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June Shabbatot

Friday, June 5

Candle lighting 8:13 pm

Saturday, June 6

Shabbat ends 9:13 pm

Friday, June 12

Candle lighting 8:16 pm

Saturday, June 13

Shabbat ends 9:16 pm

Friday, June 19

Services TBD
Candle lighting 8:19 pm

Saturday, June 20

Services TBD
Shabbat ends 9:19 pm

Friday, June 26

Services TBD
Candle lighting 8:19 pm

Saturday, June 27

Services TBD
Shabbat ends 9:19 pm

Watch for email and eOK announcements for
the start of Ohr Kodesh livestreaming
Shabbat morning services.
Dates and times to be communicated.

Important Information

Ohr Kodesh is closed to all public activities
through at least June 14.

Some programs may be moved online,
postponed, or canceled.

Please check the website and emails
for updated information.

Many activities are taking place virtually;
the schedule is available at:
<http://tinyurl.com/eOKcovid>

The Year We've Had and The Year Ahead

BY SETH YOSKOWITZ, OHR KODESH PRESIDENT



For Ohr Kodesh, June is a time to take stock. Time to take stock of the year past and to look ahead to the year upcoming. It is fortunate that Jewish practice affords many opportunities throughout the year to take stock, so we as Jews are quite experienced at this. According to the *Mishnah*, in fact, we have four different "new years" in which we are able to take stock: *Rosh Hashanah*, *Tu B'Shvat*, a couple of weeks before *Pesach*, and one month before *Rosh Hashanah*.

I hope you can remember a time before the COVID-19 global pandemic; I know it's hard. If you can, you can reflect with me that many wonderful things have happened this past year. There are so many that I could not possibly list them all, but here are a few.

Our Alvin Browdy Religious School (ABRS) grew again and even further advanced and strengthened its educational delivery. Our Early Childhood Center (ECC) continued its long legacy of excellence. We added new members to our community, many of whom have immediately stepped in to participate actively in OKC life. These new members come from all stages of life: from young families to retirees, several of whom are the parents of current members (Hi, Mom! Welcome! ☺). We learned together as a community through Project Zug, Torah study, lectures, Learners' Lunches, Israel programming, and a lot more. We proudly welcomed our *B'nei Mitzvah* celebrants into Jewish adulthood and have seen many of them become regular participants in our religious services. Students graduated from their schools. We supported each other on regular days and during the tough days when we needed help most. We gave of ourselves to the surrounding community via social action. We advanced our facility security. We improved OKC's financial health through budget deficit reduction and good fundraising – which means we have put ourselves on a more solid foundation to face the challenges yet to come. The strollers continued to be double-parked in the office wing on *Shabbat* mornings. And much, much more.

Sadly, though, even leaving aside COVID-19 we had our down moments too. We lost family members and friends, both young and old. We continued to observe the rise of antisemitism, thankfully with no incidents in our neighborhood but nevertheless with the understanding that what affects one Jewish community impacts us all. The pandemic hit us at *Purim*, first causing us to cancel the *Purim* Carnival and then shutting our synagogue facility soon after. We spent *Pesach* at much smaller tables. We greatly miss being together for *Shabbat*, *Chag*, *minyans*, schools, and programs. We are limited to virtual presence for funerals and *shivah*. Our physical distancing will be

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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).

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

Minchah: 6:45-7:15 pm

Community Check in: 8:00-8:30 pm

Friday

Shacharit: 7:15-8:00 am

Minchah: 5:45-6:00 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00-6:25 pm

Saturday

Watch for email and eOK announcements for the start of Ohr Kodesh livestreaming *Shabbat* morning services. Dates and times to be communicated.

Community Check in: 9:30-10:00 pm

Sunday

Shacharit: 9:00-9:45 am

Minchah: 6:45-7:15 pm

Community Check in: 8:00-8:30 pm

The Ohr Kodesh Congregation Bulletin

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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 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: *A Tree of Life, Diversity, Flexibility, and Creativity in Jewish Law* by Louis Jacobs.
- Wednesdays at 10:00 am: *Enhancing Biblical Literacy*
- Wednesdays at 12:30 pm: *Biblical Hebrew: Parashat Mishpatim*

RICHARD FRIEDMAN OFFERS 2 CLASSES EACH WEEK

- Tuesdays at 8:30 pm: Talmud Class, Tractate *Shabbat*.
- Wednesdays 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>.

Last Sessions of *Parashat Hashavua* Class

JUNE 5 AND 12, 9:30 AM ON ZOOM

The class is co-taught by renowned local rabbis and top educators, Rabbi Avi Strausberg, the director of National Learning Initiatives at Hadar, and Rabbi Penina Podwol Alexander, assistant principal at B'nai Israel Congregation.

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/eOKcovid> for the link. Contact Nicole Rosen at Nicole.s.rosen@gmail.com with any questions.

ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ

Learning From Our Mothers: Are We The Mothers We Want To Be?

LED BY MICKEY FEINBERG

MONDAY NIGHT JUNE 22, 8:30 PM ON ZOOM



We have learned from many mothers: our biblical foremothers, our historical and current female role models, and our personal mothers. Our own Mickey Feinberg will be our guide as we explore the mothers we hope to

be in relation to our own children and others whom we might influence. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to reflect and connect.

To RSVP click on <https://forms.gle/mEwYBhGFe7znSmLH9> or contact Katherine Ralston (katherine.ralston.slott@gmail.com).

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with us through the end of this *shul* year and well into the next one. There is no sugar coating it – we face a significant challenge.

And yet... Ohr Kodesh pivoted extremely quickly to virtual get-togethers, learning programs, and celebrations via our eOK online platform. It has been great seeing so many congregants engaged in these forums — quite a large percentage of our congregation has logged in. Everyone is welcome, so please participate and spread the word. Many congregants have learned new technologies — I admire that so much. Our clergy and staff have done amazing work behind the scenes and front-and-center all year, but particularly in the last few months. Our volunteer team of health professionals has provided exceptional guidance and input as to how we respond to the pandemic and adapt as circumstances warrant. We turned nearly every in-person program we have into a successful virtual version. The creativity, energy and volunteerism that it took to do that truly inspire me. I hope they inspire you too. We adapted, adjusted based on feedback, and continue to do so as we forge ahead. If you want some joy in your week, I recommend logging on to *Kabbalat Shabbat* on Friday evening; then listen at the end when there is a wonderful cascade of voices and smiling faces wishing each other “*Shabbat Shalom!*” over and over for several minutes. We continue to innovate; we welcome everyone’s participation in creating and re-creating the things we do.

