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Ohev Shalom celebrates the uniqueness of each individual and family and welcomes diversity within our sacred community



Rabbi Elliott Perlstein

NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED ARTIST COMES TO OHEV SHALOM

In the fall of 1975, I wanted to commission a Judaic artist to create a work of art as a present for my grandparents. I especially wanted the art to contain some Hebrew writing. I was given the name of an artist who might be able to create such a piece. I met him for the first time at his modest frame store on Levick St., just west of the Boulevard. It was located on the ground floor of his home.

I shared my vision of the artwork and he agreed to take on the project. I don't recall the exact cost, but it was in the vicinity of \$75.00. He told me it would take a couple of months and I should keep in touch. To make a long story short, I stopped back to see him some four months later. He naturally asked me where I had been. I explained that I had been ill and spent some weeks in the hospital and more weeks recovering from surgery. He brought out the beautiful piece of art he created, showed it to me and said it was his gift. He hoped I was doing better. From that moment on, I became a fan of that artist who has become nationally and internationally known-Mordechai Rosenstein.

When our synagogue was still young, we commissioned Mordechai to create a new piece based on the name of our synagogue, Ohev Shalom. The words are found in *Pirkei Avot*, Ethics of our Ancestors, "Be one who loves peace and pursues peace, who loves others and brings them closer to Torah". We purchased the original which hangs just outside of the Social Hall, along with two hundred prints. As congregants purchased a framed print of the original, it was one of the most successful fund-raisers of the synagogue.

The letters on the doors of the Ark in the Sanctuary which read *Shma Yisrael* are Mordechai's creation. Janie and I acquired a beautiful wall hanging of Mordechai's based on the words *L'Dor va'Dor*, From Generation to Generation, which hangs in the Gathering Room. I had reason to see Mordechai Rosenstein from time to time over the years. He creates beautiful art and he is one of the most beautiful people I have known. He has a beautiful soul and his art is an expression of that uniquely beautiful soul.

As Founders Hall, now located in what is called The East Wing, became once again part of our synagogue campus, we added new art to the space. One of Mordechai's newest pieces is based solely on the word *Shalom*. We purchased it, and it is now one of the first pieces you see upon entering Founders Hall. We met with Mordechai's business associate Barry Magen, and we discussed the possibility of Mordechai coming out to our synagogue for special programming. The program Barry proposed was more than we could have anticipated. Beginning Wednesday evening, November 30, Thursday evening, December 1, throughout Shabbat and Saturday evening, Mordechai will be with us in the synagogue. There will be special programming with Mordechai Wednesday and Saturday evenings. While he is with us, he will be in the Gottesman Grand Hall during designated hours, creating a whole new work of art for our synagogue. You will be invited to schedule a time to sit with Mordechai while he creates his newest work of art. Once again, prints of that brand new work will be available for purchase.

What great Hanukkah present they will make! During those days, our Social Hall will become a Mordechai Rosenstein Art Gallery, and his many pieces will be available for sale.

As we look back over the years, there are events in our synagogue that become high points of our history such as the evening with Elie Wiesel, the Safam Concerts, an evening with Dr. Ruth, having Debbie Friedman in concert, completing the writing of our new Torah on our Bimah and more. These special days with Mordechai Rosenstein will be added to that Ohev Shalom Hall of Fame. It is an experience not to be missed.

For now, please mark your calendar for those dates November 30 - December 3, 2022. You may find yourself attending one, some, or all of the programs. I promise you; it will be an event that you will long cherish.

I hope you continue enjoying your summer,

Rabbi

WELCOME ADDRESS FROM NEW PRESIDENT, MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN

I was at the La Salle University Graduate School Commencement last weekend. The President of the university, while addressing the new graduates, said something to the effect that you are standing on the shoulders of the giants that came before you. As I was preparing my remarks for this evening, I went back to these words a few times. They really resonated with me.

With the incredible support of the Rabbi, Cantor, synagogue staff and Board, Diane has clearly been a giant over the last two years. She has displayed tremendous strength, courage, and leadership in the face of a very challenging time. Her role as president has inspired me to continue her vision and do my best to match her energy to ensure our congregation's ongoing progress and resilience. Credit also goes to the other giants of our synagogue, Rabbi, Cantor, Hilary, Barbara, the entire synagogue staff and of course, members of the Board, who have led and continue to support and lead us in the ever-evolving environment. They have done an exceptional job keeping us informed, connected, and engaged over the last two years.

