

# Or Chadash FOCUS



*By Rabbi Alison B. Kobey*

Many of you know that I absolutely love the Olympics. Whether it is winter or summer, I pretty much cherish every aspect of the Olympics (ooh, sorry, I still cannot get into curling!). The stories, the dedication to a sport, often with tremendous costs to the athlete, both financial and otherwise, the agility, the talent, and so much more, all contribute to my joy of these competitions. I especially love seeing the moments of tremendous sportsmanship, such as Chloe Kim reaching out to Choi Gaon, her South Korean counterpart who had a terrible fall in her first snowboarding halfpipe run. Somehow, Gaon managed to return to the top of the mountain and, miraculously, pulled it together to continue and ultimately won the gold medal. When Chloe Kim, the last person to go, realized her score was not

high enough to surpass Gaon, Chloe immediately went to Gaon and gave her a big, big hug. What an amazing moment of Olympic sportsmanship.

I root for the underdog, whether Jamaica in the mono-bob or Brazil in alpine skiing, who impressively won the gold, with Lucas Pinheiro Braathen doing the samba in a delightful celebratory moment, recognizing his gold win with tremendous delight as the first for Brazil and any South American nation in the winter Olympics.

I root for Israel, especially in the latest winter Olympics. How can I not be proud of an Israeli bobsled team, “Shul Runnings,” whose attitudes were not deterred even after their room was vandalized or after round one of the two-men bobsled team left the team in 26<sup>th</sup> out of 26<sup>th</sup> place?

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## **SHABBAT/HOLIDAY SERVICES** *(All Shabbat Services are multi-access.)*

**Monday, March 2** – 6:30pm Purim

**Friday, March 6** - 6:15pm Shabbat Services with birthday blessings

**Friday, March 13** - 6:15pm Shabbat Services with diversity theme

**Saturday, March 14** - 10am Shabbat Services with B'nai Mitzvah of Eliana Reese

**Friday, March 20** - 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Or Chadash Singers and anniversary blessings with Beatles theme

**Friday, March 27** - 4pm Tot Shabbat

**(in-person only)**

**Friday, March 27** - 6:15pm Shabbat Services

**Friday, April 3** - 6:15pm Shabbat Services

**Friday, April 10** - 6:15pm Shabbat Services with 1st-4th grade participation and birthday blessings

**Friday, April 17** - 6:15pm Shabbat Services

**Friday, April 24** - 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Yom HaAtzmaut, anniversary blessings, and Or Chadash Singers

**Friday, May 1** - 6:15pm Shabbat Services with

Adar, Nissan, Iyar 5786  
Pre-K/K participation

March/April 2026

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## *President's Column*

What do you do when things seem to be too much?

Today's "News Cycle" is so short and constantly bombarding us with things going on all over the world. We have to filter through not only the quantity of stories that make it onto our social media news feeds or television screens, but also look past the competitive nature of the news sources to report first and check for accuracy later, to be sure they are the first organization to break a story. We have to spend energy deciding what sources to trust and when enough source material is available to be confident we are being told accurate information.

In the meantime, we are seeing people reacting to the initial reporting of these stories and we find ourselves forming opinions based on what we are hearing or being told.

In other words, information overload.

How do you find balance?

Lately, this has been a problem for me just because there is so much. My trick is to try and make sure to turn it off maximizing the amount of time that I am exposing myself. And I periodically take a "day off", recognizing the truth that the stories will be there tomorrow. I also watch some content providers that put together daily summaries ... in 5-10 minutes they summarize the biggest headlines of the day. I can watch these, feel informed, and go on with my day and take the time to breathe and re-center myself. I also like others who satirize headlines which allow me to laugh at things to help maintain some sanity while still working to be informed.

Am I good at doing this? Absolutely not. But, I try. It's important to stay informed. But it's

also important to take care of yourself. It's important to maintain your physical as well as your mental health. For some people this means physical exercise. Others like to cook / bake. Others read a book or craft. The list of ways to distract yourself from the news cycle is endless.

What do you do?

