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Ohav Shalom Selected to Participate in the Prestigious Life and Legacy Society ~ "Assuring Jewish Tomorrows"



BIG NEWS!! Congregation Ohav Shalom has been selected as one of 11 community organizations joining the national Life and Legacy project.

LIFE & LEGACY is a 4-year partnership program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation that assists communities across North America through partnerships to promote after-lifetime giving to benefit Jewish day schools, synagogues, social service organizations and other Jewish entities. Ohav will become a member partner with our Jewish Federation. The Grinspoon Foundation is providing significant funding for administration of the program. The goal of our Life & Legacy Society is to encourage members of Congregation Ohav Shalom to secure its future by including Ohav in our after-life legacies.

Please count yourself in! The program is structured so that everyone can participate! Sometime soon, Ohav's Life & Legacy Committee will be reaching out to all congregants to offer membership in the Life & Legacy Society. Simply signing a Letter of Intent provided by the committee will enroll you. You will then have a year to formalize the commitment. We plan to acknowledge members of the Congregation Ohav Shalom Life and Legacy Society in a significant and meaningful manner. Your enrollment will make you a role model for other members of our Ohav community. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may indicate that on your letter of intent.

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PASSOVER!

Pesach Happenings

25th Annual Seder for Adults and Youth with Developmental Disabilities: Sunday, March 26 4 - 6 pm.

Jewish guests and accompanying staff and family are invited. Please register by **March 18** online at www.ohavshalom.com or call 518-489-4706. Contact sfdda.ohav@gmail.com for more information.

Pre-Pesach Spaghetti Dinner: March 29

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner co-sponsored by Ohav Shalom and Hebrew Academy. Load up on carbs before Passover and donate your unused unopened *chametz* (or any food) to the Regional Food Bank collection box in the *shul* lobby. There will be games and activities for the young ones! Tickets \$18 adults, \$10 children/\$54 family max. Reserve your spot today by calling 518-489-4706 x10.



Check out the "Passover Challenge"

As you begin thinking about Passover, Rabbi Rena's "Passover Challenge" has wonderful ideas to enhance your Seder and commemoration of the holiday. See page 4. More *Pesach* info on page 6.



Reading of the Names

Sunday, April 8, 6 am - 6pm

Each year we read aloud the names of children who perished in the Holocaust. All are encouraged to come and read or listen in the main sanctuary. Please sign up to read at www.ohavshalom.com or call 518-489-4706 X10. As we

speak and hear their names, ***we remember them.*** ❧

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Dear friends,

Like many of us, I'm ready for spring! While I will confess to liking snow, this winter, with the persistent cold, has just about done me in. But, as always, the cold did not slow us down at Ohav. Our building was filled with activity from our little children's voices to the sounds of inspired *davening*. Ohav is alive and thriving.

This Winter, we celebrated *simchas* and visited with Maimonides; were inspired by stories of redemption from Trinity Alliance; learned ways in which to make our Ohav life more inclusive at Inclusion Shabbat; and hosted Hadassah Shabbat. We filled Ohav with our artistry on Purim with the Art of the *Schpiel*. If you join our Friday Night Shabbat Service at Center Square Minyan downtown you will see firsthand that we are not limited to our building. And for those who escaped the cold, in January, we held our annual Snowbird Brunch in Florida, this year adding an event on the west coast so people on both coasts could stay in touch and connected.

Our esteemed teacher, Rabbi Akiva, taught that you should love your neighbor as yourself. This is a core teaching of the Torah and of our ethical values as Jews. While many may live this principle individually, Ohav always offers a multitude of ways in which we can live this value as a community. Together we care for each other through *Yad Yonatan* and the *Chevrah Kadisha*; we support refugees, cook for the homeless and support the food pantry; preserve the environment and work to "green" our shul; remove barriers to full participation of everyone in our *shul* life. The list goes on, developed by you, our members.

It is the connection to each other and to our community that strengthens Ohav and makes us who we are. As always, the pages of the DASH are bursting with activities all of which would welcome your involvement. And if you have an idea, there is room for you to run with it. We, our members, are Ohav.

As you come out of hibernation and greet the spring, I look forward to seeing you around our community. It is when we stretch ourselves, move out of our zones of comfort and reach out to someone else, that we are at our best.

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.
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-6. **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. **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:

- 4/13: **Israel Night**
- 5/4: **Jews Around the World Night**
- 6/1: **Ice Cream Social**
- 7/13: **Shabbat on the Beach**



Monthly Mindfulness and Mussar

Please join us on the third Shabbat of each month, about 30 minutes
after the end of services. We will check in with ourselves and each other
as we work with a monthly character trait - *middah* - such as generosity,
dignity, and humility. All are welcome, as we share this sacred practice
which feeds the soul as it strengthens heart and mind. Led by Lynna
Schaefer and Rabbi Susan Gulack.

