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Shomrei HaBayit can be loosely translated as “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 is. *Shomrei HaBayit* is our way of thanking and honoring those who go above and beyond for us. We thank all our volunteers for their time, energy, caring, and commitment to Congregation Ohav Shalom.

This year, the *Shomrei HaBayit* honorees are Ed and Laura Jacobs and Dan and Terry Tyson. We recognized them at our Gala Brunch on Sunday, December 9. This year the *Shomrei*

HaBayit theme was light, along with our synagogue theme of Many Voices, One People. We thank the committee for their hard work and wish our honorees *mazal tov* on their well-deserved honor!



Top Left: The Tyson Family;

Top Center: Honorees Terry & Dan Tyson and Ed & Laura Jacobs

are joined by Past Shomrei honorees Sharon Lozman, David Levine, Jeff and Debbie Cohn, Libby Post and Lynn Dunning-Vaughn together with the Rabbis and Judy Avner, President; Top Right: The Jacobs Family

Bottom Left: The crowded room gets Brunch. A great time was had by all!



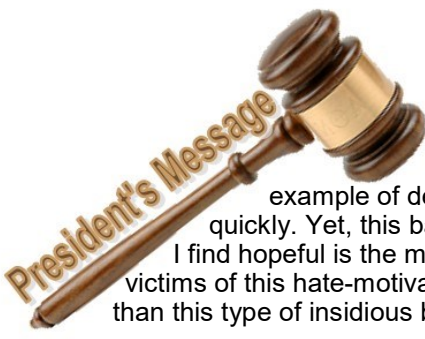
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Dear Friends,



As I write this, I am still reeling from the horrific shooting in Pittsburgh and the many examples of hate and bigotry that have been unleashed. It seems that almost daily there is yet another example of despicable language and behavior. It can become overwhelming so quickly. Yet, this barrage is not new, certainly not to the Jewish community. But what I find hopeful is the many individuals and communities that come together to support victims of this hate-motivated violence and to support the communities. Indeed, we are better than this type of insidious behavior that eats at the fabric of our American society.

I am reminded that while the violence occurs, we can be in charge of how we respond. And, at Ohav, we continue to be true to our core Jewish values of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) through our many activities. Of course, we are not ignoring the potential of violence and have been working hard to improve our security. We have been working on this consistently for the past two years, but we know there is more to be done. Working with our law enforcement partners, our Board and Safety and Security Committee have been continuing these efforts. We are absolutely committed to maintaining the sanctity of our worship spaces, while strengthening the safety and security of all who use our building. Your cooperation is necessary to successfully implement many of these steps.

But this isn't only about security - it is about responding to threats with our better selves and living our values. Welcoming the Stranger, a *mitzvah* repeated many times in the Torah, remains a focus of our congregation as we continue to support refugee families in our community. Our social action groups continue to assist the Regional Food Bank and the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. Through Yad Yonatan and our *Chevra Kadisha* we continue to care for our families through illness and loss. The list can go on, and there is a place for each of you. Look through the pages of this DASH and decide to become involved in one of the activities.

We come to Ohav to soothe our souls, to be in our community. At Ohav, together with our rabbis and fellow congregants, we see how we can best respond to the forces around us with hope and commitment to our values. I wish you many points of light this winter, many candles in the dark that you will light for yourselves, your families and those around you. May 2019 be a good and peaceful year.

B'shalom,
Judy Avner, President

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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 2018/2019 DA'SH
are **due on the following Mondays:**

2018: Nov 5 (Winter), 2019: Feb 11 (Spring);
May 13 (Summer), July 22 (Fall)

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



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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

Shorashim for Pre-schoolers - K: Weekly. Gather in
the main sanctuary at approximately 11 am for the
Torah procession, followed by a lively service in the
chapel. Led twice monthly by Bracha Louz, twice
monthly by one of the rabbis or a parent.

Kulanu Junior for Grades K - 5: (formerly Junior
Congregation) Monthly service including prayer, *parsha*
study and fun. Led by Bracha Louz.

Kulanu Teens for Grades 6 - 10: Monthly interactive meetings led by Ruth
Malka and a variety of guest speakers who will join us to discuss topics
related to Torah, a holiday, the season or current events.

Kulanu Junior and Kulanu Teens meet at 10:45 am on:
1/26, 2/9, 3/9, 3/30, 5/18 and 6/9

Kulanu Extra for Grades 4 - 6: (formerly Teen Minyan) A special monthly
program (new this year) in which Shabbat will come alive with fun activities,
games, and learning opportunities. Led by Ruth Malka.
Meets 10:30 am on 2/2, 4/27, 5/4



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!*

Location: 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.

Schedule: 2/11 - Jews Around the World; 2/1 - Shabbat in the City (co-
hosted with PJ Library); 3/1 - Purim Party (co-hosted with PJ
Library); 4/5 and 5/3.

Need more info? Please call the Ohav office, or contact Aaron Israel at
centersquareminyan@gmail.com or call 518-565-0474.

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 DAN ORNSTEIN

You Be The Wake-up Call!

Rabbi Ornstein's sermon on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, 5779.

In a world of endless sound, noise, cacophony and meaningless chatter, some sounds stand out, silencing every other sound around them.

Listen to the *shofar's* sound:

Tekiah! An anxiety-provoking alarm whose job is not to soothe or quiet you into complacency but to be your wake-up call, agitating you - sharply tuned - into action.

Listen again:

Tekiah! A sound exploding out of a thin piece of hollowed ram's horn, like hot lava out of a volcano. The sound is so primitive, so elemental, so deep from the heart, it is no wonder that the master composer and conductor, Leonard Bernstein, used it as the opening melodic line of his tragic musical masterpiece, "West Side Story." Though not ritually observant, Bernstein, the son of Orthodox Jewish immigrants, was so suffused with love for Jewish symbols, so saturated with the musical sounds and values of Judaism, that he made *tekiah* the sound ominously warning the viewer to wake up: to watch carefully the star-crossed lover's story of Tony and Maria unfolding in the asphyxiating web of racial hatred and violence.

