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IF I AM ONLY FOR MYSELF WHAT AM I? IN DANGER!

Rabbi Eliott Perlstein

Iwas all set to leave for Israel this past June 25, but Israel was not all set to open its gates to me or any non-Israeli citizens wishing to come. The government decided to lift its restrictions as of July 1. I thought it wise to give the system a few days to get in gear, so I changed my ticket for July 5. On July 1, they postponed the opening to August 1, and on August 1 they postponed it to whenever.

We had planned and still hoped to have our first Tichon Israel Trip which was postponed last year, take off for Israel at the end of December. By then, Omicron came and we couldn't. I planned to go to Israel on January 5. I wanted to see my niece Jennifer in Tel Aviv and other family. I would overlap with my sister and brother-in-law for a bit that month. As I am writing this in mid-December, I am afraid that I will not have been in Israel when you read this.

We learn more about this virus as time goes on. We learn more and more about our country and about the world and how it works. Israel was one of the fastest countries to be vaccinated, but unfortunately, like here, there is a segment of the population that is still unvaccinated. More to the point, these variants popping up do not originate in Israel or in the United States. They may well originate in some part of the world that is almost totally unvaccinated. They find receptive hosts, become attached and travel freely throughout the world and finally arrive at an address too near to us.

Yes, we have learned much. We thought the vaccine would cure all our ills. We did not imagine that a large segment of our population would refuse this life-saving measure. Some are busy doing research. They have conferred upon themselves MDs specializing in the field of virology. Others find this as a statement of personal liberty and the ----- with all others. I imagine they have never heard the teaching of the great sage Hillel, "If I am only for myself, what am I?".

Portions of the world, capable of vaccinating their own population, have been content to pretty much ignore the developing world. As of November, just 4% of the population of the African continent was vaccinated. That leaves a large part of the world as

fertile breeding grounds for infection and ever new variants. Of course when the variant comes our way as it always does, we don't know the efficacy of our present vaccine to keep us safe.

In January, we mark the birthday of the great Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King. He is often quoted as saying, "No one is free until we are all free." Before him, Emma Lazarus said, "Until we are all free, we are none of us free." This may sound like idyllic oratory and too nebulous to fully comprehend, but now we have a parallel in scientific terms. We are not safe from the pandemic until all people are safe from the pandemic. This devastatingly malignant virus is teaching us a lesson we have never before grasped. It's like the vaccine is singing the Beatles refrain, "Come together, right now, over me."

I texted a friend in the spring of 2020 relating that I read some thirty million Americans would be infected by this coronavirus. He found it incredulous. The number today stands above fifty million. This is crazy!

One can easily choose to be pessimistic in the face of this deadly disease. One can also choose to be hopeful that this can be a great lesson on being a global community and the necessity to function in that way. The cynic and the pessimist both say, "Good luck with that."

I choose to be an optimist for the long term, but for now, I believe we still need to make every effort to be as safe as possible. Life is far, far better today than it was in the spring, summer, fall and winter of 2020. Life has returned to some semblance of normal but we're not where we want to be and need to be yet.

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me?" the great sage Hillel taught. Take care of yourself in every way possible. "If I am only for myself, what am I?" The answer is right in front of our eyes. In danger! Let's get out of danger and Come Together like we never have before. Working together globally, we'll again be able to travel wherever we wish around the world. For me, and I hope for you, it will be to Israel, and so may we then meet on the streets of Ierusalem.

Diane Pevar



THE NEW, NEW NORMAL

It's hard to believe that as you read this, it will have been 20 months since I assumed the presidency of Ohev Shalom. These past 20 months have been chaotic for all of us and have impacted how we worship, how we learn, and how we socialize with each other as a community. I recently looked back at my first Dove Tale column as president to see if it would help me reflect and better relate to the journey we have made together. In that column, prepared in the summer of 2020, I wrote the following as we headed into completely virtual High Holy Days:

"We all think of a synagogue as a place – to worship, send children for a Jewish education, and attend an occasional social event - but a synagogue is so much more than just a physical location. It is so much more than a building that houses within its walls a sanctuary, a school, and a social hall. The true value and meaning of a synagogue is found in its ability to care for and nurture its community".