WORDS FROM RABBI RENA KIEVAL

Why This Night Is Different: The Passover Challenge

At the *Seder* on Passover night, we tell the dramatic story of the Exodus. We might ask: how is that different? The Exodus story is mentioned regularly in Jewish life throughout the year. We recall it twice a day, every day, in our prayers. We mention it in the *kiddush* of Shabbat every week. So – why is this night different?

It is different because on Passover, we are told that every Jew, in every generation, is meant to feel as though he or she has actually been freed from slavery. We do not just *remember* the Exodus story; rather we are meant to *relive* it, to experience liberation in a personal and immediate way. And that experience is meant to change us. In fact, the words “*mah nishtanah*” might be translated not as “what is different?” but “what is changing?” a subtle but important distinction.

When Jews think of transformation and the Jewish calendar, we tend to think of the High Holy Days, the period culminating with *Yom Kippur*. That is when we focus on introspection, reconciliation and resolutions for the future. Yet this Passover season is also about change. After all, change is in the air. In harmony with the beginning of spring, we physically clean our homes of the “old” to make way for a fresh start. We might focus on the activity of cleaning out our *chametz* as a spiritual “spring cleaning,” cleansing ourselves of aspects of ourselves that we need to diminish or remove.

On Pesach, we replace our *chametz* with *matzah*, a food that by definition does *not* change – it has not risen or been filled. Yet, paradoxically, at the *seder*, *matzah* becomes a symbol of change. At the start of the *seder* it is the “bread of affliction,” – a symbol of suffering, of dryness and deprivation. By the end of the *seder*, this “bread of affliction” has become a food of celebration, redemption and hope. At the *seder*, *matzah* reflects a transformation, a

journey from oppression to freedom, reminding us that such change is possible.

When our ancient sages laid out the themes of the *seder*, they directed us to tell the Exodus story each year, preferably with a difference. “Even if we are all wise, even if we are all great scholars and we are all learned in *Torah*, we are obligated to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt,” they state in the *Haggadah* text. And, they continue, the more one expands and embellishes the story, the more commendable.

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This is an incredible statement! Our sages are usually quite conservative about adherence to set rituals and scripted prayer. Not so regarding the *seder*! We are encouraged to be as creative as possible. The *seder* should be new and experiential, so we use props: special foods, symbols and songs – adding tastes and sounds that are different from the usual.

In other words, the *seder* is not a ritual designed only to teach an old story to children or to the uneducated. Rather, it has a spiritual and educational purpose that applies to anyone and everyone. No matter how well we know this story, how many times we have read it, it is up to us to make the night different. *That is the Passover challenge*. After all, we are different every year, the world is different, and how we see the world and think about slavery and freedom may be different every year.

The ability to tell a story in one’s own way is a hallmark of freedom. Slaves are not permitted to question or to make changes; so, at the *seder*, in the spirit of freedom, we ask lots of questions. We can also use the opportunity to step out of our usual patterns and see things with new eyes. We might do this by

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trying a very different *haggadah*, by assigning new roles in the *seder* to ourselves and other participants, and/or by incorporating discussion questions or other innovations appropriate to the needs of our particular *seder* group.

Passover’s call to us for change is not limited to the personal. As we begin the *seder*, we symbolically “open the door” and say “Let all who are hungry come and eat.” Judaism teaches that we do not celebrate our own freedom without also remembering and reaching out to those still enslaved. In the *Torah*, recalling our experience as slaves in Egypt is linked to a demand that we have empathy for any person who is not free, and that we commit ourselves to ending that oppression. No wonder, then, that the *seder* has become a venue for promoting and exploring themes of social justice, which are at the core of every *haggadah*, every *seder*. So when the *seder* has ended, the crucial question becomes: what will we do

with our commitment to freedom after the holiday is over? *That too is the Passover challenge*.

This Passover, even as we focus on our individual spiritual

journeys from enslavements to freedom, let us also enhance our Jewish commitment to helping others on a path to freedom. There are, sadly, all too many people in need of such help. Opportunities to offer it are plentiful, from financial support to organizations to political action to more direct options. Consider participation in local efforts facilitated by the Ohav Shalom community, which include:

Becoming a mentor/tutor

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Summer Camp



It is already time to talk about summer camp and the 2018-19 school year!

Camp registration starts **March 5** and is ongoing until the end of June. Ohav members receive a **\$100.00 Early Bird discount** if you sign up by **June 1**. Camp starts on Monday, **June 25** and runs through **August 17**.

