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Chaverim,

This month I will once again highlight something wonderful about the Ohev Shalom community – our system of Named Foundation Funds and Named Donation Accounts.

Funds are created by a one-time principal donation (currently $15,000), usually by a family in honor or memory of a loved one, with the name and purpose of the Fund approved by the Board of Directors. The Funds follow the rules outlined in our Constitution, including that only the interest may be used yearly and never the principal.

The Board of Directors creates named accounts to accept donations made to the Congregation for specific uses. All monies in these accounts are immediately available for use as specified upon creation of the account. Interest earned on the deposits is returned to the account.

Ohev Shalom has 25 Named Foundation Funds and 11 Named Donation Accounts! We have been blessed with many generous donors who had the desire and vision to create Funds to honor loved ones and provide a valuable financial resource for our congregation. We are also blessed by very generous congregants who make donations to these Funds and Accounts in honor of, in memory of, or with gratitude for someone or something. You can find a complete listing and brief descriptions of all the Ohev Shalom Funds and Accounts in the Sisterhood directory.

Let me highlight the funds that you as congregants can apply to for financial support: Do you have a child attending a Jewish summer overnight camp? Apply to the Debby Silver Camp Fund to help defray your costs by March 31st of the year of camp attendance.

Do you have a college, graduate or post-graduate student under age thirty who completed Confirmation or a Hebrew High School education through the 10th grade? Apply to the Melvin Rudman Memorial Scholarship Fund by August 31st for the most recently completed school year. First preference is given to students pursuing a career in accounting or business.

I can say that my family has benefitted from these Ohev Shalom Funds, and we are most appreciative of those families who established the funds, as well as all of the congregants who support them. Thank you!

When you think about it, we all benefit from the Ohev Shalom Funds and Accounts. We have funds that support our Mispallelim Religious School, our Adult Enrichment programs, our Rabbi, our Education Director; there are funds to support Social Action projects and to feed the hungry; other funds and accounts for our morning minyan, the library, and maintenance of the Sukkah Terrace. The list goes on and on.

Donations to funds or accounts can be of any amount, and with a minimum donation of $15 Ohev Shalom will send an acknowledgement to the individual being honored or to the family of the individual memorialized.

Please consider supporting the Funds and Accounts that support all of us.

L'Shalom,

Rich

A comprehensive list of Donation Accounts and Funds can be found on pages 18-19.
I feel conflicted about the legacy of the Holocaust. Is that an odd thing to say? Let me explain my dilemma. On the one hand, so many of us feel passionately the imperative to “Never Forget.” We talk about the Holocaust, we teach about the Holocaust, we watch movies, read books, hear stories, look at artwork, and listen to poetry, all about THE Holocaust. And on the other hand, does this intense focus on perhaps the darkest moment in our Jewish history drag us into the abyss? Our Torah adjures us: “Choose life!” When we focus for too long on the Holocaust, I worry that we’re fixating on death and destruction, rather than emphasizing life, joy, community, and hope. So how do we balance the need for a deep relationship with the tragedies of our history and an insistence on remaining hopeful for the future? Let me offer a suggestion, framed around an upcoming Ohev event and an idea I’d like to propose:

At the end of April, we will once again celebrate Loštice Shabbat. Loštice is the name of the town in (former) Czechoslovakia, from which we inherited a Torah scroll that survived the devastation of the Nazi regime. We used to call it our “Holocaust Scroll”; now we refer to it as the “Loštice Scroll” (pronounced “LOSH-teh-teezeh”). So, would you say that celebrating (and I do use that term on purpose…) Loštice Shabbat constitutes remembrance of the Holocaust or shifting our gaze to life and Jewish renewal? Perhaps both. I invite you to join us for this event, where we’ll remember the Czech town that is now a part of our story, and say Kaddish for those who perished. In addition, we will talk about an egalitarian revolution that was started in this little town, and which influenced Jewry across the European continent! I guess Loštice Shabbat is our way of maintaining that balance I mentioned earlier...

I also want you to consider something else. Earlier this year, our congregation tragically lost a pillar of the community, Larry Edelstein. As many of you know, Larry was a Holocaust survivor, whose story was (and is) truly incredible. His death reminded me that someday soon our world will be entirely devoid of living witnesses to the atrocities of World War II; a fact that is hard to even imagine. Now, perhaps more than ever, we DO need to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive, and keep educating the next generation(s) about what happened.

To that end, I would like to explore the idea of Ohev Shalom creating a Holocaust Memorial. My thought was to commission some type of sculpture, possibly located at our cemetery in Brookhaven, that would serve as a permanent marker of our community’s connection to what happened. It would be a place to gather around Yom Ha-Shoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), possibly a place to bring non-Jewish friends, family, and young people, and I also envision that congregants could dedicate walkway stones or plaques in memory of those we lost. And perhaps the memorial could be dedicated in Larry’s name, in tribute to all he did for Ohev Shalom and Mispallelim.