These words continue to ring true. Through hard work, dedication, and resiliency we created a "new normal" at Ohev Shalom. We learned a great deal these past 20 months on what it truly means to connect. And connect we have, not only within the community that's in our own backyard, but our reach has extended nationally and internationally. But, in case you were thinking that the title of this column was a typo, please know that it's not. Because this winter we will combine the best of our virtual and in-person worlds to create a new, new normal.

This winter, our new, new normal will continue our outreach efforts through a combination of in-person Shabbat morning services (that will also be livestreamed on YouTube), Friday evening and minyan Zoom and a wide variety of virtual programming. But we will also open our doors so that we can see and laugh with friends and acquaintances up close, as this January and February we return to our physical campus for *Oy!* a production by our very own Ohev Players.

If you are fully vaccinated, I urge you to join in the reawakening of Ohev Shalom's campus this winter. Join us on Saturday morning and, as you look over your shoulder, wish "Shabbat Shalom" to an old friend or a new one. Come laugh with us as the Ohev Players entertain as only they can. And stay tuned for more opportunities to return to our physical space as winter turns to spring. There has been great comfort in worshipping, learning, and socializing from our homes. But after two years of screen time, the joy that you will feel returning to our sacred space will be empowering.

Stay safe and be well,

Diane

Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo



Ah, that wonderful, awkward, but proud moment when you become an adult member of the Jewish community, or as most know it, a BMitzvah. I should add that I like to use the term BMitzvah instead of the traditional titles of Bar/Bat. The emphasis should be on the Mitzvah, committing ourselves to the commandments, and it should be left to the person how each wants to enter into this Jewish life, am I right?

With lots to prepare, it is often hard to see past the service or the celebration that follows. Prior to my students beginning tutoring, they have class Shabbatot, Hebrew school tefilah, and learning the essential building blocks of Judaism 101 through Hebrew school. And when it comes time to lead their service, they're tasked with leading the prayers, reading from the Torah scroll, and a portion of the Haftarah. All amazing feats of patience, endurance and commitment for a mere 12/13 year old kid. Do you remember your big day? How did it impact you? Did it shape your Jewish experience as an adult?

For many, unless the child's family life is centered around Judaism in some way, most students become a bit detached or unaware of how to be a Jewish adult without everyday influences. This is always something clergy and Jewish educators think about when 7th grade comes around. So, especially during a pandemic, I wanted to give these students a way to connect in a very grown up way- to teach them how to be a gabbai! Once a month during Tichon (Hebrew High), we have a session that teaches most post-BMitzvah students (some are in the middle of their training or have just done their service) how to assist during the Torah reading. Now, that might seem like a small task, but there are a lot of moving parts associated with being a gabbai. Our first class was all about calling someone to the Torah. What a tremendous honor! And that's just it- to feel the pride of being included into something so sacred and important. The kids take their own names (and learn them!) and choose how they want to be called, AND get the foundation of the Torah reading layout, i.e. aliyot breakdown, assist and do a dressing of the Torah, practicing one's Hebrew (listening and reading Hebrew) as someone reads from the scroll. Our last session was putting it all into action. We swapped roles where two folks followed along as one person read from the Torah (we read the Shema/V'ahavta). We also had the gabbaim call up students, while other students practiced their Torah blessings.

At first, I wasn't sure how the kids would react, or if I had to do a bit of nudging to get some volunteers, but boy, was I glad to see what I had hoped for- interested participation! They were fighting over who would chant from the Torah. They all responded in a powerful unison as they heard, "Barchu Et AdoShem Hamvorach." How inclusive it was to choose their identity as they were called to the Torah (new terms have been introduced like MI'BEIT- from the house of or MI'MISHPACHAT-from the family of, in addition to BEN or BAT as they are connected to their parents, as well as NA LA'AMOD, which means "please rise" instead of TA'AMOD or YA'AMOD, (fem. or masc. versions of asking a male or female to rise). My heart was full and frankly, I felt like a proud parent.

Here is a picture at the end of the session of all my kiddos. I am SO proud of them taking these steps, and putting Judaism and their commitment into action. Looking forward to our next class!



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Barbara Glickman

One of my Jewish educational goals for our Hebrew School students and families is to foster relationships within the greater Ohev Shalom community. Using the power of relationships enables engagement and a sense of belonging. Research has shown that there is an increase in happiness as older adults guide children. Intergenerational programming fosters social-emotional well being in adults and children, since we all know that everyone thrives on face-to-face contact. Additionally, I have

learned that Jewish intergenerational programs positively impact synagogue communities through a shared purpose, relationship building, and can also improve the emotional health of those involved.

