

# Or Chadash FOCUS

*By Rabbi Alison B. Kobey*

This time of year marks a shift for many of us. The last couple of months, we celebrated Jewish holiday after Jewish holiday along with the return of a busily joyous and filled Or Chadash calendar. We made promises to God and, perhaps, to each other or to ourselves as we looked inward and reached outward.

But now, it is November and many people have returned to their old patterns, losing the sacred messages that came with each of those holidays, and even reducing their synagogue attendance. Moreover, for many people, this time of year becomes busier from a secular point of view, with parties and events marking Thanksgiving or the Christian holiday of Christmas. Although some people love this time of year, others feel isolated and alone. Thus, I look to you all for help. Please make sure you reach out to others and, if something arises, please feel free to set up a meeting to talk with me. I am happy to help and support you or a loved one, in both good times and in hard times.

In an effort to maintain balance between Mt. Sinai and Mt. Modernity,

I share the following prayer (from our prayerbook) with you: “As I awaken, let this be my thought: may my day be filled with acts of loving-kindness. Let me be drawn to learning and discernment, and may my actions be shaped by mitzvot (commandments). Keep me from iniquity, disgrace, and sin. May I not be overwhelmed by temptation or despair. Distance me from evil people and false friends. Let me cultivate a life of goodness. May my hands reach out in kindness, and serve God through acts of righteousness. Today and every day, may I merit Your mercy, by living my life with compassion and love. Holy One of Blessing, draw me to Your words. Teach me the art of sacred living.”

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## SHABBAT/HOLIDAY SERVICES

**Friday, November 1** – 6:15pm Shabbat Services followed by Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner

**Saturday, November 2** – 10:00am Shabbat Services with 5<sup>th</sup> Grade participation and the Auf Ruf of Courney Conner and Sam Taylor

**Friday, November 8** – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings

**Friday, November 15** – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Muppets Theme and OCS Participation

**Friday, November 22** – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Anniversary Blessings and learning about Rabbi's trip to Cuba

**Saturday, November 23** – 10:00am Shabbat Services with Bar Mitzvah of Justin Sardilli

**Friday, November 29** – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

**Friday, December 6** – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Marla Feldman followed by Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner

**Saturday, December 7** – 7:00pm Havdallah and Scholar-in-Residence

**Friday, December 13** – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings

**Saturday, December 14** – 10:00am Shabbat Services with 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade participation

**Friday, December 20** – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Anniversary Blessings

**Friday, December 27** – 6:15pm Shabbat Chanukah Services with OCS and bring your own menorah (BYOM)

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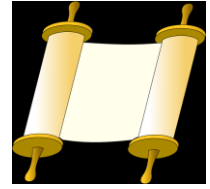
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# Torah Study / Talmud



**Saturday, November 2 – 10:00am No Regular Torah Study**, but please join us at Shabbat Services with 5<sup>th</sup> Grade participation and the auf ruf of Courtney Conner and Sam Taylor and hear about the Torah portion (Multi-access)

**Saturday, November 9 – 9:30am Torah Study IN PERSON ONLY.** An unconventional Torah study... Come take a walk and see the actual Torah scroll and see some of the physical differences in the scroll.

**Saturday, November 16 – 9:30am Torah Study Vayera (Genesis 18:1- 22:24)** How do we welcome guests? Can we laugh and cry at the same time? How does hospitality impact our burdens? When do we stand up for our beliefs? Can sibling rivalry ever be okay? How do we test God and how does God test us? Who wins? (Zoom only)

**Saturday, November 23 – 10:00am No Regular Torah Study**, but please join us at Shabbat Services with the Bar Mitzvah of Justin Sardilli and hear about the Torah portion (Multi-access)

**Saturday, November 30 – 9:30am Torah Study Toldot (Genesis 25:19- 28:9)** Is birthright spiritual or something else? How is parenting twins different than singletons? What is Isaac's covenantal promise? How important are parental blessings? Is stealing ever okay? How does God show favoritism? Did Isaac have a memory-loss disease? How do grudges impact our own behaviors? (Zoom only)

**Saturday, December 7 – 9:30am No Regular Torah Study**, but please join us in person for Torah as part of our scholar-in-residence program (In person only)

**Saturday, December 14 – 10:00am No Regular Torah Study**, but please join us at Shabbat Services with 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> Grade Participation and hear about the Torah portion (Multi-access)

**Saturday, December 21 – 9:30am Torah Study Vayeshev (Genesis 37:1- 40:23)** Who first tells his brothers not to shed any blood? Did the brothers actually sell Joseph into slavery? Do you remember your dreams? What do they mean? How does Joseph's journey impact his emotional future? What happens when parents show blatant favoritism? How do you know when a prank goes too far? (Zoom only)

**Saturday, December 21 – 11:00am Talmud Class** (Zoom only)

**Saturday, December 28 – 9:30am Torah Study Mikeitz (Genesis 41:1-44:17)** Can God give an answer of peace? Does Joseph feel close to his siblings? What are your dreams? What do they mean? Why does Joseph's ability to interpret dreams matter? How does Joseph test? Who passes and who fails? Does it surprise you that Joseph feels close to God? (Zoom only)

## President's Column

For this newsletter, I wanted to talk to you about Temple Security.

