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August Shabbatot

Saturday, August 1 Livestream 9:00 am
Shabbat ends 9:01 pm

Friday, August 7
Minchah followed by
Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom 5:45 pm
Candle lighting 7:53 pm

Saturday, August 8 Livestream 9:00 am
Shabbat ends 8:53 pm

Friday, August 14
Minchah followed by
Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom 5:45 pm
Candle lighting 7:45 pm

Saturday, August 15 Livestream 9:00 am
Shabbat ends 8:45 pm

Friday, August 21
Minchah followed by
Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom 5:45 pm
Candle lighting 7:35 pm

Saturday, August 22 Livestream 9:00 am
Shabbat ends 8:35 pm

Friday, August 28
Minchah followed by
Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom 5:45 pm
Candle lighting 7:25 pm

Saturday, August 29 Livestream 9:00 am
Shabbat ends 8:25 pm

Welcome to the High Holidays @ Ohr Kodesh

We're building an amazing holiday experience, and we can't wait to celebrate with you.



Check out all the details on our new website to learn how to connect virtually and in-person, for study, for fun, for families, and for the entire community.



Important Information

Ohr Kodesh currently remains closed to all public activities.

Programs ARE taking place virtually. The virtual schedule, including Zoom links, is available at <http://tinyurl.com/eOKcovid>.

Beginning August 1, please visit

www.OKCHighHolidays.org
and see page 6-9 for more details.

A heavenly voice emerged [in response to the debates of the schools of Hillel and Shammai] declaring, 'eilu vaeilu divrei Elokim chayyim – these [discussion points] and these [counter discussion points] are the words of the living God.' - Babylonian Talmud, Eiruvim 13B
Let us strive to discuss and debate respectfully and constructively in all our life conversations.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Ohr Kodesh is a warm, engaging, traditional Conservative Congregation that welcomes Jews from a broad range of backgrounds to celebrate Judaism through *Torah* (education), *Tefillah* (prayer), and *Chesed* (social responsibility) as a *Kehillah* (community).

Would You Like to Attend Shabbat Services?

Anyone who wants to can access the *Shabbat* morning service via livestream. If you are in good health, willing and interested in joining Cantor Hinda Labovitz and Rabbi Lyle Fishman in our Sanctuary, please complete the survey at the link below. Note that, at this time, we are accommodating no more than twenty people on *Shabbat* morning and discourage in-person attendance by those over age 65 and anyone in any other high risk category.

<https://tinyurl.com/y43ggexr>

Religious Practice for the Duration of the Imposed Isolation

In keeping with the changes that were sent via email, when 10 adult Jews are gathered together through real-time video and audio connection (e.g. a Zoom call), those who are in a period of mourning or observing a *yahrzeit* may recite the mourner's *kaddish*. If 10 adult Jews are not present, a Prayer in Lieu of *Kaddish* is recited.

We hope that you will participate virtually during our services. We are using *Siddur Sim Shalom* for weekdays. Please contact Cantor Hinda Labovitz at cantorlabovitz@ohrkodesh.org if you would like the electronic version to follow along.

Monday-Thursday

Shacharit: 7:15-8:00 am

Minchab: 6:45-7:15 pm

Friday

Shacharit: 7:15-8:00 am

Minchab: 5:45-6:00 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00-6:25 pm

Saturday

Livestreamed abbreviated *Shabbat* morning services:

9:00-11:00 am at <https://ohrkodesh.org/streaming>

Sunday

Shacharit: 9:00-9:45 am

Minchab: 6:45-7:15 pm



The Ohr Kodesh Congregation Bulletin

is published monthly by Ohr Kodesh Congregation.

WE WELCOME BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

We actively welcome submissions to our monthly bulletin. Please make sure, however, that articles are appropriate for general consumption and inviting to conversations from differing viewpoints. Articles should be sensitive in their tone and in no way inflammatory. We reserve the right to edit submissions to conform to space requirements and this policy guideline, but we will endeavor to consult with the author in the event that any such changes are deemed advisable or necessary. Please send submissions to Tamira Lautman at tlautman@ohrkodesh.org.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS Upcoming Classes & Events

OKC Online Programs

While the building is closed and we can't meet in person, we continue to engage all ages and stages, and to stay present in the community, even while we can't be together in person. Please join us on our digital platform for classes, prayer, story time, movies - something for all interests and ages.

The complete schedule is at <http://tinyurl.com/eOKcovid>

For each session, a Zoom link is posted. You can either register for activities in advance to receive a link, or register at the time of the activity and see a "Join meeting in progress" button.

Contact Cantor Labovitz at cantorlabovitz@ohrkodesh.org with suggestions and questions.

Ongoing Classes

RABBI FISHMAN OFFERS 4 CLASSES EACH WEEK

- Sundays at 8:00 am: Talmud Texts: Tractate *M'gilah*
- Alternating Tuesdays at 10:00 am: *Issues in Jewish Political Tradition*
- Alternating Tuesdays at 1:15 pm: *The Unfolding Tradition: Jewish Law After Sinai* by Elliot Dorff
- Wednesdays at 10:00 am: *Enhancing Biblical Literacy*
- Wednesdays at 12:30 pm: *Biblical Hebrew*

NOTE: Rabbi Fishman's classes are not meeting in August.

RICHARD FRIEDMAN OFFERS 2 CLASSES EACH WEEK

- Tuesdays at 8:30 pm: Talmud Class, Tractate *Shabbat*.
- Thursdays, August 6 & 20, at 8:30 pm: *Jews for Exegesis*, Rashbam's commentary on the *Parashah*

For more information, contact Richard Friedman at Richard.Friedman@hhs.gov.

Classes are via Zoom. See the schedule and links to the classes at <http://tinyurl.com/eOKcovid>.

Conversational Hebrew with Hagar

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS AT 1:45 PM
ON ZOOM

Improve your Hebrew and discuss daily topics using conversation and games. For more information, contact Hagar Netser at hnetser@ohrkodesh.org.



An Evening in Conversation with Esther Safran Foer

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 7:30 PM



Photo by Laura Ashbrook Photography

Esther Safran Foer will be discussing her post-Holocaust memoir, *I Want You to Know We're Still Here*, in conversation with Sarah Hyams, on the staff of USHMM and member of Ohr Kodesh. The book speaks to the importance of Foer learning about and reclaiming her family history unspoken after the Holocaust, and how that knowledge informs the life she chooses to live today.

3GDC, Washington DC Grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors (www.3gdc.org) is co-sponsoring this event.



The program is open to the community so share with your friends and family wherever they may be. Please register through the Zoom links in the weekly email, on the eOK doc, or on the website at <https://ohrkodesh.org/conversation-esther-safran-foer>.

For further information, please contact Ellen Elow-Mintz at elow.mintz.ellen@gmail.com.



Just Breathe: Wisdom & Wellness

SUNDAYS, AUG. 2 AND
SEPT. 6 - 9:00-9:45 PM



Join Rabbi Aderet Drucker & the Den community for Just Breathe. Our experience is rooted in Jewish text as we deepen our learning, and engage in a practice that increases our awareness of what is true for us as we navigate our world. We meditate not only to quiet our minds, but to also enable us to be as awake as possible to our lives, and to what is real and true for each of us. Everyone welcome. No experience necessary. Here is the link to the Den's calendar to access the zoom links: <https://www.thedencollective.org/comein>. Links will also be available on <http://tinyurl.com/eOKcovid>.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Hazak

AUGUST PROGRAMS

We are in the midst of summer in the DMV and it is hot and humid! But it won't be this way forever.

