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New Year, New Contemporary

by Marnie Fienberg, Communications Chair It's time for OT communications to evolve.

Ten years ago, we looked to mailings from Olam Tikvah to keep us up to date with what was happening at the shul. The Contemporary newsletter was a combination of announcements and timely news, and an essential read to keep us engaged. Today, our emails and website provide this time-sensitive information, with an on-demand calendar available 24/7 to let you know what's happening.

So, what's the role of the newsletter? Perhaps we need something new from the Contemporary. Something that will engage or challenge us. Stories that reflect not our activities, but our community's culture and our ideals for the future of OT and our Jewish world.

Announcing the New OT Contemporary Magazine

Starting in September, our newsletter will evolve into the Contemporary magazine. This magazine will be a combination of thought-provoking articles and highlights of our OT community, supported by beautiful pictures and images. The Contemporary magazine will explore:

- The WHY behind our OT community.
- What our congregation thinks and where we want to go.
- The Jewish Conservative choices how are our rituals, activities, and approaches different from other Jewish denominations and why?
- The Jewish world beyond our shul Jewish NoVA and across the globe.

Our magazine will be available in two beautiful formats, one delivered to your door and the other online. The new Communications Committee is filled with energy, ideas, and a wealth of communications expertise.

You and the New Contemporary

The magazine will be a reflection of our OT community. This is not a one-person job. We need writers and photographers, travelers, cooks/bakers, and especially THINKERS. If you are interested in participating or just have an idea for a thought-provoking story, please reach out to me at marniefien@gmail.com.

Your support is critical to print the Contemporary in its new format. If you are interested in advertising your business or taking out an ad to congratulate a mitzvah, reach out to me about advertising with us.

Thank You Lisa!

While we make these changes, the Communications Committee wants to acknowledge and thank long-time OT member and Publicity Chair **Lisa Friedman** for her work leading the Contemporary newsletter for more than 20 years. Lisa kept us together and communicating and we hope to make her proud with our new magazine. Thank you, Lisa!

See You Soon

Look for the new Contemporary in your mailbox and online in September and bi-monthly after that.

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New Member Spotlight

Ashley & Nissim Vazana and baby Aviv

Please welcome Ashley & Nissim Vazana and their 15-month-old Aviv to Olam Tikvah! Nis is an occupational therapist and Ashley is a nurse, both at Inova; Ashley is also in school to become a nurse practitioner. They live in Kings Park (Springfield) to rock the suburban family life after stints in Philly and DC. Ashley grew up in DC and studied at Boston University; Nissim grew up in Beer Sheva, Israel, but is now a US citizen. They love the outdoors (hiking, camping, biking, boating), and take their dogs and toddler on adventures in their RV. If you want to practice your Hebrew or eat Moroccan-inspired Israeli food, try to wrangle a Shabbat invitation with our newest OT family or invite them to your place. They're vaccinated!







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B'nei Mitzvah

Support our 5781 B'nei Mitzvah students and their Mitzvah Projects. Visit www.olamtikvah.org/bneimitzvah#projects to see the good work and passions of our newest Jewish adults.

Ella Sylvia Shulimson August 21 Parashat Ki Tetze

Ella Sylvia, daughter of Kenneth & Ronit Shulimson, sister of Jason, will be a rising 8th grader at Katherine Johnson middle school. Ella's favorite subject in school is History, and she plays soccer year around for her travel team Virginia Valor. Ella is looking forward to coming back from Habonim Camp Moshava and celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with family and friends. Her Bat Mitzvah project is planting trees in Israel to help with the environment and you can support it by contributing to **Jewish National Fund Tree Planting**.



Toby Nathan Tepp August 28 Parashat Ki Tavo

Toby, son of Ronnie & Steven, and brother to Sasha and Rachel, is a rising 7th grader at Luther Jackson Middle School. Toby is an avid baseball player and fan. He also enjoys Marvel and Star Wars movies, learning about business and investing, and video games. Toby's Bar Mitzvah project is to collect and donate used sporting equipment to Leveling the Playing Field, which provides equipment to under-resourced youth groups, community programs, and schools throughout the area. Toby is excited to be able to welcome his family and friends IN PERSON from New Jersey, Florida, Arizona, and more.







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Olam Tikvah Community Connections

The Olam Tikvah community is here to celebrate with you and support you during lifecycle events.

