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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We ask a lot of our OTRS seventh graders. Most are just starting a new school, gearing up for B'nei Mitzvah, leading a B'nei Mitzvah project, and they STILL need to go to Hebrew school. For a little fun, the Contemporary has partnered with OTRS and asked them to take a break from their studies and take over the Contemporary. In fairness, I was expecting something a bit wild and crazy, but these thoughtful articles reflect the kids' serious side, and are well worth a read.

Thank you to the whole class for their work. A special thank you to Morah Rachel, Morah Melissa and Debra Beland Ackerman for experimenting with us and fostering our budding journalists.

There's also a new group of volunteers helping to make the Contemporary amazing — the

Proofreading Pool. Thank you to these eagle-eye experts for stepping up.

If you are interested in writing a story for a future article, adding your expertise to the Proofreading Pool or commenting on your favorite article, please contact communications@olamtikvah.org.

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OLAM TIKVAH **UNEARTHED!**

BY KOBY SHNEKENDORF, NOAH LEAHY, ALEC SWEET, ELI BORAK, PAUL BARKAN, AND ERIC WEINER

The path of our synagogue is a long and extremely interesting story. It all starts at the Arlington-Fairfax synagogue in the early 1960s. The members who lived in Fairfax did not want to drive their children all the way to Arlington for Hebrew School three times a week, so they asked for permission to establish a location closer to their homes. The religious school they established was the predecessor to Olam Tikvah Religious School (OTRS), Soon after, these same members figured, why drive all the way to Arlington on Saturdays anymore, especially for those observant Jews who couldn't attend anyway because it was too far to walk? For this reason, in 1962, those members split with the congregation to form their own synagogue. Olam Tikvah translates as "World of Hope."

The founding members of the congregation are: Rhonda & Ronald Bernstein, Mimi & Leonard Levine, Gloria & Ira Seiler, Beverly & Ronald Goldberg, Evelyn & Alan Plait, and Bernadine & Arnold Smolker. They quickly attracted the trappings of other synagogues in the Conservative movement such as the Men's Club, which was founded on December 13, 1964. The Sisterhood and other organizations soon followed.

Originally, the OT property consisted of several small houses. but eventually the main building was constructed in 1972. The sanctuary was built to look like Jerusalem stone. The stone wall nearest to the social hall used to be the outer wall of the synagogue before the addition. However, the social hall didn't exist yet, and OTRS classes were held in the pods around the sanctuary.

WOMEN AT OT

Although at the beginning women were not considered religiously equal, that quickly began to change. In 1976, Gloria Brissman was the first woman to be counted in a minvan. Ten years later, in 1986, Roberta Wulf, was the first woman elected President of OT.

In the late 1990s, girls were allowed to read from the Torah for their Bat Mitzvah on Saturday mornings for the first time, and in 2010 we got our first female rabbi, Ita Paskind. These changes were happening both independently and parallel to the changes occurring in Conservative synagogues across the US, and are pretty representative of the gradually progressing beliefs of the Conservative/Masorti movement in general.



OT ONLINE

The Internet changed the synagogue in many ways, such as the methods of communication with members and the staffing decisions made by both OTRS and the congregation at large. For example, before the advent of the Internet, OTRS had a secretary, whose job was to stuff envelopes and other manual sorts of things. But after the introduction of the Internet, this job and others were rendered obsolete, and made some things much more

Not only that, the Internet revolutionized the way that dues are paid, as well as making it much easier to communicate events to members and getting people to sign up for those same events. Finally, the Internet and livestreaming allowed





(Clockwise from top left) Both men and women wrap teffilin for minyan at Olam Tokvah. (рното BY JIM FINKEL) Arnie Smokler holding a Torah at the Torah dedication in 1965. (PHOTO ARCHIVES) Livestreaming and Zoom allowed the synagogue to come to your home during Covid. Here, Martha Dreyfuss is watching Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom. (PHOTO BY ERIN DREYFUSS)

the synagogue to keep operating during Covid, without any major disruptions.

