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Rabbi Elliott Perlstein

And so, the war goes on in Gaza as of this writing. Perhaps as of your reading things have changed, but most likely not. My plans are to go to Israel in the beginning of January.

These plans have been up in the air for some time. After October 7, the Kibbutzim and cities close to Gaza were evacuated. Many of the residents were “settled” in hotels around the country. So, too, the residents closer to the northern border where missiles were fired from Hezbollah. I asked my friend Yossi if he could find a couple/family in need of housing we could invite to stay in my apartment in Jerusalem. It turned out to be a young religious couple who fell in love with Jerusalem. Who wouldn’t? While the war goes on, they were able to return to their home in Netivot.

I expect to find Jerusalem pretty much as it normally is. I understand some restaurants are open for fewer hours. I wonder if the malls will be as crowded as they normally are. Normally, it is an art to find a parking space in the lot. Inside, you find Jews and Arabs shopping without incident. I wonder if there is somehow a different vibe in the city these days. I assume there are almost daily funerals at Har Herzl military cemetery, about ten minutes from my apartment. Janie and I went there every trip to visit the grave of Michael Levin. I have continued that practice. Far too many others are joining Michael as the true heroes of Israel.

Israel has become known as the Start Up nation with Israelis the Start Up people. Israelis have become the Volunteer people since the start of the war. I understand there are tens of opportunities to volunteer just in Jerusalem, and I plan to join in. I hope to write periodically to keep you up on my findings and impressions. When I was in Israel in July, the tension was palpable as the government was going all out in pushing through its changes in the judicial system. That now seems like ages ago. The country was split like never before. Did Hamas calculate that it was the perfect time to catch Israel off guard?

We, of course, have not been immune to serious effects of the war. Elite universities may not be so elite. Their presi-

dents are not able to condemn calls for genocide of Jews on their campuses. Jewish students feel threatened on too many campuses. They also see other Jewish students marching to Free Palestine.

We don’t know where all this will lead. The questions far outweigh the answers. Will Israel be able to bring the hostages home alive? Will Israel be able to wipe out the Hamas leadership in Gaza and extirpate Hamas from the Gaza population? What becomes of Hamas in the West Bank where it is growing in popularity since October 7? Will Israel find itself more alone in the world than it is today? What can become of Gaza on what is now called “the day after”? Other questions are so troubling, I don’t want to ask them out loud!

I see that Birthright is resuming its trips to Israel for American Jewish college age young people. Birthright must surely feel that these ten-day Israel tours are safe, as long as they don’t go too close to Gaza in the southwest and Hezbollah in Lebanon. These trips are more important now than ever. You can be assured that the young people participating will not be marching alongside signs reading *From the River to the Sea* which is a call for pushing the Jews into the sea.

The Arab legions in 1948, Nasser in 1967, Sadat in 1973 (a future peace maker with Israel) and Arafat all those years did not push the Jews into the sea. Those “courageous” undergraduates in Harvard Yard along with the Hamas terrorists will not push these modern day Israeli Maccabees either. Thank G-d the US has stood by Israel so closely, even as it wishes to see Israel take a more pinpoint approach to this war with fewer civilian casualties. Yes, our country remains a true friend to Israel.

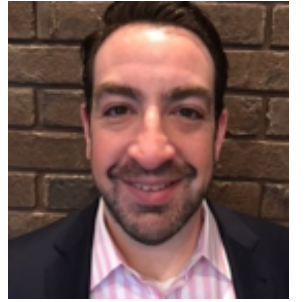
We enter 2024 with hope. That is, after all, Israel’s national anthem-HaTikvah! We hope for the safe return of the hostages. We hope for the safety of Israel’s young people serving on the front lines. We hope for the healing of the wounded in hospitals around Israel. We hope for the people of Gaza, free of the demonic rule of Hamas, to find a new way for themselves and their children.

We hope! That’s what we do! We hope and we pray, and we do whatever we can, wherever we are.

My best to you and your family for all good things in 2024!

President’s Message

Michael Goldstein



Like football, baseball, and basketball, at Ohev Shalom, B’nai Mitzvahs also have seasons. Our fall season has now come to an end. I get such joy from participating in our B’nai Mitzvah services, but most rewarding is witnessing the joy and pride on the faces of our Ohev families as they see their children called to the *bimah*. But participation in Shabbat morning services isn’t limited to B’nai Mitzvahs and their families. All members of our congregation are invited to read Torah, Haftorah, or receive the honor of an *aliyah*. This is just one of the ways that members of our congregation can get involved with our synagogue community. There are so many volunteer opportunities to serve Ohev or the greater community. If you are interested in opportunities to increase your involvement or serve, please reach out to Rabbi, Cantor, Barbara, or a member of our Board, and we can direct you to the area of most interest to you.