Mazal Tov

Seth Blumenthal, on receiving his Yad award

Shari Boyett, on the Simchat Mitzvah of her child, Cat

Barbara & Norman Brand, on the birth of their grandson, Liam Noah Brand-Roberts, son of Jessica Brand & Chris Roberts

Noah Engelberg, on the engagement of his son, Aaron, to Gal Ravia

Lauren & Nelson France, on the birth of their daughter, Ruth Goldie

Ellen & Mike Hilert, on the aufruf of Zachary Hilert and Miriam Goldstein

Judie & Brian Lieberman, on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Liat

Yana Chernyak & Kyle O'Donnell, on the birth and naming of their daughter, Mina Ruth Abramson

In Memory

Linda Putterman, mother of Jennifer Rheuban

Sandy Rib

Anniversaries

Thank you for your donations to Olam Tikvah in honor of your anniversaries. Special thanks to our anniversary callers this month: Linda Meyer and Joanne Stryer

July 1

Sheila & Steve Klein (25)

July 23-29

Maria & Lester Koransky; Lisa & Robert Maher; Debbie & Geoffrey Malafsky (25); Diane & Joel Miller

July 2-8

Rachel & Elijah Alper (10); Jane & Bill Behrmann; Estelle & Douglas Brothers (55);

Tessa & Glenn Fuchs (45); Beth & Fabian Rivelis; Cindy Rosen & Robert Schwartz; Sharon & Lance Sherry;

Vyonna Friimoto & David Shurhara

Yvonne Fujimoto & David Shurberg;

Laurie & Shawn Vergott (15)

July 30-31

Tamara & Jeffrey Cohen



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Tzedakah

Thank you for your donations, which were received by June 30, 2021. To make a donation, visit olamtikvah.org/donate

Annual Campaign

IN MEMORY OF

Frances Rose Shapiro, by Robert Shapiro Maria Meylikhova, by Anonymous Zaidie Bill Fienberg, by Marnie & Howard Fienberg

Capital Improvement Fund

IN HONOR OF

George Billinson and everything that he does for Olam Tikvah, by Rochelle & David Goldberg

IN MEMORY OF

Faye Lieberman, by Joan & Don Sacarob Irene Walder, by Joan & Don Sacarob Martha & Neil Ross, by Fran & Bob Staiman Sandy Rosenthal, by Sandy & Al Gabriel

Comfort & Condolence Fund

IN MEMORY OF

Harvey Rothberg, by Eric Rothberg Doris Kaplan, mother of Sarah Shack and Jeannette Shapiro, by Fraida & Alan Zusman Ida Albert, by Anonymous

Emanuel Passamaneck Prayer Book/ Tallit

In apprecation of George Billinson's many years of dedication to Congregation Olam Tikvah's prayer services, by Clare & Herb Bachner

Gerald Brissman/Lyle Miller/Carol Samuels Youth & College Fund

Thank you to all who make the Livestream enjoyable and meaningful, by Ruth & Ed Diener

IN HONOR OF

Alan Gorowitz, Debra Beland Ackerman, Rochelle Goldberg, Brittanie Werbel, Cindi Drake, Michael Toobin, Rabbi David Kalender, Rachel & Ed Shnekendorf, Ramesh Cohen, and Stacy Oshry for your time and dedication to the Olam Tikvah building reopening Task Force, by Laura Strouse

IN MEMORY OF

Marion Miller, by Sharon Krantzman Doris Kaplan, by Sue & Ken Cohn REFUAH SHLEMA

Barbara Cohen, by Chai Chavurah; Fraida & Alan Zusman; Sue & Ken Cohn; Carol Klevan

Michelle Schuster, by Carol Klevan

Harold T. Rib Torah & Religious Articles Fund

IN HONOR OF

Allen Zobler for his term as Financial Secretary, by Anita & Steve Dienstfrey George Billinson receiving the President's award, by Anita & Steve Dienstfrey; Deedy & Ed Eisenson

Jonah Werbel receiving the Linda Cohn Memorial Youth Award, by Anita & Steve

Dienstfrey

Jerry Werbel Memorial Landscape Fund IN HONOR OF

George Billinson receiving a well earned President's award, by Lynn Phillips

Jonah Werbel receiving the Linda Cohn Memorial Youth Award, by Deedy & Ed Eisenson

Jonah Werbel's high school graduation, by Lynn Phillips

Sarah Klemow's high school graduation, by Lynn Phillips

Birth of Bobbie Ebert's 2 great grandchildren, by Lynn Phillips REFUAH SHLEMA

Don Sacarob, by Lynn Phillips; Dotty & Al Fuchsman

Kitchen Fund

IN HONOR OF

Stan & Lesli Chassin for their aliyah for Emmet Aiken's Bar Mitzvah, by Brooke & Gary Aiken

IN MEMORY OF

Rose Halper Tebeloff, by Beverly Polmar REFUAH SHLEMA

Ed Eisenson, by Kitty & Jack Timmes

Rabbi Itzhaq M. Klirs Memorial Adult Education Fund

IN HONOR OF

Bar Mitzvah of Adam Helman, by Debbie & Mark Weber

Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Gantsoudes, by Debbie & Mark Weber

Bar Mitzvah of Jack Smith, by Debbie & Mark Weber

Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Toppall, by Debbie & Mark Weber