At this point, it’s just an idea. But I also think it is yet another way to balance history and future, to hold onto “Never Forget” and “Choose Life” at the same time. If you would like to work with me on the Memorial, please be in touch. And I hope you’ll also come and celebrate the town of Loštice on April 22nd, to keep their memory alive, and celebrate the rich and deep history that has formed Ohev Shalom, and which continues to bless us in every new generation.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Gerber

If you are interested in attending the Interfaith Seder being held at Christ Episcopal Church in Media on April 2nd, contact Rabbi Gerber at rabbi@ohev.net.
Greetings!

I am writing this article following our fun and exciting Purim festivities. We had such a great time stuffing Shalach Manot boxes to give out to every family at Ohev and baking Hamantaschen! Thanks to Terri Micklin for organizing the baking and introducing us to a new and delicious Hamantaschen recipe. We loved her creative fillings! Our personal favorite was chocolate raspberry. No, s'mores. No, chocolate marshmallow, pumpkin pie, chocolate mint, or apple pie. It was hard to decide! And thanks to Marianne Glanzman for organizing the delivery of the Shalach Manot boxes to those congregants who live out of state or can’t get to Ohev. It is a huge task to organize so many deliveries, and Marianne always rises to the challenge. Thanks also go out to the many Sisterhood volunteers who stuffed, rolled, and baked. We could not have pulled it off without you! Thank you, thank you, thank you! And, finally, thanks to the sponsors of the Shalach Manot boxes — your fellow congregants — we appreciate the gift!

In addition to Shalach Manot and Hamantaschen, we also had a ball coordinating the Purim Carnival! This is a highlight of our year and the kids of Ohev really love it. This year’s festivities proved to be no exception. We had a moon bounce, a bungee run, games galore for big and little kids, a 50/50 raffle, arts and crafts, snacks, a USY bake sale, and COSTUMES, of course! The fun of this year was that the carnival actually fell on Purim, so we got to read the Megillah as well. Thanks to Bonnie Friedman and Susan Sherr-Pollard for all of their hard work organizing the entire day. Work starts behind the scenes months before Purim, and they did a phenomenal job putting the whole Megillah together (LOL)! Thanks again to all the volunteers — too numerous to list — for making the carnival such a success!

We rounded out March with a night out on the town at Stephen’s on State for “Sisterhood Uncorked,” where our very own Rabbi Gerber led a thoughtful and lively discussion. And, Cocktails & Camaraderie was back at the end of March for a fun night of games, chatting and snacking.

This month, we’ll head to Shari Baron’s house on April 24th at 7:30 p.m. for Sisterhood Book club to discuss April’s selection, Jo Joe, by Sally Wiener Grotta. Please note the new date. Also in April, we’ll have our general membership meeting on April 23rd at 9:15 a.m. We’ll serve a light breakfast of bagels and fruit, so please come with your opinions and ideas on all things Sisterhood!

Cocktails & Camaraderie will return on April 30th at 7:30 p.m. All women of Ohev are invited to come, play games, or just hang out with us at this fun evening of games and snacks.

AND, finally, Save the Dates:
May 16th at 7:30 p.m. – “Sisterhood Uncorked” at Stephen’s on State
May 21st at 9:15 a.m. – General meeting to learn about the Mikveh
May 24th at 6:30 p.m. – Field trip to tour the Mikveh at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El
June 7th – End of Year event at Doris Elofer’s design studio

As always, please feel free to share your ideas for making Sisterhood more meaningful for you, and let us know if you’d like to volunteer or if you have an idea for an event. Please feel free to reach out to us anytime – we’d love to hear from you!

B’Shalom,
Taryn Jasner and Shari Baron
Mispallelim News —
The Torah Speaks of Four Children, and Reveals Four Adults

One of my favorite sections of the Passover Seder has always been the passage about the Four Children. This passage comes near the beginning of the part of the Seder called the magid (telling the story). In this passage, we are told that the Torah alludes to four different kinds of children - a Clever Child, a Wicked Child, a Simple Child, and a Child that Doesn’t Know to Ask. Each child asks a different question about the rituals of the Seder, and each child gets a different response based on what (and how, and if) she or he asks.

It is a wonderfully provocative passage for a few reasons. For starters, the Wicked Child is scolded and essentially rejected for questioning the value of the ritual. The Haggadah tells us that we are to “set his teeth on edge, and tell him he would not have been redeemed from Egypt!” Many passionate Seder table discussions have sprung out of the apparent lack of compassion for the Wicked Child - why so harsh? Is there a backstory we don’t know? Are we simply supposed to accept this, or are we invited to be a little rebellious ourselves as we react to the text?

