



THE SHOFAR



FROM OUR RABBI...

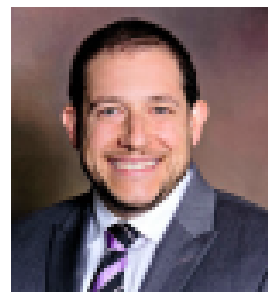
Your Or Shalom family wishes you a happy, healthy 2021!!

As we enter the New Year, we are also entering a new book of our Torah, the book of Exodus. I don't know about you, but I could use an Exodus from many of the realities of 2020. This past year has stretched us all beyond what we thought was possible. So many of us have learned how to work remotely or have helped our children attend school online. We have made precautions commonplace in our daily routines, and we have found creative ways to stay in touch with those we love. Some of us have suffered greatly from the impact of the disease that has plagued our society, and others have had to learn how to mourn in times when we cannot hug those we yearn to hold in our arms.

Our Exodus story from the Torah begins with a great cry from the hearts of our ancestors, who felt they could not take their oppression anymore. It is only after their cry that God begins to intervene and set in motion the redemption that ultimately comes. And as some rabbinic interpretations reveal, it also sets the Israelites up to be ready to embrace the opportunity for freedom when it comes.

Today, I'd guess that we each have a great cry in our own hearts from these times, as well. Perhaps our cry stems from frustration or exhaustion over all the adjustments we are continually making. We might have a cry of pain and grief and sorrow for plans we have had to let go of, for celebrations postponed, for times unable to gather and especially for those we have lost. Whatever the cry might be in your heart, right here, at the end of 2020, it might be the time to let that cry out. Sometimes a good cry can help us make room for more strength and patience and hope. With vaccinations on the horizon and with better understanding about the nature of the coronavirus, we might be ready to begin a slow, steady march towards redemption, as well. Until we reach that day, however, we pray that our cry reminds us to do what we can to keep one another safe and loved, so we can reach that promised land together. If you need someone to listen to your cry, know that we are here to do so, as well!

May 2021 be better than 2020 for us all! Wishing you a happy, healthy, hopeful new year!



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I have spent time thinking about many things this strange year! Recently an equation came to mind- **Challenge+Change=Strength**. There have been many challenges to 2020 for sure. And certainly, there were changes-some we anticipated, others we did not. As we have come to the end of the year, I realize that each of these changes or challenges has made me stronger in some way; I suspect the same is true for many of you.

Rabbi Ari has recently been talking about resilience. I recently read that resilience has 5 components: self-awareness, mindfulness, self-care, positive relationships, and purpose. It is about being able to come back from stress and challenges, and to figure out a way to be our best while going through it. So, I am going to spend some time thinking about how the changes and challenges of 2020 have impacted Or Shalom -what are the things we did well that we should keep doing and, equally as important, what are the things we can let go of that did not serve.

My hope for 2021 is that I can turn to the 5 components of resilience and help Or Shalom build a 2021 with a focus on positive relationships and purpose and help us become an even stronger community.

Wishing you and yours a Happy and Healthy 2021.
Lora

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.

The class will be offered at two different times each month:
Tuesdays, 7:30 – 8:30 pm: 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 3/30, 5/4, 6/1
Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 am: 12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 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



JANUARY/FEBRUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

Shabbat Service **Friday,**

January 1 @ 7:00PM

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday, January 2 @ 10:00AM**

Shabbat **Friday, January 8 @ 5:45PM**

Shabbat Sha-Gather

7:00PM Traditional Service

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday, January 9 @ 10:00AM**

Shabbat Service **Friday, January 15 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday, January 16 @ 10:00AM**

Bat Mitzvah of Anara Katzman

Shabbat Service **Friday, January 22 @ 7:00PM**

with Gimmel Class

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday, January 23 @ 10:00AM**

Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Stein

Shabbat Shira **Friday, January 29 @ 8:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday, January 30 @ 10:00AM**

Shabbat Friday, **February 5 @ 5:45PM**

Shabbat Sha-Gather

7:00PM Traditional Service

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday, February 6 @ 10:00AM** with Dalet Class

Shabbat Service **Friday, February 12 @ 6:00PM**

with Kdg & 1st grade

7:00PM Traditional Service

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday February 13 @ 10:00AM**

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Senescu

Shabbat Service **Friday, February 19 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday February 20 @ 10:00AM**

Shabbat Service **Friday, February 26 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday February 27 @ 10:00AM**

Bat Mitzvah of Tessa Dubin;

Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Feldman **@ 3:00PM**

virtual Coffee

WITH THE CLERGY

Thursdays at 12:00pm CT

'Zoom in' and join the Or Shalom clergy for a lively conversation on hot Jewish topics with a new guest every week. If you are interested in being a guest speaker at a future program, please email Jen at jdaniels-lake@orshalomlc.com

January 7th
Neshama Carlebach

January 14th
Larry Kaplan & Chicago Jewish Architecture

January 21st
MLK Jr Day speaker

January 28th
Charlie Longdon & COVID-19 Prevention & Vaccine

February 4th
Art Shriberg, Matt Marder & the Racial Justice Task Force

February 11th
TBA

February 18th
Mort Blieberg & the Holocaust Museum

February 25th
TBA

The Ten Commandments led by Or Shalom member Bill McNulty



February 4th
7:00pm on Zoom



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 us for a review of the Ten Commandments and share your thoughts.

RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS

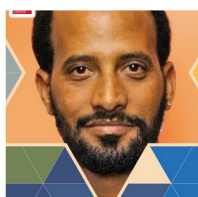


Join the Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center on Mondays in February for their series:

"This is What Jewish Looks Like"

Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22
5:00 - 6:15 pm CST
Cost: Free

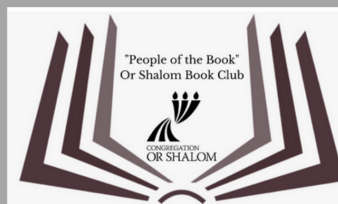
Register on the Streicker Center website:
<https://streicker.nyc/winter-spring-2021>



2/1-Rebecca Walker
2/8-Avishai Mekonen

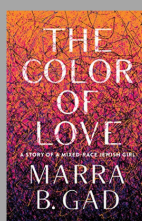


2/15-Rabbi Isaama Goldstein-Stoll
2/22-Michael W. Twitty



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US FOR ENGAGING
DISCUSSIONS LED BY

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BOOK CLUB FACILITATOR



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

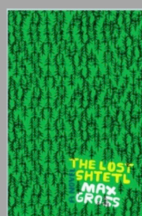
Register at:
<https://www.orshalomlc.org/event/OSPOTBjan21>

This memoir presents a little seen view of race relations in Judaism and the United States.



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



Recently we celebrated Hanukkah and the miracle of light. We remembered the oil that lasted 8 nights, or as recent memes illustrated –an uncharged cell phone that kept power for 8 nights. At the same time, we also watched the first Covid-19 vaccines being administered to front-line healthcare workers, which also is a ray of light and hope.

As we say good-bye to 2020 (and many are eager to push it into the past), it is a good time to reflect on some of the blessings that glistened through the often-difficult times. Many of us got reacquainted with the joy of cooking, shared special time with our furry family members, and had the opportunity to stop and smell the roses more often. Puzzles and board games were selling off the shelves (or Amazon trucks, in this case) as many families spent time together just being families. Those of us that thought our nests were empty had the blessing of having our young adult children back home as colleges were shut down and internships were canceled. Much to the surprise of many, some of the more mature members of our families learned how to use technology to be able to Zoom with us.

And our Or Shalom clergy, staff, and congregation personified the terms “resilience” and “community”. Our ancestors have shown resilience over thousands of years, and maybe future generations will look back at 2020 as an historically prominent time and be inspired by the way that, worldwide, we all have continued to live, work, and share during the pandemic. But I want to focus not on the entire world, but on Or Shalom. And instead of thousands of years, I’m looking back 6-9 months and I’m very proud to be part of our Or Shalom community. Safety will always be a priority for all that we do, but we have all pivoted in creative ways to feel close while physically apart. We have prioritized supporting those in need and have used technology to share services, celebrate B’nai Mitzvot, and hold engaging religious school classes. *(continued)*

This new year of 2021 is a beacon of hope for mass vaccinations and the end of this pandemic. But there is a part of me that wants to maintain the blessings of this time into the better times. I hope we all continue to support each other, do puzzles, cook, and do whatever else brings happiness for each of us, even when our lives go back to “normal”. I believe that we are all entering a “new normal”, with appreciation for a new understanding of our own passions and priorities. I wish all of you a happy and, especially, health new year.

L’Shalom,
Laura



Marcia Cohen,
Education Director

Our Confirmation students from the 2019-20 school year (5780) led Shabbat services and received their blessing from Rabbi Ari during Chanukah 2020. Despite the disappointment of not being together in person for their Confirmation Ceremony last spring, each of these students has continued on with their Jewish Journey in a meaningful and affirmative way. We are so proud of these students and their resilience to weather the pandemic, while remaining connected to Or Shalom through participation in Post-Confirmation class, Torah reading, Jew Crew, Mitzvah projects, or serving as madrichim in the Religious school.

(top row: Eliana Bernat, Josh Bernstein, Isaac Fuksman, Ethan Lotnick, Brandon Newman;
bottom row: Jacob Pinder, Hailey Rootberg, Sophia Rose, Matthew Senescu)



Upcoming Special Programs:

Shabbat Sha-Gather (page 17)
Friday, January 8 @5:45-6:45pm

6th grade B'nai Mitzvah Workshop
Sunday, January 10 @10:30am-12:00pm

Gimmel (5th grade) Shabbat
Friday, January 22 @6:00pm

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

Kdg/1st grade Shabbat
Friday, February 12 @6:00pm

Purim Spiel & Carnival (page 8)
Sunday, February 28 during religious school



Ethan Lotnick's Jewish Journey:

My Jewish journey at Or Shalom began in 2015 which happened to be the same year that Rabbi Ari became the new Rabbi at Or Shalom. I was somewhat familiar with Jewish customs and prayers before I started at Or Shalom, but it wasn't until I began Hebrew school that I realized that I had a lot to learn. I was nervous and didn't know what to expect. Education Director, Marcia Cohen and my teacher, Mrs. Ceisel, put me at ease. We learned not only how to read Hebrew, but also Jewish rituals.

I really enjoyed Sunday Family School and loved learning Jewish geography. We even learned how to build a sukkah and I refined my gaga ball skills!

A major milestone in my Jewish life was when I became a Bar Mitzvah. I stood in front of the Torah and the congregation thinking about how our faith has tied us together over the centuries.

In recent years I became a member of the Jew Crew Youth Group. In Jew Crew I met other kids around my age and enjoy hanging out together. I have made several friends which hopefully will turn into long lasting relationships. We have gone on several fun field trips. Unfortunately due to the pandemic our meetings have been virtual.

In 2018 my Grandfather Chuck passed away. It was a very painful time for my family. It was comforting for me that Rabbi Ari was able to be there to officiate at the funeral. I went with my Dad to Friday night services during our time of mourning. We were surrounded with emotional support from Rabbi Ari and the Congregation. This helped us greatly in handling our emotional pain.