This year I introduced the intergenerational program called L'Dor V'Dor (from generation to generation) Mystery Reader. L'Dor V'Dor offers an opportunity for our congregants to be a mystery reader with our Hebrew School classes. While I knew this program had great potential, I didn't realize the importance and impact it would make on our Ohev school and synagogue communities. Over 25 congregants responded to the first email in August seeking individuals willing to pay a surprise visit to classes and read either their favorite story or one that we recommend. I then began scheduling the mystery readers and then paired them with a particular class. The result- something beautiful!

The array of stories has been truly amazing. Some readers bring props, some teach songs, and all are willing to share personal experiences. Our younger students are learning about Jewish topics or secular topics while fostering relationships with the mystery reader and with each other. The health and social-emotional benefits are priceless. Thank you to all our L'Dor V'Dor Mystery Readers. If you have not had an opportunity to sign up, please email me bglickman@ohev.org.

PICTURES

Top Row: Shelley Rosen with Bet 1 4th Grade , Ken Marblestone with Bet 2 4th Grade, Linda Springer with Mechina 2nd grade

Bottom Row: Dr. Ira Sharp with Aleph 3rd Grade, Nina Surden with Kesher 1st Grade, Marsha Freedman with Gimel 5th Grade, Mitch Gerson with Bet 4th Grade



MENS CLUB NEWS

Greetings to everyone. We hope that you and your families are continuing to stay safe and healthy and had a joyous Hanukkah and a happy secular New Year.

Our Men's Club has lots of programs and events coming this winter season. Mondays with Men's Club continues with several programs. The Israeli American Council is providing a three evening series, "Connect to Israel Activism," on the 3rd, 10th, and 24th of January following weekday minyan. This program will provide insights on talking about and supporting Israel. We are also looking forward to programs from Stephen Raucher about Jews of Cuba and Felicia Alexander from the Jewish Genealogical Society. Stay tuned for those dates and information.

Save the Date and put February 4th on your calendar for Men's Club Kabbalat Shabbat Hawaii Night! Come to an in person service with your loudest Hawaiian shirt and enjoy the comradery of Men's Club members and the service. February 13th is the annual Men's Club World Wide Wrap, so bring your tefillin and join us in person or virtually. Regardless of whether or not you have your own, you and your children can learn how to wear tefillin and why. Our annual Yellow Candle Project is also scheduled for March 13th! Details on how to get your candle will follow soon.

As a reminder, you can now make donations to the Ohev Shalom Men's Club in honor or memory of loved ones and special occasions. We are listed on the Ohev website and on the donation form.

We always encourage all to attend Men's Club programs. They are open to everyone! Thanks to those of you who have already sent in your 2021-2022 Men's Club membership dues! We are well on our way to exceeding our membership goals with over 50 members. Spread the word that membership in the Ohev Men's Club is rewarding and is made better by those who take part in it! If you have not been receiving emails from Men's Club, please email Steve at smd18@hotmail.com and let us know, so we can add you to our distribution list.

Again, stay safe and healthy and for now see you virtually and hopefully soon in person.

- Steve and Dave

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Happy 2022 New Year to all my SISTERS! Baby, it's COLD out there. As Sisterhood begins 2022, we have two nights of virtual Pajama BINGO planned, from the comfort of your WARM home. I hope you have already signed up. For only \$18.00 you get two nights of fun- January 11th and January 25th, and the prizes are some pretty great gift cards. If you didn't sign up yet, now is the time. Click on the link on the Ohev website. We are planning for Mah Jongg and Canasta to begin in person in the very near future. Watch for the emails announcing the start dates of these activities. We are planning a Tu B'Shevat SWEET; watch for the emails announcing the date and location. Remember, Sisterhood is here to help you feel linked to your friends, especially as the winter is upon us, and the nights are longer. Know that no woman is alone. SISTERHOOD is here.

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January 29 and 30; February 5 and 6

Showtime 7:30 - approximate running time 1 hour 30 minutes

All Seats General Admission - \$18 at the door

Seats will be distanced for your safety

OY!

The famed Ohev players will be returning to our Ohev stage in January and February 2022, with a collection of 11 short comedies called OY!

