

Or Chadash FOCUS

By Rabbi Alison B. Kobey

What is more important: what we do, or why we do it? In the Talmud, there is a debate between two rabbis on this issue. One comments that “a sin done for the right reason is better than a mitzvah done for the wrong reason.” The other rabbi comments, “A person should always occupy themselves with Torah and mitzvot even if they are done for the wrong reason, for by doing them even for the wrong reason one will eventually come to do them for the right reason” (Nazir 23b).

As the rabbis debate and bring up different ideas, the concept starts to unfold as to which is better in Judaism. For example, Rav Yehudah thinks that actions are more important and cites a situation of visiting a boss in the hospital. The person does not like the boss very much, and if, given the choice, the person would not visit the boss. If the person were to visit, it would be because the person wants to get on the boss’s good side. Rav Yehudah says the person should go and visit regardless, as it is a commandment to visit the sick and deeds are more important than intentions.

On the other hand, Rav Nachman reflects that one should not judge a person by the person’s actions, but rather by the person’s intentions. He mentions a mother who comes home and sees a very messy kitchen. The mom is furious and is about to scold her children. Then, the children surprise her with a birthday cake that they made from scratch, and she now considers the messy kitchen one of her most precious gifts.

So, does Rav Yehudah or Rav Nachman have the stronger point? In other words, which is more important, our intentions or our actions? Generally, in traditional Judaism we view Rav Yehudah’s point of view as the stronger one. Actions speak louder than words. However, the person who tries really hard with joy in their heart, even if falling short, has great value in Judaism.

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SHABBAT/HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, January 3 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings

Friday, January 10 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Friday, January 10 – 7:15pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner

Friday, January 17 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Social Justice Theme and OCS participation

Friday, January 24 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Anniversary Blessings

Friday, January 31 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with ‘60s Theme

Friday, February 7 - 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Friday, February 7 – 7:15pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, February 12 – 7:00pm Tu B’Shevat Seder

Friday, February 14 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Friday, February 21 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with CORY participation and Birthday Blessings

Friday, February 28 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with 1st-4th Grade Participation

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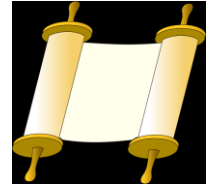
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Torah Study / Talmud



All are welcome. All classes are on Zoom unless otherwise noted. We are going to try coming back together once a month and see how it feels to everyone. How about if we connect for some breakfast and some study?! Who's in?!

Saturday, January 4 – 9:30am Torah Study
Vayigash (Genesis 44:18-47:27) What does 44:30 mean to you? How do all siblings reconcile, both Biblically and in modernity? What would your reaction be to discovering someone you thought was gone? How does Pharaoh help Joseph? Has Joseph really changed? How does Joseph take care of the family?

Saturday, January 11 – 9:30am Torah Study
Vayechi (Genesis 47:28-50:26) What does Judaism say about adoption? Why does Jacob stay in Egypt after the famine has ended? Why does Jacob bless people in such a strong way? How does the death and burial of Jacob reflect current Jewish practice?

Saturday, January 18 – 9:30am Torah Study
(in person only) *Shemot (Exodus 1:1-6:1)* How do the midwives serve as models to the enslaved Israelite population and to us today? What is the midrash about Moses's struggle with speech? Why are names so important?

Saturday, January 18 – 11:00am(ish) Talmud Class (in person only)

Saturday, January 25 – 9:30am Torah Study
Vaera (Exodus 6:2-9:35) What is the covenant with the Israelites? What happens when Moses shares the covenant with the Israelites? How does God reveal Godself to Moses? To us? How does the additional information that God gives to Moses, and not the patriarchs, help further our story?

Saturday, January 25 – 11:00am(ish) Talmud Class

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Saturday, February 1 – 9:30am Torah Study
(in person only) *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, February 8 – 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, February 15 – 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 22 – 9:30am Torah Study
Mishpatim (Exodus 21:1-24:18) What are some of your favorite commandments in this portion? Least favorites? What are some of Rabbi Kobey's favorites? What are some of the bigger values? What are the differences between chukot (laws) and mishpatim (laws)?

Saturday, March 1 – 9:30am 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?

