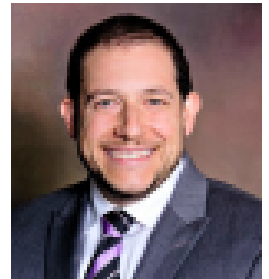




THE SHOFAR



FROM OUR RABBI...



L'shanah Tovah u'Metukah - Here's to a happy and sweet new year!

This year, as we approach our High Holy Days, the world looks very different than at any time in our lives. As Jewish people, we have heard stories of the times that our ancestors have had their lives upended, and how they managed to make it through their times of challenge and chaos. In fact, most of our holidays commemorate the ways in which our people have managed to overcome threats, revolutions and even plagues. As unprecedented as these times may feel, it has been amazing to see how much our Torah stories and our wisdom literature have wrestled with many of the same challenges we have been confronting. As the book of Ecclesiastes famously mentions, "There is nothing new under the sun."

This is why in the coming year, we hope you will join us in exploring the ways that our Jewish tradition can help us to build the spiritual resilience we need for an ever-changing world.

(Rabbi's Article Continued)

As a recovering engineer, I used to work with the physical components of resilience, identifying how materials could maintain their integrity, even in the face of enormous pressures. Ultimately, resilience measures the ability for something to bounce back, even when stretched by difficult situations. When we think about it, doesn't that describe the state of our current lives? We are all feeling a ton of added pressure - whether figuring out how to stay healthy and safe, dealing with economic challenges, balancing work and helping our children learn from home, or just having to do things differently. We all have had to adjust. But we pray that even in the midst of these crazy times, we can still find ways to maintain the integrity of who we want to be and even continue striving to become who we want to become. We continue to bounce back from all the routines and plans that we have had to let go, while finding new ways to be ourselves.

You will hear quite a bit about the ways our Jewish traditions guide us in building spiritual resilience during our High Holy Day services and throughout the year. You can also join us for our new Shabbat Sha-Gather programs - our monthly Friday night family learning geared for all ages. Each month we will focus on an aspect of resilience that we can focus on building within ourselves, so that by the end of the year, we will have multiple tools at our disposal for shaping ourselves, strengthening those around us and repairing our world.

I miss seeing you in person and giving high fives in our religious school. Like you, I miss hugs and singing together and seeing people beyond the little zoom boxes in which we seem to be living. Yet, I continue to bolster my heart with the phrase "gam ze ya'avur" - "this too shall pass." And when it does, I pray the work we do on ourselves, building our own spiritual resilience, will allow us to emerge stronger, healthier and more connected than ever before.

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

**Links will be on our website & sent directly
the week of services**

Or Shalom 5780 HIGH HOLY DAYS

Streaming Online – Details to follow

Selichot Services

Saturday, September 12

Or Shalom Congregational Selichot Service @8:30PM

Selichot Learning Opportunity @9:30PM

Alternative URJ Movement Selichot Service

(Pre-Recorded) @Anytime

(Our Reform Movement has put together this incredible
Selichot Service for all Congregations)

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Friday September 18

Traditional Service @ 7:30PM

1st Day Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 19

Traditional Service @10:00AM

Post Service Oneg/Schmooze @11:15AM

Family Service @12:30PM

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 20

(Pre-Registration Required)

Traditional Service @10:00AM

Congregational Taschlich @12:00PM at Century Park

Women's Taschlich @3:00PM at Century Park

Kol Nidre, Sunday

September 27

Traditional Service @7:30PM

Yom Kippur Day, Monday

September 28

Traditional Morning Service @10:00AM

Family Service @12:30PM

Learning Opportunity @12:30PM

Afternoon Service @2:00PM

Healing Service @3:00PM

Learning Opportunity @3:00PM

Yizkor Service @4:00PM

N'ilah Service @5:00PM

Family N'ilah Service @5:00PM

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

SHABBAT SERVICES

Streaming Online

Friday nights at 7:00PM - via Zoom or on Facebook Live

Saturday mornings at 10:00AM - via Zoom or on Facebook Live

Shabbat Service **Friday,**
September 4 @ 7:00PM

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,**
September 5 @ 10:00AM

Afternoon Service, **Saturday,**
September 5 @ 3:00PM

B'not Mitzvot of Julianna Pinder
& Hannah Schwartz

Shabbat Service **Friday,**
September 11 @ 7:00PM

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,**
September 12 @ 10:00AM

B'nai Mitzvah of
Andrew & Megan Trob

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service **Friday,**
September 18 @ 7:00PM

1st Day Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat
Morning Service

Saturday, September 19 @
10:00AM

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

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,**
September 26 @ 10:00AM

Shabbat Service **Friday,**
October 2 @ 7:00PM

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

Bat Mitzvah of Megan Bernheim

Shabbat Service **Friday,**
October 9 @ 7:00PM

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,**
October 10 @10:00

Shabbat Service **Friday,**
October 16 @ 7:00PM

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,**
October 17 @10:00

Bat Mitzvah of Dara April

Shabbat Service **Friday,**
October 23 @ 7:00PM

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday**
October 24 @10:00

Bar Mitzvah of Elijah Herbst

Shabbat Service **Friday,**
October 30 @7:00PM

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday,**
October 31@10:00AM

LETTER FROM THE President

Laura S. Goodman



When I received an email asking for submissions for the September issue of the Shofar, my initial thoughts were “how can it be for September?” “What happened to April and May?” “Isn’t it time for Pesach?”

