New synagogue community of Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple and The Temple-Tifereth Israel

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We've Been Busy at Congregation Mishkan Or!

Joshua Ricchetti and family celebrating a Bar Mitzvah.



Louis Klein getting ready for the High Holy Days by wearing his name badge!



Families having fun at our August Garden Party.



Rabbi Roger Klein serving pancakes to students on the first day of Limmud Sunday Learning!



It was a full house for a Rosh Hashanah Seder, led by Rabbi Yael Dadoun, and included eight Israeli guests from the Kibbutz Sufa community (see back page for more).

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2024

A NEW YEAR - 5785



Does it seem the years seem to be moving faster and faster!? Weren't we just celebrating the High Holidays a few months ago? And here we are again. Yet, the onrush of the years can make us take a moment and realize the preciousness of the time we have and the urgency of making the most of it. Fragility and opportunity mediated by our own decisions. And our resolve to fill our days with meaning ... with family and friends, with the pursuit of values that enhance our lives and the lives of others, and with devotion to the success of institutions like our own Mishkan Or. For we clergy and lay leaders are committed to drawing deeply from the storied past of our two legacy congregations and creating together a vibrant congregation devoted to both Judaism's eternal values and to creative ways to make those values come alive in our everevolving present.

We, your rabbis and cantors, are excited about our future and wish each and every one of you and happy, healthy and most meaningful New Year!!

 Rabbi Roger Klein, on behalf of your Congregation Mishkan Or Clergy Team

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High Holy Days 2024/5785

For additional descriptions and clergy leading these High Holy Day Services, check your High Holy Day mailing or visit mishkanor.org and click on High Holy Days under "Worship"

ROSH HASHANAH

EREV ROSH HASHANAH WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:00 pm - Teen-Led Rosh HaShanah Evening Service: An Inspirational
Experience (Beachwood Chapel)

7:30 pm - Rosh HaShanah Evening Service: Our Majestic Entry to the High Holy Days (Beachwood Sanctuary AND Maltz Performing Arts Center)

ROSH HASHANAH MORNING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 am - Tot Rosh HaShanah Morning Service designed for those with children 0-5+ (Beachwood Sanctuary)

9:00 am - Family Rosh HaShanah Morning Service: An Enriching Experience for Those in Kindergarten through 6th Grade (Beachwood Chapel)

10:00 am - Rosh HaShanah Morning Services: A Majestic Congregational Experience (Beachwood Sanctuary AND Maltz Performing Arts Center)

10:30 am - Shir HaLev Rosh HaShanah Service: A Contemporary Experience Modeled after The Temple-Tifereth Israel's Renew My Soul services and after Fairmount Temple's Contemporary services (Beachwood Social Hall)

3:30 pm – Tashlich: We invite our community members to join in this special gathering on the shores of Lake Erie. (Edgewater Beach)

KEVER DOROT SERVICE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

10 am - A ritual burial of sacred objects no longer in use

10:30 am – Kever Dorot Service (formerly known as Kever Avot) at Mayfield Cemetery (2749 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Heights).

YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDRE/SHABBAT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:00 pm - Teen-Led Yom Kippur Evening Service: A Contemporary and Inspirational Experience (Beachwood Chapel)

7:30 pm - Congregational Yom Kippur Evening Services: A Majestic and Reflective Beginning (Beachwood Sanctuary AND Maltz Performing Arts Center) Please note as this is Shabbat Evening, Yarhzeit names will be read for those requesting it, email Cwilson@mishkanor.org or call 216-831-3233 by October 10.

YOM KIPPUR MORNING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 am -Tot Yom Kippur Morning Service: A Fun and Connective Celebration Designed especially for children aged 0-5+ years (Beachwood Sanctuary)

9:00 am - Family Yom Kippur Morning Service: An Enriching Experience for those in Kindergarten through 6th Grade (Beachwood Chapel)

10 am - Congregational Yom Kippur Morning Services: A Majestic Congregational Experience (Beachwood Sanctuary AND Maltz Performing Arts Center)

10:30 am - Shir HaLev Yom Kippur Morning Service: A Contemporary Experience (Beachwood Social Hall): Modeled after The Temple-Tifereth Israel's Renew My Soul services and after Fairmount Temple's Contemporary services.

12:15 pm - Yizkor: A Sacred Time of Remembrance and Reflection (Beachwood) Please note this year we are offering two options for the observance of Yizkor with a second service offered at 4:15 pm at MPAC. These poignant services allow us to honor the memory of our loved ones who have passed away.

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON STUDY AND REFLECTION OPPORTUNITIES

1:30 pm - Music Meditation: Join us for a beautiful musical presentation featuring the acclaimed Trio Noir, comprised of pianist Alexandre Marr, violinist Maude Cloutier, and cellist Brendon Phelps. (Beachwood Sanctuary)

1:30 pm - Text Study: Deepen your understanding of Yom Kippur's teachings through an engaging text study led by Rabbi Roger Klein. (Beachwood)

2:00 pm - Mindfulness Practice Walk: Take a mindfulness approach with Rabbi Elle Muhlbaum and Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk. (MPAC lobby)

2:00 pm Ruth & Milton Stern and James A. Samuels Social Action Lecture:

We are pleased to welcome clergy partners from The Interfaith Group Against Hate. They are a Northeast Ohio coalition of religious congregations who have coalesced to counter the rising tide of White Supremacy and hate groups in our communities. Representing Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Catholic congregations, they work together against Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, anti-Black and anti-immigrant hate in all its forms (MPAC).

