

# Congregation Or Shalom

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**May** Nissan, 5784 -Iyar, 5784

Men's Club Brunch May 19th at 10 am "The Aging Eye"







**Jay Katz** 



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 3 Special Kiddush for Rabbi Kami

May 10 Office Closed

May 12 Mother's Day

May 19 Men's Club Brunch @ 10 am

May 27 Office Closed

May 28 Office opens @ noon

June 9 10 am Annual **Congregation Meeting** 

June 11 Shavuot

June 16 Father's Day

June 30 Men's Club Brunch @ 10 am

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**HORIZONS** 

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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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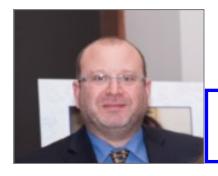
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### The President's Column

### Thank you for this opportunity

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

I would like to thank you all for the trust you bestowed upon me in allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President for the last 40 years. Ok, I realize it has not been 40 years, but it sure seems longer than our ancestors wandered in the desert. Talking about wondering ... In no way was my presidency a straight path. We all worked together through good times and difficult times. We supported each other though broken heaters and new security systems. We as a community celebrated life events from births to passings. I am proud and humbled by the opportunity and support you provided ... Thank you!

The annual Or Shalom Congregation Meeting is scheduled on 9-Jun-24 @ 10:00am. I expect you will read this this article and immediately block out your calendar. Right after blocking out your calendar, you will call three members and remind them about the meeting. You will also let them know that you expect them to call three members. This is not only an important business meeting, but it is an avenue for the board to share information and elicit feedback from the congregation. I hope you will consider running for a position and support the shul in the coming year. We need everybody's support and participation to provide the greatest value to the community.

One question I have been asking myself since 7-Oct is "Can Or Shalom be doing more to support Israel?". Of course, the answer is yes, but what can we do to help? What are you willing to lead and drive with the help of the Or Shalom community? I hope you give this question some thought and hopefully we can have a meaning dialog about options at the annual meeting. I encourage you to bring suggestions and options, but be prepared to be a leader and helper in implementing the solution.

While I have your attention. Please let me know if you know anybody who has extra plots, they would consider selling at Haym Salomon Memorial Park (Preferably top left section). My great grandparents are there, my grandparents are there, Rita is there and I plan to be there someday. I would also like my kids to have the opportunity to be there. It will be much easier for me to nag them for eternity.

I look forward to seeing y'all at the Congregation Meeting in June.

In G-d we trust, Andy



### Rabbi's Reflections

In Jewish tradition we have a custom of reciting a specific prayer when finishing a section of study. This prayer, called Hadran Alakh, in the ancient tongue of Aramaic, speaks to our commitment to return to our texts; that our goodbye is never final but merely an "I will return to you soon."

What relevance does this ritual/prayer have for us today? In today's society saying goodbye is frequently avoided; people feel uncomfortable with the feelings associated with goodbyes or we become too busy to take the time to properly say goodbye. But what are we missing when we neglect to say a proper goodbye? There is immense healing, closure, and peace in giving our energy to saying goodbye.

The original text of the Hadran Alakh prayer is:
הָדרן עַלָּךְ מַפֶּכֶת וְהָדַרַך עֲלָן, דַּעְתָּן עֲלָךְ מַפֶּכֶת וְדַעְתָּךְ עֲלָן. לְא נִתְנִשִׁי מִינָךְ מַפֶּכֶת וְלֹא תִּתְנַשִׁי מִינַן, לָא בְּעַלְמָא הָדֵין וְלֹא בְּעַלְמָא דְאָתֵי
Hadran alakh Masekhet ve-hadrakh alan da'atan alakh Masekhet ve- da'atekh alan lo nitnashi minekh Masekhet ve-lo titnashi minan lo be-alma ha- din ve-lo be-alma deati
We will return to you, Tractate [fill in the name of the tractate], and you will return to us; our mind is on you, Tractate, and your mind is on us; we will not forget you, Tractate, and you will not forget us – not in this world and not in the next world. (Hebrew text and translation from Sefaria).
I have revised the traditional Hadran Alakh prayer in order to use it to say goodbye to sacred people and times in our lives. The term "sacred texts" used in this iteration of the prayer is a metaphor for the people and events that have shaped our lives:
I see before me faces of sacred texts. Sacred texts that I cherish and love. Sacred texts that are separate from myself, yet have become part of who I am. I see sacred texts that hold holiness in their words and their beings. Sacred texts that embody our Jewish tradition and our wisdom. Holding closely the memory of seeing the sacred texts within your faces.

