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UPCOMING EVENTS

7/1 & 7/2—Hybrid Services	8/6—9:15 pm Service Tish'a B'Av
7/4 —Office Closed	8/17—Office Closed
7/9 — Hybrid Service and the Katz family are inviting the Or Shalom community to attend the Aufruf.	8/19 — Office Closed
Laurie and Jay are spon- soring an Aufruf for their son and his fiancé.	
7/16—Experimental Shabbat morning service.	



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Do you have Jewish friends or acquaintances who live in Chester County, Montgomery County and Delaware County who are not already members of a synagogue? If you do, why not invite them to one of the upcoming events at Or Shalom. They may have a good time and decide to come back. They may have such a good time that they decide to become members themselves. According to a recent survey by the Jewish Federation, there are many, many unaffiliated Jews in Chester county. We'd love to contact them, but don't know who they are. You can help.

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The President's Column

Fundraiser Follow-up and MahJong Fever

As always ... the content of this article is based on my thoughts and not those of the Or Shalom (Board, Rabbi, and Congregation)

For those of you that were unable to attend the fundraiser in June it was a wonderful time. There was good food, good fun, and a great band. I happen to be a fan of Bluegrass and Scott Markovitz did a wonderful job selecting the band. Ellen Gross and the team need to be commended for all the effort they put into the event. There was beer/wine, auctions, and games for all ages. Plus, the weather was great. For those that attended ... Thank you and tells your friends what they missed. For those that were unable to attend ... I hope you can attend the next event or an in-person service in the near future. I was at Friday night services a couple weeks ago and it was so nice to see people and get back into the shul.

For those people that are devoted readers of my monthly articles you will know that one of my consistent themes is "How can we use the Or Shalom building more often". Well, I finally found a volunteer to help organize a MahJong / Card Game at Or Shalom. Liz Hyams is organizing a group to play Mahjong and depending on the interest, it could turn into a regular event and/or could be expanded to card games. We could use more congregants like Liz who are willing to step up and put in a little elbow grease. If you were at the Fundraiser and signed up somebody should be in touch with you. If you were unable to attend the fundraiser, please reach out to Liz and/or the Or Shalom office and let them know you are interested. I am personally looking forward to learning the game and playing as long as it is not on a Monday (Hockey) or Thursday (Lacrosse) night. I had to miss my Thursday night lacrosse game last week to take my Rebecca to Penn State New Student Orientation. I can think of no greater sign of true love than missing a lacrosse game. Especially at my age. I only have so many games left in this body.

What a beautiful summer! I hope y'all are getting outside and enjoying the weather. In G-d we trust,
Andy



Rabbi's Reflections

Happy summer! I hope everyone is enjoying the sun and warmth. A few weeks ago we had our summer social event in which many of our members attended. There was good food, wonderful music and the highlight of the event: reconnecting with one another after a long absence from in-person community. It was so refreshing to see so many people attend and genuinely enjoy themselves. Thank you to all the folks who volunteered and helped create such a successful event.

The morning of our event it poured rain. Emails were going back and forth as to whether we should move festivities inside or hold out and see if the rain cleared. The weather was on our side because by early afternoon the day was beautiful, filled with sun and warmth. I worried as we drove to the synagogue that the backyard would be muddy after the torrential rain but when we arrived surprisingly it wasn't muddy at all! After the event I thought to myself: what was the point of all that rain? Other than the logical understanding that the weather patterns brought in a front of rain which just happened to pour down on our important day, I felt there had to be a spiritual reason for the rain.

When the rain began in the morning I immediately experienced feelings of doubt, fear and disappointment. Doubt that the event would happen, fear that the event would move inside and we perhaps would be risking people's health being in close proximity with so many people, and disappointment at the idea of not seeing the event come to its full fruition given so many people spent countless hours on putting the event together.

This year I have been actively working on forcing myself to pause during times of heightened emotional states, to calm myself and remind myself to be patient and see what happens. This practice, while psychology calls it mindfulness, I understand as faith. When we force ourselves to pause, take a deep breath, and say to ourselves: "let's see what happens next before I act or get more upset," this is just another way of practicing faith. Faith is understanding our lack of full control in a situation and trusting G-d to lead us where we need to go. When we calm the mind and give up control we open ourselves to seeing where G-d intends us to go. When I stopped fixating on my feelings of doubt, fear, and disappointment and gave space to see what would unfold, look at what happened! The sun came out and the puddles dried up in plenty of time for the event. Now I don't believe the sun came out and the puddles dried because I stopped to see what would happen but I think when we open our hearts to see what may unfold we free ourselves from negative thoughts which can color whether we enjoy ourselves. Someone once told me that 70% of what we worry about doesn't actually come true! For people of faith, why does it not come true? Because G-d is there insuring that the best outcome for us will unfold.