Olam Tikvah has had a long and storied history, having grown from five families to 630, with each rabbi and generation doing things differently, for better or for worse.





REPAIRING THE WORLD, ONE MITZVAH AT A TIME

BY ELIANA LAKENBACH, JANE CLOSE, MADDIE SCHIFFMAN, MADY JACOBS, AND NATALIE LOBEL

As seventh graders, Tikkun Olam has always been a big part of our life. One of the ways we give back is through our B'nei Mitzvah projects. Throughout our religious school years, we've grown up learning about Tikkun Olam, repairing the world and making it a better place. We believe that B'nei Mitzvah projects are our first real act of Tikkun Olam as Jewish adults.

Below are our interviews with the OT rabbis and some of our insights.

7th Graders: What is the meaning of our OT B'nei Mitzvah projects?

Rabbi Kalender: "Part of the Jewish responsibility is helping others."

Rabbi Bedo: "Our responsibility is to make the world a better place. It is

what you do when you grow up."

7th Graders: What makes a meaningful project through your eyes?

Rabbi Kalender: "When you are passionate about your project, it turns out well. Putting your time and effort into your project instead of [only] donating money means you are really making an impact."

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Rabbi Kalender

Rabbi Kalender: When he had his Bar Mitzvah, projects were not majorly popular. Although he didn't have a specific project, he talked with his family and saved some of the money he got from his Bar Mitzvah. He and his mom organized a group at their synagogue that cooked and served 250 people at a food kitchen on the 31st of every month— seven times every year.

Rabbi Bedo: She did not have a project because she didn't have a Bat Mitzvah. Rabbi Bedo converted to Judaism later in her teen years.

SHARING TIKKUN OLAM WITH THE WORLD

Finding a place to start thinking about your B'nei Mitzvah project can be challenging. We brainstormed some ideas and here are our favorites:

Volunteer - One way you can help is by volunteering your time to help make the world a better place. You can volunteer at animal shelters, hospitals, libraries, and way more!

- Donate There are lots of people who don't have the same privileges or opportunities that you might have. Donating clothing, money, food, etc. can make a big difference.
- Attend Shiva Minyans This idea came from OTRS Director of Education and Youth Activities, Debra Beland Ackerman. She explained that sometimes, a Shiva Minyan may not have enough people. Attending is a mitzvah and makes a difference, especially to the family.

As we continue our Jewish education, Tikkun Olam will always stay important.

Rabbi Bedo: "A project is more meaningful when you do something yourself."

7th Graders: Did you have a project?

Mazel Tov to our B'nei Mitzvahs!!

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Ruby Persky March 5
Noah Leahy March 12
Alex Sweet March 19
Maya Blumenthal March 26
Paul Barkan April 9
Maddie Schiffman April 30

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Olam Tikvah Legacy Initiative

Join your friends and help secure OT's future!

Thank you to the members* who have already committed a portion of their estates to ensure OT thrives for generations to come. To let us know you have made arrangements or to find out more about this opportunity, contact Rochelle Goldberg at rgoldbergeolamtikvah.org.

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*List as of December 15, 2021





OUR FIRST FEMALE RABBI

BY EZRA SPECHT, OLIVIA RUBINOFF, JONAH VERGOTT, AND BENJI RAPHAEL

Here at OT, we have had many rabbis, but only four assistant rabbis. Rabbi Ita Paskind was the second assistant rabbi and also the first female rabbi. Our class was really young when Rabbi Paskind was here, but we have great memories of her time with us. We got a hold of Rabbi Paskind and asked her a few questions about being a rabbi. Here are some of her responses:

7th Graders: How was your experience at rabbinical school?

Rabbi Paskind: Rabbinical school was a great time for me. I was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York in May 2010, after earning my college degree there as well. I knew I loved studying Talmud, and I got to do a lot more of that in rabbinical school. I made a lot of friends, who all work as rabbis all around the country (and one in Australia!), and continued to study once a week with my study partner from my last year of rabbinical school. If you're counting, we're in our 13th year studying together!

