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September Shabbatot & Chagim

Friday, September 4		
<i>Minchah</i> followed by <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i>	on Zoom	5:45 pm
Saturday, September 5	Livestream	9:00 am
Friday, September 11		
<i>Minchah</i> followed by <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i>	on Zoom	5:45 pm
Saturday, September 12	Livestream	9:00 am 11:00 pm
<i>Selichot</i>		
Friday, September 18	<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	
Evening Service	(MS Livestream and P)	6:30 pm
Saturday, September 19	<i>Rosh Hashanah Day 1</i>	
Family Service	Livestream	8:15 am
Services	(MS) Livestream	9:15 am
Services	(PL, P)	10:00 am
Sunday, September 20	<i>Rosh Hashanah Day 2</i>	
Services	(MS) Livestream	9:15 am
Services	(PL, P)	10:00 am
<i>Tashlich</i> (with <i>Shofar</i>)		3:00 pm
Monday, September 21	<i>Tzom Gedaliah</i>	
<i>Shacharit</i>		7:15 am
<i>Minchah</i>		6:15 pm
Friday, September 25		
<i>Minchah</i> followed by <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i>	on Zoom	5:45 pm
Saturday, September 26	Livestream	9:00 am
<i>Shabbat Shuvah</i>		
Sunday, September 27	<i>Erev Yom Kippur</i>	
<i>Shacharit</i>		8:45 am
<i>Yizkor</i>	on Zoom	4:00 pm
<i>Kol Nidrei & Ma'ariv</i>	(MS) Livestream	6:20 pm
<i>Kol Nidrei & Ma'ariv</i>	(P)	6:20 pm
<i>Ma'ariv</i> only	(P)	8:30 pm
Monday, September 28	<i>Yom Kippur</i>	
Family Service	Livestream	8:15 am
Services	(MS) Livestream	9:15 am
Services	(PL, P)	10:00 am
<i>Minchah</i>	(MS) Livestream	3:00 pm
<i>Minchah & Ne'ilah</i>	(P)	5:30 pm
<i>Ne'ilah</i>	(MS) Livestream	6:30 pm

*MS = Main Sanctuary, P = Patio, PL = Parking Lot

Celebration of Rabbi Lyle Fishman



The kick-off event in OKC's nine-month celebration of Rabbi Fishman's tenure and legacy is only a few weeks away:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

This virtual event will begin at 3:00 pm with a video montage and photos submitted by the congregation honoring Rabbi Fishman that will run until 4:15 pm. Our guest speaker, noted author and speaker Sharon Freundel, will speak from 4:15-4:45 pm.

Register for this signal event at Zoom Link <https://tinyurl.com/yxczmk62>. Questions? Contact Barbara Libbin at BarbaraLibbin@gmail.com.

Following our kick-off, OKC will host noted George Mason University Associate Professor of World History; Islamic History, Dr. Sumaiya Hamdani on **Sunday, November 1**, in a dialogue with Rabbi Fishman on Muslim-Jewish relations and other topics. Registration information for this will be forthcoming.

The **weekend of December 5**, OKC will have a virtual *Shabbaton* led by guest performer Joey Weisenberg and Cantor Labovitz. On **Sunday, March 7, 2021**, Erica Brown will speak at an event that will be virtual or in-person, depending on COVID-19 conditions. All these activities lead up to the grand finale – a Gala honoring Rabbi Fishman and Debra Rosenman set for **Sunday, May 23, 2021**. This celebration will either be virtual or in-person, depending on conditions. If we can gather in person, it will be a lavishly catered affair. Our guest speaker will be the Hon. Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, who will engage in a robust dialogue with Rabbi Fishman on topics of interest to us all.

Other events scheduled for our celebration of Rabbi Fishman include the preparation of a book of *Divrei Torah* by members of the congregation at Rabbi Fishman's invitation, to be bound and given to the Fishmans at the Gala, and a special *Rosh Chodesh* event to honor Debby Rosenman, focused on immigration and mental health.

Look for further details concerning these events, including opportunities for donations towards our year-long fund-raising campaign in honor of Rabbi Fishman and the sustenance of the congregation as a whole in this challenging time.

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

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.

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



Important Information

Ohr Kodesh remains closed to most public activities, except for those who pre-register to attend services. Programs are taking place virtually. The schedule including zoom links, is available at <http://tinyurl.com/eOKcovid>.

All High Holiday program information and registration for various services and programs is at www.OKCHighHolidays.org.

Shanah Tovah!

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 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 Sept.

RICHARD FRIEDMAN OFFERS 2 CLASSES EACH WEEK

- Tuesdays at 8:30 pm: Talmud Class, Tractate *Shabbat*.
- Thursdays, at 8:30 pm: *Jews for Exegesis*, Rashbam's commentary on the *Parashah* (**Not meeting 9/17/20.**)
- *S'fat Emet* on *Sukkot* (in Hebrew). See page 13.

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.



ROSH CHODESH ELUL PROGRAM

For The Shofar: East European Jewish Women's Prayers for the High Holy Days

PRESENTED BY LINDA GORDON KUZMACK

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

ZOOM OPENS AT 7:30 PM TO SCHMOOZE

7:45 PM PROGRAM



The prayers (*tkhines*) of 17th-18th century East European Jewish women as they approached the High Holidays, still speak vividly to Jewish women today. These prayers, uttered in Yiddish, empowered Jewish women to speak directly to God, in their own voices. Simultaneously celebrating God, the two *tkhines* we will read (in translation) and discuss, urgently seek God's blessing to protect the women's homes, families, and Jewish communities.

One of the earliest known collections of prayers written by Jewish women, *tkhines* speak just as much to us today, as we all struggle to confront ordinary challenges as well as COVID19, massive unemployment, and the environmental disasters sweeping across America's farmlands. Zoom Link and registration at <http://tinyurl.com/eOKcovid>.

Just Breathe: Wisdom & Wellness

SUNDAY, 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/come-in>. Links will also be available on <http://tinyurl.com/eOKcovid>.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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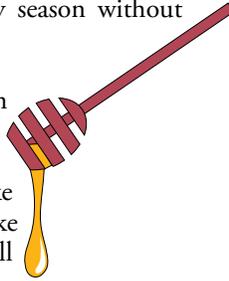
Honey

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 11:00 AM

BY SANDY WALTER, SMWALTER@ME.COM

Could I celebrate the Jewish holiday season without honey? I could not.

Honey comes to us in a variety of forms on our tables. Yes, dipping apples or challah into a sticky bowl of golden sweetness is primary. Honey cakes or glazed carrots (cut like coins to represent plenty) at a meal make clear our hopes that the coming year will be sweet.



My memories of my father who raised honey bees in wooden boxes in our backyard under our magnolia tree come to my mind. He would be covered head to toe in protective gear as he went forward to collect the honey without disturbing the bees. He was actually allergic to the bees' sting! Yet he would bring back gorgeous honey that would drip from combs into jars for our delight.

Honey is biblical. But was the honey of the Bible the product of bees or the result of boiling dates? *Devash*, the biblical term for honey, also refers to boiled fruit syrups from dates, grapes, pomegranates and figs! Nevertheless, honey from bees was cultivated in ancient times in Israel. In Tel Rehov, in Israel's northern region, archeologists found the oldest apiary (commercial beehive) in the Middle East, dating from the 10th Century BCE, over 3,000 years ago.

Sources of pollen varied widely then and now. Commercial honey displays a wide variety of colors, flavors and fragrances. Trying many types or a "flight" of honey can broaden your appreciation of the work of the bees.

To learn more about the current state of bees and honey, join Hazak Lunch and Chat on Zoom on September 10 at 11:00 am when the conversation will be led by Phil Frank, of the Montgomery County Bee Keepers Association.

Get on our mailing list to get the Zoom link!

Wishing our OKC family a sweet new year!

Noontime Book Club

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

12:00-1:30 PM ON ZOOM

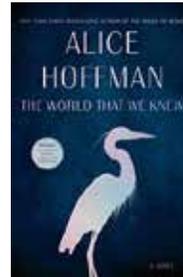
THE RISE OF ABRAHAM CAHAN BY SETH LIPSKY

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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

12-1:30 PM ON ZOOM

THE WORLD THAT WE KNEW
BY ALICE HOFFMAN



In Berlin, at the time when the world changed, Hanni Kohn knows she must send her twelve-year-old daughter, Lea, away to save her from the Nazi regime. She finds her way to a renowned rabbi, but it's his daughter, Ettie, who offers hope of salvation when she creates a mystical Jewish creature, a rare and unusual *golem*, Ava, who is sworn to protect Lea. Once Ava is brought to life, she and Lea and Ettie become eternally entwined, their paths fated to cross, their fortunes linked.

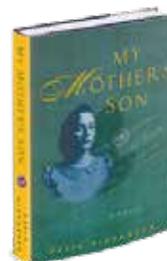
For further information and to join the book club email list, contact Natalie Cantor at 301-933-3776 or natbarryc@gmail.com.

Evening Book Group

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:30 PM VIA ZOOM

MY MOTHER'S SON BY DAVID HIRSHBERG



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, November 18. *One Night Markovitch* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen will be discussed.

Rabbi Search: Summary of Focus Groups Data and Congregational Survey Results

BY KIM PRICE AND GARY LIBBIN, CO-CHAIRS

I. Introduction

The Rabbi Search Committee has 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 2020, attended in person or virtually by 160 members. Based on what we heard in focus groups, we then opened an online survey between June 22 and July 13, 2020. 229 respondents participated; this represents about 30% of our adult members, a high participation rate.

