

HORIZONS

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Do You Know Unaffiliated Jews in Chester, Montgomery or Delaware Counties?

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

@Congregation-OrShalom

Celebrate with Or Shalom

To put your announcement in the next edition, 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!

Sponsor a Shabbat Oneg or Lunch!

Would you like to sponsor a Shabbat Oneg or Kiddush Lunch? Below are the standard options but we can tailor to specific requests. Please call the office.

Option	Donation	Description
Light	\$118	Bagels or rolls, tuna or egg salad (note: No Lox). Fruit and dessert
Deluxe	\$180	Bagels and Lox with fixings, or Deli meat sandwiches. Fruit and dessert.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Betsy Cohen, President



Dear Friends - I hope your summer has been fun and relaxing. We are busy organizing for the High Holidays which begin Friday night, September 11, 2026, Erev Rosh Hashanah. First day of the New Year is September 12th and I look forward to seeing everyone to welcome in 5787.

This year we are requiring tickets for all High Holiday Services due to security considerations. All non-members and members in good standing will need tickets to attend services. Members in good standing who have made at least one installment payment for the current fiscal year or have contacted me regarding their personal financial situation will receive tickets. Non-members must pay \$36 per service, register with the office prior to services and provide ID. Tickets will be provided by LP and she will have them in her office or place them on the table outside of her office to be picked up. If you want LP to mail your tickets to you, please ask her to do that.

To enhance the outside of the building, we hired landscapers to weed, prune and mulch. They spent at least two days working around the entire building including the Biblical Garden and both fenced in areas housing the air conditioning compressors. We may need to weed a little before September 11th but at least most of the work is completed. It does look good as of this writing.

We also solidified the lease extension with Cambridge which includes a rental increase to us. The extension is for another three years which will end in 2029. At that time, both parties have the right to extend the lease by another three years, taking us to 2031. During each renewal year, the rent will increase by no more than 2%.

I am excited to start another year at Or Shalom. Please remember we will be serving a light dessert following services on Erev Rosh Hashanah when we can kibbitz and catch up.

Until then, enjoy the end of summer 2026.

Warm Regards,

Betsy

SPIRITUAL LEADER

By Cantor Stephen Freedman



HORIZONS - SEPTEMBER, 2026

Lions! (No Tigers, No Bears, Oh My!)

Last month, Randi and I embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to Africa, where, among other activities, we experienced four days in the bush on safari.

We saw a myriad of animals, including the “big five:” lions, leopards, rhinoceros, Cape buffalo and elephants.

Seeing these magnificent creatures in their natural environment was truly eye-opening (and we may never visit a zoo again - except perhaps with grandkids!)

I learned a lot about life - and death - in the animal world and plan to share some of those insights during the upcoming High Holidays. After all, that’s what the Days of Awe are all about, isn’t it?

Our services will be filled with all of the elements you’ve come to expect over the years: the return of our beloved Cantor Sam - his beautiful *davvening* is at the very core of our worship together; the unique trop melodies for the *Torah* reading; English readings which amplify and express the themes of these most important days; opportunities for private devotion, communal singing, learning and reflection.

Perhaps most importantly, the continuity of your presence, a tangible expression of your commitment to our special community, will help to create the prayerful environment in which we can all do the important work of *t’shuvah* - repentance - together.

I am beyond grateful to be sharing another High Holiday season with you and look forward to reconnecting in the weeks ahead.

Randi joins me in wishing you a *Shana Tova Um’tukah* - a year imbued with the sweetness of renewed life, filled with all that you wish for.

Elsewhere in this issue of Horizons you’ll find a flyer inviting you to our home for an open *sukkah* on Sunday, September 27. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us, 1:00-3:00 pm.

Yahrzeits

We remember those whose Yahrzeit falls in the month of September.

September 1, Elul 19, 5786

Fred Krieger, father of Lisa Fox

September 5, Elul 23, 5786

Terry Strauss, aunt of Helaine Leibowitz

September 7, Elul 25, 5786

Fanny Evelyn Belkin, grandmother of Brenda Belkin

September 17, Tishrei 6, 5787

Sara Berman, mother of Linda Mand

September 19, Tishrei 8, 5787

Samuel Freeman, father of Renee Hayman

September 23, Tishrei 12, 5787

Eileen Monash, mother of BettyAnn Monash

September 25, Tishrei 14, 5787

Mazal Daniel, mother of Sam Daniel

September 26, Tishrei 15, 5787

Joyce Flaxman Slavin, sister of Sue Goldberg

Neuman Leonard, Larry's father (Margie Leonard)

September 28, Tishrei 17, 5787

Alex Cohen, father of Boaz Cohen

William Perzley, step-father of Rich Tregerman

September 30, Tishrei 19, 5787

Jacob Zatuchni, father of Beth Zatuchni

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Congregation Or Shalom gratefully acknowledges the following generous contributions in the month of July 2026.