Children in Montgomery County won't be back in school until January 2021! But it won't be this way forever.

Programming for Hazak is Zoom based! But it won't be this way forever.

Our July agenda was packed with excellent Zoom experiences and August will be too. We are focused on interesting topics for our Zoom Lunch and Chat sessions. The descriptions and topics are chosen by our advisory group. Our newsletter with program descriptions goes out monthly. The Zoom links are sent out the night before the event. If you want to be added to our mailing list, or want to join our advisory group, just send an email to Sandy Walter at smwalter@mac.com.

And now some lightly edited inspiration from a poet of our time — Bob Dylan — for our Hazak Group. Hoping your outlook can stay...

Forever Young

May you grow up to be righteous

May you grow up to be true

May you always know the truth

And see the light surrounding you

May you always be courageous

Stand upright and be strong

May you stay forever young

And

May your heart always be joyful

May your song always be sung

And may you stay forever young.

MENTSCH CLUB

“Virtual Beer” Nights

WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 5 AND 19

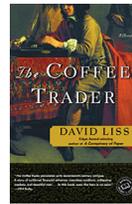
8:30-9:30 PM



The *Mentsch* Club is hosting “virtual beer” night every other Wednesday at 8:30 pm. It's a great way to socialize with other *mentschen* in the community! Please join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89878278488?pwd=VDFEMy9nQnFZNn0vZlZxZDMzZ1FSZz09>

Noontime Book Club

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5, 12:00-1:30 PM ON ZOOM
THE COFFEE TRADER BY DAVID LISS



Amsterdam, 1659: On the world's first commodities exchange, fortunes are won and lost in an instant. Miguel Lienzo, a sharp-witted trader in the city's close-knit community of Portuguese Jews, knows this only too well. Once among the city's most envied merchants, Miguel has suddenly lost everything. Now, impoverished and humiliated, living in his younger brother's canal-flooded basement, Miguel must find a way to restore his wealth and reputation.

Miguel enters into a partnership with a seductive Dutchwoman who offers him one last chance at success—a daring plot to corner the market of an astonishing new commodity called “coffee.” To succeed, Miguel must risk everything he values and face a powerful enemy who will stop at nothing to see him ruined. Miguel will learn that among Amsterdam's ruthless businessmen, betrayal lurks everywhere, and even friends hide secret agendas.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2, 12:00-1:30 PM ON ZOOM
THE RISE OF ABRAHAM CAHAN BY SETH LIPSKY

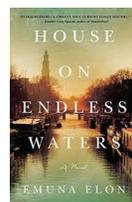
The first general-interest biography of the legendary editor of the *Jewish Daily Forward*, the newspaper of Yiddish-speaking immigrants that inspired, educated, and entertained millions of readers; helped redefine journalism during its golden age; and transformed American culture.

For further information and to join the book club email list, contact Natalie Cantor at 301-933-3776 or natbarryc@gmail.com.

Evening Book Group

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26, 8:30 PM ON ZOOM

THE HOUSE ON ENDLESS WATERS
BY EMUNA ELON



The book is available in print, in ebook and audiobook. All versions are carried by MCPL but require a hold. For fluent Hebrew speakers, reading it in the original might be a good choice. The Zoom link will appear on the eOK doc and will be sent out via email.

The OKC Evening book group is an intergenerational gathering place for readers and is open to the broader OKC community. The group has chosen a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, all of Jewish interest. This is a guilt-free zone - we ask that you read the book and come if it works with your schedule. Please contact Ellen Elow-Mintz at elow.mintz.ellen@gmail.com with any questions and to be added to the email list. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 7. *My Mother's Son* by David Hirshberg will be discussed.

High Holidays with Ohr Kodesh

BY SETH YOSKOWITZ, OHR KODESH PRESIDENT



Dear Ohr Kodesh Community,

Ohr Kodesh clergy, staff, and our High Holiday Task Force have been working hard planning for the High Holidays. Because of COVID-19, sadly we will not be able to gather all together in person at Ohr Kodesh as we do every year. Instead, we will be utilizing various technologies, including our livestream, to participate together in High Holiday services. Our challenge is to **create a meaningful individual and collective experience** that brings us closer as a congregation even as we observe physical distancing and other health practices for the welfare of ourselves and the community. We welcome everyone to participate.

To do that, we will **focus on the ways we can be together, the ways we can meaningfully interact**: using technology, bringing certain rituals and programs outdoors, engaging in shared learning experiences, doing High Holiday-themed group activities, sending materials to members' homes to use and enjoy, and much more.

In the coming weeks, we will be communicating about the wide range of activities that will occur during the full season of awe and celebration which begins on the first day of the Hebrew month of *Elul* (August 20) and continues until the end of *Simchat Torah* (October 11) – with the hope and expectation that you will join in as many activities as you can. Our hope is that by **creating programs across the High Holiday season** in addition to services and study, we will create more opportunities and more avenues for everyone to join in meaningfully and joyfully.

High Holiday *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* services, livestreamed from the Sanctuary, will be led by Rabbi Fishman and Cantor Labovitz. The Family Service will also be livestreamed. There will be opportunities for physically distanced hearing of the *Shofar*, performing *Tashlikh* (ritual of symbolically casting our sins into a body of water), and apple picking. There will be High Holiday music and melodies to hear and to share. There will be High Holiday themed virtual dinner get-togethers, learning sessions, classes, supporting those in need, and activities for all ages. We will send High Holiday themed items to members' homes, plus *Machzorim* (High Holiday prayer books) for those who want them. These are just a few of the activities we are planning. While High Holidays will be different than all other years, our intent is that the broad array of services and programming outlined above will foster, sustain and build upon who we are – a wonderful, caring, Jewishly committed community that truly wants to be together in whatever ways that are possible. **Please watch for upcoming announcements on service times, activities, sign-ups, and other information and go**

to www.OKCHighHolidays.org for the latest updates. Thank you to the High Holiday Task Force for leading this important effort. We welcome and appreciate your thoughts and suggestions on how to make the High Holidays meaningful.

During the High Holiday season, **we raise funds that are essential to the continued well-being of the vibrant synagogue community we cherish.** These include membership dues, Giving Circle participation, High Holiday tickets, and the *Kol Nidre* Appeal. This year, we are asking you to renew your membership and to purchase High Holiday “tickets,” recognizing the importance of these funds to not only the vitality of our High Holiday season services and programs but to our year-round vibrancy and sustainment. We are asking for an amount that is equal to the cost of High Holiday tickets last year (\$265 per adult for the Sanctuary or \$245 per adult for the Social Hall). This is in line with the budget we passed at the Congregational Meeting in May where dues, tuitions, and fees are not increased for this year. Recognizing the difficulty of this situation, High Holiday revenue is critical for meeting our personnel and expense costs. We understand and care deeply that some of us may be experiencing financial hardship due to the global pandemic and we emphasize for High Holidays, as we do for all aspects of Ohr Kodesh, that such circumstances should not be a barrier to participation. Our Executive Director, Jerry Kiewe, is available for any such private discussions regarding reductions as needed. Thank you in advance to you, your families, and your guests for your participation in our strong community and for your generosity.

