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The Rabbi's Study

What Am I Really?

What should I answer to the question about my background? My ancestors were Jews living in many different countries ... we were from nowhere and also from everywhere.

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Men's Club

Yom HaShoah Candles

The Men's Club gratefully acknowledges the contributions that help preserve the memories of those who perished while sustaining the Jewish people

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Rabbi Elliott Perlstein

**What does it mean
to be European
Jewish?
I don't have only
one national origin.
My ancestors were
stateless but they
were not without a
People - they were
part of the Jewish
People.**



The Rabbi's Study

What Am I Really?

I just completed my 2020 census and submitted it. I feel a justifiable sense of accomplishment and completion. In Carnell Elementary School, we got a grade for citizenship. I'll give myself an A.

The letter you receive in the mail says that it takes about ten minutes. That's about right. Nothing more. There's not much thought that goes into it. They asked for my middle name so I wrote in Neil but then they kept calling me Elliott N. Perlstein. That seemed kind of odd. They asked for my name in a very specific way and I was forthcoming with the information and then they called me something else. Between you and me, it doesn't really matter. I'm just saying.

But then I got to the question about race. There was a long list of different choices like American Indian or Alaska Native. That's all one group. Then they have Chinese, Samoan, Chamorro and more. On the very top of the page you find White. If they went in alphabetical order Asian Indian would be first and White would be last. There were no races beginning with X, Y or Z. They clearly decided not to go the alphabetical route.

So that was simple enough. I marked off White and I was ready to move on but just under White they requested more information. It said Enter, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese etc. Looking back with hindsight, I should have filled in etc. and waited for a phone call asking for Elliott Neil Perlstein or Elliott N. Perlstein.

My grandparents were from Ukraine. My grandfather never mentioned Ukraine. He always referred to Russia. Ukraine was part of the Russian Empire at the time. Through Ancestry.com I have seen my grandfather's whole family on census records from 1920 and 1930. They ask for country of birth and it says Russia. I never saw my grandfather however as Russian. Our grandparents or great grandparents came from Russia, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania but they were never Russian, Polish, Latvian or Lithuanian. They were Jews living in one of those countries. We were Jews living in some foreign country. We were nowhere and everywhere. It's not like today where you and I are American citizens. Our citizenship is American 100%. It made absolutely no sense for me to fill in Russian.

So what did I do? A few months ago, I sent in the little kit to Ancestry.com. I had bought it more than a year earlier but I was hesitant to submit my saliva for a couple of reasons. What if it turned out I was 52% Irish, 8% Scottish, 4 1/2% German, 10% Jewish ... and throw in a few more percent. When I got the results, I was very pleased. I opened it up and read 100% European Jewish. My very DNA says I'm Jewish and there is no indication of any countries where my great, great, great grandparents and those even farther back once lived. There is something in my genes that gives me away as European but that is purely an adjective modifying Jewish.

That was my answer. I typed in European Jewish and I was very proud to do so. My race is White. I don't have a national origin. My ancestors were stateless but they were not without a People.

They were part of the Jewish People. I remember well learning from Professor Norbert Samuelson that this contributed to many Jews doing so well in international trade and commerce. They had some facility with the same language, Hebrew. They could operate under mutually acceptable laws, Talmudic and they were comfortable doing business together. They were like family.

I am part of the Jewish People and I love it. Because I am part of the Jewish people I cared deeply about Soviet Jewry and went, on two occasions, to Moscow, Leningrad, Riga, and Birobidzhan to visit other Jews. Because I am part of the Jewish People, I care deeply about the State of Israel. For many years, Janie and I



A sample DNA test result for European Jewish ancestry

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From The President

Our Synagogue Community Remains Strong



Hello Everyone,

I hope this finds you staying safe and doing well.

To say this has been an extraordinary time in all of our lives is an understatement. Our routines have been changed and we are now under a new 'normal' at least for now. I try to always look at the positive side of things. While I have found this to be a very stressful time, one positive has been to be able to connect online with so many people who have not been available previously, but are now looking to the synagogue for both spiritual and entertaining events.

