

Or Chadash FOCUS

By Rabbi Alison B. Kobey

This is the season of bringing light into darkness and renewing hope in a time of potential despair. We celebrate the secular holiday of Thanksgiving, showing gratitude to the people in our lives. Then, it is a time to celebrate Chanukah—a time to show our light to the world by placing our chanukiyot (plural of chanukiyah or menorah) in our windows—and a time to celebrate our identities (which we should celebrate all year round!).

I know this time of year the darkness gets bigger, but for now, I want to celebrate the light. How fitting that as I write this column, we are still celebrating the release of all the living hostages. I feel a little lighter, a little more able to breathe, and perhaps you feel the same. Yes, I know there are still so many problems in our world—including in America and in our region—but for now, I want to pause, to celebrate the return of the hostages, to think about light in the midst of darkness.

As part of thinking about Israel, I am excited to bring the light even closer to our hearts. We are

planning a congregational trip to Israel! I am so excited about the itinerary. I hope you will be as well and will join in the trip to Israel! The trip is open to people of all ages and is meant for both those new to Israel and those returning. While I will share more details at a meeting in the next few weeks, let me give you a few general highlights with the hope you will truly want to go on the trip. We will travel this coming June (i.e., June 2026) before it gets too hot there. We will be going to some of the “regular” tourist sites such as the Old City in Jerusalem, the Kotel, Tel Aviv, the Dead Sea, Masada, ancient ruins, etc. We will also be going to places that we have not gone to together before, including Haifa, Be’ersheva, the Ramon Crater, and more. We will meet Israelis in a variety of spaces, hear their stories, see their lives, eat their foods, and see, taste, hear, touch, and smell all that makes Israel so special to so many people, including me.

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SHABBAT/HOLIDAY SERVICES

All Shabbat Services are multi-access.

Friday, November 7 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Friday, November 7 – 7:15pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck dinner

Friday, November 14 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with guest speaker Councilmember Evan Glass plus Jr. Choir, OCS, Birthday Blessings, and Disney Theme

Friday, November 21 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, November 22 – 10:00am Shabbat Services with 6th-8th Grade Tuesday School participation

Friday, November 28 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Friday, December 5 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings

Friday, December 5 – 7:15pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck dinner

Friday, December 12 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Friday, December 19 – 6:15pm Shabbat Chanukah Services with OCS, Anniversary Blessings, and BYOM (Bring Your Own Menorah)

Friday, December 26 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Friday, January 2, 2026 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

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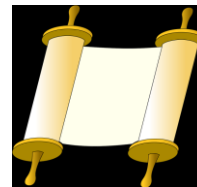
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Torah/Text Study



All are welcome, whether it is your first time attending or your millionth time attending! We hope you will join our text study fun. Please note that some days are in-person only and others are Zoom only.

Saturday, November 1 – 9:30am Torah Study (In-Person Only) *Lech L'chah (Genesis 12:1-17:27)*

Why is Avram's first son so important? What covenants do we hold sacred today? How do journeys shape us? Do you need to stay close to family? Does God lose interest in people?

Saturday, November 1 – 11:00am Talmud Study (In-Person Only)

Saturday, November 8 – 9:30am Torah Study (Zoom Only) *Vayera (Genesis 18:1-22:24)*

Why is hospitality so critically important? How do we balance hospitality with personal safety? Who are we allowed to debate? What do we do when we are angry? How does the exile of Hagar and Ishmael impact us? How do we move forward when we are afraid?

Saturday, November 15 – 9:30am Torah Study (Zoom Only) *Chayei Sarah (Genesis 23:1-25:18)*

Why is the Cave of Machpelah so special? How do you meet people today? What is considered a full life? Who is the central character of our faith? Did Abraham have a good life? How important is land?

Saturday, November 22 – 10:00am Shabbat Services (Multi-access) with 6th-8th Grade Tuesday School participation. Join us to hear more about *Parashat Toldot (Genesis 25:19-28:9)*

November 22 – 11:30am (In-person only) Talmud class

Saturday, November 29 – 9:30am Torah Study (In-Person Only) *Vayeitzei (Genesis 28:10-32:3)*

Do you remember your dreams? Is Jacob smart? What kind of person is Jacob? What do all the names of the children mean? How do you reconcile sibling

tension? Where does Jacob travel?