For me, there is a distinctive sound that I hear on *Yom Kippur Kol Nidre* evening. As hundreds of our members and guests enter Ohr Kodesh and fill the Sanctuary and Social Hall there is a particular “hum” of the group moving to their seats and greetings others. There is an anticipation, a hushed seriousness. Because we cannot gather in anything but small, physically distanced groups this year, I’ll miss the sound that wells right before the *Kol Nidre* service begins. But the feelings will be there because of the community we have built with one another. **I look forward to praying together, to learning together, to being online together, to virtually eating apples and honey and round challahs together, and most of all to using all of the tools and avenues at our disposal to continue to create vibrant community together during this upcoming High Holiday season and beyond.** We are, and will continue to be, spiritually and socially connected, even while physically distant.

Continued health and well-being to all of us and continued strength for 5781,

Seth Yoskowitz,
President Ohr Kodesh Congregation

The Fall Holiday Season at Ohr Kodesh - What to Expect

OKC is excited to offer rich and creative opportunities throughout the fall holiday season. We will have group and individual learning, virtual and in person events, spiritual experiences, and activities for all ages. We are currently building a robust set of programs, launching on Monday, August 17, through *Simchat Torah*.



A sample includes:

- *Yom Kippur* and *Rosh Hashanah* services, led by our esteemed clergy
- Programming geared towards children and families
- Making *machzorim* available to borrow
- Group and solo study sessions to prepare for and grow towards the High Holy Days
- Opportunities to share your own memories and insights to build a product to deepen understanding of others in the community
- Fundraising opportunities to demonstrate support for Ohr Kodesh at this important historical moment
- Distributed High Holiday prep kits from Ohr Kodesh, to hold something in your hands even at a time of physical separation

Keep an eye out for more offerings and details. To share a program idea or to volunteer to help with one of over 40 programs being planned, contact HHTaskForce@OhrKodesh.org.

Volunteering for the High Holidays

Looking ahead at our volunteer needs, we need help with tasks such as staffing pop-ups, planning agendas for activities, hosting/running zoom logistics, developing content and/or leading a session, recording a *d'var Torah*, and prepping materials. Keep an eye out for a more detailed volunteer sign-up coming soon. To share your volunteer interest now, contact HHTaskForce@OhrKodesh.org.

Bringing Books To Your High Holiday Preparations

BY NATALIE GRAHAM AND ELLEN ELOW-MINTZ

We're all mindful that the holidays are going to look very different this year. As we ready ourselves and our homes for a different kind of celebration, consider adding some books to the mix.

We're working to compile a diverse high holiday reading list, so that everyone in the community can find their own place with a book as the holidays draw near and during the days of awe. We plan to include a range of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, young adult, poetry, philosophy, and picture books.

We will be asking OKC clergy and leadership for their High Holiday recommendations — books they've read in the past, books they return to every year at this time, and books they hope to read, to help us all prepare for this intense period and approach the year ahead. While specifically High Holiday directed titles are appropriate, books focused on aspirations for the coming year - possibly dealing with themes of justice, inclusion or forgiveness are also fitting.

This is a list for all of us, so send us your suggestions! Email Ellen Elow-Mintz at elow.mintz.ellen@gmail.com. Please be sure that books are readily available (must be in print) from a bookseller or the public library.

Look in this space in the September *Bulletin* for the complete list!

Help Sweeten the New Year for Families Who are in Need!

Ohr Kodesh Congregation, in conjunction with the Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA), prepares 200 festive baskets of food, wine, and ritual items for those in need to help brighten their holiday. We need help preparing and filling the baskets Saturday night, September 5. We also need help delivering the baskets Sunday morning, September 13. If you can give even an hour or so of your time either of those dates, please contact Ed Langer at langer.edward@gmail.com or 301-610-9060.



You may also sponsor a basket for \$18.00. Please write "*Rosh Hashanah* Project" on your check and send it to Ellen Feldman in the synagogue office. Sponsorships will be acknowledged in the October *Bulletin*.

High Holidays 5781: Everyone Can Learn and Everyone Can Teach

Dear Members of the Ohr Kodesh Community:

I am writing to invite you to join in an exciting **learning and teaching opportunity** in which **every member** of the community can participate and which will help **strengthen our connections** to one another.

This High Holiday season presents challenges to staying and praying together, so let's accept the invitation to expand and deepen our connections to other members of the community.

How so? By sharing something of ourselves with each other and learning a bit more about one another.

I invite you to participate in **any or all** of the following three initiatives. And to reiterate, these are initiatives in which **anyone** can participate— regardless of age, Jewish educational background, or anything else.

PROJECT 180+7

Simchat Torah provides a boisterous celebration of the completion of reading the Torah and the beginning of a new cycle reading it. In anticipation of this happy holiday, and modeled on Project 929, we would like to arrange for a communal dash through the entire Torah (called project 180+7 because the Torah contains 187 chapters and 180+7 is a cool name that evokes two numbers with Judaic significance).

The ask is extremely light: Every participant reads a short selection (a couple of chapters at most) and provides a hyper-short insight/nugget (around 4-6 sentences) on that content.

We will then compile all those nuggets and provide this to the Congregation in advance of the High Holidays. Our hope is that this will not only provide an opportunity to learn from each other in celebration of Torah learning generally, but also a means for deepening our understanding of one another even while we are separate.

Anyone can do this, regardless of whether you have read through the Torah one hundred or zero times. All it takes is ten minutes and a willingness to share. To participate, please email Project187@OhrKodesh.org.

PROJECT HAYOM HARAT OLAM

Communal prayer forms a crucial role in the High Holiday experience. This project aims to help all of us enliven our prayers through the sharing of High Holiday memories or reflections on the core ideas animating *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*.

So we are seeking to collect these reflections on sentiments associated with the High Holidays. The possible content is limitless: A happy memory of a particular *Rosh Hashanah* from years past; an insight or personal reaction to a section of the liturgy; or a hope that animates your own thinking about the High Holiday season. After all, the liturgy describes *Rosh Hashanah* as "*Yom Harat Olam*," or "a day pregnant with eternity"— a beautiful sentiment evoking the almost limitless possibilities associated with the *Yamim Nora'im*.

The goal here is simply to learn more about what makes those around us tick.

Again, anyone can do this. All it takes is three minutes to respond to this email. To participate, please email your reflection to ReflectionProject@OhrKodesh.org.

THE TZIMMES PROJECT

Honestly, what would the High Holidays and *Sukkot* be without seven solid meals a day? (Answer: It would be a week-day.) And who among us couldn't benefit from an injection of creativity into our HH menus? So open up that homespun recipe book and share one of your favorite holiday offerings with the OKC community! Again, the goal is to share and to learn.

Just think how lovely it will be to top off your *Sukkot* menu with a new item and tell your family/friends that even if we cannot host guests in the typical way, we can keep our community-mates in mind by having their top-hit recipes adorn our tables.

So send on a personal favorite and, if you like, offer a brief reflection explaining why the dish is special or the place it holds in your concept of the High Holidays. And prepare to learn about your fellow community members.

Any and all great ideas welcome. Please send your recipe and accompanying message to TzimmesProject@ohrkodesh.org.

All of the above content will be collected, compiled, and distributed to the OKC community in the spirit of connecting with each other. Please, please participate and help the community enrich our bonds as we approach the New Year.

Josh Wilkenfeld
joshuaiw@gmail.com
 High Holiday Committee Task Force

➤ High Holiday Greetings

Info and order form are available at:
<https://ohrkodesh.org/forms/high-holidays-greetings-form-2020/5781>

High Holiday Greetings will be published in the September issue of the Bulletin. This will consist of a list of names of those who have submitted a greeting. **These must be received by Friday, August 14.** Publication of greetings received after that date may have to be delayed until the October issue. A \$15 contribution for each greeting is requested.

