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The Rabbi's Study

That Is What You Call Chaibrid

Our future will be Chaibrid. That's when you do Hybrid Jewish. Zoom and in person. When we return to the Sanctuary and Chapel, we know there will be some who can not return or only with considerable difficulties. We can not just say "Sorry, we're back to doing it live. We'll miss you."

That is not Ohev Shalom!

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Hanukkah Happening



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Ohev Online

Weekday Minyan 7:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Tuesdays with the Rabbi 2 pm

Virtual coffee with the Rabbi Thurs 2 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:00pm

Shabbat Morning Services 10:00am

Sunday Morning Minyan 8:30am

See the Shabbat-O-Gram or OH-EVents!



Adult Education

Monthly events January - April

Featuring:

Mr. Marvin Kreithen

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Rabbi Eliott Perlstein

The Rabbi's Study

cold in the winter

months?

Our always creative Hebrew School leadership coined the term Chaibrid. That's when you do Hybrid Jewish. Our future will be Chaibrid. We must invest somehow in a high-definition camera in the Sanctuary to replace our present low definition one. We need to invest in a new camera in the



That Is What You Call Chaibrid

return to normal and what the new normal will be exactly but we're on our way. There are some things that we will surely take from "those new normal.

Whatever holiday one celebrated

last month, what a holiday gift it is

to begin to see the light at the end

rolling out. I entered my name and

of the tunnel. The vaccines are

pertinent details and I found out

that I would be number forty-four

out of a hundred to receive a shot.

the top percentiles but for this I am

I grew up always wanting to be in

happy being at the end of the top

We do not yet know when life will

pandemic days" with us into the new normal.

For me, one of these takeaways is my dear friend Zoom. I was invited to the Bar Mitzvah of my second cousin once removed. He has three older siblings whose B'nai Mitzvah I could not attend. We had B'nai Mitzvah scheduled on those dates but even if I would have been free, I would not have driven to the synagogue in the western suburbs. The official position of the Conservative Movement is the permissibility of driving to the closest synagogue and back home.

I was excited to be going to Jordi's Bar Mitzvah. I was excited to see him on the Bimah of his synagogue and excited to see relatives at such a happy time. Yes, Zoom makes this possible. Family from the west coast or living abroad can attend. The same is true regarding Shivah services via Zoom. Being 3,000 miles away is as close to being next door on the screen.

I have loved the Tuesdays with Torah and Coffee with the Rabbi on Thursdays both at 2:00 pm. Having the classes on Zoom is not so much a concession as

it is a convenience. In several ways, I prefer the Zoom.

One congregant who comes to both programs and to the Minyan each evening at 7:00 pm seldom came to Minyan at the synagogue. He told me that to drive twenty minutes to the synagogue for a brief service and home again doesn't pay. And who wants to go out when its dark and



Adath Tikvah Montefiore Chapel since we have no camera there at all. When we return to the Sanctuary and Chapel, we know there will be some who can not return or can but with considerable difficulties. We can not just say "Sorry, we're back to doing it live. We'll miss you." That is not Ohev Shalom!

We still must make it to and take the vaccine. These may be the toughest months following the Thanksgiving and holiday surges. Please be more vigilant now than ever before. Yes, it will be great to be together in the same physical space again and there will be times we will still be together via Zoom.

On a final note, I ordered a video cam for my PC last April and was told that it was on back order. I bought the camera from another source and all's well that ends well. I thought I canceled the first order. On Monday morning December 7, the first camera arrived. How deeply touched I felt not being forgotten eight month's later. I could easily have returned it but I will need it for my PC in the synagogue. There will be times when I will be in my study and will have a meeting via Zoom.

Yes, that is what you call Chaibrid! Here's too all good things in 2021. Rabbi

Ohev Shalom's Hanukkah Happening!

December 6th
A drive through experience featuring:
Rabbi with a special Hanukkah guest
Raffles
Cantors' Candle Lighting
Hanukkah Photo Op
Portrait Gallery
Guess How Many Dreidels
Hannukkah Pop Up and Latke Pick-up.



From the President

Are you as sick and tired as I am of sheltering in place, hunkering down, and avoiding friends and family while waiting for widespread distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine? Are you concerned about getting through the dark days of winter?

While you are home dreaming of the day that we can once again schlep to the mall or the movies or hang out with those we love, I cordially invite you to join in the warm and welcoming virtual comfort of what's happening at Ohev Shalom.