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON SERVICE, YIZKOR II AND N'ILAH

3:00 pm - Yom Kippur Afternoon Service:

This service, led by Rabbi Emeritus Richard Block with the participation of Cantor Laureate Sarah Sager, invites us to delve deeply into the teachings and themes of Yom Kippur. (MPAC)

4:15 pm - Yizkor: A Sacred Time of Remembrance and Reflection. This poignant service allows us to honor the memory of our loved ones. (MPAC) Please note that an earlier Yizkor service will occur at 12:15 pm in Beachwood.

5:15 pm - Congregational Closing N'ilah Service: The service culminates with the sounding of the shofar, marking the end of Yom Kippur and sending us forth with a sense of hope and determination for the year ahead (MPAC) with all clergy.

High Holy Days Q & A

What's the best way to get to the Maltz Performing Arts Center (MPAC)?

MPAC is in University Circle, just 15 minutes from Mishkan Or by car: Maltz Performing Arts Center, 1855 Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

Where should I park?

In Beachwood, campus parking is open for our use including Maltz Museum lot, the JCC and Mandel JDS. There will be a shuttle circulating to assist you as needed. If you are able-bodied, we ask you consider parking at the JCC and Mandel JDS to help save some parking spots closer to the building for those who may need assistance walking. If parking at the JCC, you can enter from South Woodland, and enter the JDS off Shaker Blvd, thus avoiding the Mishkan Or parking lots. Parking at the Maltz Performing Arts Center at University Circle will be available at all associated lots and a golf cart will be available from Lot 81. The lot map can be found at bit.ly/HHDParkingUC.

Is there enough parking?

Yes, there is enough parking at both locations. We suggest using the drop-off lanes for anyone who needs to be closer to the entrances. Signage will help guide you at each location. Like any concert or event, please allow some extra time for traffic, parking and entering the building.

Were the annual High Holy Days packet mailed?

Yes, all current members should have received the High Holy Day mailing in early September. The mailing included pre-printed personalized name badges and all the details you will need to be ready for our High Holy Days. If you haven't received your packet, please call us at 216-831-3233 right away.

What security protocols can I expect to be in place?

We're working hard to ensure everyone's safety. Our services are private events, not open to the public. All current members should have received a **pre-printed name badge** that was mailed to you in your HHD packet.

It is REQUIRED for the High Holy Day services, as it is also serving as your pass or ticket this year. We'll have lanyards available at services in case you prefer to wear it that way.

When you arrive for services, you must have the pre-printed name tag for the adults in your group visible to staff and security officers. Please wear it the entire time you are on site, for the smoothest entry into the building and services. This will greatly assist our security efforts.

What do I do if I lose my pre-printed name badge?

We're here to help. We'll have "blanks" on site, but you'll have to stop at a staffed table for assistance with an ID, and you'll need to allow extra time to verify your status as a current member. Please be patient, as this is a key part of our security protocol. If you know in advance that you have misplaced a badge, please contact Tali at tgeffen@mishkanor.org for a replacement.

Will there be babysitting available during services? Where? How much does it cost?

Yes, there will be babysitting offered during morning services only for children 18-months - 6 years old at the Ganon Gil Early Childhood Center at Congregation Mishkan Or in Beachwood. This service is provided at no additional cost, as a benefit for current members only. Pre-registration for babysitting is required to Kmerryman@mishkanor.org.

During morning services only, there will be a supervised drop-off room for children 7-10 years old. Children must be signed-in and signed-out by their parents.

If I want to bring a guest, how can I do that?

We have a limited number of guest passes available for in-person attendance. All guests, including non-member relatives of congregants, must register. There will be a reduced cost for passes for relatives and friends of members. Passes for adult children up to age 26 attending with parent(s) do not need a preprinted name tag. Passes for all college students are complimentary. To purchase a guest pass: Tali, Tgeffen@mishkanor.org

To receive a reciprocal pass: Barb Smith, Bsmith@mishkanor.org or call 216-831-3233.

What prayer book are we using? Can I borrow one? Can I buy more?

We will be using *Mishkan Ha-Nefesh* High Holy Day prayer book set, the same two books both legacy congregations used last year. The Rosh HaShanah book has a gold cover and the Yom Kippur book has a silver cover. Please bring your own copy if you have it. Yes, there will also be a lending library available with extra books.

How do I attend services virtually?

All services will be available via live stream. Please refer to the latest details of the easy ways you can join services online on our website, mishkanor.org, click on "High Holy Days."

To live-stream the High Holy Day Services at the Maltz Performing Arts Center, please use the special link which will be posted on our website.

Is there an Annual Food Drive this year?

Yes, we are sponsoring a High Holy Day Food Drive! It will run through Simchat Torah with donations going to the Cleveland Food Bank and JFSA Food Pantry. Drop off will be at Congregation Mishkan Or only. Please don't bring your donations to MPAC. Please see page 4 for details about this important food drive, including a list of items most needed. Thank you for supporting this annual collection. Thanks to our co-chairs Lauren Feldman and Stephanie Weiskind.

