

Or Chadash FOCUS

By Rabbi Alison B. Kobey

Okay... I'm just going to say it... I really like the way we Jews do death. I know it's a weird thing to say and it's not to say other religions do it wrong. Absolutely, they do it right in ways that work for them. But, when it comes to death, I really appreciate how we ritualize it. Let me further explain...

First and foremost, when someone dies, I appreciate that the primary mourners (parent, sibling, child, spouse) immediately become exempt from engaging in the positive, time-bound mitzvot (commandments). As an aside, of course there are other people in mourning, whether a grandchild or aunt/uncle, cousin, other family, or friends, but traditionally even the secondary mourners help support the primary mourners and the actual rituals focus on the primary mourners.



The primary mourners enter the first period of mourning, known as aninut, the period between a declaration of death and the funeral. In Judaism, we try to bury as soon as possible. While the tradition of burying within 24 hours (excluding Shabbat and Jewish holidays) may not be possible for many of us, we still try to bury quickly. I appreciate the quickness and the respect for the loved one who has died. The quickness of the funeral allows the mourners to deal with both the busyness of funeral preparations and to allow them time to start mourning as needed. It also allows the mourners to then quickly move into the next phase: sh'va.
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SHABBAT/HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, July 5 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Friday, July 12 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services followed by Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner

Friday, July 19 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Red Sox theme (or your favorite non-Yankees sports team!) and Birthday Blessings

Saturday, July 20 – 10:00am Shabbat Services and the Bat Mitzvah of Layla Neal

Friday, July 26 – 6:15pm Outdoor Shabbat Services (weather permitting) with Anniversary Blessings

Friday, August 2 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings followed by Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner

Friday, August 9 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Friday, August 16 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, August 17 – 10:00am Shabbat Services and the Bar Mitzvah of Brady Hyman

Friday, August 23 – 6:15pm Outdoor Shabbat Services (weather permitting)

Friday, August 30 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Candy theme

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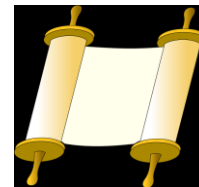
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Torah Study / Talmud Classes

Regular Torah Study / Talmud Classes are Zoom only. If text study is part of services, the opportunity is multi-access.



Saturday, July 6 – 9:30am Torah Study

Korach (Numbers 16:1- 18:32) What if everyone at Or Chadash tithed? When is rebellion okay? Do God's punishments fit the crimes? Does God need gifts? Why do the wives get punished? Who are the Dathans and Abirams of today? Can God really give presents? How do we know when God "taps us on the shoulder"?

Saturday, July 13 – 9:30am Torah Study

Chukat (Numbers 19:1-22:1) Who is more frustrated at the Israelites: God or Moses? How can an object make things pure or impure? How do we mourn Miriam and Aaron's death? How do we negotiate with people? Do we always oppose war? What is our song in this Torah portion and why?

Saturday, July 20 – 10:00am No Regular Torah Study but please join us at Shabbat Services and the Bat Mitzvah of Layla Neal.

Saturday, July 27 – 9:30am Torah Study

Pinchas (Numbers 25:10-30:1) How many times in the last week have you said "it's not fair"? What do we do when we have a problem in which there is no easy answer? How do you preserve your parents' legacy? Can you limit your own certainty?

Saturday, August 3 – 9:30am Torah Study

Matot-Masei (Numbers 30:2-36:13) How much time does a man have to cancel a woman's vow? Is silence okay? Why did Moses yell at the officers and not the soldiers? Who deserves a second chance? How often have you asked or heard the phrase "Are we there yet?"

Saturday, August 3 – 11:00am Talmud Class

Saturday, August 10 – 9:30am Torah Study

Devarim (Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22) Why does growing up have to be so hard? Is it okay to be angry with God? Does anger fraction relationships? Why does Moses complain about God to the Israelites?

Saturday, August 17 – 10:00am No Regular Torah Study but please join us at Shabbat Services and the Bar Mitzvah of Brady Hyman.

Saturday, August 24 – 9:30am Torah Study

Eikev (Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25) Why does Moses say "listen up" to the Israelites so many times? What should we be doing as part of our covenant? What is Moses' primary message? How do you express gratitude?