The Search Committee will be guided by the views we heard during this phase; our steps will be grounded in the path marked by the membership. The ways that the Search Committee will use and rely upon this information include: (1) to write our profile of the congregation and our job posting, including how we define the rabbi's responsibilities; (2) to prepare questions for screening and interviewing candidates; (3) to serve as a resource during our evaluation of candidates. No single criterion is dispositive or outweighs all of the others; the data are possible considerations that will be filtered through the best efforts of our diverse and thoughtful committee. We will be attentive to all of the opinions given, including minority opinions. No matter where a member may fall along the spectrum of opinion, each of us is part of the conversation.

Information gathered from focus groups of Ohr Kodesh members between February and April 2020 is summarized in Parts II to VII. The focus group agenda consisted of six segments. First, participants were asked to rank and discuss rabbinic roles. Second, participants discussed the personal traits they wish the rabbi to possess. Third, participants considered how the rabbi should approach the challenge of balancing tradition and change. Fourth, participants discussed the qualities of a good sermon. Fifth, participants identified the major issues that our community will face in the next five years. Finally, the question "anything else?" provided an opportunity to add other thoughts.

The results of the congregational survey conducted online from June 22 to July 13, 2020 are summarized in Parts VIII to X. Building upon information gathered during EnVisionOKC and the focus groups, the congregational survey looked into four areas: first, rabbinic roles and skills; second, the spectrum of opinion on various "hot topic" issues; third, sermons; and fourth, candidate visits.

II. Focus Groups: Rabbinic Roles

Focus group participants were asked to rank in order of priority fourteen different rabbinic roles, and then discuss their

meaning and relative importance. The discussion generated by ranking the rabbinic roles included the following.

The three roles given highest priority in rankings were Congregational Visionary, Pastor and Educator. Many said that it is important for the rabbi to be a congregational visionary who is an inspirational, inclusive leader, who is goal-oriented with an eye on the future. The rabbi's pastoral function is a critical aspect of the job, including participating in life cycle events and taking compassionate action. Participants want to maintain a strong educational culture, and they want the rabbi to be significantly involved in both adult and children's education.

The next three top-prioritized roles were Worship Leader, Religious Motivator and Inclusive Leader. Participants noted that as worship leader, the new rabbi must be a positive partner with Cantor Labovitz, and embrace our active lay involvement in leading services. Participants stressed the role of the rabbi as someone who motivates and inspires the congregation religiously, and who serves as a Jewish role model for the community. Finally, participants broadly desired an inclusive leader who promotes a warm and welcoming community culture of "inclusiveness." Two areas in particular concerning inclusivity garnered attention: Jewish background/observance and LGBTQ+ inclusion.

Ranked 7th-8th-9th of the roles were Jewish Law Decisor, Relational Leader and Scholar. Participants indicated that Jewish law decisor should be "a given" for any rabbi. Several participants emphasized that it is important for the rabbi to be a relational leader; they linked this role to growing our membership. Participants indicated that the scholar role is closely linked to the rabbi's role as an educator and *halakhic* authority.

Ranked 10th through 14th were Fundraiser, Community Representative, Governance Leader, Staff Leader and Social Activist. While these roles were lower ranked in overall importance, considerable discussion revolved around the appropriateness and the degree of involvement in these areas, reflecting a mix of opinion.

III. Focus Groups: Personal Traits

What personal qualities or character traits are we seeking in our next rabbi? Focus group participants offered hundreds of desired characteristics. The 15 traits named most frequently as "most important" are: to be empathetic, inspiring, knowledgeable, approachable, honest, flexible, warm, humble, intelligent, good at communicating, caring, compassionate, compelling as a speaker, engaging and responsive. Discussion of personal traits included placing them into categories such as interpersonal skills, communication skills, and Jewish expertise. Many participants said they would like the rabbi to be observant personally and to be dedicated

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to traditional Judaism. Many participants also mentioned flexibility as a desired quality, meaning open to learning and adjusting, and able to evolve and mature intellectually.

IV. Focus Groups: Tradition and Change

How should the next rabbi approach the challenge of balancing tradition and change? Topics of conversation included the weight that should be given to the congregation's views and the rabbi's role in educating the community from a perspective of *halakhah* and study. Many stressed the importance of maintaining the particular identity of OKC as a traditional congregation, even as the tradition may evolve over time. Others were interested in greater openness to change within tradition through receptivity to diverse rabbinic interpretations. Participants often raised specific issues the congregation may address in the future (including women's roles, treatment of interfaith families, and outreach to and weddings of LGBTQ+ Jews).

V. Focus Groups: Sermons

Participants are looking for a range of experiences through sermons, including gaining new knowledge, inspiration and hearing a call to action. The "relevance" of the sermons, and more specifically, the connection to our daily lives, was a predominant theme. Highlighting the meaning of current events was mentioned by many, as well as the necessity of an explicitly Jewish perspective. Many comments refer to the incorporation of a "Jewish lens" and/or the use of Jewish sources.

VI. Focus Groups: Major Issues

Participants were asked to identify "the most important issues likely to confront our community in the next five years." In addition, they were asked to identify what is likely to be "the next major religious policy issue" facing the congregation.

A. Most Important Issues in Next Five Years

The five issues most often mentioned are:

- (1) Membership growth/attracting new members: Growing our membership in general and in particular attracting the young.
- (2) Inclusivity: Many comments identify the issue without opinion; many positively support greater LGBTQ inclusion. Also mentioned is inclusion of Jews of color, gender-diverse, less knowledgeable Jews, Jews by choice, and intermarried Jews.
- (3) Membership retention/meeting our members' needs: Maintaining cohesion despite diversity of opinions and practices, satisfying all cohorts, and meeting people "where they are."
- (4) Financial stability/health: Resources, fundraising, strategic thinking.
- (5) Conservative Judaism: In an arguably "waning" movement or a movement in crisis, where do we fit in, where do we go?

B. Major Religious Policy Issues

The following four areas generated comments:

- (1) Intermarriage-related issues: (a) whether weddings of interfaith couples will be performed; (b) whether non-Jewish partners can be members; (c) how to include and welcome non-Jewish family members, as well as their conversion.

(2) LGBTQ+-related issues: (a) whether weddings of LGBTQ+ people will be performed; (b) how to include and welcome LGBTQ+ people, including those who are non-binary.

(3) Women-related issues: (a) whether to include the names of the *imabot* (Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah) in the *amidah*; (b) whether female descendants of Kohanim can *duchen* (perform the priestly blessing); (c) whether women can blow the *shofar*; (d) whether female descendants of *Kohanim* and *Lviim* can take the *Kohein/Levi aliyot*; (e) whether women can serve as witnesses.

(4) Services/liturgy issues: whether we should continue to use the "full" liturgy; whether the service should be "all" in Hebrew; whether the Torah reading should continue to use the annual (as opposed to the triennial) cycle; whether we can continue to live stream the service when things go back to normal; whether we can use musical instruments in the services; whether the service is too long; whether the length and content of sermons should be changed.

VII. Focus Groups: Anything Else?

Among the topics that arose most often are:

- (1) Teens: While acknowledging our strength in programming for children, the need to improve teen programming was raised.
- (2) Israel: Support for Israel was raised frequently.
- (3) ABRS: Many participants mentioned positively the education provided by ABRS and want the next rabbi to value and support the religious school.
- (4) Technology: Participants commented on technology at OKC, expressing a desire to see OKC incorporate better tech usage on a regular basis for a variety of purposes.

VIII. Congregational Survey: Rabbinic Roles and Skills

Regarding rabbinic roles and skills: as the *Congregational Visionary*, over 75% of survey respondents consider it very or extremely important that the rabbi lead by example and work collaboratively with lay leaders to implement a vision. As the *Pastor*, over 90% see expressing caring and empathy as very or extremely important; 85% consider contacting and visiting mourners very or extremely important. As *Educator*, numerous activities are seen as having similar importance, from teaching adult classes to being active in our school programs. Fluency in Biblical and liturgical Hebrew and mastery of Jewish texts are ranked as very or extremely important by over 80%. Personal observance of the *mitzvot* of *kashrut* and *Shabbat* ranks as very or extremely important by over 70%.

IX. Congregational Survey: Spectrum of Opinion

In the "spectrum of opinion" area, the survey discloses that in most cases congregational opinion is actually not sharply divided. While some questions show disagreement, the clear weight of opinion is usually unified. For example, majorities over 75% "strongly agree or somewhat agree" that the rabbi should promote

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- inviting maximum participation by non-Jewish family members of intermarried families;
- airing arguments in opposition to BDS (Boycott-Divest-Sanction);
- including women in *shofar* blowing.

Welcoming and inclusion are widely endorsed by the congregation. Majorities over 70% “strongly agree or somewhat agree,” e.g., on

- the rabbi officiating at LGBTQ+ weddings;
- reducing challenges faced by Jews of color;
- using assistive devices at services for people with disabilities.

Areas where opinion is mixed include:

- (1) The Rabbi’s avoiding a focus on Israeli government policies or actions, if OKC members are divided in opinion -- 38% agree, 45% disagree.
- (2) Periodically substituting responsive readings in English – 38% agree, 40% disagree.
- (3) The Rabbi’s stating public positions on social and political issues on behalf of Ohr Kodesh – 33% agree, 45% disagree.
- (4) Improving decorum at services by discouraging noise from children – 38% agree, 50% disagree.
- (5) Addressing political topics from the *bimah*: 40% agree, 36% disagree.

In the areas just listed, a solid middle of around 15-25% has no opinion.