I want to assure you that Ohev is doing well. We have an amazing task force team that is in constant touch with each other. Our Hebrew School is doing a phenomenal job with their online teaching of our children. Thank you to Barbara Glickman and all of our dedicated teachers who love our kids and our Ohev community.

Our staff has been working remotely and going strong. Rabbi, Cantor and Barbara have set up Zoom online so that we can remain in touch for daily minyan, shabbat services on Friday night and Saturday morning. Believe me when I say it is not difficult to set up on your computer or phone and the links are already provided, so please join us. It is so heartwarming for me to go online during a minyan or a program and see everyone's smile and connect with so many people. We have weekday

programs hosted by the Rabbi, Cantor and Barbara who are always thinking outside the box of ways to keep our congregation engaged. Please make sure and check our website, Rabbi's emails and O-happenings for all the links to the various programs/services that we offer.

None of this would have taken place as quickly as it has without the leadership, vision and guidance of our Education Director, Barbara Glickman. She has not only worked with the school but also has taken on the synagogue programs/events/services and brought us to a level where we can truly say that we are far ahead of many of the other synagogues. There are not enough superlatives to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication.

We will do our best to keep you updated. Please know that the synagogue is fiscally sound. During this time, we want to offer you, our dear congregants, everything that we can to keep you engaged and involved. We are here for you and please feel free to reach out to us.

We thank you for your continued support. Please stay safe and well and please take advantage of everything that we have to offer.

I have said this before and I will say it again - we are a strong, vibrant community and we will get through this together.

Best Regards,

Dana

Dana Podob
President

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**Cantor Annelise
Ocantos-Romo**

*I didn't expect
how much I would
use my skills as an
educator at home.*

Cantor's Notes

Being a mama during COVID-19

Like most of you, I was completely caught by surprise by COVID-19. It slowly inched its way into our lives and we were all affected by it. What I didn't expect was how it was going to change me as a person. As you know, my son is now 3 years old and FULL of life (and mischief). When his daycare closed 'temporarily' due to this mysterious illness back in March, I thought, "Alright, it will be a couple of days - we'll manage." Boy was I sadly mistaken!

The first week was challenging - I wanted to make sure I kept his routine at school, kept to his schedule, and was stalking all the toddler websites for the best and greatest activities to keep the kid entertained. It was a lot of work and began to wear me down a bit. Thankfully, toddlers aren't as critical of your parenting skills.

Before I became a cantor, I was a certified educator for grades K-8 and I find myself thinking fondly of those days. I looked forward to seeing my kids, trying out some new activity, and watching them grow. Thankfully, I have been able to incorporate much of my education skills into my life as a cantor, which has made my cantorate very fulfilling. But what I didn't expect was how it was going to come back to me as a mama in a time of lockdown.

It has been pretty great to watch my son discover, learn, and laugh about the simplest of things while watching what I do and trying to do something on his own. The biggest thing is dressing himself - it really warms my heart!

And that is what has been so amazing about all of this. Despite the fear of the unknown, despite the worry we have about our loved ones and the people who are risking their lives, despite feeling



helpless to do the best for our kiddos on top of the work we have to do as working people - there have been so many silver linings that I have been blessed with. I love having my husband Alex and son Aviv to have lunch together. I love that we get to take daily walks around the block. I love snuggling and sharing new discoveries, as well as watching a plethora of Disney movies :).

I have also enjoyed spending my time with all of you. It has been deeply gratifying to see your beautiful faces for services, for my community sing, for our kiddy Boker Tov Circle time, and just in other ways we've connected during these several weeks. Please don't hesitate to reach out to share anything that's going on. I am here for you. Your shul is here for you.

I hope this time of quarantine offers you all many blessings and a chance to connect in ways you never thought it could.

Cantor Annelise



Social Action

Please come out to donate at the **Ohev Shalom Blood Drive!**

Thursday, June 4, 2020 3:00pm - 8:00pm

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Hebrew School

Going Virtual!

Ohev Shalom Hebrew School goes virtual!

