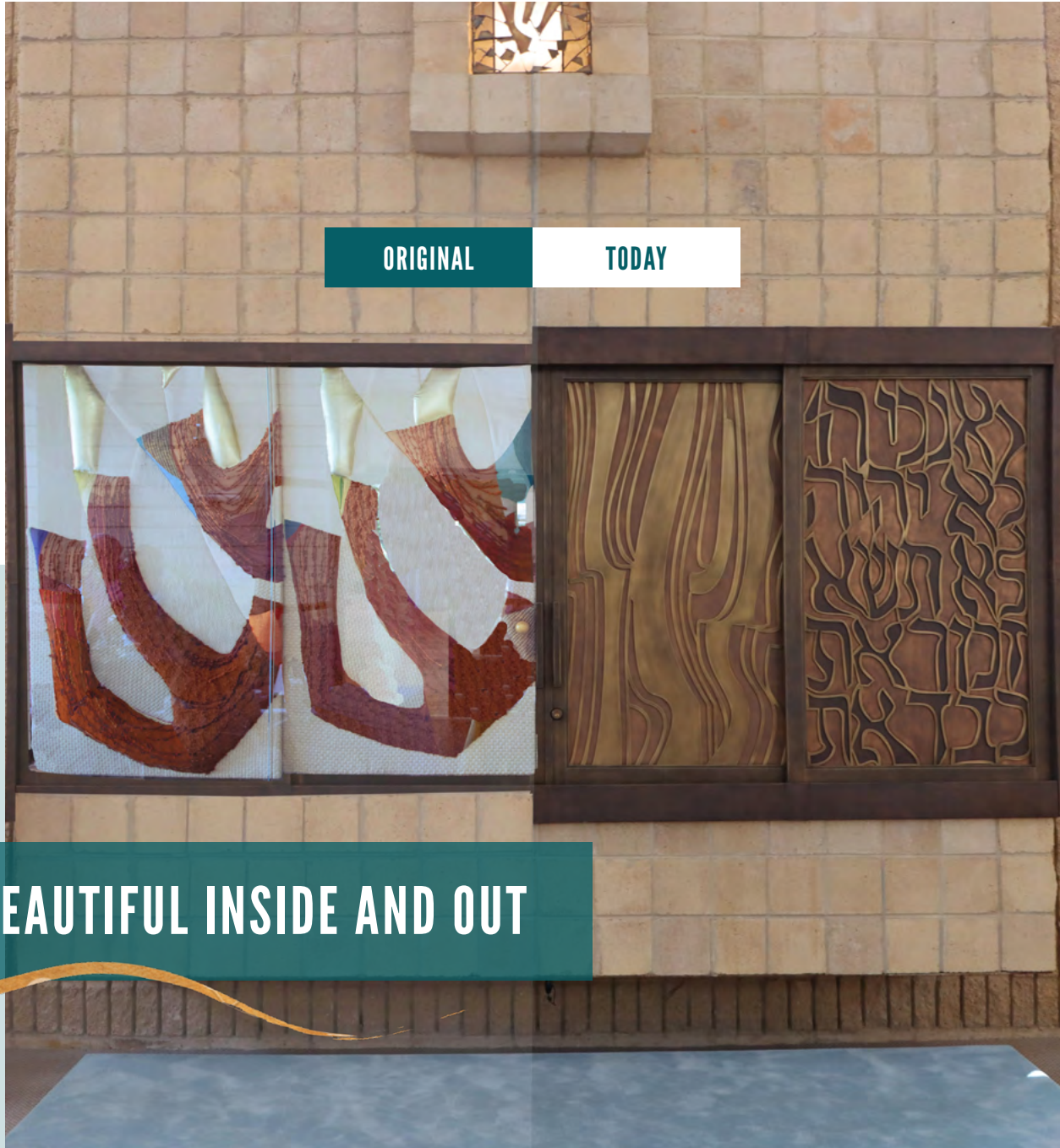


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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Our community is beautiful inside and out. Here's an interesting fact heard at the Annual Meeting — during COVID, when most congregations (across all faiths) shrank by 10%, 20% or even 30%, Olam Tikvah GREW. Our religious school is starting to burst at the seams and our plans for the High Holidays are expected to be near normal levels. At the same meeting, I met at least five new people, hamish, friendly folks who reached out to say "hi." The numbers tell the story of a strong, vibrant, Jewish community.

