first sang professionally and discovered that music touched my soul more profoundly than anything else (the combination of peanut butter and chocolate being in second place). Through music, my path towards becoming a cantor was unveiled. Although it is beautifully challenging and fulfilling to teach, counsel, write D'verei Torah and be a part of such an extraordinary community, I'm aware that none of it is realized completely without the pure pulse of music, my soul's heartbeat. Although my life in musical theatre inspired magical experiences and lifelong friendships, the true center of my soul's dream kept surfacing each time I sang on a bimah. It was in the setting of a sanctuary that music reached heights that transcended the pinnacle of musical theatre wonder. Something between music and words, the congregation and me, God and community flowed so freely and deeply, creating a revelatory connection. Today, it is my dream to use music to serve God and the Jewish people by communicating something ineffable, that which can sometimes only be expressed through song. Every time I sing, and every time I hear your voices, I am reminded of what caused my pulse to change its beat.

It's my 5th year with you at Congregation Or Shalom and I am so thankful to you for the honor of every opportunity that you have extended to me as your cantorial soloist and now, as your Cantor. I share my personal reflections with the hope that they may inspire you to meet who you “once wanted to be” with gratitude for where your journey has taken you. May you remember to find gratitude in each transition that brings you closer to who you are.

B'shira,
Cantor Laurie





OR SHALOM'S *Annual Gala*

*Come celebrate our community and our
Year of Living Torah!*

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH AT 7PM

Doubletree Hotel, Mundelein
To Honor Cantor Laurie Akers

Dinner, Cocktails, Dancing, Silent Auction, and much more.
There will also be an opportunity for sponsorships.
Keep a look-out in Or Shalom's weekly eblast for
more details and the link to register.



news from the school

LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

RABBI SARAH ROSENBAUM JONES

It's chilly outside, but we can feel the Or Shalom warmth at 21 Hawthorn Parkway. Since my arrival at Or Shalom in July, I have seen what a loving and energetic community we have here. Thank you for sharing your children and families with us every week.



The first half of our school year was ripe with innovation and meaningful moments. Here are some highlights from our J² program so far this year. This is just a small taste of the joy of J² this year—there is not enough room on one page (or even a whole Shofar!) to share all of our kvells. Of course, our incredible faculty and madrichol (teen aides) deserve our greatest praise, as none of this would be possible without their devotion.

- After many years of visioning and prototyping from our J² Committee, we launched our pilot of 3rd and 4th grade *derachim* (pathways). Our students are learning about this year's essential question, "How do we live Torah?" through various modalities of their choice. Last week, we saw the fruits of their first 7-week *derachim* and were blown away by the sophistication of their learning.
- Our new 5th-grade curriculum is centering around two primary biblical texts: Maccabees, which tells the story of Chanukah, and Megillat Esther, which tells the story we share on Purim. Our 5th graders engaged in project-based learning about the themes of Chanukah and created an impressive Chanukah gallery that they shared with our community in December. They are currently working on studying Esther's story and will produce and act in our Purim spiel. Join us at the Purim carnival on March 13 to see their production!
- Our 3rd-6th grade Hebrew learners get together weekly at Or Shalom and in over 20 small Hebrew learning groups on Zoom to expand their understanding of prayer and how to be pray-ers. Our Hebrew learners delight in the connections they make with their teachers and with each other.

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news from the school

FROM RABBI SARAH...continued

- We have introduced 5 new electives in our 7th and 8th grade program this year. Our teens continue to learn about Mitzvot and the Holocaust as they've done in years past. This year, they also got to choose classes about Jewish cooking around the world, Israeli history and geopolitics, obscure Torah stories (Rated "T": Torah for Teens), a deeper dive into the Holocaust, and Tikkun Olam.
- PreK through 6th-grade families have engaged in meaningful family learning about our Living Torah Values of the Month, chosen in honor of Or Shalom's Year of Living Torah. So far we have highlighted: *Anavah* (humility), *Hoda'ah* (gratitude), *Ometz Lev* (strength of the heart), *Ba'al Tashchit* (do not waste). February brings us the value of *Chesed*, often translated as loving kindness. We love having the opportunity to menschify our world through family values education.

As we begin to plan for next year's J² programming, we are thinking carefully about ways to improve our existing programming and continuing to innovate to best serve all of our learners. We relish in the fact that we have been able to bring our learners to Or Shalom nearly every week, and we are putting energy into ensuring that this continues to be a safe space for in-person learning; The joy, the energy, and the connections that students are able to make while spending time together is invaluable for helping them develop strong Jewish identities, ties to our tradition, and to help us all feel that wonderful Or Shalominess!

Yom HaShoah Service

Led by Or Shalom's 7th and 8th graders

Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 7:00pm

Join us for a meaningful Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) service, led by Or Shalom's 7th and 8th graders. Our teens will lead us in prayer, poetry, song, and story to honor this day of remembrance.

Open to the community.