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Now despite relying on faith the rain may have continued and the planning for the event may have had to be changed but that wasn't the lesson we needed that day. The lesson we needed was "ask and you shall receive," "trust and G-d will provide". What we needed that day was connection as a community and we received it.

In our tradition water is life-giving, mayim chayim. And it doesn't go unnoticed that on the day when our community set to come together in a big way the day began with mayim chayim. Just as the water nourished the plants and ground, coming together breathed life back into our community. My hope for this next Jewish year (5783 which begins in September) is that our spirit grows at Or Shalom, that we continue to come together and support one another in joy and pain, and that our spirit radiates out to the greater community. Thank you for being a part of this holy community!

JULY YAHRZEITS

July 4, Tammuz 5, 5782

Dr. Harold B. Furman, father of Brett Furman

July 6, Tammuz 7, 5782

David Gorbacz, father of Hilda Daniel

July 7, Tammuz 8, 5782

Sophie Browde, mother of Julie Meyer

July 9, Tammuz 10, 5782

Sophie Freeman, mother of Renee Hayman

Ruth Kornreich, mother of Laurie Katz

Abraham Wachter, father of Michael Wachter

July 13, Tammuz 14, 5782

Albert Levin, grandfather of Andy Levin

July 15, Tammuz 16, 5782

Arthur J. Barkhouse Jr., father of Susan Daroff

Dorothea Sachs-Rice, mother of Miriam Leshem

July 16, Tammuz 17, 5782

Joyce Fein, mother of Wendy Markind

July 18, Tammuz 20, 5782

Perla Farina, grandmother of Jonathan Schechter

July 22, Tammuz 23, 5782

Jacob Brown, uncle of Chuck Brown

Laura Feinberg, mother of Sheryl Tregerman

Milton Natanblut, father of Herman Natanblut

July 23, Tammuz 24, 5782

Milton Bornstein, father of Janet Emanuel

Paul Hoicker, father of Arlene Noble

Marcus Soloway, father of Howard Soloway

July 26, Tammuz 27, 5782

Israel Leonard Keet, father of David Keet

July 27, Tammuz 28, 5782

Albert Hayman, father of Harris Hayman

July 29, Av 1, 5782

Mildred Paul, mother of Kenny Paul

July 30, Av 2, 5782

Sol Milberg, grandfather of Helaine Leibowitz



AUGUST YAHRZEITS

August 3, Av 6, 5782

Tillie Greisler, great-aunt of Faye Bakovsky

August 11, Av 14, 5782

Inga Ruth Kosterich, mother of Jeff Kosterich

August 13, Av 14, 5782

Jacqueline Ivins Bilker, mother of Larry Bilker

August 15, Av 18, 5782

David Robbins, brother of Harriet Krant

Florence Wachter, mother of Michael Wachter

August 16, Av 19, 5782

Mark Kosterich, brother of Jeff Kosterich

Robert Noble, father of David Noble

Helen Wolf, grandmother of Julie Miller

August 18, Av 21, 5782

Oscar Klein, grandfather of Samantha Klein

August 19, Av 22, 5782

Benjamin Gross, brother of Susan Weiss

August 20, Av 23, 5782

Rachel Krant, mother of Bernard Krant

August 21, Av 24, 5782

Adolphe Berman, father of Linda Mand

August 22, Av 25, 5782

Jolan Katz, mother of Jay Katz

August 25, Av 28, 5782

Claire Levin, grandmother of Andy Levin

August 27, Av 30, 5782

Sarah Rubin, mother of Harriet Krant

August 29, Elul 2, 5782

Marvin Erlich, father of Michelle Cohen

August 30, Elul 3, 5782

Adele Bakovsky, mother of Faye Bakovsky

Meyer Mand, father of Jeffrey Mand



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RITUAL COMMITTEE NEWS

What to say? There is a lot going on at Or Shalom!

In the past month we had a Shabbat evening service to honor our graduates that was well attended. We'd like to make this an annual practice. Congratulations to all our graduates as they make significant transitions in their lives!

We also observed Shavuot, including a combined service with CBENT to honor our Confirmation class graduates. Mazel Tov to the Shapiro family!

