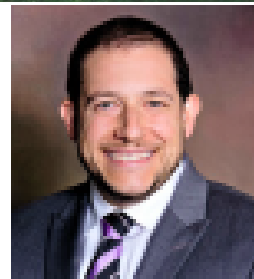




# THE SHOFAR



## FROM OUR RABBI...



Happy summer, Or Shalom!

With the longer days and the nicer weather, this is the time of year we turn to the outdoors. We tend to associate summer with exploration and new experiences and freedoms that come from putting aside school and creating time for vacation. This season can bring tender memories of lightly structured summers of our youth in which each day was wrought with endless possibility hiding under each rock we overturned.

In the cycle of our Jewish tradition, summer coincides with our reading of the book of Numbers from our Torah. In Hebrew, this book is appropriately called, "In the Wilderness," *Ba-Midbar*. Our tradition's stories of summer also involve experimentation and travel, as we recall the experiences of the Israelites' 40 years of wandering through the desert towards the promised land. Their path was not linear, it was full of disruption and challenge. There were times when the people got frustrated with the constant change that each new day brought.

Yet, reflecting on their wandering, the people of our Torah grew stronger each time they overcame an unexpected obstacle. To this day, we examine their stories to gain understandings about finding the resilience to build a better, stronger society in the face of unexpected difficulties.

These last few months it has often felt like we have been wandering *ba-midbar*, in the wilderness. Our world looks drastically different than it has in summers past. The disruptions to our society and our lifestyles have certainly caused a lot of pain, challenge and suffering.

At the same time, through our *b'yachad* calls, we have heard stories of our own congregational wandering through this wilderness. We each have had our own challenges and frustrations through these times, yet many of our struggles have also led us to discover new understandings about ourselves and our rhythms of life. The disruptions of this time have offered us the chance to explore aspects of ourselves or our relationships, to find new outlets of expression and creativity. Despite the constant flux of fearful disease, societal upheaval and economic distress, many of us are finding hidden blessings emerging from underneath each of these heavy concerns.

Throughout the wilderness of the summer of 2020, we at Or Shalom will continue to be here for you as we find ways to celebrate and support one another. We are ever on the lookout for possible ways to grow in these times, and if you need help finding your own blessings, please call us or email us. We are creating more moments for us to learn and grow and respond to the shifts that are occurring so rapidly around us, and we invite you to join us in traversing this wilderness *b'yachad*, together.

This *shofar* invites us all to create meaning and blessing through these chaotic times. May the spirit of summer infuse our wandering in these next few months, helping us to face challenges with growth, frustrations with inspiration, fears with hope; turning over a brighter future for us all.

# 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 July 3 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday July 4 @ 10:00AM**

Shabbat Service **Friday July 10 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday July 11 @ 10:00AM**

B'nai Mitzvah of Aaron & Zachary Stinson

Shabbat Service **Friday July 17 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service & Minyanaires' Service

**Saturday July 18 @ 10:00AM**

Shabbat Service **Friday July 24 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday July 25 @ 10:00AM**

Bat Mitzvah of Emma Zivin

Shabbat Service **Friday July 31 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday August 1 @ 10:00AM**

Bar Mitzvah of Reece Larson

Shabbat Service **Friday August 7 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday August 8 @ 10:00**

Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa Waitzman

Shabbat Service **Friday August 14 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday August 15 @ 10:00**

Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Kras

Shabbat Service **Friday August 21 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday August 22 @ 10:00**

Bar Mitzvah of Micah Trachtman

Shabbat Service **Friday August 28 @ 7:00PM**

Shabbat Morning Service **Saturday August 29 @ 10:00AM**

Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Silverman (Morning)

Bar Mitzvah of Caden Katz (Afternoon)

# LETTER FROM THE President

Laura S. Goodman



When my son asked to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah in Israel, our family joined the first Or Shalom congregational trip, in 2010. We didn't know the other families on the trip; but we returned with lifelong friends. That trip was what convinced me to serve on the Or Shalom Board of Trustees.

Fast-forward 10 years, and I'm honored to start my term as President of Congregation Or Shalom and writing my first President's Shofar article.

In these unusual times, when we are witnessing racism and anti-semitism at alarming levels. I am reminded of my own Jewish journey. My great-great grandfather, Haskell Goldenberg, escaped religious persecution in Russia in the 1870's. He fled anti-Semitism to Nagasaki, Japan with the help of a German passport provided by neighbors. It was in Japan that he met my great-great grandmother, and they started a family. They founded the first synagogue in Japan, Nagasaki Beth Israel, and kosher store and dedicated the first Japan Jewish cemetery. Two of Haskell's sons, my Great-Grandfather and his brother, ultimately moved to America to attend college and start a new life. However, World War II brought additional complications as the brothers were half-Japanese and held German passports. They burned all physical evidence of their Japanese upbringing after the attack on Pearl Harbor, fearing discrimination or possible violence.