“January is the quietest month in the garden, but just because it looks quiet doesn’t mean that nothing is happening.” I saw this quote recently, and it certainly pertains to the winter months at Ohev. Please check out the What’s Happening section of the Ohev website at [What’s Happening | Ohev Shalom of Bucks County What’s Happening](#). There are many great events scheduled throughout the winter and spring at Ohev. The one that can’t be missed is *Fiddler on the Roof*, performed by the Ohev Shalom Players. The show dates are February 15th, 17th, 18th, and February 22nd, 24th and 25th.

It is no secret that we have seen a surge of antisemitism since the October 7th attack by Hamas on Israel. If you, your family or friends are in need of support, please reach out to our clergy, Barbara, or me. We can connect you with an appropriate resource.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about Ohev Shalom, please feel free to contact me directly.

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy New Year! AND don’t forget to check your Ohev Lottery tickets. The first drawing is January 1st, and daily drawings continue through the end of March.

Michael

Barbara Glickman
Executive Director



I hope this message finds you well and filled with the joy a new year brings. With the start of the new year, I could not help but reflect on the incredible support I received from each and every one of you. Your participation, time, and financial contributions have allowed Ohev to carry out impactful community initiatives and maintain a strong and vibrant congregation. For all of this, I am immensely grateful on both a personal and professional level. I do have some exciting news and updates to share with our wonderful congregation.

1. New Website Launch:

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new website! The newly designed website will continue to be a hub for members and prospective members, sharing information, resources, and community engagement. You can now easily access your Shulcloud account, events, and other relevant synagogue information.

2. Tax Letters:

In compliance with legal requirements, your annual tax letters detailing your contributions will be emailed/mailed out soon. Your financial support has been instrumental in enabling our congregation to thrive, and I extend my gratitude for your dedication. Please be sure that your Shulcloud account is set up, and reach out to me if you need assistance. I am here to help.

3. Encouragement To Be Involved:

I encourage you to actively participate in the various activities and programs Ohev has to offer. Whether it's attending daily minyan on Zoom, participating in a Sisterhood S.W.E.E.T. or a Men's Club breakfast, your involvement strengthens our sense of community and allows us to make a positive impact, both within our congregation and in the broader community. Volunteering, seeing the Ohev Players perform *Fiddler on the Roof*, sharing your talents with our Hebrew School students; there are numerous ways for you to contribute. Please reach out to me if you have any ideas or suggestions, I look forward to hearing from you!

5. Upcoming Events:

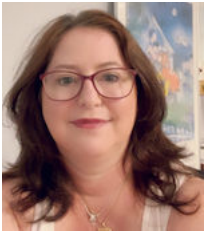
Mark your calendars for many of the exciting events we have planned in the coming weeks. These gatherings provide opportunities for friendship, spiritual growth, and community. Stay tuned for more detailed announcements regarding dates, times, and themes. Be sure to save March 9th for the comedy of Sheba Mason, Jackie Mason's daughter, and the weekend of May 31-June 1-June 2 as we pay tribute to our beloved Rabbi Perlstein.

Your involvement and support make a meaningful difference to the Ohev community. I am truly blessed to have each and every one of you as part of Ohev. Let's meet for coffee! Reach out to me at bglickman@ohev.org.

With much gratitude,

Barbara

Shari Sabath
Education Director



We had a very busy November and December in Hebrew School.

Mazal Tov to the Aleph Class on their Welcome Shabbat in November. It was great to hear them introduce themselves, lead us in some prayers and sing songs.

The younger students spent some time learning about Shabbat. The PreGan and Gan classes baked Challah. The Mechina class is learning about the Torah stories and made a great Noah's Ark, and recently made 7 fat cows and 7 skinny cows from Joseph's dream.

Our Bet students are working very hard improving their Hebrew decoding skills and beginning to learn prayers from Friday night. They will be starting their Israel unit where they research different cities in Israel and make posters.

The Gimmel class is working on their "All About Me" posters which includes family research: What is their Hebrew name? Who are they named after? Where is their family from? Dalet began their Kashrut unit and practiced for their class service in January.

