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**Shomrei HaBayit** can be loosely translated into “Guardians of the House.” We are fortunate to have many volunteers who give generously of their time and other resources to ensure that our synagogue remains the beautiful home and welcoming place it has become. *Shomrei HaBayit* is our way of thanking and honoring those who go above and beyond for us. We are beyond grateful to them for their time, energy, caring, and commitment to Congregation Ohav Shalom.

This year, the *Shomrei HaBayit* honorees are Debbie and Jeff Cohen and Libby Post and Lynn Dunning-Vaughn. We recognized them at our Gala Brunch on Sunday, December 10. This year the *Shomrei HaBayit* theme was light. As Edith Wharton said, “There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.” Our honorees do both. We are grateful to them for their dedication to Ohav Shalom and wish them Mazal Tov on this well-deserved honor!



Left: David Levine (L) former *Shomrei HaBayit* recipient, presents Jeff and Debbie Cohen with their award. Right: Sharon Lozman, (Center) former *Shomrei HaBayit* awardee, presents Libby Post and Lynn Dunning-Vaughn with their award. Below Left: (L-R) Rabbi Dan Ornstein, NYS Assembly Member John McDonald, Jeff Cohen, Debbie Cohen, Libby Post, Lynn Dunning-Vaughn, NYS Assembly Member Pat Fahy, Rabbi Rena Kieval, Ohav Shalom President Judy Avner, NYS Senator Neil Breslin. Below Right: Collage photos of some of the approximately 130 attendees.



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Dear friends,



We have turned the clocks back, a sure sign that winter is upon us. It gets dark earlier in the afternoon. Many of our friends and fellow congregants have begun their annual migration south or west to warmer, sunnier climates, and I begin to fight my inclination to prepare to hibernate. While some of us will admit to liking snow and more to loving the changing of the seasons, it is rare to find anyone who welcomes the early darkness.

But in this coming season, we have our wonderful Festival of Lights. Chanukah brings a smile to each of us as we look forward to lighting the candles, eating *latkes* and chocolate *gelt* and sharing this special celebration with friends and family. It is indeed the light in the darkness that resonates with me. We are reminded that we can bring light into the darkness.

At Ohav we embrace this idea. As you can see on the cover age on this DASH, on December 10 at our *Shomrei HaBayit* (Guardians of the House) brunch, we celebrated four congregants who have indeed brought light to Ohav through their selfless volunteer work on behalf of our community. We honored Libby Post and Lynn Dunning-Vaughn and Debbie and Jeff Cohen. These individuals have contributed to Ohav in many ways, large and small. And, on December 9 at Shabbat services, we welcomed our new members and newest little ones into our Ohav community - more celebrations.

You too can literally be a point of light in the darkness by joining us at Morning Minyan. By being there for your fellow congregants saying *kaddish* or observing a *yahrtzeit*, you will light the way for them to remember their loved ones.

I have been moved by the understanding of kindness embedded in *Parshat Chayei Sara*, which we recently read. In searching for a wife for Isaac, Abraham's servant Eliezer was first and foremost looking for a woman of outstanding character, a woman of great kindness and sensitivity. Rebecca's acts of providing water for camels without being asked, and the manner in which she offered drink to both Eliezer and the camels with great sensitivity and kindness, demonstrated a special personal quality of giving more than what was asked for. Thus, she was the perfect woman to become Isaac's wife. The lesson for us is kindness, *chesed*, a quality so valued that is featured prominently in this *parsha*.

Kindness is a quality in each of us, as is the ability to do more than is asked for. At Ohav, the opportunities to give are manifold. Just look through the pages of this DASH and the weekly emails. It is the generosity of our souls, our congregants, and the kindness in our actions and interactions that defines us as a sacred community.

As exemplified by our *Shomrei HaBayit* honorees, we each can bring light to our community. I hope that this season, we each rededicate ourselves, just as the temple was rededicated on Chanukah, to *chesed*, to acts of kindness to each other and to those around us; kindness without being asked and expecting nothing in return. It will nurture our souls and our Ohav community will continue to shine brightly.

Shalom,  
Judy



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#### The DA'SH / ד"ש

DA'SH is a Hebrew acronym for  
*Derishat Shalom (Greetings of Peace)*

Co-Editors: Debbie Rausch & Terry Tyson

DA'SH appears 4 times annually. Articles and  
family news are welcome. Please send articles  
to Nancy@ohavshalom.com. **Deadlines are firm.**

All submissions for the 2017/2018 DA'SH  
are **due on the following Mondays:**

2018: Feb 12 (Spring); May 14 (Summer),  
July 23 (Fall), Nov. 5 (Winter)

If you are interested in placing an ad in the  
DA'SH, please contact Nancy at the  
synagogue office, 518-489-4706 ext.10

# SERVICES

#### DAILY MINYAN

*Warm, friendly, inclusive, egalitarian*

- Sunday, 8:30 am
- Monday and Thursday, 6:45 am
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 am
- Federal Holidays, 8 am

*Please check our website for holiday times.*

#### FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

- Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 pm at  
Ohav Shalom Chapel

#### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

- Services begin at 9 am
- Torah reading begins at approximately  
10 am
- Kiddush follows services

#### SHORASHIM

##### PRE-SCHOOL - KINDERGARTEN

- 11:30 am in the chapel, beginning  
with the sanctuary Torah procession  
at about 11:15 am

**NOTE:** See below for information about additional Shabbat monthly and youth services.

## Shabbat Programs for Youth

### Teen Minyan

An interactive, high energy monthly Shabbat  
service for students in grades 5-8 . Kiddush provided.

**10:30 am in the Kol Bo Room** in our school wing.  
**12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/17, 4/21, 5/20 (Shavuot) and 6/9.**  
Led by Ruth Malka.

For more information, contact Ruth Malka at  
teenminyan@ohavshalom.com



### Junior Congregation

A fun participatory service for students in grades K-4. **10:30-noon**  
**Shabbat mornings monthly** including prayers, songs, skits, Torah reading  
and snacks. For more information, please contact Jane Ginsburg at  
juniorcongregation@ohavshalom.com or 518-301-1402 or Rabbi Kieval at  
the synagogue office. **12/16, 1/13, 2/10, 3/17, 4/21, 5/20 (Shavuot) and 6/9.**

## Additional Shabbat Services

### Center Square Minyan in Downtown Albany

*Super Jewy. Kinda Jewy. Not so Jewy. Black. White. Brownish. Gay.  
Straight. All in between. Ashkenaz. Sephardi. Mizrahi. Afrofuturistic.  
Listening to Janelle Monae or Amy Winehouse. Let's Shabbat it up!*

At Trinity United Methodist Church, 235 Lark Street, Albany. (Please  
ring the bell on the Lancaster St. side of the building to enter), Minyan begins  
Fridays at **6 pm**. All are welcome, including kids. Contact Aaron Israel at  
centersquareminyan@gmail.com or call 518-565-0474 for more information.

#### Please join us for:

12/14: **Chanukah Party with  
special PJ Library**  
programming for the  
kiddos. Bring a dish if you  
want, but it's optional. No  
stress. The event is free  
with food, schmoozing,  
dreidel, and donuts!