Written by Rich Orloff, and originally staged off Broadway, this play appeals to audiences of all backgrounds. Each scene illustrates the meaning of a Yiddish word - including the untold story of Eve and Adam, Einstein's demanding mother, and men in a steam room using only the word "Oy" to communicate. It is a tribute to the comedy and absurdity of being human.

Directed by Michael Schwartz and performed by 13 veteran Ohev Players and one newbie, this entertaining show is just what we need after months away from Ohev.

Please choose a date and put it in your calendar: Saturday and Sunday evenings January 29th and 30th, February 5th and 6th. Be advised that this is a show for mature audiences; it is not appropriate for children.

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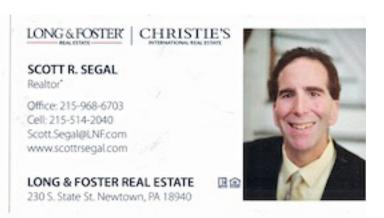
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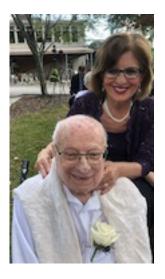


CONGREGANT OF THE MONTH JUDIE WEISS

by Eileen Schein

Judie, Marilyn, Natalie & Vivienne

Judie and father, Allan Bellin



The great Lubavitcher Rebbe, commenting on Deuteronomy 20:19 - "For man is a tree of the field"- teaches us that "Our roots are our faith and commitment, our trunk and branches are our learning and character, and our deeds are our fruits." No better example of this is our January/February 2022 Congregant of the Month, Judie Weiss.

Judie grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, the oldest of three daughters. Her grandfather was an ardent Zionist who actually gave her father, Allan Bellin, the middle name Israel. Synagogue was always an important part in her family's life, and every Shabbat morning she and her father, a high school guidance counselor for more than 50 years, attended services together. Her father was also an institution as the Confirmation teacher at Park Synagogue. One of Judie's fondest memories was when she became of Confirmation age and was nominated to be in charge of the cantada. Weekly Shabbat dinners with her grandmother coming to Judie's home were the norm, with everyone wearing their Shabbat best and having great discussions around the table. There was often a guest at this warm, lively meal, adding to the ambience of acknowledging the joy of Shabbat.

Judie became involved with the Young Judaea youth group in the fifth grade and eventually became the regional newspaper editor and regional president. She spent one summer at Camp Tel Yehudah in its leadership program and traveled to Israel the summer of tenth grade. Her college years were spent at the University of Cincinnati and then Kent State, where she received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Speech and Language Pathology. She worked for the Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education, and for the Wilmette School District in Chicago for seven years. After moving to Philadelphia, she worked in private practice and consulted with SPIN (Special People in the Northeast), and Barc Developmental Services, whose mission it is to serve and advocate for people with intellectual disabilities and autism. For the past 17 years, Judie worked in the Central Bucks School District as the head Speech Pathologist at Mill Creek Elementary School. Her retirement in June of 2021 marked the end of an amazing career of 42 years.

It came as no surprise that Judie followed in her father's footsteps and taught Hebrew School after college and until her youngest daughter was in the first grade. Rabbis and Cantors have always been a part of her circle of friends, from her University years in Cincinnati and at Kent State, to Chicago, where she was on the Board of Directors at her synagogue. When she moved to Philadelphia in 1986, it was of the utmost importance for her to establish Jewish roots there. For many years she was active in Hadassah, eventually becoming the regional fundraiser and maintaining that position for several years. One of the highlights of her involvement with Hadassah was when she was appointed as a young leader and traveled to the International Hadassah Convention in Israel.

In 1998 Judie and her family joined Ohev Shalom. It has always been important to her that her Rabbi be a model of "living Judaism," and she most certainly found that at Ohev. She loves her Shabbat morning friends, who in her opinion, are a light in the community and a true inspiration. Judie became an active member quickly, serving on our Board of Directors as Ritual Chair, a member of the Adult Education, Membership, and Inclusion B'Kavod committees, and others too numerous to name. She was also a Simchat Torah honoree.