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

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OT'S FOUNDING ART

BY MARNIE FIENBERG

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Olam Tikvah was always meant to be a house of worship and our founders also wanted it to be a place of beauty. The pieces most associated with this period are works you may have walked past hundreds of times.

WORLD RENOWNED ARTIST

Back in the early 70s, founding OT member Mimi Levine took a class in stitchery at the Smithsonian. Her teacher Joan Helen Koslan-Schwartz was a renowned American artist, with her studio in Vienna, VA. She was later the artist-in-residence at Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls

Church from 1981-1986. Koslan-Schwartz created more than 25 original works for synagogues throughout the world.

Using fabric as fine art has a special magic. Here is the artist describing it in her own words from a 1981 Washington Post article. "It's a double texture," says Koslan-Schwartz. "First, there is the texture of the thread itself, and then there's the texture of the cloth the thread becomes when it's woven. No other medium has that — you can change the texture of paint, for example, but you have to add something to it. With textiles, the double texture is just there."

Koslan-Schwartz created two original works for the founding of OT in 1972: the original Ark doors and a wedding chuppah.

ORIGINAL ARK DOORS

When OT was being built, the founders wanted a special centerpiece for the sanctuary. Mimi Levine brought Koslan-Schwartz in to custom-design the ark doors for the space. The white background is wool with the design in silk and she, with Mimi assisting, used a hand-stitched quilting style called trapunto on top of it to create a stuffed pattern on the surface. It took more than a year



(Far left) The original ark doors in the sanctuary circa 2007. PHOTO BY GREG FABIAN

(Near left) Photo from the wedding of second-generation OT member Simone Bielsker & Dale Rolfe under our current chuppah with the original ark doors in the background.

(Below) A detail of the original ark doors, now on display behind glass outside of the social hall.



to create this piece and the unique doors were ready by the official opening in 1972.

Over the years, the doors needed regular maintenance and then became worn. When they needed to be replaced, the Fine Arts Committee, led by Maurine Simon, preserved them as a unique piece of art and our OT history. Today, you will see the doors at the bottom of the stairs leading to the social hall in a glass enclosure to protect them for future generations.

The Design: Engaging from a Distance and Close Up

The design is striking because of

the size. Stand back and see how the artist combines the letter shin (for Shema) with the menorah. There are actually two different menorahs in the design. When the doors were open, a new menorah was revealed. The use of different material and hand-stitched trapunto made the flames almost come alive under the natural light in the OT sanctuary.

Take another look, right up to the glass. There are different colors of silk stitched together, giving the menorah the appearance of shining metal, and the pattern is raised to make it almost leap off the background. The embroidery brings in a unique texture and depth.

WEDDING CHUPPAH(S)

OT has a special wedding chuppah to send our happy new couples off on a married life. A chuppah may be a simple or elaborate work of art, and in our case, we have had both.

Original Chuppah

Koslan-Schwartz was also commissioned to create a special wedding chuppah. The hand-stitched design is typical modern stitchery popular in the 1970s. Different, vibrant colored fabrics were merged together and the letters are stuffed to make them stand out. The

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Links for a Deeper Dive

For more information on the Fine Arts committee please see the Spotlight Article on page 14.



Want to read more about the artist? Washington Post: Textured Communication Through The Needle's Eye.

(Above) Our current chuppah ready for a happy couple. PHOTO BY SAPERSTONE STUDIOS

(Right) Pieces of the original chuppah now hanging outside the social hall. PHOTO BY DAN NOBLE

chuppah reads: sasson v'simcha, ahava v'achva, v'shalom v'reut. These words from the wedding ceremony mean joy and gladness, love and companionship, and peace and friendship.