X. Congregational Survey: Sermons and Candidate Visits

On the topic of sermons, demonstrating excellent public speaking ability is deemed essential by 94%; making reference to the Torah portion and Jewish sources “always or often” is desired by over 85%. Majorities of over 65% also want sermons “always or often” to motivate congregants’ behavior and to address current events and social issues.

Finally, three experiences are considered by large majorities to be most critical during candidates’ visits: having the candidate lead a service, deliver a sermon and interact with our staff members.

XI. Conclusion

The goal of the congregational engagement phase of the Rabbi Search was to hear members’ views on what our congregation seeks in our next rabbi, including the key roles and skills we prioritize, and what we consider the important issues in our community’s future. Gathering this information does not presuppose that candidates must hold any specific position on the issues raised, but instead helps us understand and convey where the congregation currently stands. The Rabbi Search Committee appreciates the participation of hundreds of members in the focus groups and the survey. We will give

consideration to all of the opinions shared, to help us find the right rabbi to lead our community. If you would like to see the survey questions and responses, please look at the Rabbi Search Updates space on the Ohr Kodesh website or contact us at rabbisearch@ohrkodesh.org.

VIRTUAL ISRAEL TABLE

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 10 AND SEPTEMBER 24, 5:00 PM ON ZOOM

Join our *Sh’lichah* Hagar for a presentation about current events in Israel – news, music, art, politics, sports – and a discussion.

Link will be posted on the eOK weekly schedule. For more information, contact Hagar at hnetser@ohrkodesh.org.

EREV SERET: ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT

FILL THE VOID (2012)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 6:30 PM



Join our *Sh’lichah* Hagar on Zoom to sample some of Israel’s most iconic and beloved cinematic works of art, followed by a discussion.

Fill the Void (2012) When the older sister of Shira, an 18-year-old Hasidic Israeli, dies suddenly in childbirth, Shira must decide if she can and should marry her widowed brother-in-law, which also generates tensions within her extended family.

Written and directed by Rama Burshtein, the film was well received by critics for its depiction of Orthodox Jews and their lifestyle. It won seven Israeli Academy Awards, and the lead actress won Best Actress for her portrayal of Shira at the Venice Film Festival.

For more information, contact Hagar at hnetser@ohrkodesh.org.

Two Options for In-Person Shabbat Morning Services

Services led by our clergy in the Main Sanctuary with limited numbers indoors and accessible to all Ohr Kodesh members via livestream. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084EA5A82CA1FC1-ohrkodesh> to share your interest in attending. Please review the protocols at <https://ohrkodesh.org/protocols-sanctuaryservices>.

Lay led services on the outdoor patio. Take the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/y22bbr8j> to share your interest in attending. Please review the protocols at <https://ohrkodesh.org/outdoor-services>. Questions or willing to lead a portion of the service? Contact Dani Kazhdan at Kazhdan.daniel@gmail.com.

In Memory of Ronen Eliezer Labovitz, ז"ל – Commemorating the First *Yahrzeit*

Dear Ohr Kodesh Community,

My third child, my son Ronen Eliezer, was born on August 20 of last year. He had a condition called Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH), diagnosed only after his birth and a relatively unremarkable pregnancy. Ronen lived and was treated at Children's National Hospital in Washington, DC, and died after 39 days, two hours before the onset of *Rosh Hashanah*, September 29, 2019.

This year in grief has been a complex journey for me and for my family, especially amid the experience of social distancing and pandemic. My family and I feel abundant gratitude to the leadership of Ohr Kodesh Congregation, congregational president Seth Yoskowitz, to the clergy and staff of the congregation, in particular its senior staff, Rabbi Lyle Fishman, Jerry Kiewe, and Joanie Smeltz, who have been supportive and flexible. We are also grateful to all the members of the community who showed up for us during *shivah* and *sh'loshim*, and to the exceptional number of people who have continued to deliver meals to our family even through this summer.

We are commemorating Ronen's first *yahrzeit* in two ways.

First, on August 20, Ronen's birthday, we dedicated a tree on the property of Ohr Kodesh. This Japanese Maple now stands outside the ECC Playground toward the parking lot, and we hope that this will be a place where we can remember our son, and an area where others can sit to appreciate the calm environment of Rock Creek Park, listen to the children play, and find some solitude. We hope that children will enjoy planting and finding Kindness Rocks under Ronen's tree. Our planting this tree at Ohr Kodesh both is a personal support for our family, and an expression of our gratitude, friendship, and hopefully long-term engagement with the Ohr Kodesh community.

Second, shortly after Ronen died, I committed this year to learning the entirety of *Tanakh*, the Hebrew Bible. I bought myself a new, clean copy of the *Koren Tanakh* and as I've been highlighting and margin-filling, my progress through its pages have marked my passage through this year in grief. Photographs of Ronen in between the leaves and moments of recognition in the text have kept me connected to my son, and the pages of the Psalms wrinkled from the drizzling rain when I visited his grave remind me that he has caused me to learn so much. Throughout the year, I have met with almost one-hundred study partners who have helped me to learn and understand these passages even as I was learning them at the fast pace of about twenty chapters per week. As I discerned what I could do in



Ronen's memory this year, it became clear that studying *Tanakh* would be meaningful for two reasons. First, as he died before he had a chance to study Torah, I wanted to double-down my own commitment to its words. Second, I reasoned, even twenty chapters a week – which takes two to four hours without looking at commentary – is less time than I would have devoted to parenting this child, had he lived.

It is customary that when one finishes learning a major Jewish text, that person celebrates with a *Siyum*, the Hebrew word meaning a "Culmination," usually followed by a celebratory meal. The *Siyum* of my learning the entirety of *Tanakh* will take place at **2:00 PM on Sunday, October 18**, coinciding with *Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan*. Because of its circumstances, my *Siyum* will likely be more bittersweet than celebratory, and I apologize that a celebratory meal will have to wait until we can all be together again. The *Siyum*, which will take place by Zoom, will be a presentation on lessons I have learned. Colleagues and friends, as well as the Ohr Kodesh community, are invited to witness this event. I hope you will mark your calendar and join me.

I look forward to a time when we can be together, *bim'heirah veyameinu* – soon, in our days – and *besh'a'ah tovah* – at a good time, when it is safe for us to gather. In the meantime, may 5781 bring us blessing, kindness, and hope.

Cantor Hinda Eisen Labovitz



CHESED

Acts of
Lovingkindness
Caring
Communicating
Connecting

What can YOU do to care, communicate, and connect?

- Make a telephone call
- 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.

Shanah Tovah Ohr Kodesh Congregation

BY SETH YOSKOWITZ, OHR KODESH PRESIDENT



Many High Holiday themes are universal, speaking to us during this season regardless of what is happening in the world today. These include: renewing or repairing our relationships to each other and to God, hearing the sounds of the *Shofar* encouraging us to positive action, and reviewing what we have done in the year past and working to do better in the year to come.

Some themes this year, however, take on a significant extra meaning. For me these include the concept of being written and sealed into the “Book of Life” (a traditional greeting is *G'mar Chatimah Tovah*), *Rosh Hashanah* as the birthday of the world, and even the simple greeting “Have a Happy and Sweet New Year” (*Shanah Tovah uM'tukah*). These themes have a new, weightier meaning for me this year because of the ongoing pandemic and because of the social, environmental, and political movements taking shape. I welcome your thoughts on what themes stand out in particular for you this year, given the state of the world.

While the three days that constitute *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* are important moments for us each year as Jews, I know that it can be hard for many if not all of us to feel this year that we are observing the holidays as we want to. We would much rather be in *shul* with everyone, eat apples and honey with our extended families and friends, pray without our computer screens, and shake hands and hug each other. I want all that, too. I miss seeing you all and will miss all those things this year. One of my prayers this *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* will be that next year all of these things will be safe to do again.

And yet, although we are sometimes referred to as *Am K'shei Oref*, a “stiff-necked people,” we are adapting. Perhaps instead of merely being “stubborn and inflexible,” *Am K'shei Oref* can mean today that we are resolute in how we hold fast to our Judaism, despite the obstacles before us. Both in good times and in hard times, we remember and apply Jewish values to preserve that which is most dear to us, to support each other, and to make things better for each other and the communities in which we live. Thousands of years of Jewish history through wandering in the desert, living in and exiled from the Land of Israel, experiencing antisemitism, winning Nobel Prizes, building institutions of learning, supporting the vulnerable, and thriving in our communities bear witness to our ability to adapt. And we will continue to adapt – holding fast to our tradition, adjusting to meet the challenges, finding ways to thrive as a community.

Our High Holidays this year are indeed different, and we are adapting so that we can help all of our members to tap into

a wide range of service, program, learning, and connecting options. I am so proud and appreciative of all the work of the OKC High Holiday Task Force. Along with our clergy, staff and many volunteers, the HH Task Force has planned not just for the three days of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* but an entire two-month season of prayer services, learning programs, social-distanced activities, and engaging virtual interactions stretching from the first day of the Hebrew month of *Elul* at the end of August through *Rosh Hashanah / Yom Kippur* and culminating with *Sukkot*, *Sh'mini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah*. Instead of “**Days** of Awe”, we have a **Season** which gives all of us many more opportunities to connect to each other and to these holidays. I find meaning in such an approach, and I hope you and every member of Ohr Kodesh do so as well. I encourage everyone to think broadly about our High Holidays this year, well beyond the three days we would normally spend in shul. You can find all of these programs, including sign-ups at www.okchighholidays.org.

