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UPCOMING EVENTS

6/3 Chaverim Closing Dinner @ 6:30 pm	7/4 Fourth of July
6/14 10 am Annual Congregation Meeting & BBQ	7/22 7:30 pm Tisha B'Av Service
6/16 Office Closed at noon	JULY & AUGUST NEWSLETTER WILL BE COMBINED
6/19 Office Closed	
6/21 Father's Day	



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Please contact the office to report any errors or omissions. Thank you.

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Social Action: Gina Arlen
Ritual Committee: David Keet

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1/8 page	\$250	\$35

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!

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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 am looking forward to seeing you on **Sunday morning, June 14th at 10:00 AM for the Annual Congregational Meeting.**

Barbeque immediately following the meeting - stay and socialize!

See you there



Spiritual Leader

Creating A Sense of Community

Our Or Shalom community is just that: a *kehillah*, a community.

When a community comes together - when our community comes together - for worship, for study, for social events, there's a special feeling and energy which emanates from the people who are in attendance. Whether in the sanctuary, the social hall, at Picket Post Club for *Tashlich* on *Rosh Hashanah*, around the fire pit in the *sukkah* or elsewhere, there's strength not just in numbers, but also in proximity.

Thank God we are well past the isolation, masking and safe distancing that was so critical to our health during the covid years. We did everything we needed to do to ensure our health and safety then; now, circumstances are different. We can be in close proximity with each other.

I misspoke slightly just now; there is one place where that closeness is missing: our sanctuary.

Our sanctuary is a beautiful and sacred space that has served Or Shalom well for decades; frankly, it's also much too large for our purposes most of the year.

Last month, the Ritual Committee met to address the issue of how we could make our *Shabbat* and holiday worship experience more intimate, how we could better foster the sense of *kehillah* that is so important.

Two suggestions were floated and discussed at length. The first idea was to move our weekly services into the Library. We would use the portable ark that was used by the Religious School for Junior Congregation services and reconfigure the space to create adequate, comfortable and appropriate seating. We would also make the necessary adjustments to bring our Zoom capability into the Library.

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While there were many reasons why making that move would be a viable way forward, there was also considerable sentiment against making the move, with committee members expressing their preference to continue holding services in the sanctuary.

With that in mind, the Ritual Committee decided that we would continue in the sanctuary, but with the following changes to the space:

- The entire rear section of the sanctuary is going to be blocked off, leaving the front five pews on each side for seating; that is more than adequate for our weekly needs.
- Entry to the building on *Shabbat* and holidays will be through the main entrance rather than through the sanctuary. There will be signage on the sanctuary door directing people to the main entrance.
- *Talesim* and *kipot* will be moved to a table in the front lobby by the sanctuary entrance.
- For the High Holidays, seating will continue to be in the entire sanctuary.

In making this change, which will become effective the *Shabbat* of July 3-4, our hope is that we will feel a greater sense of closeness which will enhance the *davvening* experience for all of us.

I am confident that Or Shalom will continue to be a vital religious community to all of its members and I look forward to continuing on that path with you in the year ahead.

My best wishes to you for a restful and rejuvenating summer (maybe with some *shul* thrown in for good measure?!?)

JUNE YAHRZEITS

June 1, Sivan 16, 5786

Benjamin Belkin, grandfather of Brenda Belkin
Paul Monash, brother of BettyAnn Monash

June 3, Sivan 18, 5786

Louis Lieberman, former member
Beverly Margolis, mother of Jimmy Margolis

June 6, Sivan 21, 5786

Rose Leonard

June 10, Sivan 25, 5786

Adolfine S. Leight, mother of Jan Hurwitz
Corrine Natanblut, mother of Herm Natanblut

