



## Good Deeds Past and Present

by Clare Bachner, Alan Chickinsky, Mimi Krauss, and Melinda Roth

Good Deeds Day began in Israel in 2007 and has grown into an annual tradition of doing good throughout the world. Olam Tikvah is proud to participate in this movement with the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and volunteers throughout our region. Our annual participation in Good Deeds Day is just one part of our Social Action work. Olam Tikvah has always dedicated our Good Deeds Day projects to organizations that we support year-round, and we would like to take a moment to highlight some projects of this year's Good Deeds Week and of Good Deeds Days past.

### 2021 Helping the Hungry

We kicked off Good Deeds Week early with our March 21 **Power Pack food drive**, where we collected and assembled Power Packs consisting of entrees and snacks for elementary school children who are hungry over the weekend. The Power Pack Program is part of our ongoing partnership with Food for Others to help feed food-insecure children who rely on school breakfasts, lunches, and snacks for their meals each day.

Our **fresh produce food drive** on April 11 collected over 1,200 pounds of nutritious fruits and vegetables for our neighbors at Food for Others, and additional produce donations for the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter. Our food drive was part of the DC region's Good Deeds Week, dedicated this year to combatting food insecurity, and, as always, Olam Tikvah really came through!

### Past Projects to Help Our Community

We help **Bailey's Crossroads Shelter** feed hungry adults by making sandwiches.

The blankets that we make to donate to **Bikur Cholim of Greater Washington** are for children undergoing chemotherapy. When they wrap themselves in a warm, fuzzy blanket with a fun pattern that was chosen especially for them, they feel protected, and they understand that someone cares.

In years past, and weather permitting, OT volunteers have cleaned up and beautified the garden at the **Brown-Berish Group Home** as part of our ongoing support for the residents.

Sisterhood's knitting and crocheting group meets year-round to work on crafting projects and help each other with pattern ideas and advice. For Good Deeds Day, the group supports **Project Linus** by making blankets for sick infants.

In years when our kitchen is open, you can often find OTRS students spending part of their class time on Good Deeds Day making lasagna for **Food for Others**.

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*Filling the kitchen with produce,  
photo by Dan Noble*



*Bikur Cholim blankets*



*Gardening at Brown-Berish*



*Sandwiches for Bailey's Crossroads*

# B'nei Mitzvah

*Sophie Anne Fienberg*

*May 1*

*Parashat Emor*

Daughter of Marnie and Howard Fienberg, Sophie is a 7th grader at Kilmer Middle School. Sophie enjoys baking, movies, soccer, theatre, travel, playing her saxophone, spending time with friends, and playing with her dog, Hedwig. Her favorite subject at school is history. She especially likes chocolate and sushi. As a devoted dog lover, her Bat Mitzvah project involves raising funds for the **Homeward Trails Animal Shelter in Fairfax, VA**. While the event will be mostly virtual, Sophie is looking forward to spending time with friends and family and the Olam Tikvah community.

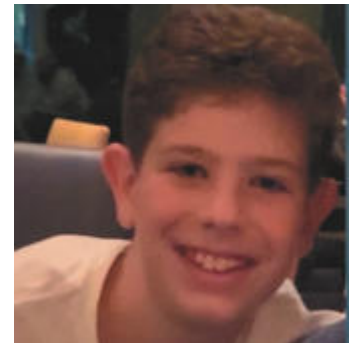


*Adam Thomas Helman*

*May 8*

*Parashat Behar-Behukotai*

Adam Thomas Helman, son of Steven Helman & Beth Helman, will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 8, 2021. Adam is an 8th grade honors student at Gesher Jewish Day School in Fairfax, Virginia. Adam served as a Student Ambassador at Gesher and was a member of the soccer and basketball leagues. Adam also enjoys playing guitar, chess, and traveling, with his most memorable trip being to Israel. Adam is especially excited to be having his Bar Mitzvah at Olam Tikvah, where his family members have been members for over 45 years!



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*Samantha Toppall*

*May 15*

*Parashat Bamidbar*

Samantha Toppall, daughter of Robyn & Jeff Toppall and younger sister to Ian, is a 7th grader at Robinson Secondary School. Samantha enjoys horseback riding, doing arts and crafts, binge watching classic sitcoms, and spending lots of time cuddling with her dog, Lucy. Samantha's favorite thing is spending summers at Camp Ramah in Palmer, Massachusetts and cannot wait to return this year. Being with her camp friends is the best! For Samantha's Mitzvah project she will be working with an animal rescue organization. Samantha is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with family and friends from Florida, Maryland, California, and Virginia.

