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A Morning with Michal Oshman

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Sunday Morning, November 14, 2021

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FEELING FORTUNATE

Rabbi Elliott Perlstein

As a result of these many months of pandemic, one's work has been dramatically affected. Many have left the work force and many jobs remain unfilled. These workers don't want to go back to their underpaid and underappreciated jobs. Others want to recalibrate the balance of work, family, leisure in their lives. They don't want to return to the time and stress of their commute five days a week. They discovered there is another way to live. Some employers agree. Some don't. Some are still negotiating.

As I look at my own work, I can't help but feel very fortunate. When the synagogue's doors were closed in March 2020, I set up shop at home. This was a simple transition because I have been what is now called a hybrid worker for many years. My home study was all set, and I was able to continue full time without skipping a beat. Like many others, my working day was considerably longer than previously for a few reasons. There was a new learning curve to function in our new circumstances. We needed to create a whole new infrastructure to function online. When I thought we had built a new base on which to function, creating the High Holy Days 2020 presented a whole new challenge. I look back with pride on what we created for totally "at home" High Holy Day Services.

I have no complaints regarding my work. I even enjoyed it. For much of synagogue life there is a template in how we did it last year and even for many years. These past months brought me back to the earliest days of the synagogue when we were creating everything anew. It got the adrenaline going. I got comfortable leaving the house only for an afternoon walk. Shirts only needed to be ironed from the shoulders up. Wearing a tie and suit? Only Shabbat morning.

I saw what the true work heroes were doing in the most dangerous circumstances, working in the grocery store, the emergency room, the COVID ward. My work in no way was comparable to theirs, but I was deeply inspired to give all that I could in my own arena. Whatever our work is,

we all want to be needed and appreciated. I felt a greater need to be present for many in our community, and many expressed a special appreciation for all the synagogue was doing.

As time went on, I felt a great deal of gratitude to our entire congregation. In the summer of 2020, I felt the same fear I did during the economic crisis in 2008. I feared that circumstances could strike a terrible blow to everything we had built over the years. That did not happen in 2008, 2020 or 2021. Our membership remained and remains stable. Donors gave even more to support those who needed extra support from the synagogue. Thankfully, my fear was unfounded, and that fear was replaced with the deepest gratitude for the loyalty, commitment, and generosity of our members.

And now people are heading back to work or deciding they had enough. My commute to the synagogue has always been less than ten minutes. What's there to complain about? There is work that I do best alone at home, and now I have returned to the synagogue for work that happens best on site. Our Senior Staff now meets in person. I am writing this article in the morning at home. Yesterday I was in the synagogue with the Gimmel class and then teaching my Confirmation Class. I stayed in the synagogue to be on time for the evening Minyan online and then went home to attend an officers' meeting online. It's working. I had been stopping into the synagogue since March 2020 to get a book or a file I needed. The first day, I sat down at my desk, turned the computer on and worked. It was a homecoming.

Far too many families throughout our country, now more than 700,000, are grieving the loss of a loved one or loved ones. Our hearts are with them. I cannot feel any bit of gratitude without also thinking about those whose lives have been terribly shattered by their loss. With that, I do feel especially fortunate in many ways and am now focusing primarily on my work.

I will remain a hybrid worker, but as time goes on, I anticipate I will return to a great balance between home and synagogue study. And that involves a commute of either zero or less than ten minutes. Why not feel fortunate!

JOIN THE RENAISSANCE

Diane Pevar



In case you didn't get to hear my Yom Kippur speech, I began by thanking the very many people who devote day after day working to ensure that Ohev Shalom operates smoothly. Included in this amazing group of people are, of course, our clergy, faculty, and staff. But just as important – because they are the *nefesh* – the soul of our congregation - are the volunteers who freely give of their time so that we may have so many opportunities to worship, learn, and socialize together. *Todah rabah*, thank you so much to our members who already volunteer.

For those of you who haven't yet dipped your toe in the volunteer pool, I urge you to find a way to be more involved with Ohev. Whether you are part of the in-person or the virtual congregation, there are many opportunities for you to do a mitzvah by getting involved.

One new and exciting way to volunteer is in the rebirth of an Ohev auxiliary, Hazak, that was based loosely on an initiative created by the United Synagogues for Conservative Judaism. As AARP has been reminding us through their commercials, people can spend half their lives over the age of 50. Now is the perfect time to rename and reinvent this auxiliary and use it to empower our congregation. But to do so, we need the help of volunteers.

