

Or Chadash FOCUS

By Rabbi Alison B. Kobey

Tradition and innovation. Keeping prayer and experiences the same and promoting change. To varying degrees, this is a constant act of wrestling within all branches of Judaism, but especially within the Reform movement. How do we balance the two seemingly opposite sides of the spectrum? How do we get to the point of equilibrium?

From our sacred Or Chadash family, I have three different examples of exploring this balance. The first comes from our Shabbat services. If you have attended Shabbat services over the last several months, you may have noticed a tweak to the Avot V'Imahot prayer (the first prayer in the Amidah section). We added in two more

matriarchs, Bilchah and Zilpah. These two were

handmaidens to Rachel and Leah, the primary wives to our patriarch Jacob. They were viewed as second-class citizens and their babies were considered to belong to Rachel and Leah. However, as we further recognize the voices of minorities and the importance of making sure that all people, including those individuals in the “me too movement,” are heard, it makes sense to directly include Bilchah and Zilpah into our liturgy. After all, they are the mothers of some of the children that are part of the Twelve Tribes.

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SHABBAT/HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, March 3 – 7:30pm Dr. Seuss Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings

Sunday, March 5 – 11:15am Religious School and Prospectives Purim celebration followed by Purim carnival (carnival tickets cost a nominal amount of money- all proceeds go to CORY, Or Chadash's Senior Youth Group)

Monday, March 6 – 7:00pm Congregational and Prospectives Purim celebration with hamantaschen bake-off/taste-off

Friday, March 10 – 7:30pm Shabbat Services
Friday, March 17 – 6:15pm 1st and 2nd Grade Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 17 – 7:30pm Shabbat Services with 1st and 2nd Grade Participation

Saturday, March 18 -10:00am Shabbat Services with Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Felrice

Friday, March 24 – 7:30pm Shabbat Services with Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, March 25 – 10:00am Shabbat Services with 5th Grade Participation

Sunday, March 26 – 7:00pm Chocolate Seder

(RSVPs are required. Please see info on page 9)

Friday, March 31 – 7:30pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 1 – 10:00am Shabbat Services with Bar Mitzvah of Adam Wolfson

Wednesday, April 5 – 1st Night of Passover – have a seder in your home and invite other COC members

Thursday, April 6 – 2nd Night of Passover – Congregational Seder (RSVPs are required. Please see flyer on page 14)

Friday, April 7 – 7:30pm Shabbat Services

Friday, April 14 – 7:30pm Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings and special Israel experience

Friday, April 21 – 7:30pm Shabbat Services with Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) liturgy

Saturday, April 22 – 10:00am Shabbat Services with Bar Mitzvah of Kyle Shulman

Friday, April 28 – 7:30pm Shabbat Services with Anniversary Blessings

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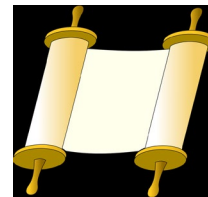
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Torah Study / Talmud / Prophets



Our current model is Zoom only. Everyone is welcome to read the material in advance or just come without any pre-reading. Either way, all are welcome. Come as your schedule allows. But, the more you come, the more you'll make it part of your regular routine and the more you'll get out of it. ☺

Saturday, March 4 – 9:30am Torah Study
Tetzaveh (Exodus 27:20-30:10) Should places have a dress code? Should we buy clothes that are cheap or make sure laborers get fair working conditions and wages? If so, how does one really go about that path? How do you behave when no one is looking?

Saturday, March 11 – 9:30am Torah Study
Ki Tisa (Exodus 30:11-34:35) What questions should be in a census? How does budget impact lifestyle? What is one of our sacred covenants found here? What is our responsibility in the covenant? What is God's part? Who has learned more here- God or us?

Saturday, March 11 – 11:00am Talmud

Saturday, March 18 – no Torah Study
 but please join us to learn about the Torah portion at Shabbat Services at 10:00am with the Bar Mitzvah of Ben Felrice

Saturday, March 25 – ~11:15am Torah Study
Vayikra (Leviticus 1:1- 5:26) What does God require of us? How do we work our way through our mistakes? Which translation allows you to feel closer to God- sacrifice or offering? What is your favorite offering and why?