Thankfully, my grandmother shared the stories with my mother and me so the history would not be forgotten. In the summer of 2018, I had the opportunity to visit Japan and have dinner with my cousin – the great-great granddaughter of Haskell's sister, who remained in Japan after her brothers emigrated to America. Although this was our first meeting, we bonded as if we had shared our lives.

Today we are facing limitations to our freedoms and may feel isolated at times, but we all share our Or Shalom community. Our Temple building access may be limited, but we have switched to online services and programming in order to stay connected. A huge thank you goes to Andrea Ship and Jen Daniels-Lake, along with the numerous volunteers, for implementing our B'Yachad initiative so all congregants can have the support that they need.

I want to also share my gratitude to Rabbi Margolis, Laurie Akers, Lora Zygmant, Marcia Cohen and Lauri Holmes for their continued and dedicated work to make the transition during these trying times appear seamless. I look forward to the future and know that, together, we have great times ahead of us.



# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lora Zygmant, MAJPS



It's been a year! No really... it has been one year since I joined Or Shalom as Executive Director.

I cannot say it has been exactly as I expected, but I am in good company; as no one could have imagined what this year would bring, especially the challenges that the last few months have brought with them. That said, I feel very fortunate to be part of the Or Shalom community that welcomes all, that talks about important things, and moves towards, not away from, the hard stuff.

There is a story from NPR I would like to share with you (from a few years ago) and the young man's words are so powerful, in these challenging times I find them tremendously relevant:

Omid Safi: The Power of Being Seen (<https://onbeing.org/blog/omid-safi-the-power-of-being-seen-for-who-we-are/>)

(full article from On Being at the link)

"We want to breathe with someone who sees us for who we are, for who we can become, and is committed to being with us on that journey. The same thing is true in a friendship, in a community, how we are in our lives and in so many other relationships. We want to be seen, accepted, validated, and embraced.

I see you.

May we live like this.

May we see each other for who we are, for what we are.

May we face each other,

Seeing and being seen.

Loving and being loved.

May we see all of each other.

May we see all of us.

May we be seen"

That is my wish as we continue into these unfamiliar days and weeks ahead.

May we be seen.

Be well my friends,

Lora Zygmant, Executive Director



Marcia Cohen,  
Education Director

We hope that students and parents are getting a little break from screens this summer and are enjoying the warm sunny days. I have moved from my dining room table office back to our Or Shalom building, and it feels great to be back! If you are looking to add some Jewish content into your children's summer activities, our library is well supplied with Jewish themed books (both fiction and non-fiction), as well as games and puzzles. Please email me if you would like to schedule a time to come in to sign out materials to borrow. We will make sure someone is here to buzz you in, that you will have the entire library to yourself to make your choices, and that appointments are scheduled with three days between visitors. (As materials are returned to the library they will "quarantined" for 10 days before being put back in circulation.)

The Education Committee and Or Shalom's COVID-19 Task Force are working together to develop our school plan for the 2020-21 school year. We are hopeful that if Illinois remains in Phase 4 of our Recovery that we will be able to offer an in-person Religious school program. We continue to monitor the situation and will announce our tentative schedule at the beginning of August. We are also committed to providing an all on-line option for those families who choose to avoid in person contact.

Our school families will be sent a survey after July 4th gathering information about your child's Or Shalom on-line learning experience this past spring. Your responses will help guide our professional learning for our teachers this summer so we can provide quality online instruction. We want to be prepared to switch seamlessly to on-line learning whenever necessary, and we also found it to be a great tool for small group Hebrew instruction. The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete, and your feedback is so important.

As we enjoy the next two months we hope everyone (parents & children alike), recall Rabbi Ari's charge to each of you for the summer: Read a good book; take a long walk; and reconnect with a family member or a friend you haven't been in touch with in a long time.

L'Shalom

*Marcia Cohen*



## Religious School Registration!

Have you  
enrolled your  
kids yet?

Click [HERE](#) to  
register!



# Summer 2020 Events

The Jew Crew is gearing up for summer.  
For the first time in recent Jew Crew history, we will be offering programming throughout the summer. We enjoyed both a snack time and Shabbat zoom events in June.

Here is our schedule for the remainder of the summer.  
All incoming 9th – 12th graders are invited.