If I still have questions, who can I talk to before the High Holy Days?

Watch for the weekly E-News that is sent to emails of our members, and check our website, mishkanor.org.

Passes for guests:

Contact Tali - tgeffen@miskanor.org Reciprocal ticket assistance: Contact Barb - bsmith@mishkanor.org Questions about membership: Allison- ashippy@mishkanor.org or Tali - tgeffen@mishkanor.org



TREAMING How to Attend Services Virtually

Our High Holy Day Services will be available via live stream. Please refer to the latest details of the easy ways you can join services online on our website, mishkanor.org, click on the "Worship" tab for the High Holy Days page.

In addition to the live streaming boxes for services at Congregation Mishkan Or, there will be a special streaming link specifically for the Services at the Maltz Performing Arts Center.

YOM KIPPUR YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICES

Congregation Mishkan Or is offering two Yizkor Memorial Services on October 12, one in Beachwood at 12:15 pm, and a second at 4:15 pm at the Maltz Performing Arts Center, both in person and live-streamed.

NEW: In addition, we are offering an opportunity for Mishkan Or members to gather AT Congregation Mishkan Or and watch the live-stream of the afternoon offerings from the Maltz Performing Arts Center. Starting at 2 pm, the Social Action Lecture, the Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, and the Yizkor Memorial Service from the Maltz Performing Arts Center will be live-streamed TO Mishkan Or.

CELEBRATING SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday, October 17
First Day of Sukkot
10 am - Sukkot Morning Worship

Friday, October 18
6 pm - Special Sukkot Shabbat
Join us for this joyous Jewish holiday
which gives us an opportunity to
connect to our natural world.
Service will be held in the Chapel
and live-streamed.



Wednesday, October 23

10 am - Sukkot Yizkor Memorial Service

On this last day of Sukkot, we remember our loved ones during this memorial service of remembrance Service will be held in the Chapel and live-streamed.

5:30 pm - Simchat Torah Pizza dinner

Come after school, after work, and enjoy a pizza dinner ith other Congregation Mishkan Or members. Watch your E-News for RSVP details for this complimentary pizza dinner.

6 pm - Simchat Torah Service - Join our clergy and the Rock My Soul Band as we unroll the entire Torah Scroll, sing, dance and celebrate Simchat Torah and conclude our Torah Readings and begin the cycle for the new year. The Service will be held in the chapel and live-streamed.

HIGH HOLY DAYS



Congregation Mishkan Or continues the important mitzvah of helping feed those who are in need! As in years past at both founding temples, Mishkan Or will sponsor a High Holy Day Food Drive that runs through Simchat Torah!

Bags will be available at
Congregation Mishkan Or starting
after Rosh HaShanah services. Your
filled bags, whether you use one of
our bags or yours, can be dropped
off at Congregation Mishkan Or.
You can bring your donation to the
A PODS container in our parking lot.
Please do not bring food donations
to the Maltz Performing Arts Center.

Your donations will be shared with The Cleveland Food Bank and the JFSA Food Pantry.

Most needed items include:

Canned goods/soup/ tuna

Cereal

Rice/Pasta/Sauce

Peanut Butter

Baby Food

Paper Goods

Laundry Detergent

Soap and Toothpaste

Toiletries, and Menstrual Products

More questions about the High Holy Days? Check your High Holy Day packet that was mailed in early September or visit mishkanor.org and click on the Worship tab for a special High Holy Days page.

Services & Worship

Erev Shabbat Services:

Every Friday evening, Congregation Mishkan Or offers a 6 pm Shabbat Service, in person or virtually, with soothing prayers, inspiring teachings and uplifting music. To livestream, visit mishkanor.org for the link, or follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/ mishkanor to watch livestream.

Friday, October 4, 6 pm:

Shabbat Shuvah, the Shabbat of Repentance, which falls between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, co-led by Rabbi Dadoun and Cantor Sebo

Friday, October 11, Kol Nidre: See page 2 for service details.

Friday, October 18, 6 pm: Special Sukkot Shabbat

Friday, October 25, 6 pm: Erev Shabbat Service

Friday, November 1, 6 pm: Erev Shabbat Service co-led by

Rabbi Klein and Cantor Lapin

Friday, November 8, 6 pm:

Erev Shabbat Service

Friday, November 15, 6 pm:

Erev Shabbat Service co-led by Rabbi Dadoun and Cantor Sebo

Friday, November 22, 6 pm:

Erev Shabbat Service co-led by Rabbi Nosanchuk, Rabbi Muhlbaum, and Cantor Lapin

Friday, November 29, 6 pm:

Erev Shabbat Service co-led by Rabbi Klein, Rabbi Caruso, and Cantor Sebo

If you wish clergy to read aloud the name of a loved one for yahrzeit or recent death, contact Cyndi Wilson at cwilson@mishkanor. org or call 216-831-3233 by the Thursday before Shabbat, or ask ushers at the service assistance in getting your request to clergy. We appreciate your patience.

Shabbat Morning Learning at Mishkan Or

Each Shabbat Morning at Congregation Mishkan Or, we will have Torah Study at 9 am with Rabbi Roger Klein, in person and live-streamed. Many weeks there will be a second session to choose from, led by different clergy and various sources. Watch your E-News for updates.