Now we come to the pandemic. Since we haven't been able to be with each other in class we have zoom meetings. We had High Holiday services on the computer which allowed my grandmother Hannah to partake in the services. We even received calls from some members of the Congregation doing a well-being check.

When I think about my Jewish Journey I realize all my experiences had a common theme: A sense of community. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary one of the definitions of Congregation is "the act or an instance of bringing together." My journey consists of knowing I have the support of an entire community.

Jacob Pinder's Reflections on his Jewish Journey:

This year and throughout my Jewish education I have had time for reflection. Today I am going to tell you the biggest take always from this. First, you must find light in the dark. As we celebrate the holiday of Chanukah we remember the miracle of the oil that lasted 8 days in the Temple that was in ruins. As we light another candle each night, we bring more light into longer nights. Martin Luther King once said, "Only in the darkness can you see the stars." Each and every healthcare worker, poll worker, delivery employees, the list goes on and on, they are the stars that shine brighter each and every day.

Second, you must be resilient. This can be exceedingly difficult. Always remember life is a series of challenges and problems we must figure out and overcome. Quitting is an option, but it is the worst choice one could make. Failure is solely a test. People won't care about the failure if you overcome it. Quitting is what people will remember if you quit. But resilience is what people will remember when you overcome failure. If someone has said they have never failed, they are a liar. Even the greatest fail or have been challenged. Did you know that Abraham Lincoln lost 8 elections before becoming president? Michael Jordan missed more than 9,000 shots in his career. J.K. Rowling was rejected by 12 major publishers. Oprah Winfrey was a victim of abuse and was nearly homeless. Thomas Edison failed over 10,000 experiments. Einstein failed out of school and Beyonce lost her first audition. We know these people as household names. They never gave up. And there are so many more. Winston Churchill said, "Success is walking from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."

To bring these two points together, make a positive impact. When you are the person that gets up off the canvas and does the right thing, you grow your influence. And when your influence grows so does your impact. You technically die twice. Once when you take your last breath and the second is the last time someone remembers you. My family escaped Eastern Europe during the Holocaust looking to escape hate and looking for a stable job. It was not easy, but they never gave up. Sadly, some of them didn't make it out in time. Their memories are forever with us. Never forget that wisdom comes from the most unlikely sources. During this trying time, the wisdom of other is what is keeping us from falling even further. We have also seen how a single act from a single person can change the world.

During Chanukah let's bring in more light. Anne Frank wrote, "Notice how a single candle can defy or define the darkness." My great Grandmother lived to be 103 years old and proved that a simple small-town cook could leave a legacy. She was also an unlikely source of wisdom. She believed in making a positive impact. "Show up early, be kind, don't judge, be honest, and be ready for the challenges that lie ahead." She wasn't concerned about how long she lived; she was concerned about how she lived. "If you're going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can't be erased." Maya Angelou



8th Grade Tuesday Night Class

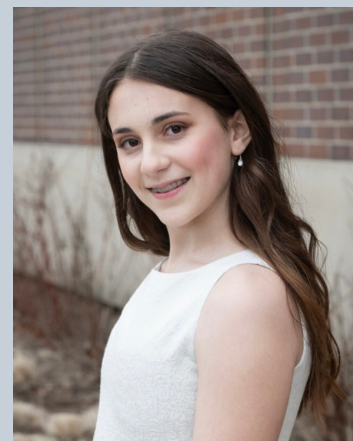
Our Tuesday night 8th grade class lit the chanukiyah and sang the blessings together on Zoom during their Chanukah class session. They made doughnut holes that everyone tasted and enjoyed! A few pictures of our classmates enjoying the doughnuts before they were devoured are shared below. The class reviewed the Chanukah story and played a Chanukah Kahoot game.



8th Grade Sunday Morning Holocaust Museum Class

My name is Eden Block and I participate in the 8th grade Holocaust Class on Sunday mornings in addition to being on the Illinois Holocaust Museum's Teen Board. During the Holocaust Class, I have gotten the opportunity to learn and hear survival stories from Museum docent, (and Or Shalom congregant) Mort Blieberg, and watch virtual tours from the Museum. Mort Blieberg has shared stories about children during the Holocaust, which my classmates and I could relate to, and we've been part of tours where we learned about Ghettos, children, concentration camps, and many other topics that sparked interesting and engaging discussions.

Through the Holocaust Museum's Teen Board, I have gotten to hear from survivors who have shared their in-depth stories and experiences. One story we heard was about a woman who was in a concentration camp with her mother and her sister. The three stuck together, and were unsure whether their line was leading to the gas chamber or forced labor, but stayed together no matter what. The Teen Board is made up of 8th-12th graders throughout Illinois and through the program we hope to become teen docents at the museum and participate in events once the museum re-opens post-pandemic. I joined this new 8th grade class this year because the subject of the class provided a unique experience I knew I wasn't going to be able to get anywhere else, with other teens who also wanted in-depth learning about the Holocaust.



Club Or Shalom & JYG

We have been back in the swing of things with our junior youth groups. We are running monthly events, led by our Education Coordinator, Michael Schneider. Last month over 20 students from each group got together on Zoom to make Chanukah chocolates - yum! Coming up to start 2021 we have game nights, escape rooms, and a Chocolate Seder! Check out page 12 for more info.



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

Anara Katzman: For my mitzvah project, I donated packaged meals to the residents of Lake County PADS. We donated 135 meals in total for those who needed them. We used the money that was supposed to be going towards catering at my mitzvah party to buy food for the residents instead. We picked them up from the restaurant and dropped the meals off in three hotels around Lake County that the residents are staying in during the pandemic. I wanted to help those without food and those who have been hit hardest by the pandemic.