Early Childhood Fall Registration



Ohav Shalom Early Childhood fall registration will begin for members and current school parents the week of **March 12**, and opens up to the public on **April 2**. Don't forget, Ohav members receive a discount for their children.

Purim Carnival

In March, we celebrated Purim with a small carnival and bouncy bounce in the social halls that provided great photo moments for all the parents. The kids' favorite activities were the bouncy bounce and getting their faces painted.



Playground Update

Our fundraising kid's concert to benefit our new playground was a huge success.

We want to thank our special performers Julie Adler, Matt Yaeger and Bob Willower as well as the Jewish Federation for hosting.

We need your support to make our playground dream a reality!

A fundraising campaign is underway to raise funds to replace and upgrade our 30+ year old playground. The new playground will be ADA compliant, made of durable, recyclable materials designed to last decades and designed with today's children in mind.

Our goal is to raise \$43,000. Donate today and help enrich Ohav Shalom's children through play!

For information, contact Gregg Fox at treasurer@ohavshalom.com.



mark  your **Calendar**

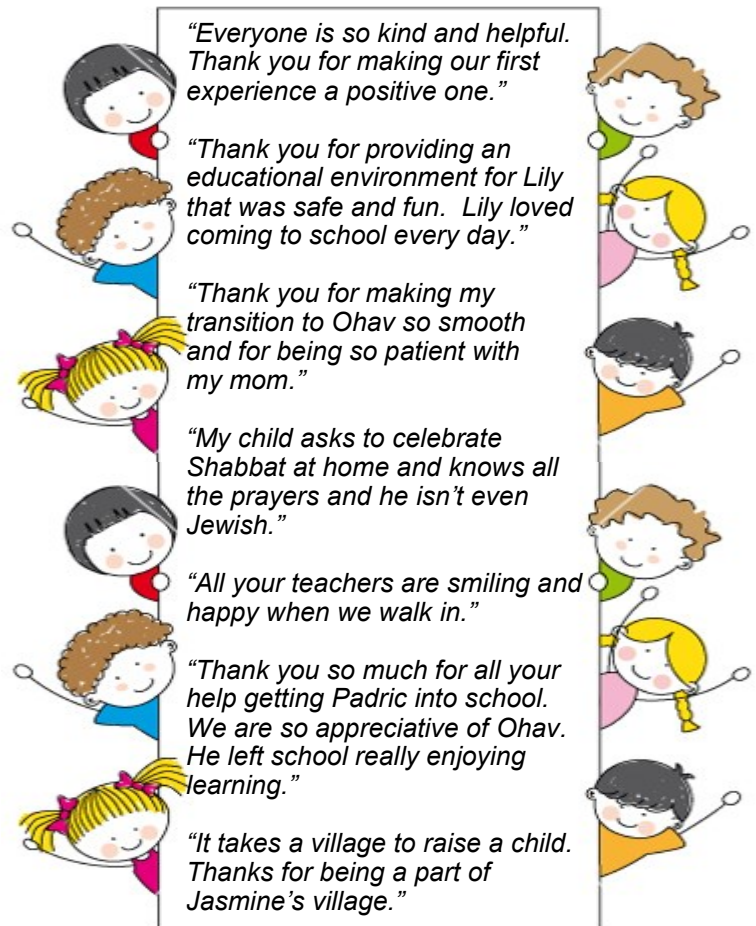
Rummage Sale

The spring rummage sale is **Sunday, March 18**. Donations will be accepted **March 12 - 16** from 9 am - 5:30 pm Monday-Thursday and Friday until 1 pm. **We are unable to accept old TVs, undergarments, mattresses or stuffed animals.**

Volunteers are always needed the day of the sale and the week before. Please contact Sheryl at (518) 489-4894 if you can help. Also, if you have a teenager who needs community service credit, you can sign them up to help at the rummage sale.

Why Ohav's Early Childhood Program?

There are many things that make our school special, but it's best said from those who enroll their children. I'm happy to share some testimonials from our current and past parents about our school:



For more information about Ohav Shalom Early Childhood, or to arrange a tour, please call Sheryl Welton at 489-4894. I would love to show you what makes our school so very special!



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Tuesday, May 15, 7 pm.
We hope you will join us!



New Siddur for Ohav



We are pleased to announce that, thanks to the generosity of 3 families whose donations made this possible, Ohav will soon be receiving new Siddurim for Shabbat and holidays!

Siddur Lev Shalem features a four column format, new translations in contemporary language, more transliterations, a commentary providing historical context as well as *kavanot*, poetry and prose that

expand and enrich our relationship to the text, and match the High Holy Days version we used for the first time last year.

We look forward to using this new prayer book, which will enhance our *davening*! Look for email updates about their arrival.

Join us for Shavuot!

