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OrH Newsletter – February 14, 2017

Klez 10 to Benefit Kosher Food Bank

Or Haneshamah is once again a sponsor of this year's musical fundraiser to benefit the Ottawa Kosher Food Bank. **Klez 10: A Klezmer event to benefit the Kosher Food Bank of Ottawa**, features A Touch of Klez, Musica Ebräica, and International Folkdancers of Ottawa. **February 26, 2017, 7PM** at Kehillat Beth Israel, 1400 Coldrey Ave. Admission is \$10 at the door. For more information contact Olly at owodin@yahoo.ca.

Upcoming Services and Events

Bat Mitzvah / Shabbat Morning with Torah Service

Saturday, February 18, 2017

9:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Worship Hall/Fellowship Hall

We celebrate a Bat Mitzvah at this morning's service. The community is invited to a host-sponsored Kiddush luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the service. Please RSVP to karenjbeiles@gmail.com if you plan to attend the Kiddush.

Shabbat Morning with Torah Service

Saturday, March 4, 2017

9:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Fellowship Hall, Unitarians

Shaharit service of morning blessings and songs, including Torah service, a participatory discussion of the day's portion, followed by Kiddush/pot luck luncheon.

Adult Education

The Radical American Judaism of Mordecai M. Kaplan with Mel Scult

Our sister congregation Mishkan Shalom in Philadelphia – where Rabbi Liz was previously active as a member and teacher – hosted a program with author Mel Scult, noted historian of Reconstructionist Judaism and leading biographer of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. Watch the recording here:

<https://vimeo.com/195406527>. The event includes opening remarks by Rabbi Shawn Zevit, who was mentored by Scult, and Harold Gorrine, a dear friend, and is followed by Mel's remarks and a Q&A. For

those of you interested in Reconstructionist thought, or in vicariously spending an evening with another Reconstructionist community – enjoy!

Spirit in Practice: A new podcast from the Reconstructionist Movement

How will you sustain your spirit through your next four years, your life time? Do you wonder how you can show up for challenging times with compassion, courage, equanimity and joy? **Spirit in Practice**, a podcast miniseries, answers these and other questions through lively discussion among emerging leaders and religious teachers of many faiths who are exploring social activism and spiritual practices. The first of four episodes was released January 18. You can listen by visiting the [RRC page here](#) or subscribing on iTunes or Stitcher. New episodes will arrive in January and February. You can sign up for [email updates](#) or follow on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

In The Ottawa Community

An evening with Lior Raz

An evening with Lior Raz, creator and main character in the well-known TV series, “Fauda”. **February 26, 2017, 7pm**, at Soloway JCC, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private. Tickets and more information at <https://ottawa.secure-fedwebca.jewishfederations.org/page/contribute/an-evening-with-lior-raz>.

Jewish Memorial Gardens

If you wish to receive Funeral Notifications from Jewish Memorial Gardens, please [click on this link](#) to add your e-mail address to the list.

Donations to OrH

Donations are a significant part of the funding for activities and rabbinic support in our community. You can direct your contribution to different areas of Or Haneshamah’s activity:

Donations toward ongoing congregational operations:

- General donations, which fund programming, rabbinic leadership, and essential administrative costs.
- Donations in honour of, or in memory of, a person or event. All such donations are acknowledged through the Or Haneshamah card program, which sends notices of donation and a personalized message to a designated recipient.

Targeted donations:

- Dedication of ritual objects and books. We are currently seeking donations of \$54 for each new copy of our Machzor (high holiday prayer book). Donations will be recognized by bookplates that may be in honour of, or in memory of, a person or event.
- Gita Taub Education Fund, which supports educational programming and access for members who would otherwise be unable to afford participation in Or Haneshamah or other valuable activities. Our present focus for disbursements from the fund is OrH's new Machaneh Shabbat (Shabbat Camp) for primary school-aged children, which launched in September.
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Donations that the Rabbi gives to people in need or to support charities the Rabbi deems important.

Please make any of the above donations through the website by clicking on the "Donate" menu item.

Or Haneshamah Endowment Fund

Established in May 2016, the Endowment Fund is a pool of financial assets that is invested to provide a reliable and ongoing source of income for our community's activities. Annual payouts from the fund go into Or Haneshamah's general revenues. Donations are made through the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation (OJCF) online at www.ojcf.ca or by telephone at 613-798-4696 ext 274.

Thank you for your generosity and support of OrH!

Potluck Protocol

Our community's long time practice is to welcome egg, dairy and fish on the potluck table. Please label your meal contributions with all ingredients to help people with food allergies or sensitivities; also advise kitchen staff whether dish is to be served hot or cold.

Rides to Services and Events

Will you need a ride to services and OrH events? Are you able to offer a ride to services OrH events? We encourage members to be generous with their offers of rides. Please contact info@orh.ca with your name and area of the city you are coming from.

A Caring Community

Members are encouraged to contact the rabbi or any board member to let us know about your pastoral care needs, or the needs of another member, whether related to a new or an ongoing circumstances.

These may include such situations as a pending hospitalization, a change in health, relationship, or employment status, other life transitions, or the death of a loved one. Through knowing what is happening in each other's lives, we give each other, including our rabbi, the opportunity to perform acts of *gemilut hasadim*/loving kindness, the hallmark of a caring community.

We Are Listening

How do you feel things are going in our community? Do you have ideas about programs or events that we should pursue? What aspects of Or Haneshamah do you feel are working well, and what do you think can be improved? In the interest of making OrH the best community that it can be, the board and rabbi invite you to submit comments and feedback at any time. Please send your thoughts to feedback@orh.ca or directly to any member of the board (email addresses below).

Board of Directors

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Members are welcome to contact Rabbi Liz, or any member of the board, regarding pastoral needs.

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** Disclaimer Regarding Community Event Postings **

Or Haneshamah frequently receives requests to post notices of upcoming events in the community at-large. These events run the range from cultural, educational, and in some cases explorations of topical

political issues. In the interest of providing information to our congregation about the diversity of interesting events in the Ottawa community we will post notices of these events in our regular newsletter.

We recognize also that from time to time we are requested to post notices of events which are highly controversial in nature and reflect a wide range of opinions among our congregation on particular issues. We are, however, of the opinion that it is appropriate for us to post events taking place in the community which may challenge us, which may cause discomfort, and which may cause us to reflect on some of our beliefs. Our openness to post notices for a wide range of community events, however, does not mean that we have abdicated our responsibility to show discernment and to distinguish between those events which demonstrate an open-minded and thoughtful approach to specific issues and those which do not appear to reflect such values. So, we will make judgments about what notices we believe are appropriate to post and those which we believe will not contribute to a thoughtful and balanced exploration of ideas and issues.

Will we make mistakes along the way? Probably. But the possibility of errors of judgment does not mean that we can excuse ourselves from the responsibility to show judgment in posting notices about events in the community and we promise to do so with openness tempered by a sense of responsibility.

In agreeing to post any notice of an event in the community, Or Haneshamah does not endorse, support or promote any perspectives, positions or ideas expressed in the events which are posted in our newsletter.