I am so proud of all the members of Ohr Kodesh who have taken the time to reach out to each other, support each other, plan programs and services, and do what we can to safely continue to be the vibrant Jewish community that we are.

Most importantly, I wish everyone a **HEALTHY** and **HAPPY** and **SWEET** New Year! *Shanah Tovah uM'tukah!* And to these New Year's wishes, I add for this year 5781 especially that we should all have a **TOGETHER** New Year.

Hopefully our **Together** New Year can at some point start to be in person again, but if that is not to be, then I wish for us all to experience and enjoy being **Together** as a community in all the other ways that are possible.

Wishing You a Happy, Healthy, Sweet, and Together New Year.

MENTSCH CLUB

“Virtual Beer” Night

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2, 8:30-9:30 PM



The *Mentsch* Club is hosting “virtual beer” night. It's a great way to socialize with other *mentschen* in the community! Please join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89878278488?pwd=VDFEMy9nQnFZNn0vcVZxZDMzZ1FSZz09>

High Holidays at OKC

CHECK OUT WWW.OKCHIGHHOLIDAYS.ORG FOR ALL OF THE HIGH HOLIDAY INFORMATION.

High Holidays Preparations - #30DaysofLearning

Each day, between *Erev Rosh Chodesh Elul* (August 20) and *Erev Rosh Hashanah*, we are sending a daily blog straight to your email with opportunities to learn and participate in activities, and *kavanot*. It's a great way to prepare for the holiday season and feel connected to the OKC community.

Mahzor and High Holiday Gift Bag Pick Up

You are a major part of the Ohr Kodesh community, and we've been thinking about how to make this holiday season something special for you. We put together a wonderful gift bag to thank you for being part of our community, and to invite you to be a part of this unique High Holiday season with our OKC community. Each family will receive an OKC High Holiday gift bag.

Additionally, Ohr Kodesh offers an opportunity to borrow a *mahzor* for the High Holidays. There is a \$35 deposit per *mahzor* (billed to members), which will be refunded in full when you return it by the end of October. If you decide to keep it after the High Holidays, you may do so and we will use the \$35 to replenish our supply.

Mahzorim will be available to pick up at the same time you pick up your complementary High Holiday gift bag:

Friday, Sept 4, 12:00-4:00 PM

Sunday, Sept 6, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Monday, Sept 7, 3:00-6:45 PM

Contact Jerry Kiewe at jkiewe@ohrkodesh.org or 240-450-3486 to arrange an alternate time.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Register for all programs at www.OKCHighHolidays.org

Apple Picking

Sunday, September 6, 2:00-5:00 PM

And September 18, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Butler's Orchard, 22222 Davis Mill Rd,
Germantown, MD 20876

Join us for an outdoor family activity and go home with as many apples as you can carry!

Brisket and Babka: A Cooking Demo with Paula Shoyer

Monday, September 7, 4:00 PM on Zoom

On the menu: Ratatouille, Brisket, Honey Cake, and Babka.

Un'taneh Tokef- A Musical Premiere and Study Session

Monday, September 7, 7:00-8:00 PM on Zoom

In memory of her son Ronen Labovitz, Cantor Hinda Labovitz has composed a moving setting which she will premiere during this session. We will discuss the question: How do we respond to troubling theology in troubling times?

Keynotes of the Season

Wednesday, September 9, 7:30 PM
with Neal Meiselman on Zoom

Neal is offering three classes on the High Holy Day liturgy; this second class focuses on *Malchuyot*, *Zichronot*, and *Shofarot*. (First class was August 26)

Wednesday, September 23, 7:30 PM

This third class focuses on *Kol Nidrei* and *Ki Henei Kachomer*.

Selichot Live Stream Services

Saturday, September 12, 11:00 PM

Livestream at <https://ohrkodesh.org/streaming>

Rosh Hashanah Project

SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 AT 8:30 PM AND
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 9:00 AM.

BASKET PREPARATION IN THE
MURRAY & NETTIE KAYE SOCIAL HALL
(IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE
BY HELAINE RESNICK)

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, September 5, at 8:30 pm. 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 laner.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*.



Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services

This year there are a few different options for High Holiday services.

1. Services will be livestreamed from the sanctuary for all to watch from home at <https://ohrkodesh.org/streaming>.
2. There will be an option to join fellow congregants in our social hall to watch the livestream on a jumbo screen.
3. Patio option: Join your OK congregation for small group, lay lead, socially distanced services on *Erev Rosh Hashanah*, *Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Day 2*, *Kol Nidrei* and *Yom Kippur* in the fenced patio behind the building. .
4. Parking lot option: Join your OKC congregation for small group, lay-lead, socially distanced services on *Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Day 2*, and *Yom Kippur* in the main parking lot of our building. Please sign up for the in-person services at www.OKCHighHolidays.org.

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Friday, September 18

- Main Sanctuary *Minchah* & *Ma'ariv* Livestream Services at 6:30 PM
- Satellite Broadcast - Social Hall at 6:30 PM
- Patio Option *Minchah* & *Ma'ariv* at 6:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah Day 1: Shabbat, September 19

- Youth & Family Services - at 8:15 AM on Livestream
Specially designed for families with children under the age of *b'nai mitzvah*. Led by Raviv Brooks.
- Main Sanctuary *Shacharit* & *Musaf* Livestreamed from the Sanctuary, 9:15-11:00 AM
- Satellite Broadcast - Social Hall, 9:15 AM
- Parking Lot Option, *Shacharit* & *Musaf*, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Patio Option, *Shacharit* & *Musaf*, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah Day 2: Sunday, September 20

- Main Sanctuary *Shacharit* & *Musaf* Livestreamed from the Sanctuary, 9:15-11:00 AM
- Satellite Broadcast - Social Hall, 9:15 AM
- Parking Lot Option, *Shacharit* & *Musaf*, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Patio Option, *Shacharit* & *Musaf*, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Tashlich Services (with *Shofar!*) at 3:00 PM

Meet socially distantly at the OKC parking lot and join a small group to walk to one of four local waterways for *Tashlich*.

Teen Tashlich Bike Ride

Tuesday, September 22, 3:00 PM

Ray's Meadow Local Park, 2901 East West Hwy, Chevy Chase

Take a bike ride (or walk) with OKUSY. Bring your bike or best walking shoes as we make our way to the creek for a *Tashlich* service. After *Tashlich*, we will head back to OKC for socially distant ice cream and hang out time. Maximum 10 bikers + 10 walkers. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/TeenTashlichBikeRide2020>.

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Erev Yom Kippur: Sunday, September 27

- *Yizkor* - *Erev Yom Kippur* Livestream at 4:00 PM

Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei: Sunday, September 27

- Main Sanctuary Livestream *Kol Nidrei* & *Ma'ariv* at 6:20 PM
- Satellite Broadcast in the Social Hall at 6:20 PM
- Patio Option, *Kol Nidrei* & *Ma'ariv* at 6:20 PM
- *Ma'ariv* only on the Patio at 8:30 PM

Yom Kippur: Monday, September 28

- Youth & Family Services - at 8:15 AM on Livestream
Specially designed for families with children under the age of *b'nai mitzvah*. Led by Raviv Brooks.
- Main Sanctuary *Shacharit* & *Musaf* Livestreamed from the Sanctuary, 9:15-11:00 AM
- Satellite Broadcast - Social Hall, 9:15 AM
- Parking Lot Option, *Shacharit* & *Musaf*, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Patio Option, *Shacharit* & *Musaf*, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Yom Kippur: Minchah & Ne'ilah

- Main Sanctuary Livestream *Minchah* Service at 3:00 PM
- Patio Option, *Minchah* & *Ne'ilah* Services - Patio Option 5:30 PM
- Main Sanctuary *Ne'ilah* Livestream Service 6:30 PM

High Holiday Greetings to the Congregation from...

STEVE ADISE & GALE FRANK-ADISE
 ESTHER AIN
 MAXINE ARNSDORF
 PHIL & ELAINE AVNER
 ADINA, MAX, MIRIAM, & ZEV BARKINSKIY
 RALPH BAROCAS & CAROL SCHULMAN
 PAUL BERGER
 JERRY & ANNA BLASK
 ARI BLUMENTHAL & SHARON PARROTT
 RICK & SANDE BRECHER
 ROGER & IRITH BROWDY
 JEREMY & DEBBIE BROWN
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 DEBRA & MARVIN FEUER & FAMILY
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 JASON & ALYSSA FRIEDRICH
 DAVID & BARBARA GARLOCK
 RICH & PAM GELFAND
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 DIANE & IZZY GOLDBERG
 NORMAN & JOANNE GOLDSTEIN
 SARAH, DAVID, MAYA, ZACHARY, ADEN, & LILY
 HOROWITZ
 BRIAN & TSILA KIRSH ISRAEL
 BOB & PAM JACOBS
 HOWARD & TRUDY JACOBSON
 BARRY KABALKIN & SHELLEY GUNNER
 RON & SHERRY KABRAN
 ALLAN & HELENE KAHAN
 JOEL & ROSEL KALMAN
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 SAM & LESLIE KAPLAN
 JIM & DEBI KARESH
 JEFFREY & CHARIS KEITELMAN
 LAURENCE KIRSCH & CELIA GOLDMAN KIRSCH
 DORA KLAYMAN
 JERRY & DINA LEENER
 LEN & SARADONA LEFKOWITZ
 BOB & ARIELLA LERMAN
 IRIS LERNER
 MARK & JUDY LERNER
 RICK LERNER
 TED & ANNETTE LERNER
 GREGG & JOAN LEVY
 MIKE LEVY & RISE AIN
 BARBARA, GARY, EZRA & RINA LIBBIN
 SUSAN MAGAZINE
 JOHN MANN
 LENNY & SUSAN MEREWITZ
 JOE & BARBARA MILLER
 ELLIOT MINCBERG & CAROL REST-MINCBERG
 RICHARD MINTZ & HELAINE GREENFELD
 DAVID PINCUS & YVONNE WHITE
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 HENRY & NANCY PLATT
 IRA & MARILYN POLON
 DAN & KIM PRICE
 FRANCINE RAIZES
 LENNY RASKIN & FAMILY - SHERYL, MARK, HENRY,
 JACKIE, ADAM, HALLIE, LEXIE, PHILIP, AMY & BROOKE
 MURRAY & GERRI ROTTENBERG
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 MICHAEL & DEBBY SALZBERG
 ANDREW & MARLA SATINSKY
 GORDY SCHATZ & LILI MONK SCHATZ
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 SETH & KAREN YOSKOWITZ
 BRIAN & GILDA ZIMMET

Bringing Books To Your High Holiday Preparations

BY NATALIE GRAHAM AND ELLEN ELOW-MINTZ

Building a reading list is a never-ending project. In preparing this list as a starting-off point for your high holiday reading, we've compiled recommendations from staff and members of the OKC community. We are also grateful to Sarah Rabin Spira of PJ Library for providing recommendations for children, teens, and parents.