At the end of this month, our school year, programming year, and operating year come to a close; we therefore get heavily engaged in planning for the coming year. We celebrate our school graduates. We appreciate our Board members and committee chairs who are stepping over to other activities and we welcome new leaders. I want to thank our outgoing Board members Karene Grad-Steiner, Perry Smith, Deb Bilek, and Rachel Scher Wolf for their extraordinary service to Ohr Kodesh during their terms. We plan to welcome four exceptional leaders as new Board members next month; I will write more about that in the next Bulletin.

We have so much to look forward to for the coming year, even with the huge challenges we face because of the global pandemic. By necessity our coming together whenever that is possible, either in person or virtually, will be different. Our High Holidays will be different, and we are thinking about how we create those sacred times and spaces that are so important to us. We will need to continue to innovate, and in fact to accelerate our innovation; I’m truly excited to see what we come up with. We have an **opportunity** to think differently and to strengthen ourselves. Many of you have already offered your thoughts, suggestions, and willingness to volunteer. I invite everyone to give input as we plan for and dive into next year. Soberingly, it will be extra tough for some of us in the coming year; I know the OKC community will embrace and support those who need help. We have reached out individually to every congregant, and we will continue to do so. We will need to push hard against the tendency toward isolation that prolonged physical distancing can bring. It is well within who we are as Ohr Kodesh to embrace these challenges.

Most notably looking ahead, we will have a year-long retirement celebration and appreciation for Rabbi Fishman and Debby Rosenman. What a rare and wonderful thing to be able to celebrate Rabbi Fishman’s four decades in the rabbinate. We will have that rare opportunity for OKC to seek, interview, and hire a new Rabbi. Amidst that formidable challenge, we look forward to an exciting time for us and OKC!

One final note as we reflect back on this year. It was relayed to me by someone who attended a major gathering of Conservative Movement clergy and lay leaders earlier this year, that a speaker from the podium told the assembled, and I’m paraphrasing here, if you want to see a synagogue with significantly high vibrancy and serious commitment to Jewish life, then check out Ohr Kodesh Congregation. What a wonderful thing to be said about our *kehillah*.

Onward. Let’s embrace the coming year, challenges and all, and continue to build the Ohr Kodesh community together.

Update From the Rabbinic Search Committee

During the past two months over 160 members participated in 21 focus groups, which included in person, by teleconference, and virtual meetings. Over 15 volunteers helped run the meetings, including many members who are not on the search committee. Currently a group of 12 members are analyzing, reviewing and summarizing all of the notes collected. When complete, the summary will be relied upon for several purposes: identifying areas to probe further in an online survey; informing the criteria we will use to evaluate candidates; and providing information to convey a full picture of our community in our job posting. We’re so grateful for the great interest of the many who took time to participate as well as the invaluable volunteer support!



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The following officers and directors begin serving their terms on June 1, 2020.

The following will serve for a one-year term as Officers of the Congregation:

PresidentSeth Yoskowitz *
 1st Vice-PresidentRise Ain *
 2nd Vice-PresidentLiz Waggoner *
 3rd Vice-PresidentDaniel Grunberger *
 TreasurerTom Rosenfeld *
 SecretaryEd Langer *

The following will serve two-year terms as Members of the Board of Directors:

Adina Alpert
 Elisabeth Boas *
 Eytan Fisch
 Natalie Graham
 Aron Krasnopoler *
 Helaine Resnick *
 Josh Wilkenfeld *
 Gilda Zimmet

* = Currently serving on the Board of Directors

The following individuals were elected to two year terms that began on June 1, 2019 and will thus automatically continue to serve on the board through May 31, 2021:

Fred Ansell
 Ellen Elow-Mintz
 Linda Epstein
 Hannah Feldman
 Richard Friedman
 Eric Goldscher
 Judy Hellerstein
 Lisa Kleppel
 Erich Olson
 Dana Pelzman
 Gidon Van Emden
 Sandy Walter

We thank our outgoing board members, Deb Bilek, Karene Grad Steiner, Perry Smith, and Rachel Wolf for their service.

Our three most immediate Past Presidents (Sarah Kagan, Chuck Fax and Barbara Libbin) and five Trustees (Norman Goldstein, Kim Price, Erica Raphael, Gary Simms, and Mel Stern) continue to serve on the board.

Hazak

In Recognition of Gratitude

BY SANDY WALTER

Hazak at Ohr Kodesh is still not able to plan for our usual parade of summer programs and theater outings. Nor can we write about what we hope will be a summer of companionship and social interactions. We are not there yet. (See our plan for Lunch and Chat below.)

In the meantime I have been thinking about the concept of gratitude. Just like you, I'm feeling concerned and anxious. I'm feeling dissatisfied and even angry at times. But I'm also feeling gratitude. Thoughts of gratitude put my other feelings in perspective. Here are a few thoughts about GRATITUDE (with thanks to Jean Bollinger for the inspiration).

In Recognition of Gratitude

My fellow citizens and I are staying home to protect each other. I am thankful for this sense of community.

While we are in our homes, there are no bombs raining on our heads. I am not a prisoner held in solitary confinement, unlike many people around the world. I am not a refugee trying to escape. I am not standing in line trying to fill a pot of water. I have hot running water and a clean, safe environment in which to live. For this freedom from fear, I feel gratitude.

I have access to fresh food, and I am not starving. If I need any help, I can reach out. I can reach my friends and family by phone and check in on them. My friends and family likewise check in on me, because they care for me. For this bounty and connectivity, I feel gratitude.