This is a topic that many of us are concerned about these days. With antisemitism on the rise for several years and fears of possibly being targeted, the Board of Directors has worked very hard to make sure we all feel safe within our building. And I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight a few of the things the board has done since the shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA in 2018.

Until about a year ago, we had a grant issued by the federal government (2 awards of the same grant, each lasting 3 years). Using this money, we have made significant improvements to the structure of the building ranging from placing bollards and boulders protecting us from someone crashing into the building to security doors and other improvements. We also installed a keypad lock on our front door.

When we made these physical improvements to our building, we also added policies to help keep us all safe. We instituted "Greeters" for every service. A congregant (who has sat through training) is assigned to watch the door as people come and go. This person opens the door (as it automatically locks upon closing) and welcomes any congregant or visitor. That greeter guesses when everyone has arrived and then is free to attend the meeting or service occurring at that time. They leave a sign on the door with their contact information and arriving congregants/visitors are invited to call or text the number and the greeter will allow them access. The greeter welcomes these contacts, even if it is in the

middle of a service, so if you see the sign on the door and wish entry, please do not be afraid to reach out to the greeter so you can be welcomed into the building.

Another thing this and other grants have allowed is for security personnel to be present on site at times where there are more members present. We use this service for High Holiday services, B'Nai Mitzvah services, religious school, and various events where we expect higher attendance. The money to pay for this has been coming from these grants, but those funds are limited. We have applied for more funding for this purpose and continue to look for other grants for these types of services. We are still working with the company that contracts our security personnel needs and will reach out to them whenever there is a need.

We have also formalized a firearms policy. While we do not permit guns on site (in general), there are some exceptions. An excerpt of this policy is posted in this newsletter. But anyone carrying a firearm on our property must register with temple leadership before bringing a firearm on the property.

All of these things are done in an effort to ensure we have a safe place to worship, teach, learn and enjoy. Everyone should always feel safe in a house of worship, and we are doing all we can to ensure that we can say that about Congregation Or Chadash.

*Yours in peace,  
Ilene Krom  
President, Board of Directors*

*Alison B. Kobey (continued)*

What if we all took this prayer to heart? What if, even in our busy November/December season, we lived this message? If so, we would engage in Torah, participate in commandments, study,

be kind, and reach out to others. And that, my Or Chadash family, is my prayer and my hope for all of us.

*L'Shalom*  
*Rabbi Alison B. Kobey*

## Religious School Committee

As you read this, our Religious School will be entering its second cluster of classes. Each cluster has a different set of Hebrew, elective, and Judaic topics. The Hebrew topics for the current cluster are Modern Hebrew and Prayer Hebrew. The electives are Sephardi Culture, our annual Purim Schpiel, Yoga and Sports, and Judaica Art. The Judaic topics are Israel, Jewish Holidays, American Jewish History, and Jewish Life Cycle. And we always have a music class or Shabbat service preparation.

If you have questions about the new curriculum or anything else about Religious School, please come to our next Religious School Committee meetings on **Tuesday, November 5** at 7:30pm on Zoom and **Sunday, December 15** at 12:15pm at the temple. Contact Howard Benowitz or check the weekly Or Chadash Happenings emails for the Zoom link.

SAVE THE DATE: If you can't fit a Religious School Committee meeting into your schedule but want to learn more or offer feedback about Religious School, come enjoy bagels and coffee with other parents, Religious School Committee members, and Rabbi Kobey, at a Coffee with the Education Director on **Sunday, December 15**, at 9:45am.