Saturday evening, May 19

Seudah Shleesheet dinner; Evening service with the end of Shabbat as the festival begins; *Tikkun Leyl Shavuot* nighttime study led by members of the community.

Sunday, May 20: Shavuot Day 1

Chanting of the Ten Commandments, special Junior Congregation and Teen Minyan programs.

Monday, May 21: Shavuot Day 2

Chanting of the Book of Ruth; Recitation of *Yizkor*.



חג שבועות שמח!
HAPPY SHAVUOT!



Ohav Shalom Gift Shop Passover Sale: Sunday, March 18

Need *Haggadot*? Other items for Pesach? Why not buy them at Ohav? On **Sunday, March 18**, the Gift Shop will be open for your holiday needs.



SAVE THE DATE

Lag B'Omer

Sunday, May 6

is Ohav's Lag B'Omer Celebration Field Day Games, BBQ and Bonfire! Details soon.



The Annual Passover Guide can be found on the Ohav Shalom website at www.ohavshalom.com

Next Sunday *Schmooze:* **April 8**

On Sunday, April 8 at 10 am, we welcome Michael Good MD, who will present the story of *The Search for Major Plagge*, telling of his quest to find the mysterious German officer who saved his mother and 250 Jews from at the HKP slave labor camp during the Holocaust. Part detective story, part historical quest, Good will relate how he discovered the enigmatic officer that his mother had credited with saving her in the midst of the genocide in Poland.

Who was Major Plagge and what drove him to make such a startling departure from the actions of other German soldiers carrying out the Holocaust in Vilna? After years of research—interviewing survivors, working to open German files untouched for fifty years, following every lead he could, Good was able to tell the amazing tale of one man's remarkable courage. Due to his efforts, Karl Plagge joined Oskar Schindler as a "Righteous among Nations," honored by the State of Israel for protecting and saving Jewish lives during the Holocaust.

Michael Good's struggle to answer the questions that had been unanswered for more than half a century led to an acclaimed book, to international media attention, an upcoming movie and to the affirmation that human beings can resist even the greatest of evils. During a time of increasing anti-semitism, nationalism and xenophobia, the stories that Good relates speak to us with new urgency. Please join us.



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through Trinity Institutions, and help an adult succeed at an educational opportunity.

Volunteering with Ohav at the Regional Food Bank each month, or at another food insecurity program.

Cooking once a month at the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless

Assisting with the settlement of a large refugee family from Afghanistan, with whom members of our congregation have been deeply involved.

Watch your Ohav emails and publications for more information about these and other efforts, or contact one of the rabbis, our president Judy Avner, or Antoinette Deitcher, our Social Action liaison on the Board of Trustees.

This Passover season, let us show that we have heard the messages of this festival. Let us become agents of transformation, as we help ourselves and others move from slavery to freedom.

Shalom and I extend our best wishes for a joyous and meaningful Passover. *Chag Pesach Sameach!* ❧




Inclusion Committee Update

On February 10, Ohav Shalom highlighted Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month during Shabbat morning services. In addition to Rabbi Susan Gulack teaching the congregation how to sign the *brachot* before the Torah readings, our keynote speaker, Barbara Devore, Director of Development for the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley in Troy, offered her insights and experiences about living with a disability, institutional physical barriers, and the need to educate people about inclusion of persons with disabilities. Sign language interpreter Denise Safranec interpreted Barbara's presentation. Following Kiddush, Barbara participated in a question and answer session.

Barbara Devore holds degrees in social work and public administration, and has a long history of advocating for people in need of assistance and advocacy. Barbara is a member of our local Jewish community, and is the incoming president at Temple B'nai Shalom. When the Ohav Shalom Inclusion Committee initially formed in late summer 2016, Barbara brought her expertise to Ohav Shalom by conducting an environmental survey to help the Inclusion Committee determine what needed to be done in and around our synagogue building to bring it into better compliance with ADA regulations. Barbara has helped the Inclusion Committee set the foundation of its work, so that our building and all that goes on inside its walls is inclusive to all.

The Inclusion Committee, co-chaired by Melanie Hecker and Barbara Brodsky, is grateful for the guidance and support it receives from Rabbi Dan Ornstein and Rabbi Rena Kieval, from our congregation's president, Judy Avner, our Executive Director, Nancy Pandolfo, and Cecilia Soloview in the main office. All of these people, in conjunction with the Inclusion Committee helped make the Inclusion Shabbat program happen, thus enriching our shul and all our lives. ❧

Jewish Disability Awareness Month
From Awareness to Inclusion

Any time a large group of people gather together, sensitivity to conditions that affect others is crucial. Medical evidence suggests that strong fragrances can trigger asthma, migraines, nausea, headaches, COPD, seizures and other issues for people who have these conditions.