The Zoom events info will be emailed the day of the event.  
The In-person events in the parking lot will adhere to state guidelines in regards to social gatherings.



**Tuesday, July 7th**  
**Game Night Zoom @4 pm.**  
Bring your game face with you  
as we play a competitive group game.



**Monday, July 27th**  
**College Panel Zoom @ 7 pm**  
Jew Crew alumni from a variety of colleges  
will be live on zoom to answer all your  
questions about college and offer  
insight about the high school years



**Wednesday, July 15th**  
**Hang out in the Parking Lot**  
**@ Or Shalom @ 4 pm.**  
Bring your own chair and let's  
see everyone live, even if it is  
from 6 feet away.



**Thursday, August 6th**  
**S'mores in the Parking Lot**  
**@ Or Shalom @ 7 pm**  
We will celebrate the end of  
the summer in style  
with a bonfire with S'mores.



*A GREAT BRUNCH IDEA FOR A SUMMER DAY!*  
**OR SHALOM**  
**WILL DELIVER LOX BOXES**  
**TO YOUR FRONT DOOR!**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 12TH**

Add a bouquet of flowers  
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Flowers will be included  
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Deerfield	Lincolnshire
Evanston	Long Grove
Glencoe	Mundelein
Glenview	Northbrook
Grayslake	Northfield
Gurnee	Riverwoods
Highland Park	Skokie
Highwood	Vernon Hills
Lake Bluff	Wheeling
Lake Forest	Wilmette
Lake Zurich	



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**LOX BOX INCLUDES:**  
6 asst bagels,  
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and tomato  
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**Sign up closes 3pm Thurs., July 9th**

**Just 1 week left to sign up!**

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# Or Shalom-a-Thon

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN SONG

Wednesday, July 22, 2020  
at 7:00 PM CST / 8:00 PM EST

*Featuring...*

Neshama Carlebach - Nefesh Mountain - Rick Recht - Laurie Akers  
Rabbi Ari Margolis - Zuumah Gayemen - Cantor Azi Schwartz - Cantor Rachel Brook  
Naomi Less - Tyrell Bell - Cantor Susie Lewis-Friedman - Abbie Strauss  
Hadar Orshalimy - Cantor Mo Glazman - Chava Mirel - Ian Johnson  
Cathy Glickman - Cantor Rachel Gottlieb Kalmowitz - Kenneth Lyonswright  
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Cantor Rachel Goldman - Coleen Dieker - Jay Rapoport



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

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# OR SHALOM'S CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN

**THURSDAY | JULY 16 | 6:30PM - 7:30PM**

**Click this link to RSVP: [bit.ly/everyvoiceeveryvote](https://bit.ly/everyvoiceeveryvote)  
Zoom Information will be sent in your confirmation email**

Learn about and discuss:

- 100% Voter Participation at Or Shalom
- Nonpartisanship in Today's Climate
- Barriers to Voting at this Pivotal Moment in History
- RAC Strategies for an Effective Campaign
- Building a Team
- Exploration of Voter Suppression





**OR SHALOM  
WOMEN'S  
PROGRAMMING**

## **Which Woman from the Torah Are You?**

**An exploration of the stories of  
Eve, Rachel, Leah, Sarah, and Miriam**

**August 6, 2020  
7:00-8:00PM**

Join the women of Or Shalom for a meaningful and interactive evening of storytelling. We'll hear the tales of these powerful, biblical women and connect their lives to our own stories today. All levels of knowledge welcome.

**Click here to RSVP:**

**<https://www.orshalomlc.org/event/women-in-the-torah.html>**

Zoom info will be sent with your registration confirmation.

9th Annual



# Or Shalom Golf Outing

## The 9th Annual Or Shalom Golf Outing is a GO!

Shake off those quarantine cobwebs, grab your clubs & join us for another amazing year!

**Thursday, August 27th**  
**White Deer Run, Vernon Hills**

We are 100% committed to everyone's health & safety so this year will look a little different.

That said, the heart & soul, excitement, competition, & fun of the event will never go away.

Or Shalom will offer

- Sponsorship Opportunities
- A New Fantastic Virtual Silent Auction
- Virtual Raffle Ticket Sales & Drawings
- Online Scoring & Leaderboards Via Your Own Phone
- Hole Prizes
- Prizes for Winning Foursome, Most Honest, Closest to Pin  
Longest Drive for Men & Women & More...