Saturday, August 31 – 9:30am Torah Study

Re'eh (Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17) How do you see yourself and how do you see the world? What do Jews do when we see something or someone different?

Saturday, August 31 – 11:00am Talmud Class

President's Column

It's time to change things up a little with my column this month. Now that we are into the summer season where games are all the rage, I thought I'd turn this column into a little game of my design. Let's play "Did You Know".

I'll start with an easy one. "Did you know" that you can join in pretty much all religious services and many of our programs (including classes) at Congregation Or Chadash online? Yup. Many programs are offered as multi-access. We realize that there are many reasons why people cannot attend events in the building at any given time ranging from health concerns, to travel, to lack of ability to get there, and everything in between. Yes, there are some activities that require in-person participation (and most of these are obvious) as well as others that are only available in an online forum, but the majority have a hybrid option. The weekly email newsletter that goes out every Thursday to all member families contains not only the list of events happening for the week, but links to programming on Zoom for all events that have an online option.

Next one ... "Did you know" that the religious school at our synagogue is accredited? Well, it is! Not only is it accredited, it is one of the few nationwide that can make that claim!!!!

How about a question about community action ... "Did you know" that Congregation Or Chadash consistently participates in community service projects ranging from a full time food drive for Manna (local food bank), Rise Against Hunger, Get Out The Vote campaigns, etc. We invite all of our members to participate in things that touch our community and to do what we can in the name of Tikkun Olam (Healing the World).

OK ... another question ... "Did you know" that the board and the committees are all made up of volunteers? Unlike larger congregations, we do not have a very large staff. In fact, our paid professionals are few, but extremely dedicated. Most of the people you see doing things around Congregation Or Chadash are doing this on their own time. We are always looking for more people to volunteer and help in any and all ways that meet our needs and suit our members. So, I encourage everyone to get more involved!

Speaking of getting involved, here's my last one "Did you know" that we are looking to expand our membership? As we are a small congregation, natural attrition of people moving away or making life changes can affect our population profoundly. And we especially feel this in areas like the DC metro area where people are constantly moving in and out. Like all organizations, it's always important to embrace who we are but also to embrace change and fresh ideas. If you know of a reform Jewish family who is unaffiliated or who is looking for a new place to worship, be sure to mention us.

What other things would you like to know about Congregation Or Chadash? I would be more than happy to attempt to answer any questions you may have.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Ilene Krom
President

Religious School Committee

Mark your calendars now: Sunday Religious School will begin on **September 8** and Tuesday Religious School will begin on **September 10**. In the meantime, please encourage your children to practice their Hebrew. Just like secular schools recommend that our kids read during the summer, our children should be reading Hebrew over the summer, too. Hebrew is difficult to learn and easy to forget if we don't practice reading it.

A great way to read Hebrew and see Or Chadash friends is to come to Shabbat services on a Friday night or Saturday morning at the temple. Religious School students who **attend at least 4 Shabbat services** over the course of the summer from **Friday, June 7** through **Friday, August 30**, will be invited to participate in a special party at the start of the school year! Check the calendar on page 1 of this FOCUS or on our website (cong-orchadashmd.org) for a schedule of services.

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Sh'va means seven, although we know many liberal/progressive/Reform Jews do not carry the ritual of sh'va into its full seven-day expression. That's okay; we are all about choice through knowledge. Regardless of how people choose to express sh'va, the concept remains important. Sh'va is a time after the funeral to come together in community, usually at the mourners' house, and to be a support for the mourners. Whether one knows the person who died or not, whether one even knows the mourners or not, it is a nice gesture for us to go to a house of sh'va and pay our respects. For sh'va, there is a custom of bringing food to provide food for the mourners to help both with their immediate needs and in the days to come. At the sh'va house, usually there is a short service and then a time to share memories. While many people may think they are helping by sharing "me too" stories or talking about the weather or other distractions,

If you have not done so already, please complete the 2024-25 Religious School registration form and submit it to the Temple office as soon as possible. Please fully complete your registration form, even if the only information on the form that changes from this past year is your child's age and grade. If you have any questions or need copies of the form, you can contact our Temple and Religious School Administrator, Brett Abelman, at 301-482-1025. You can also find a fillable PDF version of the form in the April 15 email from Orchadashadmin@gmail.com. Thanks to all of the families that have already submitted your school forms.

