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UPCOMING EVENTS

8/7 D. Arlen Services	9/7 Labor Day
8/8 No Services	9/10 Etrog's ordered
8/14 & 15 Cantor here	9/11 Erev Rosh Hashana
8/21 D. Arlen Services	9/12 & 13
8/22 No Services	Rosh Hashana 5787
8/28 & 29 Cantor here	9/20 Erev Yom Kippur
	9/21 Yom Kippur
	9/25 Erev Sukkot
	9/26 Sukkot Day 1

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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!

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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

Dear Friends - I hope you are well and enjoying the warm days of summer. As we enter the "dog days" of August, your Board is busy organizing for the High Holidays.

My heartfelt thanks to David Keet who, along with Scott and Andy are organizing the Ushers. Thanks to Brenda who is the greeter for services Erev Rosh Hashanah, Friday, September 11 from 7:45pm to 9:00pm. On Saturday, September 12, Day 1 Rosh Hashanah we are looking for Ushers from 10am to noon. The balance of the afternoon will be managed by Dan Markind - thank you Dan. Day 2 Rosh Hashanah is Sunday September 13 and services are from 9am to 1:00pm. We need Ushers from 10am to noon while Warren Hyams will cover the afternoon as the greeter. Thank you Warren.

Yom Kippur Eve falls on Sunday September 20th with services from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. We are searching for Ushers and a greeter for this night. Yom Kippur morning is Monday, September 21 with services from 9am to 1:00pm. Our Cantor's wife Randi Freedman is the greeter starting at noon and we need Ushers that morning from 10am to noon. Thank you Randi. Yom Kippur afternoon Monday, September 21 we need Ushers from 5:00pm to 8pm.

So you can see, your Board is busy despite the dog days of summer.

I want to thank those of you who have paid your dues in July. As you are aware, we have had to pay over \$45,000 in HVAC equipment and maintenance. Recently, a leak was discovered in the infant room of the Cambridge School. By the time we diagnosed & replaced the broken pump that caused the leak, mold had grown in two classrooms. Last week, the mold was removed, the rooms remediated and the cost was \$2,245. We now have to spend money to replace the dry wall and the insulation.

We continue to need help. Who will help to buy snacks for Tashlich? Who will help buy and organize the dessert buffet following services on Rosh Hashanah eve. Who will buy the food for "Pizza in the Hut".

If you are willing to be an Usher, please let Scott Markovitz or Andy Levin know so they can add you to the schedule. If you are willing to help with the food for Tashlich, Rosh Hashah and Sukkot, reach out to me. My phone is 610-247-0134.

Please, get involved and help your synagogue. Thanks for taking the time to read this.
Betsy



Spiritual Leader

The British Are Coming...No, the Holidays Are Coming!

As I write this, it's the middle of summer, and about the last thing anyone is thinking about right now are the High Holidays.

People always ask, "Are the holidays early or late this year?" Because the Jewish calendar is based on the lunar cycle, the dates vary from year to year. In a leap year, we add a full month, not just a day, so the holiday calendar can vary by several weeks from year to year.

My tongue-in-cheek answer to that question is, "Neither - *Rosh Hashanah* is right on time - the first day of *Tishri*!"

From a logistical standpoint, however, the holidays are somewhat early this year; *Selichot* is on Saturday evening, September 5 (Labor Day weekend) and *Rosh Hashanah* begins on Friday evening, September 11. You'll find the complete schedule of holiday times elsewhere in this issue.

I want to be clear about this: **Or Shalom is continuing to function as a full-service synagogue: we will continue to hold *Shabbat* services - albeit in a modified format; we will continue to offer Adult Education classes; we will continue to have periodic Lunch and Learn sessions after *Shabbat* morning services; we will continue to enjoy monthly Musical *Kabbalat Shabbat* services; we will continue to hold periodic social and educational events.**

In short, we will continue serving your spiritual, educational, social and communal needs.

As I wrote in my last Horizons article, "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."

JULY Yahrzeits

July 1, Tammuz 16, 5786

Arthur J. Barkhouse Jr., father of Susan Daroff
Dorothea Sachs-Rice, mother of Miriam Leshem

July 2, Tammuz 17, 5786

Joyce Fein, mother of Wendy Markind

July 8, Tammuz 23, 5786

Milton Natanblut, father of Herman Natanblut

July 9, Tammuz 24, 5786

Milton Bornstein, father of Janet Emanuel
Paul Hoicker, father of Arlene Noble
Marcus Soloway, father of Howard Soloway

July 12, Tammuz 27, 5786

Israel Leonard Keet, father of David Keet

July 13, Tammuz 28, 5786

Albert Hayman, father of Harris Hayman

July 15, Av 1, 5786

Mildred Paul, mother of Kenny Paul

July 16, Av 2, 5786

Alan Green, father of Nieta Shapiro
Sol Milberg, grandfather of Helaine Leibowitz