Being a volunteer means you are sharing something of yourself that is neither required nor an obligation. Your talent, your ideas, your experiences, your expertise, are all invaluable assets that can enrich our congregation. Being a volunteer means you are making connections. By volunteering you become part of our community, making connections that benefit yourself as well as others. Being a volunteer means you are making positive impact. Your ideas and contributions will be instrumental in planning out and creating Ohev's future.

Not sure helping to revitalize a young seniors' group is your ideal volunteer opportunity? At Ohev Shalom, there are many other ways to share yourself and your talents. Want to be more deeply involved in the spiritual side of synagogue life? Join our Religious Committee or volunteer to read Torah or to give a d'var Torah on a Shabbat morning. Want to give back to our congregants? Then the Caring Committee is for you. Thinking about how you can make a positive impact on our surrounding community? Join our Social Action Committee. We are all missing social contact, and a great way to get reconnected with friends you have been missing or to develop new friendships might be to volunteer to help Sisterhood or Men's Club. Or, to circle back, help us create this new auxiliary that, while open to everyone, will enrich the lives of our empty nesters, retirees, Bubbies and Zaydas, and so many more.

The above are just some of the ways you can give back and enrich your own life in the process. Everyone makes a difference when they volunteer.

Be part of the Renaissance at Ohev Shalom. Make a difference. Make connections. Be part of our community's future. Please contact me at president@ohav.org so you and I can start a discussion about how you can volunteer.

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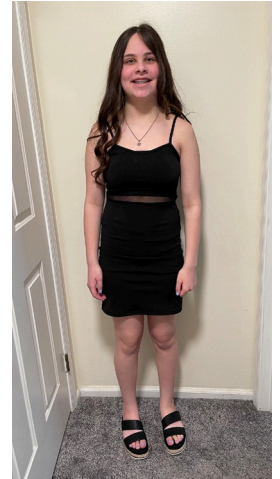
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MARISSA WEINSTEIN NOVEMBER 6, 2021

Hello, my name is Marissa Weinstein, and I am in eighth grade at Holland Middle School. I have been attending Hebrew School and began preschool at Ohev at the age of two. On November 6, 2021, I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah with my twin sister, Gabriella. I enjoy riding my bike, playing basketball, and I used to do dance and play soccer. I am looking forward to joining Track and Field next year when I go to high school. I currently am in Tichon on Wednesday nights and am a Madricha on Sunday mornings and am an active member of BBYO.

My sister and I did two Chesed projects in preparation for our B'not Mitzvah. First, we ran our first 5K for JAFCO, Family Matters. We raised over \$1000 for this fabulous organization which helps families going through a crisis. JAFCO has helped my family in many ways, and I wanted to help them help other families going through difficult challenges. We also volunteered at a golf outing for Kayden's Korner. Kayden was a seven year old girl who was caught in the middle of a bitter custody battle. The judge made a horrific mistake of allowing Kayden's dad to have her unsupervised, and the weekend after that ruling, he brutally murdered her. Kayden's Korner is working hard to pass a law that would put the safety of children as the number one priority when deciding custody. Ella and I will continue to fight to have Kayden's Law passed so other families don't have to endure such a tragic loss.

I would like to thank the Rabbi, Cantors Annelise and Paul and my mom for helping me prepare for this special day. I would also like to thank my big sister Mollie, my Bubbie and Poppy and JAFCO for their never ending support over the past several years. I can honestly say I am well prepared to begin my life as a Jewish adult.

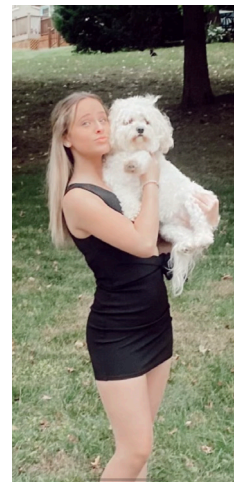


ELLA WEINSTEIN NOVEMBER 6, 2021

Hi, my name is Ella and I am 13 years old and in 8th grade at Holland Middle School. When I was two years old, I began my education at Ohev Shalom for preschool. I am currently a Madricha for Miss Denise on Sunday mornings. Miss Denise was also my teacher at Ohev when I was two. I also attend Tichon and am a member of BBYO. I started dancing when I was 3 years old, and when I was in fourth grade I made the competitive dance team at Elite Dance Academy. I also am on the cheer team at Holland Middle School and hope to continue being a cheerleader in high school. I look forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah on November 6, 2021 with my twin sister, Marissa.