Tichon has been very busy on Wednesday nights. The seventh graders started learning about the Holocaust with Morah Stacie, and everyone began an Israel unit with Morah Melissa. The students had great fun baking Mandel Bread with Sisterhood. Thank you, Ivy Graff and her crew, for making it happen. During Hanukkah, Tichon students ate latkes and sufganyot and did a stained glass project.

The Hebrew School had a great time celebrating Hanukkah from the beginning of the month of Kislev. For Rosh Hodesh Kislev, students took pictures in a Hanukkah frame and enjoyed getting Hanukkah gelt. Each class learned about the Hanukkah menorah and either learned or reviewed the blessings over the candles. We had two programs before Hanukkah to reinforce Hanukkah concepts and to have fun.

Before Hanukkah, PreGan, Gan, Keshet, and Mechina had a great time during their Hanukkah Program. They played dreidel and practiced their Hebrew letters; made Hanukkah symbols with Model Magic; built Hanukkah menorahs out of Lego; learned about the Hanukkah symbols while playing Bingo; and played Hanukkah Charades. We began our program with an amazing skit performed by the Mechina class. They were awesome! *Kol HaKavod* to the Mechina students and Morah Stacey.

The Aleph, Bet, Gimmel, and Dalet students enjoyed their Hanukkah program. They made stained glass windows so we could publicize the miracle of Hanukkah, played dreidel, bingo, and charades. They also had a great time building their own version of Hanukkah menorahs out of Lego.

During Hanukkah the students met with Rabbi Perlstein and Cantor Ocanto-Romo to light Hanukkah candles, sing songs, and play the annual trivia game. It was so much fun to see the students engaged and working together to answer the questions.

In January and February, we are looking forward to the Dalet class service, Mitzvah Day, Israeli Dancing with the Bet class and Ohev Youth, and the Gimmel Class service. Before we know it, we'll be preparing for Purim and Passover.

It's always a great day of learning and fun at Hebrew School.

L'vriut v'Shalom (with health and blessings)

Shari Sabath, Education Director

RABBI SEARCH UPDATE

The Rabbi Search Committee is pleased to report that our Senior Rabbi job posting was completed and uploaded to the Rabbinical Assembly job board in mid-October. The job posting is a highly detailed and extensive description of our history, community, congregation, and our vision for Ohev Shalom and our next rabbi. We are currently scheduling the first round of interviews with those rabbis who have applied for the position. We anticipate that in-person weekends with the congregation will take place in late winter/early spring.

In order to keep our options open, the Search Committee has also completed and uploaded a job posting for an interim rabbi.

Why are we searching for an interim rabbi?

A best practice among synagogues with long-serving rabbis is to consider an interim rabbi to give the congregation time to reassess its values and process the change of spiritual leadership. An interim rabbi allows our congregation time to adjust to having a new spiritual and congregational leader and to ensure the rabbi we ultimately select will be the best possible fit for our community.

An interim rabbi has special training in transition management and organizational change. While we continue to search for a permanent replacement for Rabbi Perlstein, we don't want to rush into such an important decision.

How long will the interim rabbi serve, and might they become the settled rabbi?

If we choose to hire an interim rabbi, that person may serve for 1-2 years but cannot become our permanent rabbi.

What are we looking for in an interim rabbi?

The interim rabbi will perform all rabbinic functions of the synagogue, including leading services, supporting life cycle events, providing pastoral care, and engaging in educational programming. Thus, the ideal interim rabbi will have experience as both congregational and interim rabbi and will work with Cantor Annelise to continue our tradition of welcoming, warm, and musical services. In addition, the interim rabbi will help the board and congregation through the transition process as we search for a permanent rabbi.

Will I be able to share my thoughts about the search process or other ideas I have with the Search Committee?

Yes. Please email us at rabbisearch@ohev.org to share any ideas or thoughts and to ask any questions you may have.

All our best,

The Rabbi Search Committee

JSHIELD THANK YOU

From: Marci Laderman <marciladerman@gmail.com>
Date: November 16, 2023 at 8:09:06 PM EST
To: Barbara Glickman <bglickman@ohev.org>, Carol Gerson <carolgerson107@gmail.com>, Steve Laderman <steve.laderman@gmail.com>
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To all,

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Marci

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IT'S TIME TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO OHEV PLAYERS' PRODUCTION OF FIDDLER ON THE ROOF DIRECTED BY MICHAEL SCHWARTZ.