Another example, not from Talmud, would be in

determining which would be better: a person who cleans every single crumb of grain before Passover, but is grumpy and bitter about all the cleaning, or a person excited and happy that Passover is coming and tries one's best, but accidentally leaves a few crumbs. Traditional Judaism would say the former is more important. Liberal Judaism would often cite the latter. We are meant to have a joyful heart and try our best, even if it means a few crumbs still remain.

Many of you know, I am a spirit of the law person, rather than letter of the law. I do not believe Judaism is all or nothing, nor do I believe that there is only one right way. Judaism

gives us the gift of acknowledging that there are many right ways to approach a situation.

Returning to the Talmudic debate, ultimately, the Rabbis concludes that both rabbis are right because it is circular. The goal of both rabbis is actually doing the right thing for the right reason, combining good deeds with good intentions. I agree, while still maintaining spirit of law overrides the letter of the law. May our head, heart, and hands lead us to a deeper and more personal connection with Torah.

L'Shalom
Rabbi Alison B. Kobey

President's Column

Welcome to 2025! I have been thinking lately about what it means to be a member of a religious institution. What does a person really get out of it (selfish perspective, but hey... we all have our selfish moments). And I realized that there is quite a bit that is covered by our membership dues.

Membership in a synagogue is so much more than having a place to worship (although that is an important part of it). But I will start with that. By being a member, we are welcome to every service that is held in person or over Zoom. We get to celebrate happy milestones including birthdays and anniversaries, find support in a Yahrzeit service, and generally experience a Jewish service in a way that is uniquely perceived by each of us.

Members have access to Jewish education. Whether we are enrolling our children in religious school and having them prepare for a B'nai Mitzvah or confirmation or we are looking to expand our own knowledge with the adult learning classes, this is a service only available to members. And, just a reminder, we are one of the few reform synagogues in the US with an accredited religious school!

Additionally, members have access to the rabbi for life events and other services: baby namings, officiating at weddings, B'nai Mitzvahs, etc., all require membership.

And those are the religious benefits. (This is not an exclusive list.) There are also social benefits.

There are social opportunities associated with membership. There is a brotherhood and a sisterhood that offer social events. There is a social action / social justice group, mahjongg, ritual committee, library, etc. Whatever your interests are, you can find ways to incorporate them into your membership.

So, joining a religious institution (and Congregation Or Chadash specifically) gives you a lot more than just a place to worship. It really is as much as you want to put into it. And the more you put into it, the more you can get out of it. It really is a family of sorts and we change and grow with our membership. I look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

Yours in fellowship,
Ilene Krom
President, Board of Directors

Religious School Committee

During the fall, our Religious School students went on their annual field trips. The first through fifth graders went to the Black Hills Regional Park in Boyds, Maryland to learn about Judaism in nature. Our sixth and seventh grades went to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Our Religious School is entering its third cluster of classes in January. Each cluster has a different set of Hebrew, elective, and Judaic topics. The Hebrew topics for the third cluster are Modern Hebrew (focusing on food, weather, and location), Torah Hebrew, and Prayer Hebrew. The electives are Yiddish Folklore (in English), our annual Purim Schpiel, Jewish Cooking, and Art Sculpture. This year's Purim Schpiel is based on the movie, Inside Out. The Judaic topics are Israel (focusing on food and culture), Jewish Holidays, American Jewish History (1800s -2000), and Jewish Life Cycle (post-B'nai Mitzvah through Wedding). And we always have a music class or Shabbat service preparation.

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 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 meeting **on Sunday, February 2** at 7:30pm on Zoom.