For my Chesed project, I chose to help out an organization called Kayden's Korner. Kayden's Korner was created in loving memory of a little seven year old girl who was brutally murdered by her father. Kayden's mom kept begging the courts to keep Kayden away from her father, as he was very dangerous. The judge decided to let her dad have her for the weekend unsupervised, and he brutally murdered her on the first weekend she was forced to go. Marissa and I will continue advocating to get Kayden's Law passed so other families will not have to experience such a tragic loss. I also helped raise over \$1300 for an organization called JAFCO, Family Matters. This organization helps families who are in crisis. We have received the support of JAFCO in the past and want to help other families have the same help.

I would like to thank the Rabbi and Cantors Annelise and Paul for helping me prepare for this very special day. I would also like to thank my mom, big sister Mollie, my Bubbie and Poppy, JAFCO and my dog, Daisy, for supporting me non-stop over the past several years. I look forward to my future as a Jewish adult.



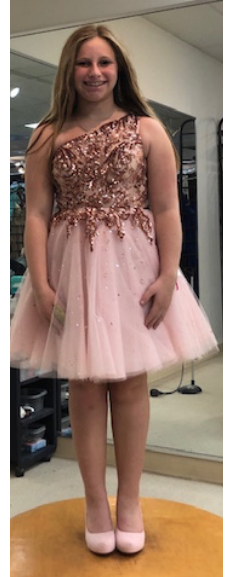
BAYLA HOFFMAN NOVEMBER 20, 2021

Hello! My name is Bayla Hoffman. I am very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah on November 20, 2021. I would like to share a little bit about me. I am currently a 7th grader at Newtown Middle School. I began my journey in Hebrew education at Ohev Shalom way back when I was in kindergarten. I love spending time with my family. I live with my parents, two younger sisters (Elle and Farrah), and two white Labrador puppies (Storm and Luna). Some of the things I enjoy are hanging out and talking to my friends, dancing, cheerleading, tennis, and traveling with my family.

The summer is one of my favorite times of the year. I am lucky my parents send me to Briarwood Day Camp. I have been a camper there since I was 6 years old. Both of my sisters also go to the same camp. Summers are the best with days at camp and spending time at the Jersey shore with my family and friends.

For my Mitzvah Project, I wanted to do something to help others. So I made soup and meals and delivered them to the homeless for the organization Caring For Friends. It gave me great pride to help those who are less fortunate and don't have food. It also ties in with my Parshah for my Bat Mitzvah when Jacob made soup for his brother Essau.

I want to personally thank Rabbi Perlstein, Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo, Cantor Frimark, Barbara Glickman, my Hebrew school teachers, Suzanne Gold, and my parents for helping me prepare for my Bat Mitzvah. I am proud to continue to uphold my family's Jewish values and traditions.

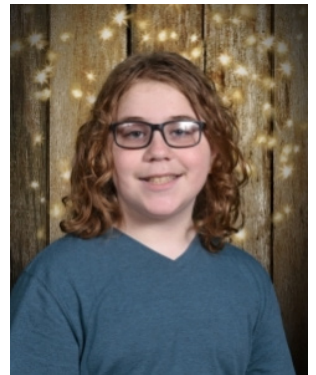


EVAN RACYNSKI DECEMBER 11, 2021

Hello my name is Evan Raczynski, and I was born on December 9, 2008. I am currently 12 and in 7th grade. I was born in Philadelphia and now live in Levittown. I live with my mom, dad, sister and dog. I attend Carl Sandburg Middle school. We joined Ohev when I was in first grade. I spend most of my time playing games, talking to friends and watching TV.

For my Chesed project I am collecting donations and volunteering for a local animal shelter. I have decided to help animals in need because my family rescued our dog Lucky, a Pitbull Lab mix, from the Trenton animal shelter 8 years ago. He was a stray that showed signs of neglect and abuse. He is a crazy 90 lb. lap dog, but he fits right in with our family. I am helping the shelter because of my love of animals, and it hurts me to see animals without a family.