Shabbat B'yachad (together), 10:30 amOn most Shabbat mornings we are offering

a Shabbat B'yachad multigenerational Shabbat morning prayer service, a "coming together" of worshipers of all generations.

Tuesday Morning Minyan, 9:15 am

This summer, Cantor Vladimir Lapin and our clergy introduced a new opportunity for our community to come together, joining weekday mornings in prayer, music, and reflection and to remember a loved one through the recitation of Kaddish. Minyan is offered in person and live-streamed.

COMMEMORATING OCTOBER 7 Tuesday, October 7

9:15 am -Special Morning Minyan Cantor Lapin will offer a Minyan on October 7, 9:15 am, as a memorial to the 1,200 Israelis killed on that day, one year ago, by Hamas terrorists.

6:00 pm - The Jewish Federation of Cleveland will host a community-wide gathering to remember all those who were lost or stolen a year ago, mourn all those killed in Israel and in Gaza because of Hamas since that day, and pray for the day when neighbors can live side by side in peace. Register at jewishcleveland.org

Announcing New Board Co-Presidents

The following announcement was shared by our Congregation Mishkan Or Board Officers with our Mishkan Or members on September 18 via the weekly E-News. If you do not recieve these weekly updates, reach out to Laura Munson at Lmunson@mishkanor.org.

Following a thorough and thoughtful process that netted a total of 12 nominations, our Board of Directors voted unanimously at their regular meeting on September 17 to appoint Bruce Goodman (The Temple-Tifereth Israel) and Julie Adler Raskind (Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple) to serve as co-presidents of Congregation Mishkan Or until June 30, 2025.

The Governance Committee reviewed each of the 12 nominated candidates and conducted outreach to determine interest. After a thorough review process, the Committee unanimously recommended Julie and Bruce to the Board. Based on their depth of experience and commitment to Congregation Mishkan Or, we are confident that they will lead us with wisdom, compassion, and vision.



Julie Adler Raskind chaired the Exploration Committee for Fairmount Temple and served on the Steering Committee. She has previously presided over The Rainbow Babies and Children's Foundation and ideastream Public Media as board chair. Julie serves as an executive committee member of Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion, and ideastream Public Media, and is a board member for the Cleveland International Film Festival.



Bruce Goodman served on the Exploration Committee and Steering Committee for Tifereth Israel and is a past president. He is a member of the board of trustees for the David and Inez Myers Foundation and previously served as president of the board for InMotion, as well as a vice president of the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation. Bruce is the CEO of White Dove Mattress Ltd and Big Fig Mattress.

We also recognize that there have been some tensions and concerns within our community during this transition. We want to assure you that our new leadership is committed to addressing these issues openly and constructively, fostering a culture of respect, inclusivity, and understanding among all members. After the High Holy Days, we will schedule meetings and events for you to meet our new co-presidents and learn more about their vision, and for you to provide feedback on your hopes and expectations for our congregation. We encourage your participation in these important conversations because the strength of Congregation Mishkan Or lies in each of you.

Our Joyful Services for Young Children Expanding

We welcomed more than 80 people to our September gathering of Tot Shabbat, and it was so joyful and fun!! If you have young children, from 0-6, please join us for November's Tot Shabbat and our Tot Havdalah.

These are wonderful opportunities for families. Grandparents and older siblings welcome too! For more details, to RSVP for either of these upcoming Tot opportunities, or to be on our email list for programs for children from 0-6, reach out to Holly Green, Ganon Gil Associate Director, at Hgreen@mishkanor.org.

Saturday, November 2 – Tot Shabbat – 11 am Saturday, November 16 – Tot Havdalah – 4 pm





Making a Difference at Mishkan Or!

Congregation Mishkan Or will welcome a new addition during the early part of next year—a completely refurbished kitchen!
The Gloria and Irving Fine Foundation has made an extremely generous donation to our congregation that will enable Mishkan Or to use our kitchen in exciting ways.

The former Fairmount Temple used its kitchen not only for catering parties, but also for its Community Kitchen. Community Kitchen volunteers gathered there to bake throughout the year, making cookies to deliver to grieving temple members during shivah, and holiday treats to deliver to our older members. These volunteers enjoyed not only pride in the baked goods they created, but also the comradery of accomplishing a mitzvah together.

When Fairmount Temple and Tifereth Israel unified, Gloria Fine and her children, Randy Fine, and Amy & Larrie Nadler, wanted to celebrate the occasion by doing something special for the newly



Amy Nadler and Gloria Fine

formed congregation. As the recipient of Community Kitchen gifts in the past, Gloria has been a fan of its work and a believer in its ability to make a large congregation feel like a personal, caring community. For her, refurbishing Mishkan Or's kitchen was an easy decision.

Once the kitchen is finished, we will be able to get creative! Not only will we be able to continue the Community Kitchen's work, but we will be able to offer cooking classes, challah-making workshops, or anything else we dream up. We are deeply grateful to the Fine and Nadler families for their meaningful and much-appreciated gift!

To learn how you can make a difference at Congregation Mishkan Or, reach out to our Executive Director Julianna Johnston Senturia at Jsenturia@mishkanor.org or 216-831-3233.

INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO ITALY?

Cantor Laureate Sarah Sager and Rabbi Joshua Caruso will be co-leading a trip to Italy, April 28 - May 9, 2025.

This trip, with travel arrangements by Nitzan Travel, will take your breath away. Italy is one of the most charming countries with landscapes, rich history, beautiful art, delicious food, and remarkable Jewish heritage. There is still room, but the trip is filling up fast for our adventure in Italy!

To learn more, email Barb Smith at Bsmith@mishkanor.org.





Cantor Laureate Sarah Sager



Rabbi Joshua Caruso



Rabbi Roger Klein leads Poetry Thursdays, virtually, as an opportunity to discuss some poets and their works. If you would like to participate, please email Cyndi Wilson at Cwilson@mishkanor. org to be added to the weekly discussion.

Note that in the upcoming months, there will NOT be discussions on the following days: October 3, 10, 17 (due to holy days) and November 28 (due to Thanksgiving). But do RSVP for the other Thursdays and join Rabbi Klein and others for a stimulating conversation on a wide range of great poetry.



CIVIC ACTION

Thank you to the MANY Mishkan Or members, organized by our Tikkun Olam Committee, who gathered several times in September to address postcards encouraging voters to participate in our democracy.

Have you checked your voter registration status?

You can visit this site to confirm your status, before October 7, and learn your voting location: **Voterlookup.ohiosos.gov**

MISHKAN ARTS



Get involved with one or more of our Mishkan Arts opportunities.

Build community through singing, playing musical instruments, taking photos, and more. Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo invites you to explore and experience new ways to be involved:

SINGERS:

Koleinu (Our Voices) is our congregational choir for adults and talented teens to sing together with fellow CMO members and members of the Jewish community

Kol Isha (Voice of a Woman) is a women's choir open to Mishkan Or members

Shireinu (Our Songs) is our Youth Choir for students in grades 1-6. This is a wonderful way for our younger CMO members to sing together and build lasting friendships. Rehearsals are held on some Sundays after Limmud, and we'll supply lunch!

All three choirs will participate at various Shabbat worship and other special performances.

INSTRUMENTALISTS:

KlezMor – is a teen Klezmer ensemble geared to students in grades 7-12. KlezMor will be directed by Steve Greenman, a world-renowned performer and composer of klezmer music. Rehearsals are held on some Sundays after Limmud, and we'll supply lunch!

TKO – The Klezmer Orchestra - TKO, under the direction of Moss Stanley, provides an opportunity for instrumentalists to explore and enjoy the wonders of Klezmer music. For more information on rehearsals and performances, contact Mark Hoffman at Marklhoffman8@gmail.com.

Interested in learning more about any of these opportunities? We welcome you!

Please reach out to Cantor Sebo at Ksebo@mishkanor.org or 216-831-3233. Rehearsals will begin soon!

THE MISHKAN OR MUSEUM OF JEWISH CULTURE

Mishkan Or Museum houses one of the finest collections of Jewish ritual objects in the USA, supported by fine art focusing on Jewish subjects.

With the approaching High Holy Days, we invite you to the Hartzmark Gallery to celebrate the exquisite addition to the Museum treasures – the highlights from Olyn and Joseph B. Horwitz Collection of Jewish Ceremonial and Folk Art alongside beautiful artworks from the legacy congregation Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple. Take some time next time you are here at Congregation Mishkan Or to visit our Gallery and see this special collection.

If your group or family would like a guided tour, please reach out to Katya Oicherman, Museum Director, who can help with your request. If you have questions about the Museum or would like to join the Museum Committee, please let Katya Oicherman know at: Koicherman@mishkanor.org or at 216-455-1697.

Museum Hours for The Hartzmark Gallery at the Jack and Lilyan Mandel building:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am – 4:30pm Fridays: 9:00am – 3:00pm

The Mishkan Or Judaica Gallery at the Maltz Museum

Tuesday-Sunday:
11:00am – 5:00pm
Free access for
Mishkan Or congregants!
2929 Richmond Rd.
Beachwood, OH 44122



PREPARING FOR A SAFE HIGH HOLY DAYS

In conjunction with our trusted partners at Jewish Federation Cleveland Security, we are preparing for a safe and secure High Holy Days. While we have increased measures for these Days of Awe, it's important to note that we are prepared every day through our ongoing work to improve security throughout the year.

- · Additional armed guards for all services
- Security training across the staff and ushers
- Emergency directions will be distributed at services
- 24/7 surveillance through strategically placed security cameras inside and outside
- All adult participants are required to have a name badge visible
- Working in conjunction with CASE security force at Maltz Performing Arts Center

We are partners in security - If you SEE something, SAY something to the nearest guard.

- Please leave large bags and back packs in your car or at home
- · All personal bags and purses are subject to search
- · Your patience is greatly appreciated!

We share these details as we hope to provide comfort in knowing that a full-scale security operation in already in motion daily here at Mishkan Or. From this secure base, we add additional measures so that our focus can be on being in community together at this special time of year.

BOOK CLUB

Our Congregation Mishkan Or Book Club has picked selections for the upcoming months and invites members to join them in person or virtually.