L'Shalom,
The Religious School Committee

Religious School Schedule

In Session:

January 5, 7, 12, 14, 21, 26, 28
February 2, 4, 9, 11, 18, 23, 25
March 2

Not in session:

January 19
February 16

Teen Class Schedule

8th-9th grades

10:30am **February 2**
10:30am **February 9**
10:30am **March 2**

10th-12th grades

L'Taken weekend **January 10-13**
10:30am **January 26**
Phili weekend **February 7-9**
10:30am **February 23**

Religious Faculty Meeting

8:00am **February 2**

Keeping Up with Or Chadash

Committee Meetings

Sunday, January 12 – 1:00pm Library Committee

Tuesday, January 7 – 7:00pm Social Justice / Social Action Committee (Zoom only, all are welcome)

Sunday, February 2 – 8:00am Faculty Meeting

Sunday, February 2 – 12:15pm Ritual Committee (In person only)

Sunday, February 2 – 7:30pm Religious School Committee (Zoom only)

Tuesday, February 4 – 7:00pm Social Justice / Social Action Committee (Zoom only, all are welcome)

Sunday, March 2 12:15pm Religious School Committee

Calling All 0-5 Year Olds!

Join us at our newest program: Gan Katan (Garden of Little Ones).

We are so excited to bring back tot programming for our youngest members and their special grown-up(s). Prospective members are welcome to attend. Join us for two special programs that will include a Jewish themed book, craft, games, music, and snack.

We will share in the love of Jewish holidays! We will read and go on a little exploration of our Judaism. Please join us at Congregation Or Chadash for this joyous and upbeat program. If you know of other Jewish or Jewish adjacent people with a young one, please feel free to pass the information on. RSVP to Rabbi Kobey.

The programs are Sunday mornings 9:30am-10:30am on **February 2 and April 6**.

Calling All 20s/30s Young Adults!

We would like to do some special programming for our 20–30-year-olds. What program would you like to see? When would you like it? If you know of other Jewish people in this age group, please feel free to share the information. Additionally, please give suggestions to Rabbi so we can get some activities on the calendar!

CORY/ Jr CORY/ Kiddish Kids

The more youth groupers that attend our events, the more fun had by all! We hope your youth groupers will join us!

Kiddish Kids is our youngest youth group Kindergarten through Third Grade.

Jr. CORY is for students in grades 4-7.

CORY is meant for 8th-12th grade, plus anyone in 7th grade who has become a Bar/Bat/B'nai Mitzvah.

Please RSVP to Rabbi for all events.

Sunday, January 5 at 2:00pm is CORY / Jr CORY / Kiddish Kids are going ice skating at Cabin John at 2:00pm.

Sunday, February 2 at 2:30pm CORY is going to TopGolf.

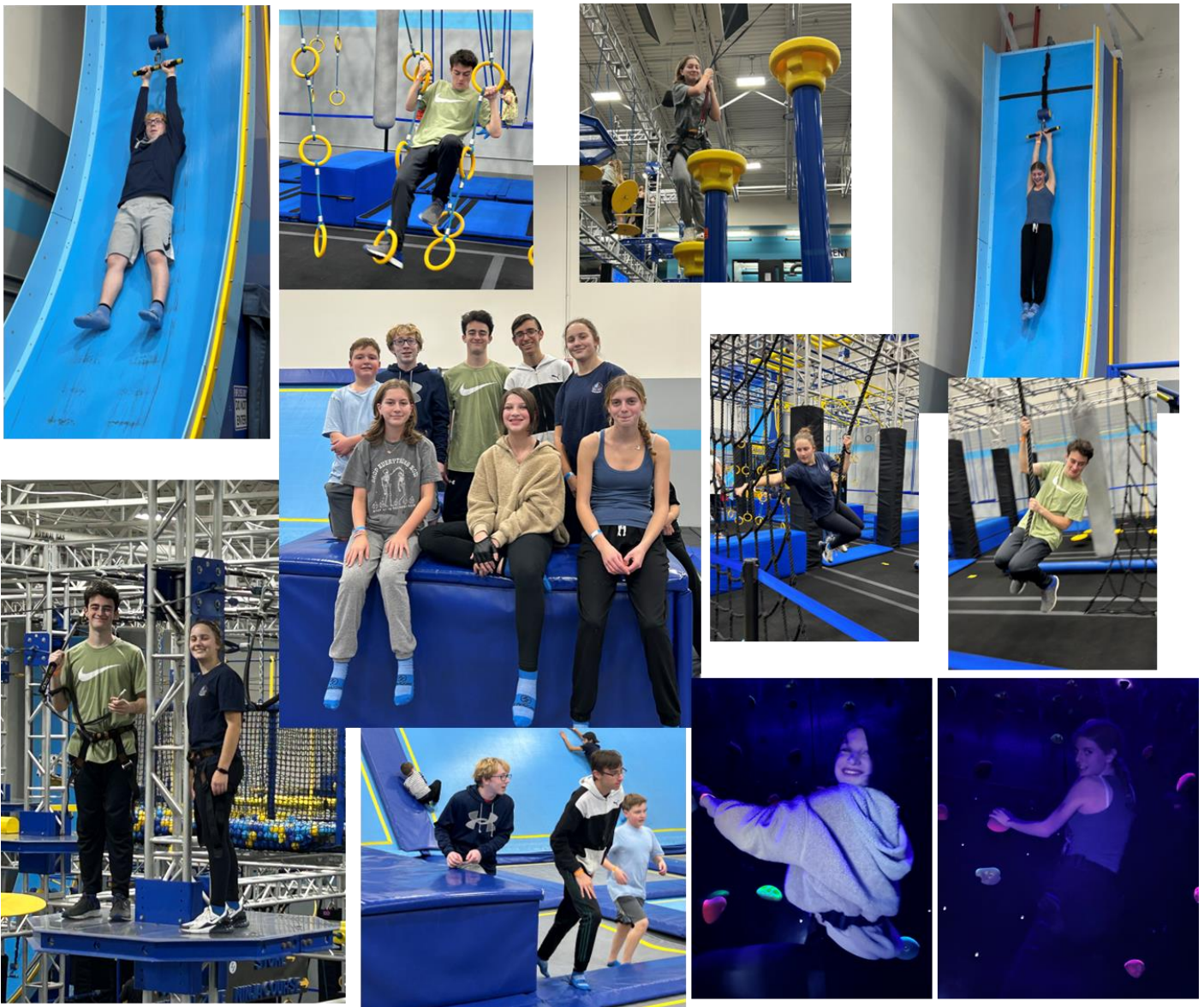
Friday, February 21 at 6:15pm there is Shabbat Services with CORY participation.