This year we are using an online program for ticket sales. Our VIP seats are called our “Mensch” seats. They cost \$54 per ticket, and your seats will be in the first few rows. As a thank you for your support, your name will be mentioned in the Playbill. Reserved seats cost \$36, and buyers will be able to choose seats online when paying. General admission will cost \$25.

Here is the link: <https://www.ticketsource.us/ohevfiddler>

Shows are:

Thursday night, February 15th at 7:00
 Saturday night, February 17th at 7:30
 Sunday afternoon, February 18th at 1:30
 Thursday night, February 22nd at 7:00
 Saturday night, February 24th at 7:30
 Sunday afternoon, February 25th at 1:30
 Some of our roles are double cast. (The roles not listed below are not double cast.)



Role	White Cast (Feb. 17, 22, 25)	Blue Cast (Feb. 15, 18, 24)
Tevye	Michael Schwartz	Morgan Smyrl
Golde	Danielle Schwartz	Dani Shylit
Yente	Tara Handfinger	Barbara Kind Berman
Laser Wolf	Barry Dratch	Scott Gordon
Chava	Gabby Arias	Bella Keys
Shprintze	Rylee Rosenbaum	Arianna Rockower
Bielke	Molly Osbourne	Zoey Kral
Grandma Tzeitel	Phyllis Bellman	Linda Schwandt
Fruma Sarah	Alex Akselrad	Shira Goldstein

Cast Members:
 Alex Akselrad, Isabella Akselrad, Gabby Arias, Josh Bellman, Phyllis Bellman, Barbara Kind Berman, Sabrina Cancelliere, Bob Davidson, Logan Decarlo, Barry Dratch, Marnie Dratch, Larry Fine, Jared Fine, Neal Freedman, Barbara Glickman, Shira Goldstein, Scott Gordon, Angie Greco, Tara Handfinger, Katie Hentschel, Logan Houdeshell, Zak Huot, Bella Keys, Sydney Kral, Zoey Kral, JJ McDonough, Zack Osbourne, Molly Osbourne, Amy Poppel, Arianna Rockower, Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo, Aviv Romo, Ryan Rosenbaum, Rylee Rosenbaum, Tyler Scheiken, Linda Schwandt, Michael Schwartz, Danielle Schwartz, Dani Shylit, Asher Smyrl, Morgan Smyrl, Linda Springer, Steve Teplitz, Josh Zeigen

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Ohev Social Action Winter Update - You can help!

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 - MLK DAY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Please help serve our community as we assemble breakfast bags for the NE Philly's KleinLife seniors. There will be fun and work for children and adults on Monday, January 15 from 10 AM to 12 noon, including decorating breakfast bags, making cards, assembling food packages, and other activities. Also, please bring with you a pair of children-sized winter gloves to be donated. We can use your help! Sign up via this link: <https://forms.gle/uTG3D83zmGiJgKx67>

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 - RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Give blood! You can help save a life on Tuesday, January 23 between 2:30 and 7:30 PM. Please sign up on the Red Cross website (www.redcrossblood.org) and search for Ohev's drive (ohévrichboro). Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment and become part of this lifesaving mission!

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 - COOKING MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

In 2024, Ohev will again join other synagogues and churches to help feed the homeless and those in need in Bucks County. As the number of Bucks families needing help has increased, Ohev has pledged to provide 45+ meals on our assigned days.

Please join our generous congregants by signing up, preparing the promised meal(s) in your home or with friends, and then dropping the meal(s) to the Gersons' home at 4 PM on the dates you selected. The meals will be picked up by AHTD - Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need - by 4:15 and distributed that same evening to individuals at set locations in Lower Bucks County.

We have pledged to supply 45+ meals on the fifth Monday of the months which have a fifth Monday. In 2024, those dates will be January 29, July 29, September 30, and December 30. We will not be donating in April, as the date conflicts with Passover.

A donated meal packed in a storage or take-out container might be a casserole with a side of veggies; a salad with tuna and two hard boiled eggs; or a main dish, starch and vegetable. Please add disposable utensils, napkin and a drink to your donated meal(s). A granola bar, fruit, or peanut butter crackers would be a nice addition. The portions should be for an adult, as this food may be the only meal the person will have that day.

If our January 29 collection date is designated as a Code Blue day - that is, has a temperature or windchill of 26 degrees or below, the collection will be canceled, as other resources will be utilized. We will stay in close touch as the date approaches.