Tekiah: the wake-up call. The Bible mentions the blasting of the *shofar* seventy-one times, each mention a wake-up call to something: the threat of war, the mustering of military troops, the approach of a king, the advent of a celebration, or the terrifying revelation of God. Writing thousands of years after the *Torah*, the great Jewish scholar, Maimonides, teased out this idea of the *shofar* blasts providing us with an uncomfortable, badly needed wake-up call: "It is as if [the *shofar's* call] is saying: 'Wake up you sleepers from your sleep and you who slumber, arise. Inspect your deeds, repent, remember your Creator... Improve your ways and your deeds and let every one of you abandon his evil path and thoughts.'" Maimonides delivered an intriguing sermon to us in this passage. In an earlier passage, he admitted that the main reason we blow the *shofar* on *Rosh*

Hashanah is because the *Torah* commands us to do so. Yet Maimonides was never one to miss an opportunity to show us how each commandment of the *Torah* has a distinctly rational and practical appeal. You and I all know how annoying and frustrating it is for us to be sound asleep only to be rudely awakened by a 6 am alarm clock; to the point where, if we were a little less well-behaved, we would smash the alarm clock against the bedroom wall. Yet without that alarm, we would sleep through the day and its responsibilities awaiting us. Maimonides' alarm clock is our wake-up call: "*Tekiah!* Wake up, inspect your behavior, review your values... get a real life!"

I appreciate Maimonides' explanation of the *shofar* as a wake-up call to us. Yet the earlier rabbis and the later Jewish mystics offered an entirely different explanation: for them, the *shofar* is not God's wake up call to us, it is our wake-up call to God. Like Dr. Seuss' "Whos of Whoville" in his parable, "Horton Hears A Who," we are so tiny in the endless expanse of the universe that seems basically deaf to our presence. Still, we come together as one combative collective voice, making these ominous battle noises with our battle horns to force God, as it were, to acknowledge that, "We are here, we are here, we are here."

All of these explanations about the *shofar* and wake-up calls are creative and insightful, but, as far as I am concerned, they all miss the most important symbolic dimension of the *shofar*. We blast *Tekiah*, *Shevarim Teruah* on the *shofar* – this diminutive ram's horn with a huge voice – but the ram's horn is not the real *shofar*; the ram's horn is



a mere symbolic stand-in for the real wake-up call, and that wake-up call is us. You and I need wake-up calls, it is true, but even more true is that you and I need to be wake-up calls. We are the *shofar*. Let me explain what I mean. Let's consider the biblical story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho. Joshua, you will recall, was Moses' successor to leadership; he brought our ancestors into the promised land and set about conquering it for Israelite settlement. To conquer the Canaanite city of Jericho, the first of many walled, well enforced fortress cities, Joshua commanded the people to march around Jericho once a day, each day, for six days, making not a sound, as the priests blasted ominous notes of war on their *shofars*. On the seventh day, after the people marched around the city seven times, Joshua commanded them, "Shout! For The Lord has given you the city." The Bible then tells us what happened next: "So the people shouted when the *shofars* were sounded. When the people heard the sound of the *shofars*, the people raised a mighty shout and the wall [of Jericho] collapsed." On first hearing this, you might think that this verse is just repeating itself meaninglessly, but I think that something profound is being conveyed here. The Bible is purposely blurring the lines of distinction between the sounds of the *shofar* and the sounds of the people shouting, so that the reader or the listener can no longer tell the difference between the two. God's miracle of the collapse of Jericho's wall happens because the people, with one great shouting voice, become the *shofar* blast. The *shofars* are no longer the wake-up call: the people are.



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Many Voices: Ta Sh'ma (Come and Hear)

Judaism evolves and remains strong through its honoring of different perspectives, and through our core value of respect for all people regardless of differences.

This class, which started on 11/8, is studying classic Jewish texts that explore the foundations of Jewish pluralism. Knowledge of Hebrew and previous text experience are not required.

Instructor: Rabbi Rena Kieval

When: Thursday mornings, 11 am - 12:15 pm,
Continuing on 12/20, 1/3, 1/17, 1/31, 3/7, 3/28,
4/11, 5/2, 5/16, 6/13, 6/20.

Cost: Members \$42 Non-Members \$54



In the Fever of Love: A Song of Songs Journey

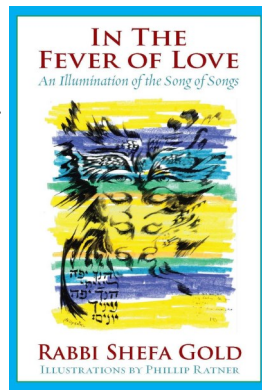
A heart-centered exploration of the Biblical book of *Shir Hashirim*, led by Lynna Schaefer. Using the book "*In the Fever of Love*" by Rabbi Shefa Gold as our text, we will dive into the chant(s) from each chapter, allowing the song to become embodied. Sessions will conclude just before Passover, when the Song of Songs is chanted in the synagogue.

We will culminate our study with *Kabbalat Shabbat* on Friday night, May 17, when we will welcome Shabbat with chant.

Instructor: Lynna Schaefer

When: Monday evenings, 7:30 - 8:30 pm: 3/25, 4/8, 4/22,
5/6, 5/17.

Cost: \$18 members \$25 Non-members



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 necessary. Please bring a copy of the Schottenstein Babylonian Talmud, *Tractate - Brakhot*, Volume 2.

Instructor: Rabbi Dan Ornstein.

When: Continuing on Monday mornings at 11 am:
ending on 6/3. Also Monday Evenings at 7 pm:
1/7 2/4, 3/4, 4/1

Cost: \$42 Members \$54 Non-Members

Note: Everyone is welcome at all sessions offered above. The Monday evening sessions will cover different material than the material covered in 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. You may register for all sessions, a mix of both, only morning sessions OR only evening sessions.



Hebrew Boot Camp: Get in Shape!

Hebrew reading instruction for beginners, and "drill" for those who want to enhance their fluency, especially in the Hebrew of prayer.

Six intensive sessions will be held throughout the year.

Students will be paired with a study partner for practice between sessions.

Coordinator: Rabbi Rena Kieval, with various additional instructors

Thursday evenings, 6-8:30 pm with light dinner provided for an optional charge.

When: Continuing on 1/24, 3/7, 4/11, 5/23.

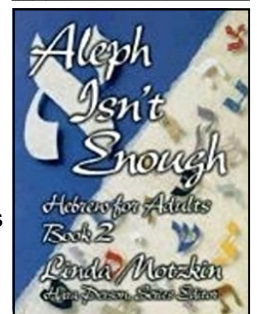
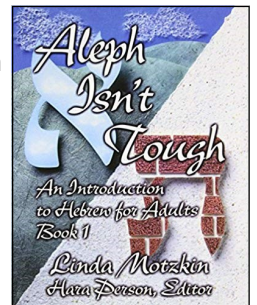
Required: Books from the Hebrew for Adults series by Rabbi Linda Motzkin

Beginners, please purchase the book "*Aleph Isn't Tough*"

Intermediate students, please purchase "*Aleph Isn't Enough*"

Registration: Advance registration is greatly appreciated to assist us with planning.