Saturday, April 1 – no Torah Study
 but please join us to learn about the Torah portion at Shabbat Services at 10:00am with the Bar Mitzvah of Adam Wolfson

Saturday, April 8 – no Torah Study
 but there is Text Study! (Next)

Saturday, April 8 – 9:30am Song of Songs

Saturday, April 15 – 9:30am Torah Study
Shemini (Leviticus 9:1-11:47) How do you relate to food? Do you eat differently when you are out versus when you are in private? Is Biblical kosher still the most important way to acknowledge food rules? How does ritual kosher differ from ethical kosher? Do words help us or cheapen a situation?

Saturday, April 15 – 11:00am Talmud

Saturday, April 22 – no Torah Study
 but please join us to learn about the Torah portion at Shabbat Services at 10:00am with the Bar Mitzvah of Kyle Shulman

Saturday, April 29 – 9:30am Torah Study
Acharei Mot- Kedoshim (Leviticus 16:1-20:27) Why the change of clothes for Aaron? What does it mean for us? What does moral uncleanness mean? How do we reconcile that idea in today's world of political correctness? Are there abominations in Judaism today? What does holiness mean?

Saturday, April 29 – 11:00am Talmud

Alison B. Kobey (continued)

Like anything in prayer that attempts to support both tradition and innovation, the feedback is a bit mixed. While most people have responded favorably to this liturgical change, a couple of people have expressed their dismay at the change. I understand their appreciation for tradition, although there is a bit of irony mixed into that preference. After all, the prayer has undergone many changes over the centuries. What some people see as tradition is another group's innovation.

The second example comes from our Fiddler on the Roof elective in Religious School. While most of us know the premise of the movie, in which Tevye's three eldest daughters test his resolve to uphold tradition, while they pursue their own love interests, I found it interesting to see the students' preferences on tradition vs. innovation. One day, when I was subbing for that class, we spent some time discussing the balance and what would make sense to acknowledge who we are as a group. The class decided that we could still preserve Judaism, while changing the following: sacrifices (i.e. removing them as we did over 2000 years ago), food laws (although some people could still hold on to them if desired), marriage laws or even getting married (thus different from Fiddler on the Roof, Shabbat candles (they decided it would be Shabbat with or without candlelighting), and Shavuot (sorry, Shavuot!). In contrast, the class wanted to keep Torah, prayer, Religious School and learning (yeah!), belief in God, being a Jewish adult, Passover, High Holidays, Chanukah, Sukkot, Tu B'Shevat Simchat Torah, Shabbat, Purim, and a connection to Israel. When we discussed their ideas more fully, they had a newfound appreciation for the nuances of walking the balance between tradition and innovation.

The seventh grade took the idea of innovation in a different direction. The Nisim B'chol Yom, the daily miracles that we recite every morning, is a prayer that focuses on the wonders of awakening to physical and spiritual life. We open our eyes, stretch, stand-up, walk again with purpose, clothe our bodies, and also remind ourselves that we are meant to celebrate life, that we are created in God's image, are free human beings, celebrate our Jewishness and the destiny of our people. The seventh grade decided to rewrite the prayer, and do so in haiku. Here are a few of my favorites from their writing:

I went outside and
Saw the beautiful ocean
I enjoy my life.

In the morning, I
Thank God. I woke up today
And watched the sunrise.

I can thank God for
The earth that I walk upon
And birds in the sky.

As I dress myself
I don't feel cold anymore
I'm thankful for clothes.

I am not in jail
I can make my own choices
Yippee I am free

Being Jewish inherently means to wrestle (with God). How do you balance tradition and innovation? How do you ensure that Judaism remains strong?

L'Shalom
Rabbi Alison B. Kobey

President's Column

I have spoken with many congregants who are interested in helping out at the synagogue and in particular helping out the Rabbi but are interested in short-term opportunities that don't

require an ongoing or long-term commitment. Let me note that any volunteer effort is always welcome and appreciated. You don't have to join the board or head a committee to volunteer!