Saturday, December 6 – 9:30am Torah Study (In-Person Only)

Vayishlach (Genesis 32:4-36:43)

With whom does Jacob wrestle and what does it mean? How does family reconciliation work? How do we ensure people are safe? What do we do when a family member is wronged?

Saturday, December 6 – 11:00am (In-Person Only) Talmud class

Saturday, December 13 – 9:30am Torah Study (Zoom Only)

Vayeshev (Genesis 37:1-40:23)

Why does Joseph share his dreams with his brothers? What did Joseph do wrong? How do you stand up against authority? What does it mean to be righteous?

Saturday, December 20 – 9:30am Torah Study (In-Person Only)

Miketz (Genesis 41:1-44:17)

Can you be honorable and powerful? Can people change? Why does Joseph test his brothers? How does Joseph's family reflect on all of us? How well do you recognize someone you have not seen in a while?

Saturday, December 20 – 11:00am (In-Person Only) Talmud Class

Saturday, December 27 – 9:30am Torah Study (Zoom only)

Vayigash (Genesis 44:18-47:27)

Who steps up to protect others? How does Jacob's world change? How do the brothers view Joseph and vice versa? What would you be willing to do if you were truly starving?

President's Column

Now that the High Holidays are behind us, one of the things that the Board of Directors does at our first meeting after Yom Kippur is hold a "Lessons Learned" discussion about the services for the High Holidays. This covers: what worked, what didn't, and what we can work on to make this a better experience for next year. The moment we believe we are doing everything perfectly is precisely when we become stagnant.

I will start by saying, if you have something you would want us to know that either worked or didn't work, please reach out to me at kromfamiy726@gmail.com. We welcome all responses, positive or negative, and we want to see some improvement every year. The only way we can do that is by learning what works and what doesn't and this requires many voices.

Overall, from our perspective, a lot of things went well. But there was one big problem that we have been struggling with for a while that seemed to be extra problematic during these services this year, particularly during the Kol Nidre service. And that was our technology.

We have a bit of a make-shift system that we have been piecing together since COVID. What started as a desperate need to worship in community when we were isolated in our homes has become an integral part of our daily existence as a religious organization. But we are very well aware that there are flaws (many in fact) in the system that we are running. It is

complicated to run. We are regularly facing technical difficulties. We have connectivity issues, and more. The board has agreed that we need to seriously consider how to improve our system and now we need to figure out how.

Terri Binder has taken on the lead in organizing a committee to brainstorm, organize, and then help implement a complete overhaul of this system. She is currently planning a meeting for the end of October or beginning of November and we are looking for voices of those who use the technology and (even better) those familiar with the technology itself to help suggest ideas that work and address our needs. We are VERY fortunate that we have an anonymous magnanimous donor who is willing to help pay for this (thank you so much to that person), but we want to make sure we spend that money wisely. If you are able, please reach out to Terri and join the committee.

And as always, if you have any questions or issues that you would like to see addressed, please reach out to me at kromfamiy726@gmail.com and I promise to make sure your voice is heard, whether it is related to the High Holidays, technology at the temple, or any other subject.

L'Shalom!
Ilene Krom
President

Alison B. Kobey (continued)

I would love to tell you more about the trip in greater detail. Also, I know peace in the Middle East is uncertain, even as I write this article, I wonder if the ceasefire will hold. And I know that some of you may worry about safety and if the time is right for a trip to Israel. The answer, quite simply, is we will be safe and the time is definitely right to go there. I trust our travel agency and I trust the Ministry of Tourism. I have been to Israel several times, including in various times of political stresses and have always felt safe. They will adjust the itinerary, even last minute, if needed. But, yes, the time is right for us to go to Israel! If you are interested in going to Israel, whether for the first time or the hundredth time, this trip is for you!