I'm truly honored to begin my term as president of Ohev Shalom. Eight years ago, when Courtney, Maya, Asher, and I migrated back to the Philadelphia area, it was important that we found a synagogue that met our needs. I'm sure that people look for different things when choosing a synagogue. What we were looking for was a synagogue that had a Conservative feel with a lens towards the future; a synagogue where our children could grow and develop a love of Jewish values, observance, and community. We found that at Ohev Shalom. It is incredibly important to me that our congregation and building are here so others can find that at Ohev in the future as well. I recognize that the synagogue world is a world unto itself. It is hard to describe, and sometimes hard to figure out. So, with that, let me also offer another huge thank you to Diane, who filled this incoming Board with experienced and dedicated folks, most with many more years of experience on the Board and at the Synagogue than I. I know with the congregation's support, this Board is focused on leading us into the future and will accomplish great things.

I do recognize that planning for Ohev Shalom's future has gotten far more complicated in the world in which we find ourselves today. Ohev must remain flexible and continue to adapt our programs to meet the challenges that we continue to face. That said, rather than provide you with a list of objectives and goals for the next two years, I will say only that my primary goal as president is to facilitate the staff/board/officers and committees to continue to find new and creative ways to serve the religious and social needs of our members while maintaining and promoting our core values - and always with an eye towards fiscal responsibility.

With that, I'd like to announce that the Board has approved, and Barbara Glickman has accepted the role of Executive Director of Ohev Shalom, beginning next month. Barbara's transition to this role coincides perfectly with Hilary's desire to travel and spend more time with her family. Please offer your congratulations to Barbara on her new role. Feel free to do the same to Hilary, but rest assured, you will have plenty of time to catch up and congratulate her as she has agreed to stay on for some time to assist with Barbara's transition. I want to be clear-when Hilary does ultimately retire, she will leave the building with Barbara and me each attached to a leg, trying to drag her back. No one at Ohev knows how the "sausage" is made better than Hilary, and we are lucky to have her. The Board also recognizes that our religious school is one of Ohev's most valuable assets, and a lifeline to the Jewish community. I want to assure the congregation that Barbara will remain actively involved with all aspects of the school and one of her first responsibilities as Executive Director will be to find her clone to serve as part time educational administrator under her direction.

I know that these are significant announcements, especially five minutes into this Board's term. So, if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Of course, I am always open to any ideas about how we can broaden and improve our connection with our congregants and the broader Jewish community.

I'll conclude with the following - I thank you for the parking spot - I mean honor- you have bestowed upon me and the Board this evening. We recognize the great amount of trust that you have placed in us, and we will work hard on your behalf to honor that trust. Thank you again. Shabbat Shalom

I WANT TO KNOW

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK?

How many times has a question crossed your mind, and Google didn't provide a satisfying answer? Have you forgotten the question you had when you were in Shul, only to remember after you arrived home? Well, fret no more.

This is your chance to have your thoughts heard, your questions answered. Do you have questions about Conservative Judaism? or what is Kosher? or how our security system is protecting us? or anything at all that can be answered by our clergy, board members, officers, or anyone else?

Address your questions to "I Want to Know" and email to sharongoldstein@earthlink.net. Be sure to include your full name. Let me know if you want your name published, or your initials, or Curious Congregant. I'll forward your question to the appropriate people under my name.



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HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

There are many sayings that connect ourselves to our bodies- the way to a man's heart is through his stomach; it will cost you an arm and a leg; a sight for sore eyes, to name a few. But what sticks out in my mind, and what has been my mantra for the last week is, **HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS**. After the arrival of my first child into this world, Alex and I decided that we were ready to take the next step and look into buying a home. Now, don't get me wrong; we loved our place, and soon after we moved to a wonderful townhome, but we wanted a place to call our own. Well, fast forward 6 years- our dream came true mid-June. So, why the long wait, you ask? Well, long story short, we weren't ready for a variety of different reasons. But there is a key component as to why, year after year, we didn't relent or consider other options.

