HORIZONS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2026

11/8 10am	brunch to hear about "The Trip of a Lifetime"
11/21	FOOD Drive deadline – non-perishables only
11/26 & 27	Office Closed - Thanksgiving

December 2026

12/6 11am	Congregational Meeting followed by **Chanukah Luncheon!**
12/19	Lunch 'n Learn
12/24 & 25	Office Closed
12/31& 1/1	Office Closed

November & December 2026

Kislev, 5787 — Tevet, 5787

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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 -

What a great time we had on Sunday, October 18 at the Sharon Geller performance! Over 60 people attended the event drawing from local shuls as well as our own community. We laughed, we smiled, we learned, we chatted and of course we noshed. I must thank Vivian, Susan and Mindy M for helping set up the food and ensuring the social hall was inviting and pretty. I will also thank my husband Jay who figured out how to create a stand for Sharon's microphone enabling her to move from one character to the next. I will share with you that after the performance, I went on You Tube and watched a movie written and starring Mollie Goldberg- check it out.

As your Board continues to investigate the future of Or Shalom, we are planning monthly events. Please attend Cantor and Randi's breakfast on Sunday November 8th at 10AM where they will recap their trip to Africa. Beth Z is chairing a food drive so bring your non-perishables to the office by November 21st. On December 6th, mark your calendars for another Congregational Meeting. This begins at 11AM where we will update you on the Board's progress as we continue to investigate options for the future of Or Shalom. After the meeting, we will have a lunch celebrating Chanukah. On January 24th, Jan and Beth are planning a breakfast with author Jay Nachman. We will share the details once final arrangements are made.

Before I sign off, know that both Brenda and I have been interviewing prospective Rabbis and/or Cantors who will step in to lead Shabbot services when Cantor Freedman is off. Once a decision is made, we will inform you via emails.

Wishing you a lovely fall season.

Betsy

SPIRITUAL LEADER

By Cantor Stephen Freedman



Voting: Our Sacred Duty

As I write this message, we are days away from the midterm elections here in America and our brothers and sisters in Israel will soon cast their votes as well.

In both countries, the campaigns have been acrimonious, with slurs and accusations flung at each other by opponents at a level of animosity and in language that can best be described - diplomatically - as deeply troubling. Just when we think we've heard it all, another, more outrageous political ad hits the airwaves.

Even as our sensitivities are being bombarded on a daily basis, we must not lose sight of the fact that voting is one of the most Jewish acts we can engage in as citizens of a free and democratic society.

In the *Talmud*, Rabbi *Yitzchak* is quoted as follows: "One may only appoint a leader over a community if he consults with the community and they agree to the appointment."

Just yesterday, Israel's Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Rabbi David Yosef, known as the *Rishon LeZion*, called on the public Wednesday to exercise their right to vote, describing participation in elections as a sacred obligation. He said, "There are things that are optional, things that are a *mitzvah* (commandment) or an obligation, and things that are forbidden. So I say clearly: It is a sacred duty for every person to vote in elections. It is forbidden to refrain from voting."

Powerful words from one of Israel's most important religious figures.

While his words were directed at the citizens of Israel, he might well have been speaking to us as well.

We have choices to make in our upcoming midterm elections. The one choice we do not have is to choose not to vote.

So come November 3rd, go to the polls and be a good Jew by fulfilling your civic duty to vote. You'll be glad you did!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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THE FUTURE OF OR SHALOM - CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

Sunday, December 6, 2026

11 am-12 noon

Followed by a delicious *Chanukah* luncheon!

