

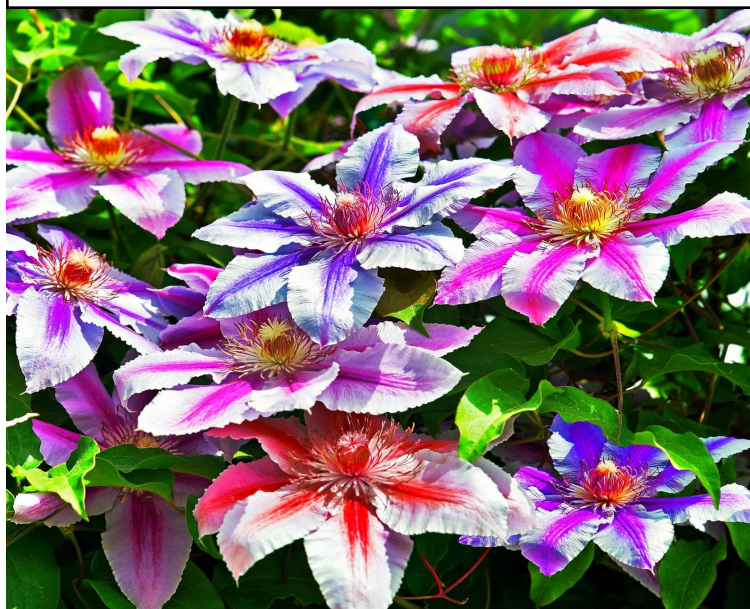
# HORIZONS



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 5/2 9:30 am Chaverim<br>Shabbat & Lunch      | 6/14 10 am Annual<br>Congregation Meeting |
| 5/10 Mother's Day                            | 6/19 Office Closed                        |
| 5/16 Lunch n Learn                           | 6/21 Father's Day                         |
| 5/22 9:30 am Shavuot<br>with Yizkor Services |   |
| 5/25 Memorial Day                            |   |



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## Do you know Unaffiliated Jews in Chester County, Montgomery County and Delaware County?

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.

**Todah rabah!**

**WE NOW ACCEPT PAYMENT BY VENMO**

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## Celebrate with Or Shalom

**To put your announcement in next week's, please contact the office via email or phone with your message, photo, and \$36 per announcement. We also accept payment by Venmo to @Congregation-OrShalom for your donations.**

**Thank you**



## The President's Column

I WILL SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE  
ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING  
SUNDAY MORNING  
JUNE 14TH AT 10AM.





Spiritual Leader

## When Nothing Is Enough

I have a confession to make: I've got nothing of great import to write about this month. But there's a message in that, that I'd like to share.

Let me put it into a context: We all remember the show "Seinfeld." I'm sure every one of you watched it to greater or lesser degrees during its phenomenal ten-year run.

In one episode, Jerry and George (Jason Alexander) pitch a producer on their idea for a television show; it would be a "show about nothing." That phrase went on to become synonymous with "Seinfeld" itself, as many of its episodes were - if we're being honest - about "nothing."

The truth is, sometimes "nothing" is just fine. We can't always be "on," we can't always be productive. We all need that down time when we're just hanging out, spacing out - doing nothing.

Now if you were expecting me to say that we already have that "nothing" time built into our calendar (it's called *Shabbat*) - you'd be wrong. Because although *Shabbat* is our day of rest, it's not a time for doing nothing. You know very well that it's a day for prayer, for study, for family - and yes, for rest. What it is not is a day for doing nothing.

So we have to make the time for doing nothing; we need that down time to recharge, to refresh, to rejuvenate. Even Spiritual Leaders with a "Horizons" deadline to meet!

The next time someone asks you what you're doing and you reply: "nothing," embrace that nothingness. You're entitled to it. We all are!



# Shavuot

at Congregation Or Shalom

Friday, May 22

9:30 am

In person and on Zoom

The Zoom link can be found  
in the Weekly Update

YIZKOR prayers will be recited

*Chag Sameach!*

# MAY YAHRZEITS

May 1, Iyar 14, 5786  
Lora Gross, mother of Ellen Gross

May 5, Iyar 18, 5786  
Frank Wolf, grandfather of Julie Miller

May 6, Iyar, 19, 5786  
Miriam Isaacs, mother of Zora Natanblut

May 8, Iyar 21, 5786  
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 9, Iyar 22, 5786  
Martin Katz, father of Jay Katz  
Gerda Peretz Sachs, cousin of Miriam Leshem  
Hanush Yoachim Sachs, cousin of Miriam

May 10, Iyar 23, 5786  
Irving B Herman, father of Holly Herman

May 12, Iyar 25, 5786  
Marilyn Markovitz, mother of Scott Markovitz

May 14, Iyar 27, 5786  
Mozelle Barg, mother of Irl Barg  
Ted Burke, former member