Cost: \$18 members
\$25 Non-members



Ohav Shalom Scholarships

Once again, scholarships will be available for young people who participate in an intensive Jewish camp program or trip to Israel this summer. A variety of scholarships are offered and the application can be obtained in the synagogue office or on the website. Any child of an Ohav Shalom full member in good standing as of December, 2018, is eligible. These scholarships are supported by generous donations from Ohav's Sisterhood and Mens' Club, Rabbi Dan and Rabbi Rena's Discretionary Funds, Morning Minyan, and donations to the scholarship fund. Scholarship Application deadline is March 29, 2019

For further information, contact Sheila Lobel (scholarships@ohavshalom.com) or the synagogue office.





We at Ohav Shalom continue to mourn the loss of our brothers and sisters in Pittsburgh, and we are mindful of changes in our society that sadly make the safety and security of our congregants an even more crucial aspect of our synagogue lives. With antisemitism on the rise, and mass shootings occurring in the United States more often, we have considered the implication on the safety and security of our *shul*.

We want to assure you that the leadership of Ohav Shalom is always mindful of the need to strike a balance between maintaining the sanctity of our *shul* and the need for safety and security. We continue to work with law enforcement to determine that best course of action for our *shul*.

We are developing short-term and long-term options. The need for police presence will be evaluated on an ongoing basis. That said, we need your understanding and cooperation to make our safety and security steps effective.

- **OUTSIDE DOORS** The doors to the building will be locked based upon the recommendation that we limit access to our building. A code will be required for entry. We know this may pose an issue for some individuals coming to morning *Minyan* to say *kaddish* or observe a *yahrtzeit*. If you know in advance that you will be needing access, please call the office for a code.
- **ACCESS CODES** for entry into the building have been changed. If you had been using a code for access and have not received a new code, please call the office as soon as possible. **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE YOUR CODE TO ANYONE ELSE.** Please ask anyone else needing a code to contact the office directly.
- **GREETERS** We have been advised by law enforcement that having greeters should be a priority. We have implemented a Shabbat Greeters program for the front door on Shabbat. This will include greeter training. We cannot implement this step without YOUR involvement. Please consider signing up to be a Greeter on

Shabbat morning. You are able to sign up to be a Greeter at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050845a9ad2ea75-ohav>.

- **NO TAILGATING PERMITTED** Please do NOT prop open any door or let in people you do not know.
- **SINGLE ACCESS POINT** We have been advised to follow the practice of limiting access to our building by using a single point of entry and exit. Please use the administrative entrance (the middle glass doors) during the week ***for entry and exit***. We know this may be inconvenient, but we have been advised that this is essential.
- **TRAINING** Please look for notice of education and training programs that we will be offering to the congregation around safety and security.
- **MUM'S THE WORD** We also have been advised not to publicize the details of every security measure we implement. So, if you're in the know, please keep your knowledge to yourself.
- **PLEASE OBEY THE RULES** Please do not use your judgement as to when and whether or not to bend these rules. There can be no exceptions to them. *When you substitute your judgment for that of experienced law enforcement, you risk the safety of everyone in the building.*

Over the next few months we hope to implement a host of additional security measures to the physical structure and to our procedures. We regret that we find ourselves in this position, but we feel they are necessary to maintain a safe space in which we all can come together to worship, learn and gather.

As always, please share any concerns or suggestions with our President, Judy Avner or our Safety and Security Committee Chair, Ed Jacobs - security@ohavshalom.com.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. ❀



Mens Club Update

The Ohav Men's Club is in the process of being revitalized to become an even stronger link in the chain of Synagogue life. When our revitalization is complete, we expect that Ohav's Men's Club will be active in both religious and social functions. There is already a spirit of friendship that is pervasive throughout the group, and new members are always warmly welcomed.

The primary purpose of the Ohav Shalom Men's Club is to provide social, educational, cultural and spiritual services for members as well as for the broader Ohav Shalom community. While we provide opportunities for congregants to gather together for fellowship, recreation, personal growth and mutual support, we also work to support the mission, services and activities of Congregation Ohav Shalom.

The Men's Club is planning events so that there will be year-round programming starting with a Men's Club Breakfast and a Men's Club Shabbat. Other events in the coming year will include a wine tasting and at least one family event.

Following the completion of our revitalization, the Men's Club functions will include:

- Supporting Building Security
- Caring for the Playground
- Administering the Nate Erlbaum Annual Blood Drive
- Leading the Sukkah Raising
- Distributing Yom HaShoah Candles
- Ushering on the High Holidays
- Supporting Important Financial Programs for the Synagogue
- Providing Joint Programming with Sisterhood
- Sponsoring the Men's Club Shabbat
- Participating in the World Wide Wrap

We hope you'll join us as we *schep nachas* from doing good. ❀

Happenings at Ohav

Ohav's Shabbat Schmooze

Shabbat Schmooze with Dr. Michael Kay

A terrific **Shabbat Schmooze** was held on December 15 with guest speaker, Dr. Michael Kay. This Shabbat conversation was definitely a highlight for all who attended.

Dr. Kay is Head of School at the Solomon Schechter School of Westchester, NY. A native of Albany who grew up at Ohav Shalom, Dr. Kay's wisdom and scholarship are well known in our community.

Michael did not disappoint! His presentation, "The Pluralism Paradox: Building Community Amidst Diversity," was both informational and compelling. It also fit nicely into this year's theme for our synagogue **"Many Voices: One People."** ❧



The Value of Names

December
20-25, 2018

Noodle Pudding Players Community Theater Performance in December

Please join us for an important evening of theater when the Noodle Pudding Players perform Jeffrey Sweet's **The Value of Names**. This play describes the impact of the 1950's - 60's Hollywood blacklisting of many actors, producers and directors whose lives were forever changed. We are fortunate to have on board Barry Pollack, Ken Goldfarb and Shea Fitzpatrick as our cast and they are working hard as a team to share this story with the community.

Please mark your calendars for December 20 and 22, at 7 pm; December 23 at 2 and 7 pm; and December 25 for Chinese dinner and show (*dinner at 5:30, show at 7 pm*).

Please consider contributing an ad to our playbill and/or helping out at performances. Reach out to the Ohav office for more information at 518-489-4706.

This is a timely story you won't want to miss! ❧

Shabbat Greeters Have An Important Role

It always feels good to receive a warm welcome when you come to Shabbat services, especially if you are a guest.

Today, in the world we live in, Shabbat Greeters do more than that. Yes, greeters provide a welcoming smile and wishes of "Shabbat Shalom" to those who come to our door. And, yes... that welcome adds to the Shabbat experience. But today, Shabbat Greeters also help keep Ohav and all who visit us for Shabbat or other events safe.