In Cantorial School, they tell us that the first year of a new job is for learning. You learn who your people are, you learn the rituals and the everyday from your congregation, you learn what is important to your community, and you learn what kind of cantor you want to be. That's a lot of learning in one year! But it really was true. I saw a congregation that was open to my style of Jewish music. I saw the multi-generational, Philly sports- loving congregation that had so many layers and so much love for one another. And most importantly, I saw a congregation that loved its clergy. Cantor Frimark (z"l) and Rabbi Perlstein were the pillars of this place, and while stepping into a position following a person so loved and established may have been difficult, like most everyone at Ohev, Cantor Paul led the way with kindness and good humor.

The rest was easy! When my oldest was born, he was welcomed with open arms, and while my baby (turning 2 in a month) was a COVID baby, we received so much love for him; it warms my heart to think of it. Every year my heart swelled, because we felt woven into the community. Moreover, we felt like we had a place at Ohev. Is this a small love letter to Ohev Shalom? Maybe a little. But this community has sustained me and my family and has allowed us to create a life for ourselves here. And that's when it hit us! While we were uncertain of what my job would look like in the next two years, we knew we didn't want to go anywhere else.

SO, the search began. You know, Bucks County in many ways is like where I grew up, in Omaha, Nebraska, especially in the Jewish community. I grew up with many congregants who had aunts, uncles, grandparents, and cousins either as a member of my shul or who lived there for generations. And whenever I would hang out with my friends, I got to know their whole family. This was something that was bittersweet for me, because I too have a big family, but they all live in South America (grateful for Alex's NJ family!!). To see everyone connected to their Jewish upbringing and congregation was a real treat, because it brought me back to my home.

And that is what Ohev has done for me. Not only do I feel embraced and connected to this congregation, but now, as a Philadelphia homeowner, I REALLY feel like I have some skin in the game! Now, when you ask me where I live, and you tell me where you grew up, or what you use to do in Fox Chase, I can say with confidence, about 80% of the time, "Yeah, OK, I know that area!" That's a big deal for me!!

In the years to come, despite all the little ups and downs that come year by year, know that as your cantor, I will be there. I will be there for your family, for you, for our congregation. We are a team, and we are here together to make the world better for our loved ones. Thank you for sharing your love with me and allowing my family to create a home, wherever it may be.



Dear Congregants and Ohev Shalom Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for this new opportunity and promotion to synagogue Executive Director. I am honored and excited to step into this role as we navigate the opportunities and challenges that synagogues face at this current time.

My career first began at Ohev in 2007 as a lunch assistant in the early childhood center. Immediately, I felt the love and respect that the Ohev professional staff had for each other and for the congregation. Having been a congregant and volunteer for the seven years prior, I was familiar with the culture and leadership, and embraced the chance to learn about Ohev from a professional perspective. Over the next few years, I piloted the 18-month toddler class in the ELC, helping to grow the school. Additionally, I taught 2nd grade religious school, mentoring and coaching teens as teaching assistants. In 2013, the Board asked me to lead the school on an interim basis while the synagogue was undergoing an organizational change. Eventually the interim was removed from my title in 2014 and my involvement with the ECC continued for a limited time. The additional responsibilities of youth, communications and outreach were added to my professional role a few years later.

My experience with the Ohev community is far reaching, spanning Jewish education, programming, fundraising, community relations, communications, marketing and leadership. In 2018 I completed a Masters in Jewish Communal Service and Non-profit Management at Gratz College, and was awarded the graduate prize in Hebraic studies. Additionally, in 2021, I earned a certificate in Jewish Educational Leadership from Spertus Institute. Currently, I am finishing up my participation in Pardes Institute's Senior Educators Learning Fellowship, which culminates in Israel next month. Most importantly, I bring a deep understanding of Ohev's mission and vision. As I look to the future, I strive to understand how, as a leader, we can grow to meet the needs of our changing families, and I do so through the unique lens and understanding of our warm, welcoming and inclusive culture.

I am passionate about providing Ohev with strong leadership and organization. I am confident that there is no better way to achieve this than through working alongside our dedicated clergy, staff, lay leaders, families, congregants and volunteers. My goal is to support all facets of our synagogue operations, including to facilitate collaboration and to provide strong administration. I will also remain actively involved with all aspects of the religious school.

I look forward to seeing everyone in person and/or virtually over the summer. Please feel free to set up a time to meet or chat with me, so I can learn from you; what your passions are, and what's most important to you as an Ohev congregant and family. I am grateful and appreciate our community's continued support and look forward to sharing many simchas and much nachas with you.