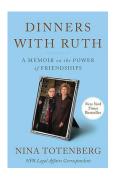
Upcoming Book Discussions *(not meeting in October)*:

November 13: Nina Totenberg, *Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships*

December 11: Talia Carner, The Boy with the Star Tattoo

January 8: Marie Benedict, *Her Hidden Genius*

To RSVP or request a Zoom link for the discussion, contact Jane Rothstein at Jrothstein@mishkanor.org or 216-831-3233.



MAZEL TOV TO

Carol & Arnold Feltoon on the marriage of their son, Matthew Feltoon, to Briana Hickman.

Jackie & Chuck Lurie on the wedding of their daughter, Allison Lurie. to Chris Robins.

Sandra & Terry Silver on the wedding of their son, Ken Silver, to Kasey Walther.

Patricia & Jeffrey Weisberg on the wedding of their son, Griffen Weisberg, to Jenna Lilley.

Our staff member Keshia Gordon and Artavious Bell on the birth of their son, Artavious Henry Allen Bell.

If you have a Mazel Tov to share in our next issue, of a new baby, wedding or engagement, please contact Jenny Marmaros at Jmarmaros@mishkanor.org

A Big Shout Out to Our Brotherhood of Mishkan Or!

On the opening day of Limmud Sunday Learning, Brotherhood members cooked and served a special pancake breakfast to 500 students and family!! The group arrived at 6:15 am and had food ready by 8:15 am! Thanks to Jon Eisenberg for coordinating logistics and food, David Miller for organizing the kitchen, Peter Fink and Dave Fink for organizing the serving lines! Want to learn more about our Brotherhood of Mishkan Or, reach out to Jon Eisenberg at joneisenberg@gmail.com.







Women of Mishkan Or

Torah Study With Diane Lavin, October 8, November 12

Long-time educator Diane Lavin is leading monthly six-session series, *Sibling Rivalry through Familiar Torah Stories*, on Tuesdays, October 8 and November 12, from 11:00 am to noon, in-person at Congregation Mishkan Or or virtually. Please RSVP to jchirshon@gmail.com.

Book Discussion, Monday, October 7, at 4 pm

The WMO Zoom Book Group will discuss *Emily, Alone* by Stewart O'Nan. RSVP to jchirshon@gmail.com for Zoom link.

Want to Hike with WMO Members?

The last hike of the season is set for **Tuesday, October 22, at 11 am** at the Metroparks Polo Field at the South Chagrin Reservation. RSVP to Marcy O'Connell at vrodgal@gmail.com.

Social in the Sukkah, Tuesday, October 22, 1:00 pm

Bring your own lunch and join us and Cantor Laureate Sarah Sager and Cantor Kathy Sebo who will lead us in Sukkot rituals. RSVP to Jchirshon@gmail.com.



Our Women of Mishkan Or finishing another great hike together! Join them on Tuesday, October 22 for the final hike of the season.

Membership Event - Wednesday, November 13, 7-9 pm

Visit the Maltz Museum and the new exhibit, *Degenerate! Hitler's War on Modern Art*. This exhibit features 60 works of paintings, drawings, and sculptures from private and institutional collections. Evening includes a dessert and fruit reception. Limited space so RSVP to womenofmishkanor@gmail.com and use subject line "RSVP – Membership Event".

Sunday Mitzvah Projects, October 27 and November 17, from 1-3 pm, at Congregation Mishkan Or

Come join WMO members creating Number Books for The Cleveland Sight Center Preschoolers, blankets for homeless families, and vests for epileptic children. Learn more from Phyllis Berlas: 216-381-8738 or pberlas@aol.com

Weekly Doll Project: Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30 am, at Congregation Mishkan Or. Learn more, contact Debbie Lavin, debbielavin1@gmail.com.

Touch and Tell Books: Third Wednesday of the month, 9:30-11:30 am in partnership with the Women of Fairmount Presbyterian Church. Contact Phyllis Berlas, pberlas@aol.com or 216-381-8738.

Need to do some Shopping? On Thursday, December 5, if you shop at Knuth's in Pepper Pike, 15% of the proceeds from your sale will be donated back to the Women of Mishkan Or! Let them know you're there to support the Women of Mishkan Or!

This. Is. Hard.



Wendy Jacobson, LISW, Caring Community

This is hard. No one thought that merging two strong synagogues, both with their own long histories and beloved traditions, would be easy. But now that the reality of Congregation Mishkan Or is sinking in, many of us are feeling how huge a change this really is.

I keep thinking that we are now a blended family. When two people who have lost their spouses, each with their own children, decide to come together and form a new family, it's a challenge! Each has its own culture--its own way of keeping house, of celebrating holidays, of approaching pretty much everything. Every custom must be negotiated, all while each family member is mourning the loss of what was before.

As a congregation, we are dealing with a lot of loss. We loved our legacy synagogues, and we aren't quite sure yet if we are going to love Congregation Mishkan Or. Anyone who has lost a loved one knows that, along with the sadness, mourners tend to be on edge. Little irritations become major aggravations. It's difficult to be patient when facing the unknown.

Yet, it is patience that we all need now. Patience for re-thinking traditions that we used to take for granted. Patience for all the mistakes, large and small, that will inevitably be made as we negotiate differences, deal with challenges that were not anticipated, figure things out, and develop a new culture.

As we approach the High Holy Days, this is truly a time for new beginnings.