Kudos to our Hebrew School educators for the smooth transition from in person classroom learning to virtual distance learning. Teachers are being creative as they use individual Facetime sessions to work with students on Hebrew decoding and reading. These one-on-one sessions also enable students and teachers to foster a personal relationship while practicing skills. In addition, our educators incorporate whole class Zoom sessions to maintain a sense of classroom and community, which is an important concept in Judaism.

Please reach out to me at any time at bglickman@ohev.org for more information or assistance with your virtual connection to our programs.



Barbara Glickman
Education Director



Teachers and students holding virtual online classes by using laptops, tablets and smart phones.



Getting creative propping up your phones during virtual classes is key - you want to show your best angle!



Congregant of the Month

By Eileen Schein

In one of the world's best known books, Anne Frank notes in her diary that "Our lives are fashioned by our choices. Then our choices make us." Our May Congregant of the Month, Dr. Steven Miller, certainly has distinguished himself with the choices he has made, leading to this honor.

Steve Miller, a Brooklyn boy, and his wife Lindsay, a girl from the Bronx, arrived in Philadelphia when Steve entered Temple Dental School in 1972. After his graduation, Steve proudly entered the United States Army as a Captain in the Dental Corps. Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, North Carolina was their home for two years, and daughter Heather was born at Womack Army Hospital. Not only was this where he honed his dental skills, but the life-long friends they met there became family to them and have continued to be so for more than 40 years. Although the family had the option of going to New York City, they easily made the decision to return to the Philadelphia area and settle in Bucks County. Steve opened his dental practice there and later expanded into Montgomery County. Son Joshua was born six months later, and the Millers settled into suburban Philly life. Steve's involvement and commitment to the military did not end there. After 21 years of service in the Army Reserves, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He is still practicing dentistry in the same office he opened in Warminster 42 years ago.

The Millers joined Ohev Shalom in 1983, when their children were almost 7 and 5 years old, respectively. They have never questioned their choice. Choosing a synagogue was an important decision for both Steve and Lindsay. Steve was raised in a Reform temple, while Lindsay belonged to a strictly Orthodox synagogue. Ohev Shalom offered them exactly the right mix. They were drawn immediately to the newly ordained Rabbi Perlstein and the other young families who were becoming members. While Steve and Lindsay could read Hebrew and daven, neither one had a deep understanding of the prayers, even though they had attended Hebrew School and services throughout their lives. Ohev Shalom helped to fill that void as their learning continues to this day.

Steve has enjoyed being an active and committed participant and leader in Men's Club through the years. The comradery and friendships formed were a driving force for him to contribute so much of his time and energy to both Men's Club and Synagogue events. Whether as a banker at Monte Carlo Evening, being part of the sales force of the Ohev Lottery, working the room during Comedy Nights, assisting with our Color Runs, and not surprisingly being involved in all Inclusion B'Kavod sponsored activities, his presence and energy have been constant. He has worked tirelessly to bring local politicians and celebrities to Ohev, including Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub, Antique Road Show and Radio Host Michael Ivankovich, news reporters, sports writers, and television and social news critics from both the Philadelphia Inquirer and KYW News. Most recently he has served as Vice-President for Events and Guests and is involved in such events as Torah on Tap, Poker Night, and the Yom HaShoah Candle Project. During the High Holidays you can count on being greeted warmly

by Steve as an usher, and his commitment to support Israel through the purchase of Israel Bonds is unwavering. Deservedly so, Steve was selected as Man of the Year for the Middle Atlantic Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, representing Ohev Shalom with great pride.

Spiritually speaking, Ohev Shalom has been a part of the family's life from day one. They have celebrated all of their simchas with Rabbi and their Ohev family. Their children were raised at Ohev, attending Hebrew