The Religious School Committee will meet over the summer on **Sunday, August 4** at 12:15pm at the Temple. Please join us!

*L'Shalom,
The Religious School Committee*

the actual goal is to directly talk to the mourners only about the loved one who died. While it may be hard, in other respects, it is refreshing and can help move a mourner from raw pain into joyful, funny, delightful memories. If you knew the person who died, you can share a memory with the mourners. If not, you can ask the mourners to share a memory with you. It is another way to help the mourners along the path of moving someone from the raw pain and into a place of healing. During sh'va, mourners are still exempt from positive time-bound commandments. After sh'va, we move into *sheloshim*, the period of 30 days following the funeral. At this point, mourners usually return to some level of "normalcy" (I put normalcy in quotes because of course mourners are still mourning and the mourning itself is a long, wiggly line of both
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healing and mourning and there really is not a set linear path of mourning). In sheloshim, mourners return to work and other regular activities. If it is not a parent who died, mourners would say Kaddish for the period of sheloshim and then stop. If it is a parent who died, the tradition is to say Kaddish for eleven months and then stop. Then, starting at the one-year anniversary of a person's death, we move to *yahrtzeit*, the annual anniversary of a loved one's death.

There are other details pertaining to Jewish rituals of death, and I am happy to teach or explain them more. I hope that this column gives a taste of the Jewish rituals. I have wanted to offer more about Jewish rituals pertaining to death, especially for sh'va for a while, but

wanted to be sure it was unconnected to any Or Chadash specific situation and now this timing worked.

Also, related and unrelated at the same time, I am delighted that Or Chadash has now entered into partnership with the Garden of Remembrance, a beautiful cemetery near us. Or Chadash members will receive a discount at the cemetery (pre-planning is actually healthy to do and makes it easier on family members) and having a community section also allows us to offer communal rituals. If you have any questions or if I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to ask.

L'Shalom

Rabbi Alison B. Kobey



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Keeping Up with Or Chadash

Committee Meetings

Ritual Committee

Sunday, August 4 – 10:30am

Religious School Committee (RSC)

Sunday, August 4 – 12:15pm

Teacher Trainings / Faculty Meetings

Sunday, August 18 at 9:30am

Tuesday, August 20 at 7:00pm

Religious School

The first day of Religious School is **Sunday, September 8**. A full calendar is on our website and will be mailed out in the latter part of August.

Youth Groups – CORY

CORY (Congregation Or Chadash Reform Youth) is our senior youth group, open to all 8th-12th Grade students, with an early welcome at a student's Bar/Bat/B'nai Mitzvah ceremony. Regardless of a student's status in Religious School (although we hope all eligible teens take advantage of our teen program!), a teen is welcome to be involved in youth group. The more people that are involved, the more fun for everyone. Some events include shul-ins (spending an overnight at Or Chadash), mini-golf, laser tag, bowling, golf, movie, hike, Escape Room, running a Shabbat service and the Purim carnival, and so much more. Stay tuned for a full calendar of events.

As we are part of the Reform Movement (URJ or Union for Reform Judaism), our youth group is also part of NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth). It connects us to teens all around North America through camps, social justice programming,

and youth group events. NFTY is broken into different regions and our region is MAR (Mid-Atlantic region). We know, it's an alphabet of abbreviations! While CORY is still finalizing our local youth group's calendar, please save the dates now for NFTY-MAR Winter Kallah (kallah means gathering) is **Friday, January 17 – Monday, January 20** (MLK Jr. Weekend).

Somewhat connected / somewhat separate: our 10th-12th grade enrolled Religious School students, should also please mark your calendar for our L'Taken field trip, a social justice / social action weekend, **Friday, January 10 – Monday, January 13**. While we know this schedule means two back-to-back teen weekends in January, we can assure you the weekends are very different and both quite fun and enriching. More details will be provided in the coming months, but, as always, if someone needs more information now or financial assistance for any of these events, please reach out to Rabbi Kobey. All information stays strictly confidential.