### Religious School Schedule

In Session:

**November 10, 12, 17, 19, 24**  
**December 3, 8, 10, 15, 17**

Not in session:

**November 3, 5, 26**  
**December 1, 22, 24, 29, 31**

*L'Shalom,*  
*The Religious School Committee*

# Keeping Up with Or Chadash

## Committee Meetings

**Tuesday, November 5** – 7:30pm Religious School Committee (Zoom only)

**Wednesday, November 6** – 7:00pm Social Justice Committee (Zoom only)

**Sunday, November 10** – 12:15pm Ritual Committee (In person only)

**Sunday, December 15** – 12:15pm Religious School Committee (In person only)

## Board Meetings

**Wednesdays, 7:30pm November 13 and December 11**

## Youth Groups – CORY

We are very excited for the upcoming CORY year and we have lots of great events planned. Anyone that has already become a Bar/Bat/B’nai Mitzvah in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and anyone in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome and encouraged to join.

See the calendar below for more details.

### CORY CALENDAR 2024-2025

CORY fee for all events for the year and preferred payment system : \$125.00  
(excluding L'Taken or other NFTY events)

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Nov. 15-Nov. 17		NFTY-MAR Fall Kallah (at Cong. Beth El, Alexandria, VA)
Nov. 24 (Note new date)	3:00pm	Shadowland Laser tag
Dec. 8	3:00pm	ZavaZone
Jan. 5	2:00pm	Ice Skating at Cabin John
Jan. 10-Jan. 13		L'Taken Weekend for COC 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades
Jan. 17-Jan. 20		NFTY-MAR Winter Kallah (at Wakefield, VA)
Feb. 9	2:00pm	Top Golf
Feb. 21	5:45pm	CORY-led Shabbat service
Mar. 8	4:30pm	Purim carnival set-up
Mar. 9	11:15am	Purim carnival
Apr. 27	3:00pm	Great Falls Hike
May 18	5:00pm	Sandy Springs Adventure Park
June 6- June 7	5:45pm -9:15am	Shul-in

## Adult Education

### Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Upcoming Adult B'nai Mitzvah classes are 5:00pm on **Wednesdays on November 6, November 20, December 4, and December 18.**

### Adult Learning

**Fridays, November 15, November 22, and December 20** 12:00pm Topic: The purpose and structure of the prayer service. (Zoom only)

### Scholar-in-Residence

We are excited to welcome Rabbi Marla Feldman for the weekend of **December 6-8** (programs will be Friday night at services, Saturday morning, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning). Rabbi Feldman is the author of the book "Biblical Women Speak: Hearing Their Voices through New and Ancient Midrash," which will be available for purchase and for her signing. Her program will be on midrash (interpretive techniques) to discover various women's stories from a female point of view and provide insights beyond how ancient male scholars viewed them. We will enter into Biblical narratives, challenge conventional wisdom, and recalibrate the stories and lessons through the lens of our own lives and experiences. Rabbi Feldman will share how our ancient tradition can provide meaning for our modern lives through the literary art of midrash and the inspiring tales of biblical women. Participants also will have the opportunity to delve into the midrashic process themselves by writing their own creative midrash. We will come away from the weekend empowered to engage even more deeply with biblical texts and read sacred scripture with "midrashic" eyes! Open to all genders, of course.

**Friday, December 6** at 6:15pm during services  
**Saturday, December 7** at 9:30am bagel brunch  
**Saturday, December 7** at 7:00pm havdallah and desserts

**Sunday, December 8** at 9:30am brunch  
 Please RSVP to Rabbi Kobey for the Saturday and Sunday events. To help offset costs, we are asking for \$36 a person. If finances are a hardship, please reach out to Rabbi Kobey. All information will remain strictly confidential.

### Shabbat Greeter and Tech Support

We would love for you to sign up on the SignUpGenius (or reach out to Rabbi if you are having trouble) to be the door greeter person or the tech person. If you are not yet trained in either (or both), we are happy to train you! This link is also the link for the oneg list. Thank you in advance for volunteering!

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

### Potlucks

Shabbat Potluck dinners follow our 6:15pm Shabbat services on **Friday, November 1** and **Friday, December 6.**

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 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. Please sign up to bring a dish if you are able.

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

### Firearms Policy at Congregation Or Chadash

	Active Sworn Law Officer	Retired Sworn Law Officer	Security Professional	Everyone Else
Temple Member or Staff member	Always	See (1) below	See (2) below	Never
Other individual on Temple grounds	Always See (3) Below	Never	Never	Never

This is an excerpt of our firearms policy. This policy was approved by the Board of Directors on May 8, 2024. (This policy is applicable to staff, members, visitors, contractors, vendors, and all others who may be in the building or on Temple grounds. Professional security personnel hired by the Congregation for security purposes are handled separately.)

The table above describes who can/cannot have a firearm within the Temple building or on the Temple grounds based on an individual's association with both an Organizational and Professional group. For example, a Security Professional who is part of temple staff or a member may be in possession once pre-approval occurs per conditions described under (2), as defined here. By contrast, a Security Professional who is a temple guest (“Other individual on Temple grounds” row in table) is never allowed.