Two highlights of rabbinical school for me were living and studying for a year in Jerusalem and, in my last year in school, leading the synagogue on the JTS campus, where students, professors, and community members prayed together.

7th Graders: Why did you choose to be a rabbi?

Rabbi Paskind: Believe it or not, I chose to go to rabbinical school so I could learn more Talmud and spend



Rabbi Paskind now leads a congregation in Connecticut. We caught up with her and her two daughters.

more time living in Israel. As it turns out, those are not good enough reasons to be a rabbi!

Over time, I've come to understand that the most meaningful part of being a rabbi is being able to support people in their most vulnerable moments — when they are welcoming a child into their family, when their children become B'nei Mitzvah, when people get married, when someone is sick or in the hospital, when a loved one dies, and even when someone is remembering a loved one on their vahrzeit. People trust their rabbi to listen carefully and offer comfort and support, and I feel honored to be able to do that.

7th Graders: Why did you choose OT?

Rabbi Paskind: That's a great question. I chose OT for a few reasons. First, I was familiar with the area, having done a rabbinic internship at Etz Chayim in Arlington in 2007. I also clicked right away with Rabbi Kalender and his family and could envision a great working relationship. I felt great about my interview weekend and all the congregants I met. The clincher was the beautiful sanctuary. It just feels like a good place to daven (pray), and it certainly turned out to be perfect.

7th Graders: What is/was your favorite part of OT?

Rabbi Paskind: I loved being a part of the OT community! I made a lot of friends over those five years and felt very privileged to teach many individuals and groups parts of Judaism that are important to me. When congregants read Torah or led services, especially for the first time, I was always so proud. One of my favorite accomplishments was starting a Talmud class that is still going strong!

MISHPACHA

We are OT mishpacha (family) and we celebrate the good times and remember together. Here's where you can find out who from our congregation is celebrating over the next two months. Keep in touch with us on Facebook at facebook.com/OlamTikvah.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversary donations support Shabbat Kiddush lunch at Olam Tikvah. The following people made donations in honor of their anniversaries:

February Anniversaries

February 11-17: Birgitta & Marshall Hoffman

February 18-24: Brooke & Gary Aiken; Anne & Matthew Continetti (10); Lynne & Elliott Dubin; Debbie & Mark Weber (40)

March Anniversaries

March 1-3: Jaclyn & Jack Blumenthal

March 4-10: Karen & Mark Hasson: Jody & Barry Saffran

March 11-17: Ellen & Michael Friedman; Hemda & Ira Gold; Sharon & Jeremy Pederson; Ronnie & Steve Tepp; Sarah Elpern & Bruce Waxman

March 18-24: Barbara & Norman Brand; Tamara & Edward Faggen; Rebecca Chanin & Alan Gilbert (30); Aurora & Gerald Malakoff; Sheryl & Adam Roth; Dawn & Joseph Smith

March 25-31: Debra Beland Ackerman & Rabbi Josh Ackerman: Rita & Gideon Frishman (55); Ellen & Marc Jacobs (50): Sarah & Alan Munro (35): Halli & Ben Weiner

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Hannah & Travis Bean Ilana & David Hodges Naomi Lipsky Rachel & James McAnallen

MAZAL TOV TO

Lauren & Daniel Halper, on the birth of their daughter. Nora Jane Dalia Palchik & Jeffrey Friedman, on the birth of their daughter, Sivan Esther, granddaughter of Marta & Hector Palchik

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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Hey Mantua neighbors! Do you know new members Lana & Chris Lord and their family? They have lived on and off in the DC area for 20 years and most recently moved back to the area with their two daughters in 2018 after spending six years stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. Lana is a foreign partnerships coordinator at the department of the Department of Treasury. Chris is a retired naval officer who now works as a defense contractor. Nathalie (7) and Eloise (4) go to the Russian Immersion School in Falls Church; Nathalie is a big fan of OTRS.