We are proud to present the CORY leadership of 2024-2025:

- President: Micah Felman
- Programming Vice President: Natalie Gussow
- Religious / Cultural Vice President: Ryan Chidakel
- Membership Vice President: Ben Felrice
- Secretary: Adam Wolfson
- Treasurer: Aiden Ballonoff
- Purim Carnival Chief: TBD
- 8th Grade Representative: TBD
- Advisor: Rabbi (unless someone else wishes to do it!)

As always, if you have any questions about CORY or NFTY or L'Taken, please reach out to Rabbi Kobey!

Mah Jongg

Be a first timer or a regular... Join on the third Sunday of every month at 2:00pm. Next are **Sunday, July 21** and **Sunday, August 18**.

Religious School Summer Shabbat Incentives

Religious School students who attend at least four Shabbat services over the course of the summer from **Friday, June 7** through **Friday, August 30** will be invited to participate in a special silly string and special treat party at the start of the school year. If you want to silly string the Rabbi, make sure you attend at least four services this summer!

Adult Learning

We are starting our new cohort for the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class. Adult B'nai Mitzvah is a very different experience from when a teenager becomes a B'nai Mitzvah. Adult B'nai Mitzvah is a class only for adults and is meant to increase Judaic knowledge, filling in gaps from childhood or increasing knowledge from other adult learning. After approximately a year or year and a half, adults will have a ceremony in which they publicly read from the Torah. Classes will be Wednesday evenings, approximately twice a month. If you are interested in learning more about Judaism and having an Adult B'nai Mitzvah, this class is for you! Please let Rabbi know if you are interested! The first class will be **Wednesday, September 4**.

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. For dates and times see page 3. The Happenings email blast will have the Zoom link.

Prospective Members

We need your help! We know that word of mouth is the best way for people to find us and get to know us. If you know a possible member, please send us the name and any contact information you might have. Then, we will reach out and include the person(s) in a small group opportunity. We hope to hear from you! Also, this year, **Friday, September 6** will be a Shabbat service in which we include welcoming new and prospective members (but, of course, we encourage them to come anytime this summer)!

High Holy Day Honors

It is hard to believe that we are already busy planning for the High Holidays. As is our custom, we use the High Holidays as one of our opportunities to say thank you. If you have people that should be honored in this way, please give Rabbi names. Everyone who receives an honor during the High Holidays is nominated by one, if not more, members of the Leadership Group (Committee Chairs, Board, etc.) for their efforts on behalf of Or Chadash over the past year. We thank them for their dedication, and hope that in the coming year, you too will be an active volunteer and be on the bimah during Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. To all our current volunteers: THANK YOU! Our sacred family is great because of you!

Potluck Dinners

Our potluck dinners are a casual, easy way to see old friends and meet new friends. All our potluck dinners are dairy or vegetarian. We encourage everyone to bring something, but if you cannot make or buy something, we still hope you will join us, guilt-free. Our next two potluck dinners are **Friday, July 12** and **Friday, August 2**, following Friday night services. We encourage people to sign up to indicate what they are bringing. It helps us plan and have food diversity, but again, if you are unable to do so, we still hope you will join us. You can sign up here:

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



Rise Against Hunger

For the last several years during Yom Kippur, we have been working with an organization called *Rise Against Hunger* to provide thousands of meals for starving people around the world. But this program is not free. We have to pay for the food that we package and it costs Congregation Or Chadash several thousand dollars every year.

To date, Rabbi Kobey has been supplementing any donations from her discretionary fund to make sure we can keep this program running. But we really need congregants to donate to this worthwhile program in order to continue doing this year after year.

If every family that plans to participate can consider making a directed donation to the program, it would make a large difference. Just mail a check to Congregation Or Chadash with a note that it is for Rise Against Hunger. Thank you for your help!


Or Chadash Singers (OCS)

Do you like singing or playing an instrument? Join the Or Chadash Singers for High Holy Days. Rehearsals take place Monday nights from 7:00pm-9:00pm, beginning **Monday, July 22** and running through High Holy Days. No experience and no audition needed. All Or Chadash members are welcome to come and learn some new songs or to enjoy familiar favorites. Please contact Rachel at rachel.stroudgoodrich@gmail.com or 718-490-7042 for more information.