To join this project, please choose your preferred dates on:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA5A62FA5F9C61-46019431-cooking>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OHEV'S FALL PROGRAMS

WINTER COAT DRIVE IN COOPERATION WITH GOLDSTEIN'S FUNERAL HOME

A grateful thank you to all congregants who donated new or gently used coats. The coats were donated to One Warm Coat - Philadelphia to help families in need.

JSHIELD DONATION OF SUPPLIES FOR ISRAELI SOLDIERS

Many thanks to Marci Laderman, who initiated and chaired this most needed program, and to the Ohev congregants who donated over a hundred flashlights, hydration packs, headlamps, and other critically needed supplies for the IDF soldiers who are risking their lives to secure Israel's future.

NORTHAMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

This was the second year that Ohev joined the many other Northampton Township houses of worship in collecting for the food drive organized by our township's police department. Thanks to those who donated!

HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE

The Warminster Food Pantry expressed their sincere appreciation for the generosity and kindness of the Ohev Shalom community. During our recent High Holy Day Food Drive, Ohev congregants donated over 755 pounds of food. The food bank volunteers commented on the quality of the donations: tuna fish, peanut butter, beans, etc. We received a thank you note acknowledging the thoughtfulness of the Ohev congregants.

BOOK COLLECTION

We delivered over 40 large boxes of books to Project Home supporting the Gloria Casarez Home for LGBTQ+ Young Adults. Project Home Books is a social enterprise in which people who have experienced homelessness sell used books online while earning a living wage, learning critical skills, and raising funds for this exemplary charity.

Project Home helps lift our community by providing a path to sustainable life without poverty by providing subsidized housing, opportunities for employment and tailored educational programs, as well as addressing their clients' health and wellness needs.

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 ohév@ohév.org or contact Carol at gersongroup@comcast.net or 267-243-4414.



Cooking Meals for the Homeless and Those in Need - 2024

Please pledge to give meal(s) to our Bucks County neighbors on:

January 29, July 29, September 30, and/or December 30.

Just click the link for more info and to sign up: [Sign Up](#)

Then deliver the warm, home-cooked, packaged meal(s) to 107 Buck Hill Drive at 4:00 PM on your date(s). The meals will be delivered by AHTN directly to those in need that evening.

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SISTERHOOD

WOW! That is all I can say. I am so **PROUD** to be the President of the Sisterhood of Ohev Shalom of Bucks County.

Everyone had a great time at Rabbi's final book review. Rabbi Perlstein was **FANTASTIC** and had everyone engaged. We had approximately 60 women in attendance.

Towards the end of November, we once again held a Secret Gift Shop for the Hebrew School students. We helped the students shop, and then labeled and wrapped all the gifts. Sisterhood, we know how to do it right! Everything was **PERFECT**. The most important thing was that the students **LOVED IT!**

Just before Hanukkah this year, we held a program for the Tichon students. We made Chocolate Chip mondel bread with them. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, loved their finished product, and we had so much fun, too. Thank you to Tichon students and their teachers (Stacie and Melissa).

For our Hanukkah S.W.E.E.T. this year, we were fortunate to have Rabbi Kim Blumenthal do a Zoom program on Barbie and Spirituality. Oh my goodness - this was fabulous! Can't wait to bring Rabbi Kim back for another program - TBD.

Please watch for emails from Sisterhood as our winter/spring programs are announced.

Sadly, we had to say good bye to our beloved Iris Segal (z"l) this month. Iris was a true Woman of Valor, and we will all miss her dearly.

Sisterhood is an organization where we have fun, make new friends, see old friends, learn, embrace our Judaism, enjoy our accomplishments, and journey together as sisters. We are always there for you.

B'Shalom,

Ivy Graff

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November 19 Bourekas & Tabouli
December 3 Bimuelos
January 21 Bagels
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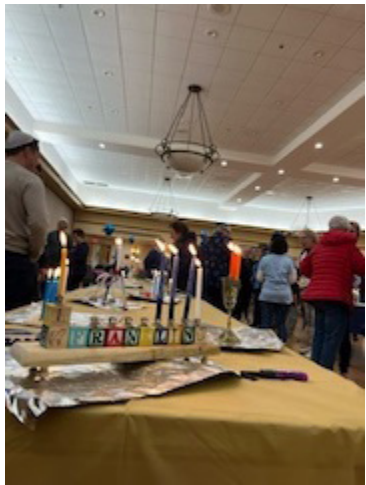
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August 9, 2023

Sweet in the Sukkah

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Paid-Up Membership Event

Hands on Program

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Rabbi's Book Review

The Heaven & Earth

Grocery Store

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Intergenerational

Mandel Bread Bake

Wednesday, November
29, 2023

LegoMan -Family Event

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Hanukkah SWEET

Tuesday,

December 12, 2023

Brainwash- Game Show

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Tu B'Shevat (afternoon) Craft

Program

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Chili Cookoff

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Shalach Manot- **PURIM**

BINGO - In Person

Thursday, April 11, 2024

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Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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MEN'S CLUB

A funny from David Zeitzer bigbitz51@outlook.com

Mr. Finkelstein is called as a witness in a trial.