Covid-19 health and safety protocols for in-person attendance will be based on CDC guidelines

RSVP at bit.ly/YomHaShoah2022



CONGREGATION OR SHALOM

PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 13, 2022

10:00 - 12:30PM

Join us for Or Shalom's 5782 Purim Carnival! There will be games, silliness, and Purim-themed fun! Come dressed as your favorite Purim character or decked out in your favorite tropical attire. Plus, you won't want to miss this year's Moana Purim Spiel presented by our J² 5th Graders! **Members and friends of all ages are welcome to join us!**



10:00 am

Community Celebration including our Purim Spiel presented by our J² 5th Graders

Bring a box of dried beans or rice to shake as your grogger (Boo Haman!) to donate

10:45 am

Carnival Games!

COST:

Attendance is free

Game Ticket Cost: 20 tickets for \$18

Registration in advance is required.

[REGISTER NOW »](#)

See website for other ways to get involved

- Covid-19 health and safety protocols for in-person attendance will be based on CDC guidelines
- Masks required for all attendees 2+
- We will stream the Community Celebration for those who would like to join us from home
- Children 6th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult 18+.

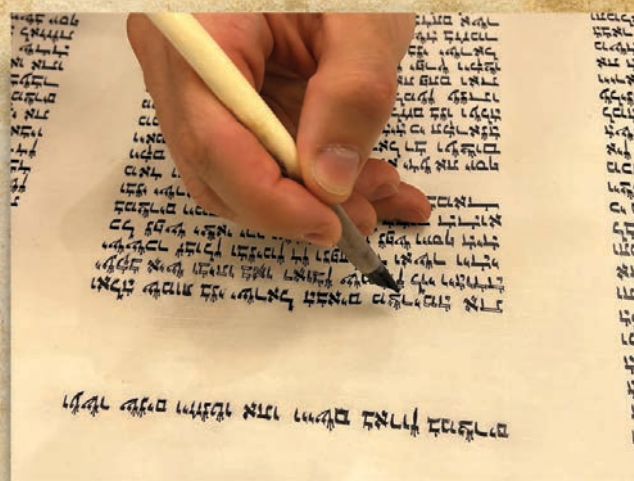




LEAVING YOUR MARK IN OUR YEAR OF LIVING TORAH

Sunday, February 6th was another exciting day for our community. This marked our second visit of our Sofer (scribe) to Or Shalom to give our members the opportunity to help write a letter in our new Torah Scroll. Families came from morning until evening to spend moments up close and personal as our Torah is written, by hand, letter by letter. Each family walked away having learned something new about the Torah and what their letter means, not just in the word they were writing but in their own lives.

We are planning for our final day of writing in our Torah and celebrating its completion in June! Stay tuned for more updates, and if you haven't yet participated in helping be a part of this amazing endeavor, please learn more at www.orshalomlc.org/torahproject613.



Vashti's Banquet

Wednesday, March 16, 7 - 8:30 pm

All Or Shalom adults are invited to join us for a special Purim event, Vashti's Banquet!

The event will include:

- Hearing the megillah
- Elegant projects
- Royal friends and fun
- Games and laughter
- Adult beverages

The price of admission is one item from the Vernon Township Food Pantry's most-needed list.

[View list of items needed »](#)

[**REGISTER NOW »**](#)



PASSOVER SECOND NIGHT SEDER

Saturday, April 16 at 5:30PM

We will be gathering in person for our annual Congregational Passover Second Seder. All are invited to join us and this event is open to the whole community!

Watch our e-blasts and website for details

The event is subject to change per CDC recommendations.



OR SHALOM

NCAA®

TOURNAMENT BRACKET POOL FUNDRAISER

All are invited to participate in Or Shalom's NCAA Tournament Bracket Pool.

Please see details below:

- \$25 entry fee per bracket
- 50% stays with Or Shalom, 50% payout
- Payout broken down 1st - 60% / 2nd - 30% / 3rd - 10%

Keep a look-out in Or Shalom's weekly eblast for the link to sign up for Or Shalom's NCAA Tournament Bracket Pool.

Good luck and thanks for supporting your Or Shalom community!



1st annual JEFF METZ MEMORIAL POKER TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY
APRIL 9, 2022
6:00PM - 11:55PM | OR SHALOM

Registration fees:

5,000 Chip Buy-In: \$110

10,000 Chip Add-On: \$65 (optional)

Register before March 31 and receive 1,000 extra chips

Prizes to be announced

Re-Buys will be available throughout the night.

Bar food and drinks will be served.

Players must be 18 or older.

COVID protocols per CDC recommendations will be in effect.

Questions? Call us at 847-362-1948



REGISTER NOW »

B'nai Mitzvah

STUDENT PROJECTS

NAOMI ADAMS - AUGUST 14, 2021

For my mitzvah project, I chose to volunteer my time at the Special Recreation Association Lake County Summer Camp. I worked with kids ages 5-7 with special needs. This cause is close to my heart because I have a sister with special needs. I know how difficult it can be for her and others like her to feel like they belong. SRACLC summer camp is a place where kids like my sister can just be themselves. It was truly a wonderful and meaningful experience to help bring joy to kids that struggle every day.