Another fascinating discussion that is frequently sparked by this passage has to do with labelling. As we all know, no child is always clever, wicked, simple, or quiet! What are we supposed to do with these labels, and how do they interact with reality? This conversation can be especially relevant for those of us who have experienced being labelled ourselves.

But lately, I have been interested in yet another approach to this passage. I am interested, not just in the Four Children, but in the Four Adults. Who are the adults that respond to these children, and how do we relate to them? When do we respond to a child with erudite instruction about the details of an issue, as the Haggadah suggests we should respond to the Clever Child? When do we react like the adult who encounters the Wicked Child, with rejection and anger? When are we like the adult who interacts with the Simple Child, striving to condense oceans of knowledge and experience into a one-liner? And what can give us the patience and wisdom to simply create an opening for a silent child, as the Haggadah says, “you shall open up for him”?

As an educator and as a parent, I am becoming more and more aware of how much I learn about myself as I interact with children. When I am a mindful and reflective observer of my own reactions, I often learn from what I do and say when I encounter new personalities or situations.

As we sit down to family Seders this year, or to the community Seder at Ohev, we might find ourselves at the table with people who, like the Clever Child, seem to know so much more than we do. We may be seated at the table with those who hold perspectives that we think of as “Wicked”. We might notice that there are people at our tables who don’t speak up, or perhaps we might be aware of who does not yet have a seat at the table. I invite all of us to notice the Four Adults within each of us, and to recognize that the journey to freedom is not only embedded in the texts of the Haggadah, but in our relationships as well.

Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Kelilah Miller
Sustainability Spotlight: Reducing Waste Through Chametz

You might look at this title and think, “Wait. Doesn’t cleansing our homes of chametz, discarding all leavened foods, create waste?”

The surprising answer is that, with proper planning, dealing with chametz can actually train us to reduce food waste throughout the entire year. “This would be a great mitzvah, following the principle of bal tashchít, or do not destroy - the biblical prohibition against waste which flows from being forbidden to cut down fruit trees during a siege.” For added motivation, let’s recall a few facts about food waste from our Food Waste Weekend this past autumn:

♦ The average American throws out 25% of all purchased food – for a family of 4, that trashes $1,365.00 - $2,275.00 each year!
♦ 1 in 7 people in the U.S. are food insecure, facing hunger regularly.
♦ We pump 21% of our fresh water into food we discard.
♦ Global food waste generates more greenhouse gases (the drivers of climate change) than any individual country other the U.S. and China.

How does this connect with chametz? In the lead up to Passover, be aware of the deadline for consuming the chametz. It is a natural step to inventory what is already in our refrigerator and cabinets before food shopping, and to then plan menus around what we need to use up. That will leave us with only a minimal amount to purge. Then, we simply continue this practice, transforming addressing chametz into the beginning of good food management habits. Thus, Passover preparation can fittingly liberate our world and our pocketbooks from the chains of waste. If we are so inspired, we can even turn some of our savings into tzedakah to send to organizations that help feed hungry families. We thus combat a modern-day plague, reversing the cycle of waste and hunger, and it all starts with focusing on how we free our homes of chametz.

For more information on reducing food waste, check out the Sustainability Resource Table in the foyer of Ohev Shalom. If you want to get involved with Sustainability at Ohev, or to share your experiences and questions, email sustainability@ohev.net.

Chag Sameach,
Annie Fox

CSA Sign Up Time Is Here!

Gorgeous greens, colorful carrots, tantalizing tomatoes, all delivered (practically) to your doorstep. Yes, the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) of Congregation Ohev Shalom, partnering once again with Red Earth Farms in nearby Lancaster County, will be back for a fifth season. Weekly orders of farm-fresh, pesticide-free vegetables, with add-on shares of fruit, eggs, cheese, yogurt/kefir, herbs, and artisan bread, will be available to the Ohev community and beyond. Unlike most CSAs, you have the option of choosing your specific vegetable selection. As members from past years can attest, there’s nothing like the bounty of a nearby farm to whet appetites with both familiar and new edibles, all the while providing help to local farmers and reducing our carbon footprints.

Full produce shares of 10 items/week are $660 for the 22-week season and partial produce shares of 6 items/week are $462 for the 22-week season. Retuming members receive a 2% discount.