Technology and Greeters


We are always looking to expand our pool of technology volunteers and our Shabbat greeters. If you are interested in learning our technology to help run the tech at Shabbat services or if you are interested in being a greeter, please let Rabbi know. She will be happy to make sure you receive training and feel comfortable in either (or both) roles. Once you have been trained, you are welcome to sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A4AB2B0-shabbat2#/>






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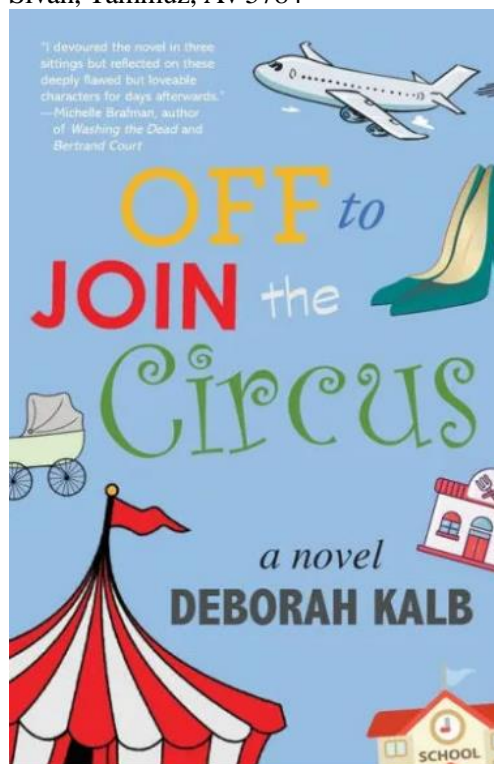
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Congregation Or Chadash Book Club

The next meeting of the Congregation Or Chadash Book Club is **Friday, August 9** at noon. This is a Zoom-only meeting. The Zoom link will be in the Or Chadash Happenings email.

The book for August is *Off to Join the Circus* by Deborah Kalb. 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, August 6** to Jane Harris, clamityjgh@aol.com.

Congregation Or Chadash Book Club Schedule 2024-2025

Friday, August 9:

Off to Join the Circus by Deborah Kalb

Friday, September 13:

The Paris Daughter by Kristin Harmel

Friday, November 8:

The Escape Artist by Jonathan Freedland

Friday, January 10:

Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

Friday, March 14:

My Mother's Secret: A Novel of the Jewish Autonomous Region by Alina Adams

Friday, May 9:

Kantika by Elizabeth Graver

Friday, June 13:

Planning for 2025-2026

All meetings start at noon

Meetings are the second Friday of the month unless there is a holiday or special event.

Meeting location will vary. Location information will be in the meeting emails. We plan to keep Zoom as an option for all meetings.

All books on this year's schedule are available at the Montgomery County Public Libraries. Some are available in electronic format.

Contact Jane Harris at clamityjgh@aol.com to RSVP for the meetings or to be added to the email list for meeting reminders.

Social Action Committee

Supporting Refugees

Currently, we are assisting more than 40 families in one or more ways, and in so doing, we are impacting the lives of more than 200 people! Our volunteers are delivering furniture and household items, finding and setting up apartment homes, providing rides to medical and job-related appointments, delivering food and diapers, completing government forms, setting up computers, tutoring English, organizing social events (such as the Women's Circle), teaching parents how to budget, and more!

Contact us at NNIAMaryland@gmail.com, or contact congregant Debbie Eisenberg at rjeisenberg@comcast.net for more information, or to volunteer. Current needs are:

- English as a second language tutors - no experience necessary
- Help with finding jobs. Help with developing resumes and applications. Are you hiring?
- Help with transportation - driving people to appointments, delivering food and diapers

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, if not already enabled in your camera, 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.

More Knitters and Crocheters Needed!

For two years now, COC has had a group of knitters and crocheters who have made baby blankets and some other items (e.g., hats) for refugee families in our area.



Their next project is to build up a stockpile of baby blankets between now and October.