June 11, Sivan 26, 5786

Morris Goldman, father of Dede Strumpf

June 13, Sivan 28, 5786

Harold Fox, father of Stephen Fox

June 14, Sivan, 29, 5786

Irvin H. Hurwitz, husband of Jan Hurwitz

June 15, Sivan 30, 5786

Susan Aston, sister of Jerry Satlow

June 20, Tammuz 5, 5786

Dr. Harold B. Furman, father of Brett Furman

June 22, Tammuz 7, 5786

David Gorbacz, father of Hilda Daniel

June 23, Tammuz 8, 5786

Sophie Browde, mother of Julie Meyer

June 25, Tammuz 10, 5786

Sophie Freeman, mother of Renee Hayman
Ruth Kornreich, mother of Laurie Katz

June 29, Tammuz 14, 5786

Albert Levin, grandfather of Andy Levin



CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Yahrzeit Donations

BettyAnn Monash: In memory of Edward Monash

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Leslie Jay & Laurie Katz: Sale of Chametz 2026

General Fund

Anonymous Donor: Security Donation

Stephen & Randi Freedman: Use of Torah

CONGREGATION OR SHALOM ANNUAL MEETING

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE???

YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

Sunday
June 14, 2026
10 am-12 noon

**Reports
and
Updates**

**In person
and on Zoom
(check
Weekly
Update for
Zoom link)**



**Delicious
cook-out
following!**

**Please RSVP to
the office by
June 10.**

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS



School's almost out ... **But good deeds are always IN!**

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Every day, families in our communities face poverty, homelessness, serious illness, and unexpected hardships. When a crisis hits, Mitzvah Circle delivers **diapers, clothing, period supplies, and more**—ensuring that parents can work, children can go to school, and no one has to choose between food and hygiene.

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

Or view their Amazon list at:

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The organization also has lots of great volunteer opportunities to keep students occupied this summer. Learn more at: <https://mitzvahcircle.org/volunteer/volunteer-with-us/>

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society: Welcome, Safety, Opportunity

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, go to Act.hias.org**

Desperately seeking people to chair the following project that is currently "on hold!"

Career wardrobe clothing/accessories drive: Career Wardrobe (careerwardrobe.org) is a nonprofit social enterprise that uses clothing and professional development to empower unemployed individuals to work.

Contact Gina Arlen: 610-225-0262 / migi4@verizon.net if interested.



CHAVERIM NEWS

This is my final Horizons article as co-President of Chaverim. As I announced last September, this is the 13th year of my 2-year term as Sisterhood, and then Chaverim President. I have enjoyed this position, especially since there are many wonderful women who have helped me along the way-- Julie Miller still shleps from Philadelphia to set up food several times each month, Mindy Markovitz helps make everything look beautiful, Susan Goldberg often steps in to help with last minute projects in the kitchen, Vivian Morrow and Beth Zatuchni help as needed, and others. I appreciate all the assistance I've received. To answer the question you are probably thinking- no, I don't have a replacement. I hope someone is willing to step up. I will gladly help whoever decides to do it. You can announce it at the Annual Meeting!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Chaverim Shabbat in May! It was a big success, thanks to so many who helped organize it and prepare the delicious food. I believe everyone present that day participated, which made it even more special.

Thanks also to the Goldbergs for hosting the Game Night in May. See photo below.

Our closing dinner is still set for June 3 at 6:30. It will be a dairy pot luck at Wilson Farm Park if the weather is agreeable. Please let me or the office know what dairy dish you would like to bring. I look forward to seeing you then.

Mindy Bernstein
Co-President of Chaverim



TISHA B'AV - תשעה באב

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 - 7:30-8:30 pm

We will learn, pray, chant Eicha - The Book of Lamentations and reflect on the Jewish world today.

Services will be in-person and on Zoom.