1/12: **Ashkenazic Night**

2/2: **Tu B'Shevat**

3/2: **Purim Costume Contest**

4/13: **Israel Night**

5/4: **Jews Around the World Night**

6/1: **Ice Cream Social**

7/13: **Shabbat on the Beach**

**Center Square Minyan is the place to be in the heart of Albany!**

# WORDS FROM RABBI DAN ORNSTEIN

## An Echo of Cain and Abel in a Modern-Day Courtroom *Dvar Torah For Parshat Breisheet, 5778*

Serving on a jury can be a tedious endeavor. The last time I was called to serve, I sat for eight hours in our local county court with almost two hundred other people. The judge, defense team and assistant district attorney asked candidates probing questions to reveal potential biases. They gradually selected the twelve people who all sides felt could best hear the facts of the case and reach a verdict beyond reasonable doubt. Since this was a criminal case, the defendant was present in the courtroom, his shrunken, overwhelmed appearance contrasting starkly with the terrible crime of which he was accused. To lighten the tension and the boredom, the judge bantered with each potential juror who was part of the preliminary selection. The courtroom took on an almost surrealist air at times - - as if it were a TV game show with contestants - - when the judge asked each person to tell us his or her name and reveal some family details, as well as details about work and hobbies. He joked with each potential juror, but his and the lawyers' subsequent questions were not intended to be funny. They were part of a larger process to determine how a person's background, views of race (the defendant was African-American), or personal history might bias him or her for or against the defendant. The jury's job was to reach a verdict based strictly upon hearing the facts of the case.

Even as I fidgeted in my seat for the next several hours, I was fascinated by how carefully the professionals involved investigated the jurors to determine their ability to be objective. Research has exposed the racism and racial biases, particularly against young black men, that operate in our justice and law enforcement systems. The idea that justice is blind often sounds more like a pious platitude than a statement of fact about American law. Yet this tragic reality is what made those laborious proceedings so important.

At the beginning, the judge admonished all of us: "I know that this process is going to be very

boring, but it is one of the most significant things you will ever do in your lives. If you are selected for this jury, you will have a tremendous responsibility placed upon your shoulders."



It became clear to me how important the jury's sense of fairness and fact would be. The fate of

the defendant's life and well-being were in the jury's hands. The judge's admonition reminded me of a famous passage in the *Mishnah*, the compendium of ancient Jewish law and legal argument that I will discuss in more detail below. It draws upon the story of Cain and Abel to warn witnesses in cases of capital crimes of the seriousness of their testimony.

In the land of Israel in ancient times, capital cases - those in which the accused could be executed if convicted - included crimes as diverse as murder, idolatry, adultery, even violations of the Sabbath, a ritual prohibition. There are no provisions in ancient Jewish law for juries, but the Torah does require capital cases to be tried with no fewer than two witnesses. Ancient Jewish communities in the land of Israel tried capital cases before regional courts with twenty-three sitting judges. If necessary, a capital case could be brought as far as the Great Sanhedrin, consisting of seventy-one judges. This was the Jewish court of appeals which sat in session in the holy Temple in Jerusalem, and then in different locales after the Temple was destroyed in 70 CE (the Common Era) by the Roman empire.

The *Mishnah* and its later running commentary, the *Gemara*, record the great caution with which these capital cases proceeded. A person could be put to death for a crime, but Jewish law did not make it easy for this to happen.



An excellent example of this cautiousness is the way in which capital witnesses were interrogated before a trial. After they were warned about not providing false or inaccurate testimony, the interrogators told them:

*In civil cases (involving payment) a person can pay money and make restitution. In capital cases, the witness is answerable for the blood of the defendant who is wrongfully condemned to death, as well as that of his offspring.*

*We learn this from the story of when Cain killed his brother, Abel. There, the Torah tells us that God said to Cain, "Hark, your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground." (Genesis 4:10)*

*The Torah literally says, "Your brother's bloods [in the plural in Hebrew]. This means that Cain not only spilled Abel's blood, but also the blood of his potential descendants who would never be born. (Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5)*

Note how the judges of ancient Jewish times used a highly literal reading of the Hebrew word for blood to make a very compelling moral point. Taking the life of an innocent person destroys not only him but his potential descendants. The murdered person's blood, and that of his progeny who would never be born, cry out from the ground to God, demanding justice. To the best of my knowledge, this is the only time that the story of Cain and Abel appears in a Jewish *legal* proceeding or record. Jewish law could have used other quotations from the Torah about rules of testimony to forbid potential witnesses from treating the life of the accused cavalierly. Why use this

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## Why Choose Ohav for Your Child?

There are many things that make any Early Childhood Program special, but here's why you should take a tour of ours:

- ♦ **We pride ourselves on being each child's first home away from home**, and will do anything to make that first transition an easy one!
- ♦ **We have an open-door policy** and encourage families to come in whenever they would like as well as to volunteer in the classrooms.
- ♦ **The whole school comes together with our Rabbis on Mondays and Fridays for Havdalah and Shabbat.** We read, learn Hebrew, sing, share stories about our weekends and dance together as a school. Every family (Jewish or not) celebrates Shabbat (family time) on Fridays. We are small enough to help that shy child who starts school not saying a word and then by mid-year at *Havdalah* is sharing what their family did over the weekend with the whole school.
- ♦ **We have experience, and for us, teaching is not a job, but a passion.** *Many of our teachers/staff have worked here at Ohav for 10-15 years.* Every year they create unique learning experiences for the children: Hebrew immersion, cooking, science experiments, dramatic play, learning sign language and assisting the children with writing their own books. Every day is filled with a wide variety of learning opportunities.
- ♦ **We believe that children learn by doing** so our classrooms are set up to provide the children with a wealth of learning opportunities that grow and change as the children mature and change.
- ♦ **We believe Free Play time has enormous value.** In fact, Free Play and peer interactions is the most important time of the day at Ohav Shalom.
- ♦ **Children with different abilities are a welcome part of our school.** Many of our children receive speech therapy, occupational therapy or other outside support services. We also have two integrated classrooms for both 3 and 4 year olds. It is our goal to help each child to be successful to the best of his or her ability!
- ♦ **Security Upgrades have been made**, and we now have a center and temple-wide intercom system. This means phones in every classroom for better communication and safety as well as additional video cameras on both playgrounds and all school lobby areas. There is a monitor in the School Director's office so there is a visual on everything that is going on 24/7. Lastly, the School Director and one of our teachers has a button that calls 911 immediately in case of an emergency.

So, when it comes to choosing a place for your child or grandchild to begin his/her learning adventures, Ohav is the place to be! ❀

Sheryl Welton



mark  your **Calendar**

## Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:

**IT'S 2018-19 SCHOOL REGISTRATION TIME**  
Registration for the Fall starts in February.

Registration is open Monday - Friday, 9-4

Please contact Sheryl Wilton asap because

**spots are already filling up.**

All children

ages 18 months to 5 years old are welcome.

**Temple member's children receive a 25% discount off school tuition.**

If you are interested in visiting/touring our program, please call Sheryl at 518-489-4894.



Shabbat at Ohav



Sukkot participation is fun!



## Bi-Annual Rummage Sale

The Nursery School "**Spring Rummage Sale**" is **Sunday March 18 from 8:30-1**. Early sale will be 8-8:30 with a

\$5.00 entry fee. Donations will be collected the week before Monday-Friday 9-5. Volunteers are **always needed**. Interested? Please contact Sheryl at 518 489-4894.

## Summer Camp at Ohav is Outrageous!

Ohav Shalom Nursery School offers a summer camp program for children ages 18 months -5 years. Every week the campers take part in a variety of activities which focus around a specific theme.