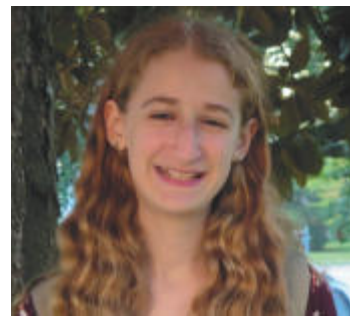


*Amelie Rubin*

*May 22*

*Parashat Naso*

Amelie Rubin is in 7th grade at Geshar Jewish Day School. She loves reading, writing, creating artwork, talking with her friends, and being silly with her brother, Bailey. Amelie attends Camp Ramah New England and cannot wait to get back to her friends this summer. Amelie's parents, Rebecca Behrmann & Joshua Rubin, love her creative spirit, compassion for others, and unique perspective. For her bat mitzvah project, Amelie is writing letters to isolated seniors and encouraging her peers and others to do the same. Please participate by writing a letter through the following websites: **Love for Our Elders** ([loveforoureliders.org/letters](http://loveforoureliders.org/letters)) and **Ready to Care** ([www.readytocare.com/take-action/become-pen-pal](http://www.readytocare.com/take-action/become-pen-pal)). Amelie is excited to celebrate her bat mitzvah with her family, friends, and the entire Olam Tikvah community!

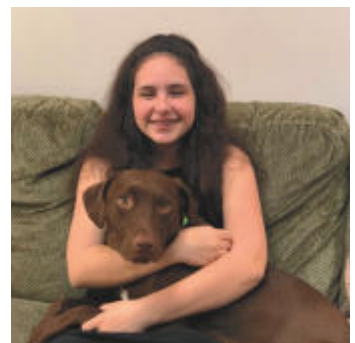


*Zahavah May Bielsker-Rolfe*

*May 29*

*Parashat Behalotecha*

Zahavah May Bielsker-Rolfe, daughter of Simone Bielsker and Dale Rolfe, sister of Chana, is a 7th grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Zahavah cheers for Capital Gymnastics on team Virtue. In addition to jumping on the trampoline and hanging out with friends, Zahavah enjoys crafts and playing games. Zahavah loves animals of all kinds and especially likes playing with her dog "LuLu." For her Bat Mitzvah project, Zahavah is making jewelry to raise money for the **Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter**, the animal rescue organization where we adopted LuLu.



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Brooke & Gary Aiken, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son,  
Emmett  
Leela & Jeff Borenstein, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Dean  
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Michael Kremer to Darcy Frear  
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Karina  
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Lauren & Andy Sullivan, on the birth of their son, Ethan Ari  
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## *In Memory*

Walter Fischer, father of Lorraine Fischer  
Beverly Klein, mother of Marci Klein  
Mel Pinto, brother of Albert Pinto  
Sandy Rosenthal, wife of Ralph Rosenthal

## *Anniversaries*

Thank you for your donations to Olam Tikvah in honor of  
your anniversaries. Special thank you to our anniversary callers  
this month: Carol Klevan and Linda Meyer.

### **April 1-8**

Lauren & David Breslaw; Ruth & Edward Diener;  
Judy & Jon Gabel; Samantha & Kevin Leahy (15);  
Rande & Jerry Markowitz; Claire & Mark Tanenbaum

### **April 9-15**

Anita & Stephen Dienstfrey (40); Marie & Glenn Taubman

### **April 16-22**

Michele & Paul Nash; Miriam & Gerald Smolen (30)

## Past Good Deeds Day Projects

Our preschoolers made get well cards for people at **Fairfax Hospital**.

Our Good Deeds Day support for the **Katherine Hanley Family Shelter** began by making beaded watches and bracelets to help shelter residents celebrate Mother's Day. One year, in coordination with new clothes donations from a clothing company, residents were able to pick out a new bracelet from OT to go with their new outfit. The moms were so excited and thankful! In addition, for more than five years now, our OT families have decorated and filled backpacks with a stuffed animal, book, small pillow, and various arts supplies and games for kids when they enter the shelter. We have also made and served brunch in the past for the residents. One shelter resident just beamed with joy that we had provided a special breakfast just for them on what he considered an ordinary Sunday. A personal note from Mimi Krauss, who coordinates our activities year-round at the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter: "It really has been so rewarding for me. First of all, the Olam Tikvah community has always risen to the challenge helping those in the community in need. This fills me with such pride. And when I meet with the residents and staff, I really feel their appreciation and joy in what our Olam Tikvah community has provided."

*More photos on the back of this issue!*



*Making bracelets for the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter 2019*



*2014 volunteers ready to make brunch at the Katherine Hanley Shelter*

# Tzedakah

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*Above: Decorating backpacks for the kids at the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter*

*Below: OT Girl Scouts make tzedakah boxes for themselves to do good year-round*



*Above: Power Pack to provide meals for food-insecure children*



*Left and Below: Bracelets for Mother's Day at the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter*