July 28, Av 14, 5786

Inga Ruth Kosterich, mother of Jeff Kosterich

July 30, Av 16, 5786

Jacqueline Ivins Bilker, mother of Larry Bilker
Ethel Perla, maternal grandmother of David Allon



AUGUST YAHRZEITS

August 2, Av 19, 5786

Anne Burke, former member

Mark Kosterich, brother of Jeff Kosterich

Helen Wolf, grandmother of Julie Miller

August 4, Av 21, 5786

Oscar Klein, grandfather of Samantha Klein

August 5, Av 22, 5786

Benjamin Gross, brother of Susan Weiss

August 6, Av 23, 5786

Rachel Krant, mother of Bernard Krant

August 7, Av 24, 5786

Adolphe Berman, father of Linda Mand

August 8, Av 25, 5786

Jolan Katz, mother of Jay Katz

August 11, Av 28, 5786

Claire Levin, grandmother of Andy Levin

August 15, Elul 2, 5786

Marvin Erlich, father of Michelle Cohen

August 16, Elul 3, 5786

Meyer Mand, father of Jeff Mand

August 19, Elul 6, 5786

David Krant, father of Bernard Krant

August 20, Elul 7, 5786

Michael L. Wachter, husband of Susan Wachter

August 25, Elul 12, 5786

Hugo Sachs, grandfather of Miriam Leshem

August 27, Elul 14, 5786

Morris Freedman, father of Stephen Freedman

Mel Leibowitz, father of Fred Leibowitz

Frank Shine, brother of Carolyn Shine

August 29, Elul 16, 5786

Michael Sachs-Leshem, son of Miriam Leshem

August 30, Elul 17, 5786

Elizabeth Korensky, aunt of BettyAnn Monash

Seymour Rose, father of Andrea Allon



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generous contributions in the month of **MAY 2026***

Chaverim

Anonymous Donor: Bagel & Lox Brunch - April 19th - Tech IV Talk
Steve & Nieta Shapiro: Tech Talk April 19 L. Bilker
Rita D. & Bob Siegle: In honor of Julie Miller's 80th birthday

Yahrzeit Donations

Alan & Susan Daroff: In memory of Maxwell A. Daroff & Ellen E. Barkhouse
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Marjorie Leonard: In memory of Selma Aronoff
Andrew Levin: In memory of Albert Levin

General Fund

Gina Arlen: Donation

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Yahrzeit Donations

Brenda Belkin & Lawrence Rosen: In memory of Benjamin Belkin
Sam & Hilda Daniel: In memory of David Gorbacz
Alan & Susan Daroff: In memory of Arthur J. Barkhouse, Jr.
Harris & Renee Hayman: In memory of Albert Hayman
Janet Hurwitz: In memory of Lester & Adolfine Leight, Irv Hurwitz
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BettyAnn Monash: In memory of Sarah Korensky
Herman & Zora Natanblut: In memory Corinne & Milton Natanblut, Miriam & Arthur Isaacs
Don & Dede Strumpf: Memory of Strumpf, Greenberg, Goldman Families for year

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Beth Zatuchni & Gerald Satlow: Donation

General Fund

Carole & Robert Braunfeld: In honor of Julie Miller's birthday
Stephen & Randi Freedman: Use of Torah

Sukkot 2026/ 5787

It is already time to begin planning for Sukkot! This year, Sukkot begins **Friday night, September 25**. Congregation Or Shalom has made arrangements with a vendor to provide you with the four species. Please fill out the Sukkot Order Form below and send your order form plus check to Congregation Or Shalom, 835 Darby-Paoli Rd., Berwyn, PA 19312. Phone (610-644-9086) or **Venmo** to @Congregation-OrShalom .

Note: Orders turned in without payment will not be processed.

Sukkot Order Form

Please return this order form together with your check (made out to Congregation Or Shalom) by **September 8, 2026** to ensure delivery before Sukkot. **Order will be placed on September 10, 2026 in morning.**

Chinuch Etrog Set: \$48 _____

Standard Etrog Set: \$58 _____

First-Class Etrog Set: \$68 _____

Prime Quality Etrog Set: \$78 _____

Total Enclosed \$_____

Name: _____

Phone: _____



Congregation Or Shalom

High Holy Days 2026/5787 Worship Schedule

All High Holy Days services are Hybrid (In-house and Zoom)
except *Mincha/Ma-ariv* on both days
of *Rosh Hashanah* which are Zoom only.