"How old are you?" asks the D.A. (District Attorney).

"I am, kaynahoreh, ninety-one."

"Excuse me? What did you say?"

"I said, I am, kaynahoreh, ninety-one years old."

"Sir, the recording clerk can't type unusual words, please just answer the question with no embellishments," says the D.A. "I ask you again, How old are you!?"

"I told you. Kaynahoreh, I'm ninety-one."

The D.A. is really getting annoyed. The judge is also losing his patience. He instructs, "The witness will answer the question simply and plainly or be held in contempt of court!"

The defense lawyer rises and says, "Your Honor, I think I can resolve this. May I ask the question?"

"If you can get this trial moving, please, be my guest."

"Mr. Finkelstein, let me ask, kaynahoroh, how old are you?"

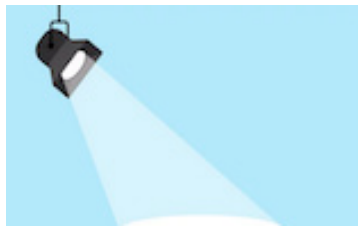
Finkelstein replies, "Ninety-one"



The Men's Club of Ohev Shalom invites you to join us at Ohev for these exciting 2023 - 2024 programs and events! Save These Dates! Check your Ohev communications and ohav.org for details!

- **Monday August 7th: Jewish Heritage Night at Trenton Thunder**
 - **Sunday, September 10th: Breakfast program featuring an FBI presentation on security**
 - **Sunday, October 15th: Breakfast program; details coming soon**
 - **Thursday, October 26th: Torah on Tap with Rabbi Perlstein**
 - **Friday, November 3rd: Margaritaville pre-Shabbat get together at 5:00 pm**
 - **Sunday, November 12th: Breakfast program; details coming soon**
 - **Sunday, February 11th: World Wide Wrap**
 - **Thursday, March 14th: Kosher Wine Tasting**
 - **Saturday, May 11th: Men's Club Shabbat**
 - **Eagles' Watch Party, Guys Night Out, and More!**
- Additional dates to be announced soon!**

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CONGREGANT IN THE SPOTLIGHT – MARK KOLBER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

By Eileen Schein

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks informs us that “Every development in information technology is HaShem knocking on the door of the Jewish People....” Picture a five year-old so interested in playing with wires that his father had to install a fake wall outlet so that the inquiring young boy could safely pursue his interest in radio and technology! That is the story of Mark Kolber, our Congregant in the Spotlight for January/February 2024, who indeed has helped us to keep in the forefront of the modern world in order for us to continue our traditional religious heritage.

Mark was born and grew up in northern New Jersey. Amateur radio was a hobby of his in high school, and he holds an Advanced Class License WB2WHC. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and worked as an electronics design engineer specializing in communications equipment.

The Jersey Shore was where Mark met his wife Denise. In 1984, they moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where their two lovely daughters, Rachel and Robin, were born. A Master’s Degree followed for Mark via Arizona State University. In 1994, the family moved back east to Bucks County. One of the factors important to them in choosing a new home was its proximity to the kind of synagogue they both preferred; one with the more traditional services of a Conservative synagogue. They joined Ohev Shalom shortly thereafter, and both daughters celebrated their B’nai Mitzvah on Ohev’s bimah. At the time, Mark never imagined how much time he would be spending at Ohev. In retrospect, the decision to join Ohev was not just good – it was brilliant! He was always a believer that it is important to contribute to the local Jewish community, and not just financially. When their daughters were young, the extent of their involvement with Ohev was mostly through the religious school. Denise suggested that he volunteer with the Ohev Players’ production of *The Wizard of Oz* to help with sound. After getting to know other congregants, they both became more socially involved. Mark likes to stress how volunteering to work with various groups is a great way to build community. In 2017, he was asked to take the position of Building Chairperson. He now embraces, literally, the Jewish philosophy, *Tikkun Olam*, Repairing the World.

