

Or Chadash FOCUS

By Rabbi Alison B. Kobey

Imagine having a conversation with someone and feeling awkward because you do not know the Other's name and you feel like you should, or you do not know much about the One standing across from you. Many people become uncomfortable with that scenario and, ultimately, solve it by avoiding that possible discomfort. It leaves a person talking only to those individuals he/she already knows.

We are going to work on that in a couple of ways. I hope that you will use your nametag at Shabbat services. If you want, you can even decorate your name tag or add your pronouns or other pertinent information. The idea is that if everyone wears the nametags, it will make people more comfortable and more willing to go up to someone and say "hi." However, we will only know if this is successful if you do your part. We need you to come to services first and foremost. Secondly, we need you to wear the nametags. And finally, we need you to say

"hello" both to your dear friends and to people that you do not know or do not know well.

The other part is either easier or harder depending on who you are. (Is that a typical Jewish comment or what?!) We are going to actively and intentionally talk about God at Shabbat services. I know, you thought I had typos in the first paragraph with the capital letters. Nope! It was intentional. We, as a congregation, need to grow our person-to-person connections and our person-to-God connections. As Jews, especially liberal Jews, we are great at implicitly talking about God. In other words, we pray regularly to God at services, with most of our prayers including the phrase Baruch Atah Adonai, translating as "Blessed are You, God" or, less literally, "Thank You, God."

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SHABBAT/HOLIDAY SERVICES

All Shabbat services are multi-access, in person or on Zoom. Due to the nature of Tu B'Shevat (i.e., a lot of eating!), it will be in person only.

Friday, January 5 – 6:15pm Yoga Shabbat with Birthday Blessings and stay for Potluck Dairy/Vegetarian Dinner

Saturday, January 6 – 10:00am Shabbat Services with 6th Grade Participation

Friday, January 12 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Anniversary Blessings

Friday, January 19 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Wednesday, January 24 – 6:30pm COC Community Pizza Dinner; 7:00pm Tu B'Shevat Seder

Friday, January 26 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with 2nd-3rd Grade Participation

Friday, February 2 – 6:15pm Meditation Shabbat with Birthday Blessings and stay for

Potluck Dairy/Vegetarian Dinner

Friday, February 9 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with the History of Reform Judaism

Saturday, February 10 – 10:00am Shabbat Services with the Bat Mitzvah of Jacklyn DiBartolo

Friday, February 16 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Friday, February 23 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services Around the World Theme with Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, February 24 – 10:00am Shabbat Services with 4th Grade Participation

Friday, March 1 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services and stay for Potluck Dairy/Vegetarian Dinner

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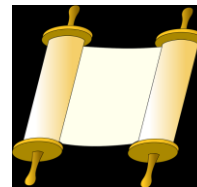
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Torah Study / Talmud Classes

Our current model is Zoom-only for Torah Study and Talmud classes. New and returners welcome! Start the secular year with Torah!



Saturday, January 6 – 10:00am Torah Study

Join us at Shabbat services and hear more about the Torah portion.

Saturday, January 6 – 11:30am Talmud Class

Saturday, January 13 – 9:30am Torah Study

Vaera (Exodus 6:2-9:35) Are the plagues really plagues? How does a people move from slavery to liberation? What are the larger consequences? What is the prophetic mission?

Saturday, January 20 – 9:30am Torah Study

Bo (Exodus 10:1-13:16) What is your last straw in a fight? What is the first month of the year? From what kind of slavery does the deliverance from Egypt free us? How do we show we are part of the community? What are the direct commandments pertaining to Passover in this Torah portion?

Saturday, January 27 – 9:30am Torah Study

Beshalach (Exodus 13:17-17:16) What are some of the messages from one of the oldest sections of Torah? How are the Israelites comforted? How are we comforted today? How do you find that Godly “tap on the shoulder”? How does God connect with us?

Saturday, January 27 – 11:00am Talmud Class

Saturday, February 3 – 9:30am Torah Study

Yitro (Exodus 18:1-20:23) What do names mean? What is Jethro’s advice? How does the United States court system reflect this Torah portion? How do we prepare for holy moments? How do you connect with the Ten Statements? What are the two different tablets?