Camp registration begins **Monday March 5**.

**DISCOUNT AVAILABLE:** If you sign up before June 1, there is a \$50.00 discount.

**Summer Camp begins Monday June 25.**

Camp is held from 9:30-1pm, Monday through Friday, with an option of extended day care from 8am-5pm.

For more information, please call the Early Childhood Education office, 518-489-4894 and ask for Sheryl.





## Ohav's Sunday Schmooze

Ohav's **Sunday Schmooze** program on selected Sunday mornings at 10 am is a huge success! This well-attended new program features an interesting speaker, bagels and the opportunity to schmooze with your Ohav friends. Breakfast is on us! Here's a recap of the first two Schmoozes. There's more to come, so stay tuned. RSVP is not required, but is helpful for planning. If you plan to attend, please let Nancy know at 518-489-4706.

The first Schmooze on 10/22/17 featured **U.S. Representative Paul D. Tonko**, who gave a fantastic, honest and timely presentation about what's going on in Washington and how it affects us all here in the Capital Region. It was an engaging presentation!



We commemorated Kristallnacht and Veteran's Day on 11/12/17 with a presentation from **Debbie Rausch** about her father's experience growing up in Germany, his arrest by the Gestapo and internment in Dachau, his service to the US as an American soldier, and her recent trip with her children to his hometown of Augsburg, Germany, on the occasion of the 100th

birthday of the Great Synagogue of Augsburg.

We paid tribute to our local Jewish War Veterans and thanked them for putting their lives on the line to protect us, our democracy and our freedom. A plaque was presented to each JWV post from Ohav Shalom.

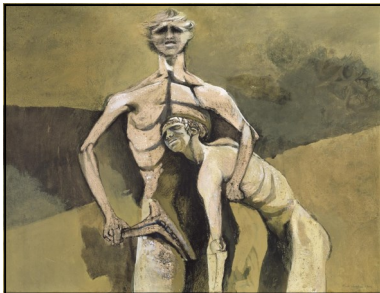


## Words from Rabbi Ornstein

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early legend from the Bible about the world's first murder in a legal teaching about a court proceeding?

I suggest the *Mishnah* chose the story of Cain and Abel to make a crucial point about justice by using an extreme case. Cain and Abel teaches about the horrible consequences of allowing our anger and other passions to drive us to take an *innocent* life. Yet consider the ancient courtroom context in which it was retold. Here, the person who could become the victim of murder is not a crime victim but a potential victim of justice gone awry, that is, the accused who is *under suspicion* of taking an innocent life. In admonishing the witnesses, the *Mishnah*, I believe, is telling us -- the witnesses and by extension a jury -- to consider the ease with which Cain committed the first murder against his own brother, out of passionate jealousy and hatred. We should think about how much easier it could be for us to kill a person accused of a terrible crime by using our power to testify and judge a case in court. The defendant standing before us might have committed the crime of which he is accused, but we cannot be sure of that yet. Our righteous indignation, vengefulness, bias or apathy could easily get in the way of our fair and impartial judgment. By treating the accused as if he were Cain, without considering the facts and the grave consequences of our potential actions, we the witnesses will become Cain, and the accused will become Abel.



Cain & Abel, Keith Vaughan, 1946 (Tate Museum)

I thought about this ancient wisdom as I sat in court watching the jury being selected with the greatest of care, to safeguard the rights and life of the defendant. He was not being accused of a capital crime, but his life, freedom, reputation and well-being were nonetheless hanging in the balance. Would we, the jurors, simply dismiss him by assuming uncritically or self-righteously that he must have on him the proverbial "mark of Cain", the taint of guilt? If so, what would this say about us, supposed defenders of all the Abels, the other innocent people of the world?

I began to understand how important this story of Cain and Abel is for us to study, interpret and apply to our own lives. Like Cain during his confrontations with Abel and with God, we are called to choose how we will behave and whether we will succumb to our darker impulses or channel them properly. This is especially the case when those impulses are hidden beneath shows of righteousness, legalism and moral outrage. ❧





## Update from the Inclusion of Individuals with Disabilities Committee

The Inclusion of Individuals with Disabilities Committee, Barbara Brodsky and Melanie Hecker, Inclusion Committee co-chairs, began a discussion with our leadership about developing the "Ten Commandments" of an Inclusive and Inclusion-Conscious Ohav." Consider the following acrostic and share your thoughts with each other and the Committee.

**O**ther is really your brother...or sister.

**H**earfelt welcome: "We are glad you're here—we're all part of this sacred community.

**A**dvocacy: a one-to-one, many-to-many process of dialogue

**V**alue everyone: we are all created *B'Tzelem Elohim*

**S**ensitivity and awareness

**H**idden disabilities—be open to understanding them

**A**lways ask, "What do you need?" Always explain, "Here's what I need."

**L**ook carefully at physical, cognitive and emotional impediments to other's inclusion

**O**ffer help with respect, don't impose it

**M**olehills and mountains: What to you is the former, to someone else might be the latter.

Consider our Jewish roots when discussing inclusion:

- We were all at Sinai
- *Tzelem Elohim* - All people are created in God's image (Genesis 1)
- *Ahavat ha reia* - Love your neighbor (Lev 19)
- *Ahavat ha ger* - Love the stranger (Lev 19 & many in the Torah)
- *Lifnei iver* - Do not put a stumbling block before the blind (Lev. 19)
- *Lo tekallel heresh* - Do not curse the deaf (Lev 19)
- *Kedoshim tihiyu* - Be a holy community (Lev 19)
- *Torah, Avodah, Gemilut Hasadim* - The balanced tripod upon which the world rests: study, worship, kindness (Avot 1:3)
- *Onaat Devarim* - Wronging someone verbally
- *Halbanat pnei haver b'tzibbur* - the prohibition against shaming someone, particularly in public (Talmud, Tractate Bava Metzia, ch. 4 and other places)

We want to thank the congregation for its cooperation in avoiding the use/wear of strongly scented products during High Holiday services. Also, through the hard work of committee members Sharon Lozman, Judy Avner and synagogue staff, arrangements were made for a quiet space during the HHD for individuals who needed a sensory break when feeling overwhelmed by the stimulation in our building. We are committed to offering such a space during all worship services and events.

February is Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month. On February 10, 2018, we will host a program on Jewish Disabilities Awareness after Shabbat services. Watch for details!

Please contact the office or one of us to offer your help, expertise and/or let us know what you or a family member needs to more fully benefit from the spiritual, learning, and social opportunities at Ohav Shalom. ❧

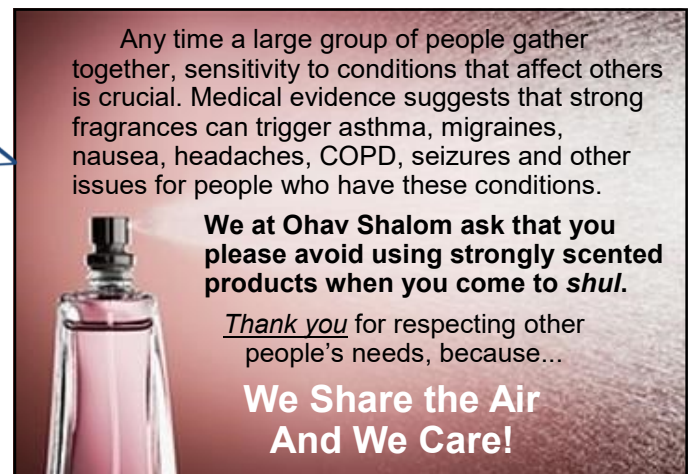


## Ohav is the Land of Opportunity!

Ohav is a busy place. Come into the building at almost any time and there is something going on. This is our Ohav community. So, there are many opportunities to get involved. Our very small staff could use your help to support all of our programs, projects, activities. We depend on the volunteers in our midst to help. Whether it is an hour occasionally, or being the point person coordinating a program, **we need you!** At Ohav, there is something for everyone. So, think:

- Can you help for an hour or two weekly in the office?
- Can you greet people when they come for Shabbat services?
- Can you help cook for a Shabbat dinner? Bake for Kiddush?
- Do you love retail—maybe a Sunday morning or Wednesday afternoon in the gift shop?
- Do you enjoy our social action projects?
- Can you teach or help coordinate educational programs?
- Interested in learning to lead services, chant Torah or give a D'var Torah?