The rest of this article is focused on ways that you can help. We are so fortunate to have Rabbi Kobey as our Rabbi and educational director and I know many of you feel the same.

First and foremost, we need volunteers to run the pizza bar for Tuesday night religious school and Oneg for Shabbat services. Guess who handles these duties if no one signs up? You guessed it - Rabbi Kobey. Unfortunately, it is a common occurrence that Rabbi needs to fill in as a result of no one's having signed up. And it's absurdly easy to help out with either. For Oneg, there is a link posted each week in the 'Happenings' email. Here it is for easy reference:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545a4ab2b0-shabbat2#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545a4ab2b0-shabbat2#/) Being onsite for Shabbat

services and having an opportunity to meet with other congregants at the Oneg is a really nice way to end the week. And oneg is easy to do. We'll send you a list of what to buy, you buy it, bring it to the synagogue, set it up (a board member can help) and enjoy. We have 100+ families and only 52 weeks per year so it's not a heavy lift. For pizza bar, Rabbi will tell you exactly what to order, you pay, show up a bit early on a Tuesday evening to set up and run the pizza bar and then reimburse yourself with the proceeds. The whole activity takes less than an hour. Here is the sign-up:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545a4ab2b0-pizza1#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545a4ab2b0-pizza1#/) **I really want to encourage pizza**

bar volunteering for any families who have children that attend Tuesday night, buy pizza and haven't yet volunteered (there were 5 spots open at the time I wrote this). Many of us benefit from this and we should all take our turn helping.

Next up - is helping by volunteering for short-term assignments. Many of these are admin related as we have not had a temple admin on-site for many years and there are often short-term needs that may be clerical in nature, require printing or sending out communications on behalf of Or Chadash. It's perhaps a couple

hours' time but could be an immense help to Rabbi Kobey. A number of you have been willing to help in this capacity and have let myself or Rabbi know that we can contact you when the need arises. Thank you. One task that would REALLY help is having a volunteer coordinator. This would be a point of contact for Rabbi who would be responsible for reaching out to those on the 'volunteer list' when she needs help. Rabbi often spends more time reaching out to those on the list than what it would take to do the work herself. The volunteer coordinator is an easy, low-key job. Please consider this position as it would be a great help to Rabbi.

Speaking of the temple admin. This position along with the religious school coordinator has been vacant for a number of years. A number of folks on the religious school committee have pitched in to help with the latter but it's still not the same as having a paid resource focused on this set of responsibilities. The ask here is to please refer to Rabbi and myself any non-congregant candidates that may be interested in either of these positions. These are perfect flex-type positions for anyone looking to make a little extra money. Note: We strongly prefer this position be filled by a non-congregant. Please reach out to Rabbi if you have any questions about the positions or for any referrals to make. It's been tough to fill these positions given COVID and the current job market which favors job seekers. When these positions are left vacant, Rabbi's job responsibilities go from 2 to 4 (Rabbi, education director, temple administrator and religious school coordinator) and this is just not sustainable.

For the sake of time, I'll stop here. There are still additional ways you can help but hopefully the list above provides some concrete ideas and next steps for how you can contribute. Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew Felrice

Religious School Committee

Every Sunday morning at the beginning of Religious School, Rabbi Kobey holds an all-school program in which she discusses different Jewish values. These values have included chesed (kindness), kavod (respect), avodat tzevet (teamwork), bitachon (safety), rachamim (compassion), hakarat hatov (gratitude), simchah (finding joy), selicha (forgiveness), tz'michah (growth), lashon hatov (care with language), and more. The Rabbi explains each value, uses the Hebrew and English terms, asks the students to provide examples of these values, and then shows videos of examples of the values. Each student is encouraged to live these values not only at Religious School but outside Or Chadash as well. Ask your child(ren) which values they have discussed at Temple!

Your children attend our school for only a few hours each week, so practicing Hebrew at home and talking with parents about Sunday and Tuesday classes help students remember and reinforce the information learned in class. Just as reading with your children and being involved in their secular schools can enhance their secular learning, speaking with your

children about Religious School can have a significant effect on their religious learning. We need your assistance in teaching your children; we cannot do it alone. Spending a little time practicing Hebrew with your children each week—15 minutes a night for three or four nights a week—will help maximize your investment in their Jewish education.