We at Ohav Shalom ask that you please avoid using strongly scented products when you come to shul.

Thank you for respecting other people's needs, because...

We Share the Air And We Care!



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 and let her know what might interest you. Thank you. ❧



Introducing Ohav's new

Quiet Room

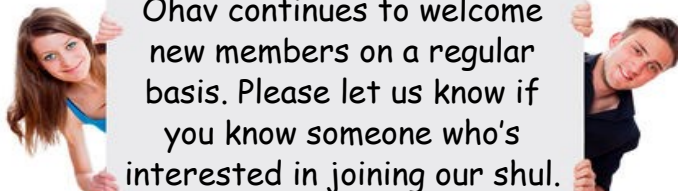
A quiet place open to all

A place to go for:

- a child who needs a break
- a moment alone with a parent
- a time out to regroup
- a quiet, calm, non-threatening spot
- a time to cope.

Have you ever been at *shul*, and just need a place to be alone, to chill out, to have a quiet setting where you can think?

At the Inclusion Shabbat Service on February 10, Ohav Shalom unveiled its new Quiet Room. Located in the school wing in Room 3, this recently-renovated space is now available for individuals needing a quiet place within our synagogue. ❧



Ohav continues to welcome new members on a regular basis. Please let us know if you know someone who's interested in joining our shul.



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!**



Nourish your soul by volunteering at the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, 965 Albany-Shaker Road, Latham on **3/11, 4/8, 5/6 and 6/10** 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.



Kadima Rocks!

Love chocolate? This seder is for you! Join

Kadima for a pasta dinner and chocolate seder as we prepare for Pesach in this fun and innovative way! Date/location TBA.

Attention all fifth graders! You are welcome to this event to check out Kadima and meet new friends!

For more information and to RSVP to the event, please contact Kadima advisor Stephanie Fisher at Stephanie.rf14@gmail.com

April: Kadima is planning a Sip and Paint event for Yom Ha'Atzmaut at the Latham Location in Newton Plaza. Date/time TBA. Keep an eye out for flyers!

Lastly, we are planning a *tikkun olam* project to help support our refugee community. More details to follow, but we had a great turnout last year. Judaism calls for a leap of action, together we can do the most good!

Keep a look out for more details!



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, lshatsoff@gmail.com or Sandy Cohen at 518-569-1108 or 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.

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.

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.



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



MORE BIG NEWS!!!! Shomrei Adama is excited to announce that Ohav Shalom was recently chosen to participate in the Hazon Seal of Sustainability program. We will be one of only nine institutions across the country to participate this year! The Hazon Seal of Sustainability certifies a Jewish organization's commitment to sustainability, environmentally-friendly practices, and reduced impact on climate change. Participating in the Hazon Seal signifies that Ohav Shalom, along with a network of more than 50 Jewish organizations, is emerging as a leader in the realm of Jewish sustainability.

Shomrei Adama, (Guardians of the Earth) is the environmental awareness and action committee at Ohav Shalom. We apply the contemporary understanding of Jewish values such as *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and *tzedeq* (justice) to include protection of the world around us. We started by protecting and greening our synagogue!



In the upcoming months, we will take substantial steps toward promoting sustainability efforts and auditing our building and our recycling habits. We have already made efforts to facilitate recycling in the classrooms with the purchase of new trash cans and have started the process of replacing our old windows with new energy efficient ones. Our new buzzer for our accessible doorway runs entirely on kinetic energy.

Additionally, as part of the Hazon program, we have committed to initiating three sustainability projects. We will work further to reduce waste and improve recycling in our classrooms, offices and kitchen, trying to eliminate the use of plastics and Styrofoam, reduce paper waste and examine the use of chemical cleaning products. As new systems are put into place, we will provide education to make sure that all new green practices are user-friendly. Finally, we are exploring going solar as a way to both save in energy costs, while being kind to our environment. **On June 9, we will hold a zero waste "green" Kiddush to showcase our new efforts. We hope you will attend.**

To learn more about the Hazon Seal of Sustainability please go to www.hazon.org/seal. If you are interested in joining Shomrei Adama, please contact Leona Kassoff at hottamalee@jlkassoff.com or 518-478-9662.

New Windows at Ohav Making a Difference

We have new windows throughout our shul! No longer will you see those old original windows; single paned, aluminum framed, cold in the winter, hot in the summer, some broken beyond repair, and inefficient. The new ones are in and making such a difference!

When we went through our renovations in 2006-07, new windows were part of the project, however, due to unexpected renovations expenses, we were not able to do the windows. It's been 11 years since then.