1. Staff/members who are retired law enforcement officers and qualify under LEOSA (Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act) to carry a firearm may do so, but only after all documentation has been presented to and validated by the Temple Board of Directors. This is a pre-approval process that is required before coming to Temple with a firearm.

- Staff/members who are security professionals as defined above may carry a firearm, but only after all documentation of such qualifications/certifications have been presented to and validated by the Temple Board of Directors. This is a pre-approval process that is required before coming to Temple with a firearm.
- Active sworn officers who are not staff/members must show valid credentials to temple leadership present at the service or event upon arrival at the building.

**Administrative aspects:**

- Anyone permitted to be in possession of a firearm in the building by this policy should notify a representative of Temple leadership upon arriving at the building with a firearm. Examples of temple leadership in this scenario include the Rabbi, a Board member, or other designated representative of Temple leadership as determined by the Board of Directors.
- Anyone not permitted per this policy to be in possession of a firearm in the building, if identified, will be required to secure the firearm in a safe manner, per local law, outside of the building. This could be in a locked vehicle on-site (in accordance with local law) or off-site. If the individual will not or cannot secure the firearm outside the building they will be asked to leave. Police will be immediately notified for non-compliance with this policy.



## Social Action / Social Justice

We are so excited to have a new chairperson of the Social Justice / Social Action Committee! Please help welcome (and support) Arlene Greenspan to this important role. Social justice and social action have long been vital parts of Judaism and especially Reform Judaism. Rabbi Tarfon declared “it is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it.” Alternatively stated, we know that while we do not have to solve all the problems of the world, it is our responsibility to make the world better.

Every month, we will be focusing on a different issue and different projects that go with it. In that way, we can be more intentional and more active about our social justice work. For example, September was the Get Out the Vote campaign and the importance of voting rights. October focused on feeding the hungry, both with Rise Against Hunger and our collection for Manna. Our plan for November will be expressing gratitude with all that we have and in turn helping those who are less fortunate. We will be collecting for Comfort Cases, helping foster children have backpacks filled with core belongings, rather than being forced to carry trash bags with their stuff and also looking to see if we can collect backpacks for students who go hungry on the weekends when they do not have meals at school. December will focus on our bringing the light and, as part of it, working in a shelter. Stay tuned for more details as we grow and evolve our social justice and social action work. Other months will include a focus on health, dating violence (or in the positive: healthy relationships), people with disabilities, refugees, gun violence prevention, aging, interfaith work, human sex trafficking prevention, LGBTQ+ rights, suicide prevention, racial justice, and women’s health. Stay tuned for more information.

Additionally, now that we have a chair of the committee, we would like to have regular committee meetings to grow and expand our projects and volunteerism.

The first meeting of this newly formed committee will be **Wednesday, November 6** at 7:00pm (Zoom only). We look forward to working together for the betterment of all.

## Supporting Refugees

New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance (NNIA) is continually being contacted by recent immigrant families in need. Our Steering Committee has added three more Afghan families, one Haitian family and one Rohingya family from Myanmar to our supported families in just the last two months. Our goal is to get them stable with jobs and improved English, so that they are able to support themselves.

There are always many volunteer needs. We would like to highlight two priority needs. The first is to work with family breadwinners to find jobs. This includes helping develop resumes, identifying job opportunities online or via posted Help Wanted signs, and taking the candidate to potential places of employment.

The second priority need is for tutors to help our new neighbors learn English. Almost every family needs at least one tutor, and no experience is required. NNIA will help you select the resources you can use to tutor.

Contact us at [NNIAMaryland@gmail.com](mailto:NNIAMaryland@gmail.com), or contact congregant Debbie Eisenberg at [rjeisenberg@comcast.net](mailto:rjeisenberg@comcast.net) for more information, or to volunteer.

All of this work would not be possible without the incredibly generous financial support that we have received from our compassionate donors! While checks can still be mailed to the COC NNIA Refugee Fund, NNIA itself has become a 501(c)(3) this year, and is now accepting online donations at <https://ssl.charityweb.net/nnia-maryland>.

Also, check out the needed in-kind donations that are listed here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45A4AA2DA5F9C52-inkind1>.

### **B'nai Knitzvahs Complete Baby Blanket Project**

Five COC congregants (and the mother of one of them) have finished knitting or crocheting ten baby blankets for newborns. The blankets are on their way to the neonatal unit at Indian River Hospital in Vero Beach, Florida.

The ten gorgeous blankets are illustrated below!