You may enroll directly at http://redearthfarm.org/about.php, and be sure to choose the Wallingford delivery site. Please contact either Annie Fox at sustainability@ohev.net or the synagogue office for more information. If you’d like to split either a full or partial share with someone and need to be matched up, just let the office know and we will try our very best to pair you with a like-minded individual.
Sisterhood would like to thank the following congregants for sponsoring the Shalach Manot boxes:

**Queen Esther**
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Allan and Marianne Glanzman
Sheri Whelpley

**Haman’s Hat**
Bev Dickson
Bonnie Breit and Deb Soutar
Taryn and Andy Jasner
Roger Leisenring

Sisterhood would also like to thank the following volunteers for delivering Mishloach Manot to fellow congregants:

Cathy Baum  Marianne Glanzman  Steve Levinstein
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Bev Dickson  Paula Lehrberger  Naomi Wicentowski
Judy Eber  Jodie Leshner  Shemy Zigon
Emily Farrell
Greetings friends,

I wanted to start out by thanking everyone who has helped out in one way or another for our Social Action at Ohev Shalom this past year. Whether you donated a book for our MLK Day of Unity or a toothbrush for our Drive for Five (months), or served at a Life Center Dinner or did something nice for someone out in the community, a HUGE thank you. Social Action is a special thing at Ohev Shalom where those who participate do not do it for the accolades, but they participate because they feel compelled to do so or just want to pay forward a kindness given to them.

We have been contacted by a second organization, in Chester, that is in need of every type of toiletries we can think of. It is a residence for folks with very limited income and very limited opportunity to spend money on extras, which to most of us are considered necessities. So, if you get sample toothbrushes or toothpaste from visiting your dentist every six months that you do not need, please place them in the Social Action bin or drop them off in the office with a note on them. If you are traveling for work or for pleasure and you pick up an extra shampoo that is left in the hotel, please consider donating them to Social Action. If you go to BJs and pick up a three-pack of some item for which you only really need two, please consider donating it to Social Action.

Be on the lookout for our collecting of diapers, wipes, and swim diapers to help support the families in homeless shelters over the summer months.

If you have any ideas for additional Social Action projects or want to get involved in some small or big way, please contact me at 610-805-8086 or plehrberger@comcast.net.

Thank you,
Paula Lehrberger

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**How to Host a Seder or “Shake Up the Order”**

**Sunday, April 2, 2017**

* There will be two sessions:  
  - Session 1: 9:00–10:30 for students & adults  
  - Session 2: 10:40–12:15 for adults

* Stations will be set up in the auditorium:
  - Useful, practical information for seder preparations  
  - The order of the seder and new ideas for making the seder more personal for your family or group  
  - Favorite Passover recipes  
  - Songs for Passover  
  - Share traditions and personal stories  
  - Look through various Haggadot

* For more information, contact: Rabbi Gerber  
  * Rabbi@ohev.net or 610.874.1465*
We continue to enjoy Shabbat as a community!

Informal gatherings at home, joining with new and “established” congregants for a casual meal, laughter and camaraderie.

On February 10th we had 3 families hosting and therefore 21 adults came together, some with children too! It’s growing!!

The next and last SHABBAT AT HOME for the year is May 5th.

We would love to have still more families both to host or attend.

Please get in touch with me and we will match you up for enjoyment and dinner.

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JULIA KATCHER WINS B’NAI BRITH SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

This year’s winner of the Robert Nichols Scholar-Athlete Award is Julia Katcher. Julia is the daughter of Ron Katcher and Romie Griesmer.

Adam Nichols, on behalf of the B’nai Brith chapter of Delaware County, will be presenting the Robert Nichols Scholar-Athlete Award to Julia during Shabbat Services Friday May 5, 2017 at Beth Israel congregation in Media PA. Julia will be presented with a stipend and a plaque.

The 35th presentation of the Robert Nichols Scholar-Athlete Award is awarded annually to a graduating Jewish high school senior who is both an outstanding athlete and scholar. The Simon Wolf Lodge of B’nai Brith created this scholarship fund in memory of Mr. Robert Nichols, a longtime member of the lodge and Ohev Shalom. Adam Nichols is the son of Robert Nichols.

Please consider attending this 7:30 p.m. service to honor this outstanding young woman. This fund is fully-funded by donations from the public. If you are interested in seeing this award continue, please contact Adam Nichols at aanichols@verizon.com
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RSVP to the Office by Friday, April 7th

Anyone concerned about finances should contact Rabbi Gerber, rabbi@ohev.net.
Contact the office if you need a ride: 610.874.1465 or office@ohev.net

Shabbat B’Yachad Passover Dinner

NAME: ________________________________

# OF ADULTS: _______ # OF CHILDREN (AGES 5-10) _______ # OF CHILDREN UNDER 5 _______

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Welcome to our Ohev Shalom Pesach Guide! I hope that the information in this packet will help you navigate this wonderful holiday; making sense of some of its challenges, and enhancing and uplifting many of its practices. Please remember, as always, that this is supposed to be a religious and spiritual celebration; enjoyment and satisfaction are just as important as cleanliness and precision. Try to find a balance where you are doing what you can, but aren’t driving yourself (or family/friends) insane. In this Passover Pullout you will find:

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Guide to Cleaning and Preparing for the holiday (don’t freak out...): First, some general background info: ‘Passover’ and ‘Pesach’ are two names for the same holiday. Pesach is the Biblical name, and Passover the English translation. Most of our practices surrounding Pesach come straight out of the Torah, though often with a rabbinic gloss. One of the most important rules we have about Pesach is that the Torah prohibits the ownership of chametz (leavened products) during Pesach.