Chaverim

Alan & Susan Daroff: Chaverim
Janet Hurwitz: Single Chaverim
Leslie Jay & Laurie Katz: Chaverim
Jeffrey & Eileen Kosterich: Chaverim
Donald Leitner & Michelle Cohen: Chaverim
Harris & Julie Miller: Chaverim
Steve & Nieta Shapiro: Sponsoring the Oneg for 7/11

Yizkor Book

Alan & Susan Daroff: Yizkor 2026 Book

Yahrzeit Donations

Alan & Susan Daroff: Various Yahrzeits
Janet & Sarah Emanuel: In memory of Milton Bornstein
Stephen & Randi Freedman: Yahrzeit Donation
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Jeffrey & Eileen Kosterich: In memory of Mark Kosterich
Donald Leitner & Michelle Cohen: In memory of Marvin Erlich
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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Roslyn Nadler: Honoring Second Year as Spiritual Leader

High Holidays

Alan & Susan Daroff: High Holidays 2026

General Fund

Jeffrey & Eileen Kosterich: Gift Shop items donation
Beth Zatuchni & Gerald Satlow: donation for gift shop items

RITUAL COMMITTEE

High Holidays 2026!

Our preparations for the 2026 High Holidays (5787) are well underway. Or Shalom is strong and active and getting ready to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with all the dignity and beauty the holidays deserve.

With Cantor Stephen Freedman and Cantor Sam Romirowsky leading our services, we know we can expect services that are filled with meaning and beauty and that give us time and space to contemplate the year that has passed and the year that approaches.

And we have you, our congregants, whose presence and makes the High Holidays such an inspirational experience.

For me personally, this is Year #38 of observing the High Holidays at Or Shalom. In those many years, I have always found a strong spirit of community at Or Shalom. I'm sure that this year will be no different.

See you ALL at services!

Shana tova and g'mar hatima tova,

David Keet, on Behalf of the Ritual Committee

HIGH HOLIDAY REGISTRATION



CONGREGATION OR SHALOM

**DUE TO SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS,
IN ORDER TO ATTEND HIGH HOLIDAY
SERVICES, PRE-REGISTRATION
IS REQUIRED FOR ALL NON-MEMBERS.**

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 610-644-9086
DURING BUSINESS HOURS TO REGISTER.
THANK YOU.**

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

**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

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

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) except October 2.

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 (Zoom only)

Saturday, October 3

Shacharit - with *Yizkor*: 9:30 am

SELICHOT SERVICE



Preparing Our Souls for the Days of Awe

Selichot (Forgiveness) Learning/Discussion and Service

*Service will include our first chance to hear some of the most
distinctive prayers and melodies of these Days of Awe,
combined with contemporary readings*

**Saturday Evening, September 5
8:00 – 9:00 PM**

**CONGREGATION OR SHALOM HAS BEEN INVITED TO
JOIN CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB FOR THIS SERVICE.**

**Please note that because of Labor Day Weekend,
our Selichot service will be only by Zoom**

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LGaa5Z51DWwPOqK5Mf.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89134886018?pwd=Re0gBs67M7JL
LGaa5Z51DWwPOqK5Mf.1)

Meeting ID: 891 3488 6018
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OPEN SUKKAH



OPEN SUKKAH

at the home of
Cantor Stephen and
Randi Freedman

Sunday, September 27, 2026
1:00-3:00 pm

RAIN OR SHINE!

For address please consult your
Congregation Or Shalom
membership list or call the
synagogue office: 610-644-9086

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

By Gina Arlen, Social Action Chair



If not now ... *when?*

**Improve your odds of being inscribed in the Book of Life
by volunteering for a Social Action Project!**

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society: Israel Response

Within 24 hours of the brutal attacks of October 7, 2023, 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](https://act.hias.org)**

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.

**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.



Or Shalom
Social Action
at Work

To volunteer, contact

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

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS



2100 Arch Street, 7th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103 www.jewishphilly.org/MFP



No More
Bean Counting!

It's the Mitzvah Food Project's High Holiday **GIFT CARD** Drive 5787 / 2026!

- Over 23,000 Jewish families in Greater Philadelphia live with food insecurity.
- 20% of our region's Jewish population falls under the poverty line.

Every day, the Jewish Federation's Mitzvah Food Program works to fight hunger by providing nutritious food and basic staples to families in need.

In recent years, the Annual High Holiday Food Drive has been recast as a **grocery gift card drive**.