Considering our desire to be "green" and economical, we decided to approach the apartment's Board to discuss the need for new windows. Thanks to the Board of Directors of the Congregation Ohav Shalom Housing Development Fund Company, Inc., our quest for new windows became a reality. **Todah rabah!**



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 continuing 6/11
- Monday evenings at 7 pm: 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

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 continue to explore the many facets of the Book of Ruth, drawing 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 continues until the celebration of *Shavuot* and the chanting of the Book of Ruth on May 21, 2018.

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.



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Anniversary Celebrations

Celebrate the Anniversary of Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah with Ohav

Celebrate the anniversary of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah on a Shabbat morning at Ohav. Can you still chant from the Torah portion or haftarah of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah day? On the Shabbat of "your" *parsha*, mark the occasion by participating in a special way, by chanting for the congregation, leading *davening*, or taking an *aliyah* to the Torah. We will not be handing out fountain pens, but will be glad to share a meaningful memory with you and help you keep up your skills.

Teens and adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged!





The Time is Now to Apply for Your Jewish Summer Experience Scholarship!

We are currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2018 summer season. Ohav Shalom members are invited to apply for a scholarship to supplement summer tuition expenses.

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.

Ohav is fortunate to have named scholarships that offer funding for Jewish enrichment in Israel. The families who generously established these named scholarships are delighted to support summer in Israel experiences. Applicants for named scholarships should fill in 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 Men's Club, Sisterhood, Rabbi Ornstein and Rabbi Kieval's Discretionary Funds, the Minyan Fund, and donations from congregants. We are extremely grateful for the kindness of all those who support our scholarship program.

The scholarship application and information about applying for named scholarships can be found on the Ohav website. For further information or assistance, contact Sheila (scholarships@ohavshalom.com) or the Ohav office (489- 4706).

Deadline for all applications is March 29, 2018.

Please note this date is right before Pesah.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

MITZVAH DAY April 15 Beth Emeth/ Temple Israel/ Ohav Shalom/ B'Nai Sholom

Check-in and lunch start at 11:30 at Beth Emeth

Please bring a new, or clean gently-used bath-size towel to be donated to a homeless shelter

Mitzvah Projects for every age include:

- Sorting and packing food for the hungry
- Cooking and baking for families with ill children
- Making warm child-size blankets
- Baking goodies and packing bag lunches for the homeless
- Preparing the garden to grow vegetables for the soup kitchen
- Assembling birthday party boxes for families in-need
- Creating Arts & Crafts Kits for hospitalized children
- Putting together ribbons for breast cancer education
- Packing supply bags for refugee families
- Making after-school snack packs for low-income children
- A Special TRIBE social action project
- Folding and wrapping towels for the homeless
- Clean-up at Beth Emeth Cemetery or Cemetery Chapel

Registration deadline – April 8th

Registration & detailed project information on Ohav's website.

We are blessed to have a calendar filled with holidays that can help us orient ourselves to the seasons and the beauty of the world around us. At B'Yachad, we have had a busy time learning about these holidays, prayer and modern Hebrew, researching different charitable organizations in Israel, and making *Mezuzahs*. Here are some of the ways we have marked time in the past few months and will continue to mark the passing of the year as we go forward.

Hanukkah

Ohav hosted a wonderful Hanukkah program for us. The rabbis led engaging sessions, the children performed some wonderful plays, Cantor Marx led us in song and tasty food was enjoyed by all. Rabbi Rena led the students in constructing a *Hanukkiya* of Jewish Values out of boxed food that was then donated to the Food Pantries of the Capital District. We also raised money through our book sale. Thank you for your support and donations that made all of this possible.

Tu B'Shvat

The students enjoyed an ice cream *Tu B'Shvat Seder* to mark the day. Everyone enjoyed the ice cream and traditional fruit and Julie Adler led us in singing with her guitar that added *ruach* (spirit) to the *seder*. The 7th grade helped lead it and everyone had a part.

Purim

Our annual Purim celebration on March 4 featured the *Megillah* reading, spiels, a costume parade and carnival for our students and the public. We also held our major fundraiser for the year, our *Hamentaschen* sale from As You Like It to benefit B'Yachad.

B'Yachad Shabbat and Consecration

On **April 13**, B'Yachad will hold a Friday night service and Consecration ceremony at **6 pm** at Ohav Shalom. This will be followed by a 7 pm dinner. The students will be leading prayers and we are looking forward to an interactive, song-filled family friendly service. The 2nd grade will also be consecrated, thus marking the beginning of more serious Jewish studies. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating B'Yachad at Ohav Shalom.

As you can see, the year speeds by and before we know it, it will be **May 6**, our last day of school. Our 8th graders will report about their *Mitzvah* project during the graduation ceremony and we will cap off the year with a barbeque at Temple Israel.