We look forward to updating you on this wonderful event as information becomes available

*Please email [orshalom@orshalomlc.com](mailto:orshalom@orshalomlc.com) or call 847-362-1948 ext. 118 for information regarding sponsorships*

Looking forward to your participation!!!



# Shabbat Service Participation

## A RITUAL COMMITTEE REQUEST

**With Shabbat evening and morning services continuing online,  
Or Shalom's Ritual Committee is asking for your help.**

**We want you & your family to participate and lead our community  
in various aspects of our services.**

**If you are interested in leading one of the Friday evening rituals  
or a special reading, please reach out to Rich Kane at:**

**RitualCommittee@orshalomlc.com**

**We will match you with a Shabbat that is available!  
Looking forward to hearing from you...**



- Candle Lighting
- Kiddush
- Motzi
- Special Reading





Dear Or Shalom Family,

We wish you well during this summer of establishing new routines and new norms in our lives. While the world around us has been increasingly unstable, Or Shalom remains your community, a place to find comfort, perspective, connection and inspiration. We have heard from many of you that your connections have grown deeper than ever, despite the fact that we have made so many adjustments to how we can gather. The resilience of our community has been incredible to witness, and we have faith that we will continue to find ways to sustain our souls together, through the duration of this time in which the world calls on us to put health and safety at the forefront of our decision-making in new ways.

Our staff and leadership team has been hard at work finding innovative and creative ways to create connections and meaning, preparing for different scenarios throughout the summer and into the fall and beyond. We are right there with many of you, yearning to be able to gather together again in person, yet we know we must continue to take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in order to honor our central Jewish value of *pikuach nefesh*, protecting life.

Among the plans for the fall that we have discussed has been our High Holy Days - *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur* and the 10 Days of Awe that occur between them. Our current world has pushed us to think differently than ever about how we do everything, including how we celebrate our most holy occasions. After working through many different scenarios, we have decided that **the only way for us to safely honor these High Holy Days together will be to do so digitally this year**. We are announcing this decision now, however, to allow you:

1. To grieve the loss of how we have always done the High Holy Days. It may be minor in the grand scheme of things, but if we do not allow ourselves to grieve even these small losses, we risk ever being able to move beyond them and get excited for what might be possible.
2. To help be a part of creating the experience that we will build together for this year. Together with our religion and ritual committee, we are creating a High Holy Day task force that will gather feedback and ideas from our entire community, so that we can bring the full richness of the holiday season to our community in new ways, offering fresh opportunities to meaningfully prepare ourselves for the new year.

While the experience will look different from past years, our recent months have shown us that different can also bring incredible blessings to us. **This year, we will be referring to our High Holidays as our High Holy Days, because we plan to offer opportunities to engage in acts of *teshuvah* (repentance), *t'filah* (prayer), and *tzedakah* (justice) throughout the month of *Elul*, the month that leads up to *Rosh Hashanah*, as well as the entire 10 Days of Awe.** We will continue updating you on the progress of our planning throughout the summer and solicit feedback from you to help us make this programming as compelling and as relevant as possible.

In streaming our services, likely from our very own congregational *bimah*, each one of you can have a front-row seat for services this year in the most comfortable seating, as we continue to bring forth the music and the messages of this season. (For those who like to sit in the back, you can still set up your screen further away from you, as well).

While we are saddened we are unable to be together in-person, we are so grateful to be a part of such an incredible community. At the same time, we are excited for the opportunities this moment brings. For one year, we invite you to take a detour from your regularly-scheduled High Holy Day experiences and experiment with us, focusing-in on new opportunities for ushering in the new year, together. Then, we pray we will return in following years to our in-person gatherings, hopefully bringing along some of what we discover from this year's celebrations. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any one of us directly. We wish you an early *L'shanah Tovah* - to a happy and healthy New Year!

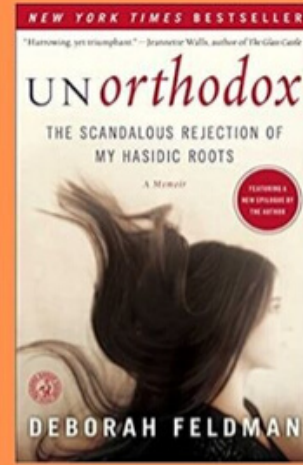


## **Unorthodox: the Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots**

**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.

"The People of the Book" is Or Shalom's book club. Every 2-3 months we read a novel that has Jewish content in the story. The books are usually best sellers and/or award winners in the United States or Israel. Our book discussions are facilitated by professional leader Rachel Kamin, director of the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, and a leader in the Association of Jewish Libraries.

