

Religious Life Semi-Annual report Jan 2022

During the past 20 months we have had to evaluate many aspects of our religious life and religious practices. We have made some changes to adapt to these challenging times, like shorter services, triennial Torah reading, limited attendance at times, limited in person Kiddush, livestreaming services and other accommodations. We are constantly evaluating these changes and looking towards the future.

We have discussed the new cemetery and creating an intermarried section for our members.

We are looking to update our Bar/Bat Mitzvah manual.

The beautiful Yahrzeit board in the chapel needs monthly maintenance as plaques need to be moved from the main boards to the monthly display board. Thank you to that subcommittee for their dedication. Anyone interested in helping can contact me at religiouslife@ohavshalom.org.

Anyone interested in purchasing a plaque can contact me or Nancy in the office.

Anyone interested in joining our committee, please contact me or the rabbis.

In addition to all these matters, ongoing Shabbat and holiday planning has been taking place, Bar and Bat Mitzvah issues are continually dealt with as well as other ritual details. And our rabbis are always busy with programming and counseling.

Respectfully Submitted,

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