Congregant Vivian Stahl will give them to a friend in Florida who is a labor-and-delivery nurse in a low-income community.

The group, who wittily call themselves the B'nai Knitzvahs, need another two or three congregants to join in this effort in order to create enough blankets for the hospital to distribute. You can do the work at home or gather with one or two others to add some socializing fun.

Please contact Nancy Thorner at nethorner@yahoo.com.

Sisterhood

We have started a monthly Mah Jongg session. It is not required for you to attend every session. We will meet on the third Sunday of the month from 2:00pm-4:00pm. The next one is scheduled for **Sunday, July 21**. All levels are encouraged and beginners are welcome. Everyone is learning and we will provide instruction and refreshers as needed. Just come whenever you are able. If you have and are able, please bring a Mah Jongg set and/or square card table.

American Mah Jongg is played according to the rules and Standard Hands of the National Mah Jongg League. The Official Standard Hands and Rules Cards can be ordered at National Mah Jongg League (<https://www.nationalmahjonggleague.org/index.aspx>). It is \$14 for a regular card and \$15 for a large-print card. Please join us even if you do not (yet) have a card - we have some extras and can share.

Guys Night Out

The July Guys Night Out will be **Thursday, July 18** at 6:30pm at Red Robin, 20001 Century Blvd, Germantown. This will be an outdoor event, based upon weather and availability.

The August Guy's Night Out will be **Thursday, August 15** at 6:30pm at Qunicy's North Potomac, 1093 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. This will be an outdoor event based upon weather and availability

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

Adult Social Group

This year's pool party & BBQ will be on **Sunday, July 14** from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm at the Clark Ruskin House.

This will be a meat & pareve meal which includes hot dogs and burgers (beef, turkey, veggie), chips, sides, salads, desserts and drinks.

As always, we ask each attendee or couple to provide their signature pareve side dish or salad. The cost will be \$15 per person or \$30 per couple, payable on the day of the event.

RSVP to Joe Baum at jesaz99@aol.com.

Oneg Schedule

Oneg assignments have been made for the year. Assignments for July-August-September are listed below. We are appreciative of everyone's willingness to provide welcome to our community at our sacred home. If you have any issues with your assignment, please email orchadashadmin@gmail.com. You will be sent a reminder two weeks beforehand.

Friday, July 5	Barbazette	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	King	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, July 12		Potluck
Friday, July 19	Neal	B'nai Mitzvah
Saturday, July 20		
Friday, July 26	Baum	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Bender	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, August 2		Potluck
Friday, August 9	Benenati	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Bergman	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, August 16	Hyman	B'nai Mitzvah
Saturday, August 17		
Friday, August 23	Bilow	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Tharp	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, August 30	Birken/Ober	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Carr	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, September 6	Gatti	B'nai Mitzvah
Saturday, September 7		
Friday, September 13	Santa	B'nai Mitzvah
Saturday, September 14		
Friday, September 20	Bellman	B'nai Mitzvah
Saturday, September 21		
Friday, September 27	Farhi/Locke	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Krom	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)

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 birthday treat to mark the occasion. We have Birthday Blessings every month. For the month of July, come on **Friday, July 19** at 6:15pm and for the month of August, join us on **Friday, August 2** at 6:15pm.

We also celebrate anniversaries within our Or Chadash family. Again, be invited onto the bimah for a special blessing and treat (a different treat than the Birthday Blessings). This is also monthly with Anniversary Blessings on **Friday, July 26** at 6:15pm and **Friday, August 16**, at 6:15pm.

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 April, May, and early June. Please contact the office for more information.

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Welcome

Welcome to Hannah Strelser. Hannah was formerly part of a family membership. She is now a "new" member in her own right.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Layla Neal who will become a Bat Mitzvah on July 20.

Congratulations to Brady Hyman who will become a Bar Mitzvah on August 17.

Condolences

We extend our deep condolences to Susan White and her family on the death of her mother, Nancy White, who died on May 25.