**Shabbat Greeters
are a critical
component of an
effective security
program.**

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The leadership of our synagogue has been advised by our law enforcement partners that Shabbat Greeters are a critical component of an effective security program. Shabbat Greeters are more likely to know who belongs, engage new people and generally helps to make sure our open door is secure.

To be effective, we need YOU! All congregants are welcome to take a turn. There will be teams of two. Training will be provided. So...join your Ohav family in keeping our Shabbat door open and our worship secure. Contact the office or sign up through our Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050845a9ad2ea75-ohav>

Thank you very much. ❧

Mark Your Calendar

February 2019						
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24	25	26	27	28		



Brunch in Boca!

Please join us for Ohav's 16th Annual Winter Reunion in Sunny Florida.

Sunday, 2/3/19 @ 12:00 pm

Enjoy a delicious brunch with Rabbi Rena Kieval and friends from Ohav Shalom and the Albany Jewish Community!

Location: Temple Beth Shalom | 19140 Lyons Road. (in Century Village) Boca Raton, Florida 33434

Cost: We are pleased to offer this year's brunch at the same low cost as last year at \$10 per person.



Please contact Judy Phillips at 518-281-3266 for more information.

RSVP with check by 1/11/19 to Ohav Shalom ATTN: FLORIDA, 113 New Krumkill Rd., Albany, NY. 12208.

Thank you to Levine Memorial Chapel for its generous support of Ohav's Brunch in Boca Program.

We look forward to seeing you in Florida! ❧

news

Teens and Torah: Shabbat, January 26

We are pleased that several teens in our congregation have been chanting Torah as part of a special group known as Torah Corps.

On Shabbat, January 26, as a result of the commitment and efforts of Torah Corps member, Noa Wacholder, teens will chant almost the entire Torah reading. We will read that morning in Parshat Yitro about the giving of Torah on Mount Sinai to all the people of Israel, a fitting day to honor continued learning by our youth. Other parts of the service will also be led by our teens.

All are invited to join us in celebrating our teen participants that morning! Thank you to Noa Wacholder for this wonderful mitzvah project.



Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Congregational Meeting date has been changed to Tuesday evening, February 12, 2019 at 7 pm. Reports will be provided by Rabbi Dan Ornstein, Rabbi Rena Kieval, and our Synagogue President, Judy Avner. Written Reports will be available from: Officers and Committee Chairs; B'Yachad Principal; Rabbi Miriam Midlarsky Lichtenfeld; and, Early Childhood Director, Sheryl Welton. We hope you will join us.



Ohav's New Playground - WE DID IT!!

We did it!!!!
The playground committee would

like to thank everyone who contributed to funding our new playground! We did it in half the time that we planned, so it goes to show what an amazing and giving community we have at Ohav Shalom. We will be taking down the old playground over the holiday break in December, and we're looking at some time in March for installing the new one.

If you are interested in helping us with the installation, we would love to have you! Look for more information in the future about the installation in the Ohav weekly emails. Thanks again to EVERYONE!

Welcoming the Stranger



More than 20 members of Ohav are volunteering in efforts to aid refugees and immigrants in Albany. We have members who are giving hours of their time each month to help two large refugee families from rural Afghanistan acclimate to life in the U.S. Ohav members also volunteer at USCRI, one of our local immigrant aid organizations. And, another group is preparing to teach a computer literacy class at the new Refugee Welcome Center.

Our shul's assistance has yielded some significant accomplishments. All the members of both Afghan families have obtained Green Cards, enabling them to work and lead productive lives in the U.S. This was made possible through the help of congregants and others who drove the family to immigration and fingerprinting appointments, as well as the generous support of our Rabbis Discretionary Funds. In addition, our B'Yachad 8th graders raised money to send five of the children to day camp for a week this past summer - an experience that is the highlight of their year.

Overall, the families are doing well, benefiting from regular health and dental care, and making progress in school. We are particularly pleased that our eldest high school student has passed four Regents exams after less than three years in this country.

Our volunteers are still working hard to help the families navigate our often confusing education, employment, banking, and health care systems. They also try to provide some recreational outlets and tutoring when time permits.

We could use your help. We need people to schedule and/or drive families to medical appointments, even once a month. The families also need English and Algebra tutors.

If you are interested in participating as a volunteer or if you have a lead on part-time employment, please contact: Karen Lipson: klipson@nycap.rr.com; lyse Weinstein: ilyse.ny@gmail.com; Wendy Kay: wendyk1221@gmail.com; Pam Smiler: pamsmiler@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU!

Shopping for YOU!

We're shopping for a couple of gift shop attendants.

Is this YOU?

Do you love to: Shop? Go through catalogues or website to find just the right thing?

Sell stuff? Discounts? (*volunteer discounts available!*) If you can work at least one Sunday (9:30 to noon) or one Wednesday (4 pm to 6 pm) a month (only when Hebrew school is in session), and you fit the description above, please let us hear from you!

We need your help to keep our Gift Shop open. Our Ohav Gift Shop Manager, Debbie Schenkel, works some Sundays, so she is not able to be at Ohav every week.

Interested? We hope so! Please call or text Debbie Schenkel, at 518-526-2595 to discuss. Ready... GO! *Thanks!*



Assuring Ohav's Future – Our Life and Legacy Society Gathers Momentum



Once again, we are very pleased to announce that since its launch on March 1, 2018, **Ohav Shalom's Life and Legacy Society** continues to make significant strides in reaching our early goals. To date, the following individuals have submitted their Letters of Intent and represent the first wave of our founding members.

We are so grateful to everyone who is supporting Ohav's future by signing a Letter of Intent:

Laurie Abelson
Marian Alexander
Judy Avner
David Bates
Wendy Kay Bates
Leslie Berlinsky
Marc Berlinsky
Barbara Brodsky
Karl Brodsky
Antoinette Deitcher
Jason Deitcher
Steve Eckert
Gregg Fox
Jennifer Fox
Dorothy Ganz
Rob Ganz
Roberta Greenberg
Walter Greenberg
Aaron Israel and Matthew Finn
Ed Jacobs
Laura Jacobs
Rabbi Rena Kieval
Shalom Kieval
David Levine
Steve Levy and Marci Galinkin
Ira and Sheila Lobel
Michael Lozman
Sharon Lozman
Ken Malsan
Harris Oberlander
Sandy Oberlander
Rabbi Dan Ornstein
Neil Piper
Shari Piper
Julie Pollack
Libby Post
Kathryn and Nelson Sheingold
Terry and Dan Tyson
Bess Wadler
David Weinstein
Margery Zucker

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What's your Legacy?

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.