School, celebrating their B'nai Mitzvah, and each standing under the chupah as Rabbi officiated. Heather, who was President of her Confirmation class at Ohev, and husband David, a successful entrepreneur, live in Livingston, New Jersey with their three children, Jackson, Hanna, and Grayson. Son Joshua, an Early Childhood Supervisor with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit and a newly deigned Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, and his wife Rachel, a Middle School math teacher in the Colonial School District, live in Dresher, PA with their daughters Lila and Jordyn. Rachel was also raised with her siblings at Ohev, and her parents continue to be members as well. All three of Steve and Lindsay's granddaughters were named on our bimah, and the boys as well have joined Steve and Lindsay at functions and services. Although Heather and Josh and their families now belong to synagogues more local to them, they still think of Ohev as "their synagogue." Rabbi and their Ohev friends and family have been with the Millers through the sadder times as well, comforting them at the loss of Steve's parents and sister, and more recently the passing of Lindsay's mother. As a matter of fact, it was when Steve's father passed away fifteen years ago that that they began attending Friday night services on a weekly basis. This has become the way they now end their week and look forward to that time when they can daven together and then have dinner with their group of Ohev friends. They have made it their practice to visit and attend services whenever and wherever they can - including Israel (there is hope to return there one day), Singapore, Argentina, Hong Kong, Italy, South Africa, Vienna, and many more places too numerous to mention - absorbing the sounds of Shabbat melodies in so many different countries.

Dr. Steven Miller would like us to know that he is both honored and humbled to be recognized as our May Congregant of the Month. Mazel tov!



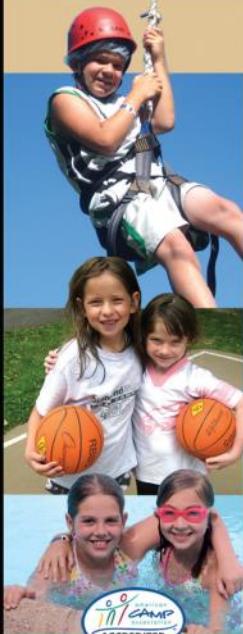
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Inclusion B'Kavod

When the Inclusion B'Kavod (Inclusion with Respect) committee was formed in 2011 to explore ways in which we could enable Ohev Shalom to become an even more inclusive community, our first task and promise was to develop a mission statement. We now find that mission, “to ensure that all members of Ohev Shalom of Bucks County are able to participate meaningfully in all spiritual educational, celebratory and life events at the synagogue” is more relevant than ever before. How to enable our multi-generational community to engage and feel a sense of community during this unprecedented time in world history could have been even more of a challenge today. Fortunately, our congregation already had inclusion at the forefront of our beliefs and vision, considered every time a service, event, activity or educational program is planned.

Now, with our Virtual Programming flawlessly up and running, with new and innovative options for all ages and stages on a daily basis, we are finding that we are reaching and including more of our members and members' extended families. Congregants of all ages are virtually attending evening minyan services as well as Friday evening and Shabbat morning services in higher numbers than we typically see physically attending in the sanctuary and chapel. Folks that have been unable to attend for a variety of reasons, including those who are in Florida or other areas of the country, are incapacitated or feeling ill, are joining us daily and weekly.

Our outstanding Hebrew School staff and families, under the leadership of Morah Barbara Glickman, have embraced virtual learning with a passion and excitement and attendance has been amazing. There have been any number of unique events and activities offered virtually. Those who may not have been able to attend if the same were physically offered on site have welcomed the opportunity to join friends, make new ones, and attend virtually. People who may not have before been “technically savvy” are now learning that they too can utilize their laptops, iPads and phones to connect and engage.

What have we learned? That we are always learning and the lessons that we learn can continue to be utilized even when we are “back to normal.” There are ways and new ways to connect with everyone regardless of abilities, challenges, needs, strengths, and weaknesses. No one should feel that they are left out or cannot participate. We hope that by the time you are reading this, we are back in the synagogue, no longer physically distancing and socially