The pandemic has forced most of us, and our employers, family, and social circles to reimagine how we spend our time. Nowhere is this more evident than at Ohev, where you can find activities, friends, and community merely by logging or calling in.

Worship at Ohev continues to follow traditional formats but, thanks to Rabbi, Cantor Annelise, Cantor Paul, and our minyan leaders, our virtual services have evolved and are more than just a platform for prayer and observance. We also find time to schmooze, kibbitz, and catch up with our friends who might be around the corner or far away. Many congregants choose to participate, and all enjoy the experience. I love, and miss, attending services in our physical building, but the camaraderie generated at each service is a source of strength for all who attend.

My invitation also covers our many educational and social events — there's something scheduled most days and evenings and it's a guarantee that there will be something to interest you. Fun, relaxation, learning, socializing — these are all essential for our mental health and well-being. I know things are stressful but take some time to enjoy some of our vast and entertaining programming!

Looking for something to give you some meaning and purpose until

You Are Cordially Invited ...

you can enjoy going out again? Try virtual volunteering. Yes, that's a real thing and at Ohev we need volunteers. You can still make a difference even while hanging out at home. People engaged in virtual volunteering undertake a variety of activities, long and short term, while working remotely by computer or phone. Just reach out to me or to the synagogue office and you'll make a big impact.

I know that many of you are on screens a lot, working, helping your children learn, trying to keep in touch with loved ones. Zoom fatigue is certainly a real thing. But so is quarantine fatigue. Zoom is free

and easy to use. A survey conducted by Zoom and Forbes Insights found many silver linings in virtual communications including alleviating loneliness, improving well-being, and knowing you are part of a supportive community.

So, once again, I invite you to connect to something larger than yourself. Attend a service or event. Get involved. Volunteer. We will all get outside again, but in the meantime, why not take up my invitation? See you on Zoom!

Stay safe and be well.

Diane



Diane Pevar President

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me at president@ohev.org.



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Congregant of the Month

By Eileen Schein

The Irish novelist Frank Delaney remarked that "To understand and reconnect with our stories, the stories of our ancestors, is to build our own identities." No better example than this is that of our January/February Congregant of the Month, Carol Gerson.

As the middle child of three growing up in Northeast Philadelphia, Carol and her family traveled often to New York City to visit family. It was there, while savoring Heidelbeerkuchen (blueberry pie) and Linzer Torte at Oma and Opa Dreifuss's table in Washington Heights, that her family's escape from Nazi Germany (including her then ten year-old mother) was recounted. In Grandma and Grandpa Levy's kitchen in the Bronx, she enjoyed crunchy potato latkes while hearing how her grandparents arrived as children from Russia and Lithuania, and years later struggled to get their family through the Great Depression. The stories always ended with how grateful they were to be in America, where their children were safe, became college graduates with good lives, and were blessed with grandchildren. Surrounded by her loving family, Carol internalized the importance of freedom, equality, and opportunity for all.

Carol met her husband Mitch on a blind date when she was a senior at Girl's High. It was her sister, Anne Berlin, also a member of Ohev Shalom, who knew that she had set up the perfect match. In 1975, after Carol graduated from Temple University and Mitch was attending Georgetown Law, the couple married. They have been blessed with three children; Matthew, Emily, and Jennifer. In 1983 Mitch and Carol and their then two little ones moved back home to the Philadelphia area from Washington D.C., and went "shul shopping." They were looking for a progressive, egalitarian Conservative synagogue with a focus on Israel, where they could learn from clergy and congregants alike. At Ohev Shalom, they were welcomed warmly by everyone they met. They were most impressed by the young Rabbi who remembered their children's names every time he saw them. That heartfelt, hamishe greeting, along with their two toddlers' attraction to the kippah-wearing Bert & Ernie puppets at the monthly pre-school services, confirmed that they had found their religious home at Ohev. It is especially noteworthy that the friendships made by all of the Gerson children with their Ohev friends and classmates, beginning in their earliest days at Ohev, have flourished and remain an integral part of their present lives.

Carol became an active member of Ohev from the time that they joined. She first served as President of the Young Couples Club (obviously more than a few years ago!), then as a member of the Board of Directors, Program Chair, and Membership Chair. Her promise to Rabbi Perlstein was that she would remain as Membership Chair until she had signed up 100 new families. As she made friends with the real estate agents selling new homes in the developments which were popping up across Bucks County in the late 1980's and 1990's, it was not a difficult task to reach that century mark, attracting new families to such a warm, welcoming congregation.