Saturday, February 3 – 11:00am Talmud Class

Saturday, February 10 – 10:00am Torah Study

Join us at Shabbat Services with the Bat Mitzvah of Jacklyn DiBartolo and learn more about the Torah portion *Mishpatim*.

Saturday, February 17 – 9:30am Torah Study

Terumah (Exodus 25:1-27:19) What is one of the most common phrases found in this Torah portion? What kind of offering did the Israelites make? What should we do today? Why are the details so important? Does our sanctuary reflect similar values?

Saturday, February 24 – 10:00am Torah Study

Join us at Shabbat services and learn more about the Torah portion *Tetzaveh*.

Saturday, February 24 – 11:30am Talmud Class

President's Column

What does the congregation (as a whole) want to get out of their membership at Congregation Or Chadash?

While there is no right (or wrong) answer to this question, this is something that the Board has been trying to figure out, in order to best serve the needs of our community, for as long as I have been a Board member. We are 12 members strong and we each represent a different perspective. I hope that as a group we represent the wishes of all of our members. But, as these things are so individual, I strongly suspect we are missing the points of view of several of you.

For the record, while I invite you to reach out to share the answers to these questions to potentially enact change (or keep things exactly as they are), I also encourage you to just consider these questions for your own benefit.

Let's start with worship. How important is attending services to you (in person or online)? What part of the service touches you the most? Is it the readings? The music? A sense of community in sharing a religious experience with others? Something completely different? Are there things you would like to change? Are there parts that you feel are important to remain exactly as they are? What draws you in? Are there things that keep you away? Is worship something you feel is best done in a community setting or a more isolated or intimate environment? What makes worship special to YOU?

What about education? Congregation Or Chadash has an accredited religious school for students in pre-K through 12th grade. There are adult classes offered throughout the year exploring different subjects. There is also weekly Torah and Talmud study. But are these meeting your needs? Are there particular topics that you would like to learn more about or discuss with your fellow congregants?

Another aspect of a house of worship that people often look for is Tikkun Olam (healing the

world). There is a social action group at Or Chadash and projects that people have the opportunity to participate in. There is a collection for non-perishable food items to donate to Manna and the annual Rise Against Hunger initiative during Yom Kippur. Is this an area where you connect with your fellow congregants?

Finally, socialization and community building are other aspects of the life of a religious institution. There are Sisterhood events, Adult Nights Out (both Girls and Guys), adult social events (including the Adult Social Group), Youth Groups (Kiddush Kids, Junior CORY and CORY) for students of all ages. Potluck dinners have become a recent addition to Friday night services once a month. But once again, is this enough for you? Is there something you feel is lacking?

These aren't the only aspects of life at Congregation Or Chadash. These categories are some of the things that come to my mind when I think of what the Board and other groups within Or Chadash do to keep our members comfortable and feeling welcome in our building. But as Board President, I always wonder if we are doing what our members want. While our resources are limited, we prioritize doing the things we believe to be right and necessary. But we also want to do what we can to fulfill the needs and desires of our membership.

If there is ever something that causes you dissatisfaction, I do hope that you feel comfortable enough to speak with a member of the Board. In this letter I invite you to specifically share your thoughts, concerns, or desires with me. I won't promise to be able to solve all problems, but if I don't know about them, then I cannot address them in any way. And the last thing I want to happen is for your dissatisfaction to grow because you feel you cannot share your concerns with someone on the Board.

*Yours in fellowship,
Ilene Krom*

Alison B. Kobey (continued)

However, we fall short at truly allowing ourselves to consider our God ideas. All too often, we cannot articulate any faith-language. Our struggle is, in part, because many people here have not been given the direct opportunity to explore their God-ideas. So, as our name Israel states, we will wrestle.

Don't panic. The goal is helping you feel welcome. You are welcome to walk in to services already with a strong faith in God. You are welcome to walk in with a host of questions. You are welcome to walk in with doubt of God's very existence. You are

welcome to walk in because you are curious of other people's theologies. You are welcome to walk in without giving God much thought at all. You are welcome to walk in knowing many of our Or Chadash family already. You are welcome to walk in without knowing a soul. But, make January and February your paths toward a new or renewed habit. Take a chance and come to services. See you at Temple!