Religious School Committee

During Religious School on **Sunday, November 16**, we will have a Family Education program for students and their families. Please look in the weekly Happenings emails and emails from the Rabbi for more information and plan to attend!

In the weeks after the Family Education program, our weekly Sunday curriculum will switch to the second cluster of classes. Our 6th-7th graders will learn about holidays and modern Hebrew on Sundays. The 5th graders will begin the weekly preparation for their Shabbat Service (on **Friday, February 20**) and learn about civil rights with the 1st-4th graders.

Special Religious School Events

Friday, November 14 at 6:15pm the Jr.

Choir will be participating in Shabbat services

Sunday, November 16 at 11:15am we will have a Family Education event focusing on the theme of Shabbat. Stay tuned for additional information.

Saturday, November 22 at 10:00am 6th-8th Grade Tuesday Religious School Students will be participating in Shabbat Services.

If you are interested in going to Israel, please let me know you are interested, and join our meeting. Again, we can talk about safety and itinerary in our meeting as well as many more details. We will meet in person at Or Chadash on **Wednesday, November 19** at 6:30pm. If you are interested in the trip to Israel, but unable to attend the meeting, please let me know that as well. Let us bring our light and our spirit across the globe and let us once again see the resilience and strength and beauty of Israel!

L'Shalom

Rabbi Alison B. Kobey

The 1st-4th graders will transition from modern Hebrew to prayer Hebrew. Students will also have new electives.

The Religious School Committee is scheduled to have meetings on **Sunday, November 2** immediately after Religious School at the temple and on **Sunday, December 7** on Zoom at 7:30pm. All congregants are invited to attend. Please contact Howard Benowitz or check the weekly Or Chadash Happenings emails for more information.

L'Shalom,

The Religious School Committee

Religious School Schedule

In Session:

November 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23

December 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21

Not In Session:

November 25, 30

December 23, 28, 30

January 4

Keeping Up with Or Chadash

Committee Meetings

Membership Committee

Friday, November 14 at 4:00pm (In-person only)

Wednesday, November 3 at 6:30pm (In-person only)

Religious School Committee (RSC)

Sunday, November 2 at 12:15pm (In-person only)

Sunday, December 7 at 7:30pm (Zoom only)

Ritual Committee

Sunday, December 7 at 12:15pm (In-person only)

Social Action Committee

Wednesday, October 29 at 6:30pm (Zoom only)

Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30pm (Zoom only)

Wednesday, January 28 at 6:30pm (Zoom only)

Religious School Faculty Meeting

Tuesday, November 18 at 8:00pm

Youth Groups – CORY

Hey everyone! Our last event, Pizza in the Hut, was such a blast! We celebrated Sukkot with tons of pizza, fun games, and even got creative in building our own mini sukkahs (which I ate pretty quickly!). It was amazing seeing so many of you there! We've got even more awesome events coming up. 8th-12th graders are invited to join us for our next adventure at Sandy Springs Adventure Park on **Sunday, November 16** at 3:00pm. You won't want to miss it! And don't forget to save the dates for our overnight Shul In (**Friday, December 19–Saturday, December 20**) and the NFTY MAR Winter Kallah (**Friday, February 6–Sunday, February 8**). Let's keep the energy going and come make some great memories with CORY!

Micah Felman, CORY President

UPCOMING CORY EVENTS 2025-2026

<u>2025 Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Sunday, November 16	3:00pm	Sandy Spring Adventure Park
Fri. Dec. 19-Sat. Dec. 20	5:45pm-9:15am	Shul-in
Sunday, January 11	2:00pm	Ice Skating at Rockville Town Square
<u>2026 Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Fri. Jan. 23-Sun., Jan. 25		10 th -12 th Grades Teen NYC Trip
Fri. Feb. 6- Sun., Feb. 8		CORY hosts NFTY-MAR Winter Kallah, including services
Fri., Feb. 20- Sat. Feb. 21	5:45pm	8 th -10 th Grade Teen Retreat
Saturday, February 28	4:00pm	Purim carnival set-up
Sunday, March. 1	11:00am	Purim schpiel and carnival
Sunday., March. 22	11:15am	Chocolate Seder
Sunday., April. 26	3:00pm	Monster MiniGolf
Saturday. May 16	3:00pm	Hike at Great Falls