We appreciate all that Ohav does to help us run an innovative and successful religious school program and making B'Yachad **THE Place to Be!** *Rabbi Miriam*





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 November 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018.

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In honor of:

- Congregation Ohav Shalom from Sarah Cohen
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- George Banner from Howard and Gail Banner
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In honor of:

- Our recent simcha from Walter and Roberta Greenberg

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In honor of:

- The birth of Lisa and Jason Packer's daughter Sara Gabrielle from Jeremy and Ruth Kassel

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In memory of:

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In memory of:

- Roslyn Fox from Jeffrey and Bea Fox
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- To defray the cost of new Lev Shalem Siddurim from the Minyanaires

In memory of:

- Morton Goldberg from Phyllis Ross

Rabbi Ornstein Discretionary Fund

In honor of:

- Rabbi Dan with thanks for his compassion and support during a difficult time from Joseph and Debra Lewanda
- Congregation Ohav Shalom from Susan Silverman
- Rabbi Dan Ornstein with our thanks for his friendship and guidance with respect to our recent simcha from Walter and Roberta Greenberg
- Rabbi Dan from Michael Freshman
- The birth of Sara Gabrielle from Daniel and Terry Tyson

In memory of:

- Nathan Tanzman from Hal and Judy Tanzman
- Pearl Dudick from Norm and Maxine Brodsky
- Seymour Miller from Norm and Maxine Brodsky
- Samuel Kohn from Bernard and Tema Isser
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- Stanley Supoviz from Daniel and Terry Tyson
- Shirley Levine from Daniel and Terry Tyson
- Louis Ressler from Lorraine Siegel

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In honor of:

- Rabbi Rena with thanks for her compassion and support during a difficult time from Joseph and Debra Lewanda
- Our recent simcha from Walter and Roberta Greenberg
- Naiya Lennon Galanty's naming from Jay and Sandra Worona

In memory of:

- Lillian Preminger from Jordan and Hope Langner
- Barbara Alperin from Neil and Shari Piper
- Louis Rappaport from Leslie and Jane Kriegler
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- Minnie Wasserman from Addie Glazier

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- Joe Brown's 90th Birthday from Stanley Winter and Marcia Gingold

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- Morris Silber from Edward and Barbara Schreiber
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- Louis Schriber from Ilene Hellman

Sussman-Sherer Social Action Fund

In memory of:

- Marilyn Berko from Dennis Ryan and Sharon Berko

Synagogue Fund

In honor of:

- A speedy recovery to Marshall Price from Barry and Sara Lerner
- Les and Jane Kriegler's new granddaughter Stella Jean-Louise Eddy from Judith Avner
- The birth of your daughter Sara Gabrielle - Lisa and Jason Packer from Ted and Lianne Wladis
- The birth of Sara Gabrielle Packer from Judith Avner

- Joe Kay's special birthday from Alan and Margery Zucker
- Eitan Goldmeer being admitted to the Nativ Program from Edward and Laura Jacobs
- The birth of Dan and April Levy's granddaughter Yvette Miriam from Judith Avner

In memory of:

- Anna Wexler from Gilda Schuman
- Betty Spiro from Joel Spiro
- Robert Levine from Michael and Lori Levine
- Jack Stern from Daniel and Terry Tyson
- Shirley Levine from Judith Avner
- Harold Phillips from Abbott and Judy Phillips
- Meyer Gutterman from Mark Shelofsky and Nancy Gutterman
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In memory of:

- William Pollack from Avrum and Rosemary Tabachneck
- Sam Tabachneck from Avrum and Rosemary Tabachneck
- Fannie Feder from Charlotte Zorn

Yad Yonatan Fund

In honor of:

- Yad Yonatan with appreciation for the Shabbat Basket and words of support and kindness during a difficult time from Joseph and Debra Lewanda

In memory of:

- Irene Tyson from Daniel and Terry Tyson
- Adele Chick from Marilyn Sternklar
- Nathan Brodsky from Karl and Barbara Brodsky
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- Phillip Lipman from Richard and Sandy Lipman
- Karl Rizman from Karl and Barbara Brodsky
- Celia Skodnek from Karl and Barbara Brodsky
- Max Banner from Karl and Barbara Brodsky



Celebrations

- Jason and Lisa Packer along with big siblings, Anna, Maya and Benjamin, welcomed their daughter and sister, Sara Gabrielle.
- Dan and April Levy welcomed their granddaughter, Yvette Miriam, born to parents, Daniela and Morris Levy
- Saul and Ellen Kattleman welcomed their granddaughter, Julia Bessie, brother of Ethan Douglas, born to Rebecca and Roger Greenwell.