The committee chair, Nancy Thorner, is now looking for volunteers to start knitting scarves for people of different ages. She writes: "Going forward, we will be coordinating our efforts with social-action themes as much as possible. The recipients and deadline(s) for the scarves will be determined at a later date."

Congratulations and thanks to Nancy and to congregants Landon Rolnick, Laura Jackel, Stephanie Sinoway (plus Stephanie's mom!), and Vivian Stahl. The B'nai Knitzvahs always welcome new knitters and crocheters. Please contact Nancy at [nethorner@yahoo.com](mailto:nethorner@yahoo.com).



### **Fall Grounds Cleanup**

Thank you to everyone who turned out to support the Building Committee's Fall Grounds Cleanup. We spread 80 bags of mulch, pruned trees, trimmed bushes, and performed other general cleanup to help improve the look of our property. The Building Committee is also responsible for much of the interior maintenance of the building. If you have specific skills (e.g., electrical, plumbing, dry wall, etc.) and are willing to help out when the occasional need arises, please contact Rob Eisenberg.



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### Rise Against Hunger

Thank you to all who helped us pack 11,000 meals on Yom Kippur, during our eighth annual feed-the-hungry program! We were told that our packets will feed 52 children for an entire year. Also, thank you to the donors who have made this program possible!



## Sisterhood Events

We have 2 “Night Outs” planned for the fall. All times are 7:30pm:

**Thursday, November 14** at California Pizza Kitchen (Rio Washingtonian Center)

**Thursday, January 9** at Osaka Ramen and Sushi (Darnestown Rd, Gaithersburg)

While RSVPs are not required, notice of your planned arrival is greatly appreciated. Please notify Ilene Krom (kromfamily726@gmail.com). This way she can confirm that we have a table of the appropriate size for the Nights Out.

## Mah Jongg

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 2:00-4:00pm. Upcoming sessions are **Sunday, November 17, Sunday, December 15, and Sunday, January 19.**

All skill levels are encouraged and beginners are welcome. Everyone is learning and we will provide instruction and refreshers as needed. And there is no obligation to come every month ... 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

([www.nationalmahjonggleague.org/index.aspx](http://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.

## Brotherhood

The first Guys' Night Out in the post-Joe Baum era took place at Señor Tequila's on September 19 and was well-attended. By the time you read this, we will have gathered on October 17 at True Food Kitchen, at Rio in Gaithersburg.

The next two events will be:

**Thursday, November 21**, 6:30pm at Il Porto in Gaithersburg

**Thursday, December 19**, 6:30pm at Thai Tanium, in the Kentlands (Gaithersburg).

In addition, please:

1. Provide a preferred e-mail address if you would like to continue to directly receive notices of Brotherhood activities and
2. Submit ideas for other activities that you would like the Brotherhood to organize. Please contact Jack Goldman at jackgoldman24@gmail.com to (a) RSVP for the **Thursday, November 21** and/or **Thursday, December 19** dinners, (b) provide a preferred e-mail, and (c) submit your ideas for more activities.

*Thanks!*

*Jack Goldman, Ralph Locke, and Bruce Thorner*

### Congregation Or Chadash Book Club

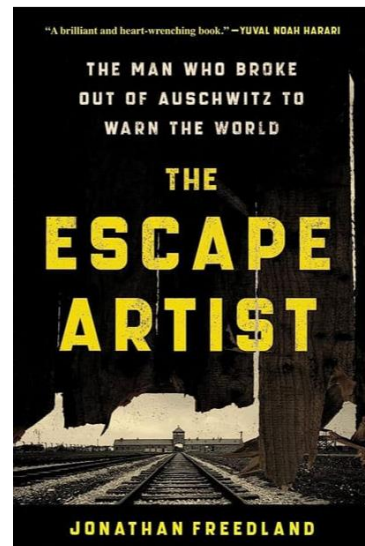
The next meeting of the Congregation Or Chadash Book Club is **Friday, November 8** at noon. This is a Zoom-only meeting. The Zoom link will be in the Or Chadash Happenings email.

The book for November is *The Escape Artist* by Jonathan Freedland. 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, November 5** to Jane Harris, [clamityjgh@aol.com](mailto:clamityjgh@aol.com).

Our book for **Friday, January 10** will be *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.



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## Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Justin Sardilli on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on November 23.

Congratulations to Courtney Conner and Sam Taylor on their Wedding on November 9.

Congratulations to Susan Drubin and Jack Goldman who happily announce the birth of two grandchildren: Ari Frederick Goldman and Benjamin Hulman Goldman to parents Sam and Sarah Goldman of Silver Spring.