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מינן לא בעלמא הדין ולא בעלמא דאתי

Hadran alaykhu kitvey hakodesh ve-hadartihu alan da'atan alaykhu kitvey hakodesh ve-da'atkhon alan lo nitnashei minekhon kitvey hakodesh ve-lo titnashu minan lo be-alma ha-din ve-lo be-alma deati

We will return to you, holy, sacred texts before me, and you will return to us; our mind is on you, holy texts, and your mind is on us; we will not forget you, sacred beings, and you will not forget us—not in this world and not in the world to come.

By reciting the Hadran Alakh when we say goodbye to people and important times in our lives we stress that goodbye is never forever but merely a "for right now." It also stresses the act of remembering each other while not in one other's company. We may not see someone physically for years but their memory and memories associated with them remain with us and return to us often. This prayer not only expresses an interest in seeing a text or person again but a request to be reminded of them often.

This is my last newsletter article for Or Shalom's Horizons. I wanted to take this opportunity to write a goodbye to the entire congregation but this does not dismiss my desire to say goodbye in person and hope we can do so over the next few weeks. I hope you'll join us on Friday, May 3rd for services and use it as a time to be with one another and say goodbye to this chapter of my life and this particular part of Or Shalom's history. The Or Shalom community has been here for me and my family through really wonderful and joyous moments as well as extremely challenging and sad times, for that I am forever thankful. As the Hadran Alakh prayer emphasizes, this goodbye is not forever, I hope very dearly that it is only a goodbye for right now.

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Rabbi	Kami

R'shalom

# **MAY YAHRZEITS**

May 3, Nissan 25, 5784

Beatrice Korensky, aunt of BettyAnn Monash

May 4, Nissan 26, 5784

Mitchell Reiner, father-in-law of Melissa Schneider & Robert Reiner

May 6, Nissan 28, 5784

Sylvia Millrood, former member Morris Shwartzman, grandfather of Ellen Gross

Alvin Strumpf, father of Don Strumpf

May 10, Iyar 2, 5784

George Bernstein, father of James Bernstein

May 11, Iyar 3, 5784

Benjamin Leitner, father of Donald Leitner Pauline Pass, aunt of Harriet Krant

May 12, Iyar 4, 5784

Joseph Meyer, father of Steven Meyer

May 13, Iyar 5, 5784

Ruth Cohen, mother of Jay Cohen

May 14, Iyar 6, 5784

Michael Furman, cousin of Brett Furman

May 15, Iyar 7, 5784

Sandy Milberg, mother of Helaine Leibowitz

May 20, Iyar 12, 5784

Jerry Kaufman, uncle of Fred Leibowitz

May 21, Iyar 13, 5784

Sarah Korensky, grandmother of BettyAnn

May 22, Iyar 14, 5784

Lora Gross, mother of Ellen Gross

May 26, Iyar 18, 5784

Frank Wolf, grandfather of Julie Miller

May 27, Iyar 19, 5784

Miriam Isaacs, mother of Zora Natanblut

May 29, Iyar 21, 5784

Ellen G. Barkhouse, mother of Susan Daroff

Maxwell A. Daroff, father of Alan Daroff

Arthur Isaacs, father of Zora Natanblut

Bernard Millrood, former member

May 30, Iyar 22, 5784

Martin Katz, father of Jay Katz Gerda Peretz Sachs, cousin of Miriam Leshem

Hanush Yoachim Sachs, cousin of Miriam Leshem

May 31, Iyar 23, 5784

Irving B Herman, father of Holly Herman



### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Congregation Or Shalom gratefully acknowledges the following generous contributions in the month of <u>March 2024</u>

### **Passover Seder**

Gina Arlen: Seder 2024

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### **Shabbat Honoring Rabbi Kami -Shabbat Evening Services Friday, May 3**

Join us in person, if possible, on Friday Evening, May 3rd, for a special Kiddush to honor Rabbi Kami Knapp Schechter, who has been our spiritual leader for the past 5 years.