*L'Shalom!*

*Ilene Krom*

*President*

### **The Board Of Directors Needs YOU!**

The Congregation Or Chadash Board of Directors are looking for YOUR voice!!!! Every year, the board changes and grows to meet the needs of the congregation. We are currently looking for congregants who are interested in helping to shape our community for the coming year. From developing programming, to deciding on activities, to developing or updating policies and more, this is the most comprehensive way you can have this kind of voice.

If you are interested, please reach out to Ilene Krom ([kromfamily726@gmail.com](mailto:kromfamily726@gmail.com)) with any questions or to volunteer to be placed on the Board Slate for next year. Voting on the slate will take place at the Annual Congregational Meeting in May.

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Instead of feeling despondent, they celebrated their own journey, their own time (5ish seconds slower than the first place team which is dramatic), and the joy of setting the stage for future Israeli bobsled teams who, as their captain stated, will be sure to improve. Of course, I celebrate Mariia Seniuk, the first single women's figure skater from Israel whose Olympic ice skating journey is currently underway.

And, yes, I always root for the United States, even in times of national struggle, because I hope that our athletes will show the world there are still so many citizens living up to our best selves as a nation. I share my joy of the Olympics with you not because most of us will ever be Olympic athletes (I will leave the door open, ready to host a watch party, should any Or Chadash-ite rise to that sports level), but

## Religious School Committee

Due to untimely (for Religious School purposes) weather conditions, we cancelled Religious School a few times this winter. As a result, we are extending the school calendar by one Tuesday and one Sunday. This possibility was noted on the school calendars distributed at the beginning of the school year. The last Tuesday session will be May 12 and the last Sunday session will be May 17.

As you read this, our Religious School is in its last semester of the year. Each semester has a different set of Hebrew, elective, and Judaic topics. This semester, the Hebrew topics are grade-level Hebrew for the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students, Modern Hebrew for the 1st-5th graders, and Torah and Text for 6th and 7th graders. The electives are The Great Israel Scavenger Hunt, Science and Israel, and Jewish Culture Stories (and acting them out). The Judaic topics are grade-level for the

because I do believe we all can learn from the attitudes of many of the athletes.

Despite the challenges and turmoil in our country these days, and despite the many hurts we face, both collectively and individually, the athletes remind us of perseverance, joy, and showing up as our best selves. We can replicate those ideals, continuing to make positive changes for the people around us, lifting the corners of our mouths at another human, showing compassion, grace, and dedication to *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. It is our responsibility as Jews or Jewish-adjacent people, not to live in despair, but rather in hope. Even in these seemingly dark days, I challenge you, like the Olympics challenge the athletes, to be your best self.

*L'Shalom*

*Rabbi Alison B. Kobey*

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students, Modern Israel for the 1st-5th graders, and Jewish Pop Culture for the 6th and 7th graders. And we always have a music class or Shabbat service preparation.

Your children attend our school for only a few hours each week, so practicing Hebrew at home and talking with their parents about Sunday and Tuesday classes help students remember and reinforce the information learned in class. Just as reading with your children and being involved in their secular schools can enhance their secular learning, speaking with your children about Religious School can have a significant effect on their religious learning.

We need your assistance in teaching your children; we cannot do it alone. Spending a little time practicing Hebrew with your children each week—15 minutes a night for three or four nights a week—and asking about their Sunday

classes will help maximize your investment in their Jewish education. Please join the Religious School Committee at our next meeting on **Sunday, March 8 at 12:15pm.**

*L'Shalom,*

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade B'nai Mitzvah Family Meeting**

**Sunday, April 26 at 12:00pm.** This lunch meeting is for all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families. We will focus on different elements of the Bar/Bat/B'nai Mitzvah ceremony, including terms used, D'var Torah, aliyot, mitzvah project, and more.