I would like to thank all of my Ohev teachers and Rabbi for helping me learn about Judaism. I would also like to thank Cantor Annelise for helping me learn and prepare for my Bar Mitzvah. Finally, I would like to thank my family for always supporting me.



OHEV SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE – YOU CAN HELP!

DECEMBER 16 – RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

You are invited to help save a life on Thursday, December 16 between 3 and 8 PM. Ohev is again proudly partnering with the Red Cross, and we need your help to make this blood drive a success.

Please sign up on the Red Cross website (www.redcrossblood.org) and search for Ohev's drive (ohевичrichboro). Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, bring your proof of vaccination and mask, and become part of this lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and Ohev Shalom!

JANUARY 19 – PRESENTATION BY HIAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Please join us on January 19th at 7:30, in the synagogue or virtually, to learn from Cathryn Miller Wilson, Executive Director of HIAS Pennsylvania, about the resettlement of incoming refugees. Since 1882, HIAS Pennsylvania has helped immigrants and refugees navigate the complexities of American society and its legal system.

You can help our new neighbors by volunteering, advocating, offering employment or a place to live, or donating. Remember, you (or your parents or grandparents) were also a stranger!

FOOD DRIVE

The Pennndel Food Pantry of the Bucks County Housing Group expressed their sincere appreciation for the incredible generosity and kindness of the Ohev Shalom community. During our recent High Holy Day Food Drive, Ohev congregants donated over 1,286 pounds of food. While putting the approximately 100 bags of groceries into their cars, the food bank volunteers commented on the quality of the donations: tuna fish, peanut butter, beans, etc. We received a warm thank you note as well as a call acknowledging the thoughtfulness of the Ohev congregants.

BOOK COLLECTION

We proudly delivered over 20 boxes of books to Project Home supporting the Gloria Casarez Home for LGBTQ+ Young Adults. Project Home Books is a social enterprise in which people who have experienced homelessness sell used books online while earning a living wage, learning critical skills, and raising funds for this exemplary charity.

Project Home helps lift our community by providing a path to sustainable life without poverty by providing subsidized housing for individuals and families in need. They empower individuals with opportunities for employment and tailored educational programs as well as addressing their health and wellness needs.

If you didn't get a chance to bring your books to Ohev during our October drive, Project Home accepts the books at their downtown Philly location from 11 AM through 6 PM Monday through Saturday, but will open their office to accept donations on Sunday, if requested.

NEW PROJECT FOR 2022 – COOKING MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

We have an opportunity to join with other synagogues and churches to help feed the homeless and those in need in Bucks County.

Across our county, various congregations commit to providing 30+ meals on set dates through the year. Members of each congregation sign up on their own synagogue's/church's website to pledge one or more meals on the set date. The members then drop the meal(s) to the chairperson's home before dinner time. The meals are picked up by AHTD - Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need and distributed that same evening at set locations in Morrisville, Bristol, Croydon, etc. to our neighbors in need.

As we start our pledge to address hunger and help our neighbors, we will make a commitment for the fifth Monday of the months which have that date on the calendar. We will be sharing these dates with Congregation Beth El of Yardley. Their congregants will pledge to donate meals on those days as well, to help us reach the 30 meal promise. In 2022, those dates would be January 31, May 30, August 29, and October 31.

A donated meal packed in a storage or take-out container might be:

- Casserole with side of veggies
- Pasta with cheese and peas
- Salad with two hard boiled eggs
- Hoagie and chips

It is helpful to add disposable utensils, napkin and drink. A granola bar or peanut butter crackers would be a nice addition. The portions should be for an adult, as this food may be the only meal the person will have that day.

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**A Discussion with Cathryn Miller Wilson,
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Wednesday, January 19 at 7:30 PM
At Ohev Shalom and virtually

Based on the Jewish value of “welcoming the stranger,” HIAS Pennsylvania offers social, legal, and resettlement services to refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers from all backgrounds. Since 1882, HIAS Pennsylvania has helped immigrants navigate the complexities of American society and its legal system, from their first steps on American soil to the oath of citizenship,

Join us at Ohev or virtually to learn about the important work of HIAS and how we can be more involved in the advocacy for and support of the refugees and immigrants joining our community.

There is no fee to attend the event, but we ask you give a \$10 (or more) Target gift-card for the families which HIAS serves.