Adult Education

Torah/Text Study

All are welcome, whether it is your first time attending or your millionth time attending! We hope you will join our text study fun. Please note that some days are in person only and some days are Zoom only. See the separate Torah/Text Study section on page 3 of this FOCUS for a summary of each week's material, and schedule.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah New and Continuing

We are starting a new group for people interested in becoming B'nai Mitzvah. Please email Rabbi Kobey if you are interested in participating. Class schedule will be based on the schedules of the participants.

The current class (who will become B'nai Mitzvah on **Saturday, January 31**) will have classes on **Wednesday, November 19** and **Wednesday, December 3** at 5:00pm.

Friday Adult Education

Fridays at noon (Zoom only) give us another chance to learn from one another.

Friday, November 21 will conclude our Israel Meaning and Milestones class: *Now what?! Jubilee Year and Beyond*.

Friday, December 5 and **Friday, December 19** will be a two-session class on Ethical Dilemmas with a focus on AI.

Sunday Series

Join us for an in-person discussion based on an interesting and provocative news article. Please RSVP to Rabbi to get the article in advance. Come at 9:30am for coffee/social time and class will begin at 9:45am. The November class will be **Sunday, November 23** and the December session will be **Sunday, December 21**.

Urbana Adult Education

We are planning on offering adult learning in Urbana. If you are interested in participating, please let Rabbi Kobey know and she will add to the e-mail list. Stay tuned for additional details.

Israel News Sources

Various congregants have asked about reliable news sources on Israel. While there are a lot of sources that range liberal to conservative, here are a few of the Rabbi's regular sources:

Ha'aretz (www.haaretz.com)

Times of Israel (www.timesofisrael.com)

Ynet News (www.ynetnews.com)

Israel One (it is not a stand-alone website in the United States)

Jerusalem Post (www.jpost.com)

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 or the tech person. If you are not yet trained in either (or both), we would be 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/8050845ACA622A7FC1-56236090-shabbat#/>

Or Chadash Singers

The Or Chadash Singers will be singing, together with the Or Chadash Junior Choir, at the Disney Shabbat service on **Friday, November 14**. We'll have a fun selection of music, and will meet for one rehearsal ahead of time. All are welcome to join - no audition or experience needed. For more information, please contact Rachel at rachel.stroudgoodrich@gmail.com.



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FOCUS Newsletter from the Rabbi

This newsletter marks Debbie Eisenberg's last newsletter as our volunteer editor. I am so sorry to see her go. We are so grateful to Debbie for being our FOCUS Newsletter editor for so many years and value all the time and energy she gave us in this capacity. She will indeed be missed in her role as Editor. I appreciate Debbie's continued volunteering and support of Or Chadash in other capacities. Thank you, Debbie, for all your great work!

We appreciate Cara Rinkoff stepping in as the new volunteer editor. Thank you in advance, Cara!

-Rabbi



Rise Against Hunger

Thank you so much to all of you who participated in this year's Rise Against Hunger campaign! Overall, we packaged over 11,000 meals for individuals facing food insecurities. Whether you provided funds to help pay for this, helped with the setup, the cleanup or helped with the event itself (or any combination of these things), your contribution was HUGE and is greatly appreciated!

According to the email I received from Rise Against Hunger, our boxes were shipped to the Philippines to address food insecurity issues in that region. Know that your efforts are providing meals to those who really need it and those who face hunger not only on Yom Kippur, but every day!

Thank you for your help!
Ilene Krom

Social Action Committee



Coat Drive

The Social Action Committee is currently sponsoring a coat and outerwear drive. We are accepting used coats, blankets, socks (socks must have no holes in them, but they can be unmatched), hats, scarves, and gloves for children and adults.

Donations will go to EveryMind, a community organization that provides direct services and assistance to people who have mental health challenges and may be in crisis. They are dedicated to “nurturing a society where mental health care is recognized as a fundamental right, accessible to all”.