The adult titles run a range of nonfiction genres from High Holiday specific to memoir, social justice to text and commentary. For a small taste, consider two recommendations – S. Y. Agnon's *Days of Awe* was suggested in both English and Hebrew. Reflections on the past several months are seen in books by A. J. Heschel and John Lewis. Robert Alter's *The Hebrew Bible: A Translation with Commentary* is on the list as a study companion into 5781 and beyond.

The titles for children and teens include picture and chapter books. Some look specifically at *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, or both. Some are concerned more generally with Jewish values. We hope you'll find something to read together as a family, or books for older children to delve into on their own time.

The list is organized by title within the categories of Children's Picture Books, Young Adult, Parenting, and Adult. It is available on the OKC High Holiday website at <https://www.okchigholidays.org/book-list> and will be updated regularly. While on the website, we'd be grateful for your comments and suggestions on the Padlet: https://padlet.com/nataliegraham2/OKC_HH_READS

Use this online forum to let us know what's on your reading list, what books you recommend, what titles you can lend to others, and find out what others are reading!

Please continue sending titles to Ellen Elow-Mintz at elow.mintz.ellen@gmail.com.

In preparing ourselves for the *Chagim*, we can take the time to quietly reflect on the past year of our life using books as "windows and doors" into other experiences with the hope that they'll help us better understand our own. Sarah Rabin Spira, Manager, PJ Library

HIGH HOLIDAY PLANS WRITTEN ABOUT IN JEWISH PUBLICATION

Hannah Olson and Seth Yoskowitz co-authored an article for *eJewish Philanthropy* on OKC's High Holiday plan. Check it out! bit.ly/2QIEtT1

Sukkot

Youth & Family Services- *Sukkot*, Livestream

Saturday, Oct 3, 8:15 AM on Livestream

Specially designed for families with children under the age of *b'nai mitzvah*. Led by Raviv Brooks.

Sukkot Day 1

Shabbat, October 3, 9:15 AM Livestream Services

Sukkot Day 2 Livestream Services

Sunday, October 4, 9:15 AM



S'fat Emet on *Sukkot* (in Hebrew)

Sunday-Thursday nights, October 4-8, 8:45-9:45 pm

The *S'fat Emet* was Rebbe of the Gerer Hasidim and died in 1905. The summaries of his talks on *Shabbat* and *Chaggim* are creative, frequently provocative, and surprisingly modern. We'll study some of his pieces about *Sukkot* — one each night of *Chol HaMoed*, Sunday night through Thursday night, October 4-8, at 8:45-9:45 pm. These texts are in Hebrew, without translations. If you're looking for a study opportunity that's different, challenging, and short, please join us, and don't be deterred even if your Hebrew reading ability is short of fluent. We'll study a different text each night, so if you can participate some nights even if you don't participate on others. If you're interested, please contact Richard Friedman at richard.friedman@hhs.gov.

Family Date Night in the *Sukkah*

Monday, October 5, 6:15 PM on Zoom

Let's build community by dining together virtually.

Virtual Family *Sukkah* Building Contest

Tuesday, October 6, 6:00-6:30 PM on Zoom

Led by Leah Miller and Raviv Brooks, all OKC families are invited to join us for an evening of virtual fun and *sukkah* building! No need for hammer and nails! Come sing songs, learn what makes a *sukkah* kosher, and build a model *sukkah* as a family.

Pizza Bake in the Hut with OKUSY

Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 PM on Zoom

Learn how to make your own pizza from dough in this virtual cooking class in our *sukkot*. Bring your expert tossing skills and favorite toppings to this online event. Register by Monday, October 5, at www.OKCHighHolidays.org so we can send the Zoom link, recipe, and ingredient list to you in advance.

Yizkor- 7th Day *Sukkot* Livestream

Friday, October 9, 4:00 PM

Shmini Atzeret Livestream Services

Shabbat, October 10, 9:15 AM

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

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>12 Elul 1</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 4:00 pm Norman's Market Pickup 5:00 pm Shouk Pickup 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 7:30 pm Israeli Dancing (via Zoom) 8:30 pm Talmud Class - Masekhet Shabbat</p>	<p>13 Elul 2</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 12:00 pm Ohr Kodesh Book Club 1:45 pm Conversational Hebrew with Hagar 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 8:30 pm Mentsch Club "Virtual Beer"</p>	<p>14 Elul 3</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 1:15 pm OKC Staff Meeting 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 7:30 pm OKC Executive Committee Meeting 8:30 pm Jews for Exegesis</p>	<p>15 Elul 4</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 12:00 pm High Holiday Gift Bag Distribution 5:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:14 pm Candle lighting</p>	<p>16 Elul Parashat Ki Tavo 5</p> <p>9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services (Live Streamed!) 8:16 pm Havdalah 8:30 pm Rosh Hashanah Project- Assembly 8:30 pm Community Check in</p>
<p>17 Elul 6</p> <p>9:00 am Shacharit with Kaddish 10:00 am High Holiday Gift Bag Distribution 2:00 pm Apple Picking I 2:00 pm Machar In-Person Field Day 5:00 pm Bonim Snacks and Storytime 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 8:30 pm B'yachad - The Quarantini 9:00 pm Just Breathe</p>	<p>18 Elul Labor Day 7</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 9:00 am Morning Minyan (Note Later Start Time) 1:45 pm Conversational Hebrew with Hagar 2:00 pm Machar & Bonim Virtual Meet & Greet (various times) 3:00 pm High Holiday Gift Bag Distribution 4:00 pm Brisket and Babka: A Cooking Demo with Paula Shoyer 6:30 pm Erev Seret: Israeli Movie Night: Fill The Void (2012) 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 7:00 pm Un'taneh Tokef - Musical Premier and Study Session</p>	<p>19 Elul 8</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 4:00 pm Norman's Market Pickup 5:00 pm Shouk Pickup (2020) 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 7:30 pm Israeli Dancing (via Zoom) 8:30 pm Talmud Class - Masekhet Shabbat</p>	<p>20 Elul 9</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 1:45 pm Conversational Hebrew with Hagar 4:15 pm Religious School 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 7:30 pm Keynotes of the Season with Neal Meiselman</p>	<p>21 Elul 10</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 10:00 am Shir'a Song w. Ms. Ellie (Dates are Tentative) 11:00 am Hazak: Honey 1:15 pm OKC Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Virtual Israel Table 6:00 pm Teen Beit Midrash 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 8:00 pm Virtual Wine Tasting 8:30 pm Jews for Exegesis</p>	<p>22 Elul 11</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 5:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:03 pm Candle lighting</p>	<p>23 Elul Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech Leil Selichot 12</p> <p>9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services (Live Streamed!) 8:04 pm Havdalah 8:15 pm Kadima Havdalah Kick-off 8:15 pm Community Check in 11:00 pm Selichot Service (Virtual)</p>
<p>24 Elul 13</p> <p>8:45 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Project - Delivery 9:00 am Religious School 11:30 am Chesed Corps 3:00 pm Kickoff for Farewell Tribute to Rabbi Fishman & Debby Rosenman; Speaker: Sharon Freundel 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish</p>	<p>25 Elul 14</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 1:45 pm Conversational Hebrew with Hagar 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish</p>	<p>26 Elul 15</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 4:00 pm Norman's Market Pickup 5:00 pm Shouk Pickup 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 7:30 pm Israeli Dancing (via Zoom) 8:30 pm Talmud Class - Masekhet Shabbat</p>	<p>27 Elul 16</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 1:45 pm Conversational Hebrew with Hagar 4:15 pm Religious School 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Program</p>	<p>28 Elul 17</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 9:00 am Sunflower orders pick up 1:15 pm OKC Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Teen Beit Midrash in Session 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 7:30 pm OKC Board Meeting</p>	<p>29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashanah 18</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 9:00 am Sunflower orders pick up 10:00 am Apple Picking II 6:30 pm Evening Service - (Livestream) and Patio 6:52 pm Candle lighting</p>	<p>1 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah Day 1 19</p> <p>8:15 am Family Service (Livestream) 9:15 am Services (Livestream) 10:00 am Parking Lot and Patio Service 7:53 pm Candle lighting</p>
<p>2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah Day 2 ABRS Closed 20</p> <p>9:15 am Services (Livestream) 10:00 am Parking Lot and Patio Service 3:00 pm Tashlich (with Shofar) 7:52 pm Havdalah</p>	<p>3 Tishrei Tzom Gedaliah 21</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 1:45 pm Conversational Hebrew with Hagar 6:15 pm Evening Service - Fast Day Minchah</p>	<p>4 Tishrei 22</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 3:00 pm Teen Tashlich Bike Ride 4:00 pm Norman's Market Pickup 5:00 pm Shouk Pickup 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 7:30 pm Israeli Dancing (via Zoom) 8:30 pm Talmud Class - Masekhet Shabbat</p>	<p>5 Tishrei 23</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 1:45 pm Conversational Hebrew with Hagar 4:15 pm Religious School 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 7:30 pm Keynotes of the Season with Neal Meiselman</p>	<p>6 Tishrei 24</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 1:15 pm OKC Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Virtual Israel Table 6:00 pm Teen Beit Midrash in Session 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 8:30 pm Jews for Exegesis</p>	<p>7 Tishrei 25</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 5:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:40 pm Candle lighting</p>	<p>8 Tishrei Parashat Ha'Azinu - Shabbat Shuvah 26</p> <p>9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services (Live Streamed) 7:42 pm Havdalah 8:00 pm Community Check in</p>
<p>9 Tishrei Erev Yom Kippur Annual Operation Isaiah Food Drive 27</p> <p>8:45 am Morning Minyan 1:00 pm Machar & Bonim Virtual Meet & Greet (various times) 4:00 pm Yizkor Service 6:20 pm Kol Nidrei Service (Livestream) 6:20 pm Kol Nidrei Service (Patio) 6:37 pm Candle lighting 8:30 pm Ma'ariv (Patio)</p>	<p>10 Tishrei Yom Kippur ECC CLOSED OKC OFFICE CLOSED 28</p> <p>8:15 am Family Service (Livestream) 9:15 am Services (Livestream) 10:00 am Services (Parking Lot, Patio) 3:00 pm Minchah (Livestream) 5:30 pm Minchah & Ne'ilah (Patio) 6:30 pm Ne'ilah (Livestream)</p>	<p>11 Tishrei 29</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 4:00 pm Norman's Market Pickup 5:00 pm Shouk Pickup 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish 7:30 pm Israeli Dancing (via Zoom) 8:30 pm Talmud Class - Masekhet Shabbat</p>	<p>12 Tishrei 30</p> <p>7:15 am Shacharit with Kaddish 1:45 pm Conversational Hebrew with Hagar 4:15 pm Religious School 5:00 pm Pickup of Lulav & Etrog orders 6:45 pm Minchah with Kaddish</p>		<p>BULLETIN DEADLINE</p> <p>If you have an item you would like included in the October 2020 Bulletin, please send it to Tami Lautman at tlautman@ohrkodesh.org no later than September 10, 2020.</p>	