This summer we are reading *Unorthodox* by Deborah Feldman. You may recognize it from the popular Netflix series of the same name, which is based on the book. The book discussion will be September 10th at 7 PM, by ZOOM.

*Unorthodox* is the story of a young woman who is a member of the strictly religious Satmar sect of Hasidic Judaism who decides to escape from its relentlessly enforced customs. Whether you read the book, watch the Netflix series, do both, or only sign in to hear about them, Rachel's discussion on September 10th promises to be exciting.

In addition, the group will help select the next book to read. We hope to see you there. The ZOOM link will be communicated closer to the date.

# Birthdays

## JULY

Ashton Akers	Tyler Jacobson	Cassandra Rodin
Emersyn Barsky	Eliana Katzman	Evan Rosenthal
Camden Bennett	Isabelle Kaufman	Evan Shlau
Hailey Bennett	Olivia Kaufman	Sheridan St. Louis
Coady Blumenfeld	Avery Kolb	Garret Subrinsky
Brielle Davis	Logan Kolb	Malory Subrinsky
Tripp Davis	Hannah Levine	Micah Trachtman
Tahlia Herbst	Juliet Marion	Elanna VanKirk
Sivan Isakovan	Gabriella Mendelson	Corey Weingardt
Trevor Jacobs	Sarah Metz	Emma Zivin

## AUGUST

Evan April	Cameron Hocin	Jordyn Silverberg
Austin Block	Jacob Levitan	Ian Silverman
Noah Davis	Zachary Loiben	Hadley Solomon
Andrew Feldman	Josie Michaels	Taryn Suby
Lila Freedman	Samantha Miller	Jacob Sultan
Mason Friedman	Sophie Moustakis	William Sultan
Aaron Fuksman	Zoey Neubauer	Zoe Theobald
Lucy Gold	Chase Poders	Andrew Trob
Mason Goldkind	Jacob Ramsay	Megan Trob
	Sean Rodin	Jacob VanOven



We usually take the summer off, but weather permitting we will try to have our monthly get togethers in a convenient outdoor space to observe proper social distancing.

If we have any semblance of a return to normalcy, we will try to continue our activities in the fall.

Fall activities will include a Sukkah build and subsequent de-build as well as Bagel brunches

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.

**Eric Katzman, Steve Leventhal**  
**Co-presidents**  
[mensclub@orshalomlc.com](mailto:mensclub@orshalomlc.com)



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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](mailto:55plus@orshalomlc.org).

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/591583259?](https://zoom.us/j/591583259?pwd=cnM5cStaNWNmKzZ6WEhhZ0NrK0hUUT09)

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Dial-in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 591 583 259

Password: 784120



Meetings notice and links are posted weekly on the temple site, email notices or Facebook. You can email to get notices and share ideas.

*In the summer of 2018, we started a Current Events discussion at Or Shalom on 4th Wednesday of each month. This concept was copied from my Grand Dominion community where Leon Stein and Larry Feldman were co-chairing.*

*Both were recruited along with Bill Greenfield to lead the discussion in our building. Little did we know that the pandemic would move the discussion into every Wednesday, 1pm Zoom virtual meeting and discussion.*

*Every Wednesday at 1pm, about 15 to 20 of us gather via Zoom to review what is happening in the community and our world.*

- The Covid 19 virus,
- Black Lives Matter,
- politics, global or local events,
- court decisions and sports

*The group is mostly temple members, but we are open to our community and all have been worthy contributors to our discussion.*

*There is always breaking news or history to learn about from others.*

*While we mostly composed of the older generation there will always be room for those fresh young voices with new perspectives.*

*We hope to see you virtually every Wednesday at 1pm.*

# Social Action Committee News Summer 2020

## The Backpack Project

Last year Congregation Or Shalom had tremendous success supporting The ARK in their Backpack Project. Together we supplied 34 local students with backpacks and needed school supplies, and The ARK was so grateful for our generosity.

Then this year happened. With the restructuring of education systems due to COVID-19, it has become difficult to say what school will look like in the Fall. What is certain, however, is that for many of The ARK's clients the pandemic has become a burden on already stretched resources, making vital school supplies all the more difficult to access. Just as your children require fresh notebooks, pencils, art materials, and books, so too do the children of our fellow community members in need.

Whether school will be online or in person this Fall, we have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our community's children by again participating in The ARK's Backpack Project. This year, in order to limit person-to-person contact, they are partnering with Back 2 School Illinois, a nonprofit that provides "back to school kits" for children, complete with backpacks and other common school supplies. This year, The ARK's Backpack Project is looking for cash donations for the purchase of these kits, or donate gift cards that their clients can use to purchase additional age-appropriate classroom materials.