Please put the items in or next to the designated bin in the temple Lobby (near the Manna food bin) or on the floor below the bin (if they’re in a bag).

We’ve already started delivering. We are accepting donations through **Sunday, November 9**, so that these will be available to recipients in time for winter. Questions? Email Ralph Locke at RLocke@esm.rochester.edu.

Interfaith Labor Day 5K

Andrew Cobey, Carol Cooper, Beth Switzer, Mike Crutcher and Arlene Greenspan participated in the Interfaith Labor Day 5K run/walk, while Ralph Locke participated virtually. It was great for Or Chadash to have a presence at this event. We are planning to add this as an annual Or Chadash event. Next year we would like to double our participants. The proceeds go to local charities. This year proceeds from registration went to Gaithersburg Help and C-4 Clothes Closet. As added incentives, prizes are given at the end. Amazingly, Carol Cooper and Arlene Greenspan both won prizes! We look forward to seeing you at this event next year.



B’nai Knitzvahs

The B’nai Knitzvahs have successfully completed their project for Interfaith Works, a non-profit organization located in Rockville that provides emergency shelter, supportive housing, essential needs and employment programs to over 35,000 residents of Montgomery County every year. A special “thank you” is extended to Carol Cooper, Anne Gussow, Laura Jackel, Laura & Layla Rose, Nancy Thorner and Fran Zavin for their beautiful contributions. The knitted and crocheted scarves, blankets, hats, and baby booties will be welcomed items for the upcoming winter for those in need. All items were dropped off on Friday, October 17, at the donation center located at 751 Twinbrook Parkway in Rockville.

Anyone interested in participating in future projects should contact Nancy Thorner at nethorner@yahoo.com.



Supporting Refugees

For November, the Social Action Committee will be focusing our efforts on the refugee community through our continued work with the New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance (NNIA). We will once again be filling laundry baskets with essential household items. Our essential items drive last year was so successful that NNIA has asked that we repeat the same activity. Thank you to the Or Chadash community who has supported this group in the past. We will announce in Happenings the exact dates that we will be accepting donations.

Learn About the Vital Work of NNIA: Presentation on November 18

For newer members, community neighbors, and anyone unfamiliar with the scope of NNIA's work, NNIA will host a presentation at Or Chadash at 6:30pm on **Tuesday, November 18.**

If you have children in Tuesday evening Hebrew classes, please consider staying for the event! While you may know of some of their efforts, NNIA provides a broad and vital array of services, especially since Federal funding has been withdrawn. Their contributions are essential to the local refugee community.

We are excited to share that we hope to have one of the refugee family members speak about his or her personal experience with NNIA.

Come learn about how NNIA's many supportive services, such as financial assistance, helping families settle in when they first move to the U.S., providing rides to medical appointments, and tutoring English as a second language, are changing lives. Information about NNIA is also available at nnia-maryland.org.

Refreshments will be served!



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Mah Jongg

Last year we 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 sessions are scheduled for **Sunday, November 16** and **Sunday, December 21** at 2:00pm. 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 was quite active over the last two months. On October 3, the Brotherhood led a service to give Rabbi Kobey and Deborah Sternberg a break during their “busy season.” The service was ably led by Ralph Locke, with Brotherhood members reading selections. We also organized the annual clean-up of the temple grounds on October 26. A good number of volunteers showed up and laid mulch and gave some plants a needed haircut. Finally, the Brotherhood continued with its increasingly popular Guys’ Night Out in September (Ted’s Bulletin) and October (Carrabba’s Italian Grill). Dinners are planned for November and December. Watch for details in upcoming Happenings email blasts.

Jack Goldman, Ralph Locke, and Bruce Thorner

From the Library Committee

The Children and Teen Library is now open! All of our children's books (and teen books) are now located in room 107, so stop in, browse, and borrow. Lots of new picture books for young children have been recently added, as well as *The Power of Light: Eight Stories for Hanukkah* by Issac Bashevis Singer (in Juvenile Fiction). The Adult collection remains in the Adult Library just down the hall. New additions there include *The Penguin Book of Jewish Short Stories* (in Fiction), *How to Avoid the Evil Eye* (in Humor), and *Listen to Her Voice: Women of the Hebrew Bible* (in the Bible and Texts section).