Re-entering the corporate world while raising three children, Carol



Carol and Mitch Gerson

worked for 26 years in Human Resources Management for Aon plc, with responsibility for talent acquisition and development, Affirmative Action/EEO, compensation and budgeting, as well as acquisitions and divestitures. While HR director for Aon Affinity, she served as a representative to the United Way of Bucks County for many years. Her roles, which focused on promoting financial stability for families and helping children achieve their potential, raised her awareness of the wide variations in economic opportunity faced by different communities and individuals within Bucks County. During this time, Carol took a step back from her individual volunteer work but assisted husband Mitch in his fundraising and consciousnessraising for the JNF (Jewish National Fund), Israel Bonds, and the Magen David Adom - Israel's national emergency, medical, disaster, ambulance, and blood bank service. Ohev's commitment to Israel and its support of the organizations that are so important to Israel's continued thriving as the Jewish homeland continue to be most gratifying to both Carol and Mitch. Carol also continued to attend the Adult Education classes and programs which were offered through the years.

Carol is recently and delightedly retired. She and her sister Anne and brother Arthur lovingly care for their 97 year-old father, Marvin Levy, who has recently made his home with Mitch and Carol. Upon her retirement, Carol jumped into volunteering with JEVS (Jewish Employment Vocational Services), assisting refugees and immigrants with ESL (English as a Second Language) and job search skills, working on get-out-the-vote activities, and taking classes at Delaware Valley

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University's senior program. She recently started attending Ohev's Leadership Development program and has already contributed greatly by her very presence.

The volunteer activity which Carol considers most important is her work on Ohev's Social Action Committee. The Rabbinical Assembly has called on its members to form relationships across lines of faith and race, and to be in solidarity with movements for racial justice and true equality. Thus, Ohev's mission of assuming a "leadership role in the performance of Tzedakah, both within the congregation and in the larger community," as well as Rabbi's session this summer on issues of inequality across America, called her to action. She now leads an Ohev initiative in which several Ohev congregants are reaching out to Black communities of faith for the purpose of building relationships and providing opportunities to listen and learn about the Black community's varied experience. After gathering information from various resources, such as the ADL, The Peace Center, and the Jewish Community Relations Council, the committee has had conversations with several Black churches to explore mutual interests. At the time of the writing of this article, Carol and her committee have developed a budding relationship with an area A.M.E. pastor.

Reflecting upon the last 37 years as dedicated and devoted members of Ohev Shalom, Carol and Mitch remember with joy a baby naming, three B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmations on Ohev's bimah, Mitch's many Torah

readings and *divrei* Torah, and their recently celebrated 45th wedding anniversary, all with Ohev as the center of these wonderful family celebrations. There is one simcha, however, that stands out for Carol. Rabbi honored her Oma (grandmother) Lina Dreifuss with a Rosh Hashanah *aliyah* in honor of her 100th birthday. She was so delighted, as she reported each subsequent year to her adoring granddaughter, that "the Rabbi called ME on my birthday! What an honor!" Oma Lina remained a member of Ohev until her passing, four days short of 107 years old.

Up until this past year, Carol and Mitch enjoyed traveling to some amazing places; Japan-Korea-China, the Mediterranean, and Alaska to name a few. Their most inspiring trip, without a doubt, was the Ohev trip to Israel in 2012, led by Cantor Paul Frimark. Carol and Mitch are now proud and joyful grandparents, and, due to COVID, very active users of Zoom and Face Time with their five grandchildren scattered through Boston, New York City, and Bucks County.

Carol is honored to be recognized as Congregant of the Month, particularly as it confirms the importance that Ohev places on the Social Action Committee's work as previously mentioned; that is, reaching out to a Black community of faith to build bridges across races and faiths. By doing this, we are performing *Tikkun Olam* - the repairing of the world, and bearing responsibility for the welfare of society at large.

Mazal tov to Carol Gerson – our January / February Congregant of the Month!





Barbara Glickman Education Director



Hebrew School

A Jewish Educator

"For Jews, education is not just what we know, it's who we are," writes Jonathan Sacks z"l.