## **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, March 7 – 9:30am Torah Study  
(Zoom Only) *Ki Tisa***

**Saturday, March 14 – 10:00am (Multi-access)**  
No Regular Torah Study, but please join us for the B'nai Mitzvah of Eliana Reese and learn about Parashat *Vayekhel-Pikudei*

**Saturday, March 21 - 9:30am *Vayikra*  
(In-Person Only)**

**Saturday, March 28 – 9:30am *Tzav* (Zoom only)**

**Saturday, April 4 – 9:30am (In-Person only)**  
Song of Songs, focus on chapters 1-2

**Saturday, April 11 – 9:30am (Zoom Only)**  
*Shemini*

## *The Religious School Committee* **Religious School Schedule**

In Session:

**March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24**

**April 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28**

**May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17**

Not in session:

**March 29, 31**

**April 5, 7**

**Last Day of Religious School is May 17**

**Saturday, April 18– 9:30am (Zoom Only)**  
*Tazria-Metzora*

**Saturday, April 25– 9:30am (In-Person Only)**  
*Acharei Mot Kedoshim*

**Saturday, April 25 – 11:00am (In-Person Only)**  
Song of Songs, focus on chapters 3-4

**Saturday, May 2 – 9:30am Torah Study  
(In-Person Only) *Emor***

**Saturday, May 2 – 11:00am Torah Study  
(In-Person Only) Song of Songs, focus on  
chapters 5-6**

## **Additional Adult Education**

Join us in person on the following **Sundays** at **9:30am** for coffee and our **9:45am** programs:  
**March 8** - The Resurgence of American  
Anti-Semitism: Where it's Coming From and

April 12 - Jewish Superstitions

We are continuing our Zoom only series on **Fridays at 12:00pm**. We will focus on turning points in Jewish History on **March 20, 27, April 10 and 24**.

## *Keeping Up with Or Chadash*

### Committee Meetings

#### Membership Committee

**Wednesday, March 4** at 7:00pm (In-person only)

#### Religious School Committee (RSC)

**Sunday, March 8** at 12:15pm (In-Person only)  
**Sunday, April 12** at 12:15pm (In-Person only)

#### Ritual Committee

**Sunday, March 22** at 12:15pm (In-person only)

#### Social Action Committee

**Wednesday, March 25** at 6:30pm (Zoom only)

### CORY

**Saturday, February 28 at 4:00pm** is our Purim carnival set-up. All hands on-deck! Please RSVP to Rabbi to confirm your attendance. Please also bring treats for college student boxes. See separate sign-up.

Purim carnival: **Sunday, March 1 at 12:00pm**. Please wear your CORY t-shirt and, if you are not a madrikh/madrikhah/madrichim, please plan on arriving at 11:00am. Please RSVP to Rabbi to confirm your attendance!

**Sunday, March 22 at 11:15am** is the CORY-led chocolate seder. Please arrive by 10:00am to help set-up.

**Sunday, April 26 at 3:00** is CORY Monster Mini-Golf. RSVP to Rabbi.

### CORY Jr.

**Sunday, March 1** join us at 12:00pm for the Purim Carnival. See Purim section on page 7 with details about our Purim fun!

**Sunday, March 22 at 11:15am** is the CORY-led chocolate seder.

**Sunday, April 26 at 2:30** is Jr. CORY Monster Mini-Golf. RSVP to Rabbi.

### Kiddush Kids

**Sunday, March 1** join us at 12:00pm for the Purim Carnival. See Purim section on page 7 with details about our Purim fun!

**Sunday, March 22 at 11:15am** is the CORY-led chocolate seder. Invite your special grown-ups and join the fun!

### Tot Programming

(Events focusing on children ages 0-6 and their families)

**Friday, March 27 - 4:00pm** Tot Shabbat (including stories, songs, prayers, crafts, games and snacks)

### *Purim*

Happy Adar, a time when we are commanded to be happy! Purim is the 14 of Adar, translating this year to Monday, March 2. Purim is a holiday for the fun, silly side in each of us. It is a holiday NOT just for children, as each of us should remember that our lives were at stake, and through

a brave act by Esther and Mordechai, we are here today. We have 5 rabbinic commandments as part of this holiday: to read Megillat Ester, the Scroll of Esther, to be unable to distinguish between Ahasuerus and Haman, to give to the poor, to give gifts to others, and to have a festive meal. We are going to have lots of fun for Purim this year and I hope you all will join us! Wear a costume or come as yourself, but either way I hope to see you there.