Tax-Wise Year-End Giving

According to the experts, the charitable giving at the year's end remains a good option for donors. We hope you will consider donating to Ohav Shalom as you consider your year-end giving options this month.

Here's some information to assist you in making these important decisions.

New for 2018

The threshold determination every donor must make is whether it will be possible to itemize deductions this year. Fortunately, the tax deductions associated with charitable gifts were preserved and, at least in one respect, enhanced: contributions of cash can now be deducted up to a limit of 60 percent of adjusted gross income. Nevertheless, charitable deductions – either on their own or combined with other itemized deductions – must exceed the standard deduction to produce any benefit.

Options That Remain Appealing

Long-term appreciated capital assets continue to be a great choice for use in charitable giving. When they are transferred directly instead of being sold, they are deductible at their full value and completely avoid capital gains tax. Also, if you are over age 70 1/2 and have a traditional IRA, the law allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 a year directly from the IRA to an organization such as Ohav Shalom without any increase to taxable income. Your gift is not tax deductible but can be used to satisfy your required minimum distribution, if you haven't already taken it for the year.

Next Steps

Once you have an idea of how you might like to proceed, be sure to consult your professional advisors. In addition, Ohav Shalom representatives can work with you and your advisors to help identify effective ways to have the charitable impact you desire in 2018 and beyond. Please contact Nancy Pandolfo by phone (518-489-4706) or email (nancy@ohavshalom.com) for assistance with this. Thank you! ❧

Gifts from
the Heart



*Making a donation in
memory or in honor
of a loved one
supports our
Synagogue! Please use
the enclosed form for
your donation.*

Thank You!

Now admittedly, in context, the story of “Joshua fought the battle of Jericho and the walls came tumbling down” is not a nice story. It is about bloody conquest, one in which our ancestors— like many conquerors of the ancient world – put the entire city to the sword, every man, woman, child, and animal, at God’s command no less. This is one of those sacred texts in our great biblical tradition that make us awfully uncomfortable. But we do not merely read these texts of our Bible in their original contexts. We extract new messages and meanings from them that transcend their original meanings. I ask you to consider the following interpretation of the Jericho story, one which that old gospel hymn sung by African American slaves anticipated almost two hundred years ago. The walls of Jericho are a symbol. Certainly, there are walls that are absolutely necessary: boundaries of individual and collective identity are critical, and at times physical boundaries of security are the only thing standing between a community and those seeking to destroy it. Yet too many walls unnecessarily shut us in and there are far too many walls that unjustly shut others out. Perhaps it would take no less than a miracle from God to make those walls tumble down; but that miracle does not happen, God cannot make it happen, without the collective power, the collective outrage, the collective shout, the collective voice, the collective wake-up call that is you and me, together...us. We are the *shofar*, we are the wake-up call, we must be the alarm that pierces the walls of apathy, of despair, of increasing insularity and fear and hostile disdain.

This coming year, I want to be a wake-up call, I want to knock down walls, and I ask you to join me: let’s knock down the walls of polarization and extremism that threaten to stamp out civil debate and disagreement, withering our precious fragile democracy through intimidation, mob rule and the many languages of hatred coursing right now like poison through the bloodstream of America.

This coming year, I want to be a wake-up call, I want to knock down walls, and I ask you to join me: let’s knock down the literal and political walls being built by people in power who would seek to turn away altogether the tired and the poor, the huddled masses who never stop

yearning to be free. Let’s be the wall-shattering *shofar* blast calling out those who think they can forcibly separate parents from their children with impunity, and let’s remind those who are happy to forget, that we have always been, always are, and always will be a proud nation of immigrants.

This coming year, I want to be a wake-up call, I want to knock down walls, and I ask you to join me: let’s knock down the walls of the climate change deniers, to demand of them that they renounce their willful ignorance of science, their pseudo-theories, their government conspiracy narratives, their cynical corporate selfishness and complacency about the failing health of our one and only planetary home.

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down walls, and I ask you to join me: let’s knock down the walls of those at home and around the globe, who deny Israel’s right to exist and thrive as the Jewish state. Let’s make them understand that having our own sovereign, secure homeland is not an option, it is not a dalliance, it is not an exercise in bigotry: it is the Jewish people’s absolute right and the world’s absolute obligation. Let’s knock down the walls of antisemitism posing as social justice of those who seek to shame us and our young people for being proud Zionists, for loving the miracle that is the State of Israel.

This coming year, I want to be a wake-up call, I want to knock down walls, and I ask you to join me: let’s knock down the walls of rigid ideologues and demagogues who are dividing the Jewish people by trying to force us and our Israeli brothers and sisters into making the false choice between Israel as a

democratic state and Israel as a Jewish state; who maliciously insinuate that if you believe Israel’s occupation of the Palestinians must end, for their sake and for ours, then you must hate Israel; who insidiously imply that if you oppose the perverted stranglehold of the Israeli rabbinate and fundamentalist politicians on Israeli and world Jewish society, then you must be a self-hating Jew. I know all too well that Israel faces dilemmas and dangers we Americans cannot begin to understand. Precisely because I am a Zionist who loves the Jewish people and the Jewish state, I must wake up the world to when the Jewish state is in danger from its external enemies. But precisely because I am a Zionist, I must also wake up my fellow Jews to when we are putting ourselves in danger of eroding our people’s unity, democratic values and commitments to civil rights.

This coming year, I want to be a wake-up call, I want to knock down walls, and I ask you to join me: let’s knock down the thick and forbidding walls separating America’s wealthiest and America’s poorest, being made thicker by the small-minded selfishness and lust for power of entitled government elites and corporate oligarchies. Let’s knock down the walls of institutionalized racism and bigotry that some very powerful people exploit to keep too many Americans locked inside their fears of the other, and to keep far too many more Americans locked out of all that America can and should offer them and all our citizens.

This coming year I want to be a wake-up call, I want to knock down walls, and I ask you to join me: let’s blast out a siren’s endless wail of emergency and resistance against the apathy and hopelessness too many Americans, too many Jews, too many human beings are experiencing. As good Jews, Americans, and human beings, let’s raise our voices, cast our ballots, protest the injustices, peacefully and forcefully take to the streets, fight the battles against bigotry and despair and ignorance.

We will be the wake-up calls Judaism calls upon us to be, so that the walls separating us from each other will come tumbling down. ☸



It's hard to believe that winter is upon us! Our students finished learning about the fall Jewish holidays and the autumn season. Among our favorite activities were decorating Ohav's *sukkah* and exploring the seeds in a pumpkin and other vegetables. We learned about colors, made all-about-me-books, practiced writing our names and enjoyed our new monthly music program with Matt.