Please RSVP to the office: 610-644-9086 by December 2







YAHRZEITS

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

November 1, Heshvan 21, 5787
William D. Harris, father of Liz Hyams

November 2, Heshvan 22, 5787
Jerome Kornreich, father of Laurie Katz

November 3, Heshvan 23, 5787
Sidney Aronoff, father of Margie Leonard

November 4, Heshvan 24, 5787
Sanford Brandt, father of Bari Brandt

November 7, Heshvan 27, 5787
Ada Ciplet Hyams, mother of Warren Hyams

November 11, Kislev 1, 5787
Sanford Pasternack, father of Barry Morrow

November 14, Kislev 4, 5787
Melvin Dion, father of Nancy Margolis

November 20, Kislev 10, 5787
David Barg, father of Irl Barg

November 21, Kislev 11, 5787
Samuel Glaser, grandfather of Brett Furman

Michael Katz, brother of Jay Katz

Victor Korensky, grandfather of BettyAnn Monash

November 22, Kislev 12, 5787
Fred Strauss, uncle of Helaine Leibowitz

November 23, Kislev 13, 5787
Morris Miller, father of Harris Miller

November 25, Kislev 15, 5787
Irene Milberg, grandmother of Helaine Leibowitz

November 27, Kislev 17, 5787
Rose Goldman, mother of Dede Strumpf

November 29, Kislev 19, 5787
Ron Leight, brother of Janet Hurwitz

YAHRZEITS

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

December 5, Kislev 25, 5787
Arnold Walkow, father of Janet Walkow

December 12, Tevet 2, 5787
Tobias Goldberg, father of Ben Goldberg
Albert Wright, grandfather of Gina Arlen

December 13, Tevet 3, 5787
Mitchell Ross Gropper, brother of Marla Gropper

December 16, Tevet 6, 5787
Simon Markind, father of Dan Markind

December 17, Tevet 7, 5787
Daniel Bernick, former member

December 18, Tevet 8, 5787
Sarah Rosen, mother of Larry Rosen
Martin Stein, father of Mitchell Stein

December 23, Tevet 13, 5787
Jonathan Wolf Lafair, brother of Julie Miller
Jacob Mand, grandfather of Jeff Mand
Mary Mand, grandmother of Jeff Mand

December 24, Tevet, 14, 5787
Alan G. Routman, father of Mindy Markovitz

December 25, Tevet, 15, 5787
Terez Bartos, great grandmother of Brenda Belkin

December 26, Tevet 16, 5787
Vivian Rose, mother of Andrea Allon

December 28, Tevet 18, 5787
Siegbert Kosterich, father of Jeff Kosterich

December 29, Tevet 19, 5787
Michael Goldman, brother of Dede Strumpf

Stephen Zatuchni, brother of Beth Zatuchni

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Chaverim

David & Amy Walker: Chaverim

2026 Yizkor Book

Sheila DiDomenico
Harris & Renee Hayman
Janet Hurwitz
Andrew Levin
Scott & Mindy Markovitz
Harris & Julie Miller
Don & Dede Strumpf

Yahrzeit Donations

Brenda Belkin & Lawrence Rosen: In memory of Emile Belkin
James & Mindy Bernstein: In memory of Len Broder
Harris & Renee Hayman: In memory of Eleanore Hayman
Richard Tregerman: In memory of Leon Tregerman
Susan Wachter: In memory of Nathan & Edith Jaffe

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Stephen & Randi Freedman: In memory of Morris Freedman

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Why We Need Or Shalom (Another Reason)

Yesterday evening, Caryl and I hosted a Shiva minyan in our home, for my brother Michael. It was well attended by about 20 members of Or Shalom. It was very comforting to receive condolences from people we have known so long. We experienced Or Shalom at its kindest and most open hearted.

During the minyan, it occurred to me that a minyan like this would become impossible if Or Shalom ceased to exist. True, there are other synagogues in the area that we can join, and sure, they also hold Shiva minyans. But it wouldn't be the same! I wouldn't feel as comfortable with any other group. I wouldn't feel as comforted by any other group. Or Shalom is like family. I'm sure if you really thought about this, you'd agree.

But maybe you think it would be the same, or at least fine, if you belonged to another synagogue. My new experience tells me something else. When you are sad and in mourning and feeling vulnerable because you have lost someone close to you, "fine" won't be enough. You will want to feel the warmth of people who you know and who know you.

So, as our congregation goes through this difficult period of deciding our future, a Shiva minyan is a factor that you perhaps have not considered. But ask yourself: who do you want to be with, during your time of mourning?

The answer to this question may be one more reason for you to make the effort to keep Or Shalom's doors open. And I don't use the word "effort" lightly. Believe me, to do so will take an effort from all of us.

B'shalom,

David Keet, on Behalf of the Ritual Committee

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

By Gina Arlen, Social Action Chair



Only a Turkey would say "no" to Social

Don't forget to vote!

It's the single most important "social action" you can perform. If you have any problems or questions on Election Day, call the **Election Protection Hotline:**

866-OUR-VOTE

Election Protection provides Americans with comprehensive information and assistance at all stages of voting—from registration, to absentee and early voting, to casting a vote at the polls, to overcoming obstacles to participation.