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, July 12

Milton Marx	Father of Fred Marx
George Slong	Uncle of Barbara Marx
Sarah Soltar	Grandmother of Fred Petok
**Philip Zeidman	Grandfather of Phil Zeidman
Nathan Blagman	Grandfather of Karl Gussow
Frances Weidler	Mother of Nancy Isaacson
Ludwig Cahn	Grandfather of Lisa Rolnick
Robin Colby	Stepmother of Andrew Colby
**Alan Dissin	Former Congregant

Friday, July 19 & Saturday, July 20

JoAnn Medina Pinkerton	Mother of Karl Lorenz
Rosalind Blackstone	Sister of Bruce Thorner
Helene Marx	Mother of Fred Marx
Rhonda Zinn	Sister of Donna Goldsteen

Friday, July 26

David Berman	Father of Terry Lewis
Earl Tropp	Grandfather of Anne Gussow
Craig Held	Spouse of Heather Held
Jerrold Bernstein	Father of Ellyn Baum

Friday, August 2

David Ortman	Husband of Robin Farquhar
Peter Stahl	Brother of Vivian Stahl
Louis I. Weber	Father of Marsha Weber
William King	Father of William King

Friday, August 9

Yale Barkan	Father of Elizabeth Bilow
Linda Evans	Cousin of Ellyn Baum
Mollie Lipshy	Grandmother of Karen Conner
Evelyn Rosenthal	Grandmother of Lou Rosenthal

Friday, August 16 & Saturday, August 17

Sigmund Baum	Father of Joe Baum
Susan Howard	Mother of Meghan Howard
**Charles Privot	Uncle of Phil Zeidman
Roberta Fisher	Mother of Sue Carr
Robert Isaacson	Uncle of Ron Isaacson

Friday, August 23

Lowell Bender	Uncle of David Bender
John Klingenstein	Andrew and Julie Klingenstein
Florence Freitag	Grandmother of Michael Abrahams
Jacob Gilstein	Father of Margot Raphael
Anita Raphael	Mother of Steven Raphael
Gary Kerner	Father of Adam Kerner
Ina Glosman Weinstein	Mother of Alana Hyman
Pearl Garfunkel Gould	Mother of Diane Levitus

Friday, August 30

Israel Lazaruk	Father of Fran Zavin
**Harry Abrahams	Michael Abrahams
**Paul Benowitz	Father of Howard Benowitz

**Yahrzeit plaque



GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL PARK INFORMATION

FOR MEMBERS OF CONGREGATION OR CHADASH

Congregation Or Chadash is now a Partner Congregation in the Garden of Remembrance (Gan Zikaron) Memorial Park in Clarksburg, Maryland. The synagogue has purchased permanent interment rights in a section of the 150-acre nonprofit memorial park (see map on reverse).

The Garden of Remembrance memorial counselors are available to meet or speak with Or Chadash families to discuss advance planning or at-need arrangements and to assist in the selection of spaces in the Or Chadash section of the memorial park.

Or Chadash members and their families receive a 10% Partner Congregation reduction on the interment rights. The regular price is \$2,900* per space which is reduced to \$2,610 for Or Chadash members. All spaces also require a one-time \$290 fee towards the Perpetual Endowed Care Trust Fund.