We are pleased to offer our “**Mommy, Music and Me**” class run by Bracha, our new musician/teacher, who leads Ohav's Shabbat children's program. This class is for children ages 9 months -18 months and you do not need to be an Ohav temple member to join the group. The group runs on **Wednesdays 10 -10:30 am** in the Kolbo Room. *Please call Sheryl at 518-489-4894 for more information.*

Our classes recently prepared for *Hanukkah*. The three- and four-year-olds created their own *menorahs* in preparation for lighting the *Hanukkah* candles, while the two-year-old classes made different *dreidels* and *menorahs* from recycled material such as wood or paper rolls. Osbourne books came to Ohav at the beginning of



December so everyone could buy some great gifts for the holidays and help support our Early Childhood Program. In addition, the school offered a babysitting

night for children 18 months - 7 years old on **Sunday, December 9 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm**, so people could do their holiday shopping or just enjoy a night out. On **Tuesday December 4**, we hosted a *Hanukkah* celebration with all our Early Childhood Education families during which the children danced and performed *Hanukkah* songs with Bracha.

—Sheryl Welton

B'Yachad has had a wonderful start to the school year. We began the year with our *Sukkot* farm program at the Vale Urban Farm in Schenectady. We learned a lot and got the opportunity to help with some farm work. Since then, the students have been working hard on learning various prayers, values, the weekly Torah portion, Israel and holidays. We have also been ending Wednesday classes with a warm and community-building song or story circle. If you ever come into the building on a Sunday morning or a Wednesday afternoon, you may smell cooking from the kitchen, hear the voices of song or the voices of children's prayer coming from the chapel. Ohav Shalom is bursting at the seams with enthusiastic B'Yachad students learning.




Rabbi Miriam



We have much to look forward to in the next few months. On **12/16**, Rabbi Eligberg will be leading another parent workshop on prayer and ritual in our successful series of DIY Judaism classes. On **1/13**, Rabbi Miriam will be leading a DIY Judaism workshop on *Tu B'Shvat* and then on **1/23**, we will have our *Tu B'Shvat* seder. Finally, on **2/10**, Rabbi Eligberg will be teaching another workshop.

All in all, it has been an exciting year so far at B'Yachad and the excitement will continue. We appreciate all that Ohav does to accommodate us. Come and visit us on a Sunday or Wednesday and hear how alive the building feels with children's voices.



The Fall rummage sale to benefit the Early Childhood Education Center was a huge success and we are looking forward to the next sale on

Sunday, June. 2.



Celebrating Tu B'Shevat

Tu B'Shevat - the Jewish New Year for the Trees - begins on the evening of January 20, 2019 and continues through the day on January 21. Although based on a biblical tradition, and observed after the destruction of the Temple, the character of Tu B'Shevat took shape under the guidance of the medieval *kabbalists* (mystics). Over time it has developed into a popular Jewish "arbor day" with spiritual overtones. Originally associated with planting crops and trees in ancient times, this day has become associated with planting trees and holding symbolic ritual meals characterized by eating fruits and nuts from the land of Israel. ❧



Purim begins at sundown on Wednesday, March 20, and ends at sundown on Thursday, March 21.

The story of the joyous holiday of Purim might appear somber at first because it tells of the near-destruction of the Jewish people as decreed by Haman, an adviser to the Persian King Ahasuerus. However, Ahasuerus' newly crowned queen, Esther, who is secretly Jewish, saves the day. Hence, the story of Purim is known as "Megillat Esther," or the Scroll of Esther.

There are several common practices on Purim: We: give gifts to poor people; read the megillah, the Purim story; eat a festive meal, or *seudah*; give food gifts, called *mishloach manot*, to our friends; eat *hamantaschen*, triangle-shaped cookies named for the villainous Haman.

We hope you will join us to celebrate at *shul*! ❧

BAR & BAT ANNIVERSARIES



Celebrate the Anniversary of Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah with 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! ❧



Update from the Inclusion of Individuals with Disabilities Committee

The Inclusion Committee, co-chaired by Barbara Brodsky and Melanie Hecker, is working on two major events for 2019. The first event is our third annual Disability Awareness Shabbat scheduled during Shabbat morning services on **February 9, 2019**. Watch for details!

SAVE the DATES!

The second annual event scheduled for Sunday afternoon, **April 7, 2019** is the

Seder for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. For over 25 years, the Ohav Shalom Social Action Committee spearheaded by Dan Gordon hosted a Passover Seder for people with developmental disabilities and their families. This year, the long-time "regulars" who organized and prepared the Seder are joining forces with the Inclusion Committee to expand Ohav Shalom's outreach to individuals and their families to partake in a delicious and lively Passover Seder. Ohav Shalom's Seder for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities may be the only opportunity for some people to come to a Passover Seder this year. Our guests may live at home. Some may live independently. Others may live in a group home or in some other kind of supervised living situation. With Rabbi Dan Ornstein's leadership, the Seder for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities provides our guests with a Jewish experience that hopefully conjures up fond memories from their past and offers spiritual and physical sustenance as the Jewish people celebrate freedom.

More details about the Annual Disability Awareness Shabbat and the Passover Seder for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities are forthcoming. Please join us as we grow in making Ohav Shalom more barrier-free for people with disabilities. ❧

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!**





Regional Food Bank Drop-Off at Ohav



"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 a local ongoing concern. We can help.

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 Rd., Latham on the dates below from 1 - 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.

Dates: 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2.

For any questions or more information, please contact Sharon Berko at 518-446-0476 or email her at sharonleeberko@yahoo.com.

No experience is necessary.



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, 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.



We are always grateful to members who generously sponsor our weekly *Kiddush*. If you have a special event, anniversary, birthday or commemoration on the horizon, or would just like to reciprocate the generosity of others by sponsoring or contributing to a *Kiddush*, please contact Nancy at nosh@ohavshalom.com.

Todah Rabah!

Celebrate Ohav's Greenness!



If you look around our building you will notice several small but important changes. We have added a **Recycling Station** when you first enter by the office to encourage recycling. We have single-stream recycling bins in every classroom and new, energy-efficient windows. We've transitioned from plastic table cloths to cloth, and will change to compostable plates and cups for *kiddish* and events.

COMING SOON! Securely dispose of your papers at Ohav's **SHREDDING DAYS!** Suggested donation: \$1 per pound. Look for details by email..

Be an Earth Hero - Go Zero!





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, 2018.