Please stop by the Religious School Committee's next meetings on **March 12 and April 16** at 7:00pm on Zoom. Look for the link and call-in information in the weekly Or Chadash Happenings email.

L'Shalom,
The Religious School Committee

Religious School

In Session:

March 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28,
April 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

Not in session:

April 2, 4, 9, 11



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Committee Meetings

Religious School Committee (RSC)

Sunday, March 12 – 7:00pm (Zoom Only)

Sunday, April 16 – 7:00pm (Zoom Only)

Ritual Committee

Sunday, April 16 – 12:15pm (In Person Only)

Religious School Family Education Day

Please join your Religious School student(s)

Sunday, April 16.

5th-7th Grade students and their special grown-ups from 9:45am-10:30am

1st-4th Grade students and their special grown-ups from 11:15am-12:00pm

For all 3rd, 7th, and 9th Grade Parents and Students

Our Religious School transitions into different programs from 3rd Grade to 4th Grade, from 7th Grade to 8th Grade, and from 9th Grade to 10th Grade. Unsure about the next step in your student's religious school program? Join Rabbi Kobey for a short meeting to explain next steps.

3rd Grade is **Sunday, April 23** at 11:40am

7th Grade is **Tuesday, April 25** at 7:40pm

9th Grade is **Sunday, March 26** at 10:30am

6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Luncheons

On **Sunday, March 19** and **Sunday, April 23** at 12:10pm, we will meet for B'nai Mitzvah family meetings with an optional pizza lunch with your child. Both dates will have different components so please do your best to attend both sessions.

During these sessions, we will talk through various components of Bar/Bat/B'nai Mitzvah, including definitions, expectations, honors, parent prayer, D'var Torah, good deeds project, and more.

Faculty and Madrichim Meetings

Sunday, March 26 at 12:15pm (This meeting is for Sunday and Tuesday Religious School Teachers, Elective Teachers, and Madrikhim)

CORY/Jr CORY/Kiddish Kids

Watch for emails and additional information about upcoming events, but please make sure it's all on your calendar!

Kiddish Kids

Join us at the Purim carnival (**Sunday, March 5**) and Chocolate Seder (**Sunday, March 26**). On **Sunday, April 16** from 4:00pm to 6:00pm let's go bowling!

Jr CORY

Join us at the Purim carnival (**Sunday, March 5**) and Chocolate Seder (**Sunday, March 26**). On **Sunday, April 16** from 4:00pm to 6:00pm let's go bowling!

CORY

Saturday, March 4 at 5:00pm Purim carnival set-up

Sunday, March 5 at 12:00pm Purim carnival (CORY members arrive by 11:15am)

Sunday, March 26 Chocolate seder (seder begins at 7:00pm but come early for set-up)

Friday, April 14 - Saturday, April 15 Shul-in
Sunday, April 23 Event TBD

Adult Learning

We are hearing that some people would like in person adult learning classes and some people would like Zoom classes. If you would participate in adult learning, which pathway would you like? Depending on numbers, for the Meditation class, I might do two classes on Zoom and repeat and do two in person or possibly all four classes one path or the other... Please let me know your thoughts. Stay tuned with the adult learning plan by reading our weekly e-mail blasts.

Friday, March 17 12:00pm *From Infancy to Old Age: Jewish Perspectives on the Life Cycle Part 2*, including end of life discussions.