Within the Religious School (but open to all) we will celebrate **Sunday, March 1 at 11:15am** with a first opportunity to see the schpiel followed by the Purim carnival that is sponsored by CORY, our senior youth group. The Religious School schpiel and carnival is open to both congregants and non-congregants alike so if you know of other Jewish children in the area, please welcome them to our festivities (Rabbi will give you 3 tickets for free if you bring a non-member guest). Stay tuned for other details about the carnival. There will be pizza and snacks for purchase and ticket sales (all proceeds go to CORY).

You can purchase 3 tickets for \$1.00, 20 tickets for \$5.00, and there will be other ticket options too!

**Monday, March 2 at 6:30pm** is Megillah reading, Purim schpiel and the hamantaschen bake-off/eat-off. Bakers: please bring at least 12 hamantaschen of the same flavor). The more you bake, the more we all taste! Even if you do not want to bake, please join us and be part of the tasting! As a reminder, there can be NO gelatin (no marshmallows or gummies unless they are vegan).

## *Special Services*

## *Passover*

### **Pre-Passover Chocolate-Ness**

Interested in a little learning with a fun twist on Passover? Join us on **Sunday, March 22 at 11:15am** for a chocolate seder. You do not have to be part of the Religious School to be a chocolate-lover. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Seder will be led by CORY, our senior youth group.

### **First Night: To House or Be Housed**

The first seder is **Wednesday, April 1** (no, it's not a joke!). Are you hosting a seder and willing/ able to host extra people? Are you looking for a seder to attend? As soon as you know your plans, please contact the Rabbi so that we have ample time to help make matches and ensure that everyone has a place for seder!! Please send an e-mail to Rabbi with how many people you can host or how many people you wish for someone else to host, any food allergies, any pets, prefer with children/ prefer no children, etc. Together, we will make sure that everyone is part of a seder!

### **Second Night**

The second seder is **Thursday, April 2**. We will have a congregational seder at Or Chadash. Doors will open at **6:00pm** and seder will begin at **6:30pm**. It is open to all. We are still firming up the menu and prices but there will be food for vegetarians and non-vegetarians alike. If you are interested in attending, but concerned about the price, please reach out to Rabbi Kobey. All details remain confidential, but we want to be sure everyone is welcome and no one is turned away because of pricing. If you already know you want to attend, sign-up now! RSVPs are mandatory for the seder. Additional details will be provided at a later date.

### **Potlucks**

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

We hope you will join us and make or bring your favorite dairy/vegetarian dish. There are

some sample ideas in the sign-up genius. Please know that we want everyone to be welcome and included. While we hope people will sign-up in advance and bring a dish to share, if you spontaneously come to Shabbat services or cannot bring food that evening, we hope you will still be comfortable staying and joining us at the potluck dinners.

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

### 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#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050845ACA622A7FC1-56236090-shabbat#/)

### Or Chadash Singers

Or Chadash Singers will be participating in the **March 20** Beatles Shabbat and **April 24** Yom Haatzmaut Shabbat. All are welcome to participate, whether you sing, play an instrument or both! Contact Rachel at [rachel.stroudgoodrich@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.stroudgoodrich@gmail.com) for information about rehearsals and sheet music.

### Celebrating Simchas on Shabbat (Happy Occasions)

Celebrate your birthday with your Or Chadash family. Receive a special blessing and birthday treat to mark the occasion. If you are in-person, you will get the treat that evening; if you are sharing services with us through Zoom, the Rabbi delivery service will be happy to make sure you receive your treat (just send her an e-mail). We have birthday blessings every month. For the month of March, join us on

**March 6** and for the month of April, birthday blessings will be on **April 10**, both **Fridays at 6:15pm**.

We also celebrate anniversaries within our Or Chadash family. Again, receive a special blessing and different treat. This is also monthly with anniversary blessings on **March 20** and **April 24**, both **Fridays at 6:15pm**. Do you have other simchas (happy occasions) to share? Let Rabbi Kobey know so we can rejoice together.