Tessa Dubin: I am so excited about my upcoming bat mitzvah! I have been attending Beber Camp for the last four years, and I made the most awesome friend there. She is a regular participant in Friendship Circle activities, and I decided to spend some time there volunteering my time. Because of COVID, I have been unable to really spend time with the Friendship Circle cause and recipients. I hope to do so this coming summer. I will be volunteering for the Walk4Friendship. This is an annual event which raises money for children with disabilities. Friends can help the children by walking with them, cheering them on, making cotton candy and blowing bubbles.

Tu B'shvat Zoom Seder

Wednesday, January 27

7:00 - 8:30 pm

No fee to attend

Please register at bit.ly/tubshvat21



A supply list will be sent before the event



Or Shalom Religious School invites you to our

2021 PURIM SPIEL & CARNIVAL

INTERACTIVE GAMES & TRIVIA
SINGING | ARTS & CRAFTS

SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 28
Zoom

Early Session Carnival, 9:00am-10:00am
Purim Spiel for everyone, 10:00am-10:30am
Late Session Carnival, 10:30am-11:30am

Students will sign on to their regular Class Zoom links for a morning of fun games and challenges.

(Students will be sent a list of game supplies in advance)

Share with friends & neighbors! Our Purim Spiel & Carnival is open to non-members as well. Please contact mschneider@orshalomlc.com so we can forward a special Purim Zoom link to our guests.

PADS X-Mas 2020

The Or Shalom response to PADS X-Mas in the time of COVID was overwhelming. Food donations—turkeys, mashed potatoes, green bean casseroles, desserts, beverages—amounted to 50 meals and abundant leftovers for PADS guests at 2 area motels. Donations of socks, underwear, and sweatpants—critical items for those in need of PADS services—overflowed our donation bin and taxed the motels' ability to distribute them all fast enough. And the \$2,502 in donations for gift cards—yes, you read that right—filled not only immediate needs for food, toys, and other essentials, but also will continue filling PADS guest needs as they arise throughout the winter.

As we wrote to our many and invaluable volunteers that night after everything was done, "When we do things like this, we restore an underlying sense that there is good in the world, that humanity has a strength that can support some of us through our toughest stretches, that there is hope that this will all somehow turn out okay." Thank you, Or Shalom, for being that source of goodness, strength, and hope.





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

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

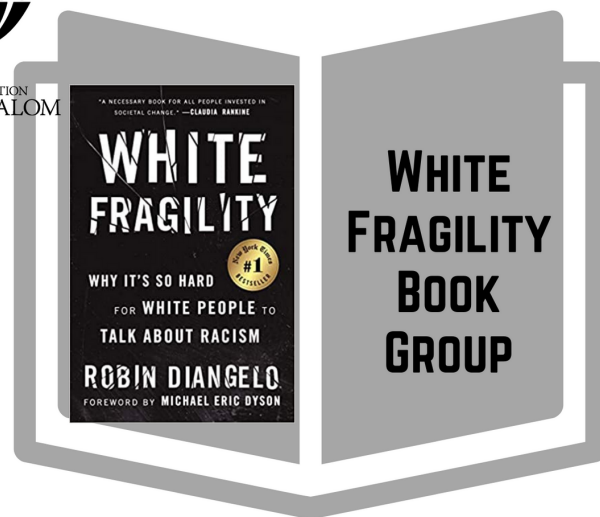


RACIAL JUSTICE CORNER

The Racial Justice Task Force (RJTF) is working hard and hopes that you will join us in one or more of the programs we will be offering. We are completing our foundational work: looking inward to understand our own racial journeys and identities through honest conversation; and looking outward at racial inequity and what to do about it.

In response to the 68 surveys that the RJTF received, we are offering a discussion group for the book *White Fragility*, discussions of a series of lectures regarding *Jews of Color*, and a screening of and conversation about the film *The Help*. Please look in this Shofar's Virtual Calendar for dates and times.

We are excited also to be reaching out to congregations comprised predominantly of people of color to have meaningful conversation, build relationships, and seek collaboration to make this world a more just place for all. We encourage you to take that leap to enter into this transformative process with us. There is power and comfort in community coming together to address a challenge that we all face but feel powerless to work on alone.

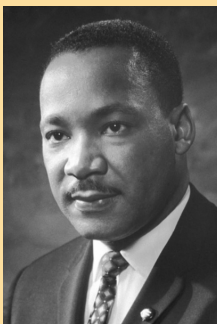


SUNDAYS, JAN. 17, 24, 31, FEB. 7
10 - 11:30 AM

Join an in-depth, 4-part zoom conversation about the book *White Fragility* facilitated by Or Shalom members, Art Shriberg and Judy Sidell. This series will ask us to engage in personal reflection about our experiences with racism in the world and will challenge us to grow in new ways as we uncover the toll systemic racism takes on all our lives.

Register at bit.ly/whitefragility21

This series is free and all are invited to attend. Please contact racial-justice@orshalomlc.com with any questions.



MLK SHABBAT FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 7 PM CST

Join Rabbi Ari Margolis and Cantorial Soloist Laurie Akers as they welcome **Pastor Kenneth Phelps** of Concord M.B. Church in Chicago to share in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Join the Zoom Link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84385683686?pwd=dndoOXVZMTRkRVY0ZFZVM25ZOUJLUT09>

Meeting ID: 843 8568 3686
Passcode: 642450



RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE CINEMA SPOTLIGHT SERIES



An aspiring author during the civil rights movement of the 1960s decides to write a book detailing the African American maids' point of view on the white families for which they work, and the hardships they go through on a daily basis (IMDB.com)

Sunday, February 21
1 - 2 pm

Join the Racial Justice Task Force for a discussion of this Academy Award winning drama facilitated by Matt Marder. No fee to attend.