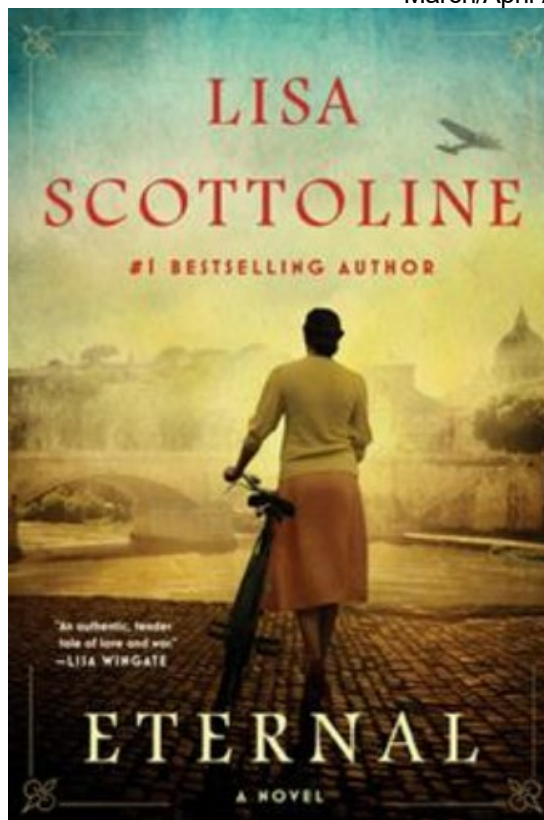
Fridays, April 14, 28, May 5, 26 12:00pm *Meditation and Judaism*

Sunday, May 21 at 7:00pm with Student Rabbi Shoshana Nambi who will talk about Jews from Uganda

Torah Study: Everyone is welcome. If you would like to be added to our Torah Study class list, please let the Rabbi know (rabbikobey@gmail.com), and you will receive any updates in advance. Please check the Torah Study schedule on page 3 of this newsletter for details about the week's portion and questions to think about. (Or bring your own questions!) The Zoom link will be in the Happenings email blast.



Talmud Study: The ancient and medieval rabbis often asked some of the same questions that we do, and had a variety of intriguing answers. (Never just one answer!) Join us to discuss passages that the Rabbi has carefully selected for us. If you let Rabbi know you're thinking of attending, she'll send you some text to print out and have with you. (No obligation to read it in advance.) Dates and times: see page 3. The Happenings email blast will have the Zoom link.



Congregation Or Chadash Book Club

The next meeting of the Congregation Or Chadash Book Club is **Friday, March 10** at noon. This will be a Zoom only meeting. The Zoom link will be in the Or Chadash Happenings email.

The book for **March** is *Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline. This book is available at the Montgomery County Public Libraries.

This is a coed book club. All are welcome to attend! Please RSVP by **March 7** to Jane Harris, clamityjgh@aol.com.

The May meeting of the Congregation Or Chadash Book Club will be **Friday, May 12** at noon. The books for May are *Can We Talk About Israel?* by Daniel Sokatch and *The Jewish Cookbook* by Leah Koenig.

Purim

Happy Adar, a time when we are commanded to be happy! Purim is the 14th of Adar, translating this year to **Monday, March 6**. Purim is a holiday for the fun, silly side in each of us. It is a holiday NOT just for children, as each of us should remember that our lives were at stake, and through a brave act by Esther and Mordechai, we are here today. We have 5 rabbinic commandments as part of this holiday: to read Megillat Ester, the Scroll of Esther, to be unable to distinguish between Ahasuerus and Haman, to give to the poor, to give gifts to others, and to have a festive meal. We are going to have lots of fun for Purim this year and I hope you all will join us! Wear a costume or come as yourself, but either way I hope to see you there...

Within the Religious School (but open to all) we will celebrate **Sunday, March 5** at 11:15am with a first opportunity to see the schpiel followed by the Purim carnival that is sponsored by CORY.



Monday, March 6 at 7:00 we will have a hamantaschen bake-off, hear some megillah reading, and see the schpiel (play). For the hamantaschen bake-off, please bring at least one dozen hamantaschen of the same flavor and label all main ingredients. The more you bake, the more we all taste! Even if you do not want to bake, please join us and be part of the tasting!

Membership and Prospective Outreach

In addition to joining us at Shabbat, Purim, or more, we hope you will join us at other events too!

Community Clean-Up

Please consider taking some time to help clean-up our community with Or Chadash on **Sunday, April 30** from 1:00pm - 2:30pm. We will meet in Clarksburg Village at the Emerald Green Park, located at the intersection of Snowden Farm Parkway and Emerald Green Drive (there's plenty of parking around the park). We will split into groups and pick-up trash around the park and streets nearby in the community. Consider bringing trash bags and gloves to assist with our efforts. This is open to all ages and to the entire community. We welcome friends and neighbors that would like to join us!