Youth Groups – CORY

Do you have or know anybody that has teenagers (7th grade plus) at Or Chadash? CORY is the place for them! We have (nearly) monthly events, and they are a lot of fun. In November, we had a blast at laser tag, and we just had our biggest turnout of the year so far at Zava Zone last week. We are looking forward to upcoming events, and have an exciting 2025 planned. We have ice skating at Cabin John Ice Rink on **Sunday, January 5**, and are super excited for Topgolf on **Sunday, February 2**.

The more people that are involved with CORY, the more fun everyone will have. If you know someone who would be interested, please send their contact info to me so that I can directly communicate with them about future events.

*Can't wait to see everyone shortly!
CORY President Micah Felman and all of CORY leadership*



B'nai Mitzvah Date Selection 2027

It is hard to believe that we must start thinking about the year 2027. If you have a child who will be eligible to become a Bar/Bat/B'nai Mitzvah in the year 2027, please join us in the sanctuary for Date Selection on **Sunday, January 5** at 9:45am!

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

On **Sunday, January 26** at 12:00pm, we will meet with a pizza lunch with your child (and any siblings are also welcome) and start talking through components of Bar/Bat/B'nai Mitzvah. **Sunday, January 26** 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.

Where are our Teens?

Our older teens are taking a trip to Washington, D.C. from **January 10-13**. 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 program 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.

Additionally, our older teens are taking a trip to Philadelphia, PA from **February 7-9** for a chance to learn about a piece of American Judaism history, engage in social justice, attend a Hillel Shabbat service, see a Sephardic synagogue, and more.

Adult Learning

We have a variety of learning opportunities for our adult learners, and a variety of times. For example, Torah Study and Talmud Class are Saturday mornings, primarily on Zoom, but now with the change to having some classes in person. We have Adult B'nai Mitzvah classes in person on Wednesday evenings and we have Friday lunchtime classes on Zoom. Additionally, we are now adding some Sunday morning in-person classes.

If you would like to suggest a topic for Adult Learning and your preferred time block from the above, please feel free to reach out to Rabbi Kobey. We hope that these various options will appeal to many congregants.