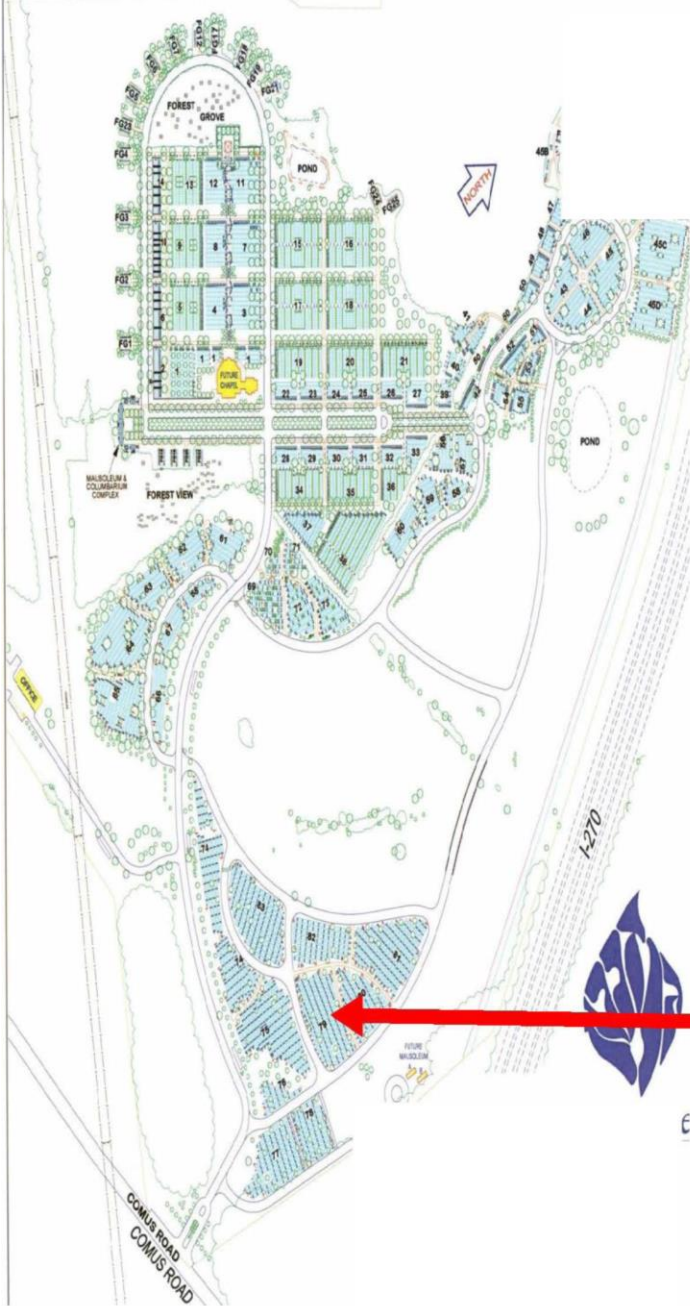
To assist in planning, the following represent the current, usual costs* associated with a burial at Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park:

-Interment (opening/closing of grave).....	\$1,950
-Installed Concrete Grave Liner.....	\$ 900

The Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park also offers the largest, most affordable selection of memorials and markers in the Greater Washington area.

The Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park office is currently open on Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm, Friday from 9 am to 4 pm, and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. It is closed on Federal and Major Jewish holidays. For additional information please call 301-428-3000, send an email to info@gardenofremembrance.org or visit email visit www.gardenofremembrance.org.

Appendix A



Section 79
Row 12 (23-32)
Row 10 (23-32)

A detailed inset plan showing a grid of building footprints. The plan is divided into rows and columns. A yellow highlighted section is located in the upper right quadrant. The plan includes various labels for building footprints, such as '10-20', '11-20', '12-20', '13-20', '14-20', '15-20', '16-20', '17-20', '18-20', '19-20', '20-20', '21-20', '22-20', '23-20', '24-20', '25-20', '26-20', '27-20', '28-20', '29-20', '30-20', '31-20', '32-20', '33-20', '34-20', '35-20', '36-20', '37-20', '38-20', '39-20', '40-20', '41-20', '42-20', '43-20', '44-20', '45-20', '46-20', '47-20', '48-20', '49-20', '50-20', '51-20', '52-20', '53-20', '54-20', '55-20', '56-20', '57-20', '58-20', '59-20', '60-20', '61-20', '62-20', '63-20', '64-20', '65-20', '66-20', '67-20', '68-20', '69-20', '70-20', '71-20', '72-20', '73-20', '74-20', '75-20', '76-20', '77-20', '78-20', '79-20', '80-20', '81-20', '82-20', '83-20', '84-20', '85-20', '86-20', '87-20', '88-20', '89-20', '90-20', '91-20', '92-20', '93-20', '94-20', '95-20', '96-20', '97-20', '98-20', '99-20', '100-20'. A red arrow points from the main plan to this inset.

*prices are subject to change without notice



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Small Leaf - Suggested Donation \$180 - Up to four lines, 25 characters per line.



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Congregation Or Chadash
24800 Kings Valley Rd., Damascus, MD 20872

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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.

**Return forms to the Temple office at
24800 Kings Valley Rd., Damascus, MD 20872 or
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