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SHARI WILLIAMS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021 CONGREGANT OF THE MONTH

By Eileen Schein



The great poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow refers to “The love of learning, the sequestered nooks, and all the sweet serenity of books.” This was just the starting point for Shari Williams, our November/December Congregant of the Month.

Shari grew up in Huntingdon Valley, the oldest of three children. She attended Knesset Israel through her Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation, and their College of Jewish Studies, along with one year at Gratz. Penn State University offered many religious studies classes with a focus on Judaism, and she was even able to fulfill her language requirement with Hebrew. Law School followed in Los Angeles – more books!! – and Shari then moved to Florida, where her family had relocated and began teaching Hebrew School.

Shari married in Port St. Lucie, and their son A.J. was born in 1999, two days before Y2K. They immediately started the tradition of celebrating Shabbat dinner when they brought their son home from the hospital. Daughter Stephanie made her appearance in 2003 and was named at the Temple in Cooper City, Florida, where Shari taught 7th and 8th grade. A move to Charlotte, North Carolina brought the family to Temple Beth El. Shari taught Jewish history there for five years until she and her children moved to Holland after her divorce.

The connection among Shari’s siblings is powerful – brother Ron is married to our Gimmel teacher, Morah Marla Gelfont, and younger sister Felice Shiloh and her family have been members of Ohev for almost 15 years. In fact, it was to be with family that drew Shari and her children to Ohev Shalom. The welcoming family atmosphere sealed the deal.

In 2012, Shari began volunteering and has been with Minahellet Barbara Glickman ever since she became the Education Director. She acts as administrative assistant, receptionist, provides security to access the building, and answers the phones. She collaborates with teachers and staff to support their lesson plans with supplies and her vast source of knowledge. When our beloved Soni Feld retired as librarian, Shari gladly took over the library, feeling the same way as Soni does about her love and joy for sharing Judaism with our students. While the library is being used as a classroom, she is able to choose the books for her story time prior to classes. As you can tell from the picture, reading outside with our children has been a great activity. She works with our teachers in advance of their library session to choose a topic that coordinates with their class lessons, holidays, or current topics.

Why does Shari volunteer so much of her time and energy to Ohev? She has a very strong Jewish identity, and it is a joy for her to share her love of Judaism while helping our young people to find their own personal relationship with G-d and Judaism. The looks on the faces of our children as they create their own personal Jewish journey is reward enough. Her own children celebrated their B’Nai Mitzvah here at Ohev and were in in the Tichon and Confirmation programs.



Even more amazing, our Shari Williams is an attorney licensed in Florida and Pennsylvania, with her own practice, Gelfont Williams Law, LLC in Huntingdon Valley, serving Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Delaware, and Lehigh counties and Florida. She is a member of Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Bucks County Bar Association, the Pro Bono Committee Chair for the Bucks County Bar Association, and a Keystone attorney.

It is our great benefit that Shari Williams chose not to stay in those “sequestered nooks,” but to share all that she has to offer - as a true Person of the Book. Mazal Tov!

ADULT EDUCATION

Dear Congregants,


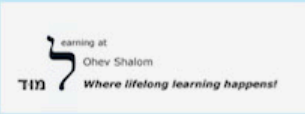
Please join us for our exciting Adult Education line up.

All programs start at 7:30PM on Zoom following our weekday minyan. Please use the minyan link which you'll find on your weekly #O-Happenings E-Mail.

Leslie Kreithen,

Adult Education Chair

- Tuesday, November 2: Rabbi Jon Cutler- *Book of Job*
- Thursday, December 9: Marvin Kreithen-*Life in the Shtetl*
- Thursdays, January 6, 13, 20: Dr. Michael Eisman – Jewish Music
 - *Klezmerim come to America*, Jan 6
 - *American Yiddish to American English*, Jan 13
 - *Yiddish/American becomes Mainstream American*, Jan 20
- Thursday, February 10: Dr. Phyllis Gotkin – *Philadelphia Art Museum and the Jewish Connection*
- Thursday, March 3: Dr. Lloyd Tucker-*George Washington, Thanksgiving, and the Jewish Community of Newport RI, nb*
- Thursday, March 31: Dr. Robert Levine-*Civil War and the Jews, Part 2*
- Monday, April 11: Rabbi Shlomo Pereira: *Dona Gracia HaNasi*
- Tuesday, May 17: Rabbi Shawna and Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik: *Men of Steel, Women of Valor, Heroes of Clay*



Rabbi Jon Cutler

Tuesday November 2, 2021 "Book of Job"

Studying the Book of Job

- If God is good and powerful, why do you see suffering in the world?
- Why do you serve God even when you experience suffering?
- How do you respond to others when they ask these questions?
- How have you answered these questions for yourself?