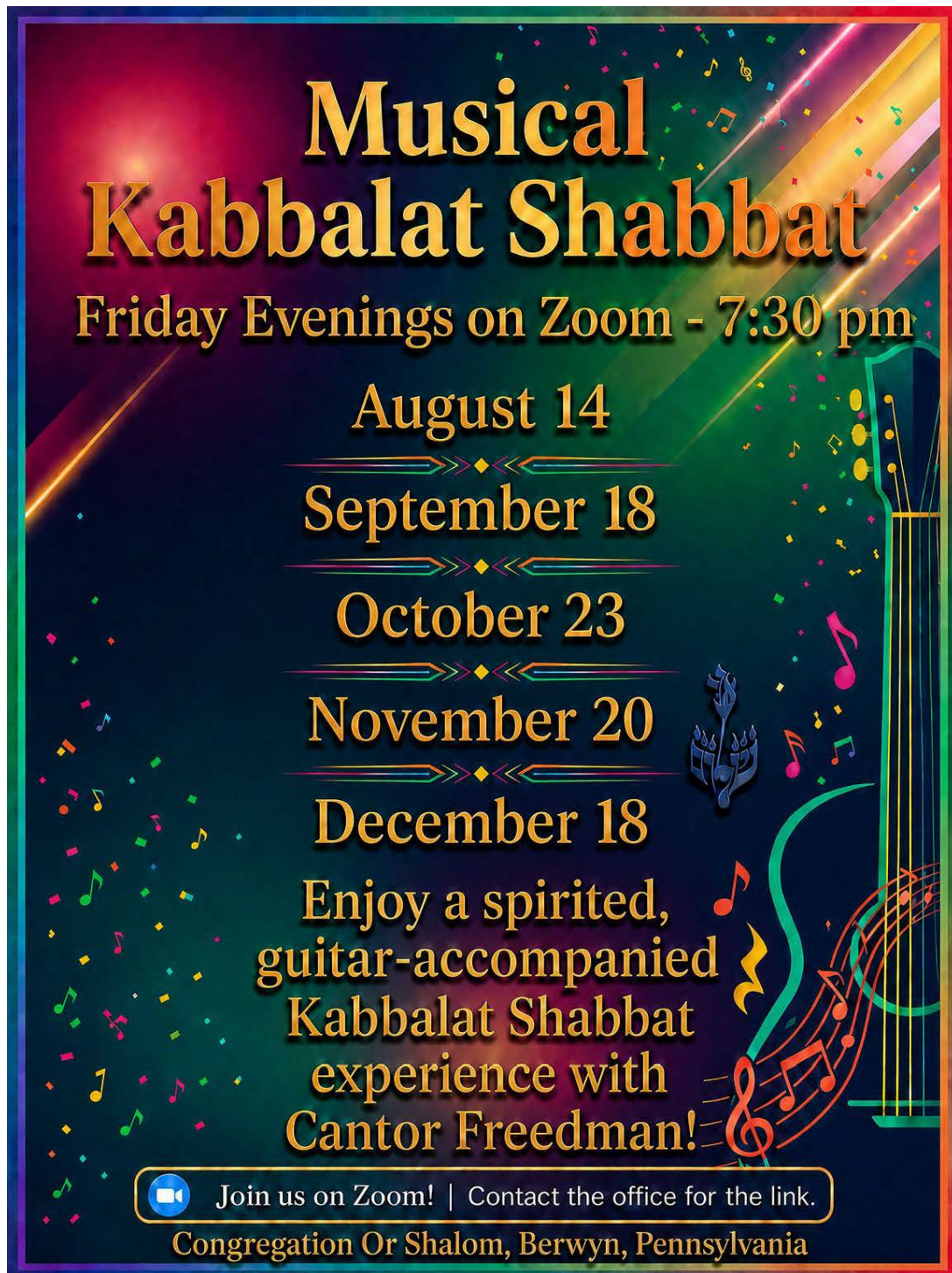
Three easy ways to participate:

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:
835 Darby Paoli Rd.
Berwyn, PA 19312
Attention: Gift Card Drive
3. **Purchase** foods through the Mitzvah Food Program's Amazon wish lists. Items will be delivered to the pantry of your choice:
<https://jewishphilly.org/mitzvah-food-program-amazon-wish-lists-donate-goods/>

Preferred stores:



MUSICAL KABBALAT SHABBAT



**Musical
Kabbalat Shabbat**

Friday Evenings on Zoom - 7:30 pm

August 14

September 18

October 23

November 20

December 18

Enjoy a spirited,
guitar-accompanied
Kabbalat Shabbat
experience with
Cantor Freedman!

 Join us on Zoom! | Contact the office for the link.