*L'shana Tovah
May the sound of the
shofar signal the start
of a year of blessings
for us all...*

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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*)

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Questions? Contact Janis at Janis@sunflowerbakery.org or 240-361-3698.



Ohr Kodesh Congregational Giving 5781

We have lived through an extraordinary 6 months. Ohr Kodesh Congregation has implemented virtual technology to maintain our community for all stages and ages. As we approach the High Holidays, we think of change and transition. This year is no different. The High Holiday Season will be celebrated, but in a different way. Whether attending the indoor or (weather-dependent) outdoor services or livestreaming the Sanctuary High Holiday Services at home, we will be together. We will also be together at the virtual and in-person Ohr Kodesh activities for the Season that you can sign up for at www.okchighholidays.org.

An integral, critical part of the High Holidays that many of you have asked about is our Annual Giving Appeal. Thank you for remembering this vital part of the life of the synagogue. Please review the chart below for the structure of the holistic approach to philanthropy in 5781. We will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks. Your gifts maintain and sustain our Congregation. THANK YOU.

Opportunities to bring in 5781 and ensure the sustainability of the Ohr Kodesh community during a year of unimaginable challenges and transition*

Giving Circles

- 6 Contribution levels that begin with an investment of \$1,800
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- Your Giving Circle gifts INCLUDE your annual *Yom Kippur* appeal
- Giving Circle benefits, depending on the level; include sponsorship in annual events

Opportunities to sponsor each of our annual events to celebrate our community and Rabbi Fishman's final year with Ohr Kodesh

- Family & Education Kickoff (September 13)
- Adult Education event with Dr. Samaya Hamdani (November 1)
- Adult Education event with Dr. Erica Brown (March 7)
- Concert with Joey Weisenberg & Cantor Labovitz (December 6)
- Gala honors Rabbi Fishman in Dialogue with Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor (May 23)

Our Annual *Yom Kippur* High Holiday Appeal

- Contribute to the annual fundraising drive in support of our professional staff, programs, operations and events (giving circle contributions include this appeal)

* For more information please contact either Rise Ain (RiseAin@icloud.com) or Trudy Jacobson (trjacobson55@gmail.com).



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These are extraordinary times that we are living in. As we grapple with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the recent surge in civil unrest, many of us may be feeling overwhelmed as we navigate an array of emotions and reactions. The rhythms of our lives have been disrupted, and we have had to adjust to a new normal that impacts every aspect of our daily experience from work and school to life cycle events, daily habits and travel.

Each of us is bound to process and respond to these recent events through the lens of our own past experiences and therefore is impacted in different ways. Some may feel overwhelmed and vulnerable, while others may find themselves feeling stressed, lonely, anxious, worried, depressed, grief-stricken, irritable or even traumatized. We might find we lack the motivation to do our usual activities, or we may find it hard to begin or complete tasks. We might feel excessively tired or lacking in energy. We might have trouble falling asleep or staying asleep or may have unusually vivid or disturbing dreams. We might notice our appetite for food has changed –perhaps we seem to have no appetite or find ourselves overeating and/or craving certain foods. We may find ourselves crying more easily and frequently.

You are not alone. It is important for you to know and understand that these experiences and reactions are very common under stressful circumstances.

We are a diverse group of mental health professionals and clergy within the Ohr Kodesh community, who have partnered with our own Ohr Kodesh clergy team to offer support and resources during these challenging times. The goals of this initiative include providing help and support where it is needed, giving voice and context to what you may be feeling, providing helpful resources, and offering strategies to help navigate what is happening.

We are in the process of developing a resource page that will be posted on the Ohr Kodesh website, and plan to send the congregation periodic emails about these issues. We are, of course, interested in hearing what would be helpful to you – we invite you to share topics or concerns you would like to have us address. Please feel free to reach out to me with your ideas, questions and concerns via email at meaphd@hotmail.com or leave a message on my work phone (301-593-6194).

Of course, if you are in need of pastoral care and/or have more pressing concerns about how you are coping, our clergy team continues to be available to you. You can contact Rabbi Fishman via email at ravlaf@ohrkodesh.org or by phone/text at 301-233-9478. Cantor Labovitz can be reached via email at cantorlabovitz@ohrkodesh.org and by phone/text at 240-650-6042.

Committee members: Ruthie Arbit, Heather Diamond, Rabbi Aderet Drucker, Elisha Friedman, Sarah Kanter, Aliza Lerner, Chana Lockerman, Elana Premack Sandler

SUKKAH TO DONATE

Mickey and Mordy Feinberg would love to give their twenty year old *sukkah* to whoever is willing to come to their house to pick it up. Please email them at mmfeinberg@verizon.net to discuss details.

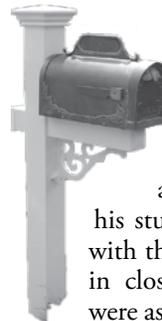
NEED ASSISTANCE GETTING GROCERIES OR A PRESCRIPTION?

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.

In the Mailbox



I attended the evening service on Monday, August 16 on the occasion of the *Yahrzeit* of my mother, Dora Gore. What I did not expect to find was a sort of *shiva* setting for Professor Ra'anah who had passed away. His son spoke glowingly of his father's reputation as a teacher and scholar and other members of the *minyán* who had been his students shared their experiences and condolences with the family. It was a most unusual half hour, spend in close proximity with congregation members who were as far away as Lexington (KY?). There was a feeling of closeness and unity that I had never expected to experience at a Zoom anything, let alone a *minyán* where members had gathered to say *Kaddish* and to pray together. I want to thank the members of the congregation who took the time to arrange this opportunity to share a few minutes of our otherwise busy day. I am grateful for the time I spent with everyone who participated. Thank you all.

Ros Goldfarb

Mazal Tov To...

ECC Director Joanie and Bruce Smeltz on the birth of their sixth grandson, **August Jordan**, son of **Michael and Samantha Smeltz**, and brother of Rowan Isaac on August 14.

David Pelzer and Ellie Tiemann on the birth of their daughter, sister of Rebecca and Sarah on August 19.

Sharon Gelboin-Katz and Moshe Katz on the engagement of their daughter **Racheli Katz** to **Ory Maimon** from Rochester, NY.

David Narrow and Carol Schechter on the marriage of their daughter **Emily Narrow and Andrew Testerman** on September 6 in Bozeman, Montana.

Welcome New Members

Aaron and Meira Ellias

Aaron is a lawyer with Kirkland & Ellis and Meira is a therapist. They have two children, Benji and Eliana.