Family now plays an even greater role in Judie's life. She lost her mother thirteen years ago, but her father and sisters and their families still live in Cleveland. Judie has been blessed with two wonderful, accomplished daughters and three beautiful grandchildren. Marilyn Weiss and her husband Dr. John Lisher make their home in Belmont, Massachusetts. Their children, June and Isaac, continue the tradition of celebrating Shabbat with Judie by lighting Shabbat candles together via FaceTime. Daughter Natalie Weiss and her husband Dr. Michael Newman of Indianapolis, Indiana, have just been blessed with their first child, Vivienne, who will surely follow in her cousins' footsteps. Judie is indeed fulfilling her commitment to be a part of a vital synagogue and to ensure that this beautiful legacy, one that her entire family has enjoyed for decades, will continue to flourish. Mazal tov to our January/February 2022 Congregant of the Month, Judie Weiss!



Ohev Shalom's Social Action Committee Presents

Welcoming the Stranger

A Discussion with Cathryn Miller Wilson, Executive Director of HIAS Pennsylvania

Wednesday, January 19 at 7:30 PM At Ohev Shalom and virtually

Based on the Jewish value of "welcoming the stranger," HIAS Pennsylvania offers social, legal, and resettlement services to refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers from all backgrounds. Since 1882, HIAS Pennsylvania has helped immigrants navigate the complexities of American society and its legal system, from their first steps on American soil to the oath of citizenship,

Join us at Ohev or virtually to learn about the important work of HIAS and how we can be more involved in the advocacy for and support of the refugees and immigrants joining our community.

There is no fee to attend the event, but we ask that you give a \$10 (or more) Target gift-card for the families which HIAS serves.

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OHEV SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE - YOU CAN HELP!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 - PRESENTATION BY HIAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Please join us on January 19th at 7:30, in the synagogue or virtually, to learn from Cathryn Miller Wilson, Executive Director of HIAS Pennsylvania, about the resettlement of incoming refugees. Since 1882, HIAS Pennsylvania has helped immigrants and refugees navigate the complexities of American society and its legal system. At this session you will learn about the important work of HIA and how we can be more involved in the advocacy for and support of the refugees and immigrants joining our community.

There is no fee to attend the event, but we ask that you give a \$10 (or more) Target gift-card for the families which HIAS serves. We would appreciate RSVPs to ohev@ohev.org.

To enter this meeting virtually, please go to www.Ohev.org. Under Service Schedule, click on Virtual Weekday Minyan. You can join our Minyan at 7:00 PM or the program at 7:30.

You can help our new neighbors by volunteering, advocating, offering employment or a place to live, or donating. Remember, you (or your parents or grandparents or great-grandparents) were also a stranger here!

MONDAY, JANUARY 31 - MEAL COLLECTION TO FEED THE NEEDY

We need your help to help others! Ohev Shalom is joining with over 40 synagogues and places of worship to help feed our Bucks County neighbors through AHTN (Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need). Ohev and Beth El of Yardley are jointly committing to donate 30 meals on the following Monday evenings in 2022: January 31, May 30, August 29, and October 31.



First step: Sign up! Click here.

Then cook one or more hot meals at your own home or with your friends. Deliver the packaged meals to Carol Gerson at 107 Buck Hill Drive, Holland at 4:00 on your selected date. The meals will be picked up by AHTN and delivered directly to the folks in need that same evening.

A donated meal packed in a clean container might be:

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Salad with tuna and hard boiled eggs

Main dish, starch and vegetable

It is helpful to add a drink, utensils, and napkins. A dessert, granola bar or peanut butter crackers would be a nice addition. The portions should be for an adult, as this food is often the only meal the person is having that day.

Questions? Contact Carol at gersongroup@comcast.net or 267-243-4414.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND CHILDREN'S NEEDS FOR A WOMAN'S PLACE - PURIM - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 - THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Purim focuses on the actions of two brave women, Esther and Vashti - as well as Mordechai, of course. On Purim, Ohev Shalom's Social Action team will be collecting household goods and children's items to support A Woman's Place. Founded in 1976, A Woman's Place (AWP), provides support, shelter, and financial empowerment programs to individuals experiencing domestic violence and to their children.

Helping AWP meet the basic hygiene, comfort, and baby/children needs of their clients is the goal of this collection. Please drop off at Ohev's loading dock or at the collection boxes near the main entrance, any of the following items:

Household items:

AA and AAA batteries, OTC pain relievers, cotton swabs/Q-tips, paper towels, paper plates and bowls, boxes of large trash bags, dish soap, Magic Erasers, Swiffer Wet Pads, air fresheners, disinfectant spray

Baby/Kid Items:

pull-ups, wipes, children's shampoo and body wash, OTC cold medicine, size 6 diapers

Toys:

art supplies, building toys, board games, puzzles, Playdoh, fidgets, Crafting Kids, multicultural dolls.