Congregation Or Shalom, Berwyn, Pennsylvania

ODDS & ENDS

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A Note About 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's 50th Anniversary Videos

Below are links to the videos created commemorating Or Shalom's 50th Anniversary.

50th Anniversary History Video: <https://youtu.be/9STNES0Gwfs>

Tribute Video: <https://www.tribute.co/congregation-or-shalom/>

CALENDAR

Calendar

8/20/26, 11:53 AM

Google Calendar - September 2026

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5
18th of Elul	19th of Elul	20th of Elul ● 12pm Office open	21st of Elul	22nd of Elul	Parashat Nitzavim-1 ● 7:10pm Candle light ● 7:30pm Shabbat S
6	7	8	9	10	11
24th of Elul	Office Closed 25th of Elul Labor Day	26th of Elul ● 7pm Board Meeting	27th of Elul	28th of Elul	● Erev Rosh Ha 29th of Elul ● 6:59pm Candle light 8pm Shabbat Serv
13	14	15	16	17	18
● Rosh Hashan: 2nd of Tishrei 9am Shacharit Ser 1:30pm Tashlich @ 6:30pm Mincha/Ma	● Tzom Gedaliah 3rd of Tishrei	4th of Tishrei	5th of Tishrei	6th of Tishrei	7th of Tishrei ● 6:47pm Candle light ● 7:30pm Shabbat S
20	21	22	23	24	25
● Erev Yom Kippur 9th of Tishrei 6:30pm Kol Nidre B	● Yom Kippur 10th of Tishrei 9am Shacharit w/Y 5pm Mincha/Nella 7:40pm Shofar is b	11th of Tishrei 9am 3 yr Periodic B	12th of Tishrei	13th of Tishrei	● Erev Sukkot 14th of Tishrei 6pm Pizza in the H 6:35pm Candle light 2 more
27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2
● Sukkot II (CH) 16th of Tishrei	● Sukkot III (CH) 17th of Tishrei	● Sukkot IV (CH) 18th of Tishrei	● Sukkot V (CH) 19th of Tishrei	● Sukkot VI (CH) 20th of Tishrei	● Sukkot VII (H) 21st of Tishrei ● 6:24pm Candle light
					3
					● Shmini Atzeret 22nd of Tishrei ● 9:30am Shacharit

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<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/month/2026/9/1>

OR SHALOM DONATION FORM

Or Shalom Donation Form

I would like to help support Or Shalom. I have specified each donation and 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 accept payment by Venmo: **@Congregation-OrShalom**

Name: 	Name:
Address: 	Address:
Fund # _____ Amount \$ _____ Phone #: _____	Fund # _____ Amount \$ _____ Phone #: _____
Made in memory of: 	Made in memory of:
Made in honor of: 	Made in honor of:
Speedy Recovery: 	Speedy Recovery:
Send acknowledgment to (include address): 	Send acknowledgment to (include address):

Definition of Funds

- 1. Building Fund:** Donations are used for the continuous upkeep of our building — A/C, heater, roof repair, and emergency repairs.
- 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 purposes. Donations can be made directly to the synagogue office.
- 6. Social Action:** Donations will be used for all social action events and programs. Questions: Gina Arlen at migi4@verizon.net.
- 7. Tree of Life:** A leaf can be purchased to honor or commemorate any important life event. Cost: \$180.00 — displayed in our foyer. Contact 610-644-9086.
- 8. Yahrzeit Plaque:** Two plaques for \$180.00 — a permanent plaque on the back wall and a plaque placed during the week of the Yahrzeit. Contact office@orshalom.com.
- 9. Celebrate With Or Shalom:** A weekly Friday email where you can announce your birthday, wedding, anniversary, or Yahrzeit with a photo. \$36 per message. Venmo: [@Congregation-OrShalom](https://www.venmo.com/Congregation-OrShalom).
- 10. Siddur Lev Shalem:** Visit our website to learn how to donate. \$55 each.
- 11. Sponsor and Oneg or Lunch:** Call the office.

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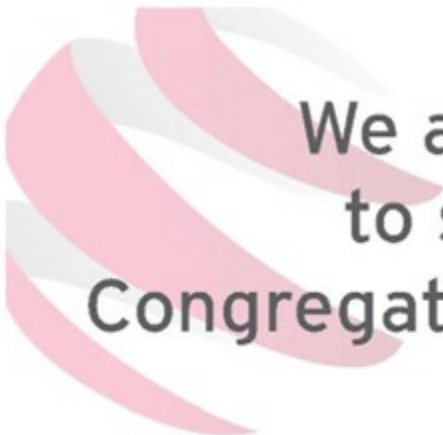
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