Warmly,

Minahellet Barbara

To schedule a meeting/coffee/phone call/zoom with me go to <https://calendly.com/bglickman/30min>



What it Means to Me to be Jewish

By Eli Segal

When I was younger and attended preschool at Ohev Shalom, being Jewish meant all fun things. It meant singing Hanukkah songs, getting presents for eight nights, dressing up for Purim and lots and lots of delicious food. After all, who doesn't love a big bowl of matzo ball soup and a heaping serving of brisket or a plate of crispy sizzling latkes?

For me being Jewish has just always been a part of who I am, kind of like having curly hair or like being Ben and Lottie's little brother. It's something that has always been and never questioned.

As I got older, I realized that there was a bit more to being Jewish than I originally thought. There is a rich and colorful history that is both beautiful and important. Learning about Judaism has taught me to think that we as a people are special and that it is a privilege to be Jewish.

I realize being Jewish is a responsibility. It's up to me and my generation to continue being Jewish and to provide opportunities for our kids to learn and practice Judaism. Being Jewish also puts me in a minority group. In my friend group there are more kids who aren't Jewish than are.

But here's the absolute truth. I'm not totally sure what being Jewish means to me. I'm 16 years old. I'm still working it out. I'm nowhere near knowing a lot of things about myself. I know that Math is most definitely not my favorite subject. I know I like chocolate, video games and staying up late. But I don't know what I want to study in collage or where I want to live when I'm older. I do know that I like learning more every year about being Jewish, and I like celebrating the holidays with my family. But for now, I think being Jewish is just part of the fabric of my being, like my brown eyes and curly hair. The food is really good though!

Confirming Judaism in My Life

Sage Smyrl

When I think about confirming Judaism in my life, I feel connected to my past. As a child in an interfaith family, my mother gave me the gift of Judaism at birth, and made sure I had access to Jewish learning from a young age. Having a Jewish heritage means that I have a connection to so many others with similar experiences in their childhood. Holidays are shared with lots of warmth and love in our family, and my family is extremely happy that I have chosen to stick with this class. They feel a lot of joy for my confirmation today.

As the great-grandchild of Holocaust survivors and the grandchild of someone who grew up in a displaced persons camp in Germany, my Jewish learning has taken on new meaning. Being a descendant of someone who went through these horrors has definitely helped me have more empathy and hold space in my heart for people who have lost family to hatred and fear. Confirming my Judaism for this reason means saying, "Never Again," and bearing witness for future generations.

My learning here at the synagogue has also given me a Jewish lens for other human values. While leading an ethical life, working for equity, being curious about the world, and giving charity to causes I care about are not **only** Jewish values. Having those values encouraged by people I respect in my Jewish community has had a significant impact on my life. Rabbi, Cantor, and all my teachers at Ohev have helped me grow these values beyond my Jewish learning experiences.

Lastly, some of the most powerful moments of my youth happened here at Ohev Shalom. This is my Jewish community, and I have met so many people that I have cared about, and who care about me. I love connecting with my Ohev Players family and creating musical theater together. My love of singing has made Rosh Hashanah services more interactive for me and has helped me understand the holiday more among my synagogue community. In conclusion, being Jewish holds many emotions, and I am grateful to have had this experience in my life.

Ellie Betesh

When I was little, I just went with whatever my parents said. We kept kosher, we went to services, I attended a Jewish preschool, we celebrated all the holidays and even made challah each Shabbat.

I knew what being Jewish was because it was a part of my life. Now as I am getting older, I see so much more of what is important. I love having the holidays at my house and helping my mom make traditional foods like brisket, latkes, and kugel. I am also proud that my family keeps kosher. Some people may think it's difficult but it is all I have ever known. Abiding by Jewish law feels good and like a closeness to G-d.

I'm making my own memories with my Jewish camp friends. It feels amazing to link arms with my bunkmates at Shabbat services at camp, to sing together and share a closeness that only those who are there can relate to. There is just something so amazing to be in the same space as 360 people saying the Shema. I love going up on stage and helping with prayers before and after the meals. We light Shabbat candles and have challah every Friday- something I definitely look forward to.

I also joined BBYO about 2 months ago, and I already love it. I love being surrounded by other Jewish people and I have made so many new friends. The events that are planned incorporate social aspects of Judaism, like hamentashen making and Purim dress-up parties that incorporate both social and religious aspects. I also joined the Jewish heritage club at school.