Passover Related Events

Mmm... chocolate! We are so excited to bring back the famous Or Chadash chocolate seder! CORY is sponsoring the chocolate seder on **Sunday, March 26** at 7:00pm. Come experience the Passover seder in a whole new way... from chocolate milk to green m&ms to bittersweet chocolate to chocolate eggs and more... mmm... chocolate! (*I'm pretty excited about the chocolate seder!* -Rabbi) Watch the e-mail blast for additional details, but please plan on joining in the fun!

The first seder is **Wednesday, April 5**. Are you hosting a seder and willing/able to host extra people? Are you looking for a seder to attend? As soon as you know your plans, please contact the Temple office so that we have ample time to help make matches and ensure that everyone has a place for seder!! Please send an e-mail to Rabbi at RabbiKobey@gmail.com with how many people you can host or how many people you wish for someone else to host, any food allergies, any pets, prefer with children / prefer no children, etc. Together, we will make sure that everyone is part of a seder!

We are excited to bring back the congregational second night seder to Or Chadash! The seder is **Thursday, April 6** at 6:00pm. Join Deborah and Rabbi for an evening of ritual and fun. Please see the flyer on page 14 for additional information

Matzah Ball Soup-Off

Matzah ball Soup-Off **Sunday, March 19** at 6:30pm. Join us for Or Chadash's first ever Matzoh Ball Soup Cook-Off! All are welcome! Do you have a secret family recipe? Have you been told that yours is the best ever? Come let us sample your soup. All soups must follow-the Or Chadash kosher policy: no pork or shellfish. This will be a meat and vegetarian event so no dairy.

All you need to do to enter is: Cook a batch of Matzoh Ball soup and bring it to Or Chadash on Sunday, March 19 at 6:15pm in advance of the 6:30pm start time. You do not need to be a member of the Congregation to participate. All are welcome to cook, taste and vote. Winner will receive bragging rights. Come join us! If you do not cook, you are still welcome to come and eat! While walk-ins are welcome, RSVPs are encouraged to help us better plan for this event. Please RSVP to Bitá at orchadashadmin@gmail.com.

Fun Food Events

Hamantaschen Bake-off/taste off – **Monday, March 6** at 7:00pm (see section on Purim on page 9 for more details)

Matzah Ball Soup-Off / Taste-Off – **Sunday, March 19** at 6:30pm

Chocolate Seder – **Sunday, March 26** at 7:00pm (see section in Passover on page 9 for more details)

20s-30s Desserts and Discussion

Open to congregants and prospectives... Come join the Rabbi on **Tuesday, March 28** at 6:30pm for desserts and discussion about Israel. How do you connect with Israel? How does the political climate impact your thoughts? How do Jewish values connect to current events? Let's share in community and conversation. You are welcome to invite other young Jewish and Jewish affiliates to join us, but please have them RSVP too. Please RSVP to Rabbi by **Wednesday, March 22**.



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Good Deeds Week

The Social Action Committee has organized two projects in conjunction with the Rockville JCC's (and indeed worldwide) Good Deeds Week. The dates this year are **March 26 – April 2**. But we're starting early.

Beginning **Friday March 10**, there will be a large plastic bucket in the lobby into which congregants can place canned and boxed food items. (See list of suggestions in *Happenings*.) All the food items that have been collected will be brought by congregant volunteers to Manna after **Sunday, April 2**.

And on **Sunday, March 12**, the Religious School pupils will be making Happy Passover cards to send to the 50 Jewish residents (including 13 Holocaust survivors) who live at Riderwood Senior Living Community in Silver Spring. The volunteers at Riderwood Jewish Community will make sure that each card reaches an appropriate resident.

Guys Night Out

Thursday, March 23 at 6:30pm at Laurienzo Brick Oven Café, 1896 Urbana Pike Road, Clarksburg.

Thursday, April 20 at 6:30pm at Sakura Japanese Steakhouse, 11502 Middlebrook Road, Germantown.