The past 5 months have not only changed the way we live, work, and interact as a community, but it also has shifted the way we perceive time. Days roll into nights, weeks roll into months. I have found myself trying to re-focus week after week, and I started joining Or Shalom Shabbat Services online. Some weeks I tune in Friday night, and some weeks Saturday morning - joining with a B’nai Mitzvah as they celebrate their milestone in a very different, but still very special, experience. There is opportunity during this pandemic to find new ways to see blessings in your own circle and to come together with others in our Or Shalom community.

At times I’ve gotten wrapped up in my work, family, and other responsibilities and didn’t pause for Shabbat. In the craziness of this Covid-19 world, when we are all shifting to our new normals, I’ve started my own tradition of pausing each week and having my time to enjoy Shabbat and the calm that it brings. My husband and I had been enjoying the start of “empty nester” life, but had college and internships move remotely into our house and have had bonus months all together as a family that is time we will always cherish. No one running to meetings (I’m the usual culprit) or out with plans – just the four of us talking and laughing together.

The Or Shalom building may still be mostly closed, but the clergy, staff and board have worked to pivot to alternative ways to keep our community engaged and supported. From Lox Boxes to the Mitzvah Garden, from Book Club to Harry Potter with “Lumos Or”, and numerous other programs, there is something for everyone. Many enjoyed the beautiful music of the Or Shalom-A-Thon and our Jew Crew has been hanging out in the parking lot to get together while socially distanced. And we have much to look forward to as we welcome the High Holy Days: Apple picking and High Holiday gift boxes are just a sample of what is to come. And by the way, we are always looking for new ideas for community building and programming, so please consider suggesting your talents or hobbies and helping plan a program.

Our High Holy Day gatherings will look different this year, but will be special, sacred, and memorable. Our Shabbat Services and B’nai Mitzvah celebrations will be continue to be heartwarming and foster togetherness, even if you enjoy from the comfort of your own couch. I encourage everyone to cherish the blessings that you find during this pandemic. The pandemic will end and we will return to our lives with a different normal, enriched by our experiences. Shana Tovah - May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

School classes begin on September 13, and this school year looks unlike any other previous year. Our teachers will be using their newly honed Zoom skills to engage students in learning in meaningful and interactive ways.

Although we are starting the school year remotely, we are still boldly moving forward with our J2 (Jewish Journey) change process work to shift the paradigm of our supplemental school program. Or Shalom was selected last year by the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago as one of only three schools ready to make major steps in redesigning our school program.



Through the generosity of the JUF we work with two mentor coaches: Rob Weinberg, an esteemed consultant in Jewish Education, and Hebrew specialist Kathy Schwartz, who guides us forward with our Hebrew program.

JUF is also funding a change process facilitator for our school, and we are so lucky that Jen Gendel (pictured) has taken on that role. Jen's background includes 25 years as a professional in education including teacher, elementary principal, district administrator and college professor. She presents and consults nationally on topics in education.

Currently, she works for Matan in New York City as a mentor for early childhood, youth and education directors participating in The Matan Institute's inclusion training programs for Jewish professionals. Jen earned her B.S. in Special Education from Boston University, her M.A. in Early Childhood Education from National-Louis University, and her Ed.D. in and Leadership and Supervision from Loyola

University of Chicago. Her research and professional interests are focused on providing high-quality professional development for teachers and administrators that support ALL learners.

Over the past 6 months Jen has been focusing on professional development at Or Shalom, working both with our teaching staff, as well as our madrichim (teen assistants). Jen is also spearheading three new prototypes that will be part of this year's J2 program:

- **Portfolios** – One of the tenets of our J2 Task Force work is to document our student's Jewish Journeys. This year we will prototype portfolios with our 3rd and 4th grade students using the Seesaw app. We will be able to record students' answers to questions, as well as drawings, pictures, and even dramatic videos. We foresee that this ongoing documentation will be so rewarding as students reach B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation and can look back and review their personal Jewish Journey.
- **8th grade Collaboration with Illinois Holocaust Museum** – Another tenet of J2 is to give our students choice and this year our 8th graders have the opportunity for a more in depth study of the Holocaust in lieu of, or in addition to, our 8th grade varied curriculum. Students who choose this program will study with Or Shalom congregant and museum docent, Mort Blieberg, each week, as well as participate in the Museum's Teen Board, along with teens from across the Chicago area.
- **Small Group Hebrew** – Last year our online learning utilized small group Hebrew classes in lieu of full class groupings, and we found that to be a very effective way for our students to progress in their Hebrew skills. This year's program will include small group learning for the entire year (whether online or in person.)

If you are intrigued with the change process work in our Religious School and would like to be part of this exciting time, consider joining the Education Committee. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.

Wishing a fabulous school year 5781 to all our students and their families,

Marcia Cohen



HIGH HOLY DAYS

2020 / 5781

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2020 UPDATE

We are excitedly preparing to enter the new year, and we cannot wait to gather with you to enter 5781 together, even if we are doing it from all of our own homes. As we mentioned in our previous update, to make these holidays as “Or Shalom-y” as possible, we will be live-streaming most of our digital services for our High Holy Days, which has proven to require even more coordination than usual. We appreciate everyone’s patience as we put all the pieces in place, work on recording the elements of the service that need to be prepared in advance, all while coordinating other opportunities for reflection and learning and growth in the days leading up to Rosh Hashanah and in the days of awe between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

In case you have not yet seen it, we have published the schedule of our High Holy Day services, which you can find on page 2 of the Shofar, as well as on our **dedicated page to this year’s High Holy Days on our website**. We will post and send out the links to each of the services the week of Rosh Hashanah.