These are just some of the ways you can be involved. It all counts. Please email Nancy at [nancy@ohavshalom.com](mailto:nancy@ohavshalom.com) and let her know what might interest you. Thank you. ❧





## Regional Food Bank Food Deliveries from Ohav Shalom



*"Hunger is not a problem. It is an obscenity. How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."*

Anne Frank

Hunger is an ongoing concern in our area. Each of us can make a difference.

On your way into Ohav (except on Shabbat or Yom Tov) drop off a non-perishable food item in the bins in the Administrative entrance. The contributions in the bin are delivered to the Regional Food Bank monthly.

Through this simple act, you'll be helping people right here in our community! **Thank You!**

## Food for Thought



**Regional Food Bank**  
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

Nourish your soul by volunteering at the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, 965 Albany-Shaker Road, Latham on **January 21 and February 11 from 1 to 3 pm** to help sort and re-pack food and other essential products for the needy in our community.

Join others, singles, couples and families for this Ohav Social Action Committee project. We guarantee that you will gain satisfaction and pleasure. For any questions, contact Sharon Berko at [sharonleeberko@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonleeberko@yahoo.com).

## A Seat To Wait On

The next time you use our new sidewalk to access the main doors of the synagogue, please take note of two new granite benches that have been installed to provide a convenient place to wait for a ride or just to sit and enjoy some sunshine and fresh air. These benches were unsolicited donations by two of our congregants: Debbie Shenkel in honor of her mother and aunt and an anonymous donation.

Not only are these benches making life a bit more comfortable for our congregants, but they are also in keeping with our mission to make our synagogue a more welcoming space for all. We wish to thank both donors for their generous gifts to Ohav. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated by our Ohav community.

## Like to Cook? Want to Join Us?

### Yad Yonatan:

Cook with friends in the Ohav kitchen to maintain our supply of meals for those who are bereaved or facing illness or other crisis. Or volunteer to deliver a meal, along with comfort and good cheer.

Contact Lynne Shatsoff at 518-439-4822, [Ishatsoff@gmail.com](mailto:Ishatsoff@gmail.com) or Sandy Cohen at 518-569-1108 or [sandco1947@gmail.com](mailto:sandco1947@gmail.com).

### Kiddishe Mamas and Papas:

Enjoy baking, schmoozing and learning in the Ohav kitchen, as we bake goodies for *Shabbat Kiddush*. Contact Laurie Abelson at [laurie33154@gmail.com](mailto:laurie33154@gmail.com).

### Nurturing the New Mom and Dad:

Support a new parent by preparing and/or delivering them a meal. Contact Julie Pollack at 518-437-1150 or [bpollack@nycap.rr.com](mailto:bpollack@nycap.rr.com).

## Cooking for a Cause

Once a month we cook a delicious and nutritious meal for the residents of the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, a homeless shelter in downtown Albany. We prepare the dinner and cook at the shelter which provides us with the wonderful opportunity to interact with the staff and residents. Please contact Leona Kassoff 518-478-9662 if you are interested in joining our cooking crew.



(Pictured L-R): Naomi Cohen, Jory Kassoff, Sean Ference, Janet Holop-Kaufman, Lillian Cohen, Leona Kassoff, Carol Frank, Caryn Halle, Barbara Dworkin, and Henda Strasser.



## URNS OUT, DOING GOOD IS GOOD FOR US!

- Generosity releases positive hormones and makes us feel happy.
- Acts of service decrease stress, thus lowering the risk of dying, especially in seniors.
- Giving promotes communication and social connections.
- Giving evokes gratitude, which is integral to happiness, health, and social bonds.
- Giving is contagious!

Source: Greater Good Magazine, UC Berkeley



## Join Ohav for Brunch in Florida

This year, our popular 15th annual **East Coast Ohav**

**Brunch** will take place at noon on **Sunday, January 21** in Boca Raton.

Enjoy a delicious brunch with Rabbi Dan Ornstein and friends from Ohav Shalom and the Albany Jewish Community at Temple Beth Shalom, 19140 Lyons Road (Century Village), Boca Raton, FL 33434. **AND...**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual West Coast Florida Reunion Brunch will take place on **Monday, January 22, 2018**. Time and location TBA (hopefully equidistant between Venice and Naples). Please contact Rabbi Dan at ohavrab@gmail.com for more details and to sign up.

We are excited to offer you this program at the reduced cost of only \$10 per person! For more information, please contact Judy at 561-364-4741. RSVP with your check by **January 11** to: Judy Phillips, 8171 Florenza Drive, Boynton Beach, FL 33472.

Special thanks to Levine Memorial Chapel for its generous support of Ohav's Brunch in Boca program. We look forward to seeing you in Florida!



## Study Talmud... the great text of Jewish tradition

Join us for this text exploration and skill building class. No prior knowledge of Hebrew or Talmud is necessary. Please bring a copy of the Schottenstein Babylonian Talmud, Tractate - *Brakhot*, Volume 2.

**Instructor:** Rabbi Ornstein

**Schedule:**

- Monday mornings at 11 am beginning on October 16 and ending on June 11.
- Monday evenings at 7 pm: 1/27, 12/18, 1/29, 2/26, 3/26 and 4/30.

**Note:** The Monday evening sessions will cover different material than the Monday morning sessions. No need to purchase the Talmud volume for the evening class.

**Important:** When we hold an evening class, there will be NO morning class that day. People may register for all sessions, a mix and match of both, only morning sessions OR only evening sessions.

**Fee:** Members: \$25 | Non-Members: \$35

## A Hanukkah Dinner and Talmud Study with Rabbi Elliot Goldberg

Our Hanukkah Dinner and Talmud discussion featuring Rabbi Elliot Goldberg is on **Monday, December 18**, beginning at **6 pm** with a dairy dinner followed the Rabbi's presentation at **6:45 pm**.

Rabbi Goldberg is a visiting scholar at the Mandel Center for Studies in Jewish Education at Brandeis University and a renowned Jewish Education Consultant. His current research is about teaching and learning rabbinics in Jewish elementary day schools.

The presentation will address two themes: "**Which Hanukkah story do you tell?**" and "**How do you find meaning in the rich textual history of Judaism's winter holiday.**"

All are welcome. Reservations are required by 12/11, so call 518-489-4706 X10 to see if you can still attend. *The dinner is free, but donations are appreciated!*



### Family Purim Celebration

Our Family Purim Celebration begins **Wednesday evening, February 28** with the *Megillah* reading at **6 pm**. Morning services for Purim take place on **Thursday, March 1** at **6:45 am**. B'Yachad **Purim Carnival** for the entire community will be hosted at Ohav Shalom on **Sunday morning, March 4**. Look for upcoming emails, E-Marquis and our website for more details.