Fun fact: Lana grew up in Portland, Oregon, after immigrating with her family in 1990 from the former Soviet Union as part of the Jewish refugee program. She got her masters in international affairs at American University. Chris grew up in the Philadelphia suburbs and has degrees from GW and Georgetown. The family loves to hike, travel and ski, and Chris and Lana are interested in adult education, Sisterhood and Men's Club at Olam Tikvah.



B'NEI MITZVAH



MARCH 5, 2022 Parshat: Pekudei

RUBY BERNICE PERSKY

Ruby is excited to finally celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on March 5, 2022, after putting it off for a year due to the pandemic. Ruby is the daughter of Anna & Scott, and the younger sister to Oscar and Henry. Ruby is an 8th grade student at Frost Middle School. She enjoys theater, writing, reading, and improv. She's learning how to water ski and sail at Echo Hill Camp in Maryland. Ruby also looks forward every year to her vacations at Bethany Beach.

Bat Mitzvah Project: Ruby has been creating a three-part series of interviews with an infectious disease specialist from Johns Hopkins University to discuss the pandemic, vaccines, masks, and other COVID-related issues. The videos have been posted on a variety of social media platforms and on the Washington Jewish Week website. Her hope is that they have helped inform the public.



MARCH 12, 2022 Parshat: Vayikra

NOAH LEAHY

Noah Simon Leahy, son of Kevin & Samantha Leahy and oldest brother of Jacob and Asher, is a seventh grader at Frost Middle School. He enjoys swimming, track, and flag football and has been a member of the Olam Tikvah Family for 13 years. Noah spends his summers at Camp Ramah New England and believes every child should have the opportunity to attend Camp Ramah NE.

Bar Mitzvah Project: Noah's B'nei Mitzvah Project is raising money to go toward the scholarship fund at Camp Ramah NE to help all children, regardless of their ability to pay, to go to camp.

Learn more about b'nei mitzvah projects and how you can support them at:



MISHPACHA CON'T

Florence Bernstein, on the birth of her great grandson, Ilan Alvin Simchai, son of Julia & Natan

Sharyn Stahl, on the aufruf of her son, Jonathan Stahl and Cara Bubes Lisa & Jordan Keitelman and Andrea

& Jerry Gross on the birth of their son and grandson, Wesley Asher Keitelman

Shana Weiss & Coleman Sachs on the birth of their grandson, Caleb Nathaniel Gold, son of Shira Sachs & Ben Gold

IN MEMORY OF

Shirley Baer

Sherry Dolgoff, mother of Karen Hasson

Fay Felber, mother of Mel Felber and grandmother of Matt Felber

Naomi Freilich, mother of Jeffrey Freilich

Ruth Holtzman, mother of Wendy Golden

Madeleine Rich

Leonard Swartz, brother of Phyllis Lustig

Kol Hakavod, Alexander, on your Bar Mitzvah! Love, Grammy & PopPop

Celebrate with us! Help us expand the Mishpacha section for a variety of simchas—all ages, all experiences. Send your ideas or announcements to communications@olamtikvah.org.



MARCH 19, 2022 Parshat: Tzav

ALEXANDER SWEET

Son of Delcy & James Sweet and brother to Shane Sweet is a seventh grader at the Flint Hill School. He enjoys history, reading, and acting, and has been a member of the Olam Tikvah family for about seven years. Alexander's Bar Mitzvah will be in Israel.



MARCH 26, 2022 Parshat: Shmini

MAYA BLUMENTHAL

Maya Sofia Blumenthal, daughter of Rachel & Philip and sister of Seth, is a 7th grade honor roll student at Gesher Jewish Day School. She enjoys gymnastics, babysitting, reading, participating in theater, spending time with friends and making her family laugh out loud. Maya is excited to share this special day with her grandparents, Elaine & Jerry Blumenthal of Atlanta, Georgia and Ellen & Marc Jacobs of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, who will also be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Maya looks forward to continuing to be an integral part of the OT community.