Unfortunately it was not large enough. Today you will find remnants of the original chuppah displayed as three strips of fabric on the wall of the Social Hall as you park your tallit bag for Saturday morning Kiddush.

To the Rescue - Our Current Chuppah

OT congregant Trudy Scheps stepped in and created a new hand-



embroidered chuppah. She made it larger to fit on the center amud with the wedding couple and rabbi comfortably underneath. The fabric is heavy cotton — made to last. Across the sides are our congregation's wishes for a happy marriage - Ani

L'Dodi v Dodi Li and Mazel Tov.

Here's a little secret if you are lucky enough to stand under the chuppah. If you look VERY closely in one of the corners, you can see where Trudy "signed" the chuppah in white thread.

WE ARE ALL OLAM TIKVAH

BY ALAN GOROWITZ, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE OT BOARD

During the month of May, a few people asked if I was looking forward to the end of my term as OT president. I struggled with the concept of an end, as if something was complete and behind me. To be sure, this time of transition leads to some reflection on the past two years. Some are important, yet mundane, such as successfully refinancing the OT building mortgage, when our Board locked in a low interest rate through the end of our loan. Contemplating the question highlighted three characteristics that make our community unique and special, features that provide individual and community purpose, missions without end. One could sum up our community purpose in three words: Connect, Inspire and Empower.

CONNECT

Olam Tikvah kept our Jewish community *connected*. Warm and welcoming is a common phrase that new members and visitors will often attribute to our community, and, throughout the pandemic, we enabled people to connect to a Jewish community. Connecting is not something that “the synagogue” made happen. People connect with each other. We learned that Olam Tikvah never closed; OT is not a building, but a community of people. Building and maintaining community takes a community. Since June 2020, we grew from 617 to 622 families — *during a pandemic*. We continued traditional community-building activities and innovated new ones



OT Immediate Past President Alan Gorowitz stands in front of the synagogue ark with his wife, Jennifer. PHOTO BY DAN NOBLE

such as gathering in a sukkah in the parking lot, short stories discussion groups, and the Chanukah Mystery Mench. Through personal outreach and commitment to the power of community, we continue to thrive. The power to connect is within all of us. **We are all Olam Tikvah.**

INSPIRE

OT continues to *inspire* our Jewish community. We inspired each other to consider today’s challenges and opportunities through a Jewish lens — our adult education and

social action activities flourished over the past two years, inspiring our community to look inward and make a difference in our local community. Our award-winning USY chapter inspires Jewish leadership among the next generation. OT Religious School enrollment grew over the past two years, as we found innovative ways to keep youth engaged in a dynamic health environment. During these past two years, we have been inspired by countless acts of *chesed* (kindness), whether just a phone call to check on each other to minimize pandemic

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isolation or delivering a meal to someone in need of a little help, supporting a local shelter, or ensuring that kids in need have food for the weekend. We continued to inspire in new ways, such as through the OT Green Initiative of planting a garden. Inspiration doesn't come from "the synagogue." Inspiration comes from all of us. **We are all Olam Tikvah.**

EMPOWER

Olam Tikvah *empowers* our Jewish community. Opportunity awaits those who choose to be inspired. The support, big or small, is there for everyone, not just because we have amazing professionals, but because there are many who empower others to do meaningful things that define our Jewish identity and purpose. In the sanctuary, we are reminded that we all have the power to lead on the day when we watch a teenager and member who counts more than 90 years read Torah on the same day

"One could sum up our community purpose in three words: Connect, Inspire and Empower."