For Torah study and Talmud class, please see the information on page 3.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah classes are Wednesdays at 5:00pm. Upcoming sessions are:

Wednesday, January 15
 Wednesday, January 22
 Wednesday, February 19

Friday classes are at 12:00pm on Zoom and will focus on the Structure of Prayerbook on the following dates.

Friday, January 24
 Friday, January 31
 Friday, February 21
 Friday, February 28

Schmooze and schmear (come eat breakfast with us) at our Jewish End of Life program on **Sunday, February 23** from 9:30am-10:30am. This event is co-sponsored with Garden of Remembrance.

Social Action / Social Justice

Providing a Meal for Stepping Stones Family Shelter

Congregation Or Chadash congregants just finished a Social Action project: preparing and bringing dinner to the Stepping Stones Family Shelter. The food was contributed by various Or Chadash families. The meal was cooked by Nancy Thorner and committee chair Arlene Greenspan. Bruce Thorner joined them to deliver everything.

The Social Justice / Social Action Committee will be doing a different activity each month. If you are interested in joining and perhaps proposing service activities for our community and beyond, please contact Arlene Greenspan at arlenegreenspan@yahoo.com or 404-683-0271. Together we can help to improve the world, one activity at a time.



Next Project: Backpacks, Filled, for Kids Moving into Foster Care

For December/January, the Social Action / Social Justice Committee invites congregants to participate in an activity that focuses on meeting, in a dignified way, the needs of children entering the foster-care system. This activity feels particularly fitting for the current season, when COC families are preparing for and celebrating Chanukah.



We are looking to gather enough items to fill 20 backpacks for children being placed in foster homes. This is being done in coordination with the Comfort Cases program, which works to provide each child with “a bag they can call their own” (and some essential items) as they get relocated, often on short notice. Learn more about comfort cases at <https://comfortcases.org/donation-drives/>.

We invite congregant families to purchase and bring (or get shipped) to the temple various items that will make a kid feel a little special as they adjust to a new living situation. The items on our list include backpacks, toiletries, books, pajamas, crayons, etc. A complete list and sign up are at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4FABA E1-53257547-comfort#.

Please state which item(s) you will donate and the quantity. All items can be left in the temple lobby in the large plastic bin that is plainly marked. Please NOTE NEW DATE: the last chance for donations to be dropped off or be delivered is **Sunday, January 26**. That day, after Religious School, we invite congregants and their children to help us pack the backpacks, beginning at 12:00pm.

Supporting Refugees

New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance (NNIA), in which Or Chadash participates with 28 other faith and civic organizations, is now assisting more than 50 new refugee families (over 250 individuals) here in Montgomery County. The large majority of the families are from Afghanistan, but others are from Syria, Peru, Ukraine, and Haiti.

We have recently started working with a new family in Germantown. The lead for this family could use help driving the grandfather to doctors' appointments in Gaithersburg, and picking up food from the Upcounty Hub. The father could also use help applying for jobs.

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.

More volunteer needs can be found on this SignUpGenius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45A4AA2DA5F9C52-volunteer>

Contact us at NNIAMaryland@gmail.com, or contact congregant Debbie Eisenberg at 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>.

Library Committee

Now open during Oneg! We have new books in the Library!

The Library is now open during the Oneg after Shabbat Services, so feel free to drop in to browse, borrow, or just chat in a quiet place.

Meanwhile, we continue to add to our collection. Some new arrivals are: America's Great Delis (with recipes) in the Cooking section, Save The Deli (in History), Synagogues of the United States, a Photographic and Architectural survey, (History), Synagogues of London (History), and Rachel Calof's Story: Jewish Homesteading on the Northern Plains (also in History).

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!

Sisterhood

We have two events planned for the January.

Thursday, January 9 – 7:30pm at Osaka Ramen and Sushi on Darnestown Rd in Gaithersburg.

Saturday, January 18 – 7:30pm at Puzzle Night in the COC Sanctuary.

Notice of your planned arrival is greatly appreciated. Please notify Ilene Krom at kromfamily726@gmail.com. This way I can confirm we have a table of the appropriate size for the Night Out and a good set-up for our Puzzle Night.

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 2:00pm-4:00pm. The next one is scheduled for **Sunday, January 19**. All 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 (<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.

