

## I IN APPRECIATION OF OUR BLESSINGS

This is a difficult moment in time. Judaism focuses intently on how important it is to come together to celebrate with laughter and song, to hold each other when confronted with sickness and death, and to draw and transmit strength from being next to each other. But this necessary distancing pulls us apart.

Social distancing has amplified life's already complicated twists and turns. When someone we care about is sick (irrespective of the illness), has been laid off from work, or is mourning the loss of a loved one, our new reality prohibits us from physically holding them close. As the days become weeks, and now nearly two months, it's hard to find direction. Without a firm end date to our separation, it is easy to find ourselves beginning to drift. The work/school/leisure/life balance is off, and we find ourselves focusing on what we miss.

But if we are to be true to those very same Jewish values, we must realize that allowing ourselves to look only backwards is to leave behind our tradition's wisdom, for there are a multitude of blessings.

Evening minyan participation has more than doubled; Kabbalat Shabbat attendance quintupled; and OT sings "Shavua Tov" at Havdalah every week. With the extra time, many have found comfort in quiet personal prayer. Jewish study within OT, as well as all over the Jewish world, has blossomed. Families have figured out ways to be together not only for Pesach, but also for birthdays, Sunday brunch, and Wednesday Happy Hour. Old friendships have been renewed; fractured relationships have been healed; and new lines of communication have been formed and solidified.

Obviously, the pandemic is terrifying and sometimes tragic. If there is a silver lining, it is that it has helped us find alternative paths towards sacred living. We have taken so much for granted, but the beauty of our holy tradition is that it guides us to identify and appreciate the sparks of holiness in our amazing world. And it has strengthened our understanding that our sacred home, Olam Tikvah, is both a powerful center for Jewish life and, at the same time, much more than a physical space on Glenbrook Road. It is truly a foundation of our spiritual lives.

May we continue to be strengthened by this extraordinary community and our values. We won't just lament the past. Together, young and old, we will go forward.

**Bivvacha—with an appreciation of our blessings.**

*Rabbi David Kalender*

## A PRAYER FOR HEALING IN THE ERA OF COVID-19

**Mi Shebeirach avoteinu. M'kor habracha L'imoteinu: May the one who blessed our patriarchs, Abraham Isaac, and Jacob, and our matriarchs, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, bless and heal our world and all who are ill at this time of universal need.**

**May the One who we turn to for the blessings of life help and sustain us in this pandemic era. While we are socially distant, may we bolster the bonds that bring us closer to dear family and friends.**

**May the Holy Blessed One overflow with compassion for all who are ill and those who are alone, living in fear and worried about loved ones who are far away.**

**May we find the reassuring words and warm embraces to keep our children emotionally and physically healthy.**

**May Adonai help us to find strength in our faith, the words of Torah, and in each other. May we maintain stability by remembering the many blessings in our lives.**

**May the Holy Blessed One bring strength to our Rabbis, who we turn to for guidance, and to doctors, nurses and all who are on the medical front lines.**

**May the One who watches over all of us help us to find leaders who are wise and compassionate as we confront this public health crisis.**

**Bless all who are desperately in need of healing and hope with r'fuah sh'leimah. Adonai, please hear our prayer.**

**V'nomar, Amen.**

*Peter Maer*

## What's happening in the Preschool?

*We asked Preschool Director Cindi Drake*

Each of 3 classes (two 3-year-old groups; one Pre-K) zooms twice a week, and our two-year-old class zooms once a week themselves and usually once a week with one of the three-year-old classes. On Fridays, the entire school gets together for a zoom Kabbalat Shabbat, and 20-27 of our families attend. We can usually count on Rabbi Kalender to join us as well. Although our Baby & Me class is not part of the preschool, they are invited; most weeks, at least one or two join us.



# Zoom



We are now talking about Israel. We have been following our usual curriculum although in an obviously abbreviated format.

On non-zoom days, the teachers email videos of themselves reading stories or singing songs, or links to a variety of activities for the children.

The children begin their classes with their usual welcome songs—just as they would do in a brick-and-mortar classroom. Teachers read stories, sing songs and do modified lessons. Interestingly enough, over the past 6 weeks, the children have settled, in large measure, into learning in zoom classrooms!