JAYCE BERSH - OCTOBER 2, 2021

Jayce did his mitzvah project for FILL A HEART for kids. We collected blankets and toiletries for school-aged kids that were living in shelters or foster care. We had wonderful support for the community and spent the whole month of September collecting items. Once we finished our collection, we had a packing day where Jayce and his friends packed a bag for each child with a hand-drawn note.



JUSTIN MILLER - OCTOBER 9, 2021

For my Bar-Mitzvah, I decided to help kids in need; I made a fundraiser to help subsidize the cost of a school trip for kids in a lower socioeconomic climate. Travel has allowed me to broaden my horizons and experience new things. Many students are unable to participate in school travel due to financial restrictions. Therefore, I decided to connect my love for travel and desire to help other children by fundraising for the Jack Benny Middle School 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip. This fundraiser helped subsidize the student's costs so they may attend the trip. This has provided the students with hands-on learning, and an opportunity to explore American history and culture. It was such a meaningful experience for me and I'm excited for them to see our great capitol.



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B'nai Mitzvah

STUDENT PROJECTS

MATTHEW ELMAN – OCTOBER 23, 2021

For my mitzvah project, I chose to volunteer my time and raise money for Partners For Progress, NFP (or PFP), a not-for-profit goal-based therapeutic riding program in Wauconda, Illinois. PFP specializes in the delivery of safe and effective intervention through the use of skilled therapies and equine programs. This organization is very close to my heart because I am receiving therapy services at PFP, which include riding specially trained horses. While riding, the horse's complex series of movements use all my muscles, increasing my strength, balance, and muscle control. PFP has given so much to me over the last 10 years - I started my program there when I was 3 - it has been so meaningful to me to be able to contribute back and help PFP to support others with their amazing programs and therapies.



RYAN GLASSMAN – NOVEMBER 13, 2021

This year I chose to help people with Crohn's and Colitis disease. My brother, one of my personal heroes, goes to doctor appointments, has had surgery, gets treatments and blood work instead of being able to hang with his friends. He sometimes gets sick for no reason and I want a cure for him and all kids like him! I hosted a fun walk to find a cure and raised almost \$4000 (it was also the 11th biggest personal fundraiser so how cool is that!). I am grateful for all the people that supported me and came to the walk.

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B'nai Mitzvah

STUDENT PROJECTS

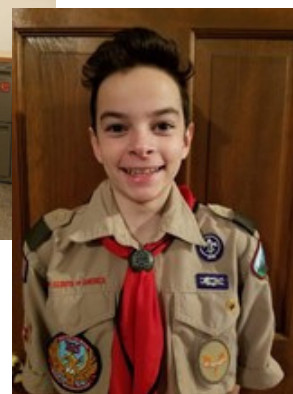
BRIAN STRELITZ – JANUARY 8, 2022

My mitzvah project involved raising money for the World Wildlife Fund. I have always loved polar bears and learned that their survival is being threatened by global warming. Along with raising the money, I am actively learning about how to protect the environment and do my part by cutting down on the use of plastic. One of our Jewish values is Tikun Olam, which means making the world a better place. I am happy my donation assists the WWF in such important work to improve conditions on our earth in order to protect our wildlife.



HUDSON HOFFMAN – JANUARY 15, 2022

Hudson created his own bar mitzvah project, and we couldn't be prouder! Not only is he honoring his Jewish heritage by planting trees (remember buying trees to plant in Israel during Sunday school when you were a kid??), but he is helping the environment AND his Scouting community. An extra "cool factor" thing is that his middle name, Parker, means "Guardian of the Forest." His mitzvah project was bashert!

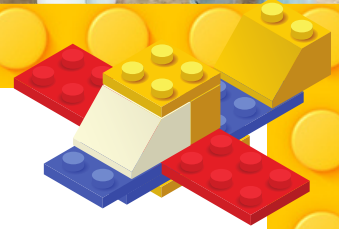




Youth Groups



LET'S BUILD!



A special event for lego, block, and other builders!

Saturday, March 12 | 3:00-4:00 pm

at Or Shalom

Do you like building?? Are you a Lego, blocks, or Minecraft type person?? Then this event is for you! Come build something excellent with your fellow Team Or Shalom teammates and experience the wonders of Havdallah!

COST:

Early Bird: \$3 (*ends March 5*)

Regular: \$5

[REGISTER NOW »](#)

JEWNIOR SPLATTER PAINT

[REGISTER NOW »](#)

**Sunday, March 6,
3:00-4:30 pm at Or Shalom**

Come enjoy one of the world's most fun painting techniques with your fellow JEWniors: Splatter Painting! Come in clothes you're ready to get messy and bring your party pants because this event is bound to be full of fun, friends, and a few fiascos! 😊 (Don't worry, if the weather isn't on our side, we have a back-up plan that will also be daringly fun.)