Please indicate below how you would like your name(s) to appear:

Greetings Offered By: _____

➤ Annual Book of Remembrance (& info on Fall Yizkor services)

Info and order form are available at:
Info: <https://ohrkodesh.org/higholidays-annual-book-remembrance>
Order form: <https://ohrkodesh.org/forms/annual-book-remembrance-5781>

The Ohr Kodesh Annual Book of Remembrance provides an opportunity for individuals to honor beloved relatives, friends and other members of the congregation who are no longer with us.

This year's Book of Remembrance will be distributed electronically, in advance of the Yizkor service that will be conducted and offered virtually on the afternoon of Sunday, September 27 (time 4:00 PM), in advance of the start of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. An additional Yizkor service will also be conducted and offered virtually on Friday, October 9 (time TBD), in advance of Shemini Atzeret.

The complete Memorial Service will be included in the book so it may be used both at home and in the synagogue on these and other occasions when we recite Yizkor.

Note: The names of those whose memories have been perpetuated by their loved ones with a memorial plaque in our sanctuary are automatically included in the book. If you would like to order a permanent memorial plaque, please go to our website: www.ohrkodesh.org, or contact the office for an order form.

All names must be received in the synagogue office by Friday, August 14 to ensure inclusion in this year's Memorial Book. A \$15 contribution for each name submitted is requested.

We would like the following names to appear in this year's Book of Remembrance:

An electronic copy of the 2019/5780 Book of Remembrance (from LAST year) is available at: <https://ohrkodesh.org/sites/default/files/yizkorbook-2019-final.pdf>

___ Please reprint the same names as were in last year's Book of Remembrance.

___ Please reprint the same names as were in last year's Book of Remembrance **PLUS the names below:**

Name(s) of Departed (Please print legibly)

Being Remembered by: _____

Operation Isaiah: High Holiday Collection for Those in Need:

The plight of the homeless and hungry is always before us – and the High Holidays provide an opportune time for us to try to address that. **We call upon all who are able to bring a minimum – though more is welcome – of two items of non-perishable food to drop off at Ohr Kodesh anytime during the month of September;** we will place collection boxes/bins outside of our front entrance and will bring contributions inside on a daily basis. We will accept both boxed and canned food items, along with travel-sized hygiene products. All items must be unopened and non-perishable. **Donations will benefit the Capital Kosher Food Pantry and the N Street Village.**



By donating food to feed the hungry and homeless on *Yom Kippur* and throughout the year, we will continue to answer Isaiah’s call:

- “This is My chosen fast...”
- “Share your bread with the hungry...”
- “Take the homeless into your home.”
- “Clothe the naked when you see him.”
- “Do not turn away from people in need.”

(Selections from the *haftarah* on *Yom Kippur* from the *Book of Isaiah*)

➤ **Order a *Lulav & Etrog* Set for *Sukkot***

Info and order form are available at:
<https://ohrkodesh.org/forms/lulav-and-etrog-order-form-2020>

Ohr Kodesh will again facilitate orders of *lulav* and *Etrog sets*, which are important symbols of *Sukkot* and necessary for fulfillment of the *mitzvot* associated with the holiday.

Orders should be received by our office by Friday, August 14.

I/We would like to order the following *lulav* and *etrog* sets:

___ “Standard” adult set(s) @ \$50

___ Children’s set(s) @ \$45 each

Total = \$

OKC Plans a 9-Months Long Celebration of Rabbi Fishman

The celebration kicks off with a family event on Sunday, September 13, 2020 with a culminating Gala celebration on Sunday, May 23, 2021, one month before Rabbi Fishman's official retirement as OKC's long-time spiritual leader. More details to follow including a weekend *Shabbaton* with special guest entertainment in December; two congregational events with guest speakers, November 1, 2020 and March 21, 2021. Culminating gala will include special guest U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. We can't wait to celebrate Rabbi Fishman as a community!

Kick-off Event to Celebrate Rabbi Fishman!



Photo by Connor Studios

We hope you will join us for our kickoff event to celebrate Rabbi Fishman's final year at Ohr Kodesh Congregation!

There are three parts to this virtual event, and we hope you will participate in all of them!

#1: We are creating a (surprise!) video montage to record our favorite memories of Rabbi Fishman.

Please go to the following link and record a short video (please limit it to one minute or less) of your favorite memories with Rabbi Fishman and/or farewell blessings to him:

<https://app.vidhug.com/celebrating-rabbi-fishman/SJlycQi1v/>
record

Please do this by August 16.

#2: We are creating a photo album for Rabbi Fishman. Please send any pictures you have of your family and Rabbi Fishman and Debby to Barbara Libbin at barbaralibbin@gmail.com by August 16. These pictures could be family *smachot*, trips, etc.

#3: Join us for our VIRTUAL (Zoom) kickoff event on Sunday, September 13 at 3:00 pm. We will watch the video montage and hear thoughts from Sharon Freundel.

Any questions, please contact Barbara Libbin at barbaralibbin@gmail.com.

Need a *Machzor* for the High Holidays?

In early September, Ohr Kodesh will offer all who want one, an opportunity to pick up a *machzor* for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. We will request a \$35 deposit (or we can bill you) for each *machzor* that is picked up. The full \$35 per *machzor* will be refunded — or removed from your account — if/when you return the *machzor* to Ohr Kodesh. (Make sure we KNOW who returned it!) Alternatively, if you would like to keep it, you may do so ... and we will use the \$35 to replenish our supply.



LGBTQ Inclusion Task Force and the *Chevra Kaddisha*

The LGBTQ Inclusion Task Force and the *Chevra Kaddisha* are excited to share with you several new resources and a study opportunity on Trans-Inclusive *Taharah* Practices. These resources will inform future practices of our *Chevra Kaddisha*. Please visit ohrkodesh.org/trans-inclusive-taharah-practices.

We encourage everyone to learn about these issues — awareness is crucial to understanding peoples' identities, and the ways in which they express themselves. We can also increase our self-awareness, understanding the lens through which we ourselves look at others and their identities.

TRANS-INCLUSIVE TAHARAH PRACTICES SEMINAR - IMPLEMENTATION IN YOUR *CHEVRAH KADDISHA*

AUGUST 16, 8:00-9:30 PM

Join for the second seminar on including trans folk in *taharah* ritual and liturgy.

Let our work benefit you! Bring your early successes, questions, and roadblocks. We will share some of our own. This is a stand-alone session. Participation in the previous seminar is not required. Led by Emily Fishman and Rabbi Becky Silverstein of the Boston Community *Chevra Kadisha*.

Hosted by *Kavod v'Nichum*, the national *Chevra Kaddisha* support organization. Sponsored by Hadar and the Schusterman Family Foundation.

COVID-19 Free Testing Available at Three Sites

NO DOCTOR'S ORDER REQUIRED

APPOINTMENTS: 240-777-1755, 8:00 AM-6:00 PM

Montgomery County has three sites where residents can get tested for COVID-19. Testing requires an advance appointment, but doctor's orders are not required and the tests are free.

The test sites will use oral swab tests so the tests are easier and quicker. Results will be issued in approximately 72 hours.

The test site operation hours are:

- Germantown. Parking garage behind the Regal Theaters at 20010 Century Blvd. Mondays from 10 am to 2 pm.
- Wheaton. Montgomery County Parking Garage No. 45 at 11304 Amhurst Ave. Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm.
- White Oak. Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program site at 2121 Industrial Parkway. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm.