To become a donor and learn more about the program, please visit

**[www.arkchicago.org/backpack](http://www.arkchicago.org/backpack)**





# Or Shalom Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up

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

Join us on Sunday, July 19 at 9am

To participate  
click here!

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

- 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](mailto:adeleennis1@gmail.com)  
with any questions.  
Thank you!

\*Rain Date is Sunday, July 26th

\*Limited number of spots available

## AND...Donations for South Side Chicago School

Our own congregant, **Hannah Kahn**, teaches on the far south side of Chicago, Roseland/Pullman area specifically. Her school, as well as the neighborhood, is basically half LatinX and half Black, with a history of conflicts between the two groups. With the current situation and climate of the world, there has been a lot of violence there. Due to all of the riots/looting, Corona Virus, resulting store closures, and transportation limitation, her students and their families are having a hard time accessing things like food, toiletries and other basic necessities. If you are able, and want to donate, she is collecting donations that will go directly towards purchasing supplies requested by the families.



**Please reach out to her at [hannahkahn918@gmail.com](mailto:hannahkahn918@gmail.com)**

if you would like to donate to her school, she will send you info regarding online payment (Venmo, Zelle, or whatever works for you)

# Or Shalom's B'yachad Initiative with The ARK

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.

In order to help make sure the pantry is always full...Or Shalom & The ARK have placed a storage pod in the back parking lot of our Synagogue for your donations.

**DROP OFF ANY TIME TO THE STORAGE POD IN OR SHALOM'S BACK PARKING LOT**

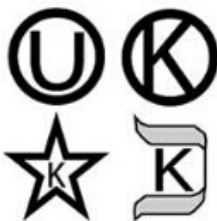
**Please help by donating a few of the following much need needed items: Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Canned Beans, Vegetarian Baked Beans, Creamy Peanut Butter, Jelly or Jam, Tuna, Oatmeal, Pasta, Rice, Couscous, Tomato Sauce, Canola Oil, Dish Liquid, Laundry Detergent, Sponges, Bar Soap or Liquid Hand Soap.**

Because of the generosity of Chicagoland congregations, nearly 30% of the Food Pantry's yearly supply is donated, and the hundreds of thousands of dollars saved from purchasing these goods can be used to provide other critical assistance to Jews facing adversity.

Because of you, The ARK's Food Pantry will continue to serve in he year ahead as a stable source of food and hope for over 20,000 individuals and families.

## Our pantry accepts these kosher certifications:

All food pantry donation must be certified kosher and should have six months before expiration. We do not accept Del Monte or Kirkland canned vegetables.



The ARK  
Food Pantry  
visits have  
increased  
**400%**



**OR SHALOM'S  
B'YACHAD INITIATIVE  
HOSTS A**

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM**

facilitated by Rabbi Ari Margolis  
& Robyn Duberstein,  
Community Outreach Coordinator, Symetria Recovery

**Thursday, July 23  
7:00 pm**

- How to recognize if yourself or a loved one is struggling with substance abuse & may need treatment.
- Addictions have changed during COVID19. People who have never struggled before may be struggling now.
- No registration needed
- All are welcome

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Meeting ID: 827 4458 2474

Password: 322392

**Questions? Contact Steffi Friedman at (847) 362-1948**

## Message from the Green Team



### Community Solar.

You want to help reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, because you've learned of the environmental havoc their production and use are wreaking. Maybe...solar? But, perhaps due to shade, construction obstacles, or cost, or because you live in an apartment or condominium, you cannot install solar panels where you live. Good news: There are other methods to employ solar to help power your home, primarily community solar and renewable energy certificates (RECs).

The Green Team's partner, Go Green Vernon Hills/Lincolnshire (on facebook: @gogreenvh.lsh), hosted a webinar this week on community solar. The basic concept: You purchase a portion of electricity created by a solar installation being built in IL. Your Com Ed bill goes down as you are contributing to renewable energy and creating jobs for IL workers. Check out this website:

**<https://www.citizensutilityboard.org/community-solar-illinois/for more>**





## LAKE COUNTY UNITED & YOU!

**BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS • DEVELOPING LEADERS • ACTING FOR JUSTICE**

Or Shalom has once again proven to be a great partner within the Lake County United community. Many of the families of Waukegan-To-College (an LCU dues paying member) have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Families are going without food and recent high school graduates do not have computers.