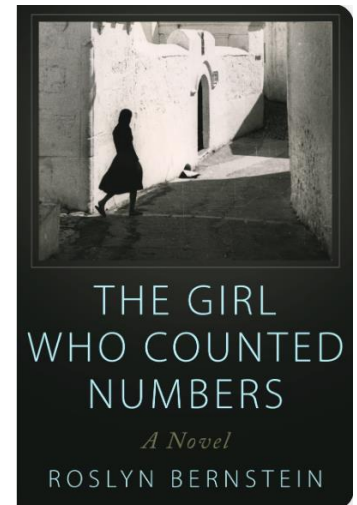
Congregation Or Chadash Book Club

The next meeting of the Congregation Or Chadash Book Club is **Friday, November 14** at 11:30am at Wegmans Market Cafe, 20600 Seneca Meadows Parkway, Germantown. This is an in-person meeting. Zoom is not available.

The book for November is *The Girl Who Counted Numbers* by Roslyn Bernstein. This book is available at the Montgomery County Public Libraries, but not in e-format.

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

Please RSVP by **Tuesday, November 11** to Jane Harris at clamityjgh@aol.com.



Special Services

Potlucks

Shabbat Potluck dinners follow our 6:15pm Shabbat services on **Friday, November 7** and **Friday, December 5**.

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 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>

Religious School Participation

Friday, November 14 at 6:15pm the Jr. Choir will be participating in Shabbat services.

Saturday, November 22 at 10:00am the 6th-8th Grade Tuesday Religious School students will be participating in Shabbat 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 14** at 6:15pm and for the month of December, join us on **Friday, December 5** 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 21** at 6:15pm and Friday, **December 19**, 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 appreciate everyone's willingness to provide hospitality for our community in our sacred home. If you have any issues with your assignment, please email us at orchadashadmin@gmail.com. You will be sent a reminder two weeks beforehand.

Friday, October 24	Kirsch Household	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
Saturday, October 25		Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, October 31	Nancy Goldspiel	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Andrew & Suzan Colby	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, November 14	Meyer & Tinkleman Families	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats) Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, November 21	Rob & Deb Eisenberg	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Carol Cooper	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, November 28	Lisa and Daniel Cooperstein	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Michael DeMesquita	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, December 12	Mandy Eisemann & Ly Peang-Meth	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Andrew & Alison Felrice	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, December 19	Heather Held	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Elizabeth and Giorgio Gatti	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, December 26	Jesse Gellert	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Susie Gellert	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, January 2	Donna Goldsteen & Carl Hay	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Michael & Cara Breuer	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, January 9	Karl & Anne Gussow	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Jane & John Harris	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, January 16	Gary & Maureen Young	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Brett & Alana Hyman	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, January 23	Scott Himmelfarb	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Emily Himmelfarb	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, January 30	Kathleen Lorenz	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Karen Dean	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Michael Isaac Kirsch on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on October 25.

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Friday, October 24 & Saturday, October 25

Meyer Epstein	Father of Alan Epstein
Lorraine Aronson	Mother of Marci Nadler
Franklin Rosenfeld	Father of Karen Rosenfeld-Dean
David Breuer	Brother of Michael Breuer
Nicholas Stroud	Father-in-law of Rebecca Stroud
Shirley Blum	Aunt of Howard Kaufman
Alvin Charens	Uncle of Michelle Bailen
Stanley Goldberg	Father of Julie Swain
Harriet Leef	Aunt of Diane Levitus

Friday, October 31

Anna Benenati	Mother of Luciano Benenati
Morris Zoldan	Grandfather of Howard Lansat
**Marshall Zeidman	Brother of Ricke Zeidman
	Uncle of Philip Zeidman
Ronald Engel	Father of Sheri Dayton
Edith Slonk	Grandmother of Barbara Marx