RSVP at bit.ly/thehelp21



JOIN OR SHALOM WOMEN'S
PROGRAMMING FOR

A Virtual Tour of Notorious RBG

at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

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

The virtual Notorious RBG is a video presentation of 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.

Please RSVP by January 7th at:

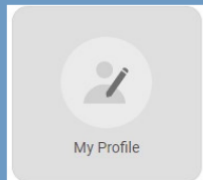
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Due to a generous contribution from the Kritzer-Levenfeld Education Fund, there is no fee for this event

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CONGREGATION OR SHALOM

2020 Accomplishments-What a year
it has been. We can be proud of all
we did as a community!

MEMBERS

387 Member Households
697 Adult Members
33 New Member Families

Flexible membership commitments
offered during pandemic uncertainty



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

266 Students
75 Small groups of
Hebrew students
(3rd - 6th Grade)



B'YACHAD INITIATIVE

800+ outreach phone calls to members
92 ongoing calls to seniors or essential workers
93 care bags delivered to members
212 masks hand-sewn with contactless delivery to members



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Or Shalom highly successful live-
streamed High Holy Day Services

LIFE EVENTS

32 B'nai Mitzvah Ceremonies
34 Other Life Events



SUSTENANCE

300 lbs of food grown and donated from
the Mitzvah Garden

250 Mitzvah Meals donated to children in need
Due to school closings in 2020 this number is reduced from 600



ZOOM services, classes, & programming

1,587 meetings **19,240** participants

COVID FUND DONATION



distributed to 3 local community
organizations serving those in need:
Waukegan to College, North Chicago
Community Partners, and Aspen
Elementary's food pantry

Club Or Shalom: 4th & 5th Graders



CLUB OR SHALOM
4TH & 5TH GRADE

Harry Potter Escape Room

WITH A SERVICE PROJECT IN HONOR OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Sunday, 1-17-21 | 1:15pm-2:00pm
Zoom link sent to registered participants

RSVP by 1-11: tinyurl.com/COShp17
\$5

Questions, contact Michael
mschneider@orshalomlc.com

CLUB OR SHALOM
4TH & 5TH GRADERS

GAME NIGHT

with Havdalah

Saturday, 2/13/21
6:00pm - 7:00pm
tinyurl.com/COSGame21
\$5 | RSVP by 2/8.
Zoom link will be sent to registered students

Questions? Michael:
mschneider@orshalomlc.com



JYG: 6th - 8th Graders





JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
6TH - 8TH GRADE

GAME NIGHT

Havdalah, followed by a project in honor of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, then:
SCATTERGORIES • DRAWFUL • MORE!

SATURDAY, 1-16-21
6:00PM - 7:00PM
RSVP BY 1-10 AT
[TINYURL.COM/JYGJAN16](https://tinyurl.com/JYGJAN16) | \$5
ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT TO REGISTERED
PARTICIPANTS.
QUESTIONS? CONTACT MICHAEL:
MSCHNEIDER@ORSHALOMLC.COM



JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
6TH - 8TH GRADERS

VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM: BATTLE FOR JUSTOPOLOUS

Saturday, 2/6/21
Choose either 4:45pm or 6:15pm
Space is limited to 12 per session | \$10
Contact Michael with questions:
mschneider@orshalomlc.com
RSVP: [TINYURL.COM/MREFEB20](https://tinyurl.com/MREFEB20)

Jew Crew: 9th-12th Graders


ONILNE MYSTERY GAME

Everyone's a suspect

Can you figure out who did what?

Sunday, January 10
4 PM
Zoom

RSVP to Kevin rooster973@aol.com



Jew Crew invites you to our

**TU B'SHVAT
EVENT**

Sunday, 1/31/21 @ 4:00pm
Free to attend
RSVP to Kevin, rooster973@aol.com



**Jew Crew
Chopped
Challenge**

SUNDAY, 2/21/21 AT 4:00PM
RSVP TO KEVIN,
ROOSTER973@AOL.COM

COST & SUPPLY PICK UP
CLOSER TO EVENT DATE



The Mutual Commitment Model – A deeper dive into the evolving membership structure at Or Shalom

Please allow me to introduce myself to those with whom I have yet to meet. My wife Kirsten and I moved to Vernon Hills almost 20 years ago. Along with our children, we have made Or Shalom the center of our Jewish life. In addition to being a past co-chair of the Legacy of Light Capital Campaign with Denise Kaplan, I serve as Treasurer on the Or Shalom Executive Board and Board of Trustees. My passion to sustain and strengthen the presence of our synagogue within the community emanates from the teachings of my parents whose names are memorialized within our sanctuary. My parents, Fred and Nelida Bernheim, were holocaust survivors who fled to this country with hopes for a better life. I am the first born to my family in the U.S. and take my heritage to heart.

This past year at Or Shalom we responded to the impact of the pandemic by shifting our membership dues requirement to allow whatever contribution our members were able to give. Terumah, the gifts of your heart, allowed us to continue operating and offering programming this year. We have heard from members that believe that the new dues structure was a response to the pandemic. In truth, we were walking down the path toward a new mutual commitment model long before the pandemic began.

In a perfect scenario, we would have had time to conduct a full series of focus groups and town hall discussions with membership prior to roll-out of our new Mutual Commitment Model, but the events of 2020 did not afford that opportunity. In the last 6 months we moved from fixed dues and while this new model has been welcomed by the community (we budgeted for a 20% membership revenue reduction this year as opposed to a 10% actual) , we have a ways to go in our efforts to invite feedback from the Or Shalom community.