Our High Holy Days Task Force has also been working on ways that our community can participate in the service and be more connected during the holidays. If you or your family wishes to make a video to wish our community a “Happy New Year” or a “Shanah Tovah,” we’d love to hear your voice! Additionally, if you want to participate in the service with an English reading, we can have you pre-record yourself and share it during our livestream service. You can find instructions for doing so on our High Holy Days page and in our e-blast.

Finally, we are hard at work coordinating a schedule of other offerings for learning and reflection throughout the 10 Days of Awe. We will update our High Holy Days page and send an email update as this schedule takes shape. There will be opportunities to learn more about the services so we can get more out of our prayer times, to wrestle with time management in these COVID times, to find support for those who have suffered recent losses, and even a session to test out our “technology” at home to make sure that everything is set for services, to name a few. We have also been compiling tips for how to prepare yourselves and even the space from which you will experience the services, so that you can make an intentional entrance into our shared digital space. This will be a High Holy Days season to remember, and we are so excited to go through this with you, our Or Shalom family.

L’shanah Tovah u’Metukah – wishing you a safe, happy and HEALTHY New Year.

UPDATE



2020 has turned so many things on its head, including the ways we operate as a synagogue community. Since March, so much has changed in the building including how we gather for programs and services. Therefore, we formed a COVID task force, consisting of doctors, synagogue leaders, and staff. This task force has been meeting as needed in an ongoing basis, specifically to review safety of our building, our programs and our services, as well as to consider any new information released by the CDC and local authorities.

We hope this summary gives you a glimpse of what we have done to keep our community safe while still connected, protecting our staff, and finding ways to allow for life-cycle experiences, especially B'nai Mitzvah services, to continue happening in meaningful ways:

- o The members of our staff were out of the building for a few months. Some have been back in since June 15th, with the approval of the COVID task force. We are having a plexiglass screen built from the front desk so that if you are coming into the office, you are protected and Steffi can keep working!

- o The Montessori school was allowed back as of July, with strict guidelines that must be adhered to.

- o We have found a way to allow B'nai Mitzvah services to take place in our sanctuary with limited numbers of mask-wearing guests, taking social distancing precautions. Meanwhile, we have been streaming the service over zoom. To make this possible:

- The bima and the sound room in the social hall are equipped with computers and other hardware to sync our sound system with our service stream. This allows those over zoom to hear the sounds of our sanctuary, and it allows those in the sanctuary to hear people who participate over zoom as though they are speaking into one of our microphones!
- A projector and screen allow guests to also see the zoom during the service, so they see the faces of those participating from afar.

- Additional equipment is being installed to allow us to monitor the audio levels remotely.
- The "Happy room" is now a fully equipped sound studio where the Rabbi stands to control the services. He has multiple screens, cameras, and sound inputs. It is quite a site!
- Seats are set 10 feet apart to allow for social distancing while singing is happening in the room.
- Our task force has allowed 20 guests at the service, feeling confident that our space can safely accommodate a gathering of this size.
- Both podiums have a 3-sided plexiglass enclosure, allowing our b'nai mitzvah students to lead without wearing a mask, while also having a place for others to participate safely.
- A board member is on the Zoom each week so they can "present" the student with b'nai mitzvah gifts from the board.
- There are COVID ealth forms that are completed prior to people arriving, so that we can employ contact tracing should we need to.
- There is a "shomer" (a guardian) at the front door, checking guests in for the service, ensuring they have completed their forms, enforcing mask-wearing and taking temperatures of all guests before they are allowed in the building.

All of these protocols have allowed families to still engage in one of the most special rituals of our tradition. While the experience may be different from what it has been in the past, these carefully thought-out plans have allowed our b'nai mitzvah students to still have the support they need to step forward and lead our congregation, read from Torah, teach us big lessons and have a wonderful, meaningful time. If you have not yet seen one of our B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies, we encourage you to join us for a morning of inspiration and joy – something we all need in these times.

None of this could have been accomplished without the assistance of members who have given so much of their time and energy and to whom we are forever grateful-

Mike Magnifico has worked tirelessly to ensure that the beautiful experience he had during his son Leo's bar mitzvah could be experienced by others. He has donated equipment, been here for most every service, and spent countless hours setting up and managing the sound levels during services. (Also, thank you to the whole Magnifico family for supporting Mike as he continues to give so much of his time helping make all of this possible).

2. Dr. Charles Longdon – who has been our source of medical information, our guide to best practices and whose love of this congregation comes through every time we talk. (and who showed up one Saturday morning after a 26 hour shift at the hospital so he could observe and make recommendations)

3. John Katz Mariani is here as the shomer, making sure guidelines are adhered to and everyone is kept safe.

4. The COVID ask force, who we cannot thank enough-Dale Truding, Marcia Cohen, Mike Magnifico, Charlie Longdon, Jeremy Seaver, Laura Goodman, Jeff Kruger, Rabbi Ari & Lora Zygmant



GREEN TEAM TIP OF THE WEEK

Recycle your plastic bags and film at several nearby locations, including Mariano's, Jewel and Woodman's. The trick is to use one larger plastic bag to collect all of your other plastic bags and film. Easy collection, easy drop off! Plastic bags take up to 1,000 years to break down and end up as plastic particles inside animals. That ain't right. Btw, plastic bags means grocery bags, newspaper bags, bread bags...For details, check out **<http://www.swalco.org/294/Plastic-Film-Bags>**.