What will the New Year bring? I hope it will bring comfort for our feelings of loss, and brand new ways of doing things that are even better than what we each did before. Most of all, I hope we will begin to feel like a real family—not former members of The Temple-Tifereth Israel or of Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple, but dedicated members of our new family—the caring, dynamic, forward-looking family of of Congregation Mishkan Or!

If I can be of help as we explore this journey together, please feel free to reach out to me.

Wendy Jacobson, LISW, Caring Community Wjacobson@mishkanor.org

Caring Community

Spreading Joy With Flowers

If you are interested in bringing joy to others by creating floral arrangements, please join the Caring Community when we volunteer together at Big Hearted Blooms on Friday, October 25, 10:30-12:15 pm. Direct questions to or register with Janice Hirshon at jchirshon@gmail.com. Please note that space is limited.

MACE Islamic Food Pantry Save the date! Thursday, December 19 2:00-5:00 pm, sort and pack donations.

A big thank you to our Mishkan Or members who volunteered in September and helped sort and organize food donations at the Kosher Food Pantry and had the opportunity to learn more about the Food Pantry's history and reach into the community.

Front row, from left - Marlene Goldheimer, Melissa Martel, Phyllis Berlas, Jackie Weiner, Carol Marshall

Back row, from left - Patrick Martel, Janice Hirshon, Randy weltman, Ann Markoff, Dennis Cott, Rebecca Gruenspan



B'nei Mitzvah



LEX MELSHER Saturday, Oct. 5 11:00 am Child of Alice and Charles Melsher



RAPHAEL SPYKE Saturday, Oct. 19 10:30 am Child of Beth and Lawrence Spyke



DANIEL SPYKE Saturday, Oct. 19 10:30 am Child of Beth and Lawrence Spyke



ISABELLE ROSEMAN Saturday, Oct. 19 11:00 am Child of Beth and Michael Roseman



HARRISON KLEID Saturday, Oct. 26 11:00 am Child of Melissa Morton and Mark Kleid



BECKETT FRIEDMAN Saturday, Oct. 26 4:30 pm Child of David and Deborah Friedman



MAYA ZELIN Saturday, Oct. 26 5:00 pm Child of Steven and Erin Zelin



ALEX MILLER
Saturday, Nov 2
11:00 am
Child of Maxine and
Scott Miller



ELIJAH BROWNSTEIN Saturday, Nov. 2 2:00 pm Child of Susan and Matthew Brownstein



MARISSA BRODSKY Saturday, Nov. 2 4:30 pm Child of Martin and Renee Brodsky



MILA KING Saturday, Nov. 9 10:30 am Child of Tarah and Kevin King



SAM GLICK Saturday, Nov. 9 4:30 pm Child of Marc and Abigail Glick



VIOLET VENEZIA Saturday, Nov. 16 10:30 am Child of Rachel and Tony Venezia



MELISSA MARTEL Saturday, Nov. 16 11:00 am Child of Lisa and Patrick Martel



ROSEMARY PLUMB-LARRICK Saturday, Nov. 23 10:30am Child of Abigail and Andrew Plumb-Larrick

New! Blessing of Pets

Sunday, Oct. 27, 12:15 pm



Celebrate your beloved non-human family members with a special Blessing of Pets!! Rabbi Elle Muhlbaum will lead this special and fun blessing near the wooded area behind Congregation Mishkan Or. She offered this fun opportunity last year at Fairmount Temple and the pets included mostly dogs, but there was a cat or two, and a bunny! This is timed at 12:15 pm, to coincide with Sunday Limmud Learning. Listen for the barks and laughs!

Park in front, walk back to the Ganon Gil entrance and the Story Walk. If inclement weather, this will be postponed one week.

Looking for That Perfect Gift?

Need a bar or bat mitzvah gift? A housewarming gift? A "just because" gift? Traditions Gift Shop has it all!

Traditions Gift Shop, located just off the main lobby toward the Hartzmark Library, is open Sundays from 10:15 am-12:15 pm when Limmud Learning is in session. New this year - WOW Wednesdays! Stop in and shop and receive 15% off your purchase of any item in stock when you shop Wednesdays between 11 am –1 pm.

You can also arrange for a personal shopping appointment by calling Iris Kane at 216-225-2327 or Ilene Kammer at 330-338-4849.



OCTOBER 14-NOVEMBER 18

Congregation Mishkan Or offers a bereavement group to our members who have lost a loved one in the past eighteen months. The group will meet Mondays, October 14-November 18, at a time to be determined by the needs of the participants.

Led by Wendy Jacobson, LISW, the group will convey information about the grief process, provide tools to cope with intense emotions, and gently support its members as they prepare to move forward with their lives. If you are aware of a Mishkan Or member who could benefit from this experience, please let them know about this opportunity.