I love being around the Jewish community and I realized how much I enjoy the customs and traditions. And now what I most love and am excited about is going to Israel in December. I enjoyed learning about Israel, and now getting an opportunity to go is amazing. I feel like at this point, I am making my own choices, and not being forced to do "Jewish" things, and I like it. I like being a part of a Jewish community and this year, my last year at Ohev, for confirmation, makes me see how important that is.

How Do You See Judaism As Part of Your Life Today And As You Look Into The Future?

Robyn Feldman

I was raised Jewish and my family and I do a lot of Jewish things. We celebrate Jewish holidays with our family, we go to services, and we eat Jewish foods like latkes and Passover food on Passover. At the beginning of the year when we talked about what was important and not important to us, these were all important to me. But some things that I said weren't important have become more important to me like the Holocaust, Israel, and being curious about all of this stuff. I've become more aware of things happening in Israel and antisemitism. I learned a lot about the Holocaust and what happened; I care more now.

When I get older, I definitely want to go to Israel to learn more about Judaism. And when I have children we will still celebrate with my family, go to services, and eat Jewish foods and hopefully I'll be able to take them to Israel to learn. We will also be part of a Jewish community. I think being a part of a Jewish community is very important, because it keeps you included. It is like a team that always has your back and it's really nice. My Bubby inspired a lot of this. Whenever we go to Phillies games, we talk a lot about the synagogue, and how excited she is for something, whether it's my coming to services to hear her read Torah, or her going to Israel. It's always a fun conversation. She taught me a lot that I know about Judaism, and I really appreciate it.



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Adult Education Calendar, 2022-2023. Leslie Kreithen-Chair

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1. **Thurs, Nov 3, 2022. *Stephen Sondheim Tribute*. Lee Slobodkin. 7:30PM.** Enjoy a live musical presentation, featuring highlights from some of Steven Sondheim's works including *Company*, *Sweeney Todd*, and *Into the Woods*.
2. **Thurs, Dec 8, 2022. Jewish Photographers You Should Know. Marvin Kreithen. 2PM.** The Jewish imprint on photography is remarkable. From fine art, reportage, portraiture, fashion and street photography, a staggering number of influential photographers have been Jewish. In *TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential Photos*, Jewish photographers account for over 35% of the works.
3. **Thurs, Jan 12, 2023. *The Jewish Mafia*. Herb Kauffman. 2PM.** Learn about the myths, stories and events of the perilous period of Jewish American history, from prohibition through World War II, when Jewish mobsters ruled New York and much of the country. Who were the Jewish toughs, from mob bosses through enforcers, gunmen, and bootleggers?
4. **Thurs, Feb 9, 2023. Marc Chagall in NYC. Sylvia Laudein-Meo. 2 PM.** Like other leading exiled artists of his time, when Marc Chagall came to New York City during WWII, he worked, exhibited, and created major public works like the monumental paintings for the Metropolitan Opera, the glass windows for the UN, and for the Rockefeller family.
5. **Thurs, March 23, 2023. Jews In Victorian Literature. Rabbi Carol Harris-Shapiro. 2PM.** Victorian British literature offers clues to the attitudes towards Jews in the 19th century--the good, the bad and the ugly. Masterworks of literature from Charles Dickens, George Elliot and Anthony Trollope demonstrate how and why certain Jewish stereotypes became part of Victorian society.
6. **Thurs, May 11, 2023. *Restoration of Jewish Historic Sites in the Czech Republic*, Rebecca Landau. 2PM.** A European Union Grant and the Czech Culture Ministry's 10 Star Project has helped reconstruct and restore many Czech synagogues, cemeteries, rabbinical houses and Jewish study houses that were damaged or destroyed during World War II and the next 40 years when the country was under Communist rule.

SISTERHOOD

We welcomed Shabbat with an in-person Sisterhood Shabbat on May 6th. How wonderful it was to be together! Our closing event on June 2nd was great. We had approximately 50 women attend; we shared wine, cheese, desserts and lots of love and laughter. I have included some pictures from our closing event.

We are very busy planning for next year. Do you have a passion, or some ideas for programs? Give me a shout-out, be a part of our planning team, get involved! Email me: ivy.graff@gmail.com

We will be back- we are planning in-person events for 2022-2023.

Watch for all the emails about upcoming events.

Be sure to renew your Sisterhood Membership for 2022-2023!

We look forward to seeing you and your smiling faces!!