## OTRS creates a digital community

*Allyson Jacob*

When Debra Beland Ackerman gathered the Olam Tikvah Religious School (OTRS) staff virtually for the first time, she gave them a single mission: “Create a community.”

“We want kids to see and hear other kids,” Beland Ackerman explains. “We want our students to have something to look forward to. We want them to feel that their community is still there.”



OTRS staff has risen to the challenge of shifting to an online learning environment. For two one-hour sessions on Sundays, students gather in a virtual waiting room before being safely admitted to an online learning session. For five minutes, a rabbi or educator addresses the entire group, while Beland Ackerman quickly sorts participants by grade.

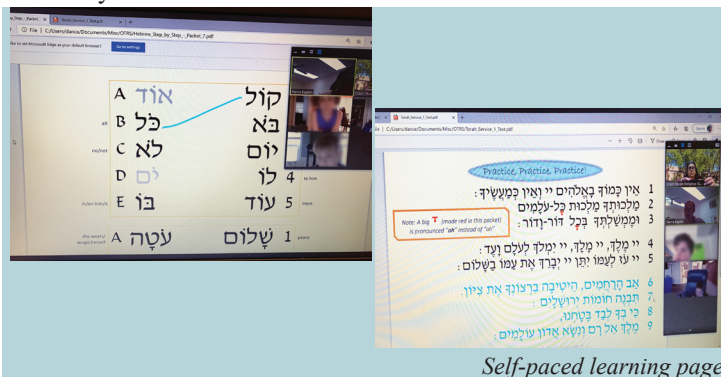
With the push of a button, the students in each grade move mostly seamlessly into smaller group rooms. There, teachers ask questions, lead discussions, and most importantly, facilitate interactions that ensure kids feel the presence of their virtual community.

As with any new technology, there have been a few small hiccups. One student was sorted into the wrong classroom because he was signed in under his big brother's name. Another student couldn't join a breakout room because of a rogue pop-up blocker. Dad was nearby to troubleshoot, and within minutes, she was in the room.

Beland Ackerman credits the successful transition to online learning to “parents recognizing that they need to be present, and not just for the younger kids.” It would be easy for parents to park their kids in front a screen and use that time to do something else. But by and large, families are sticking around.

While some students might see online learning as a way to drop religious studies, Beland Ackerman has found the opposite to be true. “We’ve added five new students to the 8th grade class,” she says. “Parents want their kids to... feel connected.”

A big part of Tuesday afternoons at OTRS involves self-paced Hebrew: flexible, small-group instruction to help students become more confident reading, speaking, and praying in Hebrew. The transition to online groups has been smooth, Beland Ackerman says. OTRS is using *Shalom Learning*, a curriculum designed for distance learning. Staff use the program with ease—annotating screens, assigning work to students, and muting the class when necessary.



## Evening Minyan via Zoom

Yizkor service at evening Minyan

Shiva in the time of Covid 19

Elissa Kon



*George Billinson chants "El Maleh Rachamim"*

### DIGITAL COMMUNITY, From page 2

Beland Ackerman is proud of the way the OTRS staff has pulled together and shifted to digital environments. "Teachers have been helping teachers. They practice sharing screens. If one can't get the audio in a video to play, another one knows how to do it and demonstrates."

For teachers who are already comfortable in an online environment, virtual classes provide an opportunity to spread their wings. A pair of educators charged with teaching Jewish history created a virtual bulletin board full of historic images. The visual representation is engaging and sparks students' curiosity about historical conditions and events.

Despite the overwhelming success of virtual classes, Beland Ackerman knows that certain programs simply can't be replaced. Fifth-grade students usually spend this time working on the Torah service, using the sanctuary as a learning lab. Fourth-grade students typically learn about lifecycle events and participate in a mock wedding. Third-grade students celebrate Kabbalat Siddur. And sixth-grade students spend several weeks in the spring learning about the Holocaust.

"That's by design," she explains. "In public school, students usually learn about World War II in the second quarter of seventh grade. We want them to learn about the Holocaust from us first."

Those in-classroom experiences can't and shouldn't be replicated online. Instead, Beland Ackerman is looking for ways to incorporate those topics into next year's curriculum. Next year's seventh-grade students will learn about the Shoah alongside their sixth-grade peers, at the beginning of the year.