COST:

Early Bird: \$5 (*ends March 2*) | **Regular:** \$7



Youth Groups



Chocolate Seder

Come experience the wonders of a FUN Chocolate-filled Passover Seder! All of the elements of a Passover seder, but with CHOCOLATE!! Plus, you get to spend it with your Team Or Shalom teammates!

"Dude, it's chocolate. Need I say more?"
(movie quote, *What a Girl Wants*)



TEAM OR SHALOM

Sunday, April 17 • 1:00-2:30pm at Or Shalom

[REGISTER NOW »](#)

JEWNIOR

Sunday, April 17 • 3:00-4:30pm at Or Shalom

[REGISTER NOW »](#)



COST:
Early Bird:
\$7 (ends April 13)
Regular: \$10



Youth Groups

ESCAPE ROOM

with Jew Crew and NFTY

Jew Crew and NFTY are going to an Escape Room!!

Come figure out how to escape the room with us! We'll also be observing one of Judaism's best rituals: Havdallah! This is an event you won't want to miss!

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**Saturday, March 12,
6:00-8:00 pm
at a local Escape Room**

COST:
Early Bird: \$40 (*ends March 7*)
Regular: \$45

[REGISTER NOW »](#)

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**Kolbo: NFTY Kallah at OSRUI | 8th-12th Graders
For NFTY CAR, NO and MV
Friday, April 8-Sunday, April 10
at OSRUI**

COST:
\$175
(*this includes food, lodging, all programs
and bus transportation*)

[REGISTER NOW »](#)

Jew Crew is going to a Forest Preserve with Mr. Katz-Mariani!

Come and enjoy an outdoor scavenger hunt as we also learn about Judaism and Ecology from Or Shalom's very own John Katz-Mariani. You won't want to miss this!

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**Saturday, April 30,
4:00-7:00 pm
at a nearby Forest Preserve**

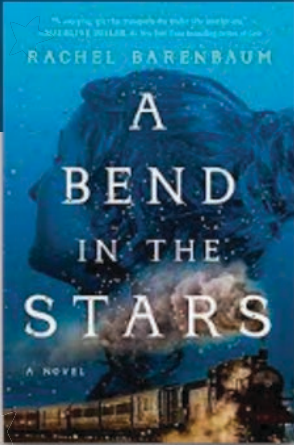
COST:
Regular: \$5

[REGISTER NOW »](#)

People of the Book presents

A Bend In The Stars by Rachel Barenbaum

Monday, April 25 | 7:00-8:30 PM ZOOM



Our Monday, April 25 People of the Book selection will be a fascinating read!

A BEND IN THE STARS by Rachel Barenbaum is grounded in history: inspired by the solar eclipse of 1914, set in World War I-era Russia, and focusing on the wonders of Einstein's "new" physics. This riveting literary novel is at once an epic love story and a heart-pounding account of science's greatest race. Miri Abramov, who is about to become one of the few female surgeons in Russia, and her brilliant physicist brother, Vanya, who is trying to solve Einstein's theory of relativity, face an impossible decision – stay in Russia and face rising anti-Semitism or leave their homeland forever. Before they can decide, Miri's fiancé and Vanya go missing, and Miri must brave war-torn Russia to find them and save her family, and perhaps the future of science.

Rachel Kamin will lead our discussion on Zoom.

[REGISTER NOW »](#)



The author, Rachel Barenbaum, will join us for Q and A at the end of our discussion.

SHABBAT LIVE!

Friday, April 8, 21, and May 20
7:00PM

All are invited to join Rabbi Ari and Cantor Laurie Akers for a Shabbat experience in-the-round with a live band! Shabbat Live! includes both traditional and contemporary melodies, and is a joyful, prayerful, song-filled, grooving, spiritually-soothing worship service.



Sew Together

(previously named Quilting for Tzedakah)

**is restarting our monthly sit-and-sew
quilting group on**

MARCH 7 (10AM-1PM)



We meet on the first Monday of each month in a very casual environment to create quilts for charity as well as work on our own personal projects. We have a wide range of experience, so please jump in even if you have never made a quilt before!

We do work on our own machines, but if you are just starting out, we will happily share time during the first few meetings. Please bring your machine (and assorted tools such as a new needle, rotary cutter, your instruction book, a pair of snips, and a seam ripper). There are mats/rulers and irons/boards for our use already at the temple. And, fabric.

**Please reach out if you have any questions -
Debbie Pine 847-624-8261 (debbie.pine@icloud.com).**

The Current Events Program Evolution Through COVID Times



Prior to the pandemic changing the dynamics of our world, Or Shalom was hosting a discussion group on the 4th Wednesday of each month in our building. Covid hit and our world changed. Now we meet every Wednesday on Zoom from 1 pm until 2:30 pm. I have had the privilege of hosting along with Bill Greenfield. We have had some consistent help from many congregants. Most notably, Chuck Colodny suggested we start using Zoom to meet. The concept of Current Events came from Leon Stein and Larry Feldman who initiated the program in our Grand Dominion Community.