Thank You

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 August 2020:

Dan Brandt Lautman	Cantor Hinda Labovitz
Roger Browdy	Claire Miller
Uri Farber	Hannah Olson
Chuck Fax	Joel Schwartz
Judy Hellerstein	Gabi Swagel
Howard Horowitz	David Wagger
Marcela Kogan	Seth Yoskowitz

Mazal Tov to Our Sept. Anniversaries

- 1 Joel & Carol Hirsch (57)
Richard Mintz & Helaine Greenfeld (29)
Adam Kelly & Alissa Zingman (7)
- 2 Assaf & Rebecca Ben-Atar (8)
Ben & Tasha Berman (13)
- 3 Max & Adina Barkinskiy (14)
Bob & Helene Braun (42)
Matt & Sarah Brenner (20)
Gary & Naomi Felsenfeld (64)
Herb & Nancy Geller (53)
Stuart & Rebecca Lloyd (55)
- 4 **Eli Glaser & Pnina Laric (15)**
David Gray & Lisa Kleppel (37)
Steven & Wendy Raab (32)
Michael & Alice Ra'anan (32)
- 5 Jonathan & Yael Freimann (16)
Howard & Trudy Jacobson (44)
Mike Letchinger & Michele Pollak (38)
Ned & Karene Steiner (10)
Sholom Yaffa & Julie Ast (9)
- 6 David Armoza & Sarah Heller (22)
Bret & Becca Cohen (11)
Alan & Janet Penn (55)
Michael & Leah Stromberg (5)
David Wallsh & Tamar Glasner (11)
Dan & Rachel Wolf (21)
- 7 Zev & Sarah Kanter (12)
- 8 Marc Cohen & Deborah Levine (24)
- 9 **Michael & Ilene Lerner (30)**
- 10 **Len & Shelly Blondes (70)**
Avi Rubin & Rachel Fleischer (14)
- 12 Eytan Fisch & Heather Diamond-Fisch (16)
Matt Price & Becky Anhang Price (16)
- 13 Eric Colchamiro & Shoshana Hecker (6)
- 14 Jeremy Levine & Jessica Dodson (12)
- 16 Peter Sharfman & Tina Silber (44)
- 18 Stuart & Janet Ammerman (9)
- 20 Howard Stanislawski & Susan Schwartz (28)
- 21 Dan & Alicia Gopman (7)
- 24 Warren Margolies & Rebecca Gale (9)

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

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Alvin Browdy Religious School Welcomes New Teachers



I am **Danielle Galitzer** and I am so excited to teach Kindergarten on Sundays and fourth grade on Wednesdays. This past May, I graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Special Education while on track to receive my Masters of Education this coming May. During my time at the University of Maryland, I was very involved in the Jewish community by participating in weekly services and learning opportunities. I also created a club, in partnership with Hillel, where students visited nursing homes to facilitate fun activities. I am excited to continue working at ABRS now as a teacher for Kindergarten and 4th Grade Wednesdays.



Ida Kahn Subin has been a member at Ohr Kodesh for many years. For the last six years Ida has been at the Milton Gottesman Jewish Day school following a career as an educator and Israel advocate. Prior to her full time return to education, Ida was the Director of U.S. Programs for Project Interchange for many years, developing seminars to Israel for American business leaders, university presidents, energy leaders, and elected officials She has taught for years at Washington Hebrew Congregation and has served as a *B'nei Mitzvah* tutor. Ida is studying to receive a Masters certificate in ESOL at the University of Maryland, and additionally is in a Masters Certificate pilot program between Oranim Teachers Institute and the Ministry of Education in Israel in Judaic Studies. She has also been involved in a total immersion Hebrew course at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Ida has two daughters and is very much looking forward to teaching ABRS's 7th grade students on Wednesdays.



Mia Kaufman is a recent graduate of the University of Maryland, where she received her Bachelors of Science degree in Special Education and an Israel Studies minor. During college, Mia was very involved with Hillel and served as the president of the Jewish Student Union. During the week, she is a special education teacher in Gaithersburg. In her spare time, Mia enjoys discovering new Jewish recipes, long-distance running, and playing Rummikub. She is very excited to learn and grow with the seventh grade class this year.

Welcome to our new and returning staff of the Alvin Browdy Religious School! We look forward to a fun-filled year of learning and friendships!

PreK- Brenda Bergstein
 Kindergarten- Danielle Galitzer
 1st Grade- Lisa Landy
 2nd Grade- Brenda Bergstein
 3rd Grade- Phebe Grosser & Eva Wildavsky
 4th Grade- Zachary Bernstein & Danielle Galitzer
 5th & 6th Grade- Gillian Weinberg
 7th Grade- Mia Kaufman & Ida Kahn Subin

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Alvin Browdy Religious School
 at Ohr Kodesh Congregation

Please Register for the
 2020-2021 School Year at
<https://ohrkodesh.wixsite.com/abrs/register>

School Begins
 September 13th

Any Questions?
 Please contact
 Assistant Principal Leah Miller at
lmiller@ohrkodesh.org or 240-450-3457

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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.

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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!

For More Information, Please Contact:

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

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 Kadimans 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: \$50 (\$60 after September 30)

Shabbat Youth Groups

Shabbat Youth Groups are suspended until further notice. Please see your email for updates. Any questions? Contact Leah Miller at lmiller@ohrkodesh.org.

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.

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"

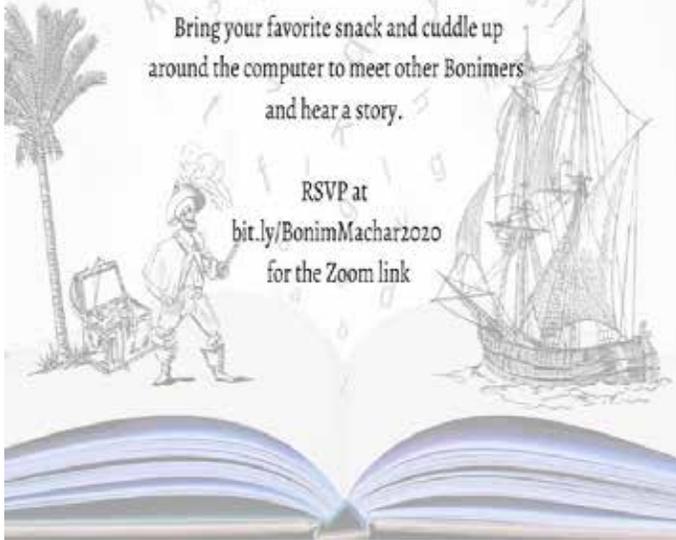
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Bonim Snacks and Storytime

Join Bonim VIRTUALLY at 5pm on Sunday, September 6th for our very first Snacks and Storytime of the year!

Bring your favorite snack and cuddle up around the computer to meet other Bonimers and hear a story.

RSVP at
bit.ly/BonimMachar2020
for the Zoom link



Kadima *Havdalah* Kick-off

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:15 PM VIA ZOOM

Join Kadima (5th-8th grade) for our virtual Kadima Kickoff *Havdalah*. With *Havdalah* candles lit in hand, we will be coming together over Zoom to reunite with old friends, make new friends, and celebrate the beginning of our action-packed, exciting 2020-2021 year. We will start by doing *Havdalah* together and then follow it with a short dance party and a kahoot competition. Registration is required to receive the zoom link for this free event. To register, go to: <http://bit.ly/KadimaKickoff>.



Bonim and Machar

VIRTUAL MEET-AND-GREET
WITH JESSICA

Want to get to meet Jessica, the Bonim and Machar advisor, one-on-one?

Schedule a quick meeting with her at <https://calendly.com/jessicamorris97>. If none of those times work, reach out to Jessica at jmorris@ohrkodesh.org to set up a different time.

Machar In-Person Field Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
2:00-3:00 PM

Join Machar for socially distant field games! Limited to 10 kids, masks and social distancing enforced. Registration is first-come, first-serve.

RSVP at bit.ly/BonimMachar2020

Questions? Email Jessica Morris at jmorris@ohrkodesh.org.

Story Time

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 5:00-5:30 PM
ON ZOOM

THE GIVE AND TAKE OF YOM KIPPUR

FOR KIDS IN GRADES 4-7

On *Yom Kippur* we look to our inner person to ask forgiveness; how does a tree help a family to explore forgiveness? Join Brenda Bergstein, the OKC Librarian in a story and reflection during this time of year. Have paper and markers ready for a fun activity. Register at www.OKCHighHolidays.org.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 5:00-5:30 PM
ON ZOOM

GET UP AND MARCH, MARCH, MARCH

FOR GRADES K-3

Celebrate *Simchat Torah* together in the OKC (virtual) Marching Band. Read a story with Brenda Bergstein, the OKC Librarian. Bring or make your own instrument to March, March March!! Register at www.OKCHighHolidays.org.

It Was an “OK Summer” at Ohr Kodesh Congregation

BY LEAH MILLER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF YOUNG FAMILY EDUCATION & PROGRAMMING

Over the past eight weeks, the children of Ohr Kodesh Congregation have engaged in a summer of learning remotely. Many were planning to attend camp and go on vacations that did not take place. It was clear that families were not interested in a full slate of Zoom sessions, so we planned something that would hopefully engage kids and parents together: the OKC Summer Challenge!

Over these few months, all students in PreK-7th grade were given four challenges to complete each week. These challenges varied based on subject and timing. Levels of activities were broken up into two groups: PreK-2nd Grade and 3rd-7th grade. Students were asked to submit proof of completion of the challenges on the app Flipgrid. Families were able to see examples from the other children participating in the program; there were about 60 children in total. After submitting their challenges, each child’s name was entered into a raffle to win some fantastic prizes, including a digital camera, a one-on-one customized art class, a pizza party with friends, and much more. Everyone who completed at least two full weeks of challenges was automatically eligible to receive an OKC Summer Challenge t-shirt as well!