Prohibited foods include: leavened bread, cakes, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, rye, and all liquids containing grain alcohol. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of all chametz to a non-Jewish person outside our family for the week of Pesach. The temporary transfer, mechirat chametz, is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually the rabbi, to handle the sale. This is considered a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now-permitted chametz. Rabbi Gerber is the designated agent for Ohev Shalom; please return the form on the fourth page of this pull-out guide (NOT page 4 of this newsletter issue), if you would like to sell your chametz through Ohev.

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of chametz during Pesach, and since many common foods contain some trace amounts of chametz, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesach. Please note: During the holiday itself, the smallest amount of chametz makes the whole product “chametz,” and its use on Pesach is prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, chametz loses its identity in a mixture of one part chametz and sixty parts (or more) of non-chametz. This affords us the opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before Pesach, and those purchased during the holiday. What follows is a general guideline. However, please consult Rabbi Gerber should any doubt arise.

PERMITTED FOODS:

A. The following foods require no Kosher le-Pesach label if purchased before or during Pesach: Fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes, see below), eggs, fresh fish, and fresh meat.

B. The following foods require no Kosher le-Pesach label if purchased prior to Pesach: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal derivatives (However, be aware that coffees produced by General Foods are not Kosher for Passover unless marked KP); sugar; pure tea (not herbal tea); salt (not iodized); pepper; natural spices; frozen fruit juices with no additives; frozen (uncooked) vegetables (see below for legumes); milk; butter; cottage cheese; cream cheese; ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi-soft) and Camembert (soft); frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives); baking soda.

C. The following foods require a Kosher le-Pesach label if purchased before or during Pesach: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah); canned or bottled fruit juices (These juices are often clarified with kitniyot which are not listed among the ingredients. However, if one knows there are no such agents, the juice may be purchased prior to Pesach without a Kosher le-Pesach label); canned tuna (since tuna, even when packed in water, has often been processed in vegetable broth and/or hydrolyzed protein—however, if it is known that the tuna is packed exclusively in water, without any additional ingredients or additives, it may be purchased without a Kosher le-Pesach label); wine; vinegar; liquor; oils; dried fruits; candy; chocolate flavored milk; ice cream; yogurt; soda.

D. The following processed foods (canned, bottled, or frozen), require a Kosher le-Pesach label if purchased during Pesach: milk, butter, juices, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, and fish, as well as all foods listed in Category C.

What’s the deal with kitniyot? Many people ask me about this, so here is some information about kitniyot. Most Ashkenazi authorities have added the following foods (kitniyot) to the list of prohibited items: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however, string beans are permitted). The Conservative Movement’s Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible. Some Ashkenazi authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of...
legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above. Many Jews today, whether of Sephardic or Ashkenazic descent, have chosen to forego this entire issue, and eat all forms of non-processed kitniyot on Pesach. (Though your mother may roll her eyes...) If you have any questions about how to deal with the issue of kitniyot, please speak with Rabbi Gerber.

DETERGENTS: If permitted during the year, powdered & liquid detergents do not require a Pesach label.

MEDICINE: Since chametz binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesach. If not for life sustaining therapy; some permit, some prohibit. Consult Rabbi Gerber. In all cases, capsules are preferable to pills.

KASHERING UTENSILS & APPLIANCES: The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halachah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (k’voleo kach poletor). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kasherized by boiling, those used in broiling are kasherized by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kasherized by rinsing.

A. EARTHENWARE (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kasherized. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

B. METAL (wholly made of metal) UTENSILS USED IN FIRE (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed, cleaned, and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should not be used for at least 24 hours between cleaning and immersing in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kasherized.

OVENS AND RANGES: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be kasherized in the same manner as regular ovens.

SMOOTHTOP ELECTRIC RANGES present a problem. They cannot be covered with foil, nor heated at a high temperature, nor cleaned with an abrasive cleaner. Consult with the manufacturer on how to clean the smoothtop. Then discuss with your rabbi if that method of cleaning is adequate enough to kasher the smoothtop. Some will not be able to be kashered.

MICROWAVE OVENS, which do not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned, and then a cup of water should be placed inside. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered for Pesach.