Many people in the world would gladly trade their everyday problems for the small inconveniences I am experiencing right now. I may have anxious dreams, but I'm dreaming them on a proper bed. I'm not sleeping on the sidewalk, in a field, or under a roadway. I am truly grateful for my own space.

This global health crisis connects me to people around the world and reminds me of our common humanity. When something tragic happens to another country I will respond to it not with superiority, but with humility and recognition that we are all global citizens.

I am surrounded by books, music, and art. I can find distractions and entertainment while I wait for normal life to return.

I am surrounded by love. The trees have already bloomed. The world is moving on. And I feel deep, profound gratitude for all that we have!

Until we can resume our Lunch and Learn sessions together at Ohr Kodesh, **Hazak Lunch and Chat will begin in the first week in June to enable Hazak members to catch up via Zoom with each other. Specific directions for each weekly Zoom event will be distributed via our email lists.**

Sit down at lunchtime and connect with others for 30 minutes each week. Find out about what is going on and share it with others. **There is a place for you at our table (and on Zoom)!**

Noon Book Club

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 12:00-1:30 PM ON ZOOM



The Secret Chord: A Novel by Geraldine Brooks will be discussed.

The book is a rich and utterly absorbing novel about the life of King David, from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *People of the Book* and *March*. *The Secret Chord* provides new context for some of the best-known episodes of David's life while also focusing on others, even more remarkable and emotionally intense, which have been neglected. We see David through the eyes of those who love him or fear him—from the prophet Nathan, voice of his conscience, to his wives Mikhal, Avigail, and Batsheva, and finally to Solomon, the late-born son who redeems his Lear-like old age.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 12:00-1:30

IN THE SALZBERG FAMILY LIBRARY OR ONLINE

I Want You to Know We're Still Here, A Post-Holocaust Memoir by Esther Safran Foer will be discussed.

Esther Safran Foer grew up in a home where the past was too terrible to speak of. The child of parents who were each the sole survivors of their respective families, for Esther the Holocaust loomed in the backdrop of daily life, felt but never discussed. The result was a childhood marked by painful silences and continued tragedy. Even as she built a successful career, married, and raised three children, Esther always felt herself searching.

So when Esther's mother casually mentions an astonishing revelation—that her father had a previous wife and daughter, both killed in the Holocaust—Esther resolves to find out who they were, and how her father survived. Armed with only a black-and-white photo and a hand-drawn map, she travels to Ukraine, determined to find the shtetl where her father hid during the war. What she finds reshapes her identity and gives her the opportunity to finally mourn.

For further information, contact Natalie Cantor at 301-933-3776 or natbarryc@gmail.com.

We Celebrate Pride.

The LGBTQ Inclusion Task Force is proud to announce that

Dr. Joy Ladin, Ph.D.

author of *The Soul of the Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective* and *Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey between Genders*

will deliver the Dvar Torah on Pride Shabbat Nasa, June 6, 2020.

POSTPONED

Dr. Joy Ladin, a teacher, essayist, poet, and literary scholar, holds the Gottesman Chair in English at Stern College for Women at Yeshiva University. She is a nationally recognized speaker on transgender issues and on gender and Jewish identity. Dr. Ladin has been featured on the NPR program *On Being* with Krista Tippett and gave a TEDx talk entitled *Ain't I a Woman?*

EVENING BOOK CLUB

Let's Read Together!



The OKC evening book group invites all interested people in the community to join a discussion of Goldie Goldbloom's *On Division* on **Thursday, June 4 at 8:30 pm via Zoom.**

On Division is a novel following Surie Eckstein, mother of ten, and a committed woman in the Satmar community of Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Like her character, author Goldbloom is the mother of many, and a member of a Chassidic community (Lubavitch). Goldbloom is a vocal advocate for LGBTQ youth and young adults across Chassidic communities. Through a fictional lens, *On Division* takes on contemporary challenges facing Chassidic families and other families everywhere.

Our online format for this program makes it well suited for members of the *Rosh Chodesh* Group, the afternoon book group, supporters of Ohr Kodesh's LGBTQ Inclusion Task Force, and the wider OKC community to join in. June is Pride Month and Goldie Goldbloom's *On Division* is a wonderful vehicle to individuality, personal growth, change and acceptance. For more information, contact Ellen Elow-Mintz (elow.mintz.ellen@gmail.com or 301-897-2796).

MoEd's Summer Camp

Open House

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 4:00-5:00 PM

There's a lot of uncertainty now...

Don't let your summer plans be one of them!

No matter the situation, MoEd's got you covered.

If social distancing restrictions are lifted or eased—we'll operate in person. If restrictions remain the same—we'll be on Zoom, which we have been successfully operating since stay-at-home orders began.

MoEd offers a fun, engaging, and active camp program, bringing Chevy Chase/Silver Spring-area children together for fun, games and learning Hebrew and Jewish tradition.

Open House

Want to learn more? Get a taste of camp by joining us for MoEd's Camp Preview & Open House on Sunday, June 7, 4:00-5:00 pm, via Zoom. Sample different camp activities, talk to our Director and teachers. RSVP to mikol@moedcommunity.org. Zoom link and password will be provided after the RSVP is received.

Space is limited, so make sure you reserve your spot today at moedcommunity.org/register. \$100 deposit, refundable no matter what until a week before camp starts.

Religious Activities Committee Report

The High Holidays will arrive on schedule this year, when the month of *Tishrei* begins (September 19, 2020 on the secular calendar). Unfortunately, we do not know to what degree the statewide restrictions on group gatherings mandated by the COVID-19 pandemic will have eased by then, and therefore to what extent Ohr Kodesh will be able to offer services for the *Yamim Nora'im*. Various scenarios and options are currently being studied, and the congregation will be kept informed as plans develop that are consistent with governmental restrictions, the recommendations of our team of health professionals, and Ohr Kodesh's congregational needs and priorities.

While the building remains closed, Ohr Kodesh is offering all congregants the option of borrowing *siddurim* for personal use at their homes. Book pickups should be coordinated with Executive Director Jerry Kiewe. Safety precautions will be taken and required measures will be communicated by Jerry Kiewe to those who coordinate pickup.