Bat Mitzvah Project: For Maya's Bat Mitzvah project she will be collecting diapers, wipes and other essential baby items to support the Greater DC Diaper Bank and its partner, The Baby Pantry, which provides food, formula, breastfeeding supplies, and more to families in need. Learn more about the Greater DC Diaper Bank here greaterdcdiaperbank.org.



APRIL 9, 2022 Parshat: Metzora

PAUL BARKAN

Son of Lisa & Louis and older brother to Jacob is a seventh grader at Franklin Middle School. He enjoys playing competitive soccer for Herndon, playing basketball, learning drums, watching horror movies, playing video games and his houseful of pets. Additionally, Paul earned his black belt in taekwondo and is an avid sports fan with a tremendous ability to quote countless NFL, NBA, and professional soccer statistics. He has been a member of Olam Tikvah for 5+ years. Bar Mitzvah Project: Paul is fundraising for Good Sports, a charitable organization that drives equitable access in youth sports by supporting children in high-need communities to achieve their greatest potential, on the field and in life. Learn more at www.gofundme.com/f/ pauls-bar-mitzvah-project



APRIL 30, 2022 Parshat: Achrei Mot

MADDIE SCHIFFMAN

Madeline Hope Schiffman, daughter of Andrew & Jamie Schiffman and older sister to Naomi, is a 7th grader at Frost Middle School in Fairfax. Maddie enjoys dancing, theater production, writing, taking photos and all things related to Capital Camps. She has been a member of the Olam Tikvah family for five years. Maddie and her family look forward to celebrating with family and friends from here to California to Illinois to Massachusetts, and many other places

Bat Mitzvah Project: As a lifelong dancer, Maddie wants to make sure every kid who wants to dance has what they need to dance! For her Bat Mitzvah project, she will be serving as a Donate2Dance Ambassador. Working with the Donate2Dance organization, she will be collecting gently used dance shoes, costumes and leotards to donate to dancers in need and with special needs. To learn more about Donate2Dance visit www.Donate2Dance.org.

Let's Spring Forward Together

Join us for a family-friendly community fundraiser May 22, 4:00-6:00pm

Wine & Whiskey Tastings, Mystery Tastings for Kids, Appetizers, Drinks, Silent Auction and More!

Spring Forward Sponsorships Available for \$1,800

Sponsoring the event is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your experience while assisting with the Memorial Board fundraising efforts. Your generosity will be prominently recognized in event materials. To assist with our planning, we would greatly appreciate sponsorship commitments by May 6, 2022. Additional sponsorship benefits include:

- Prominent recognition on a donor plaque adjacent to the new Memorial Board
- The opportunity to participate in a silent auction Sponsor Only last call period
- · Event tickets, along with a wine and/or whiskey tasting for two included
- Reserved parking for the event

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Please consider personally donating items or experiences. We are looking for items and experiences that will appeal to people of all ages and stages. Suggested ideas include gift cards to outdoor adventures, restaurants, grocery stores, vouchers for hotels, dinner cruises, etc.; new outdoor equipment so that we can get outside and play this spring (bikes, tennis, basketball, scooters, pickleball sets, gardening equipment etc.); tickets to outdoor events, concerts or sporting events; themed baskets; professional services such as DJs, photography, florists, salons/beauty, orthodontic, legal, financial advising, accounting, any type of pet service and more!

Please complete our Google Form at bit.ly/otspringforward to indicate the item and/or experience you plan to donate to the silent auction no later than Friday, May 6.

Contact Judith Cabelli at cabelli.judith@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer to solicit local businesses for donations.

OT YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

For the last 3+ years it has been our honor to work with some of the most incredible kids and teens. Their excitement and dedication to our programs is amazing to see. In these three years, our USY (grades 9-12) chapter achieved "Chapter of The Year" in the Seaboard Region twice. We could not be prouder of the work that they put in all year to claim that award.