## Special Services

### Celebrating Simchas (Joyous Moments)

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 November, come on **Friday, November 8** at 6:15pm and for December, join us on **Friday, December 20** 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 from the Birthday Blessings). This is also monthly with Anniversary Blessings on **Friday, November 22** and **Friday, December 20**, at 6:15pm.

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

# Oneg Schedule

Oneg assignments have been made for the year. Assignments for November/December/January 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, November 8	Lebedinsky	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Benowitz	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, November 15	Eisenberg	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Breuer	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, November 16	Eisemann	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Epstein	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, November 22 Saturday, November 23	Sardilli	B'nai Mitzvah
Friday, November 29	Strelser	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Feierstein	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, December 13	Jesse Gellert	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Drubin / Goldman	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, December 20	Goldspiel	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Goldsteen	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, December 27	Greenspan	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Harris	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, January 3	Held	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Hennelly	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, January 17	Himmelfarb	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Hurson	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, January 24	Isaacson	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Kefetz	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, January 31	Kaufam	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)

## Thank You to Our Donors

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

### High Holiday Appeal

Larry & Cindy Bender  
 Harvey & Karen Bernstein  
 Irwin & Terri Binder  
 Michael & Cara Breuer wishing Shanah Tovah  
 to everyone at Or Chadash and Rabbi Kobey  
 Rob & Debbie Eisenberg  
 Jack Goldman & Susan Drubin  
 Karl & Anne Gussow  
 Ralph Locke & Lona Farhi  
 Margot & Steven Raphael  
 Rachel Stroud-Goodrich & Christopher  
 Goodrich  
 Ron & Nancy Isaacson  
 Gerald & Patricia Marlin  
 Edward Myers  
 Sarah Stone  
 Fran & Jack Zavin

### Rise Against Hunger

Howard and Melissa Benowitz  
 Rob & Debbie Eisenberg  
 Barry & Nancy Goldspiel  
 Sydney & Diane Levitus

### Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Robin Elvove with thanks for welcoming her to  
 High Holiday services  
 Vivian Stahl & Bob Senseney

### General Donations

Howard & Melissa Benowitz  
 Irwin & Terri Binder in memory of Nancy  
 White, mother of Susan White  
 Irwin & Terri Binder in memory of Sheila  
 Geisler, mother of Andrew Colby  
 Russ Chittum  
 Rob & Debbie Eisenberg  
 Jack Goldman & Susan Drubin  
 Lona Farhi & Ralph Locke with congratulations  
 to Susan Apirian Drubin and Jack Goldman  
 on the birth of their two grandchildren Ari  
 Frederick Goldman and Benjamin Hulman  
 Goldman.  
 Fred & Barbara Marx in memory of all with  
 yahrzeits in 5785  
 Ira Mossman  
 Margot & Steven Raphael  
 Louis & Ting Rosenthal in memory of Evelyn  
 Rosenthal  
 Marc & Geri Sliffman  
 David & Julie Swain

### Yahrtzeit Board

Greg & Claire SanNicolas in memory of David  
 Grobstein  
 Gary & Maureen Young in memory of Lillian  
 Young and Lawrence Young

### NNIA Refugee Fund

Susan Gellert

## Condolences

We extend our deep condolences to Claire SanNicolas and her family on the death of her father, David Grobstein, who died August 21, at the age of 91 years old.

We extend our deep condolences to Andrew Colby and his family on the death of his mother, Sheila Geisler who died on September 11, with family at her side.



# 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, November 1 & Saturday, November 2

Anna Benenati	Mother of Luciano Benenati
Robert Swigart	Brother of Thomas Swigart
Morris Zoldan	Grandfather of Howard Lansat
Meyer Epstein	Father of Alan Epstein
**Marshall Zeidman	Brother of Ricke Zeidman Uncle of Philip Zeidman
Lorraine Aronson	Mother of Marci Nadler
Ronald Engel	Father of Sheri Dayton
David Breuer	Brother of Michael Breuer
Edith Slonk	Grandmother of Barbara Marx

## Friday, November 8 & Saturday, November 9

Morris Glosman	Grandfather of Alana Hyman
Norman Colby	Father of Andrew Colby
Lawrence Fisher	Father of Sue Carr

## Friday, November 15

Arthur Aronson	Father of Marci Nadler
Gertrude Lessans	Mother of Ray Lessans
Joseph Binder	Father of Irwin Binder
Hans Breuer	Father of Michael Breuer
William Ostrov	Grandfather of Fred Marx
Else Rosenblum Swigart	Grandmother of Ziona Mossman
Marshall Rosenthal	Uncle of David Bender
David Farhi	Brother of Lona Farhi Uncle of Marti Kerner