**Inclusion B'Kavod (Inclusion with Respect):
More Relevant and Important Than Ever!**

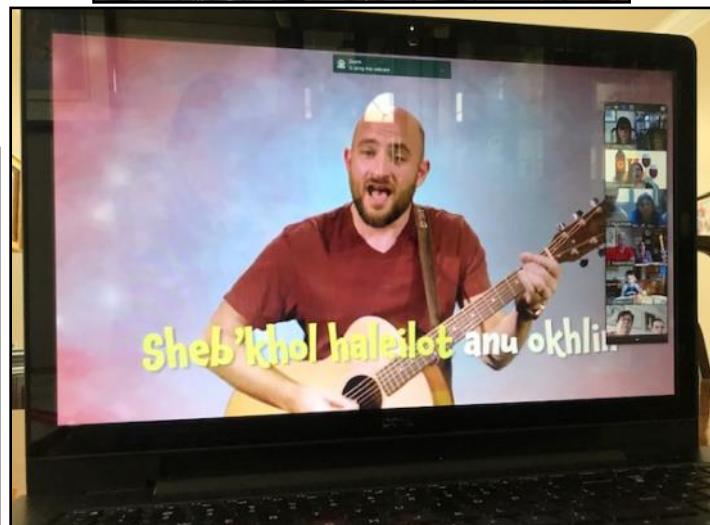
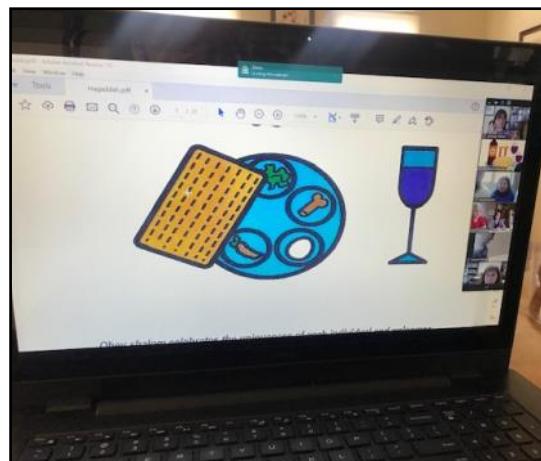
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engaging up close and personal. But if not, we know we can still be inclusive regardless.

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These Regularly Scheduled Ohev Events May Be Cancelled or Replaced by the Alternative Virtual Schedule Depending on Conditions in May

Friday May 1st 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:38 pm Candle lighting	7th of Iyyar	Monday May 11th	17th of Iyyar	Friday May 22nd 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:58 pm Candle lighting	28th of Iyyar
Saturday May 2nd 9:30 am Shabbat service - Men's Club Shabbat 10:30 am Celebrations! 6:30 pm Mini-Minyan 8:47 pm Havdalah	8th of Iyyar	Tuesday May 12th Lag B'Omer 11:45 am Mah jongg 7 pm Minyan 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	18th of Iyyar	Saturday May 23rd 9:30 am Shabbat service 9:07 pm Havdalah	29th of Iyyar
Sunday May 3rd 8:45 am Minyan 9 am Hebrew School 9:30 am Omer and Mindfulness	9th of Iyyar	Wednesday May 13 4:30 pm Hebrew School 5:30 pm Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Tichon 7 pm Minyan 7:30 pm Congregational Meeting	19th of Iyyar	Sunday May 24th Rosh Hodesh Sivan 8:45 am Minyan	1st of Sivan
Monday May 4th	10th of Iyyar	Thursday May 14th 7 am Minyan 1pm Canasta 7 pm Minyan 7:30 pm Haftorah class	20th of Iyyar	Tuesday May 26th 11:45 am Mah jongg 7 pm Minyan	3rd of Sivan
Tuesday May 5th 11:45 am Mah jongg 7 pm Minyan	11th of Iyyar	Friday May 15th 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:51 pm Candle lighting	21st of Iyyar	Wednesday May 27th 7 pm Minyan	4th of Sivan
Wednesday May 6th 4:30 pm Hebrew School 5:30 pm Confirmation Class 6:30 pm No Tichon 7 pm Minyan 7:30 pm Officers meeting	12th of Iyyar	Saturday May 16th 9:30 am Shabbat service 9:00 pm Havdalah	22nd of Iyyar	Thursday May 28th Erev Shavuot 7 am Minyan 1pm Canasta 7 pm Minyan 8:03 pm Candle lighting	5th of Sivan
Thursday May 7th 7 am Minyan 1 pm Canasta 7 pm Minyan 7:30 pm Haftorah class	13th of Iyyar	Sunday May 17th 8:45 am Minyan 9 am Hebrew School 9:30 am Omer and Mindfulness program	23rd of Iyyar	Friday May 29th Shavuot I 9:30 am Shavuot service 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:03 pm Candle lighting	6th of Sivan
Friday May 8th 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat - Sisterhood Shabbat 7:45 pm Candle lighting	14th of Iyyar	Monday May 18th	24th of Iyyar	Saturday May 30th Shavuot II 9:00 am Yizkor 9:30 am Shabbat service 10 am Confirmation 9:12 pm Havdalah	7th of Sivan
Saturday May 9th 9:30 am Shabbat Service 12:30 pm Limmud and lunch 8:54 pm Havdalah	15th of Iyyar	Tuesday May 19th 11:45 am Mah jongg 7 pm Minyan 7:30 pm Adult Education	25th of Iyyar	Sunday May 31st 8:45 am Minyan	8th of Sivan
Sunday May 10th Mother's Day 8:45 am Minyan 9:00 am Hebrew School 9:30 am Omer and Mindfulness	16th of Iyyar	Wednesday May 20th 5:30 pm Cook for a Friend 7 pm Minyan	26th of Iyyar		
		Thursday May 21st 7 am Minyan 1pm Canasta 7 pm Minyan	27th of Iyyar		