Still time to sign up for the virtual Green Team Summit. Learn from leading experts about the impact of climate change and what you can do about it. GREEN TEAM SUMMIT: September 13 -17 (You pick the workshops you want to be in)

Agenda:

<https://www.greenteamsummit.org/agenda>

Register:

<https://www.greenteamsummit.org/register>



Summer 2020 Update

For the first time in modern Jew Crew history, we organized and held programming throughout the summer.

We all enjoyed getting together and having something to look forward to. On zoom, we played Jeopardy, had a Jew Crew Alumni college panel, hung out during snack time, and celebrated Shabbat together.

Perhaps the best part of our summer programming was being able to return to live events in July. With social distancing, masks, and caution...we were able to meet in the Or Shalom parking lot for a circle games event and a s'mores campfire event.

As we look to the school year, we hope to continue our parking lot events as long as we can do it safely and with the cooperation of the weather.

Our potential fall parking lot event dates are Sunday, September 13th & Sunday, October 4th. We will then begin to have our events via zoom starting at the end of October. Please keep an eye out for more information and details about upcoming Jew Crew events.





RACIAL JUSTICE CORNER

In response to the racial inequity we see playing out all around us, Or Shalom has formed a **Racial Justice Task Force**. The group has been engaging in honest conversation about this injustice and what to do about it. Task Force members realize that we must understand ourselves first before taking action.

Perhaps you, too, have wondered, “What is my racial identity?” or, “What does it mean to be anti-racist?” or, “How might I have unwittingly perpetuated racial inequity?” To address these and other questions:

- Task Force members are reading Anneliese A. Singh’s *The Racial Healing Workbook*, completing the exercises and sharing our stories. Task Force and other Or Shalom members are joining Shir Hadash of Wheeling in a discussion of the book “White Fragility.”
- The Task Force is developing a survey that will seek congregational feedback on how we should go forward after the High Holy Days.

Please keep an eye out for the survey, and we hope that you will join us on the journey to help Or Shalom act on the core Jewish value of B’tzelem Elohim: We are all created in the image of God.

B'yachad Program Update

We want to share a heartfelt thank you to all our B'yachad volunteers who have made tremendous contributions over the last few months in helping our community stay connected even while we've been apart during this pandemic. Whether you made phone calls, delivered care packages, sewed masks, facilitated mental health programming or partnered with community organizations, you made a difference. We would not have been able to provide such caring and individualized support to our community members without the contributions of our volunteers. Since this program was initiated in mid-March, 105 congregants have volunteered to support our Or Shalom community, and we are so proud of your accomplishments.

- **Over 800 phone calls were made to our congregants during congregation-wide calls**
 - **72 of our senior or essential worker congregants received on-going calls**
 - **20 of our most vulnerable congregants received and continue to receive weekly calls**
- **Sewed and distributed over 225 masks**
- **Delivered care packages to vulnerable congregants**
- **Offered multiple programs and resources to families, children, and adults who are struggling with mental health during this crisis**
- **Provided resources for 30 families in need in our local community to purchase groceries**
- **Granted money to a local non-profit, Waukegan to College (W2C) to help purchase laptops**
- **Volunteered to work virtually one-on-one with high school students attending W2C enrichment and summer programs**
- **Donated to local non-profit, North Chicago Community Partners (NCCP) to purchase supplies for 75 Homework Kits**
- **Collected cards and magazines to share with our local nursing home residents across the street at Brookdale Senior Living**
- **Continue to support food donation collections for the ARK, a local non-profit that supports Jewish families**

Thank you so much to all of you for making Or Shalom a loving Jewish home for all our families.

Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy New Year,

Rabbi Ari Margolis, Andrea Ship, Jen Daniels-Lake & Steffi Friedman
Or Shalom B'yachad Team



CONGREGATION
OR SHALOM

JOIN US FOR AN

Apple Picking Outing

Sunday, September 6, 2020
9:00am

Stade's Farm and Market
3709 Miller Road McHenry, IL 60051

Enjoy a morning of family fun while picking
your apples for the upcoming New Year!

All ages welcome!

RSVP at: bit.ly/OSapplepicking

Masks required & social distancing will be observed.



On Yom Kippur, we say the Yizkor prayer to remember
all of our loved ones who have passed on.
Yizkor, in Hebrew, means "Remember."

We mark those losses in a booklet we publish each year.

This year's booklet will be digital and your loved ones names will
scroll in a presentation both before and after the Yizkor Service.

To add your loved one's name(s) to our 5781 Yizkor booklet,
please click here.

Suggested donation for each name in the booklet is \$18.
Deadline for Yizkor book submission is September 8, 2020



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**Sukkot
is just
around
the
corner!**



are available through
Or Shalom for
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Order by
Wednesday,
September 9th

Please call 847-362-1948
or email
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than having your picture in the
stands at Wrigley Field.

**OR SHALOM IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS'
PHOTOS TO PUT IN THE SANCTUARY
CHAIRS DURING THE HIGH HOLIDAY
SERVICES. WE THINK THIS WILL BRIGHTEN
THE CLERGY'S DAY!**

Get dressed up like you are coming in person for
services. Use a picture from a special occasion: Bar/bat
mitzvah or wedding. Send in a favorite picture from an
outing this summer or a past vacation.

Email one picture to Pictures@orshalomlc.com
by September 4th to be included.

Thanks,
Michelle Levine and Jennifer Leventhal



Mishkan Hanefesh available now!

High Holy Day Prayer Books: Mishkan HaNefesh
come in a two-volume set.

The **GOLD** book, the smaller of the two books, is the
only book required for Rosh HaShanah.