If you decide to borrow *siddurim*, please consider using one of the two we are currently studying for eventual use when we can once again be together as a congregation. They are *Lev Shalem* (many of you know it as "the red book") and *Siddur Chadash-Moreshet Edition* (known as "the blue book"). If you choose one of the pilot program *siddurim*, please provide your

reactions to it. A suggested list of considerations and the email to which responses can be sent will be included with the books when you pick them up.

The Religious Activities Committee wishes all Ohr Kodesh members and their families and friends good health and as much optimism as possible during this difficult time.

VIRTUAL ISRAELI DANCING WITH MARKID MIKE

TUESDAY EVENINGS 7:30-10:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86482453945>

Meeting ID: 864 8245 3945

Zoom bridge opens at 7:15 pm and will be open 20-30 minutes after dancing ends so that everyone can socialize.

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Contact Markid Mike at MarkidMike@gmail.com with any questions.

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Social Action

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There is an urgent need for donations of fresh fruit, packaged cheese slices, juice boxes and water in small-size bottles so that Bethesda Cares (www.bethesdacares.org) can better serve the increasing numbers of individuals and families in need in our community. Although (like Ohr Kodesh) the Church in Bethesda (5033 Wilson Lane, Bethesda) is closed for worship, Bethesda Cares continues to provide

food every weekday from the kitchen at the rear of the building. Governor Hogan's March 30 Order "does not . . . prohibit the movement of any . . . volunteer . . . in connection with [a] facility" such as the one operated by Bethesda Cares, so OKC volunteers will continue to make and deliver sandwich lunches each Sunday to be served the following day.

In addition to these ongoing efforts, if you can donate fresh fruit, cheese, juice and/or water (any day, any brand, any amount welcomed), please contact the Bethesda Cares coordinator, Lawrence Blake at 301-537-5915 to let him know that a delivery is coming to the Church kitchen, so he can arrange to receive it. If you are using a delivery service, direct them to the rear entrance from the parking lot. If you would like a receipt for your donation, please provide information about the donation to Justin Spees at justin@bethesdacares.org.

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.



Shepherd's Table Project Pivots to Meet Community Needs

Last year Ohr Kodesh launched a program in which small groups of volunteers met each month in the OKC kitchen to prepare food for Shepherd's Table. The program was an immediate success, in part because it offered an opportunity for congregants of all ages to make a meaningful contribution to supporting safety net services in our immediate community. Led by a group of fearless "Cooking Captains," our volunteer teams prepared and delivered healthy food to Shepherd's Table, and in doing so, demonstrated our community's longstanding commitment to social action and community responsibility. However, when COVID-19 closed the shul earlier this year, the new program was in jeopardy.



Shepherd's Table

Thanks to Joanie Smeltz who activated ECC families, the Shepherd's Table project has transitioned from an on-site food preparation program in the OKC kitchen to a home-based program where families prepare and drop off bagged lunches each Thursday at the home of ECC parent Rebecca Cohen. These lunches are picked up by volunteers and delivered to Shepherd's Table where they are distributed immediately to people in need.

The new format of this program is particularly well-suited to our current circumstances because it can be done at home, and young children can easily participate. Despite COVID-19, the Shepherd's Table project continues to be strong with the support of our community, a reflection of our values and resilience. If you would like to prepare a small number of bagged lunches each week for Shepherd's Table, please contact Helaine Resnick (heresnick@gmail.com or 202-329-8616) for information.



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We Celebrate Pride!

BY ED LANGER

Ohr Kodesh is committed to being a warm and supportive spiritual home for all Jews, whatever their sexual orientation or gender identity. We wish to be known as a synagogue that fully embraces the Jewish LGBTQ community, actively seeks the presence and participation of LGBTQ Jews, advocates for them, and speaks out against the hostility that often confronts them.

Ohr Kodesh has embraced LGBTQ inclusivity because LGBTQ inclusivity reflects the Jewish values and *mitzvot* we espouse and seek to observe. Keshet, an organization that works for LGBTQ equality in Jewish life, has identified seven of those values and *mitzvot*. They are:

- ***Kavod. Respect.*** Show respect for all, despite our differences.
- ***Shalom bayit. Domestic harmony.*** Establish peace in our homes, our synagogues, schools, youth groups, and camps.
- ***B'tzelem Elohim. In G-d's Image.*** Recognize the humanity and dignity in all people.
- ***Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh. Communal Responsibility.*** Share the responsibility to build the kind of community in which we want to live.
- ***Sh'mirat halashon. Guarding one's speech.*** Refrain from using hurtful language.
- ***V'ahavta l'reiacha kamocha. Love your neighbor as yourself.*** Become accepting of others.
- ***Al tifrosh min hatsibur. Do not separate yourself from the community.*** Show solidarity with the entire community, including others who are different from you.

Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, the chief rabbi of the United Kingdom, has identified two additional *mitzvot*:

- ***Lo ta'amod al dam reiecha. Do not stand idly by your neighbor's blood.*** Stand up to bullying.
- ***V'lo tonu ish et amitio. Do not wrong your fellow.*** Do not intentionally hurt people's feelings.

Ohr Kodesh recognizes that when we embrace the LGBTQ community with kindness and respect, we are not only fulfilling *mitzvot*, we are also practicing *Tikkun Middot*, the cultivation of our own character and virtues.

To foster an environment that is welcoming to the LGBTQ community, in early 2019 our synagogue formed the LGBTQ Inclusion Task Force. Since then, the Task Force, together with our staff, has been hard at work. We provided training to our lay leaders, educational leaders, teachers, and youth leaders on LGBTQ inclusivity issues; updated the non-discrimination and harassment provisions of our personnel policy; reviewed our administrative forms for gender identifiers and other non-

inclusive language; created an LGBTQ section for our eagerly anticipated new website; added resources to the ECC and Salzberg Family libraries; and more.

As you may know, every June the LGBTQ community around the world and their families, friends, and allies celebrate their pride in being able to freely demonstrate their sexual diversity. Consequently, June is widely known as Pride Month.