# **MEN'S CLUB**



### Men's Club Speaker Brunches (Lox n" Talks)

Each event starts at 10AM, costs \$15 per person, and includes a nice bagel and lox brunch.

All are invited.



May 19th: Jay Katz: Our member and a highly respected ophthalmologist, will speak about "The Aging Eye"

Please RSVP by May 15th to office

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June 30th: Martin Bodek, a freelance writer on Jewish interest topics for three decades, his work has been published in many magazines and newspapers.

Martin will be discussing Zaidy's War, the memoir of his grandfather's unreal WWII experience where he served in the armies of four different countries. https://martinbodekbooks.com/

All are invited.
Please RSVP by June 26th to office

# Our member Julie Miller is a Participating Artist



The Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art at Congregation Rodeph Shalom is pleased to present

### **Arise and Away**

a juried show of diverse regional Philadelphia artists whose work responds to the theme of hope and renewal April 8–June 24, 2024

Opening reception: Thursday, April 18, 6:30-8:00 pm

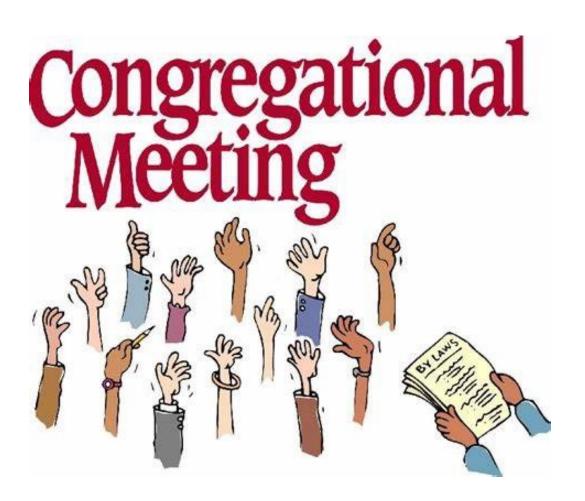
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Congregation Or Shalom Annual Meeting June 9, 2024 10:00 AM

# **SOCIAL ACTION NEWS**



### Mitzvah Circle Foundation: A Truly Worthy Cause

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- One in four women have trouble affording feminine protection supplies.
- One in five families experience food insecurity.

Mitzvah Circle supports individuals and families experiencing poverty, homelessness, and serious illness. They serve those walking along life's edge by providing individualized material support.

Please consider making a monetary donation at: https://mitzvahcircle.org/donate/

### A note from your friendly neighborhood social action chair

Participation in social action projects has fallen off significantly. Here's a list of projects we've done in the past that have fallen by the wayside:

- Mitzvah Minstrels
- Holiday Basket Delivery
- Coat Drive
- Working Women's Wardrobe
- Holiday Toy Drives
- Blood Drive
- Mitzvah Day

If anyone is willing to help me re-launch one of these projects, please email me at migi4@verizon.net. Thanks!

### Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society: Israel Response

Within 24 hours of the brutal attacks of October 7, HIAS activated its Emergency Response team to provide life-saving support and critical security information to asylum seekers and displaced families. HIAS will continue to focus on providing basic needs, cash assistance, mental health support, and legal protections to the hundreds of thousands of people displaced. To support HIAS in this effort, go to Act.hias.org



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# **APRIL GAME NIGHT**





# SISTERHOOD NEWS

Many thanks to all who attended, participated, planned and organized the Sisterhood Shabbat in April. Many were involved, but a special thanks to organizers Brenda and Betsy, Torah chanter Laurie, haftorah chanter Janet, d'var torah - Betsy, and Joel and Brenda for filling in as needed. I was busy getting ready for Shaina's wedding the weeks before so I was not involved until the day before (helping with others set up the food Julie ordered and picked up) and you all did an amazing job.