The **SILVER** book, the larger of the two books, is the
only prayer book required for Yom Kippur.

Both prayer books are labeled on the spine and front
cover (Hebrew-style) by their holiday.

Please contact the Or Shalom Office
to purchase a set for \$48:
sfriedman@orshalomlc.com
or 847-362-1948

**Gift yourself, your friends,
your family & clients!**

Deadline to purchase High
Holy Day Gift Baskets is
Friday, September 11th
Click here!

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WE HAVE DONE YOUR SHOPPING AND WE WILL EVEN
DELIVER THE GIFTS FOR YOU!

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A WONDERFUL WAY TO WISH SOMEONE A SWEET NEW YEAR

Each reusable cloth
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1 Round Challah
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1/4 lb. Terry's Toffee
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4 oz. Jar of Honey

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Delivery Dates:

Wednesday, Sept. 16
Thursday, Sept. 17
Door to Door Delivery

Friday, Sept. 18
Pickup at Or Shalom by
12pm

No Substitutions Please

[Click HERE to place your order](#)

[\(and to see the delivery area\)](#)

[Order deadline: End of Day](#)

[Friday, Sept. 11th](#)

• Add a bouquet of flowers
for an additional \$10.

(Retail Value: \$50)



Join Or Shalom's Women's Programming
for

Women's Taschlich

led by Libby Fisher, Rabbinic Intern

Sunday, September 20th @3:00pm

Please meet at Or Shalom & we will walk to Century Park together.
(across from Or Shalom)

*It's been quite a year
& we all need a bit of
beauty, peace & harmony
in our lives.*

**Come together with the
women of Or Shalom
to cast away 5780
& step foot into 5781
with a positive vibe!**

Opening the Heart

*At the year's turn, in the days between,
we step away from what we know
into the spaces we cannot yet name.
Slowly the edges begin to yield,
the hard places soften,
the gate to forgiveness opens.*

By Marcia Falko

Click here to register:
bit.ly/OSwomenstaschlich

*Social Distancing will
be observed.
Please wear a face mask.
Environmentally friendly
"bread" will be provided*



Or Shalom Town Hall Discussion

with

**Robin M. O'Connor,
Lake County Clerk**



WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 9 | 7:00PM - 8:00PM

**Click this link to RSVP: <http://bit.ly/EVEVtownhall>
Zoom Information will be sent in your confirmation email**

An important discussion on how Lake County
is facilitating voting in 2020.

Join us to hear the latest from Lake County &
for a Q & A session that answers all your
election & voting questions.



EVERY VOICE/EVERY VOTE

At Or Shalom...

Phone Banking by our Every Voice/Every Vote team!

Don't be alarmed...it's not spam...and it's nonpartisan!

It's just an Or Shalom team member calling to make sure you are: registered to vote, your questions are answered, your vote is counted, & your voice is heard!

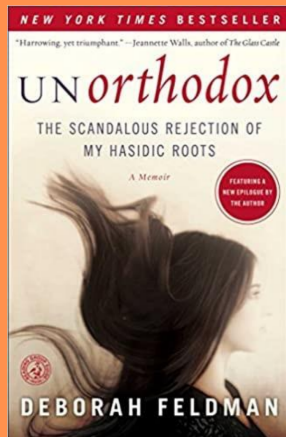
Phone Bank Dates (in the evenings):

Monday, August 31st

Tuesday, September 8th

Wednesday, September 30th





Unorthodox: the Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots

by Deborah Feldman

Thursday, September
10th
7:00 p.m.

Discussion of the book
& the current Netflix series
by ZOOM
with leader Rachel Kamin

The bestselling memoir of a young Jewish woman's escape from the strictly religious Satmar sect of Hasidic Judaism. We will also talk about the four part Netflix series of the book.

The book is available from Amazon in paperback for \$15 and for Kindle for \$13, as well as on Audible.

We say this each time, but especially under our current circumstances, please plan to join us, whether or not you've read the book or seen the Netflix series.

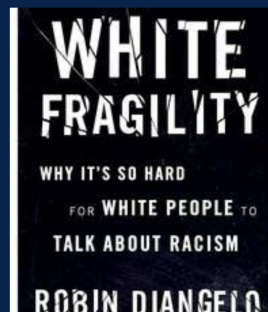
You'll want to hear about this memoir, providing "an unprecedented view into a Hasidic community that few outsiders ever experience." (Minneapolis Star-Tribune)
The ZOOM link will be communicated closer to the date.

Register at:
bit.ly/OSSept20POTB

SAVE THE DATES!

IN-DEPTH, MULTI-PART BOOK DISCUSSION OF:
WHITE FRAGILITY BY ROBIN DIANGELO

THURSDAYS IN SEPTEMBER: SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17 AND 24
7PM-8:30PM



Preparing for the High Holidays is the season of personal reflection in the Jewish calendar. In partnership, Or Shalom & Shir Hadash will be engaging in this personal reflection as it relates to race and racism by reading and discussing the book White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo.

This in-depth book discussion will have four sessions, all via Zoom. Registering is a commitment that you will attend via Zoom. Participants are expected to attend at least 3 of the 4 sessions, and preferably all of them. The book can be found at bookstores, your local library, as an ebook, as an audiobook on Audible, or [click here](#) to order online from Semicolon, Chicago's only Black-woman-owned bookstore.