Through B'Yachad, a generous donation of 60 gift cards has been made to be used at a local grocery store. In addition, so far, a computer, monitor and keyboard have been donated. The electronics will go to recently graduated high school students who cannot afford to purchase these items. Please think about donating to those families in need.



In another LCU initiative, Or Shalom is partnering with St. Mary of Vernon Hills Catholic Church to reach out to other community organizations (churches, schools, business, etc.) with the goal of strengthening our overall community through sharing of common interests. This effort just started and we anticipate that in the long run, Or Shalom will be considered an influential community leader.

On-going programs include: Working with the Lake County Health Board to see that Federal funding is allocated to help with problems caused by the pandemic.

Some of the issues include:

- increased COVID-19 testing
- increased availability of broadband
- more contact tracers
- increasing mental health availability for the public and in schools
- Gun violence prevention
- Affordable housing



# At Shabbat, we remember our loved ones

## July 3

Milton Dunn  
Jan Ephraim  
Harry Grabow  
Rose Katz  
Rabbi Naftali J. Berg  
Norman Buxbaum  
Myron Davis  
Allison Kohen  
Lillian Pechter  
William Saretsky  
Ira Blustein  
Marion Brown  
Hyman Rosenberg  
Theodore Sattler  
V. Keith Swager  
Barbara Beck  
Nathan Lerfelt  
Evelyn Marder  
William Silver  
Myron Levy  
William Pitzele  
Shyrlie Shriberg  
Melvin Tobias  
Polina Ulmishek  
Alfred Akkeron  
Ruth Colodny  
David Miller  
Rose Kagan  
Lillian Lewis  
Mannie Maresky

## July 10

Sarah Siegel  
Ethel Silverman  
Sharon Andelman  
Bromberg  
Stuart Finer  
Carrie Hess  
Jason Mogilner  
Nelida Bernheim  
Ferne Robin  
Herbert Rosen  
Raymond Adkisson, Jr.  
Richard Hoffman  
Mary Shipkin  
Betty Waas  
Barry Bernhardt  
Bonnie Sue  
Kutsumanis  
Joseph Sachsel  
Fred Schwartz  
Jack Diamond  
Leo Miller  
Shirley Jane Nagirner  
Weinstein  
Seymour (Zom) Zlotnik  
Leonard Berkowitz  
Eileen Holzer  
Selma Mann  
Denise Martindale  
Sarah Noparstak

## July 17

Lenore Shapiro  
Leo Huttas  
Stanislawa  
Krzesinski  
Maury Niems  
Ida Semer  
Theodore Smith  
Doreen Barton  
Mira Bayevskaya  
Joseph Ellis  
Louis Katz  
Harlene Miller  
Sonya (Sunny)  
Sachnoff  
Irene Smith  
Dorothy Zachar  
Maxine Dicker  
Gloria Edwards  
Lotte Hirschel  
Molly Salasche  
Jordan Shipkin  
Margaret Vene  
David Field  
Martin Pine

## July 24

Sheldon Blumberg  
Simon Cohn  
Bari Freedman  
Les Neimark  
Jane Silver  
Sherwyn Warren  
Marc Greenberg  
Esther Slavin  
Bess Woolman  
Sheldon Zager  
Michael Powder  
Duane E. Rohe  
Lottie Berman  
Barbara Clapman  
Charles Rotman  
Simon Szayevicz  
Sylvia Berger  
Erwin Kozin  
Lorraine Cooper  
Miriam Epstein  
Nettie Leibold  
Julius Miller  
Arline Schwartz  
Patricia Swartz  
Janet Bernstein  
Shirley Braiman  
Robin Floss-Becker  
Rose Anne Glick  
Louis Lazerow  
Jean Menart  
Norman Shovers

# At Shabbat, we remember our loved ones

## July 31

Deena Newman  
Bebe Paul  
Abe Staffin  
Richard Wettman  
Martin Dermer  
Anna Plotnick  
Bruce Saipe  
David Sheade  
Mildred Ulrich  
Herb Goldberg  
Lewis Krinen  
Donald Estridge  
MaryAnn Estridge  
Abraham Glazer  
Norman Matulef  
George Mendell  
Robert Yablon  
Alice Donelon  
Alene Shaffer

## August 7

Bertha Edelheit  
Dina Iodina  
Jack Lewis  
Elaine Newman  
Larry Propp  
Deborah Shriberg  
Enid Silverman  
Sylvia Applebaum  
Louis Finkle  
Mickey Protus  
Ralph Otto  
Julian Ullman  
Fannie Cohen  
Sara Cornis  
Lois Homer  
Benjamin Trob  
Melvyn Cotton  
Beatrice Kerman  
Robert Pearlstein  
Vicki Siegel  
Robyn Cohen