I thought about this quote and why it seemed to resonate with me. As a Jewish educator, I am continually working to improve my skills as both an educator and leader. While I received a Masters in Jewish Communal Service, I felt that something was missing from my education leadership toolbox. Unsure of the steps I needed to take in order to enhance my role as a Jewish education leader, I performed a self-assessment. Questions I asked myself included

how do I present myself as a leader, which areas of leadership do I think need improvement, how in depth is my Jewish leadership knowledge base and lastly, how can I accomplish all of this through a Jewish lens? Fortunately, through my research I discovered Spertus Instutitute's Certificate in Jewish Leadership certificate program and I embarked on a journey of my leadership self discovery.

According to Dr. Hal Lewis, Jewish leadership is defined as the principles and tenets found in Jewish sources. The first part of the 4-part leadership program focused on leadership as defined in the Jewish bible. When I first encountered these concepts, I was able to conduct a self-inventory of my knowledge of Jewish leadership. Yes, I often found myself quoting Pirkei Avot and fundamental Jewish values during staff meetings and through my school communications. As a Jewish educator, I knew of leaders throughout our history who are considered role models whether they were a part of the monarchy or from lesser known families. However, I was truly unaware of where Jewish leadership approaches were first presented and written in the Torah and within the context of the Bible.

Typically, I approached Jewish leadership under the guise of the notion that there is a leader and there are followers. For example, I am the education manager and I surround myself with a team of educators who work together to deliver curriculum and information to students. While learning about the fundamentals of Jewish leadership in this module, my views were challenged. The example of *ketarim*, or a system of shared powers, spoke to me and challenged my views of Jewish leadership. I learned that Jewish communities patterned communal structures according to the system of *ketarim*, which are separated and circumscribed powers.

In essence, Jewish leadership is meant to be a system of shared powers where no one person has an abundance of power. After some thought and introspection, I found myself drawn to this concept of shared power and honed in on ways that I could incorporate it into our religious school model. One goal was to empower teachers to make curriculum decisions on their own,

keeping their students and pedagogy in mind, instead of asking me what to do. Taking a step back to digest and process what I learned, instead of reacting and wanting to fix things immediately, quickly became my new approach.

Collaboration is an area of my leadership skill set where I thought I excelled. Possessing the ability to bring individuals together to work cohesively and collaboratively on projects was a strength. The collaboration module of the certificate program again seemed to challenge my view of how I am seen as a leader, collaborator as well as the perception of my ability to facilitate collaboration within the education team. There is so much more to team organization than just saying we are on a team. Effective teams can be classified into several types. Understanding the three types of teams, creative, tactical and problem solving helped me to categorize the types of teams I lead and how I can best facilitate collaboration.

Our religious school team of educators work independently of each other but at the same time we work closely together. We share a purpose, to deliver curriculum, educate students and find connections to help build their relationship with Judaism. As the leader, it's my job to ensure our team is successful. Through the collaboration model, I learned that the end result, what a team accomplishes, is not as important as the foundation of trust that I build as the leader. A great example of the application of this concept is through our response to the pandemic.

In March, when we were forced to recreate our Hebrew School program virtually, everyone was in a panic. As the leader, I needed to ensure our education team that I was with them every step of the way and would do whatever I could to ensure their success pivoting to an all online program. While our vulnerability at this time was exposed, our experience was shared within the team, and I reassured everyone that we were in this together. My overall goal was to lead by example and stress to the team they were supported and important to the success of the school.

Effective communication goes hand in hand with leadership and collaboration. The skills covered in the communication module of the certificate program overlapped with many that were explored through the collaboration module. Though there were overlaps, the importance of acquiring good listening skills and effectively coaching team members is paramount. I found myself immediately applying several of the concepts we discussed during this module. These concepts include listening from the perspective of the individual, active listening and listening through context to understand if anything else was going on with the speaker.

Another important reflection of my growth from participation in the Jewish Leadership for Educators program came through my interactions with my professional coach. Further reflecting, I realize that these coaching sessions were invaluable to my growth as a leader. Throughout the sessions, my coach encouraged me to focus on my personal growth within my professional career. We spent a

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great deal of time discussing the language that I used to describe myself as a leader while at the same time learning to accept and take pride in my accomplishments. A huge step for me was the addition of the title "minahelet" to how I was addressed within the school and synagogue.

Conscious leadership, strong commitment to common goals, mutual respect and effective communication. These concepts are just a few that I embraced in an effort to further educate myself and improve my leadership skill set. Being an effective leader requires an individual to demonstrate their ability to motivate, communicate effectively, make difficult decisions as well as recognize and celebrate success. Through the Spertus Certificate in Jewish Leadership for Educators, I was personally able to improve my abilities in these areas plus enhance several other qualities. Continually striving to learn and further educate myself as a leader and role model, is not just what I am but who I am.