For Zoom information, call the synagogue office at 610-644-9086

We will be joined by our friends from
Congregation B'nai Jacob



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SPRING SCHEDULE

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

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

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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Or Shalom Donation Form

I would like to help support Or Shalom. I have specified each donation and I have included one check for the total amount payable to Or Shalom. Please send all donations to: Congregation Or Shalom, 835 Darby Paoli Road, Berwyn PA 19312

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- 1. Building Fund:** Donations are used for the continuous upkeep of our building. These funds help offset unexpected expenses such as A/C, Heater, roof repair and any emergency repairs to our facility.
- 2. Beautification Fund:** Donations are used for the upkeep of our grounds. Trees, plants, mulch, etc.
- 3. Biblical Garden Fund:** Donations are used to maintain and support our biblical garden.
- 4. General Fund:** All monies donated to this fund will supplement the current year's budget.
- 5. Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** The Rabbi uses these funds for charitable purpose. Donations to this fund can be made directly to the synagogue office.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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
- 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 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.
- 10. Siddur Lev Shalem** Visit our web site to learn how to donate. \$55 each.

SUN 31	MON Jun 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
15th of Sivan	16th of Sivan	Board Meeting 17th of Sivan 12pm offic	18th of Sivan 10:45am Off 5:30pm Clos	19th of Sivan	20th of Sivan 7:30pm Sha 8:09pm Cand	Parashat Sh'l 21st of Sivan 9:30am Sha 9:20pm Havd
7	8	9	10 Office closed 25th of Sivan	11 26th of Sivan	12 27th of Sivan 6:5pm Wola 7:20am Mus E:13pm Cand	13 Mevarchim Cl Parashat Kore 28th of Sivan 9:30am Sha 9:21pm Havd
14 29th of Sivan Flag Day 10am Annua	15 Rosh Choc 30th of Sivan	16 Rosh Chor 1st of Tamuz 12pm Office	17 2nd of Tamuz	18 3rd of Tamuz	19 Office Closed 4th of Tamuz Juneteenth 7:50pm Sha 8:15pm Cand	20 Parashat Chu 5th of Tamuz 9:30am Sha 12pm Lunch 9:24pm Havd
21 6th of Tamuz Father's Day	22 7th of Tamuz	23 June Articles 8th of Tamuz	24 9th of Tamuz	25 10th of Tamuz	26 11th of Tamuz 7:30pm Sha 8:16pm Cand	27 Parashat Bala 12th of Tamuz 9:30am Sha 9:25pm Havd
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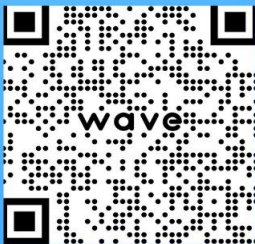
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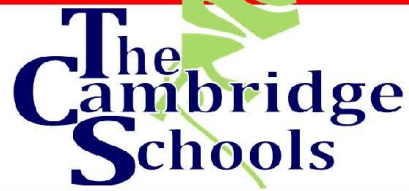
OPTION TWO: Children K - 5 attend school 2/3 days per week and have Remote Learning 2/3 days per week. Cambridge is here to support your child during Remote Learning. Your child brings their laptop or tablet with them and our Cambridge Academy remote learning program does the rest. We link our program to your school's remote learning program with certified staff for check in and supervision, required meetings and completion of assignments. We provide a safe, controlled environment with a structured program that includes 2 snacks, lunch, outside PT time and Homework monitoring every day. You can rest assured that your child is complying with all the requirements for remote learning in your school district and that Cambridge will guide your child through remote learning, providing the support they need to succeed!

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!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US:

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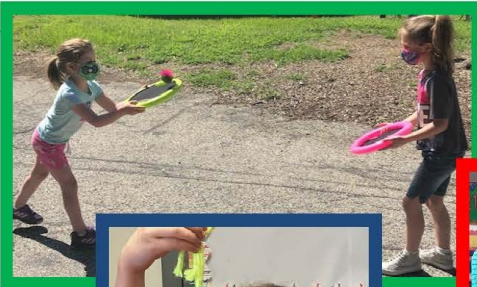
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