Got Tzedakah? Consider these worthy causes this Thanksgiving-ukkah

Magen David Adom
https://afmda.org

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org

HIAS
http://www.hias.org

ADL
https://www.adl.org

Mitzvah Circle Foundation
mitzvahcircle.org

Mazon
https://mazon.org

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF)
www.alexslemonade.org

Community Volunteers in Medicine
http://www.cvim.org

Thank you…

To everyone who contributed to our High Holiday Gift Card Drive to help the folks at the Mitzvah Food Pantry continue their good work.

If you haven't donated yet, and wish to do so, go to:
https://jewishphilly.org/resources/mitzvah-food-program/

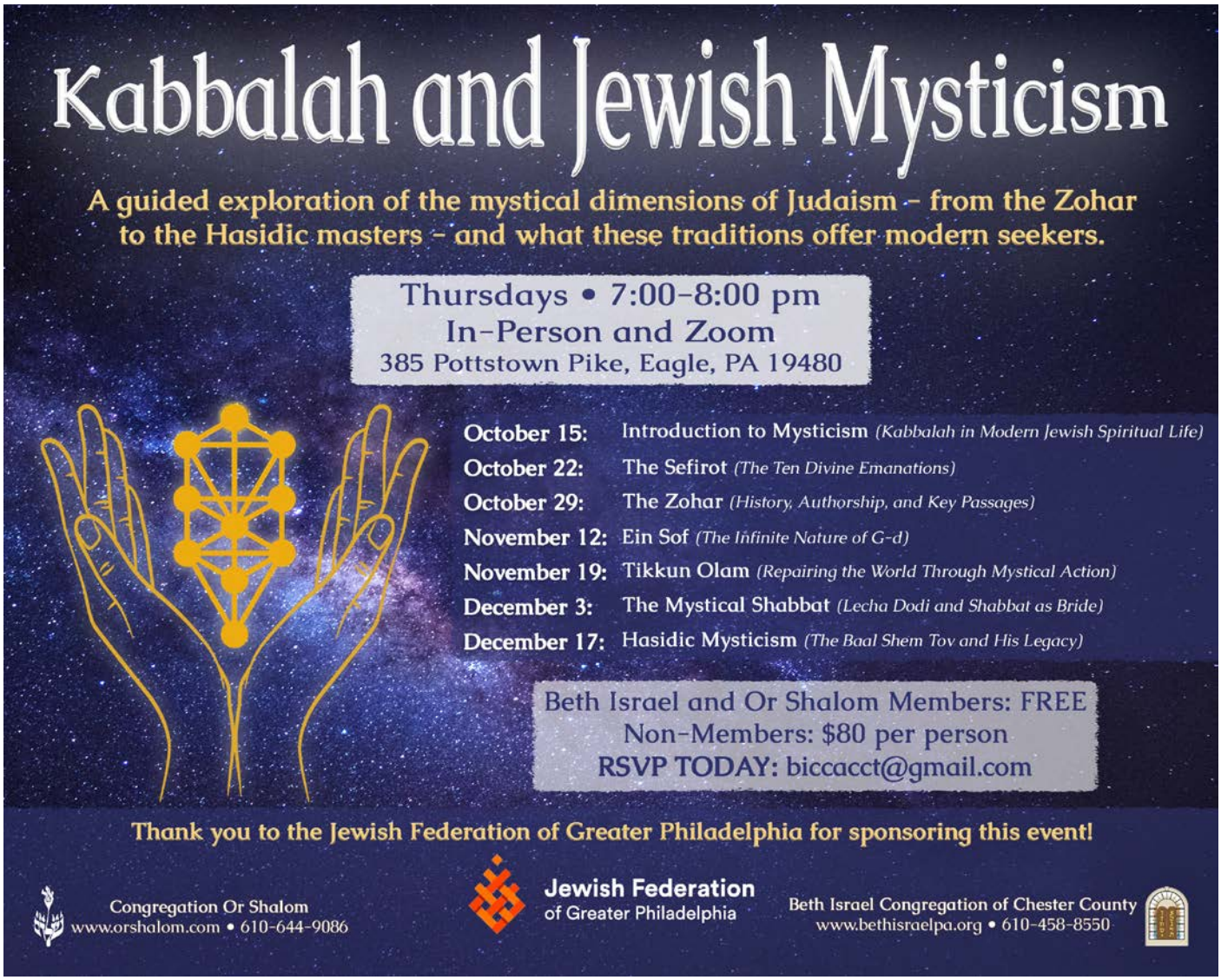
Working Women's Wardrobe

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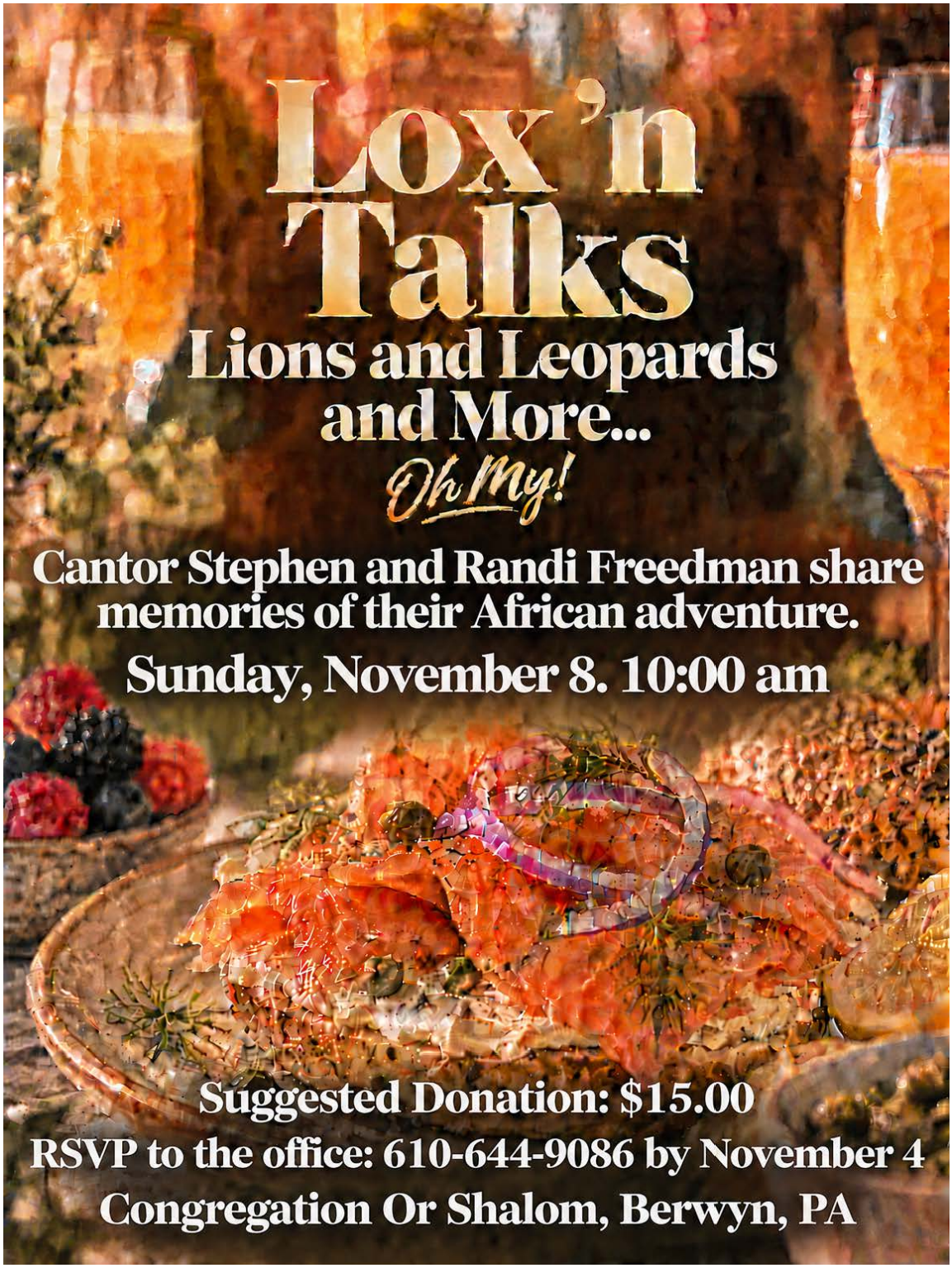
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at Work