Brotherhood

The Brotherhood had a successful Guys' Night Out on November 21 at Il Porto in Gaithersburg. By the time you read this, we will have met on December 19 at Thai Tanium in the Kentlands.

The triumvirate running The Brotherhood, Ralph Locke, Bruce Thorner, and Jack Goldman, will be meeting soon to discuss future plans, including:

- * Restaurants for early 2025 and
- * Other activities that you would like The Brotherhood to undertake.

Please contact Jack Goldman at jackhgoldman24@gmail.com with restaurant suggestions. We will be directly sending out a questionnaire in January about possible future activities.



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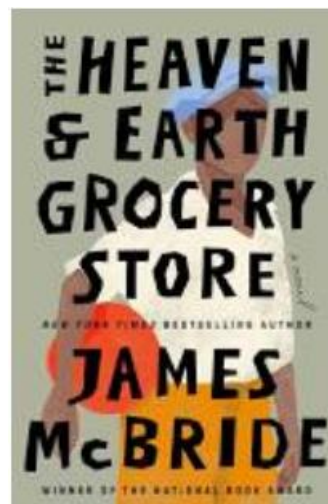
Congregation Or Chadash Book Club

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

The book for January is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. This book is available at the Montgomery County Public Libraries. If you want the E-format from the library there is a significant wait list.

This is a coed book club. All are welcome to attend!

Please RSVP by **Tuesday, January 7** to Jane Harris, clamityjgh@aol.com.



Garden of Remembrance

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Mazel Tov

Mazel tov on the Bar Mitzvah of Justin Sardilli on November 23.

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 January, come on **Friday, January 3** at 6:15pm and for February, join us on **Friday, February 21** 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, January 24** and **Friday, February 7**, at 6:15pm.

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

Potluck Dinners

We hope you will join us and make or bring your favorite dairy/vegetarian dish. There are some sample ideas in the SignUpGenius. 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 dinner. The next two are **Friday, January 10**, and **Friday, February 7**. Please sign up to bring a dish if you are able.

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


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, February 12** at 7:00pm. To ensure adequate supplies, we ask that you please RSVP to the Rabbi by **Sunday, February 2**.

Oneg Schedule

Assignments for January/February/March are listed below. We appreciate everyone's willingness to provide hospitality for our community in our sacred home. If you have issues with your assignment, please email orchadashadmin@gmail.com. You will be sent a reminder two weeks beforehand.


Friday, January 3	J. Gellert	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)
	Kafetz	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, January 31	Open	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Howard Kaufman	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, February 7	DiBartolo	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Kayton	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, February 14	Kerner	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Kirsch	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, February 21	Swain	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Korenge	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, February 28	Kreger	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Lansat	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, March 7 Saturday, March 8	Pallia	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats) Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, March 14	Open	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Open	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, March 21	Levitus	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Lichtman	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, March 28	Lorenz	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Marx	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)





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We extend our deep condolences to Marc Strelser and his family on the death of his mother, Dorothy Strelser who died November 8.

We extend our deep condolences to Karl Gussow and his family on the death of his father, Harvey Gussow, who died November 13.

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 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
Yetta Levitus	Mother of Sydney Levitus
William Stein	Brother of Barbara Marx
	Son of Florence Stein

Friday, January 10

Israel Mossman	Father of Ziona Mossman Swigart
Eva Silverleib	Mother of Lynn Kobey
Linda Berkowitz	Mother of Rosalind King
Roberta Frank	Sister of David Kobey
Shirley Friedman	Mother of Carol Cooper
William Garfunkel	Grandfather of Diane Levitus
Evelyn Gilstein	Mother of Margot Raphael
Richard Fink	Father-in-law of Howard Lansat
Susan Kohn Lichtman	Mother of Howard Lichtman
Isadore Schwartz	Stepfather of Ralph Locke

Friday, January 17

Bessie Wolfson	Grandmother of Ron Isaacson
Abram Mossman	Grandfather of Ziona Mossman Swigart
Jennie Cohen	Grandmother of Heather Held
Bessie Dicken	Grandmother of Phil Dicken
Pearl Dinin Gould	Stepmother of Diane Levitus