Absentee Voting

It's time NOW to prepare for the November election. Unlike the Maryland primary, registered voters will not automatically receive ballots by mail. **Instead, voters who do not care to vote in person must apply for an absentee ballot.**

Given the likelihood of a heavy response to requests for absentee ballots, all registered voters in Maryland should promptly visit <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>. All registered DC voters will receive a ballot by mail.




Ohr Kodesh likes you, like us on FaceBook!



Let's keep in touch! Get the latest info on the Ohr Kodesh community on Facebook

At home or on the go, help us keep you updated on news and programming and let others see that OKC is an important part of your life.

Search on Facebook for Ohr Kodesh Congregation

In Need of a Loan?

Hebrew Free Loan Association of Greater Washington



Hebrew Free Loan Association of Greater Washington is proud to provide zero-interest emergency loans up to \$2,500 to Jewish borrowers across the DC metro area who are impacted financially by the coronavirus. These loans can assist with lost wages, rent/mortgage payments, childcare costs, medical expenses and more.

Process: Applications will be reviewed and approved by HFLAGW staff and board. Once approved, documents will be sent to the applicant via DocuSign and loan proceeds will be transferred electronically or sent by check based on borrower preference. Loans will be processed in less than three business days (usually quicker).

Repayments terms: Repayments are \$100/month, beginning the month after the loan is initiated with the option to delay repayments up to three months.

Larger loan options: Larger loans (up to \$15,000) are also available, please review the loan guidelines.

Visit hebrewfreeloandc.org for an online application or to view the guidelines.

Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington for their support of the emergency loan fund.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Shuli Tropp, Executive Director at shuli@hebrewfreeloandc.org or at 301-859-0346.

NEED ASSISTANCE GETTING GROCERIES OR A PRESCRIPTION?

As the restrictions related to the COVID-19 Pandemic continue, we realize everyday errands such as shopping or picking up items might be difficult for some of our members. If you need assistance with grocery shopping, errands (such as picking up a prescription or another needed item, getting a package mailed, etc.), please contact Joan Levy at joanglevy@gmail.com or Gilda Zimmet at gzimmetesq@gmail.com.



If you can help with errands please send Joan or Gilda your information.

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For the most current calendar information, go to www.ohrkodesh.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Ohr Kodesh is currently closed to all public activities.</p> <p>Programs have been moved online. The schedule, including Zoom links, is available at http://tinyurl.com/eOKcovid</p> <p>Please check the website and emails for updated information.</p>						<p>11 Av Parashat Va-etchanan Shabbat Nachamu 1</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shabbat Morning Services (Live Streamed)</i></p> <p>9:03 pm <i>Havdalah</i></p>
<p>12 Av 2</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>10:15 am <i>Kids' Tefilah and Jam</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>9:00 pm <i>Just Breathe</i></p>	<p>13 Av 3</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>1:45 pm <i>Conversational Hebrew with Hagar</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p>	<p>14 Av 4</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>4:00 pm <i>Norman's Market Pickup</i></p> <p>5:00 pm <i>Shouk Pickup</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Israeli Dancing (Accessible via Zoom)</i></p> <p>8:30 pm <i>Talmud Class - Masekhet Shabbat</i></p>	<p>15 Av (Tu B'Av) B'yachad Registration Due 5</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>12:00 pm <i>Book Club</i></p> <p>1:45 pm <i>Conversational Hebrew with Hagar</i></p> <p>5:00 pm <i>Moti's Market Pick-up</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>7:00 pm <i>Summer Sweetness</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Website Improvement Committee</i></p> <p>8:00 pm <i>Youth & Family Committee Meeting</i></p> <p>8:30 pm <i>ECC: Parent Ed. Mtg. w/ Speaker</i></p> <p>8:30 pm <i>Mentsch Club "Virtual Beer"</i></p>	<p>16 Av 6</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>1:15 pm <i>OKC Staff Meeting</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>OKC Executive Committee Meeting</i></p> <p>8:30 pm <i>Jews for Exegesis</i></p>	<p>17 Av 7</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>4:30 pm <i>Torah Tots</i></p> <p>5:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>6:00 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i></p> <p>7:53 pm <i>Candle lighting</i></p>	<p>18 Av Parashat Eikev 8</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shabbat Morning Services (Live Streamed)</i></p> <p>8:55 pm <i>Havdalah</i></p>
<p>19 Av 9</p> <p>Madrichim Program Application Due</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>10:15 am <i>Kids' Tefilah and Jam</i></p> <p>2:00 pm <i>B'yachad Program</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p>	<p>20 Av 10</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>1:45 pm <i>Conversational Hebrew with Hagar</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p>	<p>21 Av 11</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>4:00 pm <i>Norman's Market Pickup</i></p> <p>5:00 pm <i>Shouk Pickup</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Religious Activities Comm Meeting</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Israeli Dancing (Accessible via Zoom)</i></p> <p>8:30 pm <i>Talmud Class - Masekhet Shabbat</i></p>	<p>22 Av 12</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>1:45 pm <i>Conversational Hebrew with Hagar</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Website Improvement Comm Mtg</i></p>	<p>23 Av 13</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>1:15 pm <i>OKC Staff Meeting</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>OKC Board Meeting</i></p>	<p>24 Av 14</p> <p>HH Greeting, Book of Remembrance, and Lulav & Etrog Forms Due</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>5:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>6:00 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i></p> <p>7:45 pm <i>Candle lighting</i></p>	<p>15 Av Parashat R'ei 15</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shabbat Morning Services (Live Streamed)</i></p> <p>8:46 pm <i>Havdalah</i></p>
<p>26 Av 16</p> <p>Videos and Photos for Rabbi's Celebration Due</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>10:15 am <i>Kids' Tefilah and Jam</i></p> <p>2:00 pm <i>B'yachad Program</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>8:00 pm <i>Trans-Inclusive Taharah Practices - Zoom Seminar</i></p>	<p>27 Av 17</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>1:45 pm <i>Conversational Hebrew with Hagar</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p>	<p>28 Av 18</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>4:00 pm <i>Norman's Market Pickup</i></p> <p>5:00 pm <i>Shouk Pickup</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Israeli Dancing (Accessible via Zoom)</i></p> <p>8:30 pm <i>Talmud Class - Masekhet Shabbat</i></p>	<p>29 Av 19</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>1:45 pm <i>Conversational Hebrew with Hagar</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>An Evening in Conversation with Esther Safran Foer</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Website Improvement Comm Mtg</i></p> <p>8:30 pm <i>Mentsch Club "Virtual Beer"</i></p>	<p>30 Av 20</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>1:15 pm <i>OKC Staff Meeting</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>8:30 pm <i>Jews for Exegesis</i></p>	<p>1 Elul 21</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>4:30 pm <i>Torah Tots</i></p> <p>5:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>6:00 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i></p> <p>7:35 pm <i>Candle lighting</i></p>	<p>2 Elul Parashat Shoftim 22</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shabbat Morning Services (Live Streamed)</i></p> <p>8:46 pm <i>Havdalah</i></p>
<p>3 Elul 23</p> <p>Shabbat Crew Application Due</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>10:15 am <i>Kids' Tefilah and Jam</i></p> <p>2:00 pm <i>B'yachad Program</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p>	<p>4 Elul 24</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>1:45 pm <i>Conversational Hebrew with Hagar</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p>	<p>5 Elul 25</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>4:00 pm <i>Norman's Market Pickup</i></p> <p>5:00 pm <i>Shouk Pickup</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Israeli Dancing (Accessible via Zoom)</i></p> <p>8:30 pm <i>Talmud Class - Masekhet Shabbat</i></p>	<p>6 Elul 26</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>1:45 pm <i>Conversational Hebrew with Hagar</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Website Improvement Comm Mtg</i></p> <p>8:30 pm <i>Evening Book Group</i></p>	<p>7 Elul 27</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>1:15 pm <i>OKC Staff Meeting</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>OKC Board Meeting</i></p>	<p>8 Elul 28</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>4:30 pm <i>Torah Tots</i></p> <p>5:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p> <p>6:00 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i></p> <p>7:25 pm <i>Candle lighting</i></p>	<p>9 Elul Parashat Ki Teitzei 29</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shabbat Morning Services (Live Streamed)</i></p> <p>8:26 pm <i>Havdalah</i></p>
<p>10 Elul 30</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>10:15 am <i>Kids' Tefilah and Jam</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p>	<p>11 Elul 31</p> <p>7:15 am <i>Shacharit with Kaddish</i></p> <p>1:45 pm <i>Conversational Hebrew with Hagar</i></p> <p>6:45 pm <i>Minchah with Kaddish</i></p>					<p>BULLETIN DEADLINE</p> <p>If you have an item you would like included in the September 2020 <i>Bulletin</i>, please send it to Tami Lautman at tlauman@ohrkodesh.org no later than <u>August 14, 2020</u>.</p>