Thank you for supporting this essential, life-saving program!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who helped save a life at our December 16 Red Cross Blood Drive!

While the date isn't listed on the Red Cross site yet, check back in a few weeks to sign up for Ohev's Tuesday, May 24 Blood Drive. Just go to the Red Cross website (www.redcrossblood.org) and search for Ohev's drive (ohevrichboro) to become part of the next lifesaving event of the Red Cross and Ohev Shalom.



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Dear Congregants,

Please join us for our exciting Adult Education line up.

All programs start at 7:30PM on Zoom following our weekday minyan. Please use the minyan link which you'll find on your week-ly #O-Happenings E-Mail.

Leslie Kreithen,

Adult Education Chair

- Thursdays, January 6, 13, 20: Dr. Michael Eisman Jewish Music
 - Klezmorim come to America, Jan 6
 - o American Yiddish to American English, Jan 13
 - O Yiddish/American becomes Mainstream American, Jan 20
- Thursday, February 10: Dr. Phyllis Gotkin Philadelphia Art Museum and the Jewish Connection
- Thursday, March 3: Dr. Lloyd Tucker-George Washington, Thanksgiving, and the Jewish Community of Newport RI
- Thursday, March 31: Dr. Robert Levine-Civil War and the Jews, Part 2
- Monday, April 11: Rabbi Shlomo Pereira: Dona Gracia HaNasi
- Tuesday, May 17: Rabbi Shawna and Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik: Men of Steel, Women of Valor, Heroes of Clay





Dr. Michael Eisman Jewish Music



A series of three lectures (with music) showing the development of Jewish popular music from European Klezmer to the adoption of Jewish music by Americans in the first half of the 20th century.

Thursday, January 6, 2022 Klezmorim come to America

Thursday, January 13, 2022 American Yiddish to American English

Thursday, January 20, 2022 Yiddish / American becomes Mainstream American

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Dr. Michael Eisman received his BA and MA from the University of Michigan and his PhD in Classical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. As an Associate Professor in the History Department of Temple University, his specialty was Ancient History and Archaeology of the Ancient World including Ancient Near East, Historical Backgrounds of the Bible, Greece, Greek Archaeology, Rome, and Jews in the Roman Empire. Dr. Eisman also served on the faculty of U.S. Naval Academy in the Departments of English, History and Government, and at the University of Michigan in the Department of Classical Studies. He participated in the Gordian Excavation, the University of Pennsylvania excavation in Turkey.

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Dr. Phyllis Gotkin

Thursday February 10, 2022 Philadelphia Art Museum and the Jewish Connection





This presentation covers the eras from Biblical times to the middle of the 20th Century. While all of the works of art from the Philadelphia Art Museum that are viewed in this presentation were not created by Jewish artists, all of the works have a definite Jewish connection, including Jewish artists, themes, donors, collectors, and contributors.

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Phyllis Gotkin attended the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned both a Master's Degree and a Doctorate. She worked in the medical field and was employed as a Hematology Professor at Thomas Jefferson University during the last seven years of her long career. For the last 19 years, Phyllis has been a Tour Guide (Docent) at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

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December 18 In person & Zoom
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Inclusion B'Kavod

recognizes & celebrates Jewish Disabilities Awareness Inclusion and Acceptance Month

Guest speaker series featuring Rabbi Laurie Braun



Rabbi Laurie Katz Braun, DMin is a writer, parent, and mental health advocate. She has provided spiritual guidance and mental health advocacy for families and youth, serving as rabbi, rabbinic counselor,, and guest teacher in a variety of settings from congregations to day schools to community based organizations like The Youth Mental Health Project. You can learn more about her work at: www.YMHProject.org. Rabbi Braun and her family are now residents of Bucks County and are grateful for the warm welcome to the community.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH Monday January 24th 7:30pm

On Zoom, immediately following minyan using our regular minyan link
Recognizing and supporting our children and
grandchildren as they navigate the struggles and
challenges of the entire BMitzvah process.

INCLUSION SHABBAT Saturday February 12th 9:45am

Join us for our annual service as we continue to further Ohev's inclusion mission. Rabbi Braun will share a D'var Torah and deep dive discussion into mental health.

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