Friday, January 24

Walter Blumberg	Grandfather of Michelle Bellman
Robert Siegfried	Father of Laura Jackel
Robert Lewis (Bob) Dicken	Father of Phil Dicken
Robert Goldsteen	Father of Donna Goldsteen
Nancy Swain	Mother of David Swain
**Leslie Benenati	Wife of Luciano Benenati
Richard Gould	Brother of Diane Levitus
Nathan Marx	Grandfather of Fred Marx
Sandy B. Weber	Brother of Marsha Weber
Larry Bellman	Grandfather of Jared Bellman
**Charles Gellert	Husband of Susan Gellert
Arnold David Goldman	Father of Jesse Gellert
Fred Goldman	Father of Audrey Barbazette
Edith Plesset	Father of Jack Goldman
	Grandmother of Michelle Bellman

Friday, January 31

Barbara Bernstein	Mother of Ellyn Baum
Joyce Blumberg	Grandmother of Michelle Bellman
Morris Silverleib	Father of Lynn Kobey
Monica Roizner	Sister-in-law of Rich Bailen
Louise Spector	Aunt of Heather Held
Gary Gartenberg	Brother of Jane Harris

Friday, February 7

William Cain	Father of Kathleen Lorenz
Samuel Lansat	Grandfather of Howard Lansat
Norman Lichtman	Father of Howard Lichtman
Selma Ostrin Schifter	Aunt of Larry Bender
Irene Levitus	Sister-in-law of Sydney Levitus
Edward Rosenthal	Father of Lou Rosenthal
Harry Steinberg	Grandfather of Lisa Cahn
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Charles Cohen	Father of Doreen
Marie Dunkle	Mother of Jean Bender
Burt Weisman	Father of Cara Breuer
Bruno Stein	Grandfather of Barbara Marx

Friday, February 14

Alice Bender	Mother of Larry Bender
Sylvia Weber	Grandmother of Joe Baum
Richard Krom	Father of Kevin Krom
Helen Felrice	Mother of Andrew Felrice
Ruth Goldman	Mother of Jack Goldman

Friday, February 21

Gladys Kandel	Mother of Milton Kandel
Alan Strelser	Father of Marc Strelser
Steve Kalman	Brother of Karen Conner
Oscar Lessans	Father of Raymond Lessans
Barbara Ruskin	Mother of Maureen Ruskin
Aaron Sliffman	Marc Sliffman
**Maurine Zeidman	Mother of Ricke Zeidman
	Grandmother of Philip Zeidman

Friday, February 28

Sylvia Jackel	Grandmother of Jonathan Jackel
Tom Judge	Father of Suzanne Colby
Sara Levy	Aunt of Bruce Thorer
Cindy Mossman	Sister-in-law of Ziona Mossman
Egon Rosenblum	Grandfather of Ziona Mossman
Hortense Stein	Grandmother of Barbara Marx
Beatrice Bernstein	Grandmother of Ellyn Baum
Gene Friedman	Father of Carol Cooper
Emanuel Gussow	Grandfather of Karl Gussow
Aaron Sommer	Grandfather of Heather Held
Helen Krantzler	Mother of Rebecca Stroud
Merle Locke	Father of Ralph Locke
Amy Sommer	Sister-in-law of Heather Held
Alan Streusand	Father of Doug Streusand

Friday, March 7 & Saturday, March 8

Lillian Epstein	Mother of Alan Epstein
Ronald Santa	Dara & Stephen Santa
Gerald Stahl	Father of Vivian Stahl
David Stein	Father of Barbara Marx
	Spouse of Florence Stein