The group discussions have expanded to non-members and several friends on the east coast. There are about two dozen faces on Zoom weekly which is about as many as we can manage and give everyone the opportunity to speak and share opinions. There is never a shortage of topics from current events and thoughts on the news. The pandemic, politics, events overseas, sports, temple safety are just some of the items we discuss. Many with their background have done homework and present on topics of interest. When some have shared personal concerns, others have shared resources for those concerns. For many of us, Covid shut down the opportunity to gather for learning, discussions, and worship. In this case, it opened a Zoom door for our Current Events discussion group which I am proud to say Or Shalom hosts.

Email me at bmcnulty40@gmail.com if you'd like to join us!

— Bill McNulty





MAOT CHITIM: FOOD DELIVERY

**Help us help area Jews in need
celebrate Passover with dignity.**

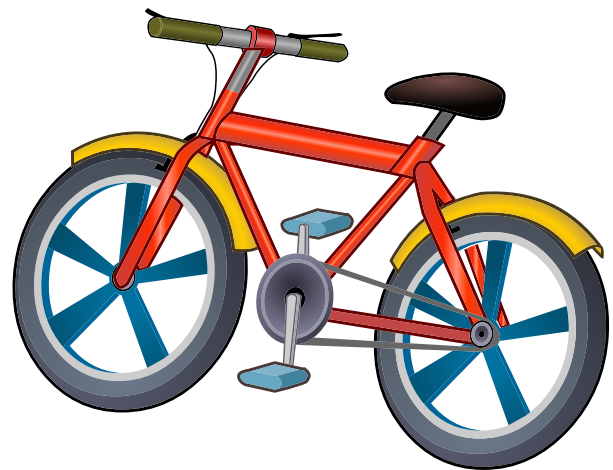
On Sunday, April 10,

We will meet at 9 AM at 733 Osterman Avenue,
Deerfield (*the old Toys R Us building*) to pick up the
pre-packed food boxes to deliver.

**R.S.V.P. to socialaction@orshalomlc.org to
reserve a spot for you and your family to deliver.**



RECYCLE YOUR BICYCLE




BIKE & SPORTS
EQUIPMENT DRIVE
SUNDAY, MAY 15
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

GREEN TEAM

The Green Team is honored to partner with Or Shalom's education team this year. The goals are to bring environmental awareness to our students, to connect Jewish values to sustainability, and to inspire students to make the changes they want to see in the world they are inheriting.

We had a blast partnering with kindergarten and 1st grade for Tu B'Shevat. On that same holiday, we also added some lighthearted environmental education to the program for our 7th and 8th graders. In the school's Derech program for 3rd and 4th graders, we are teaching a seven-week Teva (Nature) class. And in the works is a partnership to help green up our Purim Carnival this year.

The Green Team meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. Please reach out to John Katz-Mariani at jk-m@comcast.net to learn more.



OR SHALOM MEN'S CLUB

Save
the
date

Or Shalom's Men's Club hopes to resume their monthly schedule of dining out or other group activities starting in March!

Barring any unforeseen Covid restrictions, we anticipate a resumption on **Tuesday, March 8th, and Tuesday, April 12th.** Please save the date and join us then!

Activity location and times will be announced soon. For suggestions and other info, please email mensclub@orshalomlc.com.



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RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

OR SHALOM'S RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE (RJTF) HAS BEEN WORKING!

Among the RJTF's many activities are the following:

- Participation in MLK Shabbat in January and Black History Shabbat in February.
- Recent co-sponsorship of Metro Hillel of Chicago's Racial Day of Learning.
- Cohort #5 has begun studying the Racial Healing Handbook in order to raise participants' awareness of racial inequality and their own racial identity development.
- A Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group has begun meeting with the aim of helping Or Shalom become a place where people of all backgrounds and lived experiences feel equally valued.

RJTF mission:

Our identity, personally and as a community, will become anti-racist, and our actions will be anchored by new awareness and true belief in the value of equity for all.

Don't forget to check out the RJTF Padlet

<https://padlet.com/rjtfpadorshalom/RJTForShalom> for a wealth of resources to explore, including movies, documentaries, essays, and books.

If you wish to get involved or simply learn more about RJTF, please reach out to Racial-Justice@orshalomlc.com

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We are so happy that the LGBTQIA+ Task Force's first two events are underway!

The first is a short, 3-minute survey we have created to learn from our congregation.

Do you have ideas about what types of programming you'd like to see at Or Shalom? Are you interested in getting more involved? We would love for you to let us know your thoughts!

[TAKE SURVEY »](#)

Thank you for spending a moment to help make Or Shalom a space where all are invited to belong. We will share the survey results and action items in a future issue of The Shofar.

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We're also excited to be furthering our education, as well as that of other congregants, by holding our first SafeZone training on February 15th.