We offered fun, experiential challenges that were synchronous and asynchronous. Some of these challenges included:

- Making a sacred ritual space somewhere in your home (a place to pray that is just for you) to *Zen* out! Students were asked to take a video showing their space and what makes it sacred.
- Learning about Sde Boker—Ben-Gurion’s desert *kibbutz* home. Students were asked either to write or to send a video about what they learned. Bonus points were given for reaching out to Leah Miller and asking her about her experience at Sde Boker!
- Making a favorite Jewish food dish. Students were asked to take a picture of their family



Orit van Emden, rising 3rd grader, presenting her homemade *Havdalah* kit for our *Havdalah* challenge.



Adanma Onyewu, 5th grade ABRS student, Baking *Challah* for a challenge.



2nd Grader Max Kander, shows off his picture of the city of Tel Aviv for an Israel-themed challenge.

enjoying the dish together, explaining what it is and why it is special to them.

- Joining Craig Simon, former ABRS teacher and current Tzohar faculty member, in a Zoom session about *Tefillin*. In it students learned what *Tefillin* are, how to put them on, and their history.
- Learning to sing *Hatikvah*. Students were asked to practice it with their family.

Barbara Libbin, past president and mother of Rina and Ezra Libbin (4th and 5th grade respectively) said, “Rina and Ezra really enjoyed the opportunity to engage in Jewish learning during the summer. They loved the classes where they got to interact with different staff members and Cantor Labovitz. They were able to interact with ABRS students that they don’t always get to see.

As Jewish Day School students, they were able to apply their Jewish knowledge in a different, informal learning environment and think critically about topics. The activities were engaging and a lot of fun! It was nice to have something for them to fill the white spaces during this long, stay-at-home summer.”

Alexandra Hayward, grandmother of Adanma, a 5th grader, noted, “I came to realize how much Adanma really knew and understood about what she had been learning in Hebrew School. The summer challenges were just that. Challenges. And together these Challenges gave us the opportunity to relearn, revisit, revive and renew. Thank you so much for this remarkable experience.”

It was a fantastic opportunity for ECC students, ABRS students, and Jewish Day School kids to come together and learn. They may not have not known everyone in the beginning, but by the end of the summer, we all came away from this experience learning something different and meeting new friends. It may not have been the summer we planned on having, but it turned out to be more than “an OK Summer” because of the OKC Summer Challenge.





**צוהר
Tzohar**

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

Forge your own Jewish Path



**Do you know how to drive,
shop for food, cook or
make sandwiches?**

**Volunteer for the OK
Social Action Committee!**



<http://ohrkodesh.org/community/social-action>

Contact socialaction@ohrkodesh.org

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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 30-September 4

Thomas Rosenfield 480-390-3850
Elana Rosenfield
Ralph Barocas & Carol Schulman
Marcy Baskin
Noah Bassel & Michal Shinnar
Andrea Bayewitz
Ruth Becker
Assaf & Rebecca Ben-Atar
Gadi & Jenna Ben-Yehuda
Brenda Bergstein
Harvey & Lynn Berk
Ben & Natasha Berman
Susan Bernard
John Bickerman
Uri & Deb Bilek
Jerry & Anna Blask
Len & Shelly Blondes

September 6-11

Liz Wagger 301-581-0179
David Wagger
Marjorie Bloom
Ari Blumenthal & Sharon Parrott
Fred & Joyce Bonnett
Zachary Borovay & Marna Schoen
Dan & Ariel Brandt Lautman
Bob & Helene Braun
Steven & Rachel Braun
Allan & Susan Brecher
Rick & Sande Brecher
Burt & Mary Brenner
Matthew & Sarah Brenner
Joel Brewer
Gil Browdy & Karin Hammou
Roger & Irith Browdy

September 13-18

Joel Schwartz 301-587-5614
Anne Himmelfarb
Jeremy & Debbie Brown
Joshua Buck & Sarit Lisogorsky
Monique Buckles
Harold Burgess & Shoshana Eisenberg
Natalie Cantor
Stuart Carragher & Wendi Hausfeld-Carragher
Michael & Sara Chapper
Fran Cogen
Bret & Rebecca Cohen
Jonathan & Rita Cohen
Marc Cohen & Deborah Levine
Eric Colchamiro & Shoshana Hecker
Seth & Marnina Cowan
Tamir & Rebecca Damari

September 20-25

Helen Sunshine 301-656-5952
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Martin & Sue Diamond
Michael Diamond & Tova Geller
David Dratch
Ben Dreyfus & Elizabeth Richman
Brett & Aderet Drucker
Pam Edison
Mark & Susie Eig
Ab & Judy Eisen
Yiftach & Janice Eisenberg
Linda Eisenstadt
Ben & Rachel Eisman
Gil & Rona Eisner
Stuart Eizenstat
Jonathan Elkin & Jackie Cohen

September 27-October 2

Gidon van Emden 301-328-5687
Sharon Light
Jess Endicter & Cynthia Saunders-Endicter
Carol Epstein
Eric & Shoshana Epstein
Mark Epstein
Stephen & Ellen Exelbert
Adam Fagen & Sandra Marks
Chuck Fax & Michele Weil
Mordy & Mickey Feinberg
Sarah Feinberg
Douglas Feith & Pamela Auerbach
Eric & Dena Feldman
Gerry & Jan Feldman
Mindy Feldman
Gary & Naomi Felsenfeld

October 4-9

Rise Ain 703-851-4002
Mike Levy
Allen & Melissa Feuer
Marvin & Debra Feuer
Jay & Susan Finkelstein
David & Margo Fischer
Paul & Susan Fischer
Ross Fischer
Leon & Lara Fleischer
Gary & Wendy Fox
Brett Freedman & Aviva Krauthammer
Jonathan & Yael Freimann
Aron & Elisha Friedman
David & Lisa Friedman
Joel & Ann Friedman
Jason & Alyssa Friedrich

October 11-16

Sandy Walter 301-980-5516
John Walter
Judy Futrovsky Wright
David & Barbara Garlock
Rich & Pam Gelfand
Herb & Nancy Geller
David & Danna Gelles
Brett & Rachel Gellman
Andrew & Aviva Gershman
Eli Glaser & Pnina Laric
Sol & Nina Glasner
Izzy & Diane Goldberg
Ros Goldfarb Levitt
Martin & Donna Goldman
Yehuda Goldman & Miriam Isserow
Hilary Goldmann

October 18-23

Josh Wilkenfeld 202-241-8856
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Norm & Joanne Goldstein
David Golub & Mary Beth Leidman
Robyn Gopin
Daniel Gopman
Mark & Jody Goren
Dan Grad
Geoffrey Green & Heitzi Epstein
Jonathan & Sharon Gruber
Adam & Julie Grumet
Daniel & Elizabeth Handwerker
Alan & Sue Harris
Greg Hauptman
Ariel & Amy Herman
Eileen Hinkes

October 25-30

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Eric Hinkes
Joel & Carol Hirsch
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Roberta Hollander
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The Congregation and the Board of Directors offer heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of:

SELMA EISENBERG
Mother of Rachel Braun

URI RA'ANAN
Father of Michael Ra'an

ARLENE WEISSMANN
Sister of Marylin Schwartz

ELI CHOVIK
Brother of Bernie Chovitz



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 September:

Terry Shuch Meiselman
301-326-2140 (home) 301-613-9030 (cell)

Glenn Farber
301-587-3344 (home) 301-768-2536 (cell)

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

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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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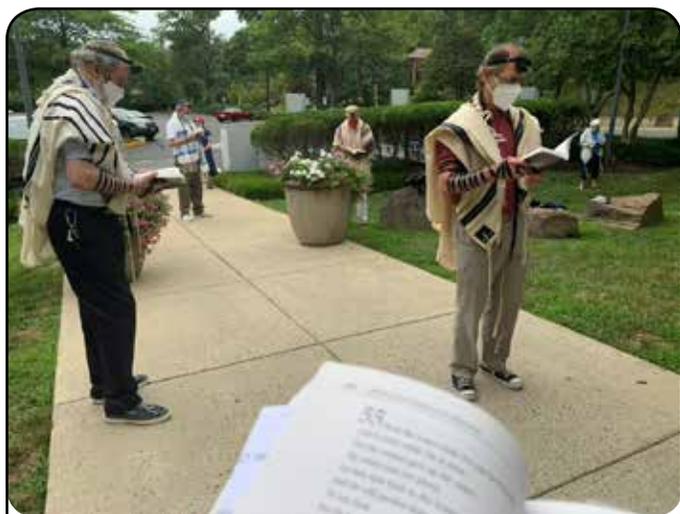
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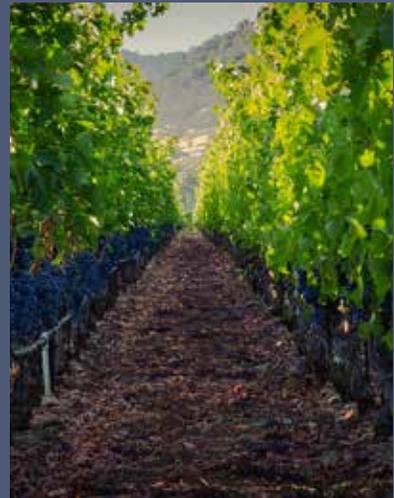
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