In recognition and celebration of Pride Month, Ohr Kodesh had planned several events and activities, including having Joy Ladin, Ph.D., a nationally known speaker on transgender issues and on gender and Jewish identity, deliver a *Shabbat* morning *Dvar Torah*; staffing a booth in a tent at the DC Pride Festival; and having an LGBTQ-themed Learners' Lunch.

Sadly, due to the pernicious pandemic, our Pride Month programming and activities have been postponed or cancelled. But you can still celebrate Pride Month in the safety and comfort of your own home. How? Here are a few ideas:

- Borrow, buy, or download one or both of Joy Ladin's two works on LGBTQ issues, *The Soul of the Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective* and *Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey between Genders*.
- Listen to Krista Tippett interview Dr. Ladin on the program *On Being with Krista Tippett* (<https://onbeing.org/programs/joy-ladin-finding-a-home-in-yourself/>).
- Watch one or more YouTube videos featuring Dr. Ladin, including one in which she delivers a TEDx talk entitled *Ain't I A Woman?* (<https://youtu.be/g0K2YvYqEw>).
- Participate in the evening book group on June 4 via Zoom (find the link to the June eOk calendar at ohrkodesh.org; the link to the book group is listed in the calendar) when the novel *On Division*, by Goldie Goldbloom, a mother of eight children who is a Hassidic and LGBTQ activist, will be discussed.
- Borrow, buy, rent, or stream Jewish and LGBTQ-themed movies such as *Trembling Before God*, *Eyes Wide Open*, *Out in the Dark*, *Yossi & Jagger*, *Who's Gonna Love Me Now*, *Paragraph 175*, *Aimee & Jaguar*, and *Disobedience*.

If you would like to further the goal of making Ohr Kodesh an inclusive synagogue, please join the LGBTQ Inclusion Task Force. We welcome any interested member who would like to contribute ideas or plan a program, event, or class. For more information, please contact Ed Langer at lander.edward@gmail.com.

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Celebrating *B'nei Mitzvah*



Anthon Klebe planned to celebrate his *Bar Mitzvah* at Ohr Kodesh on June 20, *Parashat Sh'lach L'kha*, but because of these strange times he will celebrate his *Bar Mitzvah* on June 19 at 10:00 am ET on Zoom. Anthon was in sixth grade at Alice Deal Middle School but has now moved back to Sweden. Anthon loves to play soccer and his favorite team is from his home town in Sweden, Malmö FF, the team that Zlatan Ibrahimovic played on.

Anthon is the son of **Margareta and Mikael Klebe**, and the older brother of Elvira and Walter. Anthon is very happy that he can celebrate his *Bar Mitzvah* from Sweden on Zoom so his friends and family from Sweden and USA can watch.



Lila Sivan Ben-Yehuda will celebrate her *Bat Mitzvah* on *Shabbat*, June 13, *Parashat Beha'alotkha* at home and will read the same *haftarah* December 12 in the Ohr Kodesh sanctuary, G-d willing. Lila is going into 8th grade at Silver Creek Middle School. Her favorite subjects are history and English. Lila is a graduate of the ECC and a member of Kadima. She plays the flute, loves Girl Scouts, and enjoys reading and competitive diving. She plans to become a lawyer. Lila is the

daughter of proud parents **Jenna and Gadi Ben-Yehuda** and the older sister of twins Sam and Ada. Lila dedicates her study to her late great-grandmother Frances Goldberg, of blessed memory. Her grandparents Sissy and Joe Hoffman of Savannah, GA, Rabbi Eliezer and Leah Ben-Yehuda of Ponte Vedra, FL, and great grandmother Shirley Malamut of Union, NJ will attend virtually, as will friends and family from all over the world. Please contact the Ben-Yehudas for more information at TheBenYehudaFamily@gmail.com.

Mazal Tov To...

Gabriella Epstein, daughter of **Eric and Shoshana Epstein** on her graduation from the University of Maryland - College Park with a major in Public Policy, and a minor in Human Development, and her continuing studies toward a Master's degree in Public Policy.

Rachel and Micah Snitzer and to big brother, Judah, on the birth of **Shoshana Naomi**, born May 13.

Rachel and Evan Tyroler and to big sisters, Jamie and Ella, on the birth of **Isabel Claire**, born May 20.

Mazal Tov to Our June Anniversaries

- 1 **Bob & Karen Meister** (45)
- 2 **Howard Moss & Betsy Roth** (35)
- 3 Zvi & Alex Band (8)
- Jonathan & Julia Schulman (8)
- 4 Jeremy & Debbie Brown (31)
- David & Barbara Garlock (37)
- 5 Bob & Sarah Hyams (43)
- Neal Meiselman & Terry Shuch Meiselman (37)
- 6 Todd Miller & Marsi Fein (27)
- 7 **Paul & Rachael Repak** (5)
- 8 **Steve & Rachel Braun** (40)
- Mark & Joan Weiss (62)
- 9 Sol & Nina Glasner (46)
- 10 Rick & Sande Brecher (47)
- Jonathan Elkin & Jackie Cohen (8)
- 11 Dani Kazhdan & Bea Gurwitz (14)
- David & Cathy Moses (59)
- 12 Rabbi Lyle Fishman & Debby Rosenman (41)
- Greg & Joan Hauptman (43)
- 13 Izzy & Jill Moskowitz (44)
- Peter Weinberger & Chana Lockerman** (10)
- 14 Mike & Sara Chapper (11)
- Dave Goldberg & Natalie Graham (11)
- 15 Jonathan & Hannah Feldman (17)
- 16 Chuck Fax & Michele Weil (24)
- 17 David & Lisa Friedman (41)
- Ted & Annette Lerner (69)
- 18 Eric & Havi Goldscher (14)
- Jonathan Levine & Rabbi Risa Weinstein (14)
- 19 Rich & Pam Gelfand (43)
- Jon Saperstein & Marilyn Greenberg (44)
- Aaron & Rita Weisstuch (54)
- 20 Buddy & Bonnie Sislen (56)
- 21 **Jerry & Dina Leener** (50)
- Mike Levy & Rise Ain** (5)
- Chaim & Ann Sultan (11)
- 22 Bob & Pam Jacobs (51)
- Jay & Ruth Silberg** (45)
- Joel & Mimi Silbert (12)
- Brian & Carole Somers** (40)
- 23 Michael Slott & Katherine Ralston (37)
- 24 Jonathan & Rita Cohen (47)
- William & Shoshana Magazine** (30)
- Mike Sharon & Linda Kupfer (41)
- David & Rebecca Smolar (13)
- 25 Harry Burgess & Shoshana Eisenberg (14)
- Ben & Margie Kay (14)
- Steve & Edie Semler (43)
- Alan & Gila Shusterman (31)
- 26 **Michael Diamond & Tova Geller** (15)
- Brett Freedman & Aviva Krauthammer** (15)
- Joel Schwartz & Anne Himmelfarb (32)
- 27 **Yiftach & Janice Eisenberg** (10)
- Bob & Elley Kott (49)
- Rick & Estelle Vernon (49)
- 28 **Norman & Ginny Schultz** (65)
- 29 **David & Naomi Balto** (40)
- Leon & Lara Fleischer (23)
- David Levitt & Deborah Kalb (17)
- Seth & Karen Yoskowitz (17)