[Click Here to Register!](#)

Questions? Contact Shir Hadash Social Action Chair, Lisa Burton Radzely at SocialActionSH@gmail.com

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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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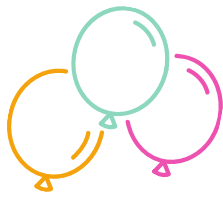
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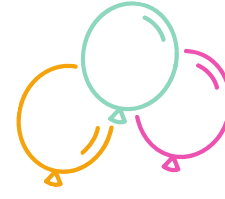
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Birthdays



SEPTEMBER

Noah Bailis
Alexander Brink
Madeline Danca
Sadie Theobald
Justin Miller
Baylee Horwitz
Megan Bernheim
Quinn Lockwood
Eliana Leventhal

Dara April
Brady Feldman
Maura Lenhoff
Emily Weinstein
Dylan Jacobson
Olivia Collins
Luke Bernstein
Logan Kim

Ephram Solomon
Marvin Zacher
Stella Levy
Isabelle Bennett
Jayce Bersh
Brady Goldberg
Levi Schwartz
A.J. Seaver

OCTOBER

Mason Schulman
Noah Hocin
Caitlyn Feldman
Micah Vergo
Evan Bate
Hannah Rudzin
Aliana Patrick Effio
Dylan VanKirk
Shayna Kahn

Annie Ramsay
Kyler Sattler
Mason Molk
Piper Horwitz
Avi Gimbel
Brian Strelitz
Camryn Kovalsky
Katherine Danca
Matthew Elman

COME TOGETHER MONTHLY FOR A
FAMILY LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Shabbat Sha-Gather

Fridays at 5:45-6:45pm

We will gather to create, imagine, and explore, all while developing our own Shabbat traditions & rituals, & learning about building blocks for spiritual resilience. This program is geared towards children & families of all ages through tiered offerings of questions & activities.

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

All materials from Shabbat Sha-Gather will be shared before & after the experiences, so that if you cannot attend, you can still make space as a family to Shabbat Sha-Gather.

September 4

October 16

November 13

December 4

January 8

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

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

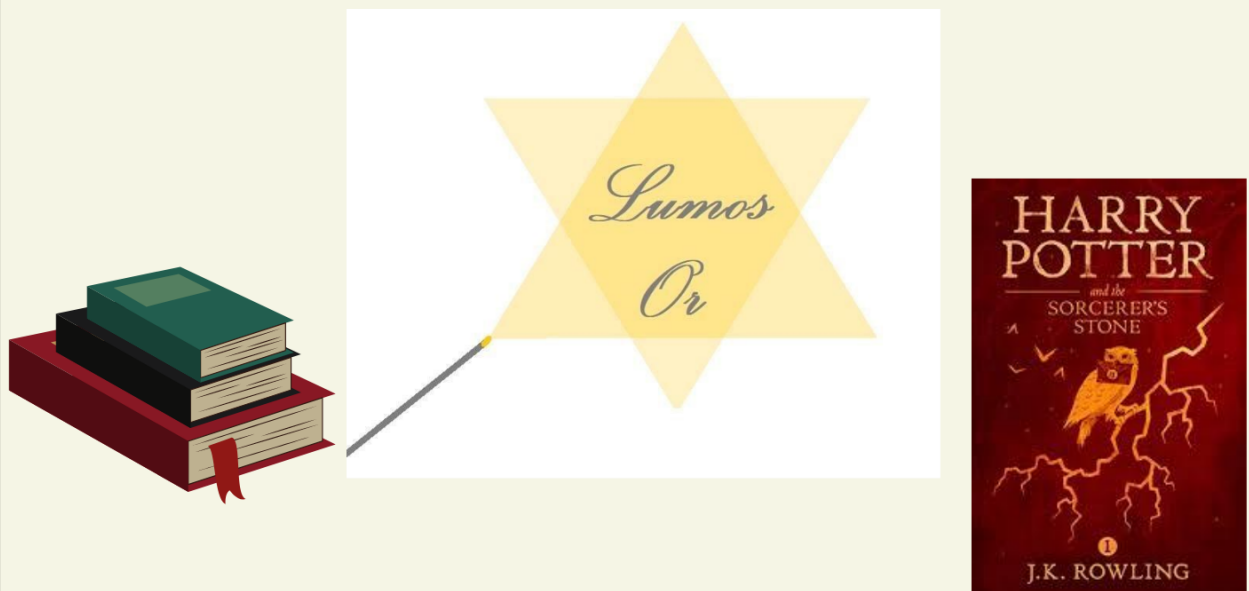
CONGREGATION OR SHALOM PRESENTS

HARRY POTTER AND THE SACRED TEXT

HOSTED BY
JENNIE KRUSE

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

Book 2: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.



SUNDAYS @ 7PM ON ZOOM-
CHECK MEMBERS PAGE
FOR ZOOM DETAILS OR EMAIL
JENNIFER.KRUSE@MCMMASTER.COM

Or Shalom Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up

St. Mary's Road and Rt 60, south to Everett Road

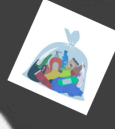
Join us on Sunday, October 18 at 9am



Meet at
Daniel Wright
Woods Forest
Preserve
Parking Lot
(Corner of Everett
Road and St. Mary's
Road) at 9 am

To participate
click here!

- Participants must be at least 10 years of age
- There is a short video to view before the clean-up day.
- A video link will be sent to you once you sign up.
- Participants will be given a safety vest along with a bag to collect trash



You can find more
information about the
Adopt-a-Highway
program [here](#).
Reach out to Adele
Ennis at
adeleennis1@gmail.com
with any questions.
Thank you!

*Rain Date is Sunday, October 25th

*Limited number of spots available

LET'S START THE NEW YEAR WITH A MITZVAH!