## Reading Ruth: Study Group

What can this ancient, sacred text teach us about our history and about the values that are central to Jewish tradition?

Through discussion and study we will explore the many facets of the Book of Ruth. We will draw from the Biblical text, traditional Rabbinic commentary, contemporary interpretation and our own insights.

**Instructor:** Rabbi Kieval

**Schedule:** **Thursday mornings, 11 am - 12:15 pm**, The class began October 26, 2017 and will continue until the celebration of Shavuot and the chanting of the Book of Ruth on May 21, 2018. (specific dates will be announced)

**Fee:** \$25 members | \$35 non-members

*For additional information on the courses and programs offered at Congregation Ohav Shalom, please contact Nancy Pandolfo at 518-489-4706 X10 or Nancy@ohavshalom.com.*



## Come Meet Maimonides! (a.k.a Rambam)

*A Shabbat Schmooze Program*

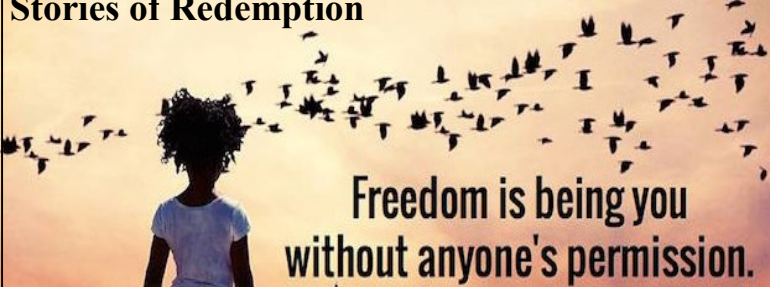
The great philosopher and Torah scholar, Maimonides (Spain and Egypt, 1138-1204) will be "visiting" Ohav Shalom on **Shabbat, January 27**, immediately following a *kiddush* luncheon (approximately 12:30 pm).

This moderated interview with Maimonides will allow us to better understand the Rambam's life, thought and writings. All are welcome.



## programs

### Join Us on 1/13/18 for Dreams and Possibilities: Stories of Redemption



Ohav Shalom will host guests from Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region. As our nation commemorates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and as we read the Exodus stories of personal and national freedom in our Torah cycle, our guests will share stories of personal transformation and perspectives on the challenges of change in their communities.

Speakers: Jerome Brown, Director, SNUG Albany, a Violence Prevention and Intervention program; Andre Morris, Director of Reentry Services, a program of Jail Transition Services, and Harris Oberlander, CEO of Trinity Alliance.

### It's Never Too Early to Think About Summer

Although winter is at our doorsteps, the Scholarship Committee is already working to identify and secure financial support for Ohav Shalom children wishing to participate in Jewish Summer programs in 2018. Scholarships were established to encourage young people to participate in an intensive Jewish summer program, a Jewish camp program, or a trip to Israel. Typically, USY-on-Wheels, trips to Poland and Israel, USY Encampment, and other Jewish camp experiences have been funded.

General Scholarships exist to help young people access meaningful Jewish experiences that will bring them closer to Judaism. While the scholarship is not intended to pay for the entire Jewish enrichment experience, we want our youth to know that supporting them is extremely important to the congregation. All children of Ohav Shalom full members in good standing are encouraged to apply.

Ohav is fortunate to have named scholarships that offer funding for Jewish enrichment in Israel. We encourage families to consider the many opportunities for young people to spend the summer in Israel. The families who generously established these named scholarships are delighted to support summer in Israel experiences. Applicants for named scholarships should fill out the general scholarship application and attach a meaningful essay as described on the application.

In the past, funding for general scholarships has generously been provided by the Men's Club, Sisterhood, Rabbi Ornstein and Rabbi Kieval's Discretionary Funds, the Minyan Fund, and donations from congregants.

For further information or assistance, please contact Sheila Lobel at [scholarships@ohavshalom.com](mailto:scholarships@ohavshalom.com) or call the Ohav office.

**Deadline for all applications is March 29, 2018. Please note this date is right before Pesach. Therefore, late applications cannot be accepted.**



B'Yachad is doing well. The fall holidays brought opportunity... We had a wonderful farm program at Capital Roots, an organization that provides food for disadvantaged people and has many wonderful programs. For our Sukkot program, B'Yachad went to their urban farm where we harvested potatoes, weeded and mulched. It was valuable work and *tikkun olam* in action. I'm hoping to make this an annual event and open it up to the wider Jewish community. Hopefully you can join us next year!

We have revised our curriculum and how the program is structured. The curriculum now focuses on Modern

Hebrew, Prayer Hebrew, Israel, values, Bible and holidays. By streamlining the curriculum and providing structure for when these topics are studied,

our students are better able to delve into these materials and teachers have a handle on what to teach. We have also restructured Wednesdays so as to provide students with small-group, leveled instruction of modern Hebrew. We continue to offer electives and *Shira* on Sundays. Our elective offerings give students the opportunity to choose between a variety of different subjects including our student newspaper, cooking and Israeli dance.

We are looking forward to our Hanukkah program that will be held at Ohav on Sunday, December 17 from 9:30-12:30.

Have a wonderful Hanukkah and a great winter!



Rabbi Miriam

### Help Ohav Upgrade Our Playground

A committee has formed to start planning for a fundraising campaign to raise money to replace and upgrade our playground in the near future.

More information to come. Inquiries?

Please contact Gregg Fox at [treasurer@ohavshalom.com](mailto:treasurer@ohavshalom.com)







Donations support the present and future of Ohav Shalom. They provide our congregation and members of the community an opportunity to honor or memorialize a loved one or friend. All contributions are acknowledged in the DASH and to individuals and family members. The following contributions are acknowledged as received from August 1 through October 31, 2017.

#### **B'Yachad Fund**

##### **In memory of:**

- Regina Garfinkel from Miles Garfinkel and Evelyn Loeb

#### **Capital Campaign**

- from Joel and F. Julia Helfman

##### **In memory of:**

- Murray Serotta from Pauline and Ron Brociner and Dorothy and Rob Ganz
- Corinne Gumson from Ira and Sheila Lobel
- Pauline Eisenstadt from Lois Edwards
- Anne Schupack from Paul and Lynne Shatsoff
- Jack Herschkowitz from Lois Edwards

#### **Goldstein-Goldhar Fund**

##### **In memory of:**

- Anna Burack from Harold and Marcia Toppall

#### **HHD College Outreach**

##### **In memory of:**

- Bernard Sheingold from Audrey Sheingold

#### **HHD Donation**

##### **In memory of:**

- Moses and Esther Kohn from Tema and Robert Chase

#### **Hilda & Ben Gordon Memorial Fund**

##### **In memory of:**

- Norman Brickman from Dorice Brickman

#### **Krantman Fund**

##### **In memory of:**

- Roslyn Maurer from Zvi and R. Beth Klopott
- Florence Heims from Zvi and R. Beth Klopott

#### **Library Fund**

##### **In memory of:**

- Claire Mason from Jerry and Judy Berger
- Louis Rappaport from Rochelle and Bill Shapiro
- Rae Vogel from Linda Richter