Contact Joe Baum at jesaz99@aol.com for details and to RSVP.

Social Action

Below are two Jewish organizations that are raising funds to help victims of the war in Ukraine.

<https://wupj.org/give/ukraine/>



<https://hias.org/ukraine-crisis-response/>



Social Action Committee - Supporting Refugees

In concert with New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance (NNIA), we have helped over 30 families, including 20 Afghan refugee families and one Ukrainian family. We are locating as many in Montgomery County as possible, with families in Gaithersburg, Germantown, Rockville, and Silver Spring.

We are seeing significant progress made by several of our Afghan families who NNIA began helping one year ago, as most have gotten jobs and gained independence. We have also recently started working with two Afghan families, both of which had long difficult journeys to get here from Afghanistan by way of Brazil. From Brazil they traveled foot, bus, and car to our southern border where they crossed seeking asylum. One of the families had SIV status and was scheduled to be evacuated in August 2021, but were delayed when the father was hit by shrapnel from a bomb at the airport.

To volunteer with NNIA contact us at NNIAMaryland@gmail.com.

Special Services

Celebrating Simchas (Happy Occasions)

Celebrate your birthday with your Or Chadash family. Be called to the bimah and receive a special blessing and a birthday treat to mark the occasion. We have Birthday Blessings every month. For the upcoming months, come on **Friday, March 3** and **Friday, April 14** at 7:30pm.

We also celebrate anniversaries within our Or Chadash family. Again, be invited onto the bimah for a special blessing and fun anniversary treat. This is also monthly with Anniversary Blessings on **Fridays** at 7:30pm, **March 24** and **April 28**.

Do you have other simchas to share? Let Rabbi Kobey know, so we can rejoice together.

Thank You to Our Donors

Thank you to our generous donors. Note that this list includes donations that were deposited during late August, September, and early October. Please contact the office for more information.

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Mazel Tov

Congregation Or Chadash extends our congratulations on the Bar Mitzvah of Ben Felrice on March 18.

Congregation Or Chadash extends our congratulations on the Bar Mitzvah of Adam Wolfson on April 1.

Congregation Or Chadash extends our congratulations on the Bar Mitzvah of Kyle Shulman on April 22.

Congregation Or Chadash extends our congratulations to Rebecca DeSantis-Randall and Alan Randall who are excited to welcome into the world Davina Josephine Randall, born on Saturday, February 11 at 12:09pm.

Congregation Or Chadash extends our congratulations to Susie Gellert on the wedding of her daughter, and to Jesse Gellert on the marriage of his sister, Chana Gellert, married to Clint Van Horn on December 24, 2022.

Condolences

We extend our deep condolences to Suzanne Colby and her family on the death of her father, Tom Judge, who died on Friday, February 24.

Yahrzeits

If you have an upcoming yahrzeit that is not listed, please call the office at 301-482-1025, and we will add any names you wish to remember. Names will be read at Shabbat services during the week of a loved one's death. When two dates are shown, the names will be read during the Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services. Note that the second column lists the observing member.



Friday, March 3

Beatrice Bernstein	Grandmother of Ellyn Baum
Gene Friedman	Father of Carol Cooper
Helen Krantzler	Mother of Rebecca Stroud
Merle Locke	Father of Ralph Locke
Alan Streusand	Father of Doug Streusand
Gustav Mandelbaum	Risa Robinson
Ronald Santa	Dara & Stephen Santa
Gerald Stahl	Father of Vivian Stahl

Friday, March 10

Walter Blumberg	Grandfather of Michelle Bellman
Morris Bender	Grandfather of David Bender
Edith Breuer	Mother of Michael Breuer
David Stein	Spouse of Florence Stein
	Father of Barbara Marx
Harry Kandel	Father of Milton Kandel
Marilyn Goldspiel	Mother of Barry Goldspiel

Friday, March 17 & Saturday, March 18

Anne Cahn	Step-grandmother of Lisa Cahn
Sol Aron	Grandfather of Phil Dicken
Tillie Bender	Grandmother of David Bender
Ethel Mossman	Grandmother of Ziona Mossman
Paul Levitus	Father of Sydney Levitus
Mary Heritage	Mother of Robin Farquhar
Grace Stroud	Mother-in-law of Rebecca Stroud
Leslie Schwartz	Wife of Seth Schwartz