Enjoy the warm days of summer, and stay safe and healthy.

With love,

Ivy





SISTERHOOD OF OHEV SHALOM

A COLLECTIVE PRESENCE, VOICE AND STRENGTH OF WOMEN WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF OUR CONGREGATION

SISTERHOOD is the organization of women in our congregation who come together in friendship to benefit our Synagogue, the Jewish community and beyond. We show a collective presence, voice and strength of women within the structure of our congregation. It provides the setting in which its members meet and work together to foster and further ideals of Judaism. We work to strengthen and support Ohev Shalom.

As a member of our Sisterhood, you are automatically a member of the Mid-Atlantic Region as well as Women's League for Conservative Judaism. You are entitled to attend programs which are under the auspices of the region (such as summer workshops and periodic programs) as well as attend International Convention and other International Women's League activities (such as Distance Workshops and Leadership Institute). Sisterhood dues support WLCJ, and the Torah Fund Campaign which supports The Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schecter Institute of Jewish Studies, Seminario Rabinico Latinamericano, and Frankel College, as well as other special projects.

Membership in Ohev Shalom Sisterhood provides you with the opportunity to put your talents and gifts to use for many causes, both large and small. It will enrich your life as well as that of the entire congregation. Sisterhood is a community building resource for the women of Ohev Shalom that enables us to find camaraderie, deepen our spiritual connection to the synagogue, our connection to one another, and enjoy shared interests and events.

To join Sisterhood please download the membership brochure/application [click here](#). Please complete and return with your check to our Membership Chairperson, Idelle Wood, 48 Legacy Oaks Drive, #103, Richboro, PA 18954

We welcome you to join our Sisterhood, participate in all that we have to offer and make new lifelong friends!!

Ivy Graff

Sisterhood President



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Al Torjman

OHEV SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE – YOU CAN HELP!

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Baby food & snacks, diapers & wipes, baby wash & lotion, coloring books & crayons

Please drop your contributions at Ohev's loading dock between 10 AM and 3 PM from Tuesday, August 2 through Sunday, August 7. We can only accept new, in-date items.

Look out for more information regarding hands-on, on-site opportunities to join other Ohev congregants as we prep the donated school supplies at **United Way of Bucks County's HELP Center on Commerce Drive in Bristol** during the week of August 15-18.

MEAL COLLECTION TO FEED THE NEEDY

MONDAY, AUGUST 29 - 4 PM

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 has promised 30+ meals on August 29 and October 31.

First step: Sign up!

Then cook one or more meals at your own home or with your friends. Deliver the packaged meals to Mitch and 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 a hot casserole with side of vegetable; a cold salad with tuna and hard boiled eggs; or a hot 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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who helped save a life and made Ohev's May 24 Blood Drive a success. Our Tuesday, December 13 Blood Drive is already listed on the Red Cross site (<https://www.redcrossblood.org>), so sign up to become part of our lifesaving collaboration between the Red Cross and Ohev Shalom.

JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY (JRA)

Thanks to our congregants and their extended families who volunteered at our June 12 event hosted by Ohev's Hebrew School and the Social Action team. Over two dozen Ohev volunteers plus hundreds of others supported the **Jewish Relief Agency** as together we loaded 3000 boxes of kosher food and health supplies which were delivered to people in need throughout the Delaware Valley. The first hour of the event, aimed at families with children under 12, worked at a slower pace. It was fun watching families with small children - including our Cantor and her family - load their boxes and be congratulated on performing this mitzvah. JRA serves over 6,800 diverse, low-income individuals across Greater Philadelphia by relieving hunger, improving lives, and strengthening our community. See pictures of our volunteers.

We hope you will get involved in one of our many projects. New ideas are always welcome. If you are interested in joining our committee or participating in our activities, or if you have any suggestions or questions, please contact us at ohev@ohev.org or contact Carol at gersongroup@comcast.net or 267-243-4414.







Ohev Shalom's Social Action Team

High Holy Days Food Drive

Sunday, October 2 to Sunday, October 9, 2022
10 am - 3 pm

The plight of the homeless and hungry is constantly with us. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, especially, we are reminded of our responsibility to help relieve our neighbors' suffering.

This is my chosen fast...

***Share your bread with the hungry. Take the homeless into your home.
 Clothe the naked when you see them. Do not turn away from people in need.***

(Isaiah 58:6-7 - Haftarah for Yom Kippur)

With Isaiah's words serving as an ideal, Ohev Shalom members join together in the joy of giving.