**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:

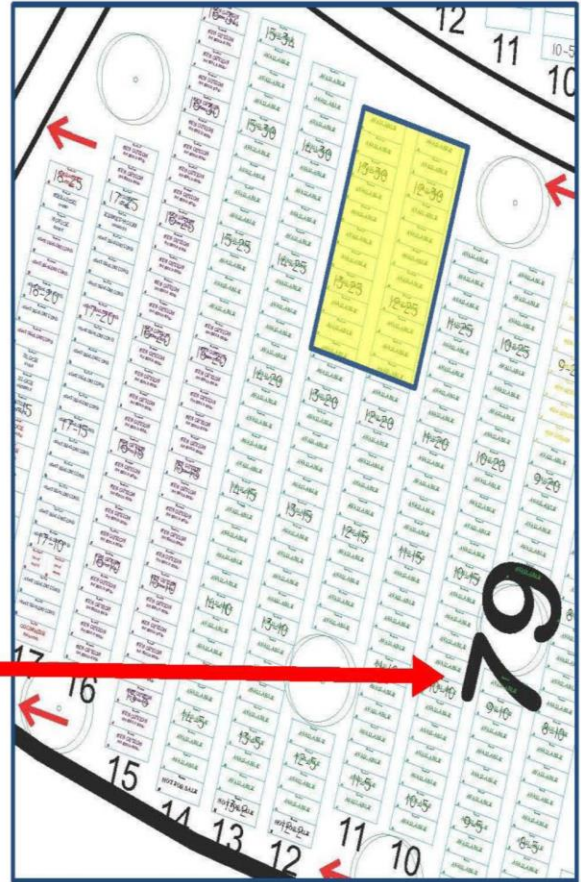
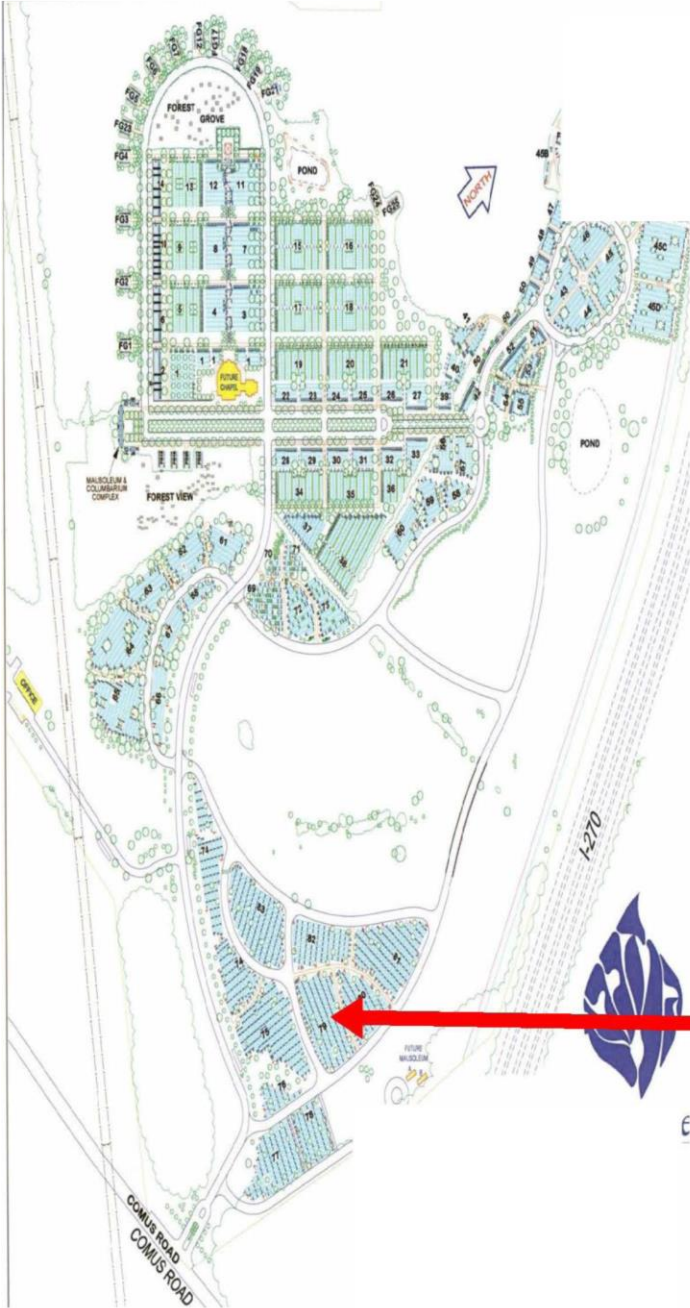
- Interment (opening/closing of grave)..... \$1,950
- Installed Concrete Grave Liner.....\$ 900

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

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