L'Shalom

Rabbi Alison B. Kobey

Religious School Committee

The Religious School is offering exciting electives in the Winter/Spring semester. Back by popular demand are Jewish Superheroes, Jewish Cooking, Art, Karate, and the annual Purim Shpiel. This year's Shpiel theme is "The Lorax." Our new electives are Jewish Immigration in the United States and an in-depth look at Israel's history and culture.

Winter is here, so please note that the Religious School does not follow Montgomery County or other counties regarding cancelling school due to the weather. On Sundays, we will make a decision by 8:00am regarding school cancellation. On Tuesdays, we try to make a decision regarding school cancellation by 4:00pm.

If school is canceled, an email will be sent to

each family to notify them directly, and a message will be sent via the Remind app. (If you need information about joining the Religious School group in the Remind app, please email the Temple administrator at orchadashadmin@gmail.com.) School cancellation information will also be posted on the Or Chadash Facebook page and/or website: www.cong-orchadashmd.org. Please do not call the Temple or school staff at home to inquire about cancellations.

Please join the Religious School Committee at our next meetings on **Sunday, January 7** and **Sunday, February 11**.

L'Shalom,

The Religious School Committee

Religious School Schedule

In Session:

January 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 30

February 4, 6, 11, 13, 20, 25, 27

Not In Session:

January 2

February 18

Keeping Up with Or Chadash

Committee Meetings

Religious School Committee (RSC)

Sunday, January 7 – 7:30pm (Zoom Only)

Sunday, February 11 – 12:15pm (In Person Only)

Ritual Committee

Sunday, February 4 – 12:15pm (In person Only)

Youth Groups:

If you are interested in having your child(ren) participate, and need financial assistance, please reach out to Rabbi Kobey. All information will remain strictly confidential.

Kiddish Kids

For our K-4th Grade Students.

Please join us **Sunday, February 4** at 3:00pm for Kiddish Kids, Jr CORY, and CORY Ice Skating. You must RSVP to Rabbi Kobey by **Friday, January 12**. Please include skate size when RSVPing. The cost for the event is \$20.00 per person. After skating we will walk to Ben & Jerry's for ice cream.

Jr. CORY

For our 5th-7th Grade Students

Please join us **Sunday, January 7** at 2:45pm for Jr. CORY and CORY afternoon fun at Germantown Indoor Water Park. The cost for the event is \$5.00 per person. You must RSVP by **Tuesday, January 2** for this event.

Please join us **Sunday, February 4** at 3:00pm for Kiddish Kids, Jr. CORY, and CORY Ice Skating. You must RSVP to Rabbi Kobey by **Friday, January 12**. Please include skate size when RSVPing. The cost for the event is \$20.00 per person. After skating we will walk to Ben & Jerry's for ice cream.

CORY

For our 8th-12th Grade Students

Please join us **Sunday, January 7** at 2:45pm for Jr. CORY and CORY afternoon fun at Germantown Indoor Water Park. The cost for the event is \$5.00 per person. You must RSVP to Rabbi Kobey by **Tuesday, January 2** for this event.

Please join us **Sunday, February 4** at 3:00pm for Kiddish Kids, Jr. CORY, and CORY Ice Skating. You must RSVP to Rabbi Kobey by **Friday, January 12**. Please include skate size when RSVPing. The cost for the event is \$20.00 per person. After skating we will walk to Ben & Jerry's for ice cream.

Please join us **Sunday, February 25** at 3:00pm CORY Monster Mini Golf. You must RSVP to Rabbi Kobey for this event.

We will also have a planning meeting for Winter/Spring. Stay tuned on additional information.