We are thankful for your past support for our annual Yom Kippur Food Drive, benefitting The ARK. (www.arkchicago.org)

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to fill the entire pod, enabling us to fight hunger among Jewish families right here in our community.

Although our High Holidays will look different this year, we are nonetheless committed to continuing our tradition of helping The ARK by again sponsoring this Food Drive. This year finds even more hunger in our community, and an even greater need for food contributions to The ARK.

Please help us continue our work of helping others by filling a grocery bag with food. Then place the bag in the large pod in our temple's parking lot. This can be done any time prior to Yom Kippur Day on September 28.

A list of items requested by The ARK is below. (All food items must be kosher.) Let's start off 5781, our new year, with the Mitzvah of helping others in need.

Any questions, feel free to contact Sandi Epstein, 847-362-4276. Thank you for your generosity & L'Shana tova.



THE ARK COVID FOOD DRIVE LIST

Canned Vegetables, Canned fruit, Canned beans, Vegetarian baked beans, Creamy peanut butter, Jelly or Jam, Tuna, Oatmeal, Pasta, Rice, Couscous, Tomato sauce, Canola oil, Dish liquid, Laundry detergent, Sponges, Bar soap, Liquid hand soap, & Honey Cold Cereal

The Rhea Segal Food Pantry distributes cans and boxes of food to over 750 households every month - nearly 40 households each day. That number has quadrupled as a result of the recent COVID crisis.

THE OR SHALOM VIRTUAL CALENDAR



Check out the fantastic array of events that Or Shalom is offering our community.

September / October 2020

Friday, 9/4

5:45pm Shabbat Sha-Gather

7:00pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, 9/5

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

3:00pm B'not Mitzvah of Julianna

Pinder & Hannah Schwartz

Sunday, 9/6

9:00am Or Shalom Apple Picking

Outing at Stade's Farm

Monday, 9/7 Labor Day - Temple

Office is Closed

Tuesday, 9/8

6:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting

7:00pm Every Voice Every Vote

Phone Bank

Wednesday, 9/9

7:00pm Every Voice Every Vote

**Townhall with Robin O'Connor, Lake
County Clerk**

Thursday, 9/10

8:00am Executive Board Meeting

7:00pm People of the Book

**September Event: Unorthodox - The
Scandalous Rejection of my Hasidic
Roots**

Friday, 9/11

7:00pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, 9/12

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

**B'nai Mitzvah of Andrew & Megan
Trob**

Friday, 9/18

All Day Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah

Traditional Service

Saturday, 9/19

**10:00am Rosh Hashanah Traditional
Service**

Sunday, 9/20

**10:00am Day 2 Rosh Hashanah
Service**

12:00pm Congregational Taschlich

3:00pm Women's Taschlich

Friday, 9/25

7:00pm Shabbat Evening Service

Sunday, 9/27

All Day Erev Yom Kippur

7:30pm Kol Nidre Service

Monday, 9/28

10:00am Traditional Morning Service

12:30pm Family Service

2:00pm Afternoon Service

3:00pm Healing Service

4:00pm Yizkor Service

5:00pm N'ilah Service

THE OR SHALOM VIRTUAL CALENDAR



Friday, 10/2

All Day Erev Sukkot

7:00pm Sukkot Festival Shabbat Service

Saturday, 10/3

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Megan Bernheim

Tuesday, 10/6

7:00pm Fundraising Committee Meeting

7:30pm Women's Programming Meeting

Wednesday, 10/7

7:00pm Education & Youth Committee Meeting

8:00pm Social Action Committee Meeting

Thursday, 10/8

8:00am Executive Board Meeting

Friday, 10/9

6:30pm Simchat Torah & Consecration Service

Saturday, 10/10

All Day Simchat Torah & Yizkor

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Noah Davis

Monday, 10/12 Columbus Day

Friday, 10/16

5:45pm Shabbat Sha-Gather

7:00pm Shabbat Eveing Service

Saturday, 10/17

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Dara April

Wednesday, 10/21

7:00pm Board Meeting

Friday, October 23

7:00pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, 10/24

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Elijah Herbst

Friday, 10/30

7:00pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, 10/31

10:00am Shabbat Morning Service

At Shabbat, we remember our loved ones

September 5

Bertha Berliant
Hy Goldberg
Mary Hill
Frank Zimmerman
Alex Braiman
Pearl Levitan
Suritz
Rose Reback
Rose Pearl
Etta Sacks
Blanche
Wasserburger
Milton
"Uncle Milky"
Zerelstein
Dora Federman
Lewis Gold
Herman Grabell
Harriet Shain
Ronald Simon
Robert Stein
Jean Surprenant
Anny Vogel
Milton Wasserburger
David Atz
Bertram
Counselbaum
Florence Kruger
Tibor Haring
Sophie Heller
Jodi Sparacino

September 12

Anna Goldman
Herbert Morton
Joshua Segal
Isidor Cohen
Espiridion Espina
Beverley Sideman
David Cooper
Lynn Laurence
Ida Pevsner
Bernard Blumberg
Alan Cramer
Gladys Feldman
Georgia Flaris
Marvin Nussbaum
Irving Fain
Norma Liber
Margaret Cohn
Sarah Etina
Florence Zlotnik
Bevis F. Breen
Manuel Chufani
Mickey Conner
Jack Goldberg
Blanche Golovan
Florence Kritzer
Lillian Lesser
Sylvia Light
Michael Metz