GLASSWARE. Authorities disagree as to the method for kashering drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesach, or putting them through a dishwasher.

Glass Cookware: There is a difference of opinion as to whether it is to be kashered. One opinion is that it must be kashered. After a thorough cleansing, there should be water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The other opinion is that only a thorough cleansing is required.

Glass Bakeware, like metal bakeware, may not be kashered.

DISHWASHER: After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, run a full cycle with detergent.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES: If the parts that come into contact with chametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.)

TABLES, CLOSETS, AND COUNTERS: If used with chametz, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

KITCHEN SINK: A metal sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

CHAMETZ AND NON-PASSOVER UTENSILS: Non-Passover dishes, pots and chametz whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked in order to prevent accidental use.
April 2017

Helping Out in Your Community

“Let All Who Are Hungry Come and Eat” (The Passover Haggadah)

The Great Passover Match-up!

Do you have an extra seat at your Passover Seder Table?

If you are hosting your own Seder, and would be willing to host one or more people from the congregation, please let the office or Rabbi Gerber know. Thank you!

Or are you looking for a place to spend Passover?

If you do not yet have somewhere to spend the first night of Passover, Monday, April 10th, 2017, we would love to help find you a place to go. Please speak to Rabbi Gerber.

COMMUNAL SEDER: If you would like to join a Seder for the second night, please come to the synagogue! Our Annual Communal Second Seder will take place on Tuesday night, April 11th, starting at 5:30 p.m. I’m not going to give you my usual lengthy shpiel here; just come, you’ll love it. If you are at all concerned about finances, please speak with Rabbi Gerber. We would be happy to cover the cost for you and your family.

3rd ANNUAL PASSOVER SHABBAT DINNER: Come join us for a Pesach Shabbat meal on Friday evening, April 14th, in conjunction with our Shabbat B’Yachad Friday evening program. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed immediately by a spirited and spiritual service in the round. The dinner is catered, not potluck; please see more info in this issue of L’Chaim, or contact the synagogue office. If you are at all concerned about finances, please speak with Rabbi Gerber. We would be happy to cover the cost for you and your family.

Helping the wider community

1) Do you have chametz (food not permitted on Passover) that you would like to get rid of?

Please bring it to the synagogue (kosher or non-kosher), and we will donate it to a local cause.

2) Making a special donation on the holiday. Mazon, the Passover League, Philabundance, and many other organizations desperately need cash donations. They buy fresh fruits and vegetables for clients, and they use our donations during the summer (when need is greatest, because school lunch programs aren’t running, and donations to food pantries drop off).

Would you consider a small monthly donation to the hunger organization of your choice? $10, $15, or $18/month can make a real difference over the year, and it’s easy to authorize a monthly charge to a credit card or set up a monthly bank transfer. Below are links to become a sustainer at three wonderful places:

Mazon: http://mazon.org/ways-to-give/monthly-gifts

Philabundance: https://www.philabundance.org/takeactionnow/tan_financial_monthly.asp

The Bernardine Center in Chester: http://bernardinecenter.org/bc/Donations/

*A big “Thank you” to Fran Stier for putting together this information!*
THE SELLING AND BURNING OF CHAMETZ

Congregation Ohev Shalom, Passover 5777

During the Pesach holiday, a Jew is not permitted to either consume or have chametz (leavened products) in his/her possession. Therefore, if one cannot dispose of all chametz before Pesach, as prescribed by the Torah, arrangements should be made to formally "sell" one's chametz to a non-Jew. In this way, the chametz is no longer legally in that person's ownership. This formal sale, called mehirat chametz, is legally binding, according to Jewish religious law. All such chametz in one's possession should be collected and placed in a spare room or closet (preferably locked). In addition, all chametz dishes and utensils should be stored away for the eight days of Pesach.

It is customary to present a donation when one participates in this ceremony of selling the chametz. These funds are used to help the less fortunate celebrate a meaningful Pesach holiday. All funds that are collected will be sent to The Passover League of Philadelphia. By signing this form, Rabbi Gerber will act as your agent in the legal transfer of chametz. Please complete and return this form to the synagogue office, and enclose a check of a sum of your choice, made out to "The Passover League of Philadelphia."

The selling of chametz will continue until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 9th, 2017.

Chametz Burning: On the morning of Monday, April 10th, there will be a chametz burning ceremony taking place in the Ohev Shalom parking lot. If you would like to join us for the official ceremony, we will be burning chametz after minyan (around 9:15 a.m.). The fire will remain lit from 8:00-10:00 a.m., so if you would like to burn chametz on your own, please feel free to do so.