### Brotherhood

The Brotherhood continues to meet on the third Thursday of every month for dinner together: Guys' Night Out. We met in January at Coal Fire Pizza in Kentlands and in February at Black Hog BBQ in Urbana. We have a sizable regular contingent but always welcome new people to join us. Our upcoming dinners are scheduled for **Thursday, March 19**, and **Thursday, April 16**. We'll send out emails and will post the time and location in *Happenings* a week before the event. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Jack Goldman at [jackhgoldman24@gmail.com](mailto:jackhgoldman24@gmail.com), Bruce Thorner at [robinhood@earthlink.net](mailto:robinhood@earthlink.net), or Ralph Locke at [rlocke@esm.rochester.edu](mailto:rlocke@esm.rochester.edu). We hope to see you at a future Guys' Night Out!

### Membership and Prospective Outreach

We know the best way to reach other Jewish people is through word-of-mouth. If you know someone Jewish and unaffiliated, please reach out to them and see if they are interested in joining us at Purim, at Passover seder, at Shabbat services, or another holiday or event.

Feeling shy about asking- give Rabbi their information, she's happy to reach out!

## Mah Jongg

We meet on the third Sunday of the month from 2:00pm-4:00pm. All levels are encouraged and beginners are welcome. Everyone is learning and we will provide instruction and refreshers as needed. 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.

## Social Action

Our first activity for 2026, was filling backpacks for children going into foster care (Comfort Cases). With the donations we collected, we will be able to fill 20 backpacks. Thank you to everyone who contributed backpacks and essential supplies.

Although we have an ongoing food drive, we plan to make a concerted effort to collect canned foods **March 1 through April 12**. Please leave food in the bins in the lobby and help make our canned food drive a big success.

In addition, we will provide a meal to the Stepping Stones Shelter. Stepping Stones is a family shelter, providing emergency meals and housing for up to six families at one time. They also provide supportive services to increase work skills and find jobs, and help families

navigate the legal system.

We are now turning our attention to Good Deeds Day. This year Good Deeds Day will take place on **April 12**. The Social Action Committee is already planning activities for Good Deeds Day.

The Jewish Federation is offering mini-grants for Good Deeds Day this year. We will be asking for funding for the following two activities:

1. \$20 Kindness Challenge: Students in grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> will be given \$20 to spend on a good deed/act of kindness. They can work with another student to increase the dollar amount, if they choose. We will be asking students to research ideas and be very intentional about how they invest their money.

2. Halal Meat: We will partner with NNIA to supply halal meat to 20 needy Afghani families. Afghani families often leave their home country with very little money and when they first arrive often can only find minimum wage jobs. This effort will help feed some of the most needy of NNIA families.

The Social Action Committee meets virtually every month on the fourth Wednesday of the month at **6:30pm**. The next Social Action Committee meeting will be **March 25**. Please see Happenings for login details.



## **Congregation Or Chadash Book Club**

The next meeting of the Congregation Or Chadash Book Club is **Friday, March 13** 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 March is **The Woman with the Blue Star** by Pam Jenoff.

This book is available at Montgomery County Public Libraries. There is currently a short wait list for the book. Book club discussion questions can be found on the Jewish Book Council web site at:

<https://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/book/the-woman-with-the-blue-star#for-book-clubs>

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

Please RSVP by **Tuesday, March 10** to Jane Harris at [clamityjgh@aol.com](mailto:clamityjgh@aol.com).

## *Mazel Tov*

Margot and Steven Raphael are proud to announce the birth of their newest grandchild: Elias Samson Raphael on Friday, January 16, 2026 to parents Solomon and Mercedes Raphael. Monica, Steven, Jacklyn, and Isabelle DiBartolo are happy relatives.

Meghan Howard and Hilary Rosenbloom on becoming Adult B'nai Mitzvah on January 31, 2026.

Eliana Reese on becoming a B'nai Mitzvah on March 14, 2026.

## *Condolences*

We extend our deep condolences on the death of Robin (Elizabeth) Farquhar who died January 1, 2026.

We extend our deep condolences to Alex Lebedinsky and his family on the death of his mother, Betty Lebedinsky, who died on Thursday, February 5, 2026.