## Friday, November 22 & Saturday, November 23

Herbert Ruskin	Father of Maureen Ruskin
Matti Powojski	Cousin of Ziona Mossman Swigart
Ida Thorner	Mother of Bruce Thorner
Sadye Goldenberg	Grandmother of Diane Levitus
Armand Grenadier	Great-uncle of Ellyn Baum
Harold Jacobs	Father of Jennie Strelser
Katherine L. Swigart	Mother of Thomas Swigart

## Friday, November 29

Larry Bernstein	Uncle of Ellyn Baum
**Eugene Gellert	Brother-in-law of Susan Gellert Uncle of Jesse Gellert
Eugene Levitus	Brother of Sydney Levitus

## Friday, December 6

Caren Goldfine	Wife of Ellyn Baum's Uncle
Ruth Solowey	Mother of Rona Kandel
Helen Stahl	Mother of Vivian Stahl
Pauline Jolkovsky	Aunt of Ziona Mossman Swigart
**Adele Spiegel	Aunt of Ricke Zeidman Great-Aunt of Philip Zeidman
Liba Binder	Mother of Irwin Binder
Rose Leigh	Aunt of Joe Baum
Harold Solidar	Uncle of Sydney Levitus

## Friday, December 13 & Saturday, December 14

Melvin Moskowitz	Father of Sindi Siskind
**Dortha Furr	Mother of Susan Gellert Grandmother of Jesse Gellert
James Joseph Hyman	Father of Brett Hyman
Benjamin Bender	Father of Larry Bender
Gladys Stein	Grandmother of Ilene Krom
Arnold Gould	Father of Diane Levitus
Joan Judge	Mother of Suzanne Colby
Dr. Howard Sommer	Father of Heather Held

## Friday, December 20

Elaine Spector	Mother of Donna Goldsteen
Rabbi Harold I Krantzler	Father of Rebecca Stroud
Gail Siskind	Mother of Aaron Siskind

## Friday, December 27

Allen Goldberg	Father of Chris Goldberg
Martha Gussow	Grandmother of Karl Gussow
Jerene Isaacson	Grandmother of Ron Isaacson
Donna King	Mother of William King
Gregorio SanNicolas	Father of Greg SanNicolas
**Dorothy Benowitz	Mother of Howard Benowitz

## Friday, January 3

Lillian Astor	Grandmother of Jonathan Jackel
Nat Astor	Grandfather of Jonathan Jackel
Esther Lazaruk	Mother of Fran Zavin
Jay Nadler	Father of Karl Nadler
Betty Sommer Held	Paternal Grandmother of Heather Held
Yetta Levitus	Mother of Sydney Levitus
William Stein	Brother of Barbara Marx Son of Florence Stein

\*\*Yahrzeit plaque



## CHANUKAH BLESSINGS



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam  
Asher Kidshanu B'mitzvotav  
V'tzivanu L'hadlik Neir Shel Chanukah.*

**Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the Universe  
who has commanded us with Divine Mitzvot and  
commanded us to light the Chanukah candles.**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ  
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam, Sheh'ahsah  
Nisim La'avoteinu V'Imoteinu Bayamim Haheim Bazman  
Hazeh.*

**Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the Universe, who  
has performed miracles for our ancestors in  
long-ago days at this season.**

*(for the first night only)*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ, לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Ehloheinu Melech Haolam,  
Shehhehcheyanu V'keyimahnu V'heegiyanu Lazman Hazeh.*

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the  
Universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and  
for enabling us to reach this day.**

We light the candles by putting them in right to left,  
and lighting left to right  
(in other words, we light the newest candle first).