Our Kadima (grades 6-8) program



Kadima Maccabiah Games, L-R: Tyler Aiken, Jonah Vergott, Daniel Cabelli, Maya Scher and Maya Blumenthal.

continues to thrive and our Machar kids (grades 3-5) regularly come out for our programs. Their last gathering brought together 16 of our youngest for a great afternoon movie in the OT Youth Lounge. There is so much more to come. We are very proud of all of them and excited for the rest of this year and the next years to come.

To get involved in our Youth groups, email youth@olamtikvah.org. We would love for your child or teen to give our programs a try. There is definitely something for everyone. If you are interested in donating your time or your talent, please contact me. We adore when our congregants get involved and we always offer opportunities for them to share their talents or expertise (in a certain area) with our OT Youth!!

Thank you for your support!! We hope to see you all soon!

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OT Family Ambassadors are available to share their experiences with you!



BET DIN AND MAUS

BY SPENCER WIRPEL AND RACHEL RUBINSTEIN

In the 7th grade we often have Bet Din discussions, where we debate ethical questions. How does it work? First, we give our own opinions and then we learn what Jewish law says about them. Here's a chance for you to do the same about the recent banning of the book Maus.

OUR ETHICAL OUESTION: WHY DO YOU THINK TENNESSEE'S MCMINN COUNTY BANNED *Maus*/removed it FROM THE CURRICULUM?

Maus is a book about the Holocaust where the mice are the Jews and the cats are the Nazis. The book was written by Art Spiegelman, and he wrote the book based on a semi-true story of his parents. The Tennessee county officials banned Maus because it includes a few curse words and depictions of (animal) nudity (nakedness) that they felt weren't appropriate.

Spencer: My opinion is that I don't think that Tennessee should ban Maus because I've seen kids younger than me say cuss words and watch TV-14 stuff. Tennessee is just banning a book with like four cuss words and one picture of nudity — on a mouse.

Rachel: I think that Tennessee shouldn't ban Maus because it's just a history book. History is important throughout the world. I think that reading history books is very important so that you don't get your country in war and the mistakes don't happen again like the Holocaust. I also think that there are only a few cuss



Spencer Wirpel and Rachel Rubinstein apply the Bet Din process of exploring current events using Jewish law

words. If there aren't many cuss words then Tennessee shouldn't ban Maus.

WHAT DOES JEWISH LAW SAY ABOUT FREE SPEECH/BOOK BANNING?

Rabbi Bedo: As with most things related to Jewish law, there is no simple "yes" or "no" answer. In general, Judaism encourages and engages in open-minded discussion on most matters, and even endorses a plurality of opinions on the same topics. For example, the Talmud is filled with contradictory stances and (very!) heated arguments between rabbis — the editor(s) of the Talmud could've "censored" some of these. and yet many different voices made it into the final anthology of rabbinic opinions, known as the Babylonian Talmud. But then again, we don't know what opinions did not make it into the Talmud, either!

In fact there are many examples in Jewish history where certain works, books, opinions, and even people, got banned from certain communities. This especially happened when a

book or person's ideas were deemed dangerous to the community. A famous example is Baruch Spinoza, the pantheistic philosopher who was excommunicated from the Amsterdam Portuguese Jewish community in 1656 because his ideas were seen as heretical.

Ultimately, when it comes to free speech, one of the questions worth asking is what is the given speech promoting? What are the underlying values of the speech? In the case of Maus, we are talking about a very effective pedagogical tool that helps people learn about the Holocaust, as well as of the very real possibility of such horrors happening in our world. Maus makes this heavy and difficult historical topic accessible to many generations. Educating people about the Shoah and the past experiences of the Jewish people is surely a Jewish value.

Want to read about this from our Morah's perspective? Scan the QR code to read more.





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OT is a dynamic community, with multiple events for every age group throughout the month. We stay in touch with you in the following ways:



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Go to our website for our calendar and the latest from committees and the OT Religious School. Sign up to participate in virtual and in-person events, adult education classes and our online directory in the members-only section.

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This Week at OT - OT-wide announcements every Sunday morning Shabbat Shalom! - Shabbat announcements every Friday morning

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