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KABBALAH CLASS



LOX ‘N TALKS


Lox ’n Talks
Lions and Leopards and More...
Oh My!
Cantor Stephen and Randi Freedman share memories of their African adventure.
Sunday, November 8. 10:00 am
Suggested Donation: $15.00
RSVP to the office: 610-644-9086 by November 4
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ADULT EDUCATION



Mondays - 4:00-5:00 pm — On Zoom

Taught By Cantor Stephen Freedman

Death and the Afterlife in Jewish Thought

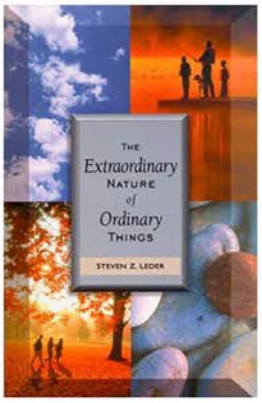
October 19	What Is Death?
October 26	Laws and Customs
November 2	Is There an Afterlife?
November 9	Dealing With Death Jewishly

Zoom link: Call the synagogue office: 610-644-9086

LUNCH & LEARN



Saturday, December 19



The Extraordinary Nature of Ordinary Things
a look at the writings of Rabbi Steven Z. Leder

RSVP Deadline - December 15
Call the synagogue office: 610-644-9086
to reserve your place.

Interested in sponsoring? Call the office for details.
The luncheon will be catered by Gayle Slaybough