Fast of the Firstborn: Some people observe the Fast of the Firstborn on Monday, April 10th. In the past, we have done a Break the Fast ceremony after the chametz burning, for anyone wishing to conclude their fast early. However, we will not be hosting a Break the Fast this year, and Rabbi Gerber can instead recommend other synagogues you can visit, if you would like.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ:

I, (please PRINT) __________________________________________, hereby authorize Rabbi Jeremy Gerber to dispose of all chametz owned by me or anyone in my household. This I do in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law.

Sign Name: ________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________

Date: ______________________________________________________
Making Donations to Ohev Shalom

Donations may be made by contacting the office at (610) 874-1465 or online at http://www.ohev.net/donation-form/

SYNAGOGUE FUNDS/ACCOUNTS

Archives Account: Maintains items of historical importance to the synagogue

Judge Louis Bloom Minyan Fund: Offsets the cost of refreshments for the morning minyan

Bowman-Finkelstein Rabbi Endowment Fund: Supports the rabbi’s salary package

Judy Brown Memorial Fund: Proceeds are used to defray synagogue operating expenses

Daily Minyan Account: This account will directly support the refreshments for the daily minyan

Floral/Landscape Account: Supplies flowers for the bimah and for landscaping

Simon Levin Torah Restoration Fund: Used to repair/replace Torahs

Frank M. Rech Prayer Book Fund: Funding to purchase new prayer books on an ongoing basis for the synagogue

Sisterhood Kitchen & Special Projects Account: Used for the maintenance, renovation, and/or improvements to the synagogue kitchen, and other synagogue special projects identified by Sisterhood

Yahrzeit/Yizkor Account: Donations are used to offset general operating accounts in the synagogue

Synagogue General Account: Used for synagogue expenses

BUILDING FUNDS/ACCOUNTS

Balin Chapel Fund: Used to maintain and beautify our chapel

Eli & Sissy Lax Sukkah Terrace Fund: For maintaining the sukkah terrace and other building maintenance

Jack Sweman Building/Architectural Account: Used to beautify and maintain our building

Wolf Auditorium Fund: Used to beautify and maintain our auditorium

SPECIAL USE ACCOUNTS/FUNDS

Barron Family Communal Gathering Fund: To help provide communal meals before, during, and after significant events in the building

Alexander H. Brown Feed the Hungry Fund: Used to feed the hungry, with special emphasis on Jews in Delaware County

Helping Those in Need Account: All donations go directly to the Life Center, Baby Manna, and the food bank

Perpetuity/Netzach Fund: 50% to support social outreach programs inside and outside of Ohev Shalom and 50% to support general operations. Interest earned on the Netzach Fund may not be spent until two years after first earned.

Rabbi’s Discretionary Account: Used by the rabbi to make donations to worthy charities and causes

Ray Dobitz Library Fund: Revenues from this fund are deposited into the deposited into the Rose Isaacson Library Account

Rose Isaacson Library Account: To purchase books and other materials for the Library

Jerry & Janet Rosset Fund: Used for youth activities, youth director’s salary or special events for youth

Melvin Rudman Memorial Scholarship Fund: Provides scholarship money to college/graduate students with preference to accounting/business majors

Debby Silver Camp Fund: Used to award scholarships to children attending Jewish summer overnight camp

EDUCATION FUNDS/ACCOUNTS

Evelyn Much Epstein Bernstein Fund: Used to advance Jewish education

Joseph and Edith Godick Jewish History Lecture Fund: Supports community-wide lectures and/or programs on any and all aspects of Jewish history

Rabbi Louis & Mindell Kaplan Cultural Fund: Used to provide special speakers, artists, musicians or scholars for Ohev Shalom programs

Robert Nichols Adult Education Fund: Used for adult education and related projects

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**Samuel Warwick Fund**: Used to provide money to teenagers going to Israel  
**Joseph Zommick Cemetery Account**: For beautification of the cemetery  
**L’Chaim Sponsorship**: Sponsor an issue of L’Chaim for $180

**MISPALLELIN SCHOOL FUNDS**

**Philip and Shirley Daley Endowment Fund**: For educational programs and scholarships/grants to students for furthering their Jewish education  
**Beatrice De Bellis Fund**: Helps to pay Hebrew school tuition for eligible families  
**Donald and Ruth Levinstein Education Fund**: Used to defray the cost of our Education Director  
**Dr. Frank and Sophie Savits Memorial Fund for Jewish Education**: Used for educational programs at the synagogue’s religious school  
**Dorothy & Carl B. Sparkler School/Scholarship Fund**: Provides tuition scholarships for Mispallelim grades 4, 5, and 6, and funding for religious school programs and projects  
**Harriet P. & Larry J. Starer Fund for the Arts**: To perpetuate the Jewish arts in the school. This programming will be in the form of art and/or music and/or dance

“**It’s a part of our life. A little touch of home**

-Edith Wolman

**What does being a part of Ohev Shalom mean to you?**

Contact Karen Ernest to share your memories for future generations to hear. kbhorsinaround@comcast.net
Congregation Ohev Shalom
Sunday, April 30th, 2017
2:30 p.m.