A hearty *mazal tov* to those celebrating an anniversary in June. 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 Seth,

Thank you so much for the kind note in regards to our mom's passing. Ohr Kodesh Congregation was an important part of my mom and dad's life. I do not recall my parents ever missing a High Holiday Service because they always looked forward to seeing the congregation and of course Rabbi Fishman and Cantor Gerber!

My parents will certainly be missed but never forgotten!
Thank you again,

*Robin Melnick and family
Daughter of Edith and Charles Weller z'l*

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your lovely, generous donations to Ohr Kodesh in honor of the births of our granddaughters, Lucy Rose (age 3.5 months) and Selah Shoshana (age 7 weeks). We are trying to thank you individually, but if you do not receive a personal note, please know that we appreciate your thoughtfulness by donating to Ohr Kodesh.

Both Lucy and Selah are healthy and growing. Noam, Caron, Ezra and Nicki are displaying great parenting skills! We hope that eventually we can actually bring them to OKC so their parents can introduce you...but who knows when that can actually happen?

In the meantime, stay healthy and again, many thanks.

Rabbi Lyle Fishman and Debby Rosenman



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GALA HONORING RABBI FISHMAN

We are pleased to announce that the synagogue will be hosting a Gala honoring Rabbi Fishman next year, Sunday evening, May 23, 2021.

It is not too early to begin planning and providing for the big day.

We need your assistance to work on this event—there will be committees handling publicity, ticketing, entertainment, and catering, to name just a few activities. Please volunteer to be part of this wonderful event. It will be fun...promise.

Please email Phil Schulman at philschulman7@gmail.com with any questions. If you can lend a hand, contact Tami Lautman at tlautman@ohrkodesh.org.



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"

ARE YOU CELEBRATING

A FAMILY SIMCHA?

- A birthday – your own or that of a loved one? • A wedding anniversary?
- The anniversary of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah?
- A graduation?
- A new addition to your family?

Consider sharing your joy with the Ohr Kodesh community by sponsoring or enhancing a *Shabbat Kiddush*, *Oneg Shabbat* or *S'udah Shlishit*.

We will be happy to discuss a range of food and price options.

For more information, contact Jerry Kiewe at JKiewe@ohrkodesh.org or 240-450-3486.

ALVIN BRODY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

A Note From Leah Miller,
ABRS Assistant Principal...

We want to assure all of our families and prospective families that in case we must continue to be virtual in the fall, we will be ready and prepared for a fantastic school year. We are committed to teaching our students and will spend the summer preparing for 5781 with the hopes of being together in person. In case we can't be in our building in the fall, we will be ready for all of our classes to be held virtually. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Leah Miller at any time. There is a bright light at the end of this dark tunnel. We are here for you and we will get through this together. I hope the blessing for health, happiness, and a meaningful end to our school year (printed on the right) reaches you all in a peaceful place. It was beautifully written by two of my colleagues in the DC area, Rabbi Julie Gordon from Hill Havurah DC and Ronni Ticker from Congregation B'nai Tzedek.

Leah Miller, ABRS Assistant Principal, can be reached by email at lmiller@ohrkodesh.org.

**Birkat Hayom** ברכת היום

Blessing for Students, Families, Teachers, and *Madrichim*

BY RABBI JULIE GORDON, HILL HAVURAH, DC, AND
RONNI TICKER, CONGREGATION B'NAI TZEDEK, MD

May we find joy with our families in our home. (*Simcha*)

May we show love to those in our lives. (*Ahavah*)

May we express kindness to others and to ourselves. (*Chesed*)

May we seek justice for those who need our help. (*Tzedek*)

May we care for those who are sick. (*Refuah Shlayma*)

May we appreciate all the helpers in our world
and strive to be helpers ourselves. (*Tikkun Olam*)

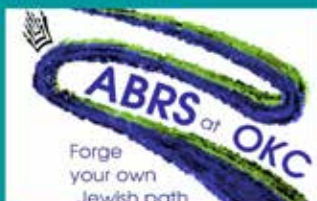
May we thank the people who teach, feed, love,
and keep us safe. (*Hakarat hatov*)

May we feel hope for better days ahead. (*Tikvah*)

בזה המקום תהי ברכה ושלו

May we create blessing and peace wherever we are.
(*Bracha v'Shalom*)

And let us say: Amen



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**REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN
FOR THE 2020-
2021/ 5781
SCHOOL YEAR**

Any Questions?

Please contact

**Assistant Principal Leah Miller at
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ABRS SUMMER 2020 PROGRAMMING IS COMING!

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**Search on Facebook for Ohr Kodesh
Congregation**

Teen Education Programs AT OHR KODESH CONGREGATION TZOHAR AND TEEN BEIT MIDRASH!

Calling all students currently in 7th-11th grades:

Registration is now open for our teen education programs
for Fall 2020!