— Alan Gorowitz

— reminding us that our strength is our community leadership. We emphasized that our community is full of teachers, planners, and helpers — we initiated OT Talks through shared experiences and many people contributed to classes and outreach. We learned that it is not "the synagogue" that provides opportunities, it is a community of

people who, through large and small efforts, empower others through learning, social events, and *tikkun olam*. We are encouraged and empowered to experience ways to bring energy to our community. **We are all Olam Tikvah.**

Therefore, I am not looking forward to an end. Our success during the past two years — and I have only touched on a few examples - remind me that my family is connected to a wonderful community that remained connected through challenging times. I am inspired because I watched countless people inspire others to think through a Jewish lens or do something holy, meaningful, or just fun. I know more than ever that I don't have to be a synagogue president to be empowered to lead or bring energy to our community because I have been amazed by those around me. Many opportunities lie ahead for me and my family because **we are all Olam Tikvah.**

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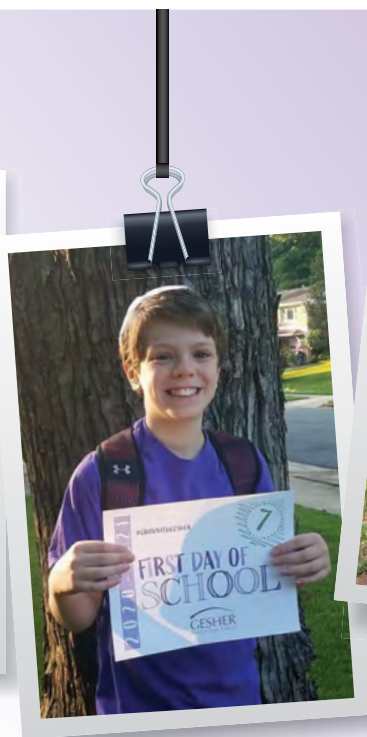
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RECOGNIZING OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

BY ERIC ROTHBERG

Among the many contributions of American Jews, we often overlook the role of Jews in the US military. Olam Tikvah membership has included a significant number of men and women who have served in the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, and their contributions and sacrifices are multigenerational. They fought in the Pacific theater and Europe and liberated concentration camps in World War II, served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, participated in military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, and received Bronze and Silver Stars and the Legion of Merit for their valor.

OT is one of the few Jewish congregations that could boast at one time that it could convene a minyan composed solely of West Point graduates.

We know of at least 100 current and past OT members and their immediate family members who were veterans or active duty.

TELLING THE STORIES – OT'S MILITARY HERITAGE

COVID has temporarily halted OT's Military Shabbat (2011-19), where we have shown our appreciation for OT members' service and heard firsthand about their experiences as Americans and Jews in the military. Here are a few of their past reflections at this annual event.



MASSEY

Lt. Col. Jerry Massey, Army Reserves (Ret) (ז"ל), captured the hardship, sacrifice, and horrors of war while describing his service during World War II. In the mountains of Italy, he was subjected to intense blizzards and subfreezing temperatures and suffered frostbite on his feet. After his recovery and transfer to another unit, he suffered damaged lungs from inhaling smoke and chemical fumes while fighting across France. He later entered the Dachau Concentration Camp the day after it was liberated and said he would never forget the smoke and the smell of the dead and dying.

Similarly, Lt Cmdr Tom Stryer, Navy, spoke about the dangers and challenges patrolling a river south of Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) in the "Brown Water Navy" and how there are "no atheists in small boats taking automatic weapons and rocket fire." He noted his surprise at the number of attendees at High Holiday services near where he was based, and he added that the respect accorded to Jewish soldiers after Israel's victory in the Six Day War prompted some to attend.

Maj Gen. Jeff Jacobs, Army (Ret), whose service included time in Bosnia, Haiti, and Iraq, highlighted



Captain Joe Kristol, Marine Corps, taking oath before being commissioned as 2nd lieutenant.

the construction of the Jewish Chapel at West Point as one of the most consequential events for the military Jewish community during his 35 years of service. The West Point Jewish Chapel sponsors an annual Jewish warrior weekend for Jewish cadets and midshipmen from the Naval, Air Force, and Merchant Marine Academies, and it serves to attract more affiliated Jewish young people to West Point and increase the number of practicing Jewish leaders for the Army.