Looking to the future, on the morning of July 16th we will have an experimental Shabbat morning service. To determine the length of a service with the minimum content our congregation expects, we will hold a bare-bones service. While there is a lot that can be cut from the preliminary service, many people who are looking for an abbreviated service don't join us until 10:00, so we will continue to begin the preliminary service at 9:30 and will reach the transition to Shacharit at 10:00. The biggest change you will notice is that we will skip from the end of the Torah Service to Kaddish Shalem at the end of the Musaf Additional service. Please attend on the 16th and give us your feedback on this minimalist approach to services.

Our next holiday is Tisha B'Av on the evening of August 6th. Services will begin at 9:15 pm. If you would like to read or chant part of Eicha in English or Hebrew, please contact the synagogue office.

In coordination with our Religious School, we are going to begin holding monthly Family Shabbat services with dinner in the fall. Our activities will start at 6:00 pm with a family-oriented service, followed by a community dinner. Contact the office if you want to sponsor a community dinner.

Regarding bringing innovation to services, the ritual committee seeks members of the congregation who are skilled at playing musical instruments who might want to help us introduce instrumental accompaniment to our services periodically. If you are interested, please contact Joel or Rabbi Kami.

As of the publishing of this article, the community spread of COVID-19 for Chester County is Low once again, so Or Shalom has adopted the following masking policy:

Or Shalom requires those coming onto the Bimah to wear a high quality (N95, KN95, or KF94) mask. We urge the congregation to continue observing social distancing while inside the building and urge those who are unvaccinated to wear a high quality mask. For those who are vaccinated, you are free to choose whether or not to wear a mask while in the pews in the sanctuary.

As usual, this policy carries the caveat that it may change if the incidence of COVID changes and the CDC changes Chester County's community spread level.

Finally, our Bar Mitzvah student Finn was on the bimah when we found a mistake in our Torah! He got to observe the actions we needed to take to set that Torah aside and ensure it wouldn't be used until we get it repaired. The needed repair is very small. Stay tuned for more information.

Joel Stern for the Or Shalom Ritual Committee.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS



FOR SOCIAL ACTION

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MITZVAH FOOD PROJECT HIGH HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE:

This year, due to (what else?) the challenges of COVID-19, the Annual High Holiday Food Drive has been recast as a grocery gift card drive. There are three easy ways to participate:

1. Drop your grocery store gift cards into the marked box in the foyer by October 14, 2022.
2. Mail cards directly to Or Shalom (Attention: Gift Card Drive).
3. Purchase foods through the Mitzvah Food Program's Amazon wish lists:
<https://jewishphilly.org/mitzvah-food-program-amazon-wish-lists-donate-goods/>

TOILETRIES DRIVE: DECEMBER 2021

Stay tuned for specifics, but in the meantime, please start setting aside travel sized (or better yet, full sized) containers of the following items to be donated to the Mitzvah Circle foundation:

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|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| - Shampoo | - Shaving cream | - Toothpaste |
| - Deodorant | - Mouthwash | - Hair spray |
| - Disposable razors | - Body lotion | - Soap |
| - Lip balm | | |

Please consider including feminine hygiene supplies with your toiletries donation.

a Reminder from your friendly neighborhood social action chair:

Even before inflation and high gas prices...

- One in three families were worried about affording baby diapers.
- One in four women had trouble affording feminine protection supplies.
- One in five families experienced food insecurity.

It's much worse now. But the Mitzvah Circle Foundation is trying to help.

Please, please, please consider making a monetary donation at:
<https://mitzvahcircle.org/donate/>

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Or Shalom
Social Action
at Work

To volunteer, contact
Gina Arlen: 610-225-0262 / migi4@verizon.net

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Be on the lookout for Sisterhood's 2022-2023 calendar of events, coming out in August.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions.

Have a wonderful, safe summer!

Mindy Bernstein and Julie Miller
Sisterhood



The rain stopped, the sun shined and a Picnic Party broke out at the Synagogue Sunday 6/12. We had over 50 people of all ages starting from 1 year (Tzippy) and even one very friendly pup named Rembrandt.

It was great being back together schmoozing and just having fun! There were lawn games, picnic fare, raffle and silent auction items, and a fabulous Blue Grass Band, Tookany Creek.

Our thanks to our generous sponsors and everyone who turned up to have fun and help make this event WONDERFUL.