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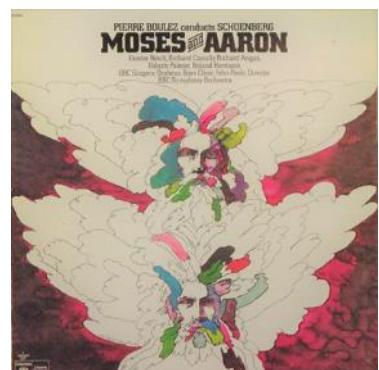
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Virtual Schedule May 2020

Planned schedule of 'regular' online events through April and May.

Monday

Zooming with Sisterhood: Monday at 11 am.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/393652220>.

Tuesday

Noon Zoom: Tuesday thru Friday at 12 pm.

Keep up with your friends at Ohev Shalom.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/137691640>.

Torah with the Rabbi: Tuesday at 2 pm.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/659198308>.

Daily Minyan: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 7 pm.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/868461266>.



Our clergy demonstrate social distancing in April

Wednesday

Boker Tov Circle Time with Cantor Annelise and Aviv:
Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 am. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/110209686>.

Noon Zoom: Tuesday thru Friday at 12 pm.
Keep up with your friends at Ohev Shalom.

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Community Singing with Cantor Annelise:
Wednesday at 2 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/700676411>.

Daily Minyan: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 7 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/868461266>.

Thursday

Noon Zoom: Tuesday thru Friday at 12 pm. Keep up with your friends at Ohev Shalom. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/137691640>.

Daily Minyan: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 7 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/868461266>.

Virtual Coffee with the Rabbi: Thursday at 2 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/637104018?pwd=ZE5nc1FUZGxnNlh3RXIVZFN3eHlUQT09>.

Friday

A Journey through Jewish Music with Cantor Paul: Friday at 8:30 am. Cantor Paul Frimark's Facebook page.

Boker Tov Circle Time with Cantor Annelise and Aviv: Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 am. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/110209686>.

Shabbat Story Time Live with Morah Barbara: Friday at 11 am. The Hebrew School Facebook page.

Noon Zoom: Tuesday thru Friday at 12 pm. Keep up with your friends at Ohev Shalom. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/137691640>.

Kabbalat Shabbat Services: Fridays at 6 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/532743819>.

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Shabbat Morning Services: Saturday at 10 am. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/334358574>.

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Morning Minyan: Sunday at 8:30 am. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/186835188>.



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would go once, twice even three times to Israel in a year. Because I am part of the Jewish People I was deeply affected as a teenager when I learned about the Holocaust. I know of no one in my family who perished then but every one who did perish feels like family to me. It is why I love Jewish music and Jewish art and Hebrew and Jewish literature and gefilte fish, because I am part of the Jewish People. Don't, by the way, ask a Sephardic Jew about gefilte fish. They have no idea.