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Click on the Virtual Daily Minyan link found in OH-Events, #O-Happenings, Shabbat-O-Gram, or www.ohev.org
Presentation is on Zoom and begins at 7:30 PM after minyan.

Rabbi Jon Cutler earned his BA and MA from Temple University in Religious Studies, a Master of Hebrew Letters and ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and a Doctor of Ministry from Hebrew Union College. He is a captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve where he served for 25 years. During Operation Iraqi Freedom and after the September 11 attacks and Desert Storm, he was the only Jewish chaplain for the Marines and Navy in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. As a pulpit rabbi, he has served four congregations including Beth Israel of Chester County since 2015. He is an Adjunct Professor teaching Judaic Studies at Gratz College, philosophy and religion at Philadelphia University, and Counseling Psychology in the graduate program at Holy Family University.

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Marvin Kreithen

Thursday December 9, 2021
Life in the Shtetl

From the time they were born until they were pre-teens, my parents lived in a shtetl in the Russian Pale of Settlement; my father in Rodamysl, my mother in Tulchin. A shtetl is a small town big enough to support a basic network of institutions that are essential to Jewish communal life - a synagogue, a mikveh (ritual bath), a cemetery, schools, and a framework of voluntary associations or "khevres" that perform religious and communal functions. Life on the shtetl has been romanticized by Jewish writers like Shalom Aleichem where a milkman becomes a philosopher, the tailor a poet and the rabbi a troubadour. In reality life on the shtetl was harsh. My mother dressed in hand me downs, shared a coat with her sister, and often went without shoes; my father survived a pogrom. This talk describes the shtetl of the late 19th century and the early 20th century and a way of life that has long since vanished.



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Marvin Kreithen was a pioneer in the development of low-cost Numerical Control Based machine tools. After 25 years as a Logic and Software Engineer (6 patents), he became Vice President and General Manager of Bridgeport Machines and General Manager of its Computerized Control Systems group. Since his retirement in 2000, he has pursued his interests in Travel (visiting 49 of the 50 U.S. States, most of Western Europe, China, Japan, South America, Mexico and Latin America); Art (he has toured most of the top 40 Art Museums in the western world); and Jewish History. He has been giving talks to adult education groups on notable achievements of the Jewish People.

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Greetings to everyone. We hope that you and your families are continuing to stay safe and healthy, and that the High Holiday season was one in which you were able to reflect, enjoy, and participate with your family and friends in whatever ways you could. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks (z"l) said, "Community is society with a human face – the place where we know we are not alone." Our Ohev Shalom Men's Club certainly is a testament to that reflection. Over the last 18 months our Men's Club has continued to get together and build our community through a variety of speakers and topics that have kept us informed as well as together as a group and community. Whether learning together from local and international speakers or just getting together to schmooze about TV sports or movies, we enjoyed our Mondays with Men's Club!

Recently, in October we had registered dietician Tara Garfield speak about Men's Wellness. In November we are having Felicia Alexander presenting to us on Philly Jewish Genealogy. As always, all are welcome to these programs as well as at our weekly Sunday morning minyan. Please check the weekly Ohev communications to stay informed. The planning continues, so if you have any ideas regarding speakers or programs you would like us to have, please let us know. We are hopeful that in addition to our virtual programming, that we will soon be able to return to our synagogue live and in person for our breakfasts!

As a reminder you can now make donations to the Ohev Shalom Men's Club in honor or memory of loved ones and special occasions. We are listed on the Ohev donation form.

We always encourage everyone to attend Men's Club programs. They are open to everyone! Thanks to those of you who have already sent in their 2021-2022 Men's Club membership dues! We are already on our way to exceeding our membership goals. Spread the word that membership in the Ohev Men's Club is rewarding and is made better by those who take part in it!

Again, stay safe and healthy, and for now see you virtually and hopefully soon in person.