Captain Joe Kristol, Marine Corps, who experienced heavy combat in Afghanistan, remembered the first time he was challenged on what it meant to be a Jew in the military. He was asked whether he was planning to put his religion on his dog tags because of what would happen if Al Qaeda fighters captured him and found out he was Jewish. He kept his religion on his dog tags. He had many positive interactions with his Marines — many of whom had never met a Jew before — lighting candles during Hanukkah and earning their gratitude when he shared care packages from the Jewish community.

We will continue to recognize OT's military members in the future, showing them our pride in their dedication to our country.

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 throughout the summer months. Keep in touch with us on Facebook at facebook.com/OlamTikvah.



MAZAL TOV TO:

Laura Conover, on the aufruf of her son, Jeremy Conover, and Iris Krandel

Noah Engelberg, on the marriage of his son Aaron to Gal Ravia in Netzer Sereni, Israel

Devorah Freeman, on receiving her yad award

Hilah & Josh Kaufman, on the birth of their daughter, Leona Eva

Susan & Bill Kristol, on the birth of their grandson, Adam Irving, son of Joe & Delia Kristol

Rachel & James McAnallen, on the

birth of their son, Abram George Hanson McAnallen

Sharon & Jeremy Pederson, on the birth of their daughter, Lyla Audrey Pederson

Wilma Weisman & Joseph Pincus, on their wedding

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WHAT'S NEXT FOR OUR GRADUATES?

Name	Graduating From	Next Year
Mellie Black	Yorktown High School	Dickinson College
Jacob Boyett	W.T. Woodson High School	Virginia Commonwealth University
Oliver Blum	Yorktown High School	University of Vermont
Shoshana Fischer	John R. Lewis High School	Virginia Commonwealth University
Molly Goldberg	Christopher Newport University	College of William & Mary - Masters in Psychological Science
Lia Handler	W.T. Woodson High School	Virginia Tech
Faith Hemmerdinger	W.T. Woodson High School	Virginia Tech
Elana Kaplan	Fairfax High School	Oklahoma City University
Alex Nash	Potomac School	New York University
Maryn Newman	Fairfax High School	University of Mary Washington
Catherine Norton	Meridian High School	Kenyon College
Alex Saffran	Virginia Commonwealth University Medical School	University of Virginia - Residency in Anesthesia
Nathan Rothberg	W.T. Woodson High School	University of Mary Washington
Aaron Rubino	Old Dominion University - BS in Biology	
Sarah St. Pierre	University of Texas at Austin - BS in Communications Study	
Sasha Tepp	James Madison High School	University of Pittsburgh
Max Weiner	George C. Marshall High School	Brandeis University
Anna Weiss	W.T. Woodson High School	Brandeis University

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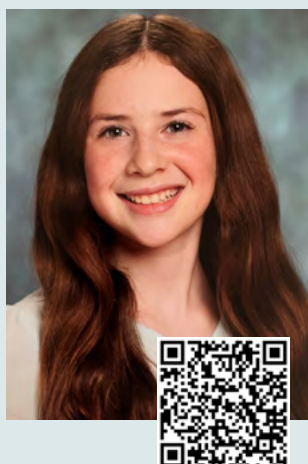


MAY 21, 2022 Parshat: Behar

KOBY SHNEKENDORF

Koby, son of Ed & Rachel Shnekendorf and older brother to Eva, is a seventh grader at Thoreau Middle School in Vienna, VA. Koby is an avid reader who loves history and enjoys playing competitive tennis, swimming, skiing, and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He has been a member of the Olam Tikvah family since kindergarten. Koby is looking forward to celebrating his bar mitzvah with family, friends, and the OT community.

Bar Mitzvah Project: Koby is volunteering with Food for Others, a local organization that distributes food to our neighbors in need and supports over 3,000 local families per week. This project is inspired by Koby's Torah portion, which focuses on sustainable farming practices and the sharing of excess food with those in need.