The screening of the film will be followed by a discussion on gun control.
Admission is free, but please RSVP to office@ohev.net or (610) 874-1465

Sponsored by the Adult Enrichment & Social Action Committees
Isaac Stone has devoted a great deal of time and effort to his bar mitzvah project, and has had some valuable help along the way. Isaac has been blessed to have Jakab Farkas, his friend and mentor, by his side throughout this effort. Together, they have lovingly handcrafted over twenty fleece blankets to donate to the Providence Animal Center in Media. They’ll be used to help provide comfort to the rescued animals waiting for their “furever” homes. Isaac learned to measure, cut, and sew on Jakab’s professional-grade sewing machine under the watchful eye of this expert tailor. But even more meaningful than the work, have been the life lessons and stories Jakab shared with Isaac, helping him begin to comprehend the devastation of the Holocaust through Jakab’s personal experiences and the inspiration to never lose faith when all seems lost.

In addition to sewing, Isaac is a skilled and passionate clarinetist, twisted and hilarious cartoonist, and knowledgeable political commentator. A seventh grader at Springton Lake Middle School, Isaac excels in the humanities and is a talented writer. He works on his school newspaper, participates in the weekly Art Club, and plays in Springton Lake’s Jazz Band. In January, he was selected by his band director to participate in this year’s County Band festival where he earned the best seat among clarinetists in his grade.

Isaac’s family is incredibly proud of his accomplishments and would like to thank both Rabbi Miller and Rabbi Gerber for having the patience and good humor to get Isaac prepared to become a bar mitzvah.

Floating Photographer: USY
Seventy degrees in February, who would have thought?! While spring is now here officially, USYers were asked these timely questions: What is your favorite part about spring? Least favorite part?

“My favorite part about the spring is all the pretty flowers and colors that they bring. My least favorite part would definitely have to be the pollen.”

“My favorite part about spring is that it means summer is approaching, and who doesn’t love the summer! My least favorite part would have to be the pollen since I am allergic.”
Dear fellow Ohev Shalom Congregants.

I have an offer for you. But first allow me to share a little bit of information before I share my offer.

I attend minyan Tuesday and Thursday mornings. I attend Shabbat services. I am also board chair of Synagogue Development, and that means finding ways to raise funds for our synagogue.

I believe that going to minyan and providing funds are good things. Minyan supports our spirits and funds provide heat and light.

So here is my offer. If you are not currently a regular morning minyan or a Shabbat attendee, I will purchase a leaf on the Synagogue dedication tree in the main hallway on your behalf if you attend morning minyan at least one morning a week for three months and one Shabbat service a month for three months.

We need you. Please call me.
Andy Szabo
CHESED SUPPORTS YOU!

One of the best parts of Judaism is being part of a community – Chesed is here to support the needs of our congregants during good times as well as more unfortunate circumstances. Having the support of a community when confronted with life changes can make all the difference. You do not have to go it alone; Chesed is here to help.

- Meals for new parents
- Meals for someone who is sick or recuperating
- Rides to Ohev or local doctors appt.
- Or let us know how else we can support you!

If we can help, please email: chesed@ohev.net, or call Paula Cherner
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9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
CLOSED Shabbat and Yom Tov

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Siegel JCC to Host the Junior Maccabi Games
Sunday, May 7, 2017

A Mid-Atlantic Regional event to celebrate Jewish culture through athletics for students 10 to 12 years of age.

The Siegel JCC in Wilmington, Delaware will host more than 600 Jewish student-athletes from New York to Virginia for a day of friendly competition among peers. Modeled after the JCC Maccabi Games®, this one-day Olympic-style competition is geared towards younger athletes’ ages 10-12 years old. The Mid-Atlantic Junior Maccabi Games offer a great way for kids to experience the JCC Maccabi Games on a smaller scale prior to participating in the “big games.”

Among the wide variety of volunteers being sought are those with experience in the medical field, marketing, sports officiating, scorekeeping, hospitality, clerical, social media and more.

To volunteer for the games, please email jrmaccabi@siegeljcc.org.
Recurring Events

- **Minyan**
  - 9:00 a.m. Sunday
  - 8:00 a.m. Monday-Friday
- **Bible Study**
  - 9:30 a.m. Wednesday
- **Shabbat Services**
  - 6:00 p.m. Friday (unless otherwise noted)
  - 9:00 a.m. Saturday

**April Calendar**

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