Sara Torjman



Dear Ohev Friends.

In these difficult times, I hope that you are well, and safe, and sometime soon we will be able to get together in person. We planned many different programs for your enjoyment.

Our first program of the year "The Fragrant History of Jews and Spices – From Biblical Times to Today" with Aliza Green was amazing. She is a celebrated chef with immense knowledge in food history. I can't wait to have her at Ohev for a real cooking and eating session in the future. Dr. Asaf Romirowsky's session "The Future of US – Israel Relations" was very thought-provoking and timely. The movie "My Australia" that we brought to you in partnership with Bucks County Kehillah was received with great interest - we had over 270 people(!) who watched the movie followed by Rabbi Perlstein's discussion session. Dr. Michael Iseman's 4 session archaeology classes were innovative and had a steady following. Then we had the engaging speaker and compassionate physician Dr. Jonathan Winkle back again to speak to us on December 7th on "Lifeworld Turned Upside Down - Medicine and Healing in the Age of COVID-19".

These are wonderful opportunities for us to get together virtually, listen to fascinating speakers, and enjoy. **No previous knowledge is necessary to attend any of the Adult Ed classes.**

- Don't miss Marvin Kreithen's "Modern Jewish Artists" in January 14, Dr. Reena S. Friedman's four-session "American Jews and Social Justice" on February 2, 11, 18 and 23.
- On March 15 we will have Dr. Michael Schatz for a virtual "Jewish Philadelphia" program, followed by an actual bus tour of "Jewish Philadelphia" on April 25.

I hope 2021 will be a great year for all of you!

Marvin Kreithen

Modern Jewish Artists You Should Know



Thursday January 14, 2021 7:30 PM following Minyan

Click on the Virtual Daily Minyan link on your Shabbat-O-Gram or on our website.

"MODERN ART begins with something visceral, a deep inward feeling within the artist. It cooks within, and when the time is ripe pours out into the medium of the artist's choice. Modern art is INSIDE (the artist's emotions) - OUT (the result you see). The artist is dealing with his or her feelings, and the viewer of the work is attempting to analyze it with his or her intellect which is usually not in sync with that of the artist. The modern artist doesn't care if you get it - they work to vent their emotions." - Marvin Kreithen

This talk will acquaint you with 25 MODERN Jewish artists whom you may or not recognize, including: Olitski, Frankenthaler, Louis, Newman, Rothko and others.

Although he has no formal art credentials, Marvin Kreithen has studied art and has visited most of the top 50 art museums in Europe and the U.S. His personal library collection contains over 300 books on art. In college, he was art editor of the Drexel Technical Journal Marvin, and his wife Leslie, have been members of Ohev Shalom since 1977.

American Jews and Social Justice: Historical Perspectives



Dr. Reena Sigman Friedman

Associate Professor of Modern Jewish History at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and Adjunct Professor of Jewish History at Gratz College

Click on the Virtual Daily Minyan link found in OH-EVents, #O-Happenings, Shabbat-O-Gram, or www.ohev.org.

Inspired by Jewish teachings and Jewish historical experience, as well as influences in the larger society, Jews have been disproportionately represented in American movements for social justice. This course explores the contributions made by selected Jewish activists to various social justice movements in the U.S. from the mid nineteenth through the late twentieth centuries.

Feb 2, 2021 Introduction: Health Care and Food Justice

Feb 11, 2021 The Labor Movement and Economic Justice

Feb 18, 2021 The Women's Movement/Gender Rights

Feb 23, 2021 Racial Justice/Immigration

Save The Dates in 2021

March 15 2021 Michael Schatz presents Jewish Philadelphia

April 25 2021 Michael Schatz leads a bus tour of Jewish Philadelphia



Good & Welfare

Kol HaKavod to our October and November Torah and Haftarah readers:

Michael Eisman, Soni Feld, Esther Fine, Arlene Frimark, Mitch Gerson, Barbara Glickman, Gail Goldstein, Sharon Goldstein, Eric Kleiman, Jeff Pevar, Rabbi Perlstein, Shelley Rosen, Eileen Schein, Iris Segal, Eileen Schein, Ira Sharp, Fran Silverman, Shep Smithline, Al Torjman, Gail Wiener, and Idelle S. Wood

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Arlene Rosenbaum shared a D'var Torah.

Mitch Gerson shared a D'var Torah.