TZOHAR is the new Teen Education program of Ohr Kodesh Congregation. Starting Fall 2020, we are excited to be bringing high-level Jewish educational experiences to teens across Montgomery County and Washington, DC.



The word *Tzohar* means window, with a particular reference to the window at the top of Noah's ark from which he sent the raven and then the dove. We hope the education that each child receives at *Tzohar* will be their *window to the world*.

Tzohar is proud to be **in partnership with Hadar DC**, and is excited to be implementing the **Moot Beit Din Program** as part of our offerings. We are also thrilled to be joining with acclaimed community afterschool **MoEd** to offer intensive Hebrew language programming.

TEEN BEIT MIDRASH will continue in its **seventh** year! We look forward to another year of conversation with Rabbi Lyle Fishman and with Jackie Krisch.

WITH REGARD TO THE COVID-19 ISOLATION PERIOD:

We are planning with the hopes that by our launch in Fall 2020 we will be able to hold classes in person. In part, our vision for 21st-century learning for our students included online materials as well as in-person classes, and we are prepared to launch this fall whether classes are held in person at Ohr Kodesh or online by Zoom.

Find out more at <https://ohrkodesh.wixsite.com/tzohar>

Questions? Contact Cantor Hinda Labovitz at cantorlabovitz@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.

Upcoming Youth Programs

GAME ON WITH KADIMA CLOSE OUT
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 12:00-1:00 PM



OKC Kadima will close out 2019-2020 with a rematch of our at-home game night from last May. Bring your friends for a race against the clock for a variety of household tasks. Close out an excellent year of programming with our game competition. Questions? Contact Ben Gersten at Bgersten@ohrkodesh.org.

RSVP at <https://bit.ly/GameOnWithKadimaCloseOut> and join Zoom at <https://bit.ly/GameOnKadimaJune7Zoom>.
Meeting ID: 884 2508 0500
Password: 600658

BONIM AND MACHAR VIRTUAL YEAR-END PICNIC SUNDAY JUNE 7

Get out your picnic blanket and get ready for our annual Year-End Picnic—this time, happening from your house.



1:00 PM: Bonim Storytime

Bring your favorite picnic snack and settle in for story. Make sure to bring your favorite stuffed friends to introduce us to as well!

1:30 PM: Machar Picnic Games

Join us for some picnic-themed Kahoots to see who the Picnic Games champion is!

RSVP at bit.ly/VirtualPicnic2020 by June 7 so we can plan accordingly. Looking forward to “seeing” you all! Any questions? Contact Jessica Morris at jmorris@ohrkodesh.org.

USY END OF THE YEAR GET “TOGETHER” TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: TBD



As the school year is coming to a close in whatever format that may be, we invite you to come join us as we de-install this year's OKUSY Chapter Board, we have fun together as a teen community, and we welcome in Summer! The deadline to RSVP is Sunday, June 7 at <https://bit.ly/June9EndofYearGetTogether>.

Any questions, please contact Bonnie Prissman, USY advisor, at bprissman@ohrkodesh.org.

Mazal Tov to Our 2020 High School Graduates

We are so proud of the accomplishments of our seniors, and we wish them well on the next steps of their journey! We look forward to honoring these graduates when we are together again.

Talia Armoza . Avi Armoza . Daniel Chodorow . Aaron Epstein . Raquel Feldman . Yehoshua Halle . Samantha Magazine Brenner Magill . Zachary Martell . Yael Pinsky . Daniel Rosten . Louis Schreiber . Sam Schwartz

Avi Armoza is graduating from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. He plans to attend the University of Louisville in the fall. He is interested in studying Sports Administration.



Yehoshua (Shua) Halle is graduating from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, and plans to attend the University of Maryland, College Park in the fall. He will be studying mechanical engineering at the A. James Clark School of Engineering.



Talia Armoza is graduating from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and will be attending the University of Tennessee in the fall. She will be studying Interior Architecture and will be a part of the 1794 honors program there.

Sami Magazine is graduating from Thomas S. Wootton High School in Rockville, MD. She will be spending her summer as a counselor at Capital Camps and joining the Honors College at Salisbury University to major in Nursing and minor in Spanish.



Daniel Chodorow graduated from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in February. He is enrolled in Brandeis University. At the moment, it is unclear if he will be a part of the incoming class of 2024 or that of the next school year. He is looking forward to entering a new chapter of life.



Brenner Magill graduated from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in February. She plans to go to Ursinus College in Pennsylvania in the fall.



Aaron Epstein is graduating from Walter Johnson High School. He is looking forward to beginning his college education at the University of Maryland-College Park where he intends to major in Computer Science. He will be joining the College Park Scholars Program called Business, Society and the Economy, where he will live together with students who engage in team projects and simulations that challenge students to think in new ways about corporate impact and leadership.

Yael Pinsky is graduating from the Math, Science, and Computer Science Magnet program at Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring. She plans to go to college to study electrical engineering or a related subject in the fall.



Daniel Rosten is graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School and will attend Norwich University in Vermont in the fall. He is looking forward to athletics and giving back to the community.

Raquel Feldman, a graduate of BCC High School, will attend Brandeis University in the fall. Throughout high school, Raquel performed with Yesodot Dance Group, studied at Shores Hebrew High School, and worked at MoEd by supporting a student with special needs and teaching Israeli Dance and Hebrew. In the fall, Raquel plans on continuing studies of Hebrew, Chinese, possibly Spanish, as well as international studies at Brandeis.



Louis Schreiber will be graduating from Winston Churchill High School in June and will be attending American University's School of International Service in the fall! He is looking forward to this amazing new chapter in his life.



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 evenings at 6:45 pm. A modified *Kabbalat Shabbat* is held on Friday afternoon at 6:00 pm. 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.