## *Oneg Schedule*

Oneg assignments have been made for the year. 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 any issues with your assignment, please email us at [orchadashadmin@gmail.com](mailto:orchadashadmin@gmail.com).

You will be sent a reminder the Monday beforehand.

Friday, March 13	Reese Household	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats) Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, sweet treats)
Friday, March 20	Marti and Adam Kerner	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Ilene Krom	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, March 27	Rosalind and William King	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Andrew and Julie Klingenstein	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, April 3	Edward and Bette Korenge	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Howard Lansat and Lisa Levine	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, April 10	Ray and Debbie Lessans	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Monica DiBartolo	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, April 17	Sydney and Diane Levitus	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Howard and Susan Lichtman	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)
Friday, April 24	Tanya Parilla	Oneg A (wine/juice/drinks, sweet treats)
	Sindi and Aaron Siskind	Oneg B (challah, fruit/veggies, healthy snacks)



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[www.gardenofremembrance.org](http://www.gardenofremembrance.org)

## 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, March 6**

Ruth Kobey  
Doris Ruth Light  
Morris Bender  
\*\*Jesse Gellert

Ronald Santa  
Edith Breuer  
Myrna Rosenthal  
Gerald Stahl  
\*\*Estelle Eisler

**Friday, March 13 & Saturday, March 14**

Anne Cahn  
David Stein

Tillie Bender  
Ethel Mossman  
Harry Kandel  
Frank Berry Korenge  
Marilyn Goldspiel  
Sol Aron  
Paul Levitus

**Friday, March 20**

Grace Stroud  
Charles Kobey  
\*\*Leslie Schwartz  
Sunnie Zahler  
Rosanne Blechman  
Claudette Engel

**Friday, March 27**

Dara Lansat  
Samuel Rosenthal  
Ed Gable  
\*\*Nick Stroud

**Friday, April 3**

Ruth Blechman  
Lewis Berkowitz  
Dorothy Zoldan  
Samuel Raphael  
Michael Goldfine  
Dorothy Paley

**Friday, April 10**

Howard Mofenson  
Douglas Apirian  
Nathalie Rubin  
\*\*Dolly Grobstein  
Sol Jackel  
Max Smith  
Norman Soltar

Mother of David Kobey  
Mother of Susan Lichtman  
Grandfather of David Bender  
Father-in-Law of Susan Gellert and  
Grandfather-in-Law of Jesse Gellert

Mother of Michael Breuer  
Mother of Lou Rosenthal  
Father of Vivian Stahl  
Mother of Nancy Thorner

Step-Grandmother of Lisa Cahn  
Father of Barbara Marx and  
Husband of Florence Stein  
Grandmother of David Bender  
Grandmother of Ziona Mossman  
Father of Milton Kandel  
Father of Ed Korenge  
Mother of Barry Goldspiel  
Grandfather of Phil Dicken  
Father of Sydney Levitus

Mother-in-Law of Rebecca Stroud  
Father of David Kobey  
Wife of Seth Schwartz  
Sister-in-Law of Marsha Weber  
Mother of Ilene Krom  
Mother of Sheri Dayton

Wife of Howard Lansat  
Father of Cindy Bender  
Step-Father of Karen Conner  
Father of Rachel Stroud-Goodrich and  
Husband of Rebecca Stroud  
Mother of Marsha Weber

Grandmother of Ilene Krom  
Father of Rosalind King  
Grandmother of Howard Lansat  
Father of Steven Raphael  
Uncle of Elyn Baum  
Mother-in-Law of Ken Tharp

Father of Lynne Mofenson  
Brother of Susan Drubin  
Cousin of Emily Hanlen  
Mother of Claire SanNicolas  
Grandfather of Jonathan Jackel  
Father of Geri Sliffman

**Friday, April 17**

Pedro Rosado  
Stanley Zoldan  
Jon Clark, Sr.  
Lilian Fink  
Jerome (Jerry) Kreger  
Charles Ogg  
William Storck