#### **Michael Banner Fund**

##### **In memory of:**

- Michael David Banner from Howard and Gail Banner
- Benjamin Dorn from Alan and Tobie Dorn
- Arthur Roth from Howard and Gail Banner
- Arthur Roth from Carol and Norman Schindler
- Cynthia Goldberg from Howard and Gail Banner
- Michael Banner from Allen Israel
- Karl Israel from Allen Israel

#### **Mozer Kiddush Fund**

##### **In honor of:**

- the birth of Dan and Aliza Scher's daughter Lily Gabrielle from Jeremy and Ruth Kassel
- Chana Kraus-Papp and Scott McIntyre's new son, Meyer Moshe from Jeremy and Ruth Kassel

- the birth of Dan and Aliza Scher's daughter Lily Gabrielle Scher from Paul and Naomi Mozer

#### **Nursery School Fund**

##### **In honor of:**

- Zeke's time with everyone in the Nursery School from Jeffrey and Mary Jankowski

##### **In memory of:**

- Efrem Potts from Sheryl Welton
- Phyllis Erner from Stuart and Marlene Ellen Erner

#### **Prayer Book Fund**

##### **In memory of:**

- Robert Morris from Andrea Ribner

#### **Rabbi Daniel Ornstein Discretionary Fund**

##### **In honor of:**

- Rabbi Dan Ornstein and Marian Alexander for their hospitality from Ira and Bonnie Birnbaum
- The Kligerman family for their hospitality from Ira and Bonnie Birnbaum
- Rabbi Dan Ornstein for my aliyah on Yom Kippur from Lorraine Siegel
- Rabbi Dan from Alan Pfeffer and Lenora Galitz Pfeffer
- Rabbi Dan Ornstein with appreciation from Joel and Claire Sigal
- the High Holy Days from Reeva Nowitz
- Julie Pollack from Nelson and Kathryn Sheingold
- Meyer's birth with thanks to Rabbi Dan for the love, support and guidance from Brian and Annie Mirochnik

##### **In memory of:**

- Edward Levine from Neil and Shari Piper
- Irene Ressler from Lorraine Siegel
- Miriam Kaufman from The Patashnick Family
- Miriam Kaufman from Barbara Jacobs
- Harvey Jacobs from Barbara Jacobs
- Harry Ikler from Louis and Linda Gilboord
- William Basen from Melvin Sovitsky
- Anita Rosenblum from David and Nancy Rosenblum
- Julius Ikler, Sadie Ikler, Freida Grode from Lewis and Muriel Grode
- Pauline Tanzman from Hal and Judy Tanzman
- Rita Goldstein from Lynne Schaefer
- Samuel Sovitsky from Melvin Sovitsky
- Florence Neifeld from Alfred and Rose Shuman
- Abraham Stern from Larry and Evy Farbstein

#### **Rabbi Rena Kieval Discretionary Fund**

##### **In honor of:**

- the Bat Mitzvah of Hailey Fox, granddaughter of Helena and Neil Davidoff from Nancy and Eric Yaffee

- Rabbi Rena with thanks for her help and comfort during the past year from Leonard and Susan Stokes

- Rabbi Rena for her comforting and caring service at our mother's unveiling from Sandy and Rich Lipman and Jerry and Sheree Mirochnik

- the High Holy Days from Reeva Nowitz

- Judy Avner from Nelson and Kathryn Sheingold

- Meyer's birth with thanks to Rabbi Rena for the love, support and guidance from Brian and Annie Mirochnik

- Rabbi Rena with appreciation from Lewis and Irene Rosenthal

##### **In memory of:**

- Paul Kaplan from Eugene and Cynthia Laks
- Roberta Rosenblatt and Kenneth Rabineau from Louis and Linda Gilboord
- Grace Rosenblum from Charles and Suzanne Rosenblum
- Anita Rosenblum from David and Nancy Rosenblum
- Nettie Paskin from George Paskin
- Belle Diamond from David and Lois Diamond
- Ruth Caplan from Chuck and Suzanne Rosenblum
- Florence Neifeld from Alfred and Rose Shuman
- Ilona Stern from Larry and Evy Farbstein

#### **Romanoff Fund**

##### **In memory of:**

- Kathe Isser from Bernard and Tema Isser
- Helen Fisher from Bernard and Tema Isser
- Alice Israel from Norman and Bronna Romanoff
- Edythe Polansky from Norman and Bronna Romanoff
- Alice Israel from Allen Israel

#### **Sacklow Scholarship Fund**

##### **In memory of:**

- Stewart Sacklow from Arthur Strosberg

#### **Schreiber Fund**

##### **In memory of:**

- Pepi Silber from Edward and Barbara Schreiber
- Morris Winter from Stanley Winter and Marcia Gingold

#### **Sussman-Sherer Social Action Fund**

##### **In honor of:**

- Neil and Helena Davidoff's granddaughter Hailey Fox becoming a Bat Mitzvah from Anne Rosenblum

##### **In memory of:**

- Samuel Dworkin from Paul and Barbara Dworkin

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## Synagogue Fund

- Mazel tov on the birth of Lynn and Paul Shatsoff's granddaughter Alivia Faye from Daniel and Terry Tyson
- Mazel tov on the birth of Sheree and Jerry Mirochnik's grandson Meyer Cash from Daniel and Terry Tyson

### In honor of:

- the birth of Lynne and Paul Shatsoff's granddaughter Alivia Faye from Judith Avner
- the birth of Jerry and Sheree Mirochnik's grandson Meyer Cash (Moshe Simcha) from Judith Avner
- Ohav Shalom ~ my neighbor ~ for their very thoughtful good wishes and symbolic gift from Patricia Snyder
- Congregation Ohav Shalom from David and Robyn Morrison
- the marriage of Michael Ernst to Joelle Bazaz from Judith Avner
- chanting Torah at Congregation Ohav Shalom on the anniversary of my Bar Mitzvah from Robert Green
- the engagement of Jacob Kriegler to Ava Alberti from Judith Avner
- Terry Tyson and Deb Rausch for doing a great job with Dash from Avrum and Rosemary Tabachneck
- the birth of Richard and Sandy Lipman's great-nephew Meyer Cash (Moshe Simcha) from Judith Avner
- Bob and Sue Kaslovsky's new granddaughter Abigail Rose from Edward and Laura Jacobs
- Steve Deitcher's Birthday from Myra and Fred Feldman
- the birth of Aliza and Dan Scher's daughter Lily Gabrielle from Judith Avner
- Bob and Sue Kaslovsky's new granddaughter, Abigail Rose from Judith Avner
- Vivian and Marshall Price's new granddaughter, Isla Jade from Judith Avner
- Chana Kraus-Papp and Scott McIntyre's new son, Meyer Moshe from Judith Avner

### In memory of:

- Thelma Epstein from Judith Avner
- Paula Katz from Judith Avner
- Corinne Gumson from Daniel and Terry Tyson
- Alan Sims from Judith Avner
- Louis Rappaport from Judith Avner
- Mark Sanders from Judith Avner
- George Erlbaum from Michelle Erlbaum
- Rae Engel from Judith Avner
- Robert Straussman from Judith Avner
- Virginia Kaufman from Judith Avner
- Eleanor Phillips from Abbott and Judy Phillips
- Sue Shelofsky from Mark Shelofsky and Nancy Gutterman
- Sylvia Glaser from John and Marlene Kimball
- Virginia Kaufman from Judith Avner
- Marion Enos from Judith Avner
- Corinne Gumson from Judith Avner