Condolences

- To Ruth and Steven Scharf and family upon the death of Ruth's father, Stanley Supovitz.
- To Ana Sobel and George Bizer and family upon the death of Ana's father, Solomon Sobel
- To Marcia Gingold and Stan Winter upon the death of Marcia's brother, Jesse

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.



March 1/14 Adar

Morris Berger
Morris Birman
David Gersten
Eleanor Gordon
Martha Green
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Sara Pollack
Ruth Rosenblum
Walter Zenner

March 3/16 Adar

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Ruth Donay
Marcia Gilboord
Jacqueline Obstgarten
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Hertha Zenner

March 4/17 Adar

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Walter Sturm
Rhala Yates

March 5/18 Adar

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Leo Kaslovsky
Robert Langner
Sandra Wulf

March 6/ 19 Adar

Sydney Seblowitz

March 7/20 Adar

Frances Cohen
Rita Lerman
Hy Rosen
Mildred Weissman

March 8/21 Adar

Mildred Moskowitz

March 9/ 22 Adar

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Palomba Farchy
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Neal Roberts
Sylvia Scher
Edward Schupack
Morris Simonovitz
Betty Hornick
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March 10/ 23 Adar

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Harry Shair

March 12/ 25 Adar

Gladys Goldman
Rose Shayne

March 13/ 26 Adar

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David Goldstein
Stanley Gumson
Samuel Hersh
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March 14/ 27 Adar

Harvey Kaufman
Rosalie Sovitsky

March 15/28 Adar

Alix Herbach
Francis Pillsbury
Arnold Silverstein

March 16/29 Adar

Abby Agata

March 17/1 Nisan

Bernard Ellenbogen
Mary Ellenbogen
Harry Tutshen
Lili Weisz

March 18/2 Nisan

Isidore Chick

March 19/3 Nisan

Ida Butler

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Anna Adler
Sylvia Fass
Joseph Halpern
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March 22/6 Nisan

Frederick Rubtchinsky
Bess Simon
Arline Winter

March 23/7 Nisan

Frieda Ikler
Shoshana Weiss
Grossman

March 24/8 Nisan

Daniel Eckhaus
Jeannette Troeger

March 25/9 Nisan

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Ethel Jacobson

March 27/11 Nisan

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Michael Azif
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March 29/13 Nisan

Sarah Silverstein

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March 31/ 15 Nisan

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April 1/16 Nisan

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Donald Lewanda
Gussie Pross
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April 13/28 Nisan

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Sarah Stulberg

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May 5/20 Iyar

Lawrence Halpin
Helen Zorn

May 6/21 Iyar

Phil Barnett
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May 7/22 Iyar

George Holop
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May 8/23 Iyar

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May 9/24 Iyar

Henry Bernstein
Robert Clarke
Eleanor S. Rose

May 10/25 Iyar

Marion Enos
Gabrielle Lefavre
Murray Talanker

May 11/ 26

Meredith Kelly
Maurice Stemerman

May 12/27 Iyar

Zali Simonovitz

May 13/28

Irwin Arbesman
Albert Chick
Harry Orris

May 15/1 Sivan

Harold Goodman
Bessie Pfeffer

May 16/2 Sivan

Jay Caplan

May 17/3 Sivan

Harry Simon

May 18/4 Sivan

Moe Cohen
Geraldine Saltzer

May 19/5 Sivan

Joseph Byer
Shelley Endelson
Goldie Simon

May 20/6 Sivan

Isadore Galitz
Ernest Rosenbaum
Dorothea Schips
Samuel Teitelbaum

May 21/7 Sivan

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Resa Piper
Nellie Zucker

May 22/8 Sivan

Ben Helfand

May 23/9 Sivan

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Selma Cohen
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May 24/10 Sivan

Paul Kaplan
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May 25/11 Sivan

Harris Cohen
Mildred Cooperman

May 26/ 12 Sivan

Esther Glazier
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May 27/13 Sivan

Violeta Israel
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May 28/14 Sivan

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You asked for it... You Got It! We received feedback from some members asking for a way to pay Ohav for membership - or make much appreciated donations - with a stock transfer. We listened. Ohav Shalom has a new option for paying dues and making gifts.

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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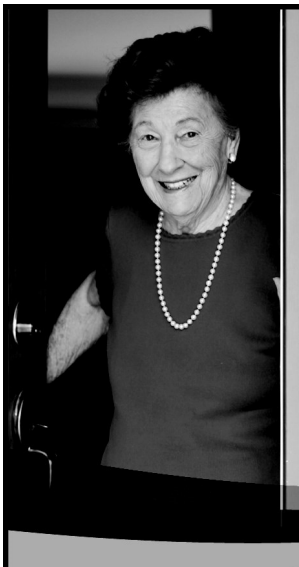
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