MAY 28, 2022 Parshat: Bechukotai

MADELINE JACOBS

Madeline Jacobs, daughter of Lori & David Jacobs and sister to Paul and Michael, is a seventh grader at Cooper Middle School. Mady has been a member of the Olam Tikvah family for the last five years and loves spending summers at Camp Ramah. Outside of synagogue, she enjoys the Arts - dance, violin, literature and painting.

Bat Mitzvah Project: For her bat mitzvah project, Mady is selling greeting cards with original artwork benefiting PJOurWay, a Jewish-themed literacy program that has made a positive impact in her life. Here's how it works: on the PJOurWay website, children ages 9-11 are able to pick a book from four options. Each has Jewish values and themes. Once picked, the book will be delivered the next month at no cost. Learn more by scanning the QR code.



JUNE 11, 2022 Parshat: Nasso

EZRA ALEXANDER SPECHT

Ezra Specht, son of Marilynne & Steven, younger brother to Ethan and Zachary, and grandson of Lilly & Stuart (z"l) Eder, is a seventh grade student at Lake Braddock Secondary School. He enjoys designing and building robots with his FIRST Tech Challenge team and preparing them for competition. Ezra's other interests include photography, cooking/baking, gaming with friends, and playing with his two cats, Rocket and Ninja. Ezra is a third generation, lifelong member of the Olam Tikvah family.

Bar Mitzvah Project: Throughout the school year, Ezra has volunteered his time with Food for Others. As a warehouse volunteer, he sorts and packages food that is provided directly to needy people in our community.

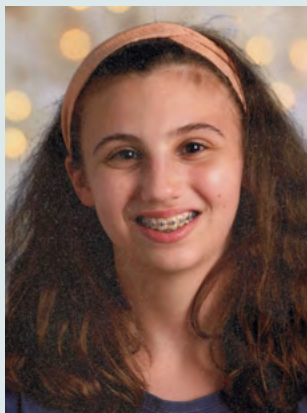


JUNE 28, 2022 Parshat: Beha'alotcha

LEIGHTON KRAUS

Leighton McCall Kraus, daughter of Evan & Claudette, sibling of Brennan, David, and Ainsley, is a seventh grader at Oakwood School. She enjoys spending time with her grandparents Stephen & Margery Kraus, traveling, designing fashions, and skiing. She has been a member of the Olam Tikvah family since birth.

Bar Mitzvah Project: Leighton survived a devastating illness as a toddler and has worked tirelessly to combat many physical challenges due to this illness. Her Bat Mitzvah Project is personal and close to her heart. Leighton's Bat Mitzvah Project is a walk to raise awareness and funds for epilepsy research.



JUNE 25, 2022 **Parshat: Sh'lach**

OLIVIA RUBINOFF

Olivia Rubinoff, daughter of Aron & Eve Rubinoff and sibling to Ty Rubinoff, is a seventh grader at Frost Middle School. She enjoys French horn, art and caring for animals and has been a member of the Olam Tikvah family for 5 years.

Bat Mitzvah Project: Olivia's Bat Mitzvah project is working as a Fairfax County volunteer at Braddock Bark.



JULY 23, 2022 **Parshat: Pinchas**

SHAYA TIKVA VIZCARDIO-LICHTER

Daughter of Dahlia Lichter & Giovanni Vizcardo Lazo and sibling to Jay, Tilya, and Chava is a seventh grader at Thoreau Middle School. She enjoys soccer, drawing, and painting and has been a member of the Olam Tikvah family for 5 years.

We are so proud of how hard Shaya has worked to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah. Shaya is an outgoing and caring person. She is very dedicated and loving with her family and is a wonderful big sister. She is always making everyone around her laugh and feel loved. She is a wonderful example of tikkun olam and works to spread kindness by example.