May 18, Sivan 2, 5786  
Joy Ellis, mother of Betsy Cohen

May 20, Sivan 4, 5786  
Laurence Leonard, husband of Margie Leonard

May 22, Sivan 6, 5786  
Julius Lurie, father of Howard Lurie

May 23, Sivan 7, 5786  
Miriam Krieger, mother of Lisa Fox

May 24, Sivan 8, 5786  
Lester A. Leight, father of Janet Hurwitz

May 27, Sivan 11, 5786  
Selma Aronoff, mother of Margie Leonard

May 29, Sivan 13, 5786  
Mary Korensky Bloomfield, aunt of BettyAnn



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*Congregation Or Shalom gratefully acknowledges the following  
generous contributions in the month of **March 2026***

## **Mishloach Manot-CI**

Jay & Betsy Cohen: Mishloach Manot  
Alan & Susan Daroff: Mishloach Manot 2026  
Jeffrey & Eileen Kosterich: Mishloach Manot

## **Chaverim**

Jay & Betsy Cohen: Souper Fundraiser  
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## **Annual Celebration**

Jeffrey & Eileen Kosterich: Sponsor for Sharon Geller Event in June

## **Cards and Miscellaneous Contributions**

Beth Zatushni & Gerald Satlow: In memory of Linda Sall  
Beth Zatushni & Gerald Satlow: Thank you Alan for all you have done for O.S. Y'ashar Kochet

## **Yahrzeit Donations**

Ben & Susan Goldberg: In memory of Murray Slavin and Ida Goldberg  
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## **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Gina Arlen: Sale of Chametz 2026  
Marc J & Jennifer L Barrer: Cantor Freedman  
Brenda Belkin & Lawrence Rosen: Sale of Chametz 2026  
Jay & Betsy Cohen: Sale of Chametz 2026  
Ben & Susan Goldberg: Sale of Chametz  
Janet Hurwitz: Sale of Chametz 2026  
David & Caryl Keet: Sale of Chametz  
Roslyn Nadler: Sale of Chametz 2026  
Kenneth & Debbie Paul: Sale of Chametz 2026

## **General Fund**

Computershare Israel Bonds: State of Israel - Maturity Check  
Mitchell Evan Stein & Bari Michele Brandt: In memory of Joan Brandt



THE  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
OF THE CONGREGATION

**ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING**  
**SUNDAY MORNING**

Please plan on attending in person

**JUNE 14TH AT 10AM**



At every Saturday service, there is a person in our synagogue that fulfills a very important role.

The doors to our sanctuary are locked at all times.

This is a safety precaution and it is needed now more than ever.

Someone has to sit near the sanctuary door and open it when people arrive.

**That person is the “greeter”.**

Right now, we have a short list of people who have volunteered to be a greeter.

**But more are needed!**

This is **YOUR** synagogue also, and you need to see these tasks as your own.

**We need your participation.**

On Saturday morning, services are in-person starting at 9:30.

Please offer your help. It will be about once every two months, maybe less if enough members volunteer. How about once in a while? You are needed.

You promised yourself and others that you would help to keep Or Shalom going.

This is how you can do it.

# SOCIAL ACTION NEWS



*Make your  
mother proud!*

## Mitzvah Circle Foundation: A Truly Worthy Cause

- One in three families are worried about affording baby diapers.
- 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](mailto:migi4@verizon.net). Thanks!

## Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

During these extraordinary times, HIAS is meeting the moment head on. They remain dedicated to their mission of providing vital services to refugees and asylum seekers around the world, which is needed now more than ever. **To support HIAS in their efforts, go to [Act.hias.org](http://Act.hias.org)**



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# CHAVERIM NEWS

Thanks to Larry Bilker for giving a Tech Talk in April. We had a great turn out for the talk and a delicious brunch.

I hope you have made plans to attend the Chaverim Shabbat on Saturday, May 2! Please check your email for the sign up Genius if you haven't already. If you're staying for lunch, please rsvp.

I am looking for someone to take my place as co-president of Or Shalom's Chaverim. If you're interested, please let me know.

Mindy Bernstein



## Chaverim Calendar of Events

- May 2                      Saturday              9:30 am              Chaverim Shabbat
- June 3                      Wednesday            6:30 pm              Closing Dinner



**Wednesdays - 4:00-5:00 pm — On Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81726064100?pwd=nYntP2A22gcfLVZ2ptBaEBaBjPk1a.1>

## **TALKING ABOUT GOD**

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>March 18</b> | <b>Who - or What - Is God?</b>                |
| <b>March 25</b> | <b>How Do We Address God?</b>                 |
| <b>April 15</b> | <b>What Can We Expect From God?</b>           |
| <b>April 22</b> | <b>What God Expects of Us.</b>                |
| <b>April 29</b> | <b>When We Feel That God Has Forsaken Us.</b> |
| <b>May 6</b>    | <b>What If I Don't Believe in God?</b>        |
| <b>May 13</b>   | <b>Making a Connection With God.</b>          |

**Taught By Cantor Stephen Freedman**

**Congregation Or Shalom, Berwyn, PA**



## SPRING SCHEDULE

April 18

Israel: Remembrance and Celebration

At a difficult time in Israel's history, we remember its beginnings and celebrate all that it has become over the past seventy-eight years.