Instead of studying genocide, current sixth-grade students are focusing on a much happier topic: becoming b'nei mitzvah. "They have obligations to complete mitzvot" during their B'nei Mitzvah year," Beland Ackerman explains. "We're asking them to consider how they can fulfill those mitzvot now. There are still things to do."

In times of loss, we traditionally pay condolences through the mitzvah of shiva, providing comfort by physically being together to alleviate loneliness. Warmth and compassion can be given and received through conversation, listening to stories about the deceased, prayer or just being there, silently. COVID has taken away our ability to grieve and provide comfort in the same space. In these times, we are forced to give and receive comfort in new ways.

Sadly, several members of our community have recently lost loved ones. My mother passed away on April 12, 2020 (not from COVID). We had no shiva, no funeral, no family traveling to be together. I viewed something as normal as being with my mother in the hospital in her final hours as a gift that the hospital gave to our family, as visitors were generally not allowed. The ability to physically sit by my mom in the hospital, while sad, was the only bit of normalcy I had, and it gave my family great comfort to know that she was not alone. This lack of ritual created a big hole because it not only denied us the ability to share our grief in the presence of loved ones, it also denied our community the opportunity to perform the mitzvah of giving comfort. For this reason, we learned to grieve in creative ways and to find grace in unexpected places.

Evening minyan via Zoom has enabled us to stay connected to the OT community and to perform important rituals every day. While it is not the same as being together in our beautiful sanctuary, it has been very moving to hear and see congregants who have suffered loss speak of their loved ones. I truly felt the arms of the OT community around me, remotely, as I talked about my own mother's life. It provided me with a sense of calm and connection that has been missing in this time of isolation, along with some mild entertainment as we admire everyone's COVID hair-dos. My family and I are so grateful that technology enables us to maintain this strong connection to OT.



## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BRITTANIE WERBEL



In the COVID-19 era, I find myself mentally returning to themes I touched on during my Rosh Hashanah addresses. In 2018/5778 I spoke about sacrifice, and this past September/Tishrei, I spoke about all the amazing things we bring into Olam Tikvah.

Thoughts of sacrifice come easily right now. We continuously forgo the joy of being together—in prayer, in study, and in fun—in order to protect one another. Because our members span all age groups and demographics, we are facing a myriad of different challenges. Luckily, technology has given us different ways to be together. Although not quite the same, it is wonderful that we can use Zoom for Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday nights, Havdalah on Saturday nights, nightly minyan, and learning opportunities for all ages throughout the week. Plus don't get me started on the meetings!

And this leads me to everything we bring into Olam Tikvah: despite all the challenges we are facing right now, your synagogue is doing incredible work!

- Olam Tikvah children—from our preschoolers through our confirmation students—are joining their teachers and classmates via Zoom to continue their Jewish learning.
- OT volunteers called every member family in March, and then re-called every household before Pesach.
- The kosher for Passover grocery delivery we coordinated with Moti's was so successful that we collaborated again in May.

### OT teens continue to gather

#### TOGETHER

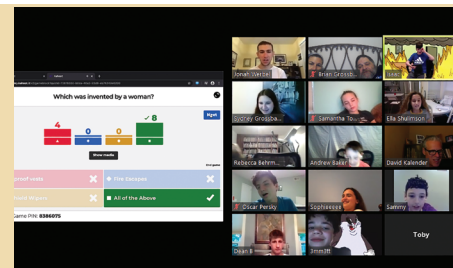
The Olam Tikvah USY (students in grades 9-12) chapter was proudly awarded the Chapter of the Year award for the Seaboard region of USY, and we had no intention of returning the banner which we've gotten so used to seeing in the old OT lobby. So when Covid-19 shut down all future in-person programming, we knew we had to act fast. Within a few days, OTUSY gathered on a Zoom call to make the challenging switch from our valued and beloved in-person events to doing them online in this strange, new way.

Today, I am proud to say that we have successfully put on a few exciting and interesting new events, attracting more and more people. We've done an online movie night, where we all watched *Spy Kids* from our own living rooms, but together. We did a virtual game night, playing an online version of *pictionary* and an *Israel/Disney/more "Kahoot"* (a fun online trivia game), playing together. And we had a "Stump the Rabbi" event featuring Rabbi Ravski. I also recently ran an event for Kadima (OT's 6th-8th graders), where we played Kahoot together for over an hour.