JULY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2
Rabbi Vacation						
27th of Sivan	28th of Sivan	29th of Sivan	30th of Sivan	1st of Tamuz. 1	2nd of Tamuz	3rd of Tamuz
		● 11:15am Offi	Rosh Chodesh	Rosh Chodesh	3 more	3 more
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Rabbi Vacation	Office Closed	6th of Tamuz	7th of Tamuz	8th of Tamuz	9th of Tamuz	10th of Tamuz
4th of Tamuz	5th of Tamuz				● 7:30pm Shab	Parashat Chuk
	Independence				● 8:14pm Cand	2 more
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
11th of Tamuz	12th of Tamuz	13th of Tamuz	14th of Tamuz	15th of Tamuz	16th of Tamuz	17th of Tamuz
		● 7:30pm Ritua			● 7:30pm Shab	Parashat Balak
					● 8:11pm Cand	3 more
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
18th of Tamuz	19th of Tamuz	20th of Tamuz	21st of Tamuz	22nd of Tamuz	23rd of Tamuz	24th of Tamuz
From Tamuz					● 7:30pm Shab	Shabbat Mevar
					● 8:06pm Cand	3 more
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
25th of Tamuz	26th of Tamuz	27th of Tamuz	28th of Tamuz	29th of Tamuz	1st of Av, 5782	2nd of Av
					Rosh Chodesh	Parashat Mato
					2 more	2 more
31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5	6
3rd of Av	4th of Av	5th of Av	6th of Av	7th of Av	8th of Av	9th of Av
					● 7:30pm Shab	Erev Tish'a B'Av
					● 7:53pm Cand	5 more

AUGUST CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5	6
3rd of Av	4th of Av	5th of Av	6th of Av	7th of Av	8th of Av ● 7:30am Shabbat ● 7:53pm Cand	9th of Av Erev Tisha B'Av Shabbat Chazak 4 more
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10th of Av Tisha B'Av (nb)	11th of Av	12th of Av ● 7:50am Ritua	13th of Av	14th of Av	15th of Av Tu B'Av ● 7:30pm Shabbat ● 7:42pm Cand	16th of Av Shabbat Nachal Parashat Vaets 2 more
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17th of Av	18th of Av	19th of Av	Office Closed 20th of Av	21st of Av	Office Closed 22nd of Av ● 7:30pm Shabbat ● 7:37pm Cand	23rd of Av Shabbat Mevul Parashat Elkev 2 more
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
24th of Av	25th of Av	26th of Av	September Holiday 27th of Av	28th of Av	29th of Av ● 7:27pm Cand ● 7:30pm Shabbat	30th of Av Rosh Chodesh Parashat Releh 2 more
28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3
1st of Elul, 57E Rosh Chodesh Rosh Hashana	2nd of Elul	3rd of Elul	4th of Elul	5th of Elul	6th of Elul ● 7:30am Cand ● 7:50pm Shabbat	7th of Elul Parashat Shofti ● 9:30am Shabbat ● 8:11pm Havd

ODDS & ENDS

Donations

We would like to thank those who have donated books and other items to the synagogue. Unfortunately, just like you, we have no space to accept most of the books and other items that have been donated unsolicited. Please contact the synagogue office before you drive over to drop off items. If we can use the items, we will welcome them and provide a tax letter receipt but if we just have no room for the items you want to donate, please consider another worthy cause for your donation.



We sadly share the news that Beverly A. Margolis (nee Abramowitz), mother of James (Jimmy) Margolis, grandfather of Eric, Daniel, and Benji Margolis. Beverly passed away on Friday, June 17th, 2022 at the age of 91.

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- 6. Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** The Rabbi uses these funds for charitable purpose. Donations to this fund can be made directly to the synagogue office.
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- 8. Tree of Life:** A leaf can be purchased to honor or commemorate any important life event. The cost of a leaf is \$180.00 which will be displayed in our foyer. For more information please contact office at 610-644-9086
- 9. Yahrzeit Plaque:** Two plaques can be purchased for \$360.00. The first would be a permanent plaque on the back wall of the sanctuary. The second plaque would be placed during the week of the Yahrzeit on the memorial wall in the front of the sanctuary. Additional information will be requested when purchasing a plaque. Please contact Ellen Gross at Ellenagross@gmail.com for more information.
- 10. Oneg:** Celebrate With Or Shalom: A weekly (Friday) email where you can announce your birthday, wedding, anniversary, or Yahrzeit to your friends at Or Shalom. Include a photo if you like. \$36 per message. We also now accept payment by Venmo to @Congregation-OrShalom for your donations.
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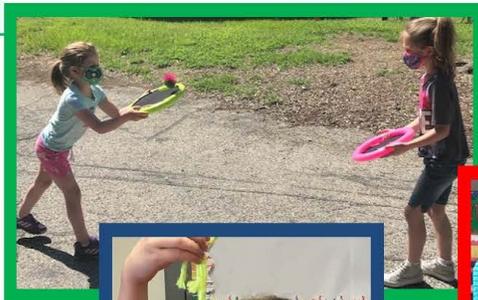
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