Our primary means of communicating with the families of Or Shalom has been through a series of Zoom focus group discussions. For those of you who have already participated in a focus group – we thank you! For those who have yet to participate, we look forward to hearing your thoughts. It is our hope that through focus group discussions, we will gather the questions that will enable us to assist members to gain understanding and make informed decisions. To date we have spoken with roughly 17% of Or Shalom membership and the feedback that we have received contains common threads such as:

Ensure that we are addressing the economic needs of our diverse congregation- singles, young families with and without school age children, retirees, seniors and multi-faith households

- Articulate the life value statement of Or Shalom - beyond the Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience
- Understand that communication must be individualized – one size does not fit all
- Offer transparency to enable a fuller comprehension of the revenue/expense balance that enables Or Shalom to thrive
- Develop effective communication to the surrounding communities in an effort to promote the Mutual Commitment Model

It is encouraging for us to receive this type of feedback as it connects us back to several of the goals set forth in concert with the Mutual Commitment Model.

- Promote engagement, transparency, and inclusivity.
- Develop a mutual understanding of the financial resources required to sustain Or Shalom.
- Balance the needs of our members and their ability to contribute with the financial needs of our synagogue.
- Empower congregants to decide their commitment level to the synagogue

In summary, we plan to invite 100% of the Or Shalom community to our focus group series. As a result, we are confident that with each of your input we will be able to further develop a solution that addresses the needs of all Or Shalom families.

Joel Bernheim, Treasurer

Welcome to new Or Shalom Members

Joel & Randy Finfer

Randy and I look forward to once again surrounding ourselves with everyone in the world that matters to us most and wish the same for the entire congregation.



WOMEN'S PROGRAMMING

CONGREGATION OR SHALOM

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

CONGREGATION OR SHALOM Men's Club



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

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:
Betty Levenfeld (847.650.8512)
Ellen Grabow (847.606.9397)

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WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM

Current Events

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

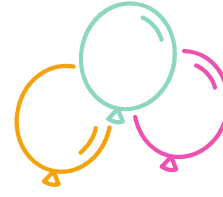
Please let us know if you have interest in taking part or have a topic to consider, by emailing 55plus@orshalomlc.org.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Password: 784120





Birthdays



JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

JOIN YOUR OR SHALOM FAMILY FOR OUR ANNUAL

TA'AM (TASTE OF) RETREAT 2021

Virtual Activities and Programs for all ages!

FRIDAY, 2/19 – SATURDAY, 2/20

EXPERIENCE ALL THIS AND MORE:

Art | Music | Mixology | Shabbat & Torah Study | Trivia
Snowman Building | Baking | Chocolate Dipping



Registration coming soon!

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FRIDAY NIGHT

Shabbat Shira

Highlighting female cantors from NYC, California, Washington DC, along with Or Shalom's very own Laurie Akers



More details coming soon!

January 29, 2021

8 PM

Live on Zoom



*Two events you won't want
to miss!*

JANUARY & FEBRUARY SIMCHAT SHABBATS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 & FEBRUARY 12

DO YOU HAVE A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY
IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY OR FEBRUARY?

JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL BLESSING FROM RABBI ARI!

1/15 & 2/12
7:00PM
Traditional
Shabbat Evening
Services



2/12 - 6:00PM
Young Children's
Shabbat Service
featuring K & 1st
Grade Students



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: https://www.juf.org/jbabychicago/j_class.aspx?cid=557



COME TOGETHER FOR OUR
MONTHLY FAMILY
LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Shabbat Sha-Gather

Friday, January 8th
Friday, February 5th
5:45-6:45pm

Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 843 8568 3686 Passcode: 642450

January Theme: Collaboration

February Theme: Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof

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

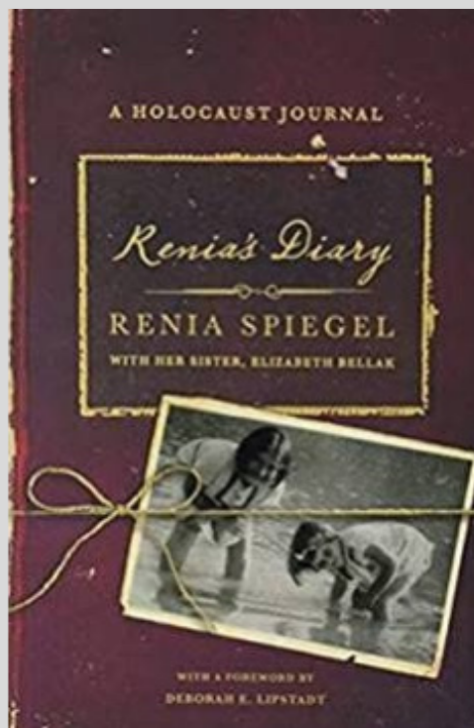
**Each Shabbat Sha-Gather will close with a family-oriented
Shabbat service to nurture our souls.**

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

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE 2021

Virtual Commemeration: Renia's Diary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 - 6:30 PM



Presented by: Illinois Holocaust Museum Women's Leadership Committee and Community partner Congregation Or Shalom

Renia Spiegel was 14 when she started writing in a diary, filling its pages with typical teenage drama: crushes on boys, friendships, and the complicated feelings of a young girl navigating her first love. As the Nazi Party rose to power, Renia writes with passion about how the world begins to change around her. She watches and records the horrifying events unfolding around her, including her neighbors being taken away in the middle of the night and her family's forced relocation to the ghetto. Renia did not survive the war. But, miraculously, her diary did. For this year's International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration, hear Elizabeth Bellak, Renia's sister, and Alexandra Bellak, Renia's niece, in conversation as they recount the shocking discovery of Renia's diary many years after the war. With support from Smithsonian Magazine in translating the diary, Renia's words have touched readers across the world, allowing her story to travel from her bedroom in Nazi-occupied Poland to the bookshelves of people everywhere.