6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Parent Meeting and Family Luncheon

On **Sunday, January 28** and **Sunday, February 25**, both at 12:00pm, we will meet with an optional pizza lunch with your child (any siblings are welcome) and start talking through other components of Bar/Bat/B'nai Mitzvah. **Sunday, January 28** will be the first of two lunches with Rabbi Kobey. Both meetings will focus on different elements of the Bar/Bat/B'nai Mitzvah ceremony. Topic for the first one: The history of Bar/Bat/B'nai Mitzvah, some of the terms that one hears at a Bar/Bat/B'nai Mitzvah, and more.

B'nai Mitzvah Date Selection 2026

It is hard to believe that we must start thinking about the year 2026. If you have a child who will be eligible to become a Bar/Bat/B'nai Mitzvah in the year 2026, please join us in the sanctuary for Date Selection! **Sunday, January 7** at 11:15am.

NFTY

As we continue to strengthen our relationship with NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth), we are delighted that January provides an opportunity for our teens to attend a weekend retreat. If you have an 8th-12th grade student, we hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and send your teen(s) to the NFTY weekend! Reach out to Rabbi Kobey for more information.

Adult Learning



Talmudic Strong Women – Join us for parts 3 and 4 about strong Women in our tradition. (You are welcome to attend even if you did not attend sessions 1 and/or 2.) We have, in the first two sessions, looked at Eve, Lilith, and Tamar, and will continue with Ruth, several Talmud scholars, and more. This class will meet as Zoom-only on **Fridays, January 5 and 19** at 12:00pm. If you let Rabbi know that you are interested, she'll send you the text passages that we will be reading and discussing.

New Torah commentary pilot – This is our third and final session of piloting the new Torah commentary. This class is Zoom-only on **Tuesday, January 9** at 6:30pm.



Tallit making workshop – We know many congregants are jealous of some of the fun opportunities in which our Religious School students participate. Now is your chance! Our tallit making is always a very popular activity in the Religious School. We are offering a tallit making workshop for anyone who wishes to make a tallit for someone Jewish and at least 13 years old. Make a tallit for yourself or give it as a gift to someone else. The workshop costs \$45 per person for supplies. If you are interested in participating and need financial assistance, please reach out to Rabbi Kobey. (All information is strictly confidential. We do not want someone not participating for financial reasons.) This is a two-part workshop with part one on **Sunday, February 25** beginning at 6:30pm and part two being on **Sunday, March 17** again at 6:30pm. Part one will be tie-dye so please dress accordingly. Special thanks in advance to Suzanne Colby for her help and support in making this opportunity become a reality! You **MUST RSVP** to Rabbi Kobey by **Tuesday, January 23** to ensure supplies are ready.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah – We know many of our adults have never had a chance to become a Bar/Bat/B'nai Mitzvah. If you are interested in an adult B'nai Mitzvah class, please reach out to Rabbi Kobey. If we have enough interest, we will together decide when class will meet.

Israel Trip

The Rabbi is exploring a congregational Israel trip for this summer. We know that there are a lot of unknown factors that might impact your decision, but we want to know if this trip is worth pursuing. Here are some current thoughts... If Israel is still at war (hope not!), this trip would NOT be a real sightseeing mission, but WOULD be more of a solidarity mission meeting with Israelis and Palestinians, volunteering in different ways, hearing various stories from different people, etc. The trip would be shorter (about six days) and would be approximately \$3000 plus airfare, depending on numbers and other details. If Israel is NOT at war (here's hoping!), it would be a combo of a sightseeing trip and some of the above, so not a regular sightseeing trip, but might extend for 10 days (so the price would be more). Based on the above and without obligation at this point, please email Rabbi if you might be interested in a summer trip (beginning in mid/late July).

Potluck Dinners

We hope you will join us and make or bring your favorite dairy/vegetarian dish. There are some sample ideas in the sign-up genius. Please know that we want everyone to be welcome and included. While we hope people will sign-up in advance and bring a dish to share, if you spontaneously come to Shabbat services or cannot bring food that evening, we hope you will still be comfortable staying and joining us at the potluck dinners. The next couple are **Friday, January 5 and February 2**. Please sign up to bring a dish if you are able.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A4AB2B0-45173693-potluck>

Where are our Teens?