By the time you read this, our initial training session with Nikki Michele, Executive Director of LGBTQ+ Center Lake County will have already taken place. We look forward to sharing the next steps with you in an upcoming email blast.



Mission statement:

Our purpose is to build on Or Shalom's mission to meet the diverse needs of our congregants within a caring, inclusive, and supporting environment. Guided by Reform Judaic practices and principles, we aim to fully embrace, equally value, and support all members of the LGBTQIA+ community. We will do so through education and programming initiatives designed to build a sense of acceptance, belonging, and inclusion, in a safe and caring environment.

Welcome

TO OUR NEW OR SHALOM MEMBERS

Lori & Adam Barbag

Hilary & Shawn Mountgordon

Dawn Levy

Melissa & Aaron Weisman

Yuri & Stacey Lysoivanov

Louis White & Sheri

Sara & Ben McGuire

Counselbaum Bass

Or Shalom is excited to welcome our new Junior Youth Group Advisor, Jon Gordon, to our team!



Jon Gordon

In this role, Jon will work with our Associate Director of Education and Youth Engagement, Erin Levine, and serve as the Advisor for our 2 younger youth groups: **Team Or Shalom (for 4th-5th Graders)** and **JEWnior (for 6th-8th Graders)**. Jon has already planned incredible events for the rest of 2022. There will be 1 event each month from January-May for each of the younger youth groups Jon advises. You can find a calendar of these events on our [website homepage](#) or [here](#)!

Jon grew up at Or Shalom, and he's on our J² Faculty as our Music Specialist on Sundays. Since he's with us on Sundays, a lot of our youth groupers will recognize him from t'fillah and being around the building. We are so lucky to welcome Jon into this new role at Or Shalom. Jon is an avid baker, great guitar player, writer, and woodworker! He is truly a jack-of-many-trades – something that we know will really add to our youth culture here at Or Shalom. He has so many connection points to share with our youth, and it really shows in this year's lineup of events!

Simchat Shabbat

**DO YOU HAVE A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY
YOU WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE?**

**Join us at one of our Friday evening services
to receive a special blessing from Rabbi Ari!**

UPCOMING SIMCHAT SHABBATS

March 18, 2022

April 22, 2022

May 20, 2022

June 17, 2022



MARCH

Jordyn Ackerman	Hayden Freer	Jacob Leventhal
Danielle Becker	Ethan Glen	Jadyn Marder
Eden Block	Joshua Glen	Henry Marion
Mason Ceisel	Elly Goldberg	Sarah Pinto
Leah Cleek	Abby Golden	Sam Reuter
Vivienne Collins	Raffi Goldman	Sophia Sherman
Jack Dorf	Rebecca Kahn	Lilly Solomon
Kyla Emery	Mackenzie Katz	Jemma Waters
Micah Emery	Caden Katz	Daniel Wolfe

APRIL

Josh Bate	Reece Larson	Blake Schwalb
PJ Bernstein	Asher Levine	Samuel Seaver
Sophia Brown	Brady Lockwood	Jacob Senescu
Hailey Davis	Elliana Melamed	Zach Stinson
Harrison Fischhoff	Evan Miller	Aaron Stinson
Braeden Fischhoff	Samuel Minsley	Caroline Trob
Alivia Goldberg	Jake Pinder	Brayden Waitzman
Ryan Jacobson	Hailey Rootberg	

AT SHABBAT, WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES

MARCH 4

Bruce Bernstein
Sylvia Block
Esther Edelman
Murray Freeland
Fanny Greenbaum

Harry Kirshenbaum
Sidney Kritzer
Charles Lotnick
Ilene Marks
Michael Minnen

Ethel Neiberg
Judith Schrieber
Melvin Sigman
Sheldon Sperling
Sara Stein

Sara Unger
Howard Weisman

MARCH 11

Abraham Cohen
Manny Colodny
M. Harvey Field
Ruth Goldberg

Fanny Jacobson
Jennie Joseph
Marilyn Kalom
Alvin Kishner

Donald Levy
Sherman Margolis
Edward Pickus
Louis Shapiro

Allan Tarshish
Louis Weinstein
Karen Wolf

MARCH 18

Howard Alterson
Jacob Applebaum
Henriette Hennie
Ehrenberg

Marvin Hauser
Sylvia Kaplan
Ben Katz

Evan Leinstock
Nathan Levitan
Myron Lown

Barbara P. Madnick
Helen Surdyk

MARCH 25

Eliot Becker
Morris Berger
Arthur Bogaous

Mildred Coe
Talia Hollander
Jack Jacobson

Rae Lambert
Nick Masaracchia
Milton Seaver

Ethel Seaver
Grace Anne Swager
Sarah Yetta Weiss

APRIL 1

Elsie Antognoli
Judith Lynn Bork
Anne Cohen
Sam Franklin
Jack Hogan

William Jacobson
Sue Kessler
Cyd Lash
Leonard Levin
Helen Makie Lipton

Donald Neal
Marty Perlman
Joseph Poders
Howard Primack
Meyer Rubenstein

Sylvia Rubenstein
Irvin Salzberg
Esther Bayla Schwartz
Richard Schwartz

APRIL 8

Barry Axelrod
Ilene Berg
Evelyn Broomfield
Mildred B. Cohen
Rachel Dawe
Carole Gardner
Helen Golan