Free to the public. Register at tinyurl.com/OSJan26event

January 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
03 No Religious School	04 7th & 8th Grade Class, 7:00pm	05 Spiritual Resilience with Rabbi Ari, 7:30pm	06 Spiritual Resilience with Rabbi Ari, 10:30am Hebrew School, 4:30pm Social Action Committee, 7:00pm	07 Coffee with the Clergy, 12:00pm	08 Baby Tots & Tunes Class, 9:00am Shabbat Sha-Gather, 5:45pm Shabbat Evening Service, 7:00pm	09 Shabbat Morning Service, 10:00am
10 Religious School meets RBG Virtual Tour, 2:00pm	11 Men's Club Zoom Social, 7:30pm	12 Religion & Ritual Committee, 6:30pm 7th & 8th Grade Class, 7:00pm	13 Hebrew School, 4:30pm	14 Coffee with the Clergy, 12:00pm	15 Baby Tots & Tunes Class, 9:00am Young Children's Service, 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service (M.K.), 7:00pm	16 Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah, 10:00am JYG Game Night, 6:00pm
17 Religious School meets White Fragility Book Group, 10:00am Club Or Shalom Escape Room, 1:15pm	18 People of the Book, 7:00pm	19 Hebrew School, 4:30pm	20 Coffee with the Clergy, 12:00pm	21 Baby Tots & Tunes Class, 9:00am Shabbat Evening Service, 7:00pm	22 Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah, 10:00am	23
24 Religious School meets White Fragility Book Group, 10:00am	25 7th & 8th Grade Class, 7:00pm	26 Tu B'shvat Seder, 7:00pm	27 Coffee with the Clergy, 12:00pm	28 Baby Tots & Tunes Class, 9:00am Shabbat Shira, 8:00pm	29 Shabbat Morning Service, 10:00am	30
31 Religious School meets White Fragility Book Group, 10:00am New Member Dinner, 5:30pm	01	02	03	04	05	06

February 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Religious School meets White Fragility Book	01 This is What Jewish Looks Like, 5:00pm	02 7th & 8th grade class, 7:00pm Spiritual Resilience with Rabbi Ari, 7:30pm	03 Spiritual Resilience with Rabbi Ari, 10:30am Hebrew School, 4:30pm Social Action Committee, 7:00pm	04 Coffee with the Clergy, 12:00pm 10 Commandments Class, 7:00pm	05 iBaby Tots & Tunes, 9:00am Shabbat Sha-Gather, 5:45pm Shabbat Evening Service, 7:00pm	06 Shabbat Morning Service, 10:00am JYG Event, 4:45pm & 6:15pm
07 Religious School meets	08 This is What Jewish Looks Like, 5:00pm Men's Club Social, 7:00pm	09 Religion & Ritual Committee, 6:30pm Membership Committee, 7:00pm 7th & 8th grade class, 7:00pm	10 Hebrew School, 4:30pm	11 Coffee with the Clergy, 12:00pm	12 iBaby Tots & Tunes, 9:00am Kdg/1st grade Shabbat, 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service,	13 Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah, 10:00am Club Or Shalom Game Night, 6:00pm
14 Religious school meets	15 This is What Jewish Looks Like, 5:00pm	16 7th & 8th grade class, 7:00pm	17 Hebrew School, 4:30pm	18 Coffee with the Clergy, 12:00pm The Story of Esther & Vashti (women's program),	19 Retreat Weekend Shabbat Evening Service, 7:00pm	20 Retreat Weekend Shabbat Morning Service, 10:00am
21 Religious School meets Racial Justice Task Force Cinema: The Help, 1:00pm	22 This is What Jewish Looks Like, 5:00pm	23 7th & 8th grade class, 7:00pm	24 Hebrew School, 4:30pm	25 Coffee with the Clergy, 12:00pm Adult Purim Program, 7:00pm	26 Shabbat Evening Service, 7:00pm	27 Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah, 10:00am
28 Purim Shpiel & Carnival	01	02	03	04	05	06

At Shabbat, we remember our loved ones

January 1

Michael David Miller
Mae G. Oppenheim
Jerry Silverberg
Florence Gottfried
Suzie Cohen
Shirlee Dinell
Lawrence Greenstein
Philip Levine
Gertrude Rabin
Eva Seidenberg
Rose Sherman
Fred Bernheim
Hyman Greenbaum
Sarah Schultz
Trude Wise
Sylvia Huttas
Bob Meeske
Patricia Velgos
Elaine Goldberg
David Konstat
Stanley Rosen
Mae Stein
Morris Bierman

January 8

Robin McCoskey
Irving Rosenstock
Harriet Saretsky
Richard Katz
Sylvia Rosenblum Rich
Minnie Semer
Robert Gluckman
Roberta Schwartz
Raymond Berg
Cerna Cornis
Ralph Gallay
Jerry Loebman
Eugene Dechter
Mildred Lambert
Barry Pass
Donald Cohn
Jerome I. Ellen
Harold Rozansky

January 15

Irwin Boxer
Trude Wise
Samuel Edison
Roy Lurie
Morris Moskowitz
Sherman Rootberg
Sheldon Schrieber
Fred Drucker
Steve Doroff
Dora Feldman
Ernest Lowy
Jay Werber
Barry Brick
Ryan Alexandre Briere
Edgar Graham
Alice Keide
Margaret Lerfelt
Maynard Louis
Nathan Pevsner
John Steinheiser
Helen Chase
Ethel Hartstein
Shainey Lipke
Sander Sloan
David Kading
Sheldon Pevsner