MUSICAL KABBALAT SHABBAT



ODDS & ENDS

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/



Passing of Martin Mand on Thursday, October 8

brother of Jeffrey & Linda Mand

Passing of Michael Keet on Thursday, October 15, 2026

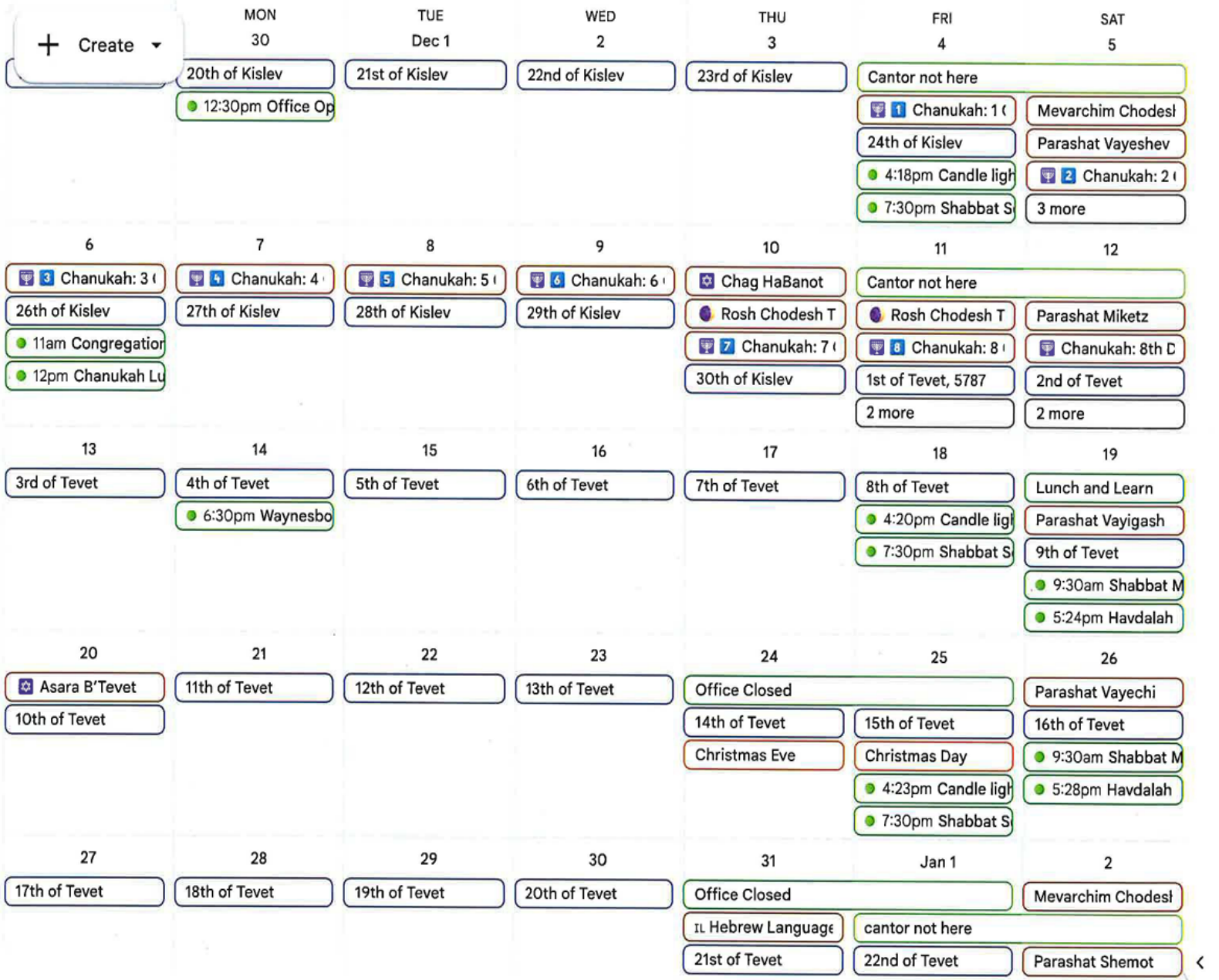
brother of David & Caryl Keet

CALENDAR

10/21/26, 12:20 PM Google Calendar - November 2026

	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
Create	22nd of Cheshvan	23rd of Cheshvan	24th of Cheshvan	25th of Cheshvan	26th of Cheshvan	Mevarchim Chodesl
Daylight Saving Tim	4pm Adult Educati	Election Day			4:35pm Candle ligh	Parashat Chayei Sai
		12pm office openir			7:30pm Shabbat S	27th of Cheshvan
						9:30am Shabbat M
						5:35pm Havdalah
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
28th of Cheshvan	Sigd	Rosh Chodesh K	Rosh Chodesh K	2nd of Kislev	Cantor not here	
10am Bagels 'n Lo	29th of Cheshvan	30th of Cheshvan	1st of Kislev, 5787		3rd of Kislev	Parashat Toldot
	4pm Adult Educati		Veterans Day		4:28pm Candle ligh	4th of Kislev
					7:30pm Shabbat S	9:30am Shabbat M
						5:29pm Havdalah
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
5th of Kislev	IL Ben-Gurion Day	7th of Kislev	8th of Kislev	9th of Kislev	10th of Kislev	Parashat Vayetzei
	6th of Kislev				4:23pm Candle ligh	11th of Kislev
					7:30pm Shabbat S	9:30am Shabbat M
						5:25pm Havdalah
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
12th of Kislev	13th of Kislev	14th of Kislev	15th of Kislev	Office Closed		Parashat Vayishlach
				16th of Kislev	Cantor not here	
				Thanksgiving Day	17th of Kislev	18th of Kislev
					Black Friday	9:30am Shabbat M
					2 more	5:22pm Havdalah
29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5
19th of Kislev	20th of Kislev	21st of Kislev	22nd of Kislev	23rd of Kislev	Cantor not here	
	12:30pm Office Op				1 Chanukah: 1 (	Mevarchim Chodesl
					24th of Kislev	Parashat Vayeshev
					4:18pm Candle ligh	2 Chanukah: 2 (

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				24th of Kislev	Parashat Vayeshev
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26th of Kislev	27th of Kislev	28th of Kislev	29th of Kislev	Rosh Chodesh T	Rosh Chodesh T	Parashat Miketz
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	6:30pm Waynesbo				4:20pm Candle ligl	Parashat Vayigash
					7:30pm Shabbat S	9th of Tevet
						9:30am Shabbat M
						5:24pm Havdalah
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Asara B'Tevet	11th of Tevet	12th of Tevet	13th of Tevet	Office Closed		Parashat Vayechi
10th of Tevet				14th of Tevet	15th of Tevet	16th of Tevet
				Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	9:30am Shabbat M
					4:23pm Candle ligh	5:28pm Havdalah
					7:30pm Shabbat S	
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2
17th of Tevet	18th of Tevet	19th of Tevet	20th of Tevet	Office Closed		Mevarchim Chodesl
				IL Hebrew Language	cantor not here	
				21st of Tevet	22nd of Tevet	Parashat Shemot

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.
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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