B'Yachad Fund

In memory of:

- Gerald Cohen from Reed and Jody Ference
- Mabel Ference from Reed and Jody Ference
- Estelle Diamond from Jane and Lev Ginsburg

Capital Campaign

In honor of:

- Lois and Steve Lewis's granddaughter, Willa Wrenshall Lewis from Ira and Sheila Lobel

In memory of:

- Harris Sanders from Ira and Sheila Lobel
- Murray Serotta from Pauline & Ron Brociner and Dorothy & Rob Ganz
- Sondra Rubtchinsky Cooper from Ira and Sheila Lobel
- Irwin Fass from Stuart Fass

College Outreach Fund

In memory of:

- Bernard Sheingold from Audrey Sheingold

Frydman-Kohl Fund

In honor of:

- Carol Kriss' special birthday from Edward and Laura Jacobs

General Scholarship Fund

In honor of:

- Marci Galinkin and Steve Levy, our "Torah Honorees," from Ira and Sheila Lobel

In memory of:

- Harold Goldstein from Alan and Margery Zucker
- Estelle Diamond from Gregg and Jen Fox

Goldstein-Goldhar Fund

In memory of:

- Alice and Samuel Dworkin from Paul and Barbara Dworkin

HHD College Outreach

In honor of:

- Beverly Cohen-Champagne with thanks for a great visit and for a meaningful Yom Kippur from Diane Levine

In memory of:

- Harold and Dorothy Kattleman from Laura Green

Kiddush Fund

In honor of:

- Benjamin Robert Smith from Andrea Ribner

Krantman Fund

In memory of:

- Roslyn Maurer from Zvi and R. Beth Klopott
- Sarah Klopott from Zvi and R. Beth Klopott
- Mark Krantman from David and Joan Cohen
- Harold Goldstein from Zvi and R. Beth Klopott

Marian Cohen Kitchen Fund

In honor of:

- Nancy Pandolfo's new position at Ohav! from Zvi and Liz Gellis
- Sharon Lozman's hard work at Ohav from Zvi and Liz Gellis

In memory of:

- Marian Cohen from Zvi and Liz Gellis
- Sylvia Katz from Edward and Laura Jacobs
- Phillip Katz from Edward and Laura Jacobs
- Harold Halle from Scott and Caryn Halle

Michael Banner Fund

In honor of:

- Howard and Gail Banner's new grandchild, Gavin George from Alan and Tobie Dorn
- Steve and Lois Lewis' new grandchild, Willa Wrenshall Lewis from Alan and Tobie Dorn
- Hannah Rose from Alan and Tobie Dorn
- Howard and Gail Banner's new grandson Gavin George from Sue and Paul Lipman

In memory of:

- Cynthia Goldberg from Howard and Gail Banner
- Michael Banner from Allen Israel
- Marilyn Silverman from Howard and Gail Banner
- Michael Banner from Howard and Gail Banner
- Leo Athas' wife and mother, Elaine Sikokis Athas from Howard and Gail Banner
- Estelle Diamond from Alan and Tobie Dorn
- Lew Krupka from Alan and Tobie Dorn
- Janis Collier's mother from Howard and Gail Banner
- Marilyn Silverman from Alan and Tobie Dorn
- Edward Lewis from Steven and Lois Lewis
- Louis Gewirtzman from Steven and Lois Lewis

Minyan Fund

In honor of:

- the anniversary of Doug Schwartz's Bar Mitzvah from Walter and Roberta Greenberg
- With thanks to Morning Minyan from Howard Fromer

In memory of:

- Harold Goldstein from Eileen and Robert Davis

Nursery School Fund

In memory of:

- Rena Rinde from Stuart and Marlene Ellen Erner
- Elias Goldstein from Sol Goldstein and Pamela Smiler
- Allen Smiler from Sol Goldstein and Pamela Smiler

Playground Fund

In honor of:

- Max Ginsburg becoming a Bar Mitzvah from Michael and Sharon Lozman

- Steve and Lois Lewis' granddaughter, Willa Wrenshall Lewis from Edward and Laura Jacobs
- Sol Golstein and Pam Smiler's grandson, Samuel Simon from Edward and Laura Jacobs
- Saul and Ellen Kattleman's granddaughter, Julia Bessie from Edward and Laura Jacobs
- Bob and Sue Kaslovsky's grandson, Riley Lucas from Edward and Laura Jacobs
- Jason and Antoinette Deitcher's son, Avishai from Edward and Laura Jacobs
- Dick Weisz's granddaughter Dalia from Edward and Laura Jacobs
- Gregg Fox for building a four square at Hebrew Academy from Dan and Aliza Scher
- Ken and Molly Getnick's grandson, Noam Gabriel from Edward and Laura Jacobs

Prayer Book Fund

In honor of:

- Daniel Flax from Phyllis Cohen

Rabbi Ornstein Discretionary Fund

- In appreciation of Rabbi Dan's kindness and assistance at the time of the loss of my mother, Estelle Diamond from Alan and Margery Zucker
- Mazel Tov to Dr. Bennett Lax upon his retirement after 40 years of dentistry with love from his family

In honor of:

- Rabbi Dan for the thoughtful visit during my recent hospitalization from Stanley Winter and Marcia Gingold
- our grandson Avi Shai Deitcher from Stephen and Nona Deitcher
- Rabbi Dan for helping Leah prepare for her Bat Mitzvah from Brad and Marla Gornstein
- Max Ginsburg becoming Bar Mitzvah from Neil and Shari Piper
- Rabbi Dan's assistance with Benjamin Smith's bris from Stephen Ribner
- Rabbi Dan with thanks from Reeva Nowitz
- Rabbi Dan Ornstein from Joel and Claire Sigal
- Rabbi Dan Ornstein with appreciation from Joseph Braun and Pearl Weisinger
- Rabbi Dan with our appreciation and thanks for his support over the past year from Johnny Black, Jr. and Shelly Goldman
- Rabbi Dan with thanks for his support and guidance for Max's Bar Mitzvah from Lev and Jane Ginsburg
- In honor of Ohav Shalom from Adam and Jessica Rosen

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In memory of:

- Herbert Luft from Robert Weissberg and Mishka Luft
- Harriet Newman from Karyl and Ronald Maenza
- Miriam Kaufman from The Patashnick Family
- Lillian Preminger from Jordan and Hope Langner
- Miriam Kaufman from Barbara Jacobs
- Harvey Jacobs from Barbara Jacobs
- Harry Ikler from Louis and Linda Gilboord
- Harold Goldstein from Elizabeth Nolan
- Michael Shuman from Alfred and Rose Shuman
- Charles Rasowsky from Berny and Carol Rasowsky
- Michael Goldsmith from Anitta Burg
- Harold Goldstein from Walter and Roberta Greenberg
- Les Stein from Barbara and Nicole Stein
- Samuel Sovitsky from Melvin Sovitsky
- Irene Ressler from Lorraine Siegel
- Abe Stern from Larry and Evy Farbstein
- William Basen from Melvin Sovitsky
- Roberta Rosenblatt from Louis and Linda Gilboord
- Richard Friedman from Addie Glazier
- Nathan Stein from Barbara Stein
- Harris Sanders from Alan and Karen Ekstein
- Simon Stanger from Jerry Stanger
- Ann Stanger from Jerry Stanger
- Edward Levine from Neil and Shari Piper
- Pauline Tanzman from Hal and Judy Tanzman
- Julius Ikler from Lewis and Muriel Grode
- Sadie Ikler from Lewis and Muriel Grode