So I pressed Submit and off went my 2020 census to whatever computer will receive it. I wonder if any computer will question my response of European Jewish. I wonder if some robot will call me about it. I wonder who they'll ask for ... Elliott Neil Perlstein or Elliott N. Perlstein. The bottom line is I know who and what I am and I am very proud!

By the way, I submitted this piece a few weeks ago. I am sure much has happened and changed since then. I hope though, your health is as strong today as it was then. Stay Safe and Stay Well!

Rabbi





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Presidents' Message

I hope this finds everyone Healthy and Safe and you are all following the "Stay at Home" procedures that are in place. What a weird time this is - an unprecedeted time for all of us, a time when going about your normal routine has been turned upside down. As we all struggle to maintain this "new normal" know that Sisterhood is here! We are doing weekly ZOOM sessions @ 11 am Mondays. Join US! Connect with your friends, chat, see their faces, and throw a kiss!! The Zoom link is the same for each call. This year in keeping our tradition of Sisterhood Shabbat, in an effort to maintain our "new normal" we are doing it via Zoom on May 8, 2020. Watch for the email link to join us. We are still planning for next year. Do you have a passion, or some ideas for programs, if so then give me a shout out! Be a part of our planning team and get involved! Email me at ivy.graff@gmail.com or participate in a Zoom session and share your ideas with us! Wishing everyone GOOD HEALTH and STAY SAFE!! We look forward to seeing you @ the virtual GOG via Zoom until further notice. With love, Ivy

Mah Jongg - if Synagogue building is open

Everyone should have received their new cards. There are a few cards available for purchase in the Simcha Boutique.

Canasta - if Synagogue building is open

Thursdays 1-3 in the Social Hall \$2 per day. Contact Marsha Freedman at 215-968-6755 or at mfreedman21@comcast.net.

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Do you know a Sisterhood member who needs some "sunshine" in her life? If so, please contact June Cantor at iscgranite@aol.com or 215-464-6524 and Sisterhood will reach out with a phone call and/or card to wish them Refuah Shlema.

Birthday Greetings

Please send .75 for each name or \$118 for everyone in Sisterhood. Any questions? Please contact Terry at 215-968-6654 or tjaffe3192@aol.com.

Women's Torah Study Group

The Ohev Shalom Women's Torah Study Group gets together monthly to kibitz and discuss the meaning and relevance of upcoming Torah and Haftorah portions. Meetings begin at 12:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month unless the third Tuesday conflicts with a Jewish holiday. These informal study sessions are facilitated and hosted by various group members in their homes but volunteering to facilitate or host is not a requirement for participating. Participants are encouraged to bring a dairy lunch. In normal times, our May meeting would take place on the 19th at a group member's home but as I'm writing this in early April the times are not normal. It would be delightful if we could meet face-to-face by mid-May but who knows. It's likely we'll be able to conduct our study session by Zoom if need be. Zoom has certainly been a phenomenally successful vehicle for the Ohev community to remain a community thus far.

Any woman interested in being added to the e-mail distribution announcing meeting times, topics and locations should send her e-mail address to EileenLNolan@gmail.com.



May

1	Lindsay Miller	2	Jaclyn Schiller
4	Lois Weiss	5	Sara Torzman
5	Agnes Lebovic	9	Judi Fisher
5	Arlene Sorens	10	Marlene Davidow
6	Robin Frank	10	Linda Springer
6	Rosalyn Rudoff	11	Sandy Sternberger
6	Paula Warren	12	Bonnie Ellner
10	Andrea Davidson	12	Nadine Myerson
14	Holly Goldberg	13	Eileen Waloff
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Men's Club President

The Men's Club
Shabbat is May 2nd

Torah on Tap is
May 7th

The Men's Club
closing dinner is
June 11th.



Men's Club

Please join our membership
<http://www.ohev.org/mens-club/>

I'm sure that we are all facing the same issue of the many changes to our lifestyle caused by Covid-19. I sincerely hope that none of you or your family have been impacted negatively. Since the social distancing order we have been relegated to communicating through technology. We now have a new word in our vocabulary - "Zoom". Thankfully we have been able to use this wonderful technology to stay connected.