It's almost time for our closing dinner. We will have a pot luck on Thursday, May 16. Would you like to host it?

I'm also looking for a host for a Game Night in May. Please let me know if you willing to host and what day is best for you.

If you have a book to recommend for our summer book club that has a Jewish theme, let me know.

Thank you.

Mindy Bernstein, Sisterhood President

# EVENTS AROUND TOWN

A few events coming up from the Israeli American Council: May community events: "From Holocaust to Revival":

Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah May 5th- NEVER AGAIN IS NOW!



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Yom HaZikaron May 12th- Registration is required: https://iac360.org/iac-events/yhzpa/



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Yom HaAtzmaut May 19th- A community event to support Israel.



### **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.

#### Or Shalom Donation Form

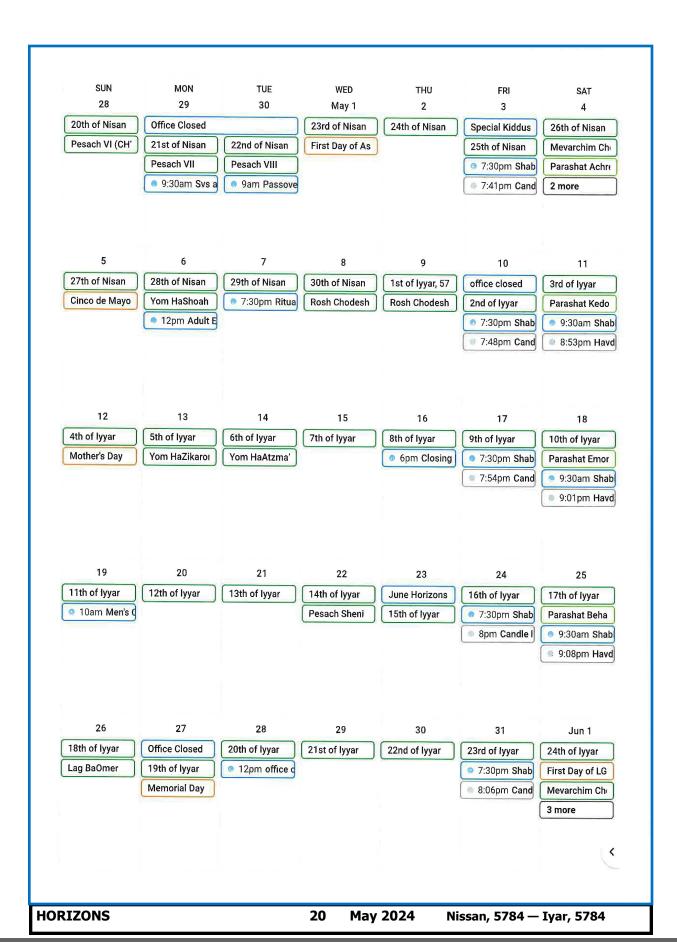
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- **6. Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** The Rabbi uses these funds for charitable purpose. Donations to this fund can be made directly to the synagogue office.
- **7. Social Action:** Donations will be used for all social action events and programs. Any questions to this fund should be addressed to Gina Arlen at migi4@verizon.net.
- **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 <a href="mailto:Ellenagross@gmail.com">Ellenagross@gmail.com</a> 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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OPTION THREE: Full time Remote Learning for children K – 5. If you choose to have your child attend your school district's virtual learning program remotely, full time, he or she may come to Cambridge for our Cambridge Academy program every day. Just like Option Two, our certified staff will ensure that your child is following all of the guide lines for Remote Learning provided by your school district and, in a safe environment, our talented teachers provide the support your children need to succeed!

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