## August 14

Fradyle Bland  
Barney Cole  
Aaron Kelmer  
Lynda Klein  
Beverly Cohen  
Krista Emery  
Henry Sommer  
Arthur Bork  
Howard Floom  
Nathan Seidenberg  
Naomi Levine  
Bessie Rosenberg  
Virginia Zimmer  
Neal Goldberg  
Lillian Mishkin  
Faye Yablon  
Aaron Cohen  
Ida Mae Koffman  
Morris Matulef  
Mac Rosenberg  
Florence Saipe  
Marion Skarbek

## August 21

Judith Bechar  
Anita Blumberg  
Maris (Mitzi) Bootzin  
Norman Epstein  
Judy Metz  
Blanche Stein  
Aaron Ulrich  
Gerold Warren  
Ruth Fain  
Jack Goldberg  
William Harrison  
Abraham Isaac  
Janowitz  
Theodore Light  
Ricky Selan  
Richard Newman  
Irving Zook  
Charlotte Levin  
Gary Saipe  
Jacob Weil  
Rose Gordon  
Cookie Klein  
Evelyn Sugar  
Harry Roth  
Lawrence Spector

## August 28

Larry Fullett  
Karen Trachtman  
Barbara Wojtas  
Carol Gluckman  
Gary Jacobs  
Joseph Freeland  
Rose Plotnik  
Zena Singer  
Leonard Edwards  
Irving Shapiro  
Isabelle Zverow  
Robert Emmett  
Donelon  
Sandi Emmett  
Theodore Abraham  
Gerstenblith  
Raymond Hartstein  
Rose Henriques  
Jack Kaplan  
Sidney Letchinger  
Gary Lichtman  
Louie Pickus  
Alice Staffin  
Carol Lefcourt  
Hyman Murnick  
Richard Rohner  
Lillian Dwortz  
Emanuel Goldman  
Marion Levey

## IN MEMORIAM



We extend our  
condolences to the  
families of:

### **Howard Chimberoff**

*Uncle of Richard Kane*

### **Patti Perlmutter**

*Mother of Holly Marder*

### **Robert Sommerfeld**

*Uncle of Cathy Bromberg*

### **Joan Beard**

*Sister of Stewart Becker*

### **Beverle Bloch**

*Cousin of Michael Seaver*

### **Karen Wadler**

*Machatunasta of Ellen  
Grabow*

### **Henrietta "Hank" Morton**

# CONTRIBUTIONS

## CARING FUND

**In memory of Jacob Noparstak**

by Irene & Arthur Noparstak

**In memory of Henrietta Morton**

by Margie & Art Shriberg

## GENERAL FUND

*(formerly Building Improvement Fund)*

**In memory of Harris Kruger**

by Mort & Irene Blieberg

**In memory of Gerald Shriberg**

by Mort & Irene Blieberg

**In memory of E. Dorman, M. Sidel & A Dorfman**

by Judy Sidell

**In memory of Felice Jacon**

by Jay & Carol Kitterman

## LEGACY OF LIGHT FUND

**In appreciation of Jeff Kruger's two year term as Temple President**

by Bill & Susan McNulty

**In appreciation of Debbie Pine, a wonderful person & fabulous mask maker!**

by Brandy & Rick Counselbaum

## MITZVAH MEALS FUND

**In memory of Lilian Weil Klein**

by Fred & Elaine Weil

**In memory of Dr. Robert Sommerfeld**

by Cathy Bromberg

**In memory of Shermal Margolis**

by Janet Pevsner

## MUSIC FUND

**In appreciation of Jewish Music to Soothe the Soul**

by Bill & Susan McNulty

**In honor of Laurie Akers, your music & your trope teaching**

by Chuck & Deb Colodny

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**In appreciation of Rabbi Ari - for all he did for the Kruger family**

by Joanne Kruger

**In appreciation of Rabbi Ari Margolis**

by Janet Pevsner

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by Barbara Greisdorf & Family

**In appreciation of Rabbi Ari & Family**

by Brandy & Rich Counselbaum

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by Jim & Judy Dash

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by Jon & Elise Hauptman

**In memory of Jill Martin's Mother**

by The Wolfson & Rubenstein Families

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

**In appreciation of Marcia Cohen, Rabbi Ari Margolis & Laurie Akers**

by Tom Morton

**In honor of Jolie Lasaine on her 60th Birthday!**

by Marshall & Sherry Norris

**In memory of Sam Lieberman**

by The Ackerman Family



## 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.***

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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