Mazal Tov To...

Lew and Sandi Tipograph on the birth of their grandson, Morris "Mo" Levi, son of **Stuart and Jennifer Tipograph**, and brother of Gabriella on June 29. *Mazal tov* to grandparents **David and Irene Biron**, and to great grandmother **Gloria Harris**.

Melissa Meyers and Daniel Rosenbloom on the birth of their daughter on June 27.

Allan and Susan Brecher on the engagement of their daughter, **Rachel Brecher**, to **Michael Goldberg** from Rye Brook, New York.

ECC Educator **Chaya Sara and Juan Marizan** on the birth of their son, Yishai Menachem, on July 16.

Richard Friedman and Erica Raphael on the birth of their granddaughter, Alma Dvora, daughter of **Rivka Friedman and Dena Roth**, and sister of Adi and Amit on July 16.

Welcome New Members

Melissa Meyers and Dan Rosenbloom

Melissa is a Pediatric Nephrologist at Children's National Medical Center; Dan is a computer programmer. They have a newborn daughter.

Thank you to the following individuals who contributed their skill and their voices to beautify our services as *leyners* (Torah readers), *shelichei tsibbur*, and *gabbai'im* in June and July 2020:

Ari Blumenthal	Hannah Olson
Dan Brandt Lautman	Michael Rosman
Roger Browdy	Joel Schwartz
David Gray	Andy Shoyer
Gary Libbin	Perry Smith
Sharon Light	David Wagger
Ben Meltzer	Seth Yoskowitz

Mazal Tov to Our August Anniversaries

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| 1 | Jonathan & Helen Sunshine | (54) |
| 4 | Garrett & Vered Asta | (7) |
| 5 | Mark Kotlarewsky & Megan Browder | (2) |
| | David & Rachel Zussman | (8) |
| 6 | Mark & Jody Goren | (43) |
| 7 | Bernie & Jackie Chovitz | (71) |
| | Steve & Brenda Friedman | (49) |
| 8 | David & Margo Fischer | (10) |
| | Kenny Jeruchim & Kayla Drogosz | (14) |
| | Steve Schwartz & Elana Cohen | (27) |
| | Bob & Marla Tanenbaum | (38) |
| 10 | Richard Friedman & Erica Raphael | (40) |
| | Allan & Barbara Hoberman | (23) |
| 11 | Steve Adise & Gale Frank-Adise | (46) |
| | Paul & Susan Fischer | (46) |
| 12 | Brett & Aderet Drucker | (13) |
| | Jim & Debi Karesh | (47) |
| | Michael & Ida Subin | (8) |
| 13 | Jon & Aliza Lerner | (25) |
| 15 | David Pincus & Yvonne White | (16) |
| 16 | Eli & Netali Aronoff | (5) |
| | Phil & Elaine Avner | (39) |
| | Jeff & Nina Kayce | (11) |
| 17 | Daniel & Robin Grunberger | (12) |
| | Barry Kabalkin & Shelley Gunner | (40) |
| | Gregg & Joan Levy | (45) |
| | Gabriel & Michelle Scheinmann | (6) |
| | Perry & Siona Smith | (12) |
| 18 | Sam & Leslie Kaplan | (52) |
| | Philip & Zell Rosenfelt | (46) |
| 19 | Seth Feldman & Lisa Ellern-Feldman | (19) |
| | Alan & Sue Harris | (36) |
| | Laurence & Celia Kirsch | (41) |
| | Adam Small & Rachel Gildiner | (13) |
| | Adam & Jess Sowalsky | (8) |
| | Bert & Gretchen Weintraub | (13) |
| 20 | Michael & Emily Eig | (48) |
| | Henry & Nancy Platt | (31) |
| 22 | Eric & Shoshana Epstein | (27) |
| | Elliot Minberg & Carol Rest-Minberg | (44) |
| | Marvin Szymkowitz & Diana Savit | (44) |
| 23 | Gil & Rona Eisner | (50) |
| 24 | Bob & Ariella Lerman | (45) |
| | Erich & Hannah Olson | (20) |
| 27 | Gary & Abby Simms | (48) |
| 28 | Jerry & Anna Blask | (32) |
| | Henry Fox & Sarah Kagan | (32) |
| 30 | Ben Dreyfus & Elizabeth Richman | (11) |
| | Norm & Joanne Goldstein | (56) |
| | David Weisel & Abbi Sharofsky | (11) |
| 31 | Bob & Cantor Hinda Labovitz | (6) |
| | Hayim Lapin & Max Grossman | (23) |

A hearty *mazal tov* to those celebrating an anniversary in August. If your anniversary falls in this month but is not listed, please call the office; we want to include all of our members.

In the Mailbox



Dear Ms. Smeltz,

My husband and I attended the remote [ECC] graduation for our granddaughter, Pia Light, and her classmates, some weeks ago. It was a moving and uplifting occasion under challenging circumstances, and once again underscored for us our gratitude for the remarkable pre-school education Pia and her sister, our granddaughter Orit van Emden, have been privileged to share in their early years. What you and your faculty have provided is truly a foundation for life.

One of the delights for us as grandparents has been the accounts shared by the teachers through the years of classroom activities and goals, often with telling photographs and quotes from the children. The sensitivity and creativity involved in the Early Childhood Center's approach to childhood development is an inspiration. The efforts made by its teachers on a daily basis to adhere to high standards in an enriching open atmosphere is life-affirming. Thank you for your strong leadership.

Please accept the enclosed gift toward the Center's future endeavors as a token of our admiration and appreciation.

Sincerely,
Janet and Irwin Light



College Packages

It's that time of year to update your college student's address(es)! We will be sending out college packages again this year before *Rosh Hashanah*, *Chanukkah*, and *Pesach*. If you would like your child to receive a package, please send the following information to Rachel Evenson at revenson@ohrkodesh.org by **Monday, August 31**.