Friday, March 24 & Saturday, March 25

**Jesse Gellert	Father-in-law of Susan Gellert
Dara Lansat	Wife of Howard Lansat

Friday, March 31 & Saturday, April 1

Ed Gable	Stepfather of Karen Conner
Nick Stroud	Husband of Rebecca Stroud
	Father of Rachel Stroud-Goodrich
Florence Weber	Mother of Marsha Weber
Ruth Blechman	Kevin & Ilene Krom
Samuel Rosenthal	Father of Cindy Bender
Dorothy Zoldan	Grandmother of Howard Lansat

Friday, April 7

Dorothy Paley	Mother-in-law of Ken Tharp
Samuel Raphael	Father of Steven Raphael
Douglas Apirian	Brother of Susan Drubin
Lee Caplan	Stephanie & Michael Ames

Friday, April 14

**Dolly Grobstein	Mother of Claire SanNicolas
Rhoda Nagler	Mother of Alan Nagler
Jon Clark Sr.	Father of Jon Clark
Sol Jackel	Grandfather of Jonathan Jackel
Jerome (Jerry) Kreger	Husband of Doreen Kreger

Friday, April 21 & Saturday, April 22

William Storck	Father of Dara Santa
Rose Apirian	Mother of Susan Drubin
Charles Ogg	Brother of Karl Gussow
Richard Gartenberg	Father of Jane Harris
B. Paul Heritage	Father of Robin Farquhar
Ted Petok	Father of Fred Petok
Nahum Lebedinsky	Father of Alex Lebedinsky
Lawrence Arthur Young	Father of Gary Young

Friday, April 28

Marilyn Himmelfarb	Mother of Scott Himmelfarb
Rae Ostrov	Grandmother of Fred Marx
Norman Wickwire	Father of Alison Felrice
Anna Zavin	Mother of Jack Zavin
Amy Mandelbaum	Risa Robinson
Audrey Dicken	Mother of Phil Dicken

Friday, May 5

Fred Lafer	Uncle of Ellyn Baum
Linda Wickwire	Mother of Alison Felrice
William Eisenberg	Father of Robert Eisenberg
Dorothy Grenadier	Great-aunt of Ellyn Baum
Richard Spector	Friend of Michael Abrahams & Susan White

**Yahrzeit plaque

Congregation Or Chadash Second Night Passover Seder



Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m

(Doors Open at 6 p.m.)

24800 Kings Valley Road,

Damascus, MD 20872

Seder will be conducted by Rabbi Alison Kobey & Soloist Deborah Sternberg

Signup Through March 22, 2023

Adults : \$36
Children: \$18 for ages 6 - 12
 \$10 for ages 2 - 5

Signup March 23, 2023 - April 1, 2023

Adults: \$40
Children: \$20 for ages 6 – 12
 \$12 for ages 2 – 5

Watch for further details and sign up form in upcoming Or Chadash Happenings. Reach out to COC for non-member pricing.



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Tree of Life.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____



Small Leaf ~ Suggested Donation \$180 ~ Three lines, 25 characters per line.



Large Leaf ~ Suggested Donation \$360 ~ Five lines, 30 characters per line.



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Yahrtzeit Plaque Order Form

Person being remembered (check fields desired):

- ☒ English Name: _____
- ☐ Hebrew Name: _____ ben/bat _____
Parent 1 Parent 2
- ☒ Secular Calendar Date of Death: _____
- Approximate time of death: _____ (pre or post sundown)
- ☐ Hebrew Calendar Date: _____

If you wish to use the Hebrew date to be included, but don't know it, check the box and we will look up the date for you based on the secular date.

Member Placing the order:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City-State-Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Information

The cost is \$180 per plaque. If transferring a plaque from another congregation, the cost is \$90 per plaque. Each plaque can remember only one person. Payment must accompany the order form.

- ☐
- Check or cash (enclosed)

If you wish to order multiple plaques, please include information for additional remembered people on another sheet of paper.

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