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November 13 Hanukkah, In person & Zoom
December 18 In person & Zoom
January 16 Tu B'shvat, Virtual
February 5 Inclusion Shabbat
March 13 Purim Carnival, In person only
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OHEV SHALOM CELEBRATES THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY AND WELCOMES DIVERSITY WITHIN OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

SISTERHOOD

As we look forward to the crisp cool weather of fall, beautiful leaves and all things pumpkin and squash, I hope you have figured out your “new normal”, have become more comfortable and have been getting out and about.

Sisterhood has planned the following events for fall and early winter. These events are via Zoom and we look forward to your joining us.

November 4th - Rabbi's Book Review - *Florence Adler Swims Forever* by Rachel Beanland

Date TBD - Hanukkah SWEET Happening

Tuesday January 11th and Tuesday January 25th - Virtual Bingo

Look for additional information and flyers via Sisterhood Happenings, as well as Ohev Shalom OH-EVENTS and O-HAPPENINGS.

If you need anything or know of anyone in need, please reach out to me. Being a part of Sisterhood means being there for each other. This month as we celebrate thanksgiving, let's be thankful for what we do have- the friendships, family and love.

As we look forward to the winter, we will be planning more events to keep our Sisters connected.

If you are not already a Sisterhood member, consider joining us. Dues are \$36 a year. Sisterhood is an outlet to have fun, make new friends, see old friends, learn, embrace your Judaism, enjoy our accomplishments, and journey together as sisters.

We are once again selling Mah Jongg cards- see the flyer in this Dove Tale.

Please remember the Simcha Boutique for all your gift giving. We are open by appointment.

Remember- stay healthy, safe, make smart choices, and I hope to see you in person real soon!

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In Honor of

Good health and dear friendships, by **Sara & Al Torjman**

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Gussie Chudnoff, beloved mother of Barbara Rosenzweig, by Phyllis Halpern

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In Honor of

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In Memory of

Benjamin Hoffman, beloved father of Neil Hoffman, by Arlene & Cantor Paul Frimark

COOK FOR A FRIEND

In Honor of

Wishing **Harriet & Steve Rellis** much happiness in their new home, by Eileen & Jahn Nolan

Wishing **Mike Zimet** a *refuah shlema*, a swift and complete recovery, by Roz & Marty Rudoff

In Memory of

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In Memory of

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INCLUSION B'KAVOD FUND

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The B'nai Mitzvah of **Sophia & Spencer Edelman**, grandchildren of Carol & Harvey Edelman, by Tanya & Allan Katz

The marriage of **Heather Backes to Gary Katz**, son of Ruth & Sheldon Katz, by Lindsay & Steve Miller

Lindsay Miller being honored with holding the Torah on Kol Nidre, by Lindsay & Steve Miller

The birth of **Vivienne Newman**, beautiful granddaughter of Judie Weiss, by Lindsay & Steve Miller

In Memory of

Lou Cheifetz, beloved father of Stuart Cheifetz, by Susan, Jackson, Rebecca, & Sam Reiter

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Edythe Shulman, beloved mother of Drew Shulman, by Diane & Jeff Pevar

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In Honor of

With gratitude to **Rabbi Elliott Perlstein** for so eloquently leading the unveiling service for Jerry Delson, by

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Wishing **Cantor Paul Frimark** a *refuah shlema*, a swift and complete recovery, by June & Harvey Cantor

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Wishing **Mike Zimet** a *refuah shlema*, a swift and complete recovery, by Lindsay & Steve Miller

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In Honor of

The birth of **Riley Blair Goldstein**, beautiful granddaughter of Rachel (z"l) and Carl Goldstein, by Laura & Ken Marblestone

Wishing **Mike Zimet** a *refuah shlema*, a complete recovery "lickety-split," by

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Wishing a *refuah shlema*, a swift and complete recovery, to **Cantor Paul Frimark**, by the Officers and Board of Directors of Ohev Shalom

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In Memory of

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Cecile and Howard Herskovitz and Family

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SAVE THE DATE

The First Lighting of our New Outdoor Hanukkah Menorah will be Sunday, December 5 at 4:30 PM. The Menorah will be on the lawn in front of the Main Entrance to the synagogue.

Join us at 4:30 PM, and there will be plenty of time to go to a family Hanukkah Gathering.



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