September 19

Harriet Ross
Eddie Allen
Meyer Cornis
Lin Jefferies
Louis Oppenheimer
Gordon Skinner
Evelyn Learner
Susan Callner Levy
Ilene Pyster
Ruth Silverberg
Ethel Jane Callner
Leland Cohn
Arthur Hillman
Theodore Janowitz
Morris Jack Levy
Sidney Rotman
Nathan Feldman
Rose Fishman
Ben Solomon
Sally Stiegel
Conrad Vallens

September 26

Cheryl Dunn
Alvin Semer
Sanford Rabin
Camille Tracer
Toba Farb
Bruce Hauser
Evonne L. Levy
Florence Smith
William Dunn
Richard H. Wagner
Cheryl Epner
Edward Kane
Beatrice Katz
Arlene Simon
Johanna Rabinowitz
Marshall Weisman
Mari Freudenthal
Robert Levin
Rose Perlstein
Bill Pikrone
Anita Rothenberg

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our
condolences to the
families of:



Celeste Ceisel

*Grandmother of
Stephen Ceisel*

Robert Kaufman

Father of Neil Kaufman

Sally Warren Kaplin

Mother of Bradley Warren

Susan Dubin

Mother of Matt Dubin

Joan Beard

Sister of Stewart Becker

Fernando Vazquez Lara

Brother of Olga Reif

Robert Luskin

*Stepfather of Cheri Laser
Greenspan*

Wayne Topel

*Brother-in-law of Sharyn
Barsky*

Evan Ben Tevya

At Shabbat, we remember our loved ones

October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Rochelle Copeland	Nettie Letchinger	Janet Propp	James Burkhalter	Ruth Bauman
Jacqueline Plotkin	Sophie Shapiro	Abbe Saltzman	Alice Laden	Craig Gastwirth
Reva Garson	Richard Sommer	Sol M. Brafman	Howard Eagle	Saul Jacobson
Sylvia Rohner	Doris Zimmerman	Stuart Figenholtz	Bruce Gordon	Lana Renee Sockel
Susan Renee Schwartz	Maralee Burkhalter	Miriam Tucker	Neil Greenberg	Scott Gale
Margaret DeHoff	Bessie Gardner	Kloudia Kamener	Eloise Hanselman	Irving Gottlieb
Hyman Hundert	Susan Josephson	Bernice Lasaine	Tony Lucarelli	Heinz (Harry) Hirschel
Arnold Levin	Olaf Sandoval	Myrna Romenez	Lillian Shields	Herbert Peck
Jerry Turk	Paul Freeman	Benjamin Sklar	Terri Vanderwerff	Stephen Dunn
Sam Woolman	Jerome Sacks	Leo Gottlieb	Dale Cohen	Gloria Olevsky
Irv Broude	George Silverman	Beverly Matulef	Jean Gates	Faiga Szwec
Leo Goldman	Bonnie Zivin	Hy Rendler	Jean Strauss	Beatrice Boxer
Robert Lieberman	Martin Frankel	Sonny Friedlander	Miriam Tarshish	Stella Falk
Bluma Freed	Emanuel Horvath	Seymour Kerbis	Richard Davis	Stanley Akers
Bernard Hardy	Lillian Plotnick	Arthur Miller	Helen Diamond	Merle Blumberg
Florence Kessler	Lillian Zis	Maurice Saltzman	Rose Silverberg	Mariam Roth
Helen Klibaner	Richard Christian	Carole Silver	Harley Argentar	Herman Schwarz
Meta Schiowitz	Anne Degen Fleig	Thomas Ungar	Janet Bate	Marvin Bernberg
Harriet Small	Sarita Glickman	Harry Zis	Rose Hundert	Rose Mallinger
Shari Wolfe	Sam Kaufman	Leigh Zurmuhlen	Arthur Rothschild	Jeffrey Hartstein
Sylvia Gotfried	Rita Murphy	Norman Gerstein	Kim Endlich	Martin Nickow
Terry Gross	Shirley Odes	Eugene Gross	Sam Dwortz	
Samuel Kabak	Ida Roth	Dennis Minsky	Phyllis Hartmann	
Maryl Pittleman	Saul Szwec	Abraham Sacks	Rae Poders	
Jeanette Rozansky	Hinda Winternitz	Donna Silver	Bella Sklar	
Ruth Terk	Ron Gottlieb	Dorothy Beskin		
	Barbara Grabow	Pearl Brothman		
	Mary Ludwig	Benjamin Cohn		
	Haim Nagirmer	Rhoda Lown		
	Weinstein	Evelyn Lowy		
		Ethel Peggy Matulef		
		Ida Pyster		

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by Burt & Sharon Behm

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In appreciation of Mike Magnifico
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by Jennifer and Steve Leventhal

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by Bill and Susan McNulty

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In honor of Caden Joshua Katz's Bar Mitzvah
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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 and Arthur Bogeaus Youth Scholarship Fund**

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

► **Building Improvement Fund**

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

► **Cantor's Discretionary Fund**

► **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.

► **Generations of Light Fund**

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

► **Levenfeld/Kritzler Fund**

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

► **Library Fund**

Donations to this fund are used to purchase new books.

► **Music Fund**

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

► **Stephen McNulty Youth Fund**

Donations to this fund honor the memory of a beloved young person from Or Shalom and are used to fund major programming and equipment expenses for the Temple's youth programs.

► **Prayer Book Fund**

Donations to this fund are used to purchase our Reform prayer book, *Mishkan T'filah*. A book plate will be placed on the inside cover of the book acknowledging the donation.

The minimum donation to this fund is \$50.00.

► **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.

► **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

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

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.

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