Father of Anthony Rosado  
Uncle of Howard Lansat  
Father of Jon Clark  
Mother-in-Law of Howard Lansat  
Husband of Doreen Kreger  
Brother of Karl Gussow  
Father of Dara Santa

**Friday, April 24**

Sharon Goldberg  
Richard Gartenberg  
Ted Petok  
Anna Zavin  
\*\*Nahum Lebedinsky  
Ira Silverleib  
Lawrence Arthur Young  
Rose Apirian  
Marilyn Himmelfarb  
Rae Ostrov  
Jeff Phipps  
Norman Wickwire  
Pauline Greenspan

Mother of Chris Goldberg  
Father of Jane Harris  
Father of Fred Petok  
Mother of Jack Zavin  
Father of Alex Lebedinsky  
Brother of Lynn Kobey  
Father of Gary Young  
Mother of Susan Drubin  
Mother of Scott Himmelfarb  
Grandmother of Fred Marx  
Father of Hilary Rosenbloom  
Father of Alison Felrice  
Mother of Arlene Greenspan

**Friday, May 1**

Gerry Reese  
Audrey Dicken  
Fred Lafer  
Linda Wickwire

Father of Matthew Reese  
Mother of Phil Dicken  
Uncle of Elyn Baum  
Mother of Alison Felrice

\*\*Yahrtzeit Plaque







Congregation Or Chadash  
& the new Fundraising Team  
Present...  
*A Fun Night for all!*  
Saturday March 21, 2026 | 7-9:30PM



*A night of warm-hearted fun after the winter freeze!*

*All proceeds benefit Congregation Or Chadash!!*

*Open to members & non-members too.....invite friends!*

**MENU**



- *Teams Trivia*
  - *Jenga & Twister*
  - *Raffle-Wine pull Or Prize pick*
  - *Photo Op for the Kids*
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- *Savory Apps & Sweet Treats*
  - *Punch and Iced Tea*
  - *Hot Chocolate w/ Toppings*

*Where: 24800 King Valley Drive*

*Dress: Fun Party attire!*

*Cost: \$15 Adults & \$10 Kids/\$40 Family max/\$20 Non-members*

*Send Checks to: Or Chadash or pay at the door*

**But first!** *Please RSVP To Debbie Lessans by March 14th  
(Deblessans@gmail.com or 202-438-2042)*

**Congregation Or Chadash Second Night Passover Seder**  
**Thursday, April 2nd, at 6:30 pm**  
(doors open at 6 pm)

24800 Kings Valley Road, Damascus, MD 20872

Seder will be conducted by Rabbi Alison Kobey & Soloist Deborah Stenberg

**Buffet Menu**

- Matzo, Gefilte Fish with Horseradish, Hard Boiled Eggs, Charoset, Matzo Ball Soup
- Vegetarian Matzo Ball Soup **(must be requested below)**
- Potato Latkes with Applesauce Entree for Vegetarian Diners **(must be requested below)**
- Roast Brisket, Herb Crusted Salmon, & Herb Roasted Chicken
- Tzimmes, Roasted Potatoes, and Green Beans
- Fresh Fruit Salad and Miniature Passover Pastries
- Passover Wine, Grape Juice, Iced Tea, Coffee, and Water

**RSVP & Payment must be received by Monday, March 23**

**Early Bird signup through March 28:** \$40 per adult, \$20 per child 6-12, \$10 per child 2-5

**Late orders after March 23 and for Non-members:** \$50 per adult, \$25 per child 6-12, \$15 per child 2-5

Make check payable to Congregation Or Chadash and send along with this form to:  
24800 Kings Valley Rd, Damascus, MD 20872

or pay online using the QR code; Please include the fees:



**Contact Susie Gellert at [susruss2002@gmail.com](mailto:susruss2002@gmail.com) for any questions you have.**  
**IF you use the QR code, please let Susie know your choices below.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults at \$40: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children 6-12 at \$20: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children 2-5 at \$10: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults at \$50: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children 6-12 at \$25: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children 2-5 at \$15: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Remitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Vegetarian Matzo Ball Soup (Note: Matzo balls contain eggs)

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Vegetarian Entrees – Potato Latkes with Applesauce