Remember Mark’s father Henry, the man who encouraged his young son’s interest and passion for things electronic? He was also a hands-on, DIY kind of guy. He taught Mark a lot about mechanical things. You may have seen Mark around the building wearing an old sweatshirt with the words MAVEN UNIVERSITY. This sweatshirt originally belonged to Henry, and Mark loves to wear it while working at Ohev. In this way, he honors the man whose own father, before the Holocaust, owned a lumber mill in their small town in Poland. After surviving several concentration camps, losing his entire immediate family, and immigrating to the U.S., Henry worked as a baker and later as a construction supervisor. As a second generation Holocaust Survivor, Mark uses his tech abilities to keep alive the memory of his father and his family. He has created a YouTube library of testimonial videos that his father recorded.

Have you ever enjoyed the convenience of watching and participating in our services and other programs at Ohev Shalom via LiveStream? Make sure to thank Mark Kolber for designing the system, which enables you to be with us, even when you are unable to attend in person. And for those able to actually be there to enjoy the use of our beautiful campus, you are adding to Mark’s pleasure as he takes pride in all that has been accomplished at Ohev.

Mazal Tov to Mark Kolber, who shines in our Congregant Spotlight!





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JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024

AMY ROCKOWER MEMORIAL ART CENTER

In Memory of:

Iris Segal, beloved wife of Mort Segal, mother of Lee & Scott Segal, grandmother of Eryn, Eli & Alex Segal,
by Jen & Doug Jaclin

ANNUAL APPEAL

In Honor of:

In Honor of:

Rabbi Elliott Perlstein for his years of dedicated leadership and kindness toward our Ohev Shalom family, by:
June & Harvey Cantor
Eileen & Joe Schein

Congregation of Ohev Shalom of Bucks County: “Thank you for allowing community members who are unaffiliated to attend the second day of Rosh Hashanah High Holiday services at Ohev Shalom.They were most meaningful and inspiring for us.” By Caryn Block

In Memory of:

Iris Segal, beloved wife of Mort Segal, mother of Lee & Scott Segal, grandmother of Eryn, Eli & Alex Segal,
by Susan & Neil Mittelman

BENNETT ZION FELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

In Memory of:

The yahrtzeit of **Bennett Feld**, beloved son of Soni Feld & brother of Sydra Feld, by Sally & Dan Messinger

The yahrtzeit of **Marvin Feld**, beloved husband of Soni Feld & father of Sydra Feld, by Sally & Dan Messinger

Joan Kay, beloved mother of Felicia Gewirtz, by Shari & Emmitt Gardner & Williams children (AJ & Stephanie)

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by Josh & Stacy Babbitt & family

Lillian Sherrin, beloved mother of Arnie Sherrin (Janet), by Arlene & Warren Roman

MARVIN FELD MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND

In Honor of:

The 46th wedding anniversary of **Gail & Allan Silverberg**, by:
Linda & Bruce Goldstein
Eileen & Jahn Nolan

In Memory of:

Iris Segal, beloved grandmother of Eryn, Eli & Alex Segal & the Segal family, by:
Eena & Mike Feld
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Helene & Ron Peyton
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Shelley & Andy Rosen
Eileen & Joe Schein
Phyllis Schwartz

CANTOR PAUL FRIMARK MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of:

Iris Segal, beloved wife of Mort Segal, mother of Lee & Scott Segal, grandmother of Eryn, Eli & Alex Segal, by:
Eileen & Jahn Nolan
Ilene & Mark Pachman

GENERAL FUND

In Honor of:

Rabbi Elliott Perlstein’s retirement, from the Schwartz family, previously of Richboro. “You have been a central part of many family celebrations, and we wish you the very best.” by Leslee Schwartz
Happy 93rd birthday to **Joyce Cohen** with many, many more to come, by Jerry Weiner, Danny, Beth, Debbie & Howard

In Memory of:

Adele Albuck, beloved mother of Craig Albuck (Stephanie), by Shari & Emmitt Gardner & Williams children (AJ & Stephanie)
Iris Segal, beloved wife of Mort Segal, mother of Lee & Scott Segal, grandmother of Eryn, Eli & Alex Segal, by:
Agnes & Gabriel Lebovic
Harriet & Howard Malmud

HEBREW SCHOOL & TICHON FUND

In Honor of:

Birth of **Riley Julian Lambert**, precious first grandchild of Marla Gelfont, by Shari & Emmitt Gardner & Williams children (AJ & Stephanie)

INCLUSION B’KAVOD FUND

In Memory of:

Neil Cutler, beloved father of Alyssa Adelman, Wendi Botnick & Beth Lloyd, by Roz & Marty Rudoff

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Yahrtzeit of **Larry David Weiner**, beloved brother of Debbi Katz, by Debbi & Howard Katz

JANIE PERLSTEIN MEMORIAL FUND

In Honor of:

Rabbi Elliott Perlstein for officiating at the wedding of Benjamin & Amy Kaltz, by Wendy & Mitchell Kaltz
The birth of **Ava Dotzman**, the precious daughter of Danielle & Justin Dotzman, by Danielle & Justin Dotzman

In Memory of:

Neil Cutler, beloved father of Wendi Cutler-Botnick (Matt), by:

- Carol & Harvey Edelman
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- Rabbi Elliott Perlstein
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Yahrtzeit of **Richard Levy**, beloved father of Phyllis Schwartz, by Phyllis Schwartz

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Yahrtzeit of **Henry Kolber**, beloved father of Mark Kolber, by Mark & Denise Kolber

Blanche Meisel, beloved mother & grandmother of the Meisel Family, by Mimi & Bernie Pollack

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Bernie Zemsky, beloved husband of Nancy Zemsky, by Mimi & Bernie Pollack

CANTOR ANNELISE OCANTO-ROMO DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor of:

Cantor Annelise for all her help preparing Dayna for her Bat Mitzvah. We are so lucky to have you as our cantor! by Rachel & Scott Chafetz

In Memory of:

Iris Segal, beloved wife of Mort Segal, mother of Lee & Scott Segal, grandmother of Eryn, Eli & Alex Segal, by Phyllis Halpern

RABBI ELIOTT PERLSTEIN DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of:

Yahrtzeit of **Abraham Katz**, beloved father of Howard Katz, by Howard & Debbi Katz

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Iris Segal, beloved wife of Mort Segal, mother of Lee & Scott Segal, grandmother of Eryn, Eli & Alex Segal,
by Nina & Michael Surden

Yahrtzeit of **Evelyn Weiner**, beloved mother of Debbi Katz, by Debbi & Howard Katz

Yahrtzeit of **Larry David Weiner**, beloved brother of Debbi Katz, by Debbi & Howard Katz

ROTHMAN FAMILY EDUCATION BUILDING FUND

In Memory of:

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by Andrea & Ted Rothman

SECURITY FUND

In Honor of:

Bar Mitzvah of **Tayden Rawlinson**, grandson of Shelly & Saul Jacobs, by Jerry Gottesman & Jean Downing

Dani Shylit being named Congregant of the Month, by Jerry Gottesman & Jean Downing

The birth of **Ava Michelle & Mason Levi Wolf**, children of Lexi (Seitchik) & Stuart Wolf, grandchildren of Ron Wolf
(Joyce Tenenbaum), by Jerry Gottesman & Jean Downing

In Memory of:

Yahrzeit of **Fannie Gottesman**, beloved mother of Jerry Gottesman, by Jerry Gottesman & Jean Downing
Yahrzeit of **Gilbert Gottesman**, beloved father of Jerry Gottesman, by Jerry Gottesman & Jean Downing
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Iris Segal, beloved wife of Mort Segal, mother of Lee & Scott Segal, grandmother of Eryn, Eli & Alex Segal, by Jerry Gottesman & Jean Downing

SISTERHOOD FUND

In Honor of:

The birth of **Dana Shelly Borsack**, precious great-granddaughter of Gail Wiener, by:
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Refuah Shleimah for **Mark Kolber**, by Linda Springer

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Yahrzeit of **Golda Kamenetskatya**, beloved mother of Bella Teparov, by Bella Teparov
Yahrzeit of **Slema Kamenetsky**, beloved father of Bella Teparov, by Bella Teparov
Lori Noah, dear sister-in-law of Lindsay & Steve Miller, by June & Mark Rabin
Yahrzeit of **Ken Rosner**, loving son, father, brother & uncle, by Marv Rosner & family
Yahrzeit of **Judith Sharp**, beloved mother of Ira Sharp, by Ira & Miriam Sharp
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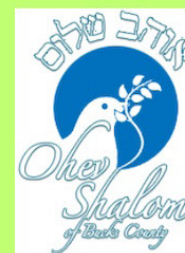
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