Rabbi Kieval Discretionary Fund

- in appreciation of Rabbi Rena's kindness and assistance at the time of the loss of my mother, Estelle Diamond from Alan and Margery Zucker

In honor of:

- Rabbi Rena for the thoughtful visit during my recent hospitalization from Stanley Winter and Marcia Gingold
- Rabbi Rena for helping Leah prepare for her Bat Mitzvah from Brad and Marla Gornstein
- Rabbi Rena with thanks from Reeva Nowitz
- Rabbi Rena with our appreciation and thanks for her support over the past year from Johnny Black, Jr. and Shelly Goldman
- Rabbi Rena with sincere thanks for all she did for us in preparation for Max's Bar Mitzvah from Lev and Jame Ginsburg
- In honor of Ohav Shalom from Adam and Jessica Rosen

In memory of:

- Frank Diamond from David and Lois Diamond
- Emma Lippman from Chuck and Suzanne Rosenblum
- Grace Rosenblum from Chuck and Suzanne Rosenblum

- Harriet Bartfield from Joel and Andrea Bartfield
- Harold Goldstein from Elizabeth Nolan
- Belle Diamond from David and Lois Diamond
- George Golden from David and Lois Diamond
- Harold Goldstein from Walter and Roberta Greenberg
- Florence Heims from Zvi and R. Beth Klopott
- Florence Neifeld from Alfred and Rose Shuman
- Kenneth Rabineau from Louis and Linda Gilboord
- Rose Friedman from Addie Glazier
- Max Kaback from Martin and Jean Kaback
- Marvin Balick from Sidney and Selena Balick
- Freida Grode from Lewis and Muriel Grode
- Sarah Kelman from Lewis and Muriel Grode
- Marvin Balick from Sidney and Selena Balick

Romanoff Fund

In memory of:

- Alice Israel from Norman and Bronna Romanoff

Schreiber Fund

In memory of:

- Morris Silber from Edward and Barbara Schreiber
- Morris Winter from Stanley Winter

Sussman-Sherer Social Action Fund

In honor of:

- Helena and Neil Davidoff celebrating their 50th anniversary in the best of good health from Anne and Michael Marmulstein

Synagogue Fund

In honor of:

- Max Ginsburg's Bar Mitzvah from Stanley and Amy Solomon
- Ed Jacobs' special birthday from Rami and Malka Almog
- Molly and Ken Getnick's new grandson from Rami and Malka Almog
- Fred Rheingold for helping Leah prepare for her Bat Mitzvah from Brad and Marla Gornstein
- Stephen and Nona Deitcher's grandson from Dan and Terry Tyson
- Congregation Ohav Shalom from Brian and Annie Mirochnik
- The complete recovery of Judy Phillips from Thursday Canasta Girls c/o Ann Lippman
- Steve and Lois Lewis' new granddaughter Willa Wrenshall Lewis from Judith Avner
- Ryan Ference's engagement to Rachel Chess from Judith Avner
- Howard and Gail Banner's grandson Gavin George Banner from Judith Avner

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Welcome New Members



Ohav Shalom welcomes its newest members! Please give them a warm welcome and help us make them feel at home and comfortable. Shalom, and Thanks!

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Ohav announces the following family celebrations:

- Lois and Steve Lewis welcomed their granddaughter Willa Wrenshall Lewis, born to parents Joshua Lewis and Kate Wrenshall and big brother Abraham.
- Ryan Ference, son of Reed and Jody Ference, was engaged to Rachel Chess.
- Alexander Anneling, son of Martin and Amy Anneling, was engaged to Sarah Davis.
- Howard and Gail Banner are happy to announce the birth of grandson Gavin George Banner to parents Jason and Stacey Banner and big sister Hailey.
- Emily Ross and Israel Lidsky and Aaron and Lilith Lidsky welcomed their son and baby brother, Noam Lior.
- Morey Rothschild welcomed his new granddaughter, Ayalah, daughter of David and Sarah Yehudis Rothschild and sister of Avital.
- Becca Rausch, daughter of Debbie and Lee Rausch, won her election for State Senate in Massachusetts. She is the Senator-elect for Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex, near Boston, MA.

Condolences

- To Basia Krupka and family upon the death of her husband, Lewis Krupka.
- To Cantor Terry Horowit and Jim Hendler and family upon the death of Terry's father, Lucien Horowit
- To Larry and Clara Sanders, to Alan and Leizbeth Sanders, to Danny and Michelle Sanders, to their families and the entire Sanders family on the death of Harris Sanders.
- To the Farber family upon the death of our longtime congregant, Martha Farber
- Marc and Linnie Newman and family upon the death of Marc's mother, Harriet E. Newman.
- To the Waldman family upon the death of our longtime congregant, Fran Waldman
- To the Schuman family upon the death of our longtime congregant, Gilda Schuman

B'nai Mitzvah at Ohav Shalom

Ohav celebrates with the families of those whose children became Bar/Bat Mitzvah so far in 5779:

Shoham Randall

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Isabella Solomon Libby





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Phyllis Olsen
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Marion Gellman
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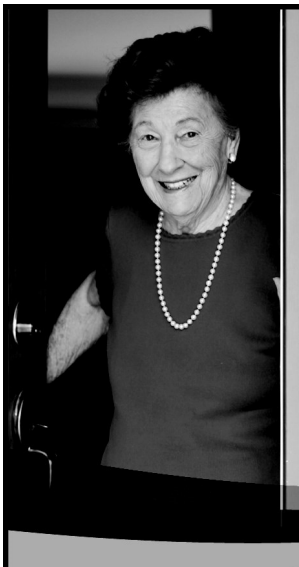
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Please consider joining Ohav's Life and Legacy Society as a founding member. The program is structured so that everyone can participate! Ohav's Life and Legacy Committee members have already started reaching out to all congregants to offer membership in the Life and Legacy Society. Simply signing a Letter of Intent provided by the office 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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Todah Rabah - Thank you.