Leo Goldstein
Beatrice Gross
Shayndle Hencel
Morris Heyman
Charlotte Jacobson
Kurt Jacoby
Lillian Joseph

Howard Kaplin
Scottie Kim
Julius Kruger
Michael Nakashian
Judith Rubin
Ilene Schwartz
Irving Schwartz

Warren Sherling
Samuel Shriberg
Belle Sigman
Claire Solomon
Joan Sylvan
Mordehai Szwec
Solomon Tolub

AT SHABBAT, WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES

APRIL 15

Minnie Bercovitz
Allen Burdeen
Gary Cohn
Herbert Dauer
David Fain
Ruth Glassenberg
Milton Golovan

Alvin Jacobson
Joanne Jacoby
Lillian Katz
Bernard Katz
Sol Laser
Alan Loiben
Nora Mines

Dorothy Newman
Greta Oppenheimer
Sharon Reinstein
Barbara Riffer
Shirley Rodin
Ed Rubin
Anne Sedler Samuels

Jerome Sandler
Fred Stevens
Chaya Tolub
Bernie Turovitz

APRIL 22

Stuart Baruch
Michael Bierman
Rose Bork
zygmunt buchsbaum
Charles Buyer
Joan Elegant
Jeff Epstein
Luther Estridge

Linda Goldblatt
Eva Josephson
Wendy Kane
Gertrude Kaplan
Sidney Kavenow
Mendel Kirshenbaum
Esther Kirshenbaum
Faith Minnen

Walter Morton
Nita Nickow
Sherrie E. Norris
Herbert Phillips
Herbert Phillips
Michael Rosenblum
Sam Roth
Irving Roth

Pearl Silverman
Herbert Stein
Allison Stiegel
Brad Surprenant
LaVerne Vanderwerff
Stanley Weisbrodt

APRIL 29

Nettie Biss
Jeannie Bresler
Donna Crow
Joseph Daniels
Elaine Dauer
Mildred Dechter
Edward Dorfman
Ann Fealk
George Flaris

Robert Fogel
Dorothy Goldberg
Abe Goldberg
Frances Golding
Felice Jacobson
Eleanor Yvette Kaye
Aaron Kelmer
Leonard Laden
Jennie Lederman

Martin Leventhal
John McFall
Mary Niems
Seymour Pearlman
Goldie Roberts
Harry Shadrow
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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 are used to support major extra-budget educational, religious and social action programs. Please mail donations to the Temple office, designating the specific fund and the acknowledgement information.

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

Donations to this fund honor the memory of a beloved young person from Or Shalom and are used to fund programming, equipment, and experiences for our youth.

MUSIC FUND

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

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE FUND

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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 purchasing 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 \$500.00 donation, an engraved plaque will be added to the memorial board in the sanctuary. This can be done at any time, but it is an especially meaningful way to commemorate a *yahrzeit* (anniversary of the date of death). If you would like to make arrangements to purchase a plaque, please call the Temple office at (847) 362-1948.

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 new birth, a wedding, special anniversary, Bar/Bat Mitzvah or any other special event.

For a minimum donation of \$250.00, an engraved leaf will be added to our Tree of Life. For a minimum donation of \$1,000, a stone will be placed at the bottom of the Tree of Life and can be inscribed in honor of a family member for any occasion. Please call the Temple office at (847) 362-1948 to arrange to purchase a leaf or stone.

THE OR SHALOM VIRTUAL CALENDAR

March

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

6:30 PM | J² Teen (7/8th grade)
8:00 PM | Adult Beginner's Hebrew Class

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

4:30 PM | J² Hebrew (3rd-6th Grade)
7:00 PM | Social Action Meeting
7:00 PM | The Five Megillot Learning Series

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022

7:00 PM | RAC-IL 2022 Campaign Launch - Shomer
Shelter: Removing Barriers to Housing

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022

7:00 PM | Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022

10:00 AM | Bar Mitzvah of Jack Dorf

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

8:45 AM | Grades 3-4 BYOA (Bring Your Own Adult) -
Early Session
8:45 AM | Pre-K
8:45 AM | J² Early Session
10:45 AM | Grades 3-4 BYOA (Bring Your Own Adult) -
Late Session
10:45 AM | J² Late Session
3:00 PM | JEWnior Splatter Paint
7:00 PM | Racial Healing Handbook Cohort #5
7:30 PM | DEI Working Group

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022

10:00 AM | Sew Together
6:30 PM | Fundraising Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