Idelle S. Wood celebrated the anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah.

Barbara Glickman celebrated the anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah.

Fran and Roy Silverman marked the 30th anniversary of son Josh's Bar Mitzvah. Jordan and Aiden Levin celebrated their long-awaited B'nei Mitzvah.

Josh Kondonijakos celebrated his long-awaited Bar Mitzvah.

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Member Focus

There was a good deal of activity on the Ohev Shalom playground the first two Sundays of November. However, instead of the expected sights and sounds of children playing, people passing by heard power tools and hammering, and saw the construction of a new gaga pit. This work was being done for Reed Stoltz's Eagle Scout project. Reed, who was part of the Ohev Shalom Religious

Gaga (Hebrew: גע גע literally 'touch touch') originated in Israel and is similar to dodgeball. It's played in an 8-sided "pit" where players hit the ball at each other with their hands and are eliminated if the ball strikes them on or below the knee, with the objective of being the last person standing.

An Eagle Scout project is the culmination of a Scout's leadership training and requires a significant effort and must benefit an organization other than the BSA. Reed knew as he considered what to do that he wanted to use the opportunity to give something back to a place that gave so much to him since the time he was in Kindergarten. He worked with Barbara Glickman and Hilary Leboff to identify a specific project and when they asked for a gaga pit, Reed began planning.

The project was originally supposed to take place in early April but was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Reed was ultimately

Reed Stoltz



given the go-ahead to begin the project this Fall. He followed strict safety guidelines to keep everyone who worked on the gaga pit safe, including limiting the number of participants at a given time, requiring masks and physical distancing, and taking temperatures as participants arrived. In all, the project required more than 70 person-hours to complete.

Reed would like to thank everyone who contributed to the project during his fundraising sessions at Ohev this past Winter. His hope is that the gaga pit will get a lot of use and bring great joy to everyone who uses it. While the project was a great learning experience and opportunity for Reed to show leadership, as the commemorative plaque on the gaga pit reads, it's "for the youth of Ohev Shalom."



Reed Stoltz stands in his Eagle Scout project - the new Ohev Gaga pit



Inclusion B'Kavod



The Inclusion B'Kavod Committee invites you to join two special events in February:

- A Virtual Resource Fair! Monday February I, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Use the weekday Minyan Zoom link.
- Inclusion Shabbat Saturday February 13, 2021 at 10 am. Use the Shabbat morning Zoom link.

Has our mission of inclusion made a difference for you? We invite you to take a role in our service. Please let us know if you would like to participate at inclusionbkavod@ohev.org and we will contact you.



Men's Club

Greetings to all of you! Hope your Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and New Years' celebrations were happy regardless of how you spent them. Our Men's Club continues to be busy virtually for now and hopefully live and in person in the future. Our virtual speakers have kept everyone well informed and involved with new and exciting programs. Remember, all are welcome to attend our events!

We hope you learned how to keep your identity safe when David Shallcross from the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office and spoke to us on December 14th.

Upcoming events include the following:

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) will be presenting the topic, The Disease of Hate, on January 11th. An important presentation during these tenuous times. Be sure to tune in.

Please join our membership

http://www.ohev.org/mens-club/

- January 25th Jonathan Poritsky will inform us about the how's and where's of television production.
- On February 8th, Steven LeCompt, the Northampton Township Police Chief will be discussing local policing.
- Watch for further information regarding our annual World Wide Wrap and our annual Holocaust Memorial Candle Project.

We continue to update our Men's Club calendar so keep an eye out for our emails and information in O-Happenings and OH-Events! Let us know of any speakers or programs that you have access to and would like us to look into. On behalf of our Men's Club, we wish you and your families a happy and healthy 2021! Stay safe and well! Steve and Dave.

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change your attitude." -Maya angelou

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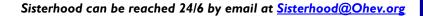
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Sisterhood is here to help you feel linked to your friends, especially as the winter is upon us and the nights are longer. We are providing the connection you need, the ability to see people, even if by zoom, so you are not isolated. Know that no woman is alone.

SISTERHOOD is here. If you love those Monday mornings @I I am Zooms sessions, we are continuing those - check the www.ohev.org for a complete list. Pajama BINGO will be virtual for two evenings - January 5th and January 21st, and we will continue to provide Virtual programming throughout the winter and spring of 2021. If you need anything, Sisterhood is here, email me: ivy.graff@gmail.com.

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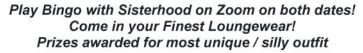
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