May 31-June 5

Peter Herscovitch 301-656-7308

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 Erica Kane
 Zev & Sarah Kanter
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 Zachary & Avril Kaplan
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 Jeff & Nina Kayce
 Dani Kazhdan & Bea Gurwitz
 Jeffrey & Charis Keitelman
 Laurence & Celia Kirsch
 Dora Klayman
 Mikael Klebe
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 Mark Kotlarewsky & Megan Browder

June 21-26

Lisa Kleppel 240-988-6540

David Julian Gray
 Jonathan Martel
 Eileen Mauskopf
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 Shelley & Claudia Meltzer
 Joan Miller
 Joe & Barbara Miller
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 Todd Miller & Marsi Fein
 Elliot Minberg & Carol Rest-Minberg
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 Izzy & Jill Moskowitz
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July 12-17

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 Andrew & Marla Satinsky
 Gordy & Lili Schatz
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 Michael & Ilene Lerner
 Michael Letchinger & Michele Pollak
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June 28-July 3

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 Rick & Kathy Penn
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 Ira & Marilyn Polon
 Dan & Kim Price
 Matt & Becky Price
 Steven & Wendy Raab
 Michael & Alice Ra'anani

July 19-24

Bob Kott 301-588-4213

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 Bradley Schreiber
 Jay & Judith Shapiro
 Susanna Shapiro
 Peter Sharfman & Tina Silber
 Elad Sharon & Laure Hadas-Lebel
 Michael Sharon & Linda Kupfer
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 Scott & Daphna Sher
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 Jay & Ruth Silberg
 Michelle Silberstein
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June 14-19

Aron Krasnopoler 301-565-0732

Tamara Halle
 Yuval & Cecelia Levin
 Jeremy Levine & Jessica Dodson
 Peter Levine & Shari Sitron
 Yoni & Marjie Levine
 David Levitt & Deborah Kalb
 Gregg & Joan Levy
 Jacob & Darci Lewis
 Michael & Abbi Lichtenstein
 Stuart & Rebecca Lloyd
 William & Shoshana Magazine
 Jordan Magill & Kari Butcher
 Josh & Ashley Mahan
 John Mann
 Warren Margolies & Rebecca Gale

July 5-10

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July 26-31

Erich Olson

Hannah Olson
 Steven & Wendy Silver
 Celia Silverman
 Lisa Silverman
 Matthew Silverman & Rabbi Jill Levy
 Gary & Abby Simms
 Buddy & Bonnie Sislen
 Gary Skulnik & Polina Pinchevsky
 Jay Slater
 Bob & Val Slater
 Michael Slott & Katherine Ralston
 Adam Small & Rachel Gildiner
 Perry & Siona Smith
 Wendy Smith
 David & Rebecca Smolar

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

HILDA FRISHMAN

JAMES SHRYBMAN
Husband of Rochelle Testa

BARBARA BICKERMAN
Sister of John Bickerman

MARGA HAUTPMAN
Mother of Greg Hauptman

MARILYN KABALKIN
Mother of Barry Kabalkin

LILLIAN GILSON
Mother of Barbara Hoberman

ELLEN GORDON

DAVID S. WALTER
Brother of John Walter



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 *Chevre 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 June:

Susan Magazine

301-340-1799 (home)

301-213-1799 (cell)

Darrell Chodorow (not available June 22-26)

301-562-4996 (home)

202-329-8605 (cell)

Gidon van Emden (June 22-26)

202-476-0124 (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.

THE CONGREGATION GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS

Suggested minimum for contributions is \$18. May be funded with Flexible Tzedakah Account.



IN HONOR OF

Margo, Dave, and Jacob Fischer, by Susan Zeidner
The birthday of Cantor Hinda Labovitz, by Zell and Philip Rosenfelt

Julia Yoskowitz becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*

Adina and Max Barkinskiy
Phil and Harriet Schulman

The birth of

Shoshana Naomi Snitzer, by Chuck Fax and Michele Weil
Noa Miriam Lang, by David and Elizabeth Waggoner
Selah Shoshana Fishman, by David and Elizabeth Waggoner
Selah Shoshana Fishman, by Marla and Andrew Satinsky

IN APPRECIATION OF

Beautiful Zoom Services led by Cantor Labovitz, by Rochelle and Andrew Isserson
Neal Meiselman and Terry Shuch Meiselman, by John and Sandy Walter

IN MEMORY OF

Annette Brenner, by Ann and Joel Friedman
Emanuel Strugatch, by Rita and Aaron Weisstuch
Frances Raphael, by Susan and Len Merewitz
Gary Dubin, by David and Elizabeth Waggoner
Hilda Frishman, by Joe and Barbara Miller
Jack Glasner, by Muriel Asher
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Tamar Joy Kahn
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Marla and Andrew Satinsky
Muriel Asher

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE *Yahrzeit* OF

Bessie Silbert, by Brenda Bergstein
Dorothy Sislen, by Brenda Bergstein
Ethel "Toots" Lerner, by Jon and Aliza Lerner
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Joe Bergstein, by Brenda, Shira and Rachel Bergstein
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In honor of the birth of Shoshana Naomi Snitzer, by Gilda and Brian Zimmet

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In honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of William Zimmet, and in appreciation of Cantor Hinda Labovitz, by Gilda and Brian Zimmet

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In memory of Jim Shrybman, by Bob Gerwin and Ruth Assal

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In honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of William Zimmet, and in appreciation of Rabbi Lyle Fishman, by Gilda and Brian Zimmet
In honor of the birth of Selah Shoshana Fishman, by Joan and Gregg Levy
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BY DANIEL GRUNBERGER

Volunteer opportunities are available for the following committees:

1. The *Chevra Kaddisha*/Funeral Practices Committee is looking for 1-2 people willing to go outside their comfort zone, learn about this sacred tradition, and fulfill this *Mitzvah*.
2. The Adult Education Committee is looking for 1-2 people to identify and execute meaningful educational programs for the community.
3. The Membership Committee is looking for people to plan and execute membership-focused activities.
4. The Israel Committee is looking for 1 person to plan and execute an Israel-focused activity.
5. The *Chesed* Committee is looking for 1-2 people to help identify new ways to help members of our community who are in need.
6. Are you in architecture, real estate, design, property management—or do you simply love HGTV? The House Committee is looking for 1-2 passionate people excited to work together to strengthen our spectacular institution.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these activities, please email volunteer@ohrkodesh.org by May 30.