AUGUST 20, 2022 **Parshat: Eikev**

RACHEL RUBINSTEIN

Rachel Rubinstein, daughter of Joe & Suzanne and sibling to Daniel, is a rising eighth grader at Washington Irving Middle School in Springfield, VA. She enjoys playing softball, traveling/ exploring new places, and anything Harry Potter related! Rachel and her family have been part of the Olam Tikvah family for 8 years.

Bat Mitzvah Project: Rachel's B'nai Mitzvah project is volunteering at the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). AFAC provides free groceries to Arlington residents. Rachel helped bag produce and other essential food items for people in need.



AUGUST 27, 2022 **Parshat: Re'eh**

ELI ALEXANDER BORAK

Elijah Alexander Borak, son of David Borak & Jill Jones Borak, and sibling to Sam and Apollo Borak, is a seventh grader at Frost Middle School. He enjoys playing video games, taking care of his dog Winnie and cats Wrex and Honey, and hanging out with his friends online and in person. He has been a member of the Olam Tikvah family for six years.

Bar Mitzvah Project: For his bar mitzvah project, he is collecting donations of pet supplies to benefit the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, the shelter from which he adopted his cats.

MISHPACHA CON'T

Carol & Abe Schneier, on the birth of their granddaughter, Ruby Layne, daughter of Joel Schneier & Michelle Taub

Sharyn Stahl, on the marriage of her son, Jonathan Stahl & Cara Bubes

Margo & Pat Tamburrino, on the aufruf of their son, Jacob, and Jen Goldstein

Amy & Steve Tursky, on the birth of their grandson, Jack Bernard Tenenbaum, son of Elayna & Jordan Tenenbaum

Ruth Montag & Dale Wineholt, on their marriage

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President's Award: Lori & Allen Zobler

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April 8-14: Anita & Stephen Dienstfrey

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May Anniversaries

May 1-5: Sharon & Jerry Vitner

May 6-12: Martha & Paul Hill; Elaine & Lew Komarow; Debra & Herman Stein

May 20-26: Ilisa & Andrew Calderon; Rhona & Howard Nachman; Annie & Alan Schwartz; Lisa & Tony Simon; Amy & Steve Tursky (35)

May 27-31: Leslie Frieden & Seth Feldman; Barbara & Jim Finkel; Karen Rabin & Jeff Handler; Rhoda & Mark Miller (40); Myra & Jerry Strauss (50); Anjali & Robert Sues (40); Marian Diamond & Ari Tapper; Kitty & Jack Timmes

MAZEL TOV SHOUT OUT

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Paul and Michael

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Mazel Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah!

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Koby Shnekendorf May 21

Madeline Jacobs May 28

Ezra Specht June 11

Leighton Kraus June 18

Olivia Rubinoff June 25

Shaya Vizcardo-Lichter July 23

Rachel Rubinstein August 20

Eli Borak August 27

**FROM THE 5782 OLAM TIKVAH
B'NEI MITZVAH CLASS**

Olam Tikvah "Minyan" designed by Aaron Shoon. PHOTO BY DAN NOBLE

SPOTLIGHT ON THE FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

BY MAURINE SIMON

The Fine Arts committee members are the eyes and ears of Olam Tikvah. We aim to beautify our house of worship, while keeping it light, airy, and spiritually meaningful. It is clearly written in the origins of our Torah that we embellish our building to evoke awe *"using silver, gold, blue threads, and the talent of those blessed as skilled craftspeople."* Exodus 35:21-34

OUR EVOLVING GOALS

Excluding the original ark doors (which were commissioned), in its early years, the OT community directly handcrafted almost everything needed. Congregants embroidered bimah covers, needlepointed cushions and hand-built lecterns. As we grew and evolved, new members brought new ideas and the building needed to be decorated accordingly. At the same time it was imperative that its unique architecture was highlighted. We continuously strive to achieve this today.