Bat Mitzvah of Zahavah Bielsker-Rolfe, by Debbie & Mark Weber

George Billinson receiving the President's award, by Debbie & Mark Weber

Jonah Werbel receiving the Linda Cohn Memorial Youth Award, by Debbie & Mark Weber

Sydney Jacob receiving the special award for her technical support, by Debbie & Mark Weber

REFUAH SHLEMA

Barbara Cohen, by Debbie & Mark Weber Don Sacarob, by Debbie & Mark Weber

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

With appreciation to Rabbi and Talya Kalender for their support to our congregation during this past year, by Deedy & Ed Eisenson

IN HONOR OF

Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Gantsoudes, by Mimi & Len Levine

George Billinson receiving the President's award, by Ilka Shore-Cooper & Fred Cooper Ilene Aiken for her aliyah for Emmet Aiken's

Stuart & Marlene Aiken for their aliyah for Emmett Aiken's Bar Mitzvah, by Brooke & Gary Aiken

Bar Mitzvah, by Brooke & Gary Aiken

Brooke & Gary Aiken for their aliyah for Emmett Aiken's Bar Mitzzvah, by Brooke & Gary Aiken

Rabbi Kalender for his leadership, by Brooke & Gary Aiken; Carol & Abe Schneier

IN MEMORY OF

Alice Hill, by Anonymous

Alice Zinn, by Alan Zinn

Anne Meyer, by Linda & Walt Meyer

Doris Kaplan, by Jeannette & Barry Shapiro Edwin Friedson, by Alyssa Cohen Sherman & Rob Sherman

Al Bernstein, by Bev Goldberg

Arnie Hecht, by Aurora & Gerald Malakoff Irwin Feldman, by Jordana Schmier & David Kane

Ron Goldberg, by Aurora & Gerald Malakoff Sandy Rosenthal, by Aurora & Gerald Malakoff

REFUAH SHLEMA

Don Sacarob, by Mimi & Len Levine; Linda & Walter Meyer

Robert Natkin/Caren Pearl Religious School Fund

IN HONOR OF

Amelie Rubin's Bat Mitzvah, by Carol & Abe Schneier

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Fred Cooper for training Emmett Aiken for his Bar Mitzvah, by Brooke & Gary Aiken REFUAH SHLEMA

Sandy Provisor, by Zee Loevner, Arnie Meyers, Joanne & Tom Stryer, and Bernice Stern

Stahl Family Experience Israel Fund

IN HONOR OF

Olam Tikvah, by Sisterhood of Olam Tikvah REFUAH SHLEMA

Don Sacarob, by Deedy & Ed Eisenson

Tzedakah Fund

Thank you to OT for the livestream, by The Dorin Family

IN HONOR OF

Birth of Hannah Ruth Taubman, granddaughter of Marie & Glenn, niece of Helen, daughter of Marla & Joel, by Aurora & Gerald Malakoff

Cat's Simchat Mitzvah, by Annie & Alan Schwartz

Michelle & Zach Silberman's birthdays, by The Dorin Family

Emmet Aiken's Bar Mitzvah, by Brooke & Gary Aiken

Libby Saypol, by Team Boyett and Cat IN MEMORY OF

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Florence Markowitz, by Randee & Jerry Markowitz

Frederick Klein, by Bonnie & David Massarik George Robert Walter, by Patricia Freilich Henry Villarruel, by Barbara & Carl Villarruel Ira Westreich, by Joan & Steve Heller Irving Bernstein, by Florence Bernstein Irving Diener, by Edward Diener Jacob Klevan, by Carol Klevan Joseph Edelman, by Debra & Herman Stein Lilla Wolfman, by Claire Tanenbaum Lisa St. Pierre, by Bonnie & David Massarik Manfred Rosenthal, by Ralph Rosenthal Martha Vorcheimer, by Roger Vorcheimer Mauricio Blumenthal, by Perla Raquel Umansky

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A Note of Thanks from the OT Staff

We here in the office want to take a moment to say thank you to the Olam Tikvah community. Throughout the past 18 months as we navigated what office work and the physical building would look like and how we could best support the Board of Directors, Rabbi Kalender, and the greater community, you stood by us and supported our efforts. We know that it wasn't easy, with lots of changes and too much physical separation. We so deeply appreciate all of the kind words and emails and want you to know that we were – and we continue to be – thankful that we can be part of this sacred community.

With appreciation,

Debra Beland Ackerman, Melissa Benson, Cindi Drake, Erin Dreyfuss, Rochelle Goldberg, Brian Grossbard, Julie Lifland, and Leona Shoon



Back L-R: Melissa Benson, Julie Lifland, Debra Beland Ackerman, Brian Grossbard Front L-R: Erin Dreyfuss, Rochelle Goldberg, Leona Shoon Not pictured: Cindi Drake