Our older teens are taking a trip to Washington, D.C. from **January 19-22**. Even though the physical location is basically our backyard, this trip is dramatically different. We are participating in the URJ's L'Taken program. This is a Jewish social justice / social action program for teens around the country. The Religious Action Center runs this trip approximately 5 weekends a year. There is always a long wait-list for congregations wishing to participate and we are so glad to have this opportunity for our teens. Our students will learn about different social/political issues from a Jewish perspective and then choose one topic in which to write a speech and then lobby our Senators and Representatives.

Tentative Trip: 10th-12th Grade Teens go to Philadelphia **February 16-18** for a chance to learn about a piece of American Judaism history.

New Temple and Religious School Administrator

We are delighted to welcome Brett Abelman to our COC team! Brett will be our new Admin., starting the beginning of January. Please be patient with administrative questions and needs, as we introduce him to our busy home. You are welcome to stop by (Tuesday afternoons/evenings, Wednesdays, and Sunday mornings/early afternoon) and meet him or introduce yourself to him via e-mail orchadashadmin@gmail.com. Fun fact: when Brett was a child, he was a member of Or Chadash!

Tech Support

We are trying to build our Shabbat/holiday tech team! We are happy to train you, but need you to volunteer to help us. Once you are trained, you would choose dates that work for you. This is a low-key, but important way to help Or Chadash! Teens could get SSL hours as needed. Please let the Rabbi know if you are interested/willing!

Guys Night Out

The January Guys Night Out will be on **Thursday, January 18** at 6:30pm at Red Lobster, 15700 Shady Grove Road in Gaithersburg.

The February Guy's Night Out will be on **Thursday, February 15** at 6:30pm at The Clarksburg Tavern, 23315 Frederick Road in Clarksburg.

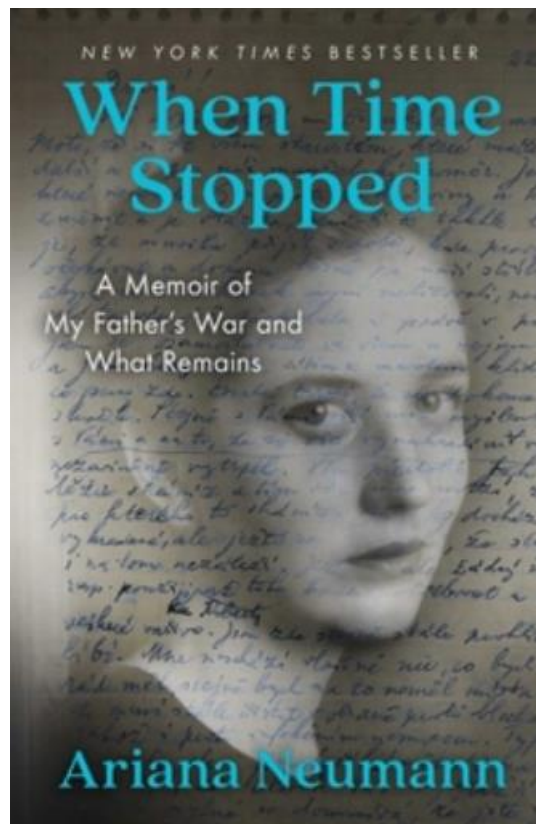
Contact Joe Baum at jesaz99@aol.com for details and to RSVP.

Sisterhood

We have a few events planned in January. Please reach out to Ilene (kromfamily726@gmail.com) for more information on all of these scheduled events. RSVP's for these events are not necessarily required, but are very much appreciated.

Our next Restaurant Night Out will be on **Thursday, January 11** at 7:30pm. We will be meeting at Ted's Bulletin in Downtown Crown, 220 Ellington Blvd in Gaithersburg.

Join in on the "Second Annual Craft Night" on **Saturday, January 20** at 7:30pm at Congregation Or Chadash. Please let Ilene know if you need anything to allow you to work on your craft of choice.



Congregation Or Chadash Book Club

The next meeting of the Congregation Or Chadash Book Club is **Friday, January 12** at 12:00pm. This will be a Zoom-only meeting. The Zoom link will be in the Or Chadash Happenings email.