- Hilda Rothschild from Moritz Rothschild
- Sarah Agel from Robert and Carolyn Agel
- Irwin Agel from Robert and Carolyn Agel
- Joseph Lev from Abbott and Judy Phillips
- Samuel Diamond from Abbott and Judy Phillips
- Gail Phillips from Abbott and Judy Phillips

## Tabachneck Fund

### In memory of:

- Harry Feder from Charlotte Zorn
- Irving Zorn from Charlotte Zorn
- Richard Marowitz from Ruth Marowitz

## Yad Yonatan Fund

### In honor of:

- Rena Kieval from Suzanne Chipkin and Josh Sowalsky
- Rabbi Dan and Rabbi Rena for making Harper's Baby Naming so memorable from Mark and Caryn Poskanzer and Adam and Holly Poskanzer
- the wedding of Charles and Suzanne Rosenblum's granddaughter from Marilyn Sternklar
- a speedy recovery for my nephew Jason Friedman from Addie Glazier

### In memory of:

- Michael Goldsmith from Anitta Burg
- Les Stein from Barbara Stein
- Elaine Rubin from Laurie Abelson
- Morton Goldman from Kenneth and Anita Rabinoff-Goldman



## Celebrations

- Jay and Sandi Worona welcomed granddaughter, Naiya Lennon, born to parents, Arielle and Phil Galanty
- Les and Jane Kriegler welcomed their granddaughter, Stella Jean-Louise Eddy, born to parents, Rosabeth and David Eddy

## Condolences

- To Bob and Pat Gumson and family upon the death of Bob's mother, Corrine Gumson
- To Meris and Dan Ruzow and family upon the death of Meris' father's wife, Thelma Esptein
- To Larry Katz and family upon the death of Larry's wife, our long time Congregant, Paula Katz
- To Jane and Les Kreigler and family upon the death of Jane's brother, our long time Congregant, Louis Rapaport
- Debbie and Joe Lewanda and family upon the death of Debbie's father, Bill Marin
- Amy and Paul Knapp and family upon the death of Amy's father, Efreem Potts

## Kol Ha Kavod

- January 11, 2018 will be proclaimed by Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan in honor of Joe Brown's 90th birthday. Joe and Helene were long-standing members of Ohav Shalom who now reside in Florida. Joe was an officer of the synagogue at the time of the building of the new synagogue and construction of the apartment building.

## Commemorate Life's Events

Making a gift to Ohav Shalom is a special way to honor someone. Whether its celebrating a bat/bar mitzvah, a wedding, an anniversary, a graduation, birthday, birth of a child/grandchild or special event... or remembering a loved one who has passed, or letting a friend know they are in your thoughts and prayers... Ohav has a variety of ways to help you pay tribute. We offer:

**Tree-of-Life Leaves:** \$250 for one; \$360 for two

**Pew Plaques:** \$360 for one; \$500 for two

**Engraved Sidewalk Bricks:** \$180-\$2,500

**Chapel Memorial Plaque:** \$500

If you would like to commemorate someone at Ohav Shalom, please contact Nancy at 518-289-4706. Thank you.





#### Dec. 1/13 Kislev

Arthur Erdman  
Sarah Klopott  
Frank Rosen  
Eva Weisberg

#### Dec 2/14 Kislev

William Spiro  
William Wasserman

#### Dec. 3/ 15 Kislev

Elaine Barnett

#### Dec. 4/16 Kislev

Harold Phillip

#### Dec. 5/ 17 Kislev

Marvin Balick  
Joanne Greenberg  
Adele Matelson  
Melvin Rinde

#### Dec. 6/18 Kislev

Marilyn Berko  
Meyer Gutterman  
Lawrence Kreditor  
Rosalind Mintz  
Lillian Preminger  
Toby Robbins  
Elaine Rosenberg

#### Dec.7/19 Kislev

Shirley Basch  
Claire Mason  
Maryasha Rolbina

#### Dec. 8/20 Kislev

Raymond Alexander  
Rose Cohen  
Morton Goldberg  
Samuel Hendler  
Louis Miller  
Yetta Mirochnik

#### Dec. 9 /21 Kislev

Jennie Katz  
Gilbert Messer

#### Dec. 10/22 Kislev

Margaret Cape  
Martin Caplan  
Ida Kohn  
Francis Pomerantz  
Eli Waldman

#### Dec. 11 /23 Kislev

Samuel Katz

#### Dec. 12/ 24 Kislev

Herman Silberberger

#### Dec. 13 /25 Kislev

Fred Cape  
Eleanor Clarke  
Charles Freedman  
Simon Schwartz  
Elizabeth Walden  
Hyman Weiss

#### Dec. 15/27Kislev

Evelyn Rausch  
Hal Waltzman

#### Dec. 16/28 Kislev

Alexander Weisz

#### Dec. 17/29 Kislev

Fran Avner  
Pearl Dudick  
Ellen Price Samet

#### Dec. 18/30 Kislev

Tillie Chick  
Selma Kaufman

#### Dec. 19/1Tevet

Abraham Abrams  
Ann Levy  
Gloria Salem  
Gussie Serotta

#### Dec. 20/2 Tevet

Abraham Bernstein  
Samuel Kohn  
William Pollack  
Martin Pomerantz  
Lillian Zelman

#### Dec. 21/3 Tevet

Meyer "Red" Cohen  
Leonard Stokes Jr.

#### Dec. 22/ 4 Tevet

Robert Flint

#### Dec. 23/ 5 Tevet

Morris Eson

#### Dec. 24/6 Tevet

Arthur Feinman  
Joseph Goldfinger

#### Dec. 25/7 Tevet

Klaus Burg  
Jack Stern  
Lillian Stern

#### Dec. 26/8 Tevet

Betty Farbstein  
Seymour Miller  
Isadore Post  
Leonard Wacholder

#### Dec. 27/ 9 Tevet

Carolyn Heller  
Jeffrey Katz

#### Dec. 28/10 Tevet

Priscilla Jacobs  
Murray Kriss  
Karl Piper

#### Dec. 29/11/ Tevet

Fay Krantman

#### Dec. 30/ 12 Tevet

Nadine Crowe  
Charlotte Fein  
Bernard Garfinkel  
Florence Kamens  
David Septer  
William Worona

#### Dec. 31/13 Tevet

Morris Preminger  
Melvin Siegel

#### Jan. 1/14 Tevet

Hae Dorn  
Eliezer Klopott  
Edith Waltzman

#### Jan. 2/15 Tevet

Nissim Farchy  
Jacob Neifield  
Mary Rubtchinsky  
Mary Teitelbaum

#### Jan. 3/ 16 Tevet

Frances Bernstein  
Theodore Bernstein  
Rose Birman  
Freda Cole  
Walter Friedman  
Jenny Weiner