Student Name

Mailing Address (formatting EXACTLY how it should appear on the label)

College/University

Expected Graduation Date (Month and Year)

Student Email Address

****Note:** We are only able to send packages to college students who are attending school within the United States. ******

Rabbi Search Progressing

The Rabbi Search Committee is making progress! Recently, we concluded the congregational engagement phase of our work, and will soon move into preparing our congregational profile/job posting and vetting of potential candidates. We are very grateful for the wide and enthusiastic response of the congregation to our efforts to gather members' input. Building upon information from EnVision OKC, we held 21 focus groups in February to April, attended in person or virtually by 160 members (organized and facilitated by over 15 wonderful volunteers). Based on what we heard in focus groups, we then opened an online survey between June 22 and July 13, 2020. 229 respondents participated, representing about 30% of our adult members, a great participation rate. In next month's *Bulletin*, we will share summaries of the highlights of the focus groups as well as the online survey. Questions? Please contact Kim Price and Gary Libbin at rabbisearch@ohrkodesh.org.

Become a Member of an OKC Youth Group Today!

Ohr Kodesh offers four amazing youth groups for children in grades Kindergarten to 12. Youth groups hold events at least once a month from September to June. More information about each youth group is below.

To register your child(ren) for youth groups, please visit <https://bit.ly/OKCYouthGroupRegistration5781> today!

Bonim

Ages: Kindergarten-Grade 2

Bonim provides a warm introduction to Jewish youth groups for children in grades K-2. Bonim offers extracurricular activities at Ohr Kodesh like cooking, arts and crafts, games, and movie days. Each event strives to incorporate Jewish values and community building.

Machar

Ages: Grade 3-5

Machar is for children in grades 3-5. In Machar, participants will continue to build relationships with each other and the Ohr Kodesh community while also participating in *tzedakah* and *chesed* projects. Machar offers activities such like Chocolate *Seder*, apple picking, volunteering at A Wider Circle, and game days.

Kadima

Ages: Grade 6-8

Kadima is a national youth group associated with the USCJ for pre-teens in grades 6-8. Throughout the year there are opportunities for Kadimaniks to participate in chapter and regional events. Regional events include Kadima Saturday Night Live and *Kallah Shabbatonim*. Ohr Kodesh is a member of the Seaboard Region which includes synagogue chapters across Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and the District of Columbia. Kadima members may also attend inter-chapter events with Jewish youth throughout the community.

USY

Ages: Grade 9-12

United Synagogue Youth (USY) is for teens in grades 9-12. Ohr Kodesh USY recently won Seaboard Region's Chapter of the Year and is in the running for International Chapter of the Year! USY focuses on developing youth leadership and community building skills. With the support of an adult advisor, USY teens plan and implement monthly programs for their peers. Regional events include fall and spring conventions, winter *kinnus*, Leadership Training Institute (LTI), a trip to Kings Dominion Amusement Park with Kadima, and many Social Action/*Tikkun Olam* opportunities throughout the year. USYers build lasting friendships and gain skills that help them become the Jewish leaders of tomorrow.

Dues for the 2020-2021 Academic Year:

Bonim: \$25 (\$30 after September 30)

Machar: \$30 (\$36 after September 30)

Kadima: \$40 (\$48 after September 30)

USY: \$60 (\$70 after September 30)

For More Information, Please Contact:

Rachel Lang, Director of Teen and Community Engagement
at rlang@ohrkodesh.org.

Shabbat Youth Groups

Shabbat Youth Groups are suspended until further notice. Please see your email for updates. Any questions? Contact Rachel Evenson at revenson@ohrkodesh.org.

Teen Opportunity

The Alvin Browdy Religious School is looking for teens in 8th-12th grade to be part of our Madrichim program! Do you like working with kids? Need SSL hours OR competitive pay? Come be a mentor and become part of our religious school community! ABRS is in session Sundays (9:00 am-12:00 pm) and Wednesdays (4:15-6:15 pm).

Teens will receive mentoring, and will learn leadership and classroom management skills. By the end of the year, the teens will plan activities for their students, lead programs (at their comfort level), and have confidence to be a role model for the students in their class.

Some teens will be placed in classrooms to aide teachers and classes in general, while others may be assigned to support one particular student who has special needs or help out in our office.

****We are looking to recruit teens to assist our teachers in the classrooms either VIRTUALLY or IN-PERSON. We have not made the decision on whether we will be fully virtual or not but we are looking for teens who are interested in either or both.

If you are interested or would like to receive more information, please fill out this short form:
<https://forms.gle/CxFQnorkoTYjRE7y9>

Please apply no later than August 9, 2020.

Please contact lmiller@ohrkodesh.org with any questions.

The OKC Summer Challenge for Grades PreK-7th

THE CHALLENGE ENDS AUGUST 14



Students in PreK-7th grade are given four challenges to complete each week. These challenges vary based on subject and timing. Levels of activities are broken up into two groups: PreK-2nd Grade & 3rd-7th grade. The challenges include:

- A short zoom learning session with an ABRS teacher
- Family projects at home around Jewish themes
- Learning something new about the Torah
- Scavenger hunts around your neighborhood
- Goals for learning new or improving Jewish skills

Families are sent a spreadsheet with the weekly challenges at the end of *T'filah* every Sunday morning. Students can choose to do them all in one day or one each day; it is completely up to them. Students have until 3:00 PM on Fridays to submit their challenge responses via FlipGrid.

WIN FUN PRIZES!

If students complete challenges within the designated week and send in their proof via photos or videos on the website/App Flipgrid, they will be eligible to win prizes! Each time a student completes a challenge in the allotted week, their name will be entered into a drawing for several prizes. Prizes include:

- A private ice cream party for you and 3 friends
- A \$20 gift card
- A pizza party with Leah Miller, Cantor Labovitz & friends!
- A one-on-one art class
- ...and MORE

Each student who completes at least two full weeks of challenges will receive an "OK Summer" T-Shirt.

If you are interested in having your child participate in our Summer challenge, please register at

<https://bit.ly/OKCSummerReg>. Contact Leah Miller at lmiller@ohrkodesh.org with any questions.

We are offering this program for FREE to Ohr Kodesh members and ABRS families.

If you would like to make a donation to ABRS, please contact Ellen Feldman at efeldman@ohrkodesh.org.

Cantor Hinda Labovitz will continue to lead a Kids' *T'filah* and Jam Session on Sundays at 10:15 AM throughout the summer.

Summer Sweetness

STORIES AND HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES
AROUND JEWISH VALUES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 7:00 PM

FREE, BUT PLEASE RSVP

The beloved Sweet Summer Series has gone online, and Ohr Kodesh Congregation, Edlavitch DCJCC, Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital, and Washington Hebrew Congregation are partnering with PJ Library and The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington to bring your family together with other neighborhood families for stories and hands-on activities around Jewish values. We will read a story and create something together to spread more kindness in the world. Learn more at https://bit.ly/sss-uppernw_chevy Chase.

Shabbat Crew Application

DUE AUGUST 23

Will you be in 8th-12th grade in the fall of 2020? Do you like working with children in Ohr Kodesh Congregation? If so, we want you to be a part of our *Shabbat* Crew for the 2020-2021 school year!

Shabbat Crew Members work with adult service leaders to bring the best youth programming to children ages preschool to 7th grade. Members build leadership skills, learn how to plan activities, and build connections within the community. *Shabbat* Crew Members serve as role models, teachers, and friends.

Want to be a part of our Crew? Visit <https://bit.ly/ShabbatCrew5781Application> by Sunday, August 23, to apply. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Lang, Director of Youth and Family Programming, at rlang@ohrkodesh.org.







צוהר TZOHR

Starting Fall 2020

Tzohar is a new educational teen program that meets on Sunday evenings at Ohr Kodesh for 8th-12th grade students. We offer text based Torah study, Jewish enrichment opportunities, and partnerships with Hadar and MoEd.