For years, as we prayed, we could see the memorial walls and office windows through the open

rectangles on either side of the ark. In 2006 a long-time supporter of the Fine Arts committee, provided us funds to consult with Artist Aaron Shoon. He worked creatively and patiently with the committee and customized the 10 glass panels of "Minyan" standing on both sides of the ark. As you may know, a minyan is the Hebrew term for the 10 Jewish adults needed to say certain prayers, such as the kaddish. Your eye is now drawn to the glass, its Jewish meaning, and the light it reflects on our sacred space.

In contrast to the old ark doors that needed yearly cleaning and fabric repairs, in 2009 a generous donor made it possible for Fine Arts to coordinate the design of the current bronze ark doors with the opportunity to incorporate the Ten Commandments into the design. Thanks to another donor, we were able to add greetings over the sanctuary entrances - "Shema" over the hallway entrance and "...And let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them" over the mosaic lobby entrance.

The Fine Arts committee strives to keep our gathering spaces light, airy and neutral so that congregants can host all varieties of simchas. But details matter, so we added texture and dimension to key locations by faux finishing our rear pods, the curved wall to the kitchen, and even the inner ark walls and ceiling. We look at what needs to be updated or repaired to keep our building attractive to potential members and a place we are proud to bring family and friends.

CURRENT FOCUS

Our current focus is to complete the Festival Art Wall. It adorns the corridor between the main lobby and mosaic lobby with four festivals so far. Both adults and children can enjoy the art and its educational qualities without worrying about damage. We invite you to experience the artists' interpretations of our holidays in your own way.

Interested in Fine Arts? Email maurinesimon@gmail.com.



Our graduating Confirmation Class under the Chuppah with parents Steven Tepp, Andi Wirpel, Philip Blumenthal, and Steven Specht. PHOTO BY MARNIE FIENBERG

RECIPES FOR OUR OT HERITAGE

Mazel Tov to our Confirmation Class 2022!

- Seth Blumenthal
- Lauren Boyett
- Shira Gottesman
- Sydney Grossbard
- Samuel Indyk
- Arwyn Oshry
- Zachary Specht
- Rachel Tepp
- Alexi Wirpel

This year, our graduating Confirmation class learned about the diversity and richness of our global Jewish heritage through special classes in their final year of OTRS. In their journey to become Jewish adults, they learned about the Jewish diaspora through food and then got their hands "dirty" every week to actually experience how to make this food. In other words, they received a

The Recipe of a Jewish Adult

Ingredients:

- ✧ ½ C. of Critical Thinking
- ✧ ½ tsp. of Discussion
- ✧ 3 tsp. of B'nai Mitzvot
- ✧ 2 C. of Sense of Community
- ✧ ¾ C. of Jewish Pride
- ✧ 1 Tbsp. of our Parents influence
- ✧ 1 Tbsp. of our Rabbis' influence
- ✧ ¼ C. of a connection to Israel
- ✧ ⅓ C. of Tikkun Olam



literal taste of their global heritage.

Learn more of the rich heritage that we have inherited — we have posted maps, lessons and recipes on our class Padlet. Here is a quick treat from our Italian Jewish Community.

CASSOLA (RICOTTA PANCAKES FROM ROME)

- 2 lb ricotta cheese
- 1 cup sugar
- 7-8 eggs
- 1 tbsp olive oil for frying
- Cinnamon to taste

Instructions

- Add all the ingredients to the mixer and mix well for a thick batter.
- Choose a large skillet and heat some olive oil.
- Either 1) spoon out 1-2 tbsp per pancake (similar to a traditional pancake) OR 2) fill the pan for one large thin pancake (similar to a crepe).
- Fry on medium heat and flip once. The pancake should be golden brown on both sides.
- Enjoy while warm with syrup, jam or honey!

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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:



On-Demand at Olamtikvah.org

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.

In Your Inbox Every Week

This Week at OT – OT-wide announcements every Friday morning

Special Communications by Email

Holiday announcements & Baruch Dayan Ha'Emet (Condolences)

The Contemporary Magazine

Thoughtful articles come to you every other month

Looking to write an article or contribute? Contact us at communications@olamtikvah.org.