Please drop off your donations of non-perishable foods (cans, unopened cartons) in bags or boxes on the dock by the kitchen from October 2 through October 9 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

For more information, please call the Ohev Shalom office at 215-322-9595.

Ohev Shalom celebrates the uniqueness of each individual and family and welcomes diversity within our sacred community.



Summer Fun

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS

SUMMER 2022

**ADATH TIKVAH-
MONTEFIORE FUND**

In Memory of
Ana Andrusier, our beloved congregant, by Sharon Goldstein
David Matz, beloved brother of Carol Lebowitz, by
June & Harvey Cantor
Rose La Kier

ANNUAL APPEAL FUND

In Memory of
Candace Freedman Rosen, beloved sister of Michael Freedman, by Libby & David Weiss

**BROWN-FREEDMAN
PRAYER BOOK FUND**

In Memory of
Candace Freedman Rosen, beloved sister of Michael Freedman, by
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Harriette & Alan Cohen
Diane & Richard Farer
Arlene Frimark
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Mimi & Bernie Pollack

**CANTOR OCANTO-ROMO’S
DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In Honor of
Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo ,Alex Romo,Aviv & Matan, wishing them many years of good health and happiness in their new home, by Sharon Goldstein
In Memory of
Eva Maria “Teresa” Ocanto Rada, beloved aunt of Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo, by
Shelley & David Geltzer
Denise & Mark Kolber
Leslie & Marvin Kreithen
Arlene & Warren Roman
Eileen & Joe Schein
Paula & Stan Segal
Linda Springer

CANTOR PAUL FRIMARK MEMORIAL FUND

In Honor of
The 80th Anniversary of the Bar Mitzvah of **Jerry Weiner**, by
Sonia & Martin Cane
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Eileen & Jahn Nolan
Iris Segal, wishing her a *refuah shlema*, a swift and complete recovery, by
Rose La Kier
Eileen & Jahn Nolan
Harriet & Steve Rellis
Linda Springer, Idelle Wood, and their Food Train, with appreciation, by Iris Segal
Diane Webster, wishing her a *refuah shlema*, a swift and complete recovery, by Harriet & Steve Rellis

In Memory of
Cantor Paul Frimark, beloved Cantor Emeritus of Ohev Shalom, and the beautiful dedication in his honor, by
Florrie Fisher
Elaine Levin
Ilene & Mark Pachman
Ana Andrusier, beloved congregant, by
Alan Golombek
Carol & Len Lebowitz
Clara Benoff, her beloved grandmother, by Phyllis Halpern
Freda Dorman, her beloved mother, by Phyllis Halpern
Sara Rachel Feinman, her beloved great-niece, by Phyllis Halpern
Mel Halpern, her beloved husband, by Phyllis Halpern
Janis Lang Kind, beloved mother of Barbara Kind Berman, by Rochelle & Len Rubin
The yahrtzeit of **Shirley Kushner**, beloved aunt of Harriet Rellis, by Harriet & Steve Rellis
Eva Maria “Teresa” Ocanto Rada, beloved aunt of Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo, by
Alan Golombek
Carol & Len Lebowitz
Ilene & Mark Pachman
The yahrtzeit of **Abraham Rellis**, beloved father of Steve Rellis, by Harriet & Steve Rellis
The yahrtzeit of **Fannye Rellis**, beloved mother of Steve Rellis, by Harriet & Steve Rellis
Candace Freedman Rosen, beloved sister of Michael Freedman, by
Phyllis Halpern
Rose La Kier
Vilma Schwartz, her beloved grandmother, by Phyllis Halpern

COOK FOR A FRIEND

In Memory of
The yahrtzeit of their beloved **Ruth Edelman**, by Paula & Avie Rosenzweig

FINANCIAL AID FUND

In Honor of
Rose La Kier, wishing her continued good health, by Florrie Fisher
Iris Segal, wishing her continued good health, by Florrie Fisher