*This Lunch and Learn generously sponsored by Randi Freedman in honor of her 70th birthday.*

May 16

Jerusalem in Prayer

Jerusalem is memorialized in many of our prayers. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, we imagine the city rebuilt, we describe it as the center of our faith. We will learn about those texts and sing beautiful melodies reflective of the city's beauty.

June 20

The Many Names of God

We all know the most common names of God: *Adonai, Elohim, Shaddai*. But there are many more; we'll learn about them and their significance.

RSVP requested: 610-644-9086 or [office@orshalom.com](mailto:office@orshalom.com)

Would you like to sponsor a Lunch and Learn?  
\$100 for a basic lunch and \$180 for an enhanced lunch.

Call the synagogue office for further information.

## **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.

"Below are the links to the videos that were created commemorating Or Shalom's 50th Anniversary. One link is the short video on our history and the other is a link to the Tribute Video"

<https://youtu.be/9STNES0Gwfs>

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| SUN<br>26                       | MON<br>27                                     | TUE<br>28  | WED<br>29                    | THU<br>30               | FRI<br>May 1   | SAT<br>2   |
|---------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| 9th of Iyyar                    | 11th of Iyyar<br>10th of Iyyar                | 11th of Iyyar  | 12th of Iyyar<br>4pm Adult E | 13th of Iyyar           | Pesach 5h<br>14th of Iyyar<br>7:30am Shal<br>7:35am Cand     | Parashat Emor<br>15th of Iyyar<br>9:30am Chan<br>2 more        |
| 3                               | 4   | 5  | 6                            | 7                       | 8  | 9  |
| 16th of Iyyar                   | 17th of Iyyar                                 | Office Closed<br>Lag BaOmer<br>18th of Iyyar<br>Sinco de May | 19th of Iyyar<br>4pm Adult E | 20th of Iyyar           | 21st of Iyyar<br>7:30am Shal<br>7:45pm Cand                  | Parashat Behi<br>22nd of Iyyar<br>9:30am Shal<br>8:30pm Havd   |
| 10                              | 11  | 12   | 13                           | 14                      | 15   | 16   |
| 23rd of Iyyar<br>Mother's Day   | 24th of Iyyar                                 | Board Meetn<br>25th of Iyyar                                 | 26th of Iyyar<br>4am Adult E | 27th of Iyyar           | 11 Tom Yerush<br>28th of Iyyar<br>7:30pm Shal<br>7:42pm Cand | Mevarchim Cl<br>Parashat Bam<br>29th of Iyyar<br>3 more        |
| 17                              | 18  | 19   | 20                           | 21                      | 22   | 23   |
| Rosh Chodesh<br>1st of Sivan, 5 | 2nd of Sivan                                  | 3rd of Sivan   | 4th of Sivan<br>2:15pm Off   | Erev SF<br>5th of Sivan | office closed<br>Shavuot<br>6th of Sivan<br>3 more           | Parashat Naso<br>7th of Sivan<br>9:30am Shal<br>9:05pm Havd    |
| 24                              | 25  | 26   | 27                           | 28                      | 29   | 30   |
| 8th of Sivan                    | Office Closed<br>9th of Sivan<br>Memorial Day | 10th of Sivan  | 11th of Sivan                | 12th of Sivan           | 13th of Sivan<br>7:30pm Shal<br>8:04pm Cand                  | Parashat Behi<br>14th of Sivan<br>9:30am Shal<br>9:17pm Havd   |
| 31                              | Jun 1   | 2  | 3                            | 4                       | 5  | 6  |
| 15th of Sivan                   | 16th of Sivan                                 | 17th of Sivan<br>12am office                                 | 18th of Sivan<br>5:30pm Clos | 19th of Sivan           | 20th of Sivan<br>7:30am Shal<br>8:09pm Cand                  | Parashat Shofar<br>21st of Sivan<br>9:30am Shal<br>9:17pm Havd |

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| _____  | _____  |

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- 8. Yahrzeit Plaque:** Two plaques can be purchased for \$180.00. 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. Please contact LP at [office@orshalom.com](mailto:office@orshalom.com) for more information.
- 9. 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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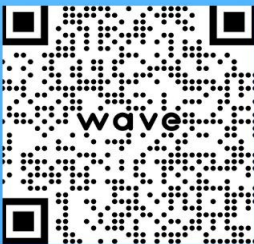
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US:**

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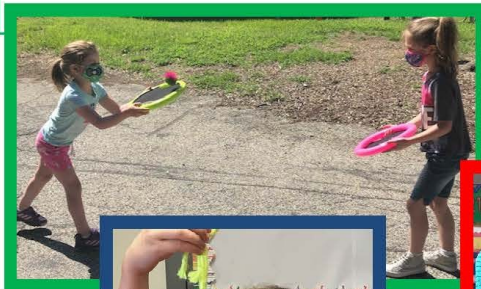
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