Friday, November 7

Arthur Aronson	Father of Marci Nadler
Morris Glosman	Grandfather of Alana Hyman
Joseph Binder	Father of Irwin Binder
Hans Breuer	Father of Michael Breuer
Gertrude Lessans	Mother of Ray Lessans
Else Rosenblum	Grandmother of Ziona Mossman
	Swigart
Dorothy Strelser	Mother of Marc Strelser

Friday, November 14

Norman Colby	Father of Andrew Colby
Matti Powojski	Cousin of Ziona Mossman Swigart
Ida Thorner	Mother of Bruce Thorner
Harvey Gussow	Father of Karl Gussow
Katherine L. Swigart	Mother of Thomas Swigart
William Ostrov	Grandfather of Fred Marx
Marshall Rosenthal	Uncle of David Bender

Friday, November 21 & Saturday, November 22

David Farhi	Brother of Lona Farhi
	Uncle of Marti Kerner
Herbert Ruskin	Father of Maureen Ruskin
**Eugene Gellert	Uncle of Jesse Gellert
	Brother-in-law of Susan Gellert
Sadye Goldenberg	Grandmother of Diane Levitus
Armand Grenadier	Great Uncle of Ellyn Baum
Pauline Jolkovsky	Aunt of Ziona Mossman Swigart
Lois Mofenson	Mother of Lynne Mofenson

Friday, November 28

Harold Jacobs	Father of Jennie Strelser
Larry Bernstein	Uncle of Ellyn Baum
Liba Binder	Mother of Irwin Binder
Melvin Moskowitz	Father of Sindi Siskind
Benjamin Bender	Father of Larry Bender

Friday, December 5

Eugene Levitus	Brother of Sydney Levitus
Caren Goldfine	Wife of Ellyn Baum's Uncle
Ruth Solowey	Mother of Rona Kandel
Helen Stahl	Mother of Vivian Stahl
**Adele Spiegel	Aunt of Ricke Zeidman
	Great-aunt of Philip Zeidman
Elaine Spector	Mother of Donna Goldsteen

Friday, December 12

Rose Leigh	Aunt of Joe Baum
Harold Solidar	Uncle of Sydney Levitus
**Dortha Furr	Mother of Susan Gellert
	Grandmother of Jesse Gellert
James Joseph Hyman	Father of Brett Hyman
Gail Siskind	Mother of Aaron Siskind
Gladys Stein	Grandmother of Ilene Krom
Arnold Gould	Father of Diane Levitus

Friday, December 19

Joan Judge	Mother of Suzanne Colby
Dr. Howard Sommer	Father of Heather Held
Martha Gussow	Grandmother of Karl Gussow
Gary Conahan	Destiny Green & Adrienne Jarvis
Rabbi Harold I Krantzler	Father of Rebecca Stroud
Esther Lazaruk	Mother of Fran Zavin

Friday, December 26

Jay Nadler	Father of Karl Nadler
Allen Goldberg	Father of Chris Goldberg
Elaine Korenge	Mother of Ed Korenge
Israel Mossman	Father of Ziona Mossman Swigart
Jerene Isaacson	Grandmother of Ron Isaacson
Donna King	Mother of William King
Gregorio SanNicolas	Father of Greg SanNicolas
**Dorothy Benowitz	Mother of Howard Benowitz
Louis Katz	Father of Bruce Katz
Eva Silverleib	Mother of Lynn Kobey

Friday, January 2

Roberta Frank	Sister of David Kobey
Evelyn Gilstein	Mother of Margot Raphael
Lillian Astor	Grandmother of Jonathan Jackel
Nat Astor	Grandfather of Jonathan Jackel
Yetta Levitus	Mother of Sydney Levitus
William Stein	Brother of Barbara Marx
	Son of Florence Stein

**Yahrtzeit plaque



CHANUKAH BLESSINGS



**בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ 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.**

**בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמֶן 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)

**בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ, לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.**

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu 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).**





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Parent 1 Parent 2

☒ Secular Calendar Date of Death: _____

Approximate time of death: _____ (pre or post sundown)

☐ Hebrew Calendar Date: _____

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