#### Jan. 4/ 17 Tevet

Frances Buratt

#### Jan. 5/18 Tevet

Abraham Gilboord  
Harry Lowy  
Jerry Rosen

#### Jan. 7/20 Tevet

Michael Helfner  
Miriam Kay  
Miles Kletter  
Irving Newman

#### Jan. 8/21 Tevet

Erich Isser  
Marilyn Katzer  
Harold Schenkel  
Nat Shayne

#### Jan. 9/22 Tevet

Anita Benjamin  
Mae Cohen  
Sonia Hochberg

#### Jan. 10/ 23 Tevet

Betty Bein  
Phillip Lipman  
Barbara Nosowitz

#### Jan. 11/24 Tevet

Harry Glazier

#### Jan. 13/26 Tevet

Milton Diamond  
Shirley Kriegler  
Theodore Proskin

#### Jan. 14/27 Tevet

Leonard Ernst  
Kay Kaplan  
Lena Rosenblum  
Jacob Serotta  
Augusta Slotkoff

#### Jan. 15/28 Tevet

Rita Berger  
Laurence Troeger

#### Jan. 16/29 Tevet

Cantor Daniel Chick

#### Jan. 17/1 Shevat

Gabriel Rosenthal

#### Jan. 18/2 Shevat

Harvey Coblentz  
David Cohen  
Henry Erner  
Stanley Kivort

#### Jan. 19/3 Shevat

Helen Applebaum  
Harold Kessler

#### Jan.20/4 Shevat

Mary Stokes  
Mae Zarch

#### Jan. 21/5 Shevat

Harold Kaufman  
Molly Moskowitz

#### Jan. 22/6 Shevat

Dorothy Kattleman  
William Simmons

#### Jan. 23/7 Shevat

Hyman Butler  
Sarah Kriss

#### Jan. 24/8 Shevat

Alice Booth  
Jean Ellenbogen  
Joseph Bruce Ference  
Selma Schwartz  
Aaron Weitzman

#### Jan. 25/ 9 Shevat

Helen Schrier Getnick

#### Jan. 26/ 10 Shevat

Saul Kaplan

#### Jan. 27/11 Shevat

Alma Smiler

#### Jan. 28/12 Shevat

May Martinelli  
Miriam Weitzman Katz

#### Jan. 29/13 Shevat

Leon Wolk

#### Jan. 30/14 Shevat

Nathan Brodsky  
Shirley Ginsburgh  
Donald Levy  
Betty Proskin

#### Jan. 31/15 Shevat

Barnett Edwards  
Fannie Feder  
Benjamin Miller  
Harvey Rubin  
Justin Zenner

#### Feb. 1/16 Shevat

Marion Patashnick  
Dora Rabineau  
Isaac Ribner

#### Feb. 2/17 Shevat

Patricia Gordon  
Stuart Libby  
Emma Rosenthal  
Lawrence Weisberg

#### Feb. 3/18 Shevat

Dick Ganz  
George Krupka

#### Feb. 4/19/Shevat

Sophie Diamond  
Dawn Lester

#### Feb. 5/20 Shevat

Benjamin Chick  
Roslyn Fox

#### Feb. 6/21 Shevat

George Banner  
Stanley Borzykowski  
Martha Gerstein  
Evelyn Gordon  
Milton Levine

#### Feb. 7/22 Shevat

Max Banner  
Henry Goldsmith  
Sara Matelonn  
Ellen Occhiuti  
Karl Rizman  
Lena Schwartz

#### Feb. 8/23 Shevat

Belle Brockstein  
Esther Faber  
Leonard Levine  
Louis Meislin

#### Feb. 9/24 Shevat

Marion Clarke  
Morris Kreditor

#### Feb. 10/25 Shevat

Murray Eisenstadt  
Jessie Flax  
Solomon Kessler  
Harry Krankenblum  
Louis Ressler  
Manuel Schindler  
Minnie Wasserman

#### Feb. 11/26 Shevat

Louis Cutler  
Sidney Fein  
Corrine Ganz  
Tessie Stemeran

#### Feb. 12/27 Shevat

Sara Kaback  
Abraham Pomerantz

#### Feb. 13/28 Shevat

Harry Applebaum  
Mary Lichman

#### Feb. 15/30 Shevat

Irving Hellman  
Natalie Hersh  
Joseph Nozick  
Anna Stanger  
Rose Suess

#### Feb. 16/1 Adar

Sarah Price  
Anna Rubin  
Isadore Shapiro  
Myron Strasser

#### Feb. 17/2 Adar

Shirley Berstein  
Faye Cutler  
Robert Dunning Jr.  
Anna Pearl Weiss

#### Feb. 18/3 Adar

Joseph Goldberg

#### Feb. 19/4 Adar

Lena Kohn

#### Feb. 20/5 Adar

Nissan Back  
William Fox  
Mary Lacatta  
Robert Levine

#### Feb. 21/6 Adar

Sadye Herschkowitz  
Albert Katzer  
Ellen Snyder

#### Feb. 22/7 Adar

Clara Laks  
Ted Ruzow

#### Feb. 23/8 Adar

Frances Kohn  
George Nissensohn  
Celia Skodnek  
Anna Tutshen

#### Feb. 24/9 Adar

George Levine  
Jesse Sidney Rose  
Ari Weitzman

#### Feb. 25/ 10 Adar

Martin Eglow  
Anne Fass  
Morris Silverstein  
Sid Simon  
Zachary Sobol

#### Feb. 26/11 Adar

Barbara Alperin  
Esther Greenberg  
Israel Guberman  
Herman Ikler  
Abraham Katz  
Paula Pollack

#### Feb. 27/12 Adar

William Rosenblum  
Hyman Steinberg

#### Feb. 28/13 Adar

Albert Carlick  
Barbara Nordwind

## Gifts from the Heart



*Making a donation  
in honor or memory  
of a loved one, friend  
or colleague is a  
mitzvah and it also  
supports our  
synagogue!*

*Giving is easier than  
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Through our partnership with the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York, you will now be able to transfer stocks to the Federation, who will in turn send the value directly to Ohav Shalom.

The office will have the information that you will need to provide to the Federation and the contact person if you would like to take advantage of this option.

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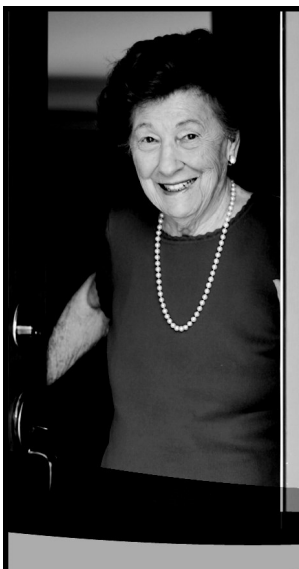
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A famous Jewish parable tells of an old man planting a fruit-bearing tree. When asked why he planted the tree at such an old age since he would clearly not live long enough to see its fruit, he answered, “I have enjoyed the fruits of trees others have planted for me. So, I too plant for those who will follow.”

Judaism has taught us that each life is part of a chain of community and continuity. Ohav Shalom marked its 100th Anniversary in 2011. We benefit today from the foresight, direction, commitment and legacy of those who extended their hand in the past. Thanks to our predecessors' *mitzvot*, Congregation Ohav Shalom has a beautiful home and has become the welcoming place it is. And, just as others built things so we would have and enjoy them, we are taking steps to ensure our *shul* will be here for future generations.

We hope that you will consider becoming a Charter Member of Ohav's Bridging the Generations - גישור הדורות Planned Giving Program. More details about the program will be announced soon. But more than the details is the promise that, thanks to your vision and dedication, as others have preserved and enhanced our heritage, so too will we preserve and enhance Ohav's inclusive and special Jewish way of life for those who come after us.

Questions? Want to participate? Contact Ed Jacobs at 518-439-6519.