Together. Even though we are in our own homes, physically separate from all of our USY friends, we still are finding ways to be together. OTUSY is proud that we have a lot of teens who aren't forced to be together, but want to be together.

And although we haven't had the 21 people we had when we did a Bob Ross paint night last fall, it's been exciting to see a crowd of 10-15 people joining together in these crazy times.

- OT participated in **Good Deeds Day 2020** by supporting our partners **Food For Others**, **FACETS**, and the **Katherine Hanley Family Shelter**. Not only did OT support these worthy organizations with monetary donations, but many of our members did so individually as well.
- Despite everything else happening, your OT Board of Directors finalized and accepted a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2021. The budget will be presented at the virtual congregational meeting on Sunday, June 7, when the congregation will also vote to accept the slate of officers and directors put forth by the Nominating Committee.
- OT's Social Action Committee is coordinating support for health care workers at **INOVA Fairfax Hospital**.
- Rabbi Kalender and Rabbi Ravski hold adult learning classes every week. You can choose Talmud study, Mishnah study, parsha study, or any combination.
- We are planning a virtual sendoff for the Ravski family as they depart from Fairfax to Charleston, South Carolina. Confined to our homes, the days can feel monotonous and purposeless. We eagerly await the resumption of normalcy. Our new, virtual means of engagement are a temporary substitute for the communal vibrancy inside Olam Tikvah. But phone calls, emails, messages, window signs, and other creative communications keep us connected to one another. We look forward to when we can once again safely gather in our sanctuary, classrooms, and social hall. And, in the midst of all this sacrifice, we know what we will bring back into Olam Tikvah.



Kadima Kahoot

Rather than let the Coronavirus get the better of our youth programming, we consistently see teens who just want to keep chatting with each other, keep playing games together, and keep seeing each other's faces. And that desire of OTUSY to be together and see each other is exactly why we were given the Chapter of the Year award last year.

Jonah Werbel

### CONNECTING TO FRIENDS AND TO JUDAISM

During quarantine, it is easy to lose connection to our friends and Judaism, but our USY virtual programs are a great way to stay in the loop. During the school year, many teens put their Judaism on the back burner, but with USY programming during quarantine, teens can expand their relationship to Judaism. Judaism can even provide resources to keep mental health intact. Overall, USY is providing programs that ensure that quarantine doesn't mean isolation, from friends or Judaism.

Rachel Friedman



## Around Olam Tikvah

### From Our Hearts

#### Mazal Tov

*We wish a hearty mazal tov to...*

Sara & Paul Astrow, on the birth of their granddaughter,  
Lilyana Claire Hawkins, to Rachel & James Hawkins  
Sara & Brian Binder, on the birth of their daughter, Miriam Leah  
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Eli Nathan Safferson, son of Alan & Sally Safferson  
Samara & Daniel Schulman, on the naming of their daughter,  
Eliana  
Leslie & Irvin Varkonyi, on the birth of their granddaughter,  
Edina Sarah, daughter of Julie & Chris Begani

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*We acknowledge the passing of ...*

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*Thank you to Linda Meyer (April),  
and Lynne Dubin, Barbara Holleb and Carol Shaman (May)  
for making anniversary calls.*

### A SEA OF NEON GREEN

If you peeked into the pods off the sanctuary before Purim, you would have seen 'a sea of neon green bags' —600 mishloach manot bags, filled with goodies.



Approximately 25 volunteers made this all happen. Several weeks before Purim, some inserted the order forms and instructions into envelopes to be sent to all congregants. Others, a few weeks later, inserted the greetings into envelopes and sorted them by routes. Others labeled and filled the plastic bags with the hamantaschen. Finally, on March 4, volunteers packed the Purim bags with goodies such as Halvah and a packet of Ferrero Rocher hazelnut chocolates.

The bags and greetings were picked up and delivered by approximately 50 drivers.

Thank you to everyone who participated in celebrating Purim.

Thanks to the OT office staff, who helped us continuously, and all the volunteers who helped us reach our 2020 fundraising goal. We netted over \$25,000!

B'shalom,

*Joanne Stryer, Anne Kramer, and Brenda Klemow*



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April 2020

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