January 22

Marcy Kind
Marshall Schrieber
William J. DeHoff
Sam Hencel
Roberta Levitt
Harriet Shandling
Olga Haring
Esther Kabak
Ruth Nussbaum
Jerry Sherman
Howard Duberstein
Harris Kruger
Bess Levenfeld
J. C. Lome
George Rudolfsky
Andrea Bartlett
Andy Holte
Betty Reifman
Joseph Feldman
Lawrence Mann
Richard Maya Romanoff
Morris Leitman
Rebecca Moscovitz
David Plotnick
Philip Reifman
Thomas Schwartz
Jean Stiefel

IN MEMORIAM



We extend our
condolences to the
families of:

Howie Grubman

*Cousin of Janet Pevsner and
Rabbi Ari Margolis*

Roberta (Bobbie) Epstein

Sister of Carol Schwartz

Thelma Janowitz

Long-time Or Shalom member

Arlene Melcer

Mother of Allen Melcer

At Shabbat, we remember our loved ones

January 29	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Lily Brill	Irving Bergman	Donald Ennis	Ronald Finkle	Henriette Hennie Ehrenberg
Schlomo Brill	Selma Greengard	Murray Freeland	Joe Masaracchia	Eva Katz Feldman
Milton Brown	Robert Wojtas	Daniel Friedenreich	Shirley Pittleman	Sarah Hultmark
Diane Stickler	Marlene Zukerman	Beatrice Frifield	Louis Shapiro	Myron Lown
Joseph Grossman	Alvin Bernstein	Geri Getlin	Louis Weinstein	Gerald Rosenstein
Harry Berman	Morris Ferdman	Harry Kirshenbaum	Harvey Wexler	Fred Tatel
Leo Hornstein	David Katz	Ben Kohn	Leon Gold	Howard Alterson
David Lewis	Isadore Zverow	Sidney Kritzler	Esther Horberg	Paul Cramer
Irving Melcer	William Gordon	Cheryl Larson	Lorna Jacobson	Marvin Hauser
Edith Toby Swartz	Beatrice Segal	Bernard Levitan	Robert Sacks	Ben Katz
Jeffrey Dunn	Evelyn Goldman	Beatrice Lichter	Edna B. Sylvan	Sherwin Madnick
Delores Shapiro	Helen Levin	Howard Weisman	Rose Applebaum	Barry Roth
Richard Tessarolo	Margaret Longoria	B.G. Wharton	Manny Colodny	Rose H. Roth
Ben Wirklich	Jerry Fell	Seymour Cy Brenner	Roseann Epner	Richard Ackerman
Lila Pine	Joel Helfer	Audrey Krawetz	Ruth Goldberg	Goldie Cohen
Susan Powder	Alvin Holzer	Sally Mason	Ethyl Lome	Evelyn Grauer
Robin Seidenberg	Bernard Levine	Ethel Neiberg	Joseph Rosen	Leo Greenberg
Ben Yaffee	Bertha Ruttenberg	Joy Sadin	Jack Rubin	Richard Jaffe
Joel Goldstein	Robert Fine	Leonard Slavin	Beatrice Finkle	Barbara P. Madnick
Sandra Rose	Sidney D. Hirsch	Albert Solomon	Rosemary Fleig	Mollye Friend
Gerald Shriberg	Jeanette Nisenholz	Elizabeth Sommer	Rosemary Fleig	Evan Leinstock
		Nadine Zurmuhlen	Stanford Goldstein	Nathan Levitan
		Abraham Cohen	Howard Schnair	Irving Livingston
		Earl J. Goldberg	Ania Zygmán	Leah Sutz
		Paul Gordon	Barry Gallas	Samuel Friedman
		Fanny Greenbaum	Henry Homer	Jules Fred Janowitz
		Cecilia Grossman	Alvin Kishner	Chiel Schwartz
		Lillian Minsky	William Romanoff	Sol Weisman
		Morton Minsky	Karen Wolf	Jacob Applebaum
		Sara Stein	Clarence Daugherity	Glenda Daugherity
		Alexander Steinhaus	Sally Friedman	Meyer Katz
		Lawrence Elegant	Celia Kaplan	Jennie Lasky
		Abraham Ellis	Harry Silverberg	Albert Learner
		Helen Bergman	Kim Bresler-Livingston	Ruth Paley
		Gertrude Berwin	Joseph Henriques	Helen Turk
		Sylvia Block	Ruth Katz	Frances Wheat
		Eugene Bookman	Frederic Lorsch	Bernie Balter
		Elizabeth Mishkovsky	Russell Rauscher	Jack Bate
		Judith Schrieber	Ann Rudofsky	Ethel Cohen
		Norman Borger	Theodore Vanderwerff	Sherman Margolis
		Esther Edelman		Milton Putlack
		Michael Minnen		Harvey Stein
		Bernice Rothschild		
		Melvin Sigman		
		Sheldon Sperling		
		Sara Unger		
		Gina Alterson		
		Sam Byzek		
		Betty Goldman		
		Joel Goldstein		
		Ilene Marks		

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

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.

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Donations to this fund will be used to pay down the principal on our mortgage.

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MEMORIAL PLAQUES

The purchase of a Memorial Plaque is a special way to permanently remember a departed loved one.

For a \$500 donation, an engraved plaque will be added to the memorial board in the sanctuary. This can be done at any time, but 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.



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We are an inclusive and diverse community that respects individual expressions of belief and practice. Interfaith families are warmly welcomed. Together, we continually discover how Judaism enriches our lives and helps us make the world a better place.