6:30 PM | R&R Meeting
6:30 PM | J² Teen (7/8th grade)
7:00 PM | Healing Through the Seasons: An Evening
of Support in Spring - hosted by JCFS
8:00 PM | Adult Beginner's Hebrew Class

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

4:30 PM | J² Hebrew (3rd-6th Grade)
7:00 PM | Membership Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

8:00 AM | Exec Board Meeting
7:00 PM | Green Team Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

7:00 PM | Shabbat Service featuring 3rd Grade

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

10:00 AM | Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Stern
3:00 PM | Team Or Shalom: Let's Build!
6:00 PM | Escape a Room with Jew Crew

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

10:00 AM | Purim Carnival
7:00 PM | Racial Healing Handbook Cohort #5

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

6:30 PM | J² Teen (7/8th grade)
7:00 PM | LGBTQIA+ Task Force Meeting
8:00 PM | Adult Beginner's Hebrew Class

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

4:30 PM | J² Hebrew (3rd-6th Grade)
7:00 PM | Vashti's Banquet - Adult Purim Celebration

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

7:00 PM | Racial Justice Task Force Monthly Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022

5:00 PM | Shabbat Service featuring Pre-K
7:00 PM | Shabbat Service-March Simchat Shabbat

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022

10:00 AM | Bar Mitzvah of Mason Ceisel

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THE OR SHALOM VIRTUAL CALENDAR

March

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

7:00 PM | Racial Healing Handbook Cohort #5
7:30 PM | DEI Working Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

7:00 PM | The Five Megillot Learning Series

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

9:30 AM | jBaby Tots and Tunes Class
7:00 PM | Shabbat Service

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

7:00 PM | Racial Healing Handbook Cohort #5

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022

7:00 PM | Shir Chadash with Cantor Laurie Akers

April

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022

9:30 AM | jBaby Tots and Tunes Class
7:00 PM | Shabbat Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

7:00 PM | Racial Healing Handbook Cohort #5
7:30 PM | DEI Working Group

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

10:00 AM | Sew Together
6:30 PM | Fundraising Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

6:30 PM | J² Teen (7/8th grade)
8:00 PM | Adult Beginner's Hebrew Class

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022

4:30 PM | J² Hebrew (3rd-6th Grade)
7:00 PM | Social Action Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022

9:30 AM | jBaby Tots and Tunes Class
6:00 PM | NFTY OSRUI Retreat
7:00 PM | Shabbat Service - SHABBAT LIVE

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

6:00 PM | The Jeff Metz Memorial Poker Tournament

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

12:00 AM | J² Passover Activities
8:45 AM | Grades K - 2 Family Day
8:45 AM | J² Early Session
9:00 AM | Maot Chitim Passover Food Delivery
9:15 AM | Post-Confirmation (Grades 11-12)
10:45 AM | Grades 5-6 Family Day - Late Session
10:45 AM | J² Late Session
11:15 AM | Confirmation (Grades 9 - 10)

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022

6:30 PM | R&R Meeting
6:30 PM | J² Teen (7/8th grade)
8:00 PM | Adult Beginner's Hebrew Class

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

4:30 PM | J² Hebrew (3rd-6th Grade)
7:00 PM | The Five Megillot Learning Series
7:00 PM | Membership Committee Meeting

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THE OR SHALOM VIRTUAL CALENDAR

April

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

8:00 AM | Exec Board Meeting
7:00 PM | Green Team Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022

9:30 AM | jBaby Tots and Tunes Class

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022

5:30 PM | Second Night Seder

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

1:00 PM | Team Or Shalom Chocolate Seder
3:00 PM | JEWnior Chocolate Seder
7:30 PM | DEI Working Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

6:30 PM | J² Teen (7/8th grade)
7:00 PM | LGBTQIA+ Task Force Meeting
8:00 PM | Adult Beginner's Hebrew Class

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

4:30 PM | J² Hebrew (3rd-6th Grade)
7:00 PM | Board Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

7:00 PM | Racial Justice Task Force Monthly Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

9:30 AM | jBaby Tots and Tunes Class
9:30 AM | Passover Yizkor Service
7:00 PM | Shabbat Services-SHABBAT LIVE & April Simchat Shabbat

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

10:00 AM | Bat Mitzvah of Hayden Silverberg

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

8:45 AM | Pre-K
8:45 AM | J² Early Session
10:45 AM | J² Late Session

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

7:00 PM | People of the Book

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

6:30 PM | J² Teen (7/8th grade)
6:30 PM | Yom HaShoah Service led by 7th/8th Grade
8:00 PM | Adult Beginner's Hebrew Class

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

4:30 PM | J² Hebrew (3rd-6th Grade)

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

7:00 PM | Shir Chadash with Cantor Laurie Akers

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

9:30 AM | jBaby Tots and Tunes Class
7:00 PM | Shabbat Services & Environmental Shabbat

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

10:00 AM | B'nai Mitzvah of Braedyn Friedman & Jayden Goldkind
4:00 PM | Jew Crew is Scavenger-ing in a Forest Preserve



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