It has been great to be able to attend Minyan in the evening and see everyone's face. We also have some kibitzing time before and after. If you haven't taken the opportunity to join in yet, a great time is either our lunch time get together at noon or the Thursday afternoon meetings with the Rabbi. These are just informal times to get together as we continue through coping with this pandemic.

We are still looking at having our May 2nd Men's Club Shabbat. Join us in person or online with Zoom that night.

Your Men's club is planning to hold our Closing Event on June 11th if the quarantine is lifted. It will be a fun filled Bar-B-Que. Look out for our announcement closer to the event and hopefully we will all be able to come out together for a great evening of socializing with friends again.

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Men's Club Torah on Tap

Zoom Edition!

Our next installment of the popular "Torah on Tap" series is set for May 7, 2020.

If you ever wanted to sit down and have a beer with the Rabbi and engage in an informal lively discussion – now is your chance. The week's parshah, or פָּרָשָׁת הַשְׁוּעָה Parashat ha-Shavua), popularly just parashah (or *parshah* /pa:rʃə/ or *parsha*) and its relevance to current affairs will be discussed.



Torah on Tap, sponsored by the Ohev Shalom Men's Club, will be a little different this time, it will be held virtually over Zoom. Be on the lookout for the link. Refreshments of your choice while at home are welcome (including beer ...).

This is a great opportunity for learning and having interesting conversation with engaging people while enjoying your favorite beverage in a relaxed atmosphere (your home).

Please join us for minyan at 7:00 pm by Zoom and stay for Torah on Tap starting at 7:30 pm:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/868461266>



Good and Welfare

- **Kol HaKavod to our March Torah and Haftarah readers:**

Barbara Glickman, Gail Goldstein, Roberta Gordon, Kim Kushner, Cantor Ocanto-Romo, Liz Nover, Rabbi Perlstein, Glen Roseman, Samatha Roseman, Shep Smithline, and Idelle S. Wood.

- **Kol HaKavod to our March Minyan leaders:**

Bob Davidson, Jerry Gomberg, Jahn Nolan, Jeff Pevar, and Idelle S. Wood.

- **Kol HaKavod to our Purim Megillah Readers and Torah Readers:**

Robyn Feldman, Mitch Gerson, Barbara Glickman, Kitah Gimel, Morah Marla Lambert, Jahn Nolan, Cantor Ocanto-Romo, Rabbi Perlstein, Jeff Pevar, Eileen Schein, Fran Silverman, Shep Smithline, Al Torjman, and Idelle S. Wood.

- **The best place to celebrate a Simcha is at the Torah at Ohev Shalom! Congratulations to:**

A special cheer for all those adults and children who were our Purim Shpielers.

Congratulations to Jahn Nolan who is one year older now than he was last year.

We are looking forward to celebrating Alana's Bat Mitzvah with the Frajerman family.

We are also looking forward to celebrating Jordan and Aiden's B'nai Mitzvah with the Levin and Rudoff families.

Congratulations to Samantha Roseman who became a Bat Mitzvah .

- **Now you too can learn to read Torah and never leave home!**

Check our website for Cantor Annelise's Torah reading instruction. <https://www.ohев.org/adult-education>.

- **Do you want to read a Torah or Haftarah? Do you want to lead an evening service?**

Our Haftarah class has started ... do you want to join?

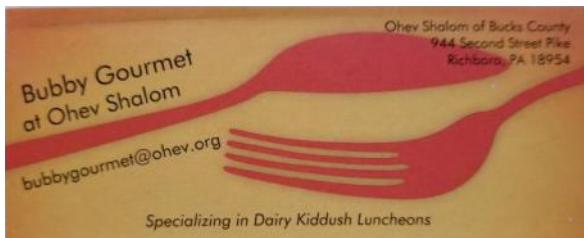
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- **March Count Me In Minyan Participation**

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- **Share your news with the congregation!** If you want to share any family news, pictures, or other information with the congregation please email me at gfreedman45@comcast.net and I can enter it into the next Dove Tale.

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