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/TBMandTzoharRegistration5781>

For more information please contact
Cantor Hinda Labovitz (cantorlabovitz@ohrkodesh.org)
or Rachel Lang (rlang@ohrkodesh.org)




Teen Beit Midrash

Thursday's 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Starting Fall 2020

The Teen Beit Midrash will be in the seventh year at Ohr Kodesh in 5781! Engage in collaborative discussion based learning led by expert facilitator Jackie Krisch and our own Rabbi Lyle Fishman.

For more information contact
Rachel Lang at rlang@ohrkodesh.org

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- Send a note of cheer and encouragement
- Pay a visit
- Offer a ride
- Make or deliver a meal

Please contact Rabbi Fishman or chesed@ohrkodesh.org.

UPDATE: What's Happening with our Early Childhood Center

As most congregants are aware, our Early Childhood Center was also forced to discontinue in-person activity in March. Ever since, the ECC staff has been doing a TREMENDOUS job offering virtual activities and maintaining connections with and between our students and their families. All the while, we have also continued to explore steps that could be taken to re-open once that became permitted, obviously with a priority on ensuring that it can be as safe as possible for ALL involved. Needless to say, it has been a VERY involved process; particularly as the stipulations and guidelines from the CDC, various government bodies, and the state licensing system that oversees our ECC, have been constantly evolving. From the start, the ECC engaged a very capable team of local health professionals to help its staff develop an extensive set of procedures to cover every aspect of its operation. We have been busily reviewing them with all of staff involved, ordering the needed supplies to support them, arranging for the return of security personnel, etc.

We are intending to conduct a "pre-season" re-opening the week of August 10. We will evaluate that, obviously address any challenges, and hopefully remain confident about our further plans to open on August 31. We also just began rolling this plan out to our existing and prospective ECC parents and based upon the responses, are gauging enrollment, even as we are also con-

ferring with our ECC staff to determine who will actually return and in what capacity.

We look forward to providing a safe and secure environment for the children, and an important service for their families.

Virtual Israeli Dancing with Markid Mike

TUESDAY EVENINGS 7:30-10:00 PM

Weather permitting, there is dancing on the OKC parking lot. In-person participation is by invitation only and limited. Watch videos of all dances at <https://markidmike.wordpress.com/>.

The sessions are broadcasted via Zoom. Contact Markid Mike at MarkidMike@gmail.com for the link, password, and any questions.



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Communications Corner

Want to find out what happens at OKC Board meetings?

All Board meetings are open to the OKC community. Please check the calendar for time and location.

In addition, minutes of the Board meetings are available on the OKC website. To access the notes:

- 1) Log in to the OKC website at <http://ohrkodesh.org>
- 2) Select "Resources"
- 3) Select "Membership Resources"

If you would like to purchase a permanent memorial plaque for one of your loved ones for installation on the memorial boards in our Mayer and Ethel Lerner Sanctuary, please contact Jerry Kiewe at 240-450-3486 or obtain info and on-line form at: <http://ohrkodesh.org/jewish-living/life-cycle-events/memorial-plaque>. The one-time fee is currently \$400 + foundry cost, approximately \$65.

Evening *Minyan* Schedule

Our twice-daily *minyan* every day of the year is a pride of the congregation and delivered courtesy of our dedicated membership. We are trying to maintain this tradition even when the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic preclude coming together in person. Ohr Kodesh now holds modified morning and evening *minyanim* virtually by Zoom on weekday mornings at 7:15 am, and weekday and Sunday evenings at 6:45 pm. A modified *Kabbalat Shabbat* is held on Friday afternoon at 6:00 pm, preceded by *Minchah* at 5:45 pm. On Sundays, *Shacharit* is at 9:00 am. We depend on broad membership support to deliver these services and people are asked to accept their responsibility to attend in the evening on a rotational basis. Of course, all members are encouraged to join together in prayer as often as possible. The upcoming schedule is below, with the name of each week's captain in bold. Please fulfill your Ohr Kodesh *minyan* responsibility. In addition to helping others to fulfill, in a virtual sense, the mitzvah of public prayer, attendance is a good way to connect with the OKC members you miss! If you know in advance that you will be unable to attend the evening *minyan* during your assigned week, we ask that you a) informally switch with another member and inform Ohr Kodesh; or b) inform Ohr Kodesh and we can reassign you. In both cases, we ask that you contact Tami Lautman at tlautman@ohrkodesh.org or 240-450-3489.

August 2-7

Diana Savit 301-589-5856

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The Congregation and the Board of Directors offer heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of:

KATIE LOEWY



WHEN A DEATH OCCURS

Before contacting a funeral home or making arrangements, please contact Rabbi Fishman or the volunteer funeral coordinators. We are prepared to provide all possible guidance and assistance to all Ohr Kodesh members.

Coordinators from the *Chevra Kaddisha* (Funeral Practices Committee) will be assigned to assist the bereaved family with their needs.

Ohr Kodesh participates in the funeral and monument contracts negotiated by the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington.

Funeral Coordinators for August:

Trudy Jacobson
240-604-1159 (cell)

Sarah Hyams
202-966-0585 (home) 202-669-9451 (cell)

If a death occurs on *Shabbat*, Rabbi Fishman and a coordinator should be called after *Shabbat* ends.

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The pre-purchase of burial needs can help spare loved ones of some stressful decision-making during a difficult time - while "locking in" today's lower costs. If you would like to purchase sites please call Jerry Kiewe, Executive Director of the synagogue at: 240-450-3486.

Judean Memorial Gardens 16225 Batchellors Forest Road, Olney Maryland 20832
Go: N on Georgia Ave. pass Norbeck Rd (Rt 28) approx. 1/2 m to R on Batchellors - 301-384-1000

Questions about completing your Memorial Estate? Please call Judean Memorial Gardens at 301-384-1000. Our supportive, state-licensed counselors will help you to make the right choices.

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Now, Ohr Kodesh needs you to be there for our community. Please pay your membership dues, buy High Holiday tickets and make financial gifts to the extent you can.

Dues? But isn't the synagogue shut down?

Not at all! We still conduct twice daily *minyanim*, via Zoom on weekdays and live stream on *Shabbat* mornings. We offer classes led by Rabbi Fishman, Hagar Netser, Richard Freidman, and others. The ECC, under the direction of Joanie Smeltz, is getting ready to open, and Cantor Hinda Labovitz is preparing the ABRs, Teen *Beit Midrash* and the new Tzohar program for the start of the fall semester. Whether it is comedy or concerts, meditation or the *Mentsch* Club, book groups, or *B'Yachad*, Hazak or *hazzannut*, virtual tours of Israel, or Israeli dancing in the parking lot — Ohr Kodesh is as vibrant as ever.

Alright, already, I'll pay my dues. So am I good to go?

Income from dues covers only a little more than one-third of our operating expenses. To maintain our building, pay our staff, and do all the things necessary to offer our programming and events, we need additional income. That's why we need you to buy High Holiday tickets, too.

Tickets? Will there be services?

Rabbi Fishman and Cantor Labovitz will be leading live steamed services and we will be offering virtual and in-person learning opportunities, spiritual experiences, and activities throughout the fall holiday season.

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Click this link to register: tinyurl.com/okcbyachad2020 by August 5th.

- Sunday, August 9th, 2:00 - 3:15 pm | My Action Plan
- Sunday, August 16th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm | Coming Together
- Sunday, August 23rd, 2:00 - 3:15 pm | Our Journey
- Sunday, Sept. 6th: 8:30 - 9:30 pm | The Quarantini