For more information or to register, please email Wendy Jacobson, LISW, at Wjacobson@mishkan.org

OUR CONDOLENCES TO

Heidi (Bob) Barna on the loss of her mother, Helen A. Leon

Joan (Andrew) Kohn on the loss of her sister, Judith Eirinberg Rubin

Richard (Sandi) Lefkowitz on the loss of his brother, Roger Lefkowitz

Abby (Yoshi) Silverstein and Amanda (Joshua) Goldberg on the loss of their grandmother, Fanny "Faffy" Wolfson

Hyman Swirsky on the loss of his sister Hilda Tetelman Epstein

Tikkun Olam at Mishkan Or

REPAIRING THE WORLD THROUGH SOCIAL JUSTICE

Embracing the values of Tikkun Olam, there are several opportunities for congregants to engage and make an impact. Our social justice efforts focus on direct action, advocacy, education, and advocacy building to advance equitable solutions to social injustices in our communities. There are several avenues of becoming involved with Tikkun Olam at Mishkan Or!



Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC):

Our community has deep-rooted legacy in social justice with GCC, a grassroots coalition of more than 30 local faith communities and allied organizations. Reach out to David Biegel, GCC Core Team Chair, david.biegel@case.edu

Interfaith Group Against Hate

This interfaith group of faith-based congregations who have joined together to be voice in society to challenge the rise in hate groups and white supremacy.

Reach out to Donna Weinberger, IGAH lead, drw508@gmail.com

Racial Justice Task Force

We will work together to explore various initiatives and educational programs while developing and deepening relationships with community partners.

To sign up for Tikkun Olam at Mishkan Or Updates, connect with co-chairs Laura Creed, lwcreed@gmail.com or Patti London at Pklondon@me.com to receive future programming information.

BIMAH FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF ...



High Holy Days/Shabbat Shuvah October 4:

Henry Blaugrund by daughters Marsha Frauenthal, of blessed memory, and Carole Rosenblatt and their children and grandchildren; Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner & Rebecca Brickner, Rabbi Balfour Brickner, and Samuel Rabinowitz by daughter/ sister/ wife Joy Rabinowitz and family; Jack Coven by his family; Bernard Rich Hollander by Iris Hollander November and family; Leonard & Ilene Bortz, Howard S. & Mardelle J. Young, Dr. Alan Bortz, and Darrell Young by Diane, Brian, Ian and Adam Young; Leo Zuckerman by Natalie Epstein, grandchildren Howard and Jonathan Epstein, and greatgranddaughter Erica Epstein; In Ioving memory of Joseph and Alexndra Berger by child and grandchildren

Week Ending October 11:

Dr. Henry Hoffman and Bernice Hoffman by their daughters Nancy and Barbara; Pamela Glick Holstein, by Codi-Holstein-Stuber, Beverly Glick, Dr. Fred Glick, Dr. Dan and Fawn Glick

Week Ending October 18:

Philip Lieberman by Karen and Alan Krause, of blessed memory

Week Ending October 25:

Todd Aaron Levett by Susie and Barry Levett; Charlotte Hershey by Jan, Ron, Darren, and Brittany Silverman; Irene W. Rousuck by family

Week Ending November 15:

Dr. I.B. Silber on his birthday by Nancy Pickus, Miriam, Peter and Matthew, Clare Sugarman by family; Harold Small by his children Susan and Dennis Lieberman, Shelly and Bill Small, and John Small and grandchildren

Week Ending November 22:

Irvin and Helen Miller by their daughter Andrea Miller; Barbara Cott by husband Dennis Cott

If you would like to donate online, visit mishkanor.org, click on GIVE, or call 216-831-3233.

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ATTENTION MAH JONGG PLAYERS!

The Women of Mishkan Or is taking orders for 2025 Mah Jongg cards, offering two choices: standard cards for \$14 each and large-print cards at \$15 each. Orders must be placed by December 31. Make checks payable to "Women of Mishkan Or" or "WMO" and send your name, mailing address, email address, telephone number, and quantity and size of cards, along with your check, to: Karen Brooker, 2112 Acacia Park Drive #402, Lyndhurst, OH 44124 Questions? Contact Karen at (216)406-5824 or email bearhug526@aol.com

MISHKAN OR CONGREGANTS INVITED ON ART TOUR

Join our Chai Lifers and The Miskan Or Museum of Jewish Cultures (formerly Temple Museum of Jewish Art, Religion and Culture) on a private, docent-led tour at the Cleveland Museum of Art on Tuesday, December 3, at 1 pm.

Participants may choose to meet at noon in the Atrium for a self-pay lunch from the Museum Café. There is a \$5.00 charge for this tour and registration is required. The tour size is limited, so register early. Participants should meet at the Information Desk at 12:45pm. (As part of Senior Member Day, CMA offers parking to senior members at the rate of \$2.00 on Tuesdays.)

If you have any questions, please contact CMO member Claudia Woods at sagewood2907@gmail.com.
To RSVP, visit Upcoming Events on the mishkanor.org page.



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Hearing the Stories From Those Who Were in Israel, October 7, 2023

Kibbutz Sufa, a community on the Gaza border, was attacked on October 7, 2023. Three of its members were killed. Shaken and traumatized, the surviving Sufa community was evacuated, and eventually displaced to two cities. Eight survivors, all young mothers, from the Sufa community were guests of Congregation Mishkan Or in September. While here, they shared their story to a packed Sanctuary on September 13, during the Erev Shabbat Service followed by a special forum after the service. It was a powerful evening. While in Cleveland, the women visited with Jewish leaders in our community, and also had some fun by taking in a Guardians game. You can find links to the service and Q&A on Mishkan Or's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/mishkanor