**HEBREW SCHOOL AND
TICHON FUND**

In Honor of
Barbara Glickman, wishing her *Mazal Tov* on her promotion as Executive Director of Ohev Shalom, by
Florrie Fisher
Ilene & Mark Pachman
Arlene & Warren Roman
Rosalie Gifford, with appreciation for her work with their daughter Eva, by Hillary & Seth Lineham
Barbara Glickman, with appreciation for her work with their children Eva and Raphael, by Hillary & Seth Lineham
Bari Jacobson, with appreciation for her work with their son Raphael, by Hillary & Seth Lineham
Denise Kaplan, with appreciation for her work with their daughter Eva, by Hillary & Seth Lineham
Joyce Most, with appreciation for her work with their daughter Eva, by Hillary & Seth Lineham
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The 80th Anniversary of the Bar Mitzvah of **Jerry Weiner**, by Eileen & Joe Schein

**IDELLA POLLACK FUND FOR
JEWISH YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS**

In Memory of
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The 80th Anniversary of the Bar Mitzvah of **Jerry Weiner**, by Harriet Feinstein

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In Honor of
Rabbi Elliott Perlstein, with appreciation for his visit and call to the Horsham Center for Jewish Life, by Janet & Dan Blyweiss
The *Aliyah* on the occasion of her birthday, by **Florrie Fisher**
The dedication of the **Cantor Paul Frimark Memorial Lobby**, by Ilene & Mark Pachman
Roberta Gordon, on her designation as the 2022 Torah Fund honoree, by Eileen & Jahn Nolan
Jerry Kaplan, wishing him a *refuah shlema*, a swift and complete recovery, by Nina & Michael Surden

In Memory of
Ana Andrusier, beloved congregant, by Rabbi Elliott Perlstein
Joan R. Dratch, beloved mother of Anne Bermon, by Rabbi Elliott Perlstein
The yahrtzeit of **Abraham Friedman**, beloved father of David Friedman, by Judy & David Friedman
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Janis Lang Kind, beloved mother of Barbara Kind Berman, by
Rabbi Elliott Perlstein
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Sharon Lustig
David Matz, beloved brother of Carol Lebowitz, by Rabbi Elliott Perlstein
Eva Maria “Teresa” Ocanto Rada, beloved aunt of Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo, by Rabbi Elliott Perlstein
Michael Pensak, beloved brother of Sue Cohen, by Shelley & David Geltzer
Stanley Rath, beloved husband of Jaime Rath, by Rabbi Elliott Perlstein
Candace Freedman Rosen, beloved sister of Michael Freedman, By Shelley & David Geltzer

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In Honor of
Rabbi Rachel Ain, wishing her Mazal Tov on her first ten years as Rabbi of Sutton Place Synagogue, by Mimi & Bernie Pollack
Their honors received during Pesach, by **Mimi & Bernie Pollack**
The wedding of **Heather Schwartz Mann & Ben Richman**, son of Alice & Chuck Richman, by Mimi & Bernie Pollack
Iris Segal, wishing her a *refuah shlema*, a swift and complete recovery from her surgery, by Mimi & Bernie Pollack
Al Torjman, on his designation as 2022 Shalom Award winner, by Mimi & Bernie Pollack
Marsha Verbit, wishing her a *refuah shlema*, a swift and complete recovery from her surgery, by Mimi & Bernie Pollack
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In Memory of
Michael Kelson, beloved son of Dr. & Mrs. Steven Kelson, by Mimi & Bernie Pollack

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The 60th Wedding Anniversary of **Harriet & Howard Malmud**, by Iris & Mort Segal
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In Memory of
Eva Maria “Teresa” Ocanto Rada, beloved aunt of Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo, by Soni Feld
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Aunt Ruthee’s yahrtzeit, by Shelley & Andrew Rosen

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The Bar Mitzvah of **Evan Pachman**, son of proud parents Tracey & Scott Pachman, grandson of proud grandparents
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Ana Andrusier, beloved congregant, by Marsha & Chester Heller
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In Memory of
Janis Lang Kind, beloved mother of Barbara Kind Berman, by Shelley & Andrew Rosen

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In Memory of
Ana Andrusier, our beloved congregant, by Soni Feld
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The 80th Anniversary of the Bar Mitzvah of **Jerry Weiner**, by Jean Downing & Jerry Gottesman

In Memory of
Ana Andrusier, beloved congregant, by Jean Downing & Jerry Gottesman
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In Honor of
The Bar Mitzvah of **Ethan Pachman**, son of proud parents Tracey & Scott Pachman, and grandson of proud grandparents Ilene & Mark Pachman, by Hedy & Neil Hoffman
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Iris & Mort Segal
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