**PLEASE NOTE: ENTRY TO THE SANCTUARY WILL BE
THROUGH THE MAIN SANCTUARY DOOR FOR ALL SERVICES
EXCEPT MINCHA/N'EILA; ENTRANCE FOR *MINCHA/N'EILA*
WILL BE THROUGH THE LOBBY DOOR.**

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 11
Evening service: 8:00 pm
Dessert Buffet immediately following services

Rosh Hashanah - day 1

Saturday, September 12
Shacharit service: 9:00 am

Mincha/Ma-ariv: 6:30 pm - Zoom only

Rosh Hashanah - day 2

Sunday, September 13
Shacharit service: 9:00 am

Tashlich: 1:30 pm
at Picket Post Club, 1550 Bradford Road, Chesterbrook, PA
Bring bread to throw into the stream.

From Or Shalom: turn right onto 252. Go past Lancaster Avenue and down the hill to
Chesterbrook Boulevard. Turn left and then left again onto Bradford Road. (0.2 miles) Turn
left 100 feet and then turn left another 100 feet. Park in the lower lot at the entrance.

Mincha/Ma-ariv: 6:30 pm - Zoom only

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre Eve

Sunday, September 20: 6:30 pm

Yom Kippur Day

Monday, September 21

Shacharit - with *Yizkor*: 9:00 am

Mincha/N'eila: 5:00 pm

Shofar is blown: 7:40 pm

Sukkot

All *Sukkot* services are Hybrid (In-house and Zoom)

Erev Sukkot

Friday, September 25

"Pizza in the Hut" Dinner: 6:00 pm

(Candlelighting: 6:35 pm)

Ma-ariv service: 7:00 pm

Kiddush and *Oneg* in the *Sukkah*: 7:30 pm

Sukkot - Day 1

Saturday, September 26

Shacharit: 9:30 am

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

Friday, October 2

Ma-ariv - 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 3

Shacharit - with *Yizkor*: 9:30 am

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS



FOR SOCIAL ACTION

MITZVAH FOOD PROJECT HIGH HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE:

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 September 30, 2026.
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 2026

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:

- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| - 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:

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.

Or Shalom
Social Action
at Work

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

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Google Calendar - August 2026

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MON 27						
TUE 28						
WED 29						
THU 30						
FRI 31						
SAT Aug 1						
19th of Av	20th of Av	21st of Av	22nd of Av	23rd of Av	24th of Av	Mevarchim (
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					7:58pm Car	25th of Av
						2 more
26th of Av	27th of Av	28th of Av	29th of Av	Rosh Ch	Rosh Ch	Parashat Sh
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					2 more	8:42pm Ha
3rd of Elul	4th of Elul	5th of Elul	6th of Elul	7th of Elul	8th of Elul	Parashat Ki
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						8:31pm Ha
10th of Elul	11th of Elul	12th of Elul	13th of Elul	14th of Elul	Office Close	Parashat Ki
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					7:21pm Car	9:30am Sha
					7:30pm Sha	8:20pm Ha
17th of Elul	18th of Elul	Sep 1	20th of Elul	21st of Elul	22nd of Elul	Parashat Nit
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					7:30pm Sha	23rd of Elul
						2 more

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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>

https://www.tribute.co/congregation-or-shalom/?utm_campaign=website&utm_medium=email&utm_source=sendgrid.com

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

We also now accept payment by Venmo to @Congregation-OrShalom for your donations

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Address _____	Address _____
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Definition of Funds

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.

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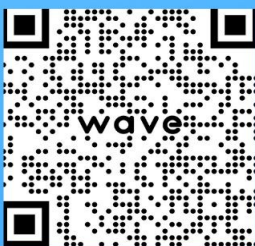
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OPTION ONE: School is open full time, 5 days a week. Cambridge is here for Before and After care and Kindergarten Enrichment for children K - 5.

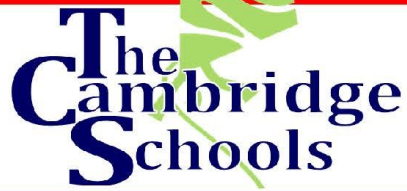
OPTION TWO: Children K - 5 attend school 2/3 days per week and have Remote Learning 2/3 days per week. Cambridge is here to support your child during Remote Learning. Your child brings their laptop or tablet with them and our Cambridge Academy remote learning program does the rest. We link our program 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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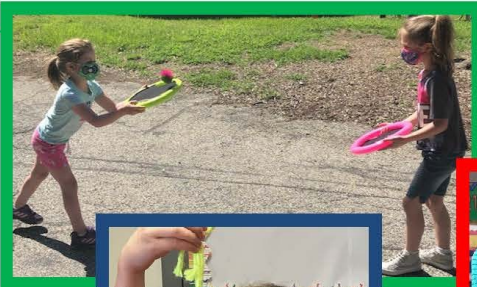
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