The book for January is *When Time Stopped: A Memoir of My Father's War and What Remains* by Arianna Neuman. This book is available at the Montgomery County Public Libraries.

This is a coed book club. All are welcome to attend! Please RSVP by **Tuesday, January 9** to Jane Harris at clarityjgh@aol.com.

Social Action Committee

Supporting Refugees

In 2023, in concert with New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance (NNIA), we have supported over 50 families, with over 20 new families being added this year. The total number of people that NNIA is currently helping at some level is nearly 200, of which approximately half are children. Our immigrant families come from across the world, from regions where war, famine, persecution, and other humanitarian crises force people to flee their homes. The majority of our current refugee families are from Afghanistan, but we also serve families from Syria, Ukraine, Haiti, and several countries in Africa and South America.

Contact us at NNIAMaryland@gmail.com, or contact congregant Debbie Eisenberg at rjeisenberg@comcast.net for more information, or to volunteer. We are always looking for folks to help drive families to appointments, pick up food from food banks and deliver to their apartments, help them improve their English, and help with job searches. Also, check out the in-kind donations that are needed here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45A4AA2DA5F9C52-inkind1>.

All of this work would not be possible without the incredibly generous financial support that we have received from our compassionate donors! Donations can be made to Congregation Or Chadash's NNIA Refugee Fund by credit card here:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=UL49GH8DSQ7JU

Or scan this QR code to donate. (For iPhones, just use your camera. For Android, drag down from the top of your phone, and select QR scanner.)



Checks can be mailed to the COC office with a note of NNIA Refugee Fund.



Care Bags for Individuals Who Are Homeless

Over the past months, COC congregants have contributed personal-care items (e.g., socks, combs, toothbrushes, and small containers of shampoo) to be included in Care Bags that will be handed out to individuals who are currently without housing.

We invite congregants and Religious School pupils to help assemble bags containing one of each item. A bag can be carried in your car and given to someone who is homeless. Most of the bags will be given to the Montgomery County mental-health organization *Every Mind*, which has requested such bags to distribute to individuals that they help, including **homeless veterans**.

The assembling process will be quick and fun, and will happen on **Sunday, January 7**, at 12:00pm, in one of the COC classrooms. No need to bring anything—just come on by as soon as Religious School classes are over. What a great way to do something small but important for other people living not so far from us!

B'nai Knitzvahs

Congregant Nancy Thorner has started a COC Knitting and Crocheting Club, called the "B'nai Knitzvahs," and it's going full blast!

The committee has, in a short time, completed its second project: hats and scarves for a refugee family in Damascus. These winter items were delivered last month by Marian Coe, the liaison for the refugee family in Damascus and a member of the NNIA (New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance) with which COC is actively involved.

The group will announce its first 2024 project soon. Please contact Nancy at nethorner@yahoo.com if you'd like to participate. You can also let her know if you have some thoughts on when and where to get together, or if you have other good projects to suggest.



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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 January, come on **Friday, January 5** at 6:15pm (and stay for potluck!) For February, join us on **Friday, February 2**, also at 6:15pm.

We also celebrate anniversaries within our Or Chadash family. Again, be invited onto the bimah for a special blessing and different treat. This is also monthly with Anniversary Blessings on **Friday, January 12 and Friday, February 23**, both at 6:15pm.

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

Shabbat Service Time

While we know that there is no one time that works for every congregant, the service time of 6:15pm has worked for the majority of congregants. Per recommendation of the Ritual Committee and support of the Board, we will be keeping the 6:15pm Friday night Shabbat service time. We do hope you will join us, ideally in person, or alternatively via Zoom for an opportunity for prayer, reflection, rejuvenation of our spirits, and/or a coming together in community.

Tu B'Shevat

Join us for a fun holiday celebration to celebrate the birthday of the trees. Taste new fruits or return to old friends! Tu B'Shevat is **Wednesday, January 24**. We will have an optional pizza dinner at 6:30pm followed by the Tu B'Shevat seder at 7:00pm. RSVP to Brett Abelman at orchadashadmin@gmail.com by Wednesday, January 17.