**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:

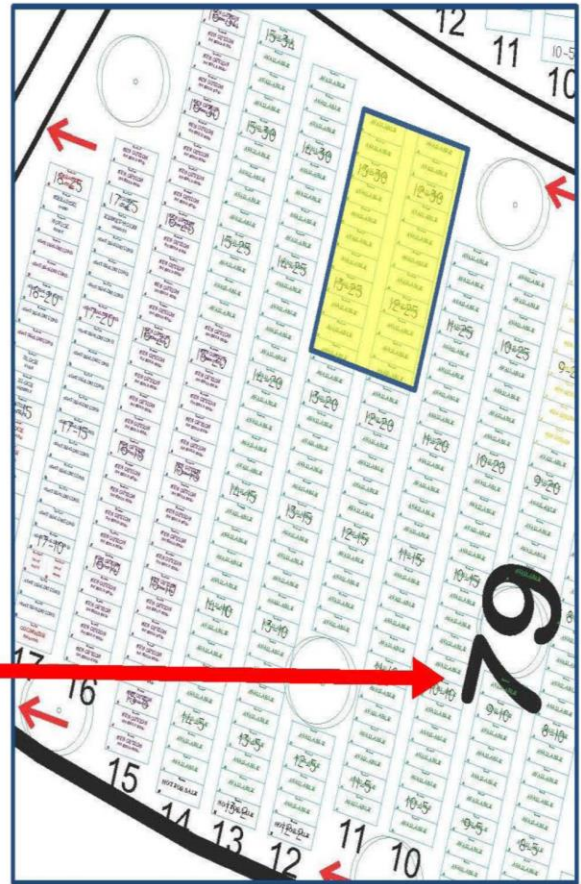
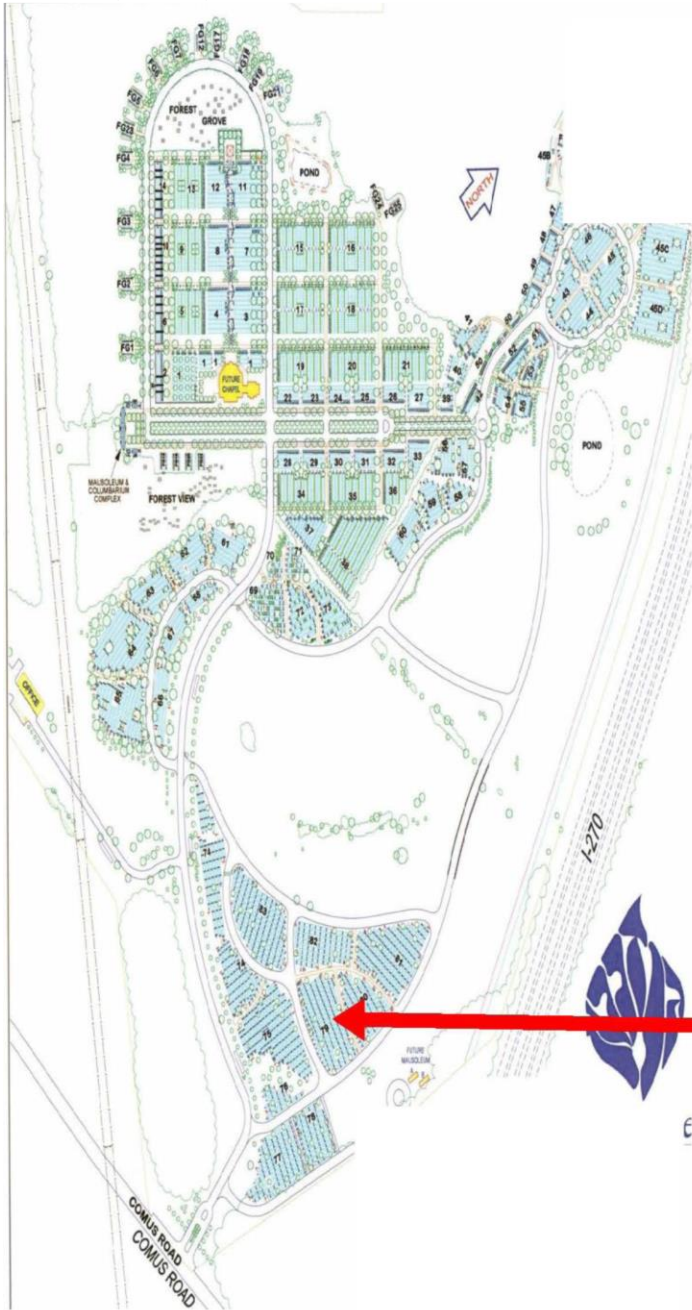
- Interment (opening/closing of grave)..... \$1,950
- Installed Concrete Grave Liner.....\$ 900

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](mailto:info@gardenofremembrance.org) or visit email visit [www.gardenofremembrance.org](http://www.gardenofremembrance.org).

Appendix A

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



\*prices are subject to change without notice

# Congregation Or Chadash

## Tree of Life

Honor simchas (happy life events) with  
a leaf on Congregation Or Chadash's  
Tree of Life.

Two leaf sizes are available as well as a few special  
Doves.



To order, please fill out the form below and return to the temple office.

To order remembrance plaques for the Yahrzeit Board, Please use the Yahrzeit Plaques Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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

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

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Dove - Suggested Donation \$1000 - Call the office for more details

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

301-482-1025 (o)  
301-482-1027 (f)



# Yahrzeit 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  
 email to orchadashadmin@gmail.com.**