Thank You to Our Donors

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

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Sheri & Ron Dayton in memory of Ronald Engel, father of Sheri Dayton
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NNIA Refugee Fund

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Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Terri and Irwin Binder on the birth of their grandchild, Gabriel Joseph Binder born on November 24 to parents Anne and Shane Binder.

Congratulations to Shane Cooperstein who became a Bar Mitzvah on December 5.

Congratulations to Jacklyn DiBartolo who will become a Bat Mitzvah on February 10.

Condolences

We extend our deep condolences to Sheri Dayton and her family on the death of her father, Ronald Engel, who died on October 31.

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, January 5 & Saturday, January 6

**Charles Gellert	Husband of Susan Gellert Father of Jesse Gellert
Robert Goldsteen	Father of Donna Goldsteen
Yetta Levitus	Mother of Sydney Levitus
William Stein	Son of Florence Stein Brother of Barbara Marx
Edith Plesset	Grandmother of Michelle Bellman

Friday, January 12

Aubrey Caplan	Stephanie & Michael Ames
Fred Goldman	Father of Jack Goldman
Shirley Friedman	Mother of Carol Cooper
William Garfunkel	Grandfather of Diane Levitus
Joyce Blumberg	Grandmother of Michelle Bellman
Richard Fink	Father-in-law of Howard Lansat
Susan Kohn Lichtman	Mother of Howard Lichtman
Isadore Schwartz	Stepfather of Ralph Locke

Friday, January 19

Norman Lichtman	Father of Howard Lichtman
Bessie Wolfson	Grandmother of Ron Isaacson
Edward Rosenthal	Father of Lou Rosenthal
Harry Steinberg	Grandfather of Lisa Cahn
Charles Cohen	Father of Doreen Kreger
Bessie Dicken	Grandmother of Phil Dicken
Pearl Dinin Gould	Stepmother of Diane Levitus
Burt Weisman	Father of Cara Breuer
Robert Siegfried	Father of Laura Jackel

Friday, January 26

Alice Bender	Mother of Larry Bender
**Leslie Benenati	Wife of Luciano Benenati
Nathan Marx	Grandfather of Fred Marx
Sandy B. Weber	Brother of Marsha Weber
Larry Bellman	Grandfather of Jared Bellman
Ruth Goldman	Mother of Jack Goldman

Friday, February 2

Barbara Bernstein	Mother of Ellyn Baum
William Cain	Father of Kathleen Lorenz
Samuel Lansat	Grandfather of Howard Lansat

Friday, February 9 & Saturday, February 10

Sylvia Jackel	Grandmother of Jonathan Jackel
Irene Levitus	Sister-in-law of Sydney Levitus
Egon Rosenblum	Grandfather of Ziona Mossman
Emanuel Gussow	Grandfather of Karl Gussow
Bruno Stein	Grandfather of Barbara Marx
Sylvia Weber	Grandmother of Joe Baum

Friday, February 16

Lillian Epstein	Mother of Alan Epstein
Gladys Kandel	Mother of Milton Kandel
Alan Strelser	Father of Marc Strelser
Steve Kalman	Brother of Karen Conner
Oscar Lessans	Father of Raymond Lessans

Friday, February 23 & Saturday, February 24

**Maurine Zeidman	Grandmother of Phil Zeidman
Phyllis Berman	Mother of Ricke Zeidman
Walter Blumberg	Mother of Terry Lewis
Morris Bender	Grandfather of Michelle Bellman
Edith Breuer	Grandfather of David Bender
Hortense Stein	Mother of Michael Breuer
	Grandmother of Barbara Marx

Friday, March 1

Beatrice Bernstein	Grandmother of Ellyn Baum
Gene Friedman	Father of Carol Cooper
Anne Cahn	Step-grandmother of Lisa Cahn
Helen Krantzler	Mother of Rebecca Stroud
Merle Locke	Father of Ralph Locke
Alan Streusand	Father of Doug Streusand
Tillie Bender	Grandmother of David Bender
Ethel Mossman